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29 October 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 77 for WEEK ENDING 27 OCTOBER 1945.

- a. Sunday 21 Oct. Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 22 Oct. Conferred with Captain Trapani of the Automobilistica in reference to the number of Load Carriers in the 11th Adm. Transport Company. Your signal ST/1020/A of the 20th refers.
- c. Tuesday 23 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon devoted to athletics.
- d. Wednesday 24 Oct. Conferred with Major Stabile, Aosta Div. in reference to the ceremony of laying a wreath of flowers on the graves of Allied soldiers in U.S. Cemetery No. 4 Palermo, by the Italian Army on 2 November.
- e. Thursday 25 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon to devoted to athletics.
- f. Friday 26 Oct. Office routine.
- g. Saturday 27 Oct. Office routine.

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22 October 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.76 for WEEK ENDING 20 OCTOBER 1945.

- a. Sunday 14 Oct. Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 15 Oct. In the afternoon I visited the U.S. NOB where Capt Gladi, Italian Royal Navy, attached to NOB as L.O. was loading the Italian Cruiser PACINOTTI with troops going on leave and to be discharged to Sardinia. Cruiser sailed at 1700 hours.
- c. Tuesday 16 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon devoted to athletics.
- d. Wednesday 17 Oct. Inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and found it clean and well managed. Upon inspecting their records found them to be in good order.
- e. Thursday 18 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon devoted to athletics.
- f. Friday 19 Oct. Visited the Commissariato and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio in regards to food supply and forage in general.
- g. Saturday 20 Oct. Office routine.

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15 October 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.75 for WEEK ENDING 13 October 1945.
 - a. Sunday 7 Oct. Office routine. Half day off.
 - b. Monday 8 Oct. Conferred with Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.
 - c. Tuesday 9 Oct. Routine office work.
 - d. Wednesday 10 Oct. Conferred with Captain Maglietta, Operations Branch, T.H.P., in reference to your signal A 1328 of the 9th. Was informed by the Captain that there would be approximately 200 men for leave and 50 men for discharge. This personnel is now awaiting the arrival of the Cruiser Garibaldi for shipment to Sardinia.
 - e. Thursday 11 Oct. I inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and found it clean and well managed. Biscuits that were made by the bakery were being packed for shipment to the Distribution Depots.
 - f. Friday 12 Oct. I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See S&T Report No.66) The depot was clean and stocks of commodities were neatly stacked. Spot checked cheese, flour and macaroni and found that they agreed with the stack cards and commodity accounts.
- Half day off - Columbus Day.
- g. Saturday 13 October. Office routine.

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8 October 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 74 for WEEK ENDING 6 OCTOBER 1945.

- a. Sunday 30 September. Routine office work.
- b. Monday 1 October. I was the guest of Commodore McCandlish, Commandant of U.S. NOB, at dinner today.
- Routine office work.
- c. Tuesday 2 October. Made arrangements with the U.S. Navy for Artillery Section to draw (5) five bottles of oxygen.
- d. Wednesday 3 October. Conferred with Marshall Pochini of the Automobilistica regarding POL Allocation. My letter MT/5 of 1 October refers.
- Half day off.
- e. Thursday 4 October. Conferred with Col. Marcolin of the Detached Section of Artillery Headquarters in regards to a letter from DADOS, 3 District, Subject, Local Disposal of salvage material held at the Ordnance Depots in Catania and Messina. Col. Marcolin accepted the material, and arrangements are now being made with the O.C., British Troops at Catania to transport the salvage material to Palermo.
- f. Friday 5 October. Authorized the issue of five (5) days rations to the Italian Royal Navy Ship, Carini, which berthed at Palermo before going to Sardinia.
- g. Saturday 6 October. Conferred with Col. lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary and Capt. Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.

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FILE : 1600

GA/31/2
3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 29 September 1945:

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 73

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 62

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[Signature]

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Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No. 73 (Trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 62

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FILE : 1600

30 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.73 for WEEK ENDING 29 September 45.

a. Sunday 23 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 24 Sept. Travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle where I inspected the food distribution depot and civilian military bakery. (See S & T Report No.62). Spot checked stocks of flour, sugar and macaroni and found them in substantial agreement with the stack cards and the commodity accounts. The depot was clean, and the commodities were neatly stacked.

Returned to Messina by ferry, thence to Taormina where my driver and I spent the night.

c. Tuesday 25 Sept. Drove to Catania where I inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. Car load of sugar was received at the Bulk Depot in a car without a roof and about half of the wagon of sugar had gotten wet, enroute from Bari. I ordered this shipped out to the distribution depots for issue.

Both the Bulk and Distribution Depots were clean, and the records were found to be in good order. I then returned to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 26 Sept. Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 27 Sept. Inspected the Pasta Factory that is making pasta for the Italian Army. An Officer from the Commissary is stationed at the factory to supervise the manufacturer of the pasta. The Officer was instructed to comply with instructions on accounting.

f. Friday 28 Sept. Conferred with Col lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.

Also discussed the car load of flour that was received at the Bulk Depot at Catania on 25 September without a guard. 46 sacks of flour was missing from the car. The Colonel was informed to submit a report with all the particulars regarding this shipment to this office.

g. Saturday 29 Sept. Made arrangements with the navy to draw 5 bottles of oxygen for the auto repair shop, Italian Air force.

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24 September 45

SUBJECT: Report

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

1. Enclosed herewith the Weekly Liaison Log No. 72, for week ending 22nd September 1945.

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Weekly Liaison Log No. 72 (Trip)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

23 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 72 for WEEK ENDING 22 September 1945.

a. Sunday 16 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 17 Sept. Talked with General Romano of Naples Territorial Headquarters in regards to the de-requisitioning of his home here in Palermo, which is at present occupied by the Sanitary Branch of the ALTO COMMISSARIATO per la SICILIA. The General and myself visited the office of the High Commissioner, Mr. Aldisio, but learn that he was out of town at the time so made an appointment to see him as soon as he returned to Palermo. Later in the day the General telephoned and informed me that his home was being vacated, and that we could consider the transaction closed.

c. Tuesday 18 Sept. Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica, regarding various matter in general interest between our offices.

Authorized the issue of fifteen (15) days rations to the Italian Royal Navy ship Vespucci, which berthed at Palermo before going on to Siracusa.

In the afternoon attended a commission at the Distribution Depot in Palermo. Seven hundred (700) pounds of sugar was received at the depot containing sand, small rocks and sulphur. It appeared that the sugar was sweepings from the floor, as all the sugar had been re-sacked.

Wednesday 19 Sept.

d. Routine office work. Half day off.

e. Thursday 20 Sept. Made arrangements with the U.S. Navy for the 11th. Adm. Transport Company to draw ten (10) bottles of oxygen.

Office routine.

f. Friday 21 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

g. Saturday 22 Sept. I visited the Salvage Depot of the 11th Transport Company along with Major Diana, Motor vehicle repair Director, and inspected the vehicles as mentioned in your letter EME/1526 of the 19th. Found that all vehicles were salvageable.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

10 September 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

'G' Points.

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) Good (b) Good
17. None to my knowledge.
18. None

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

(a) TPT

(i) Reference your ST/1205 dated 1 September 45. Fifteen of the seventeen passenger vehicles have been taken on charge by the 11th Adm. Tpt. Company, which bring the company up to their new organico. The remaining two were handed over to the CC.RR.

(ii) (iii) Same as previous report.

(b) Rations

- (i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory.
- (iv) No

(c) Clothing and Equipment

(i) My signal CE/66-1 of fifteenth, requesting you to inform the War Ministry to expedite the shipment as some of the

MMIA Liaison Officers' Report dtd. 16 Sept. 45 (continued)

- (c)
 - (1).....items are urgently needed for issue.
 - (ii) Satisfactory.
 - (iii) No
- (d) Accommodations & Camps.
 - (i) None anticipated.
 - (iii) Same as previous report.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 71 for WEEK ENDING 15 September 1945.

a. Sunday 9 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 10 Sept. Conferred with Major Olivieri, Commissariato Clothing Branch, in reference to clothing and equipment in general. The Major informed me that the clothing and equipment authorized for release from the Naples depot on 20 August 45, had not arrived and that some of the items were urgently needed for issue. My signal CE/66-1 of the fifteenth refers.

I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Salvage Depot, Laundry, Shoe Repair Shop and Clothing Repair Shop and found all shops in good working order.

c. Tuesday 11 Sept. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, in regards to foodstuffs and forage in general.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 12 Sept. I conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding matters of interest between our offices.

Office routine. Half day off.

d. Thursday 13 Sept. Routine office work.

f. Friday 14 Sept. Authorized the issue of five (5) days rations to the Italian Royal Navy ship NSC (L) 34, which berthed at Palermo before going on to Naples.

Cashed payroll check and paid enlisted men for month of August.

I was the guest of Commodore Mc Candlish, Commandant of U.S. NOB, at dinner today.

g. Saturday 15 Sept. Routine office work.

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9 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 70 for WEEK ENDING 8 September 1945.

- a. Sunday 2 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.
- b. Monday 3 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off for Labor Day holiday.
- c. Tuesday 4 Sept. Major Long and Pfc Dominiano departed by air for Rome.

Conferred with Col. Barone, Officer in Charge of the 11th. Sanitary Unit, in regards to issue of disinfectants to the Units. I had received a complaint from one of the Units that they were not drawing the monthly disinfectants allowance. The colonel informed me that the units submit their indents for the monthly allowance through his office, and that the unit complaining had not submitted an indent for the past two months. I then took the subject up with the OC of the Unit.

Talked with Lt. Williams, Provost Representative, OC British Troops Sicily, in regards to the movement of No. 1 Italian Company CMP from Catania to Naples. The lieutenant informed me that transportation had already been arranged and that the movement would take place on the seventh, as scheduled.

d. Wednesday 5 Sept. Conferred with Major Cordoro, Supply Officer of the CC.RR and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, in reference to the issue of rations to CC.RR units. I informed the Major that the Food Depots had been instructed not to issue rations to the CC.RR Units that do not appear on the Orbat. It was agreed upon then that his Headquarters would draw rations, in accordance with Orbat strength, for the Division in bulk, and then would be broken down and distributed to the Units.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 6 Sept. Conferred with Lt. Col. Ingria, Supply officer of the Military Hospital, Palermo, in reference to Number 11 Hq. Medical Company drawing rations for a strength of two hundred sixty five (265), whereas the Orbat shows a strength of only twenty nine (29). The Colonel stated that the company draws rations in bulk for eight units listed in the Orbat, all of whom are stationed at the hospital, and one of which has an actual strength of two hundred and four (204), while the other seven units are very small. Your signal Q-581 dated

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LN. LOG No.70 for Week Ending 8 September 1945.

e. (continued).....5 September 45 and my cable ST/108-1 of the sixth refers.

Conferred with Captain Gladi of the Italian Royal Navy, attached to U.S. Navy Palermo as Liaison Officer, regarding the drawing of rations for the Italian ship Ibis. The Captain informed me that the ship had already departed, and rations had been drawn from the Italian Royal Navy garrisoned at Trapani and to his knowledge no difficulty had been encountered, but the matter is being investigated further and I am now waiting on a report from Trapani.

Office routine.

f. Friday 7 Sept. I inspected the Military Bakery at Palermo. The bakery and surrounding grounds were very clean and well taken care of. (see S&T Report No.61).

Office routine.

g. Saturday 8 Sept. I inspected the Food Distribution Depot at Palermo. (See my S&T Report No.61).

Office routine.

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FILE: G/31/2.
DATE: 8/4/9.

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2 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 69 for WEEK ENDING 1 September 1945.

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

b. Monday 27 August. Travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle where I inspected the food distribution depot and Civilian Military Bakery. Also discussed with the Officer in Charge of the depot, the issue, by him, of food to Units of the CGRR that do not appear on the latest Orbat. Specific orders had been given by me on this matter and some of the issues made were in direct contradiction thereto. However, the officer is not wholly to blame as he stated he was not intending to issue the rations but he had received a direct order to do so from his headquarters. The method of drawing was, that an authorized unit drew the rations for itself and showed various wildcat units as attached; these were listed on the back of the ST/8. At the same time other authorized units did not draw rations because they are defunct due to the fact that their strength is depleted by the formation of so many 'wildcat' units.

Returned, by ferry in the evening, to Messina thence to Taormina where my driver and I spent the night.

Lt. Snider arranged the issue of four days rations to the Italian destroyer Mitragliere which berthed at Palermo and is going on to Taranto.

c. Tuesday 28 August. Drove to Catania, where I inspected the Bulk Food Depot, Distribution Depot and Civilian Military Bakery. A supply of rice was on hand in the Bulk Depot which was infested with boll weevils. I ordered this shipped out to Distribution Depots for issue.

Continued my trip to Augusta where I conferred with Captain Gibaldi, Commissariato of the Italian Royal Navy Garrison and secured from him the assigned strength of garrison troops together with a complete picture of his supply problems. The Italian Cruiser Daria is permanently berthed at Siracusa for which he draws rations and in addition I learned what other ships made Augusta their regular port of call for supplies and rations. I also conferred with Captain Di Vascello, the Commandante of the Base and had dinner with him in the Officers' Mess. I inspected the ration storeroom and made suggestions on the method of storage and care of the stock. My comments and suggestions were gladly received by the officers in charge and they promised to carry them out. A quantity of unedible cheese was on hand and I directed that this be returned to the Catania Depot for exchange as it

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I returned to Catania and again called on the C.O. of the Distribution Depot and informed him to inspect all heads of cheese before issue to ascertain if it was edible. I also informed him that the Italian Navy in Augusta would probably return some spoiled cheese and if they did that I wanted him to issue a like weight of good cheese.

I called at the office of the O.C. British Troops Sicily and made my acquaintance with new Commanding Officer. Lt. Col. Corkhill has returned to the U.K.

Travelled to Taormina and spent the night.

d. Wednesday 29 August Travelled to Messina and conferred

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d. (continued)..... with Captain Pino the Commissariato Officer of the Italian Royal Navy, garrisoned there. I secured from him the assigned strength of the garrison and got a clear picture of his supply problems. I am satisfied now that I have a reasonably exact assigned strength of the Italian Royal Navy in Sicily. I also inspected the Food Depot and made certain comments and suggestion which were well received.

I then inspected the 46th Infantry Regiment at Messina (See S&T Report No.60) and was much impressed with the efficiency of the officers and courtesy of the men. The grounds and buildings were clean and well kept. Forty men of the 1915 class are soon to be discharged. Fifty new recruits are on hand without military uniform, but the Supply Officer stated that he had indented for their clothing and equipment. I then had dinner with Colonel Alfieri, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment after which I returned to Palermo.

Office staff - half day off.

e. Thursday 30 August Office routine.

f. Friday 31 August Conferred with Lt. Pennisi, of the Commissariato office regarding clothing and equipment. I made known to him all my observations, regarding clothing and equipment, which I learned while out in the Eastern end of the Island the first three days of this week. I explained the necessity of closer supervision and screening of unit indents. Shoes is still an item of great demand and I don't believe units are indenting for the supply that they actually need. I suggested to Lt. Pennisi that he get out of his office once in awhile and visit the units and see for himself what they actually need, that he could not get a clear picture of conditions unless he did. The General is usually the only officer who goes out into the Island and visits the units, the rest really don't know what is going on.

Conferred with Dr. Salini, who is the Manager of National Transport Institute (I.N.T.) Palermo and again demanded that he place the windshield certificates signed by me on the windshield of former Italian Military vehicles and that effective 15 September 45, I would begin picking up all such vehicles not bearing a label. Dr. Salini stated that the certificates were being carried in the pockets of the drivers. I told him that that was not the proper place for them and unless he wanted his vehicles stopped and impounded, he would have them placed on the windshield as originally agreed. I confirmed all this in writing, copy to Territorial Headquarters and to your Headquarters. I also informed Territorial Headquarters to start picking up former military vehicles on 15 September 45 unless my certificate was displayed on the windshield.

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Was the guest of Commodore Mc Candlish, Commandant ~~0321~~
NOB at dinner today.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 1 Sept. Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding motor vehicles and various other matters.

Inspected the workshops of 11th Transport Company.

Capt. Piazza, officer in charge of rations in the Commissariato conferred with me, regarding the 10% cut in the issue of rations during the month of September. The War Ministry informed the Commissariato that only the issued of Allied Items was to be cut 10%. I told the Captain

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g. (continued).....that the letter referred to a general saving of rations and that it actually meant that ration issues would be based on only 90% of the strength present rather than 100%, irrespective of the source of rations i.e., "a unit indenting for 200 rations would only be issued 180". Inasmuch as War Ministry has directed differently I have asked your headquarters for a clarification, but I believe my interpretation of your letter is correct and in the mean time I have given orders accordingly.

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

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FILE : 1600

26 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) Good (b) Good
17. None
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"Q" Points

(a) TPT

(i) After receipt of a recent order to transfer 17 staff cars which are over to War Establishment; the Italian Officials realize they are needed in Sicily. I myself believe that most of these vehicles are needed here because the present allotment of five is insufficient to meet the needs of Territorial Headquarters. I have asked the Deputy Chief of Staff for a letter requesting an increase to the present holdings and that full particulars and data as to actual requirement be made clear.

GSO 1 (ii) (iii) Same as previous reports.

GSO 2 (C-3)

(b) Rations

GSO 2 (SD)

- (i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
- (iv) No

GSO 2 (W-2)

GSO 2 (U)

(c) Clothing and Equipment

GSO 3 (SC)

- (i) Satisfactory (ii) Satisfactory
- (iii) No

GSO 3 (C-1)

GSO 3 (U)

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MMIA Liaison Officers' Report dtd 26 August 45 (Continued)

(d) Accomodation & Camps
(i) None anticipated

(iii) Same as previous reports.

for Edwin Smith, 1st Lt.
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMTA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

26 August 1945.

G/31/2
1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 68 for WEEK ENDING 25 AUGUST 45.

- a. Sunday 19 Aug. Absent, sick in hospital.
b. Monday 20 Aug. Absent, sick in hospital.

Lt. Snider conferred with Italian Artillery Officer at Territorial Artillery Headquarters in regards to quantity and type of Allied ammunition in ammunition dumps in Sicily.

c. Tuesday 21 Aug. Discharged from hospital and returned to office in the afternoon. Routine office work.

d. Wednesday 22 Aug. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff in reference your order which directs that seventeen staff cars in excess of W/E be transferred. It is of course the desire of General Berardi to keep these vehicles because they are needed very badly. It is contended that the present authorization of five (5) staff cars to the 11th Administrative Transport Company, is far insufficient to meet the needed requirements. I agree with this contention, but I pointed out to Col. Patti that I had told orally, both he and the Director of Automobilitica, Colonel Zambardino, and had confirmed in writing that a letter requesting an increase of staff cars to the War Establishment should be made and that this had not been done. Colonel Patti then showed me a letter dated May 18, 1945 directed to the War Ministry (no copy to this office) requesting that the W/E of staff cars for the 11th Administrative Transport Company be increased from five (5) to twenty five (25), but that they had failed to take any action. I then told the Colonel to re-submit, through me, a new request, setting forth all the facts and pertinent data as to vehicle requirements and I would submit it direct to your Headquarters.

This morning I made my courtesy call on Commodore Mc Candlish, the new Commandant of U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Routine office work. Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 23 Aug. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissariato with reference to assigned strength of the Italian Royal Navy in Sicily. The Colonel had been furnished, by the Navy, a strength figure which is far in excess of that recently given to Lt. Snider by the Naval Personnel Officer at Messina. I plan on going to Messina next Monday and see if I can get this matter straightened out, once and for all.

I inspected the Palermo Clothing and Equipment Depot, Repair Shop and shoe repair shop, in company with Colonel Lo Vecchio.

Office routine.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG NO. 68 for Week Ending 25 Aug. 45. (continued)

f. Friday 24 Aug. Lt. Snider traveled to Caltanissetta by motor vehicle and inspected the Food Distribution Depot and Civilian Military Bakery. (See S&T Report No.59)

Office routine.

g. Saturday 25 Aug. Lt. Snider inspected the 139th I.S. Regiment at Palermo and the Palermo Military Bakery. (See S&T Report No.59)

Lt. Snider conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio in reference to forage for 250 horses which had arrived in the Italian Army.

I visited the 11th Administrative Transport Company where I inspected vehicles and small parts storage room.

Office routine.

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HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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19 August 1945

FILE : 1600

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No67 for WEEK ENDING 18 AUGUST 45.

a. Sunday 12 Aug. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 13 Aug. Conferred with Lt. Col. Appicuitoli regarding his air passage to Rome. I informed the Colonel that I had a reservation for him on the Italian plane leaving Wednesday direct to Rome and that the baggage limit was 20 kilos. The Colonel stated that he had 40 kilos of baggage. I then informed him that I would send him on the Allied plane leaving tomorrow, but he would have to cut his baggage to 30 kilos. The Colonel then refused to accept air passage and stated he would leave by rail at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Lt. Snider travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria and Catania and inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. (See S&T Report No.58)

c. Tuesday 14 Aug. Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots and destroyed condemned food at Catania.

d. Wednesday 15 Aug. Sick in quarters. Office staff half day off.

Lt. Snider travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle, inspected the Distribution Depot and destroyed condemned food and returned to Palermo.

e. Thursday 16 Aug. Sick in quarters.

f. Friday 17 August Sick in quarters in the morning. Came to office in the afternoon for necessary office routine.

Office staff half day off to participate in VJ Day celebration of Navy 157.

Lt. Snider conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding transfer of excess Staff cars.

g. Saturday 18 August. Major Long from sick in quarters to sick in hospital.

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for *Edmund Snider*
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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

12 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

- 1. None
- 6. None
- 7. Satisfactory. Road marches are being made on a limited scale.
- 8. Yes
- 10. Yes
- 11. Yes
- 12. No
- 16. (a) Good (b) Good
- 17. None to my knowledge
- 18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"Q" Points

- (a) TPT
 - (i)(ii)(iii) Same as previous reports.
- Rations
- (b) (i)(ii)(iii) Satisfactory
 - (iv) No
- (c) Clothing and Equipment
 - (i) Satisfactory (ii) Satisfactory
 - (iii) No
- (d) Accommodation and Camps
 - (i) None anticipated
 - (iii) Same as previous reports.

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FILE: G/31/2
DATE: 8/14/45

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIATSON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMIA)
2 U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

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12 August 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIATSON LOG No. 66 for WEEK ENDING 11 AUGUST 1945.

a. Sunday 5 August. Returned to Palermo from Rome.

b. Monday 6 August. Captain Mostacci, Supply Officer of the Italian Royal Navy at Trapani called at the office and we again discussed the matter of rations for his base with particular reference to his ten (10) day reserve. This is the first time this Officer has conferred with me relative to the reserve stock and I explained to his satisfaction the reason for the inventory of his depot at Trapani and Palermo and the manner in which his shortages and overages would be leveled off.
Office routine.

c. Tuesday 7 August. Conferred with Col Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary regarding issue of the travel ration biscuit. The Commissariato had directed the 30th Subsistence Section in Messina to draw biscuits from the Palermo Bakery for all troops in the Messina area and to hold them in a depot, to be issued as needed. I asked that this order be countermanded as no food depot of any form was to be established in Messina. It was directed that the biscuits be transferred from the bakery to each of the three food distribution depots in a quantity based on the feeding strength of each depot. It was further directed that manufacture of the biscuit be closely supervised so as to provide approximately a three month supply to avoid over production and unnecessary waste.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 8 August. Conferred with Major Cordaro, Supply Officer of the CC.RR and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch in reference to the issue of food stuffs to CC.RR units. A copy of the latest Order of Battle of CC.RR units in Sicily was made and given to Major Cordaro and he was informed that no food stuffs would be issued to any CC.RR unit not appearing thereon, nor would rations be issued to any unit in excess of the authorized ceiling strength. It was explained to Captain Piazza that in event a unit demanded rations for troops attached to it from another authorized unit, that the ST/8 would carry an entry showing the extra rations drawn and from what unit they were detached.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 9 August. Sick in quarters with cold and sore throat.

f. Friday 10 August. Conferred with Major Olivieri, Commissariato Clothing branch, reference Clothing and Equipment recently arrived from Naples. This morning I visited the

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Office routine.

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Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 9 August. Sick in quarters with cold and sore throat.

f. Friday 10 August. Conferred with Major Olivieri, Commissariato Clothing branch, reference Clothing and Equipment recently arrived from Naples. This morning I visited the Clothing Depot and discovered that the shipment had arrived on 3 August and I had not been informed although I had asked that I be notified immediately upon its arrival in order that unit authorizations could be made as early as possible.

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A check of I.N.T. Vehicles indicates that they are now carrying my windshield certificates. The Director of I.N.T. assured me that all certificates signed by me were being placed on his vehicles. I informed the Director that this must be done immediately and no vehicle be permitted to operate without a windshield certificate after 1 September as I was instructing the Army to confiscate them.

Lt. Snider inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot (See S & T Report No. 57)

Office routine.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 66 for WEEK ENDING 11 AUGUST 1945 (Continued)

8. Saturday 11 August. Lt. Snider inspected Headquarters Company of Territorial Headquarters (See S & T Report No. 57). He also inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and destroyed condemned food at the Palermo Food Depot.

I conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff also Colonel Lo Vecchio, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

5 August 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.65 for WEEK ENDING 4 AUGUST 1945.

a. Sunday 29 July. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon off.

b. Monday 30 July. Conferred with Mr. Lo Baido of I.N.T. Palermo, reference windshield labels for motor vehicles. I informed him, again, that the labels signed by me must be placed on his vehicles without further delay. I also secured from him a copy of the vehicle transaction between A.C. and I.N.T. A total of 2615 vehicles were transferred to I.N.T. as follows: 435 efficient, 191 needing small repairs, 95 needing tires, 745 needing great repairs and 549 demolish hulks.

c. Tuesday 31 July Traveled by rail to Caltanissetta. Inspected the food distribution depot in the morning. (See S&T Report No.56) Had dinner with Lt. Col. Chiappini of the 16th Field Artillery, at the Italian Officers Mess. After dinner I inspected the Bakery and the Spare Parts Depot. At the spare parts depot I found very few parts that have not been packed, but these will be done by Friday, so I was informed. The final shipment of parts from this depot is scheduled to be made on Friday, 3 August 45. After this nothing will remain in this depot, but many tons of motor vehicle hulks and junk. I then inspected the 16th Field Artillery Regiment in company of Lt. Col. Chiappini. (See my report No.56) I was received very courteously. I still find this unit to be one of the best organized and efficiently run units that I have ever inspected. Colonel Leonardi, Libero, the Commanding Officer, was absent on leave to North Italy and he had taken with him the only staff car assigned to the unit.

d. Wednesday 1 August Talked with Lt. Rodino by phone.

Office routine. Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 2 August Cashed check and paid enlisted men for month of July, in the morning. Departed, by air, for Rome, in the afternoon.

Office routine.

f. Friday 3 August Routine office work.

g. Saturday 4 August Lt. Snider returned, by air, from ten days TDY to the French Riviera.

Office routine.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MHA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

29 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 64 for WEEK ENDING 28 JULY 1945.

a. Sunday 22 July. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 23 July. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, regarding establishment of a Food Distribution Depot for troops of the Sabauda Division garrisoned in Messina. I told the Colonel that I would not approve such a depot in Messina, but he was free to take the matter up with the War Ministry. He stated that he would not do this, as my disapproval was sufficient for him. I pointed out to the Colonel that Messina was no more entitled to a depot than a few other out-lying garrisons. The Sabauda requested the depot, stating that troops were going without food for breakfast and dinner on the first day of issue while waiting for the ration truck to return. I told the Colonel that I doubted the truth of such a statement but that as Commissary officer he was charged with the responsibility of feeding the troops and suggested that he visit Messina on either the 6th or 21st of the month and verify the statement. I also took this matter up with the Chief of Staff and suggested that the statement of troops going hungry, be investigated and if found to be true; that the responsible officers be tried for wilful neglect of duty. I suggested further that if the statement is not true that the responsible officer be made to answer as to why he made a false official statement.

Also discussed with Colonel Lo Vecchio the practise of issuing rations to all units on the first day of each period which causes congestion at the depots. I recommended that he fix a schedule for units farthest from the depot to draw on the first day and local units to draw on the second day thereby easing the situation.

Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of the Auto-mobilistica, concerning the fact that motorcycles are not carrying MHA riders are carrying same in their pockets. He knew of this practise but pleaded that containers cost three dollars (\$3.00). I told the Colonel that it was his responsibility to enforce the order and some suitable container could be produced.

Also conferred with Lt. Col. Patti regarding vehicles held by Marchese San Juliano. (See my Memorandum to Colonel Kerr, file number 861 dated 24 July 45).

Office routine.

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Office routine.

c. Tuesday 24 July. Conferred with Marshall Pochini of the Automobilitica regarding proper preparation of monthly vehicle report as Spa L 39's are to be carried as passenger vehicles.

Conferred with Marshall Falletta, Automobilitica POL Branch, regarding POL. Since the revamping of W/E for vehicles, the use of Diesel burning vehicles has been greatly reduced and gasoline burning ones increased. I told him to prepare the relative data and present it to me in a letter and I could get the quantities changed.

I visited the Palermo Military Hospital. I found the grounds well policed, the interior of the buildings (rooms and wards) were clean and well ventilated. Hospital diet items are adequate. No complaints were forthcoming and I was received very courteously.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 64 for Week Ending 28 July 45.

c. (continued) I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot.
(See S&T report No. 55)

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 25 July. Office routine. Half day off.

In the evening I attended ceremonies at the offices of High Commissioner Mr. Aldisio where Captain Nichols, Commandant of U.S. Naval Operating Base, was awarded a medal for Civic Services. Ranking officers of the Base, Governmental officers and Civic leaders of Palermo were there.

e. Thursday 26 July I visited and inspected the barracks and grounds of the 5th I.S. Regiment. (See my Unit inspection Report No. 55) The soldiers and officers were clean, alert and courteous. The grounds were well policed as were the troops quarters. Most of the 2nd Battalion does not occupy its barracks as it is on guard duties for N.O.B. and are quartered by the base in tents near their duties.

Conferred with Doctor Lo Baido, the Director of I.N.T., concerning windshield labels. I have been checking I.N.T. vehicles in and around Palermo and have not found one yet bearing my windshield certificate. I told Dr. Lo Baido that certificates must be applied immediately and that I wanted a list of all vehicles purchased from A.C. or a copy of the purchase agreement. He said he would take immediate action to comply with my request.

Office routine.

f. Friday 27 July I visited the Uditore P.O.L. installation (British) to ascertain the number of guards they were using. Then I conferred with Lt. White of U.S. NOB, regarding the withdrawal of 6th Regiment guards from Uditore and substitution of them with troops of the 2nd. Bn. of the 5th Regiment. I explained that the Allies had been assigned the 2nd. Bn. of the 5th Regiment to do their guard duties on this end of the island, and the 6th Regiment would have to be relieved. It entails the change of about 75 men. I must now wait until the Lieutenant revises his guard roster then we can make the change.

Conferred with Lt. Cmdr. Murphy, Intelligence Officer at U.S. NOB. Captain Nichols is leaving here and the "Flag" is reported to be moving in. I have heretofore given Commander Murphy the information concerning Italian Military in Sicily, but he wanted to refresh his memory. I promised to give him a written memo out-lining the general plan together with a list of Units, their headquarters and location.

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Office routine.

g. Saturday 28 July Visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and inspected several boxes of cheese received from Taranto which actually contained stones, bricks, mortar straw and tile. Two five pound cans of coffee received in the same shipment and perfectly sealed contained nothing but seaweed and dirt.

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The spoiled corned beef and other food was sending a terrible stench throughout the warehouse and creating a very unsanitary condition. I ordered that all rotten food be removed and stored until destroyed, in a small but adequate out building.

Conferred with Mr. Aucherman, Transportation Officer of U.S. NOB, and secured eight new tires and inner tubes for our jeeps.

MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No.64 for Week Ending 28 July 45.

G. (continued) Captain Reggazoni called at the office complaining that the ice plant was charging Territorial Headquarters nine (9) lire per block for ice, yesterday, but today the price had been upped to fifty (50) lire. I told him that I had no power to intercede, that it was strictly a civil operated, and as far as I knew, a controlled matter.

Office routine.

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

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

30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

1. None
6. None
7. None
8. Yes
10. Yes
12. No
16. a Good b Good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report

"Q" Points

- (a) T.P.T.
(i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report

(b) RATIONS

(i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory - Note: A recent shipment from Taranto contained packages that had been pilfered. Substitution of stones, straw, rocks, tile and even sea weeds were made for the pilfered food. This is the first sign of thievery for a long time. For the most part the items stolen were cheese, coffee and macaroni. Substitution was very cleverly made; for example - two twenty pound cans of coffee was filled with sea weed and the cans were re-sealed with solder and from all appearances it had not been touched.

(iv) No

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (i) Same as previous report
(ii) Satisfactory
(iii) No

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- (d) ACCOMMODATIONS AND CAMPS
 - (i) None anticipated
 - (ii) Same as previous reports

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

LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

1. None
6. None
7. The training of troops in Sicily consists mostly of Calisthenics, manuel of arms, close order drill and in the field Artillery battalions dry runs. A suggestion that road marches be inaugurated as a diversion was countered with the reply that the present state of repair and supply of boots does not permit this form of training even though highly desirable.

8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) good (b) good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

GSO 1 ☒ ☒ ☒
GSO 2 () ☒
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GSO 3 () ☒
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"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"Q" Points

- (a) TPT
 - (i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report
- (b) Rations
 - (i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
 - (iv) No.

(C) Clothing and Equipment.

(i) Authorizations from your headquarters are not being filled in full by Naples bulk depot. This surely is caused by a shortage of stock there, but that does not relieve the situation here and is hard to explain to the Italians for they think the Americans have every thing. I recommend a back order and substitution system be inaugurated in

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MMIA Liaison Officers' Report dtd 24 July 45 (Continued)

the Naples Depot, so as to more fully fill your C & E authorizations for this island as the distance from Naples is far and the time required to procure the Equipment from there is great.

(ii) On 14 July 45 the following items were transferred from the repair plants to the bulk issue depot:

Shirts, white cotton w/collar	1575
Blouses, wool. g.g.	1
Drawers, cotton short	81
Boots	301

(iii) No

(d) Accomodation and Camps

(i) None anticipated.

(ii) Same as previous reports.

Homer E Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMTA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

22 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 63 for WEEK ENDING 21 JULY 1945.

a. Sunday 15 July. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 16 July. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Italian Military vehicles speeding in Palermo and Mondello. Several complaints have been made to me by the Naval Shore Patrol and Military Police of the speeding, reckless and careless driving of Italian Military. These complaints have been brought to the attention of the proper Military authorities but without gaining satisfactory results. Yesterday an Italian Military vehicle was proceeding through a crowded street in Mondello at an excessive rate of speed and in such a careless and negligent manner that the lives of pedestrians were greatly endangered and the jeep of the Commanding Officer of the American Police as well as other vehicles were forced off the roadway. This noon, an Italian Military vehicle was being operated on Via Roma in Palermo in such a reckless, negligent and careless manner that two horse drawn carts were forced from the right of way and my own vehicle was struck. These various instances have been taken up with the Commanding Officer of the 11th Administrative Transport Company, the Unit to which the vehicles are assigned, and no improvement has been noticed. Colonel Patti promises to take decisive action and whatever disciplinary action is necessary to correct what has become a more or less serious situation.

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5. Ucello, Paolo, born in Canicattini Bagni (Syracuse Province) on 20 April 1921. Apprehended there.

6. Saporito, Salvatore born in Riesi, Sicily, 26 November 1917 and was apprehended there.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 19 July. Lt. Snider departed by air for Rome.

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e. (continued)

Conferred with Major Oliviere, O.C. Clothing and Equipment, concerning an indent the Ministry of War has submitted to Headquarters MMIA for a large number of beds for accommodation of staging personnel. Major Oliviere states that he has not submitted such an indent to the War Ministry, that it must have been done by a Colonel Natoli, who is in charge of repatriates and that it has no connection with the Army. I have been unable to contact Col. Natoli. Our present stock of Barracks Stores is sufficient to take care of our needs and if any is needed we can make them. Your letter Q/15/1 dated 16 July 45, to the War Ministry, refers.

Office routine.

f. Friday 20 July. Traveled to Bagheria and inspected the Ammunition Dump there. I found the guards on duty and 25 soldiers and 30 civilians were engaged in removing fuses, shells and powder from the caseings. Four trucks are hauling all items into the Ordnance depot at Palermo. I conferred with Lt. Mariano, Officer in Charge of Operations at the dump and was informed by him that the work would be completed and the dump cleared and abandoned by the end of the month.

Conferred with the Deputy Chief of Staff and complimented him on the progress being made at the Bagheria Ammunition dump since my last conference with him. I called his attention to the fact that after each explosion in an ammunition dump a report was made that the dump had been pilfered; that with 10,000 troops in the island more guards could be and must be posted on the dumps. Naturally the reply was, that the troops were not available. I informed the Colonel that the 6th Infantry Regiment alone had 610 men doing nothing much more than calisthenics and rifle practise. I asked the Colonel to furnish me a complete list of all Ammunition Dumps in Sicily, together with their location and the number of guards posted on each.

Conferred with Lt. Piazza, Director of Commissary Italian Royal Navy, Trapani, regarding the issue of rations to establish a ten day reserve. I informed him that the inventory of his depots at Trapani and Palermo showed considerable overages of some items and these must be taken into consideration, but that shortages would be issued to Trapani Depot to make up the reserve needed on an assigned strength of 910 men for Palermo, Trapani and Marsalla. Lt. Piazza informed me that the surplus in the Palermo Depot would be moved to Trapani.

I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See S&T Report No.54). Spot checked flour, corned beef, coffee and rice and found them in accord with commodity accounts. The depot was clean, well arranged and well managed.

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g. Saturday 21 July. I inspected the 6th I.S. Regiment and found the grounds well policed. The barracks were clean and well kept. The kitchen ranges were undergoing repair but the noon day meal was being prepared outside. Three load carriers were in Regimental Maintenance undergoing minor repairs. (S&T Report No. 54)

I visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot while rations were being issued to units. Everything was proceeding orderly and was well managed by the Officer in Charge.

MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No.63, week ending 21 July 45.

g. (continued)

I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Salvage Depot, Laundry, Shoe Repair Shop and Clothing repair shop. One hundred and ten women are employed here. The shops are doing good work and in particular many hundreds of cotton shirts and drawers are being made. Working conditions are excellent and the workers seem to be well satisfied.

A recent shipment of clothing and equipment received from Naples contained four wool blouses salvage beyond repair and four hundred and fifty eight (458) trousers wool, salvage beyond repair. These trousers were out of a shipment of eight hundred and ninety two. With each shipment from Naples some items contain considerable salvage and a short time ago a considerable number of such meat cans were received.

Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, regarding apprehension of Republican-Fascists. All those arrested in the future are to be placed in the Palermo Military Prison then escorted to the Naples Prisoner of War cage by the Carabinieri. This action is followed because the Navy no longer has the personnel to escort them to Naples.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

15 July 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

'G' Points

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. a. Good b. Good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

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GRO.2 (T.O.)
GRO.2 (G.O.)
GRO.2 (W.E.)
GRO.2 (L.F.)
GRO.3 (S.O.)
GRO.3 (R.O.)
GRO.3 (H.)

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

(a) TPT

(1) The present W/E for Staff Cars is insufficient and requests are being prepared by Territorial Hq. Palermo Automobilistica to increase the T.O. for certain units.

Reference my MT/5 dated 10 July 45, subject - Designation of Vehicle Types. Regardless of the manner in which SPA L/39's are carried on the monthly report, such vehicles will have to be used as load carriers, because of an acute shortage of larger capacity vehicles.

(11)(111) Same as previous reports.

(b) Rations

(1)(11)(111) Satisfactory.

(iv) No

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(c) Clothing and Equipment

- (i) Special needs have been indented for.
- (ii) Satisfactory
- (iii) No

(d) Accommodation and Camps

- (i) None anticipated.
- (ii) Same as previous reports.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MNTA)
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FILE : 1600

15 July 1945

I. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 62 for WEEK ENDING 14 July 45.

- a. Sunday 8 July Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 9 July Lt. Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot of the Italian Navy, Palermo. (See S&T Report #53).

I visited the Italian Engineer Depot with a representative of the Transportation Sub Commission A.C., to transfer three hundred shovels. The shovels were to be used for shoveling coal and upon inspection it was decided they were not suitable for the purpose. A survey of the warehouse was made and another type shovel was found which should be suitable. These are to be segregated and will be ready for transfer in a few days.

Office routine.

- c. Tuesday 10 July This morning I accompanied Mr. Aucherman, C.W.O., Transportation Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base and an officer of the Italian Automobilistica to the Aircraft Works. Arrangements were made to move approximately twenty four hulks of tanks, half tracks, trucks and various heavy scrap to a vehicle graveyard near Monreale. The Navy is furnishing two mobile cranes and heavy trailers to assist in this clean up operation.

Lt. Snider departed by motor vehicle for Messina, Catania and Augusta to make inspections of Italian Navy Food Depots and our own Food Depots.

Office routine.

- d. Wednesday 11 July Lt. Snider inspected both the Bulk and Distribution Food Depots at Catania. From Catania Lt. Snider traveled by motor vehicle to Augusta and inspected the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot. (See S&T Report No. 53).

Office routine. Half day off.

- e. Thursday 12 July Conferred with Lt. Tortorello, U.S.A., Officer in Charge of U.S. Co-operators, concerning their movement to Leghorn. Movement is ordered to be made by rail transportation. Arrangements for this move will be made by Lt. Tortorello through Movements Reggio-Calabria.

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Office routine.

f. Friday 13 July Visited Territorial Headquarters. General Berardi is in Rome. Conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Lt. Colonel Puleo, Chief of Operations, regarding various matters of general interest.

I informed Colonel Griglio that the American Military Police Company at the U.S. Naval Operating Base are ordered to proceed to another station. As they are now escorting Captured Republican-Fascists to the P.W. cage in Naples it will become necessary, upon their departure for the

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f. (continued).....Italian Military to take over that job. It was agreed that when the time comes, the prisoner would be escorted to Naples by a detail of Carabinieri.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 14 July Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Trapani where he inspected the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot. (See S&T Report No. 53).

I conferred with Lt. Tortorello. He has completed arrangements to move his U.S. Co-operators to Ieghorn, beginning Monday 16 July 45. The trip is estimated to require three days. Arrangements were made with the Commissariato for the issue of the necessary travel rations.

I conferred with Lt. Purcell of the Shore Patrol, U.S. NOB. Another Republican-Fascist has been captured and turned over to Lt. Purcell for safe keeping and escort to Naples. This man is Sgt. Major Pintagro, Galtano a Palermo, formerly of the 4th Section Medical Corps, Alpini Tourinense. He was born Sept. 10, 1917 and his home is in Bone Alcara li Furi (Messina Province). He was arrested by Carabinieri in Messina.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 1945.
The following report is submitted.

'G' Points 6. None
 7. Satisfactory
 8. Yes
 10. Yes
 11. Yes
 12. Same as last report.
 16. a. good b. good
 17. Same as last report.
 18. None

'A' Points -- Nothing to report.

'Q' Points a. TPT

(1) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report.

b. Rations

(1) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
(iv) No.

c. Clothing and Equipment

(1) The need of clothing and equipment for 1000 Call-ups is urgent. At the present time over 600 Call-ups have been accepted into the Armed Forces. These men are badly in need of uniforms and equipment. I am giving them priority on all issues, but it is most necessary that 1000 complete sets be shipped to Sicily as soon as possible.

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(ii) Satisfactory

(iii) No

d. Accomodation and Camp

(i) None anticipated.

(ii) Same as previous report.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MATA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

8 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 61 for WEEK ENDING 7 JULY 45:

- a. Sunday 1 July Office routine . Half day off.
- b. Monday 2 July Conferred with Lt. Tortorello regarding rations for ex-cooperators at U.S. Naval Operating Base. It is anticipated that all cooperators will be moved by PBS to Leghorn within a short while. We also discussed the issue of the Italian travel ration for the troops when they depart.

Captain Anzon and Captain Mannino, Supply officers of the Italian Air Forces Sicily, conferred with me regarding the special issue of rations for Call-ups. It is stated that approximately 2000 recalls will be made in Sicily and these sent to the Mainland. Approval was given to issue, specifically for this purpose one thousand regular and five hundred travel rations at Catania and Palermo.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 3 July Conferred with Lt. White and Lt. Bissinger of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, regarding the use of Italian soldiers in guarding that part of the Port which has been turned back to the Royal Italian Navy. About seventy eight men are required for this duty and can be spared from those now employed by the U.S. Navy. It was agreed to permit the present guards carry on under the Italian Navy, but to be replaced by Italian sailor guards when they become available.

At the present time eighty seven troops of the 6th I.S. Regiment are doing guard duties at the Uditore Petrol Dump here in Palermo. This is a British installation but as all guards are assigned to Headquarters Three District, I am endeavoring to get the 6th Regiment guards relieved and replace them with guards from the 5th I.S. Regiment as they are readily available from the U.S. Naval Base. This matter is being taken up with Lt. Col. Corkhill, O.C. British Troops Sicily, as well as with the U.S. Navy authorities.

Travelled to Bagheria this afternoon and inspected the ammunition dump there. Many tons of German ammunition exploded in this dump when rocket ammo was set off by what is believed to have been spontaneous combustion (previously reported to your Hq.). Hundreds of tons of ammo remains in the dump made up mostly of German 88 mm. Upon entering the dump, I found the rifle of the guard leaning against a tree at the entrance, but the guard was not in sight. The dump itself was cluttered up with all types of shells, grenades,

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Office routine.

d. Wednesday 4 July Office staff was given the whole day off.
Office routine in the morning - half day off.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG NO. 61 (continued)

e. Thursday 5 July Visited the Commissariato and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio and Major Olivieri regarding requisitioning and issue of clothing and equipment both for regular troops and Call-ups. I explained that until the special request of clothing and equipment for Call-ups was sent down from Naples, that Call-ups would get first priority on all issues from present stock.

Visited Territorial Headquarters and conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff and Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding various matters of general interest.

Also conferred with Lt. Col. Puleo regarding ex-cooperators in Palermo. I explained to the Colonel that all these troops, at present under PBS would most probably be sent to Leghorn and that I would give him official confirmation of this when I received it.

Lt. Snider travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria and inspected the Food Distribution Depot. (See S&T Report No.52)

Office routine.

f. Friday 6 July Conferred with Doctor Saline, Manager of I.N.T. regarding Italian Military property at Enna, now occupied by I.N.T. I explained that he would have to make arrangements with the Italian authorities for occupation or evacuation of the property.

Doctor Saline presented to me for signature, approximately 2000 windshield certificates to be placed on former ACC motor vehicles. All these labels have been signed in blank by Major Moyle, AG Transportation Officer. I informed D. Saline that I could not sign the certificates in blank, that it is necessary that each one be completely filled out with the Targa number, chassis number, motor number, etc., of the vehicle to which it is to be applied, before I could do so.

Lt. Snider inspected the 46th I.S. Regiment at Messina and returned to Palermo. (See S&T Report No.52)

Office Routine.

g. Saturday 7 July Conferred with Captain Trapani of the Automobilita reference reporting Spa L 39's and Autofuoncini as load carriers or passenger cars. Instructions of your Headquarters is, that these two classes of vehicles would be carried on monthly reports as being passenger cars. As a matter of fact these two type vehicles are small loadcarriers. There are in Sicily sufficient passenger cars to meet W/E but are insufficient number of load carriers, 83 total, if the above two types are carried as passenger cars. It is requested that Sicily be permitted to continue to carry them as load carriers. *This is OK*

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Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery.
(See S&T Report No.52)

Office routine.

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Stalling and skullduggery -
I wrote home to tell these people -
that unless they plan as we ask
by 1 Aug we will tell MW that all vehicles
without stickers are subject to Army repossession.
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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIASON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MELA)
§ U.S. NOB PALERMO

File : 1600

1. WEEKLY LIASON LOG No. 60 FOR WEEK ENDING 30 JUNE 1945.

a. Sunday 24 June. Conferred with Lt Col Puleo, Operations Office, Territorial Hq regarding release of co-operators in Sicily from Prisoner of War status. I studied the directives, which Col Puleo has received from the War Ministry, on this matter. Phoned Lt Tortorello O.C., Prisoner of War Camp attached to N.O.B., and made an appointment for him to meet with the Italian Official and myself at this office tomorrow morning at 9:30 to discuss the matter.

Routine office work.

b. Monday 25 June. Lt Col Puleo, Operations Officer, Lt Tortorello, O.C., Italian P.W. Camp and myself, conferred on the matter of the release of Italian Co-operators from Prisoner of War Status. Lt Tortorello has not received definite instructions from his headquarters regarding this matter and as I have not received instructions either, it was agreed that the Italian Military could proceed to screen the Prisoners now in the United States Custody in Palermo. It was further agreed that no definite action would be taken to re-deploy the prisoners until full instructions were received by Lt Tortorello from his headquarters in Leghorn.

Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica, regarding Motor Transportation. The reassignment of Transportation according to W.E., has finally been worked out and now we come to the task of getting a full and complete report on all transportation efficient and otherwise which are excess to W/E.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 26 June. Lt Snider destroyed condemned food at the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See S & T Report No. 51).

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b. Monday 25 June. Lt Col Puleo, Operations Officer, Lt Tortorello, O.C., Italian P.W. Camp and myself, conferred on the matter of the release of Italian Co-operators from Prisoner of War Status. Lt Tortorello has not received definite instructions from his headquarters regarding this matter and as I have not received instructions either, it was agreed that the Italian Military could proceed to screen the Prisoners now in the United States Custody in Palermo. It was further agreed that no definite action would be taken to re-deploy the prisoners until full instructions were received by Lt Tortorello from his headquarters in Leghorn.

Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica, regarding Motor Transportation. The reassignment of Transportation according to W.D., has finally been worked out, and now we come to the task of getting a full and complete report on all transportation efficient and otherwise which are excess to W/E.

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The Sicilian Call-ups being assigned to understrength units in the Island are spreading Separatist ideas among the troops. Inasmuch as most of the troops are Sardinians it will probably have little or no effect.

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WESLEY LIAISON LOG No. 60 (Continued)

d. Wednesday 27 June. Discussed the drawing of seven bottles of oxygen from the U.S. Navy, with the Italian Engineer Supply Officer.

Conferred with Captain Trapani and Marshall Parlato of the Automobilistica office concerning reports and issuance of windshield labels.

Lt Snider and I inspected the San Antonino Military bakery at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 51).

Half day off.

e. Thursday 28 June. I visited the Clothing Depot, Salvage Depot, Shoe and Clothing Repair Shops. I also inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and found it neat, clean and orderly. Also inspected the stack cards and records and found them in order. Also inspected the forage issue depot.

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Office routine.

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Both the above men will be taken by Military Police to the Prisoner of War stockade at Naples on Monday.

Lt Snider inspected the 11th Administrative Transport Company.
(See S & T Report No. 51).

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- 'G' Points 6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. Nothing more is heard from Patriots that have re-
turned to Sicily.
16. a. Good b. Good
17. Not in Sicily as far as I can determine.
18. None.

'A' Points - As you know, the Call-up is still going on in Sicily and the men are being assigned to under-strength Units. These men are of very low quality and mentality, coming for the most part from the very poor peasant families. They are the type that cannot or do not think for themselves, but prefer to be led by the mob. Already they are spreading Separatist propaganda among the troops. This propaganda just may as well be Fascist, Communist, Anti-Allied or any other type of adverse propaganda. The bottom of the barrel, in Sicily, has been scraped, these men are coming from underneath the barrel. The Call-up in Sicily has been going on since Dec. 15, 1944; at the present rate of recruiting it will go on almost indefinitely. I have tried to get the Italians to stop the Call-up and accept only volunteers for their replacements (there are approximately 1000 volunteers available), but they refuse to do so. The volunteers are, for the most part, of better quality, but they report to the Army and are returned home. The Italian Army has a crazy idea that they must not permit men, between certain age groups, escape the Call-up. This is to the detriment of the morale and efficiency of the new Italian Army. Unless the quality of the Italian soldier and officer is greatly raised, the Italian Army never will be able to beat its way out of a paper bag.

From the half a million PWs now being repatriated, the volunteers who are asking for Military Service, the volunteer patriots and so called upper class who are eligible for duty, but escaped it during Fascism and are still escaping it; the Military can screen a strong and intelligent Army. I, therefore, strongly recommend, for Sicily at least, that acceptance of call-ups be stopped and any needed replacements be taken from the above categories. Otherwise the British and Americans are wasting time, money and effort.

The matter of leave personnel has been taken up with your Headquarters in other correspondence. However, I would like to state here that a larger percentage of Sicilian troops should be permitted leaves to Sardinia inasmuch as the majority of the troops are from Sardinia. Transportation for leave personnel to the Mainland offers no problem as it is adequate. The present monthly allotment of 23 ordinary passes to Sardinia

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is inadequate compared to the number of Sardinian troops in Sicily. I recommend a larger percentage of passes to Sardinia even if the Italian Military must make its own arrangements for transportation.

'Q' Points a. TPI.

- (i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report.

b. Rations

- (i) An average of 60 days supply.
(ii) Satisfactory
(iii) Satisfactory
(iv) No

c. Clothing and Equipment.

- (i) Other than regular monthly maintenance the only special needs are the complete sets of clothing and equipment for replacements. Replacements are Call-ups who are without any Army equipment and clothing. The present needs are 500 complete sets with a possible future need of ~~1000~~ additional sets.

- (ii) Same as previous report.
(iii) No

d. Accommodation and Camp

- (i) None anticipated.
(ii) Same as previous report.

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JAMES E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

(1) An average of 80 days supply.

- (ii) Satisfactory
- (iii) Satisfactory
- (iv) No

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- (iii) No

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 59 for WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE 1945.

a. Sunday 17 June. Routine office work and half day off.

b. Monday 18 June. Conferred with Capt Parlato, Air Force Supply Officer regards drawing of rations before the period of 21 June. It was pointed out to the Capt that a letter had been sent out by this office, so that the Units could economize on their rations during the period preceeding the 21st of June.

In the afternoon attended a Commission at the Distribution Depot in Palermo at determine whether or not 7000 lbs of Cheese of 20 lb blocks each, was fit for human consumption. The cheese was received at the depot in very bad condition. It was soggy and has broken up in small pieces from handling. It was found that this cheese was good, and will be issued for the period beginning the 21st of June.

c. Tuesday 19 June. Major Cann called from Naples informing me that Lt Col Penrose would arrive in Palermo by plane on Wednesday.

d. Wednesday 20 June. Lt Col Penrose arrived in Palermo at 1500 hrs.

Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider inspected the food Distribution Depot in Palermo. We then visited Territorial Hq Palermo where we conferred with Col Griglio, Chief of Staff in regards to supplies in general.

e. Thursday 21 June. Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider travelled to Catania by rail in the morning. In the afternoon we inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depot at Catania. Depots were clean and stock were neatly stacked.

f. Friday 22 June. Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider inspected the 1st Bn of the 6th Inf Regt at Catania in the morning.

In the afternoon we inspected the 45th I.S. Regt at Catania.

g. Saturday 23 June. Lt Col Penrose departed from Catania for Naples by plane.

Lt Snider returned to Palermo by rail.

Major Long returned to Duty.

Routine office work.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 58 for WEEK ENDING 16 JUNE 1945.

a. Sunday 10 June. Major Long departed by air for ten days temporary duty in Paris, France.

Routine office work and half day off.

b. Monday 11 June. Travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria to inspect the transit camp for Call-ups. Conferred with Lt. Col. Andrea, Commanding Officer, in regards to closing the camp. The Colonel stated that the blankets and cooking utensils had already been turned in and that the extra rations would be turned in to the food depot when the camp closed on, or about, 20 June.

c. Tuesday 12 June. Returned to Palermo, by motor vehicle, in the morning.

Naples office telephoned in regards to despatching 2 dynamo motors and other Engineering supplies, to Signal School Det., MTO, Replacement and Training Command, Naples. These supplies are now being packed and will be shipped 21 June by rail car.

d. Wednesday 13 June. Routine office work and half day off.

e. Thursday 14 June. Conferred with Lt. (s.g.) Lindsey, GSK Supply Officer of NOB, in regards to drawing seven (7) tanks of oxygen for the Italian Army. Arrangements were made for the Italian Army to draw the oxygen direct from the Paratore Gas Plant, Palermo.

f. Friday 15 June. Office routine.

g. Saturday 16 June. Office routine.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 57 for WEEK ENDING 9 JUNE 1945.

- a. Sunday 3 June. Routine office work. Half day off.
b. Monday 4 June. Cashed payroll check and paid enlisted men.

Conferred with Major Margio and 1st Lt. Galbo in regards to Shipping Tickets and Acceptance notes for Allied foodstuffs shipped to the Italian Military between April and June 1944. The Ministry of War has asked Commissary Hqs. for copies of Acceptance Notes for the various items. Most of the items were shipped prior to the time that execution of Acceptance Notes came into effect. I told the Major to forward copies of what shipping tickets he had and to explain to the War Ministry the non-existence of Acceptance Notes covering the balance of the items.

We also discussed the issue of rations. Instructions were given to notify all units that rations for the period 21 June to 5 July will not be issued prior to 21 June. Furthermore that units be notified to make their present drawing of rations, carry them through into the next period for a sufficient number of days to permit drawing of rations on or subsequent to the first day of the new period.

- c. Tuesday 5 June. Lt. Snider departed for Catania by motor vehicle.

Talked with Capt. Casey of M.A.T.S. regarding showing of film 'On To Tokyo'.

Office routine.

- d. Wednesday 6 June. Myself and enlisted men went to Villa Igea at 1000 hrs. and saw the War Department film 'On To Tokyo'.

Lt. Snider inspected the Daily Issue and Bulk food depots at Catania. (See S&T Report No. 48)

Office routine. Half day off.

- e. Thursday 7 June. Conferred with Captain Di Santo, Operations Officer, Territorial Headquarters, regarding enlistment of Call-ups and volunteers. It was explained that the closing down of the Reggio Transit Camp had been ordered and that no more re-calls or volunteers must be sent to that center. It was further explained that enlistment of the thousand or more volunteers in Sicily could be carried out, that they could be assigned to units in Sicily to fill vacancies in the authorized War Establishment strength and that training of the recruits would be the respons-

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At the U.S. Naval Operating Base, I conferred with Naval Authorities regarding certain Italian Military property now occupied by them. I explained the system of posting 'No Trespass' notices on all such property and that I desired to find out if possible the approximate length of time the property would be occupied, that I did not intend to post such notices on the property until it was vacated. The supply officer, Lt. (s.g.) Hessick explained to me that the property was used extensively for the storing of large quantities of supplies, that they had no plans for its evacuation and further that the continued use of the property was very vital to the operation of the Naval Base.

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e. (continued) I also conferred with Lt. Tortorella, USA, concerning property occupied by Italian Prisoners of War. This property also belongs to the Italian Military. The prisoners are working entirely for the Naval Operating Base and, as in the case above, no definite answer as to when the premises would be vacated, could be given.

I have notices for both the above pieces of property, but will hold their issue in abeyance until such time as they are vacated.

Lt. Snider travelled to Siracuse and inspected the 145th I.S. Regiment (See S&T Report No.48) and returned to Palermo.

f. Friday 8 June. Conferred with Captain Paternostro, Commanding Officer, 11th Administrative Transport Company, regarding the assignment to his organization of eighteen additional load carriers to bring his holdings up to authorized War Establishment. I explained that four such vehicles could be taken from the 11th Company Genio which organization had no authorized W/E and that the balance would be taken from efficient vehicles in his Motor Park. I ordered that this be done immediately and before submission of the current vehicle report.

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We also discussed the slowness in which the Automobilistica was assigning vehicles to units in order to bring them up to authorized strength. The Director of Automobilistica, Colonel Zambardino, is absent from the island on duty and his assistant Capt Trapani is on leave, consequently the officer remaining is doing nothing to get the job accomplished. Col. Patti stated he would expedite the matter.

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Mr. Galatoli, Asst. Mgr. of C.I.P. conferred with me in reference to property of the Vaccum Oil Company on Via Roma in Palermo which is now by Headquarters 3rd. Brigade Aosta Division. The Military are moving out within the next few days and C.I.P. desire to occupy the premises. I conferred with the Requisitioning Office and confirmed that the property is being evacuated and would be returned to its owners.

Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery at Palermo.
(See Weekly S&T Report)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers * Reports

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

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 45. The following report is submitted:

'G! Points - 1. None
6. None. All units are performing duties of an Internal Security nature.
7. Progressing satisfactorily.
8. Some I.S. Units are under-strength and these can be filled to W/E by enlistment of volunteers within Sicily.
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. A number of patriots have turned up in Sicily, but at this writing I have been unable to ascertain their identity.
13. Patriots in Palermo have been armed, but the COMAR has taken steps to disarm them. Their intentions are unknown.
16. a. Good
b. Good
17. Not in Sicily as far as I can determine.
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'A! Points - I am of the personal opinion that now the war is over in Europe, screening for recruitment should be much more stringent. Only the best of those available should be accepted and the undesirable in the Army be screened out. The war time policy of accepting most anything and everything should be discontinued. There is much room for improvement and standardisation of conditions of service.

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'Q' Points - a. T.P.T. (i) As far as the present W/E is concerned we have in Sicily sufficient Transportation to fill it. In several instances the W/E is insufficient and I am awaiting recommendations on the matter from Territorial Headquarters.

(ii) Collection of illegal vehicles is a slow and laborious task, but it is being carried out.

(iii) All major repairs are carried out in Civilian workshops. Output is slow but work is satisfactory. A large centralized Military workshop for Sicily is highly recommended.

b. Rations. (i) Sufficient Allied items are in the Depots for fifty two (52) plus days.

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(ii) Satisfactory.

(iii) Satisfactory supply of cigarettes, but soap at the present is nil.

(iv) No

c. Clothing and Equipment.

(i) Availability of clothing depends on spots on the Mainland. Equipment stock at present is very satisfactory.

(ii) Repair plants have made wonderful progress and output is quite satisfactory considering the material with which they work. The majority of material is of Italian origin which has been worn and used so long that it is almost beyond economical repair. Third hand Allied Items are as equally worn out.

(iii) No.

d. Accommodation and Camp.

(i) None anticipated.

(ii) A few are now in use by the Allies and more could possibly be found without inconveniencing the Italian Military with a little readjustment.

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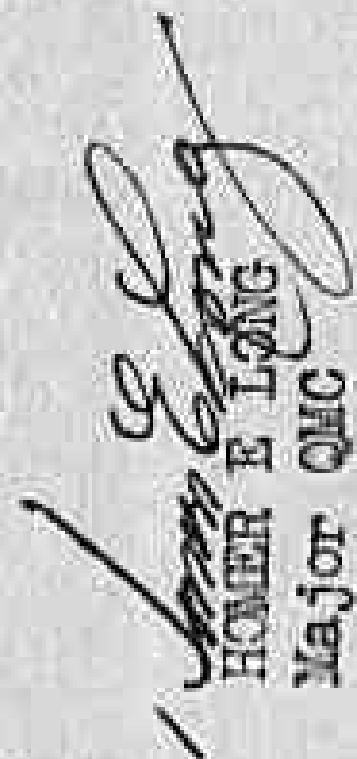
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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 56 for WEEK ENDING 2 JUNE 45.

- a. Sunday 27 May. Routine office work. Half day off.
- b. Monday 28 May. Visited the San Antonino Military Bakery this afternoon. The baking of bread was in progress and the bakery was clean, orderly and seemed to be well managed.

Visited a detachment of the 2nd Battalion, 5th I.S. Regiment. This detachment is a part of the guard for the U.S. Naval Operating Base. The quarters were clean and orderly but no fly nor mosquito prevention was being taken. The troops present were fairly well dressed but the discipline was lax.

Office routine.

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Lt. Snider travelled by rail to Trapani where he inspected the 22nd I.S. Regiment. (See S&T Report No. 47)

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This afternoon I conferred with Major Moyle of the All-⁶²⁸¹ Commission and Mr. A. Salini, Director of I.N.T. Major Moyle is here to complete transfer of all AC captured enemy vehicles to I.N.T. Major Moyle is in accord with my suggestion of a windshield label to identify all such vehicles, therefore, we agreed upon a type of certificate and Major Moyle is taking same to Rome for final approval and printing. The Major is to furnish me a copy of the list of vehicles which are being transferred. Mr. Salini is also in accord with the identification plan and he should be, after all it is to his best interest.

Office routine.

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f. Friday 1 June. Talked by telephone with Major Barr, the Town Major of Catania, who informed me that he did not now need the Italian Military Barrack in Messina.

Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff in regards to submission of reports and in particular reference to the issue of tires and tubes which we now have in stock. The Colonel also informed that some changes are to be made in the Officer Personnel of the Automobilistica. I told the Colonel that certain changes would be most welcome to this office for the Automobilistica has not been operating efficiently and effectively.

Lt Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 47).

Office routine.

g. Saturday 2 June. Captain Lester J. Zucher, Military Police Corps from the Provost Marshall Generals Office and Mr Allen David of the Counter Intelligence Department conferred with me. A concerted effort is being put under way in Sicily to confiscate American tires and vehicle wheels from Black Market Operators and individuals in possession of such property illegally. The way was cleared to exclude Italian Military Vehicles from their confiscation activities.

I visited of the office of the Director of Commissary and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio on the issues of food, clothing and equipment, reports and submission of indents.

Lt Snider inspected the Military Bakery at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 47).

Office routine.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MELA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

No.1600

27 May 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.55 for WEEK ENDING 26 May 45.

a. Sunday 20 May Colonel Patti conferred with me regarding assignment of a section of Beach at Mondello for the exclusive use of the officers and enlisted men of Territorial Headquarters. I contacted Lt. Trumbatore, Welfare and Recreation Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base and he informed me that the Navy had fenced in all the beach area that they would need and all other sections were at the disposal of the Italian Military.

Conferred with Captain Paternostro, Commanding Officer of the 11th Administrative Transport Company, regarding application of Windshield Certificates and the assignment of additional load carriers to bring his holdings up to War Establishment.

Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 21 May Lt. Colonel Zizzo, Italian Liaison Officer with Headquarters No.3 District, called at the office and we discussed the employment of the two guard battalions assigned to his headquarters.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 22 May Lt. Col. Corkhill, OC British Troops Sicily, called and asked if it were permitted to send Italian troops assigned to #3 District on escort duty to the Mainland. I informed the Colonel that same was not permitted; that the troops were not to leave Sicily.

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Lt. Col. Talmoni, Commanding Officer of the Montegrano Alpini Battalion, Captain De Santo, Operations Officer of Territorial Hq. and Captain Reggasoni conferred with me regarding the demobilization of the Alpini troops and their transportation. The War Ministry has directed the demobilization of the troops entitled thereto and ordered that they be sent by rail to Northern Italy in small groups. Lt. Col. Talmoni has made arrangements to transport them by rail in daily groups of from 50 to 70 men. I informed the Colonel that I had

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Lt. Snider travelled by rail to Caltanissetta where he inspected the Food Distribution Depot (See S&T Report #16) and the Motor Transport Parts Depot.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 23 May Marshall Paletta of the Automobilistica Office conferred regarding issue of the additional 25% POL which was withheld on the May allocation, as he wished to withdraw it before the ...

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d. (continued) end of the month rather than lose it. I informed him that he could not draw the remaining 25% unless he tendered proof that he actually needed it. This he admitted was not necessary as the quantity already drawn was sufficient.

Col. Lo Vecchio conferred on issue of shirts to 45th I.S. Regiment and the 6th I.S. Regiment. I pointed out to the Colonel that the 6th Regiment had been issued one shirt per man within the past six months. He admitted that the request was in error and should not have been submitted. I authorized the issue of 300 shirts to the 45th I.S. Regiment. Numerous indents are received through the Commissariato that have not been screened and this office has to do all the screening. I explained to the Colonel the necessity for his office to screen all indents before forwarding to this office and he said he would do so in the future.

Lt. Col. Patti, Col. Zambardino, Captain Trapani conferred regarding the issue of Certificates for Motor Transportation. I was assured that certificates would go to correct units and be placed on correct vehicles, according to Certificate numbers.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 24 May Mr. France, P.W.B., called concerning issue of Brandy to Partisans. A large number of Partisans are returning to Sicily and are being billeted and fed by an Anti-Fascist organization. Mr. France said he is acting as intermediary to secure my OK for the Italian Military to issue Brandy to the Partisan Mess. I told him that I was not authorized to make issues to Partisans.

Office routine.

f. Friday 25 May I visited the 11th Administrative Transport Company Motor Park in company with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobiliistica. A number of efficient and inefficient vehicles from various parts of the island have been brought in and others are arriving every day. Rail facilities are being used for vehicles that are unable to make the trip under their own power. Most of the vehicles will be concentrated in the Aircraft works which will facilitate salvage operations and at the same time lend better protection from theft.

A large supply of Motor Transport parts are being brought into Palermo from the Depot at Caltanissetta. A parts room is being stocked at the 11th Adm. Tpt. Co. Bins and racks are being installed and a record made of the nomenclature and quantity of each item.

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Office routine.

g. Saturday 26 May Major Kyle of the Naples office called at the office and we discussed the Motor Vehicle repair program and Motor Transportation for Sicily in General. 6278

Lt. Snider inspected the 5th I.S. Regiment. (See S&T Report #46)

Conferred with Lt.(sg) Hessick, Supply Officer for U.S. Naval Operating Base in reference to obtaining a water purification set and water cooler for the office.

Capt Parlato, Italian Air Force Supply Officer called at this office. He stated that he was sending a detail of 20 men to the Mainland that they would be gone approximately 40 days and he wanted that I authorize a forty day supply of rations for them. I explained to the Captain that ...

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

20 May 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 54 for WEEK ENDING 19 MAY 45.

a. Sunday 13 May Lt. Snider, all EM of my staff and myself attended the 'must' showing of the War Department Film, "Two Down and One To Go."

Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 14 May Captain Clark from the office of the O.C. British troops Sicily informed me that there was a supply of Jellicknite at Syracuse that he had been ordered by AFHQ to turn over to the Italian Military. I informed the Captain that I had no knowledge of this transaction and he promised to send me a copy of the orders of AFHQ so that I may carry out the transaction.

Visited Villa Igea and inspected the quarters and equipment of our Enlisted personnel. Conferred with Lt. Trumbatore, U.S. Naval Operating Base, regarding the Welfare and recreation of the men. Conferred with Lt. Goode, Officer in charge of Villa Igea reference billets and men.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 15 May Lt. Snider and Pfc Dominiano departed by motor vehicle for Reggio-Calabria, where Lt. Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot and the Call-up Transient Camp this afternoon. (See S&T Report No. 45)

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Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica and I conferred on the submission of his monthly vehicle reports for Sicily. The redistribution of Motor Transportation in accordance with the new War Establishment is gradually but laboriously being carried out. The main difficulty seems to be that the Automobilistica puts out an order, but never bothers to follow it up, with the net result that the units are lacadasical in complying. I pointed out to the Colonel that the fact that the Units were reluctant to turn loose of transportation in excess of W/E was all the more reason why pressure should be applied to force them to comply. We also discussed the proper manner in which to carry the 19 vehicles now being used by the CC.RR. I told the Colonel that inasmuch as the Army had never actually had possession of these vehicles and it was not known when, if ever, they would be released to the Army, that they should be carried on

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d. Wednesday 16 May Conferred with Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica and Captain Trapani, in reference to reorganization of Motor Transportation, reports, etc. We discussed the same matter as is contained in my report for Tuesday only with a few more emphasis on getting the job done in the shortest time possible. Colonel Patti immediately sent out a signal to all units over the signature of General Berardi, that they would comply with past directives on this matter not later than 23 May 45.

Lt. Snider inspected the 46th I.S. Regiment at Messina this morning (See S&T Report No. 45) and returned to Palermo.

Office routine - half day off.

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e. Thursday 17 May. Conferred with General Berardi regarding disbanding the Montegranero Alpini Battalion. The General points out that troops of this Battalion are all of the 1913 and older classes and are not only entitled to, but are demanding their discharge from the Army and return to their homes in Northern Italy. The General stated further that the persistence of the troops is fast becoming a matter of agitation. This matter has been taken up with War Ministry, but the General desires direct contact with MMIA so as to secure a ruling one way or the other as soon as possible. The General is to furnish me his recommendations on the matter in writing which I promised to forward to your headquarters, in an effort to expedite action. If this move takes place, it is pointed out that either sea transportation from Palermo to Genoa should be arranged or rail transportation from Palermo via Reggio be bid for.

We also discussed the Office of the Automobilistica. I pointed out to the General that in the past I have experienced difficulty in securing prompt and efficient action from that Department - that reports were usually received on time, but were invariably in error. I also called the General's attention to the fact that reorganization of Motor Transportation has taken two months and the job has not been completed. The General promised to shake up the Department and make whatever changes or whatever action is necessary to form an efficient and smooth working organization.

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f. Friday 18 May. Lt. (Jg) White of U.S. NOB and 2nd Lt. Zancardi of the 301st C.A.I. Co. Italian Air Force conferred with me regarding operational control of the guard company on duty at the Palermo Airport. Heretofore U.S. Naval Operating Force has been exercising operational control over the guards at the Airport only as a matter of general interest to the base and to this control the Air Ministry has asked Italian Air Forces. Headquarters Palermo for an explanation. Lt. White stated that the Base had no authority, but that the Allies, especially A.T.C. has considerable property on the Airport and for that reason they kept check on the Air Force Guards along with their own guards. I pointed out that my office has no control over the Airport nor the Air Force, but it is my understanding that the Airport is considered as Italian controlled and the guards likewise, that if any Allied organization had control it would most likely be the R.A.F. at Catania. The question was then asked as to whether or not the airport and guards should not be placed under control of A.T.C. and what should be done to accomplish this. I expressed the opinion that it should, inasmuch as 98% of the traffic is handled by ATC and the Airport

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Conferred with Major Olivieri, of the Commissariato in regards to the despatch of motor transportation to Naples to pick up clothing and equipment. Arrangements were made to dispatch four trucks to Naples tomorrow.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 19 May Colonel Talmon, Commanding Officer Montegrano Alpini Battalion called at the office and conferred on disbandment of the Battalion. The discussion followed the same lines as the one General Berardi on Thursday. The same reasons for disbanding and method of movement

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.....to the mainland were given.

Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery at Palermo.
(See S&T Report No. 45).

Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica, and Captain Trapani his assistant, conferred with me on reorganization of motor transportation vehicle reports and issue of Certificates. It appears that my discussion of the Automobilistica office with General Berardi may get some results.

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13 May 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 53 for WEEK ENDING 12 MAY 45.

a. Sunday 6 May Returned by air from Rome to Palermo. Arrived Palermo at 1745 hrs.

b. Monday 7 May Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff. Troops of the Montegranero Alpine Bn. all belong to older age groups and therefore have right to discharge from the Army. The War Ministry has given orders that they be substituted with infantry troops. Consequently the Alpine troops of the "Montegranero 1" Battalion located at Catania will be substituted with troops of the 1st Bn., 6th I.S. Regiment and Alpine troops of the "Montegranero 2" Battalion located at Palermo will be substituted by troops of the 1st Battalion, 139th I.S. Regiment. All Alpine troops will be concentrated in Palermo into one Battalion as before and assume the duties of the troops which are replacing them.

The Deputy Chief of Staff and I also discussed various matters that I had taken up at Headquarters while I was in Rome.

Conferred with Mr. Galatoli, Assistant Manager of C.I.P. I explained to him how the 25 % of the May allocation was to be held undrawn while awaiting further orders from MMA in this regard. Arrangements were made to issue motor oil on the basis of one third SAE 30, one third SAE 50 and one third SAE 60. This is only a mutual agreement between Mr. Galatoli and myself and official confirmation of AFHQ is needed. I have written your headquarters to secure the necessary orders of AFHQ Petrol Section.

Depot.

Lt. Snider destroyed condemned food at Palermo Distribution

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 8 May Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding disturbance among troops of the 145th I.S. Regiment, in their barracks at Siracuse on 25 April 45. Colonel Patti promised to furnish me a written report on the incident when the investigation was completed. He explained that the affair was not serious, that the disturbance took place wholly within the confines of the barracks and began when the troops protested the issuance of credit slips in lieu of actual money for their pay increase. I referred the Colonel to a report which I had received to the effect that the need for clothing and equipment was one of the causes for the disturbance and Colonel Patti stated that boots and shirts were mentioned by the troops. I then showed him an authorization from my office to the regiment for such items and more, which had been issued before the disturbance but

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The 2nd Battalion of the Montegranero Alpini troops moved today from Catania to Palermo.

Colonel Patti informed me that out of the total volunteers available, only about 150 have had Military training and are therefore acceptable. My signal, reference number 1082/97 refers.

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Office Routine.

d. Wednesday 9 May. VE day. Entire office staff took the day off and joined personnel of U.S. Naval Operating Base in celebration of the occasion.

1st Battalion of the 6th I.S. Regt. moved today from Palermo to Catania to replace Alpini.

Lt. Snider travelled to Catania by rail, where he inspected Bulk Food Depot, (See S & T Report No. 44) and destroyed condemned food.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 10 May Conferred with Lt. Holland, U.S. Army, who is Graves Registration officer for all of Sicily. Numerous requests for information concerning graves of Italian Military personnel come through my office and Lt. Holland explained that he can save much time by supplying the information direct to me rather than having to go through higher headquarters.

I visited the foundry of Mr. Basile this morning. Territorial Headquarters has requested 1,500 quintals of coke, 50 pounds of Calcium Carbide and seven tanks of oxygen to be used by the Basile works in the repair of three military ranges. After conferring with Mr. Basile I am convinced that the three stoves are not worth much more than scrap and the quantity of supplies requested is almost sufficient to build new stoves. I then informed Military Headquarters that calcium carbide could not be obtained but that acetelene and oxygen could be gotten from the Navy, that their requests for coal and coke must be made to the Ministry of War.

Lt. Snider inspected Catania Distribution Depot, (See S&T Report No. 44) and returned to Palermo by rail.

f. Friday 11 May Visited the depot of the Engineering Command Palermo and inspected the Captured Enemy Signal Equipment which has been made ready for shipment to Signal School Detachment, APO 49.

Inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot, also the San Antonino Military Bakery and found both places neat, clean and well managed.

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bulk food depot, (See S & T Report No. 441) and destroyed condemned food.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 10 May Conferred with Lt. Holland, U.S. Army, who is Graves Registration officer for all of Sicily. Numerous requests for information concerning graves of Italian Military personnel come through my office and Lt. Holland explained that he can save much time by supplying the information direct to me rather than having to go through higher headquarters.

I visited the foundry of Mr. Basile this morning. Territorial Headquarters has requested 1,500 quintals of coke, 50 pounds of Calcium Carbide and seven tanks of oxygen to be used by the Basile works in the repair of three military ranges. After conferring with Mr. Basile I am convinced that the three stoves are not worth much more than scrap and the quantity of supplies requested is almost sufficient to build new stoves. I then informed Military Headquarters that calcium carbide could not be obtained but that acetelene and oxygen could be gotten from the Navy, that their requests for coal and coke must be made to the Ministry of War.

Lt. Snider inspected Catania Distribution Depot, (See S&T Report No. 441) and returned to Palermo by rail.

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We also discussed the problem of condemning a considerable quantity of canned stewed steaks. I directed that the entire stock be inspected and repacked and the spoiled tines be set aside for inspection.

Lt. Colonel Patti and I conferred on the preparation of the Monthly Vehicle Report. I again insisted that a more concerted effort be made to assemble all vehicles surplus to War Establishment, in Palermo as soon as possible.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 12 May Lt. Snider inspected the 6th I.S. Regiment at Palermo. (See S&T Report No. 441)

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I cashed the payroll check and paid the office staff.

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Major QMC
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No. 1584

6 May 1945

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 52 for WEEK ENDING 5 May 1945.

a. Sunday 29 April Office routine and one half day off.

b. Monday 30 April Conferred with Mr. Aldisio, High Commissioner of Sicily, General Berardi, General Branca, C.G., CCRR Sicily, Mr. Modica, Inspector General of Police, Colonel Popodachina and Lt. Col. Patti, at the offices of the High Commissioner. This conference covered the same ground as the one between General Berardi and myself on Saturday and which I commented upon in my report No. 51. It was suggested by Mr. Modica and concurred in by General Berardi that the allocation of munitions for police work on the island be left to the discretion of General Berardi, instead of having to go through Ministry of War Channels as that practice consumes considerable time. It was further pointed out that the present allocation of P.O.L. for police work was insufficient and General Berardi suggested that he be permitted to allot any quantity of these items not required by the Army, to the police and CCRR. Mr. Aldisio, also recommended that some other battalion be sent to Sicily to replace the Montegrano Alpini Battalion. He points out that the homes of these troops are mainly in Northern Italy and inasmuch as they are mainly of the older classes and their homes are being freed, they will for the most part begin to demand their release from the Army. Certain parts of the island are practically overrun by armed gangs of brigands and in view of the reduction of the police force, suppression and control of them will be practically an impossibility. It was therefore, suggested that the total number of troops leaving the island be reduced to 2000. I explained that, for the most part their problems were not the direct concern of MMIA, but that I would make a report of what transpired at this meeting and also that I would present the matter personally, as I planned to visit Rome this week. General Berardi stated that he planned to visit Rome and take the matter up with the proper authorities there, but as I was the only Allied authority on the Island to whom he could go, he desired that I know about what was taking place. It was also pointed out that a plan was being formulated to send out into the island small detachments of police totaling 1000 men, that they would ferret out the leaders of the mobs and that barrack stores were needed for their use. I explained that I could not allocate Military stores to the CCRR, but that I would approach headquarters on the matter.

Lt. Adami, my interpreter and translator, has requested a transfer to a unit in Northern Italy as that is where his home is located. Pending action on his request I talked with Lt. Colonel Patti reference the most qualified interpreter available. I asked to interview a number of informants who I believe qualified.

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Lt. Colonel Marcellino, O.C. Statistical Department of Territorial Headquarters called at the office and we went over the call figures. According to report rendered to General Berardi by Colonel Marcellino his figures exceeded mine by one hundred seventy seven men. I pointed out to the Colonel, that by switching his figures from the ones rendered by the Districts to the number of men leaving Messina he had picked up the difference but by doing so he was counting some men twice. We finally agreed upon the correct Call-up figures and the Colonel said he would render a corrected report to General Berardi. As of yesterday the total recalls come to 17,005, but the Call-up will continue through tomorrow.

c. Tuesday 1 May Conferred with Lt. (sg) Hessite, Supply Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base concerning issue of rations to the Italian Navy. The lieutenant has a copy of our Administrative Instruction No. 12 and I called his attention to paragraph 12 thereof. I further

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c. (continued).....explained that it would not be necessary for him to issue rations to Italian ships calling at his Base because the Army has a ration depot in Palermo and the Italians should draw their rations from me. He stated that in the future he would not issue any rations to Italian ships. An Italian submarine 'Cogni' is attached to the base for training purposes and it has a complement of 70-75 officers and men. These men all eat in the U.S. Navy General Mess and draw all supplies from the Navy. It was explained that for a shore based crew the gallery aboard the sub is inadequate for them, that no repayment or charges is incurred against the Italian Government by the crew eating in the General Mess. A survey of the records show that several hundred of dollars worth of clothing, office supplies, general stores and medical supplies are issued to the Italian Navy every month, at the Base.

Lt. Colonel Sellitto, Acting Commander of Palermo Legion CCRR and Major Cordaro, Commissary Officer, called at the office. They had received orders from their headquarters to transfer 1400 men to the mainland. They submitted a large indent for Clothing and equipment which they had been instructed to draw from Military Stores. Informed them that I had no authority to issue them anything, that the stock was not available and that their indent would have to be screened and materially reduced, even if I had authority to make the issue. I suggested that he signal his headquarters, informing them of the equipment he needs and request that it be made available to them at a certain place on the mainland to be issued to his troops upon their arrival there.

Conferred with Lt. Colonel Morton, Liaison Officer Alcom Sicily regarding Motor Transportation now in the hands of I.N.T. At the present time no officer is in Sicily authorized to handle this matter and Colonel Morton will not assume the authority. I pointed out that all Ambulances, tractors and motorcycles which would serve a definite Military purpose rather than a Civilian one should be returned to the Military. Colonel Morton was inclined to agree with me on this and stated that if he was given authority to act, that he would go along with me one hundred percent. At the present time he is waiting for a Major Downer to come to Sicily to take over the transport matter.

d. Wednesday 2 May Office Routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 3 May Talked by telephone with Major Stainton in reference to the continuation of the Call up and acceptance of Volunteers only who have had Military Training.

Talked with Major Pinkley reference permission to visit headquarters.

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Major Nelson called from Rome in reference to supplies scheduled to be shipped to Sicily during the period 14-20 May.

Capt. Pacini called from Rome to inform us that General Berardi was not to confer with General Browning until he contacted S.M.R.E. General Berardi, it was learned, had departed earlier in the day, therefore we did not inform him of Capt. Pacinis' message. It was stated that the General intended to contact S.M.R.E. before seeing General Browning.

Lt Snider inspected the Distribution Depot at Palermo. (See S & T Report #43).

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g. Saturday 5 May Lt Snider inspected the 139th I.S. Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report #43).

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Hon HOMER E. LONG *at ft.*
Major QMC
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1581

29 April 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.51
2. Weekly S&T Report No.42

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

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

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.51, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.42, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1- Weekly Ln. Log No.51 (trip)
" #2- Weekly S&T Report No.42

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No. 1581

29 April 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 51 for WEEK ENDING 28 APRIL 1945.

a. Sunday 22 April. Conferred with Lt. Bittinger and Lt. White of NOB regarding withdrawal of 6th I.S. Regt. troops from guard duties at the Naval Base and substitution of the 2nd Battalion of the 5th I.S. Regiment. Lt. White stated that he preferred to keep the 6th Regiment because they had been on the detail for a long time. I explained to him that that was the main reason the Italian Military had designated the 5th Regiment for the job, that the 6th Regiment had not been doing any training and it was decided to take them off the job so they could do so. I explained to the officers that AFHQ had ordered the transfer of two Battalions to Hq. Three District, and the designation of the units had been left up to Territorial Headquarters Palermo. I further explained that the Military had desires to withdraw the 6th Regt. from the Navy since January, but because of the internal disturbances at that time it was never done.

Half day off.

b. Monday 23 April. Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding exchange of the 2nd Bn., 5th I.S. Regt., for the 6th Regt. doing guard duty at U.S. Naval Operating Base. The 2nd Battalion is not up to authorized strength and I explained that the Navy is now using approximately 300 guards and are constantly creating new posts, therefore, it is imperative that the Battalion be brought up to strength immediately. It was decided to strengthen the Battalion from units in the 5th Regiment and to do so before the guard is changed. Officer strength of the Battalion is up to TO/WE.

A report had reached me that Military Transport was being used to haul furniture, etc. for civilians. I took this up with Col. Patti and he explained that furniture and personal possessions were sometimes hauled in Military Transport, but that it was limited to property of Military personnel when changing station and then only if the transport was otherwise traveling empty and in the proper direction.

We also discussed a complaint made to me by the Communications Section of U.S. Naval Operating Base, that the Italian Military were placing many long distance telephone calls to Naples, Rome, Messina, Catania and other parts of the Island over their lines. It was requested that I see if the practise could not be discontinued or at least materially reduced. Col. Patti and I discussed the matter with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, and it was decided that all such calls over Navy lines would be stopped, except in emergency and in such an event express authority of the Chief of Staff must be obtained before the call is placed. Otherwise, Italian lines would be used.

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c. Tuesday 24 April. Conferred with Lt. Comdr. Murphy, Intelligence Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base, concerning matter of general interest between our two offices.

Conferred with Lt. Comdr. Richey, Communications Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base regarding our signals. Commander Richey explained that our signals were not creating the load that he had anticipated they would when he first agreed to handle our traffic, but that our weekly stock state was creating a problem due to their great length. He asked if the signals could not just as well be sent by Aero-Gramm through Navy channels and 24 hours service was assured. I explained to him the importance of the Stock states going straight signals. We finally agreed that whenever the load on his communications became too heavy to handle the lengthy stock state, it could be sent Aero-Gramm and I would be immediately notified that such action was taken.

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c. (continued) Therefore in the future weekly stock states from Sicily may be slightly delayed.

Lt. Snider traveled to Caltanissetta today with a representative of the Commissariato where they inspected the Food Distribution Depot, (See S&T Report No. 42), then proceeded on to Catania in the afternoon.

d. Wednesday 25 April, Conferred with Lt. Col. Appicciutoli, Asst. Director Commissariato regarding food stuffs and issues thereof in general. We then visited the Food Distribution Depot in Palermo and inspected the entire stock. No foodstuffs of Italian origin were found along with like or similar Allied items. Orders were repeated that all Italian items would be issued before like or similar items of Allied origin. A physical check of the stock with the records showed that all foodstuffs in the depot had been taken on charge. The depot was found to be clean, neat and well policed. We then visited the San Antonino Bakery, which we found neat, clean and orderly.

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Lt. Snider inspected both the Bulk and Distribution Food Depots in Catania today in company of a representative of the Commissariato. (See S&T Report No. 42)

e. Thursday 26 April. The 2nd. Bn., 5th Regiment was placed on guard duties today at U.S. NOB and the 6th Regiment withdrawn.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, Liaison Officer Allied Commission Sicily concerning turnover of salvage now at Tukory Salvage Installation. At the present all the material is in bulk and has to be packed and crated. Lt. Col. Morton has a number of civilian employees which he is using to expedite the packing of the material. It is expected that the work will be completed and handover made by Monday.

Office routine.

f. Friday 27 April. Since Alcom has left Sicily application for acetelene and oxygen used in repairing of motor transportation must be made direct to U.S. Naval Operating Base. I conferred with Lt. (sg) Lindsey, GSK Supply Officer concerning our requirements and procedure to be followed to obtain same. Lt. Lindsey pointed out that the supply of oxygen was practically unlimited but acetelene was considered to be more or less a critical item.

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g. Saturday 28 April. Lt. Snider inspected the Headquarters Company of Territorial Headquarters and the San Antonino Military Bakery. (See S&T Report No.42)

I conferred with General Perardi and Lt. Col. Patti at Territorial Headquarters reference matters of general interest. The General is much concerned about losing the Montegranero Alpini Battalion. He points out that the homes of these troops are in Northern Italy and inasmuch as they are mainly of the older classes and their homes are being freed they will for the most part demand their release from the Army.

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g. (continued) He further explained that 2,700 C.C.R.R. are being withdrawn from Sicily. In view of the continued threat from the Brigands roaming the island he is much concerned that the island will be left with an insufficient number of police to cope with them. A conference is planned for Monday morning between General Berardi, The High Commissioner of Sicily and the General Commanding the C.C.R.R. in Sicily to discuss Internal Security and the suppression of the Brigands. General Berardi asked me to attend and I told him I would gladly do so.

We also discussed the Call-Up. The General stated that 17,102 re-calls had, as of the 27th., been sent to Reggio, but I explained that my figures, as of the 27th., showed only 16,925 as having been accepted. Col. Marcellino O.C. Statistics was called in and it was learned that he had based his figures on re-calls crossing the Straits to Reggio which meant that he was counting some men twice. The General told Col. Marcellino to get his figures straight with me and render to him another report.

I also discussed with the General Headquarters letter SD/61/1 dated the 25 April, subject Supply of Personnel for RTC, ICF Cesano. A signal had just been received by the General from The War Ministry ordering the acceptance of 1000 Volunteers in this category. Five Hundred during the period 14 - 20 May and five hundred during the period 21 - 27 May. The General stated that the Volunteers are available and we will meet with no difficulty in obtaining the 1000 men.

We also discussed the gun towing tractor now in the possession of The 16th. and 22nd. I.S. Bns. These tractors are not mentioned in the new W/E for Motor Transport. The guns and caissons are stored and not used. The General desires that the tractors be retained in the Units as they are now of considerable use and eventually they may be used again for towing the guns. My MT/1 dated 18 April, refers.

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Homer E. Long
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Major QMC
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22 April 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 50 for WEEK ENDING 21 APRIL 45.

- a. Sunday 15 April Office routine. Half day.
- b. Monday 16 April Conferred with Colonel Zambardino regarding Monthly Vehicle reports and reassignment of Motor Vehicles. Vehicle reports of the Aosta and Sabauda Divisions were incorrect and in improper form and were returned to the Colonel for correction. At the same time it was pointed out to the Colonel that the reorganization of the Motor Transportation in Sicily was to have been completed by 26 March and as yet very little had been done except the formation of the new units and reassignment of vehicles. The Colonel stated that excess transportation was being taken away from the Divisions as fast as circumstances would permit, that transporting them to Palermo was the biggest problem and they would be concentrated in Palermo as soon as possible.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, L/O Alcom Sicily regarding turn over of salvage material. The Colonel stated that he had heard nothing from headquarters Alcom regarding the matter, therefore I furnished him a copy of Hq. Alcom letter on the matter and he stated he would take care of the matter. We have the material ready for turnover whenever Alcom is ready for it.

- c. Tuesday 17 April Lt. Snider departed this morning by motor vehicle for Reggio.

Conferred with Col. Zambardino concerning Monthly Vehicle reports. The 22nd and 16th I.S. Regiments have a number of tractors which are used for towing guns and are definitely not load carriers. It was decided to carry these in a separate column as it is believed these should be accounted for separate from the authorized W/E.

Conferred with Capt. Mooney, G-3, 204 Sub Area regarding the two Battalions to be turned over to the operational control of three District. The Battalion in Palermo will be turned over as is but the Eastern end of the Island raises a problem. Guards are needed in Catania, Messina, Siracuse and Augusta and three companies equal to a Battalion rather than an entire Battalion would seem to be the best solution to the matter.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding designation of the two Battalions for Three District. It was decided to assign the 2nd Bn. of the 5th Regiment in Palermo, the 1st Company of the 1st Bn., 45th Regt. in Catania, 5th Company of the 2nd Bn. 46th Regt in Messina and the 4th Company of the 2nd Bn. 145th Regt. in Siracuse.

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Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding designation of the two Battalions for Three District. It was decided to assign the 2nd Bn., of the 5th Regiment in Palermo, the 1st Company of the 1st Bn., 45th Regt. in Catania, 5th Company of the 2nd Bn. 46th Regt in Messina and the 4th Company of the 2nd Bn. 45th Regt. in Siracuse. 6263

Talked with Lt. Col. Ingledew by phone concerning the substitution of the three companies on the Eastern end of the Island instead of an entire Battalion and he agreed to the arrangement.

Colonel Patti also assured me that the reassignment of vehicles and concentration of surplus M/T personnel and vehicles at Palermo would be completed as soon as possible and in any case by the end of the month.

Capt. Geo. Rie of the Joint Intelligence Collection Agency called on me and discussed the investigations of Ex-Prs. My letter No. 1544 dated today refers to one such case. It is my understanding that extensive investigations are being carried out throughout Sicily and the Mainland of all Ex-Prisoners of War to determine, how they came to be captured and what they did and what happened to them after capture.

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If it is decided that the party did not do his utmost to evade capture or collaborated after capture, Military reprimand is taken against him. Although I presume Italian Military Law in this regard is similar to our Army, nevertheless since Italy is now a co-belligerent, such action seems to me to be out of place and certainly offers propaganda for the Fascists and Germans.

d. Wednesday 18 April I travelled to Catania by air this morning where I conferred with Capt. Mooney, G-3 and Colonel Goodwin, Commanding Officer, 204 Sub Area on the matter of the transfer to three District of the one company and one Battalion for guard duties. I also met Major Corkhill who upon dissolution of Sub Area, 21 April 45, will become O.C. British Troops Sicily. We discussed various functions of his office and of ours and thereby got an insight into each others problems.

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Inspected the Distribution and Bulk food depots. I found both places cleaner and more orderly than I have ever found them. The congestion in the Bulk Depot is being relieved by moving some of the items to a warehouse located across the street and which were formerly occupied by Allied Commission.

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Lt. Col. Bertini, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion 5th I.S. Regiment called at the office and discussed the matter of his battalion being assigned to Three District for operational control. I informed the Colonel that his Battalion had been assigned by Headquarters, 204 Sub Area to the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, and that when the 6th Regiment guards are withdrawn, his troops would replace them.

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No. 1566

15 April 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 49 for WEEK ENDING 14 APRIL 45.

a. Sunday 8 April. Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff., Territorial Headquarters concerning the over-strength of the Sabauda Division. The latest strength report shows the Division is over-strength by 97 men. The Aosta Division is at the same time under-strength. It is believed that the over-strength of the Sabauda is caused by the recent assignment of a large number of men who have been returned to the army and court-martialed for desertion, etc. Lt Col Patti stated he would take immediate corrective action.

Lt Col Scaduto, Director of the Genio Militare called at the office concerning our offices and I explained to him that we were staying at our present location.

Half day off.

b. Monday 9 April. Lt Snider departed by rail to Agrigento. He inspected the 1st Bn of the 22nd I.S. Regiment upon arrival and continued by rail to Catania this afternoon. (See S & T report No. 40).

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e. Thursday 12 April. Lt Snider destroyed condemned food at the Distribution Depot in Palermo.

Mr Seymour of the Sea-Bees informed me that he was ready to proceed with the movement of the Artillery Material today, that Mr Depter would be in charge and he would have him contact me, which he did. I accompanied Mr Depter to the Air Craft Works where we were met by a Captain from the Artillery. Arrangements were made to begin moving the material after dinner. Mr Depter is going to put one crane at the Air Craft Works to load the material and another one at the 6th Regt Barracks to unload. The entire project will take about a day and a half to complete.

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Received the I.N.T. Motor Vehicle inventory from Lt Col Morton. This now gives me something tangible to work on and as soon as I have studied it closely I plan to take the entire matter up with Col Morton. He and I have heretofore gone over the preliminaries.

f. Friday 13 April. Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff., Territorial Headquarters Palermo and Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary called at the office and offered their condolences and extreme regret over the death of President Roosevelt.

This afternoon I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Shoe Repair Shop, Salvage Depot, Laundry and Clothing repair shop. Everywhere I went the premises were clean, neat and well kept. These installations are well managed and produce excellent work. I am very much pleased with the efforts and efficiency of Lt Cucchiara the Officer in charge. When I first came to Palermo only 76 women were employed in the Clothing repair shop, there are now 127 women employed. No doubt but what this installation could almost clothe and equip all troops in Sicily except for the shortage of material. Italian items of clothing are returned to the depot in such a worn out condition that complete rehabilitation is required. The same applies to boots and although a large amount of upper leather is used in rebuilding shoes, the results are excellent.

Office routine.

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No. 1551

8 April 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 46 for WEEK ENDING 7 APRIL 45.

a. Sunday 1 April. Office routine. Officers and men went to their respective churches today for Communion and Easter Worship. Afternoon off.

b. Monday 2 April. Conferred with General Berardi on the Call-up for April. It was explained to the General that MMIA desired the grand total of re-calls to reach 17,000 and that 1,033 additional were needed to reach that figure. I further explained that it was more or less left up to he and I as to how to get that number of men, but they must be gotten, then we would not recall anymore unless MMIA so directed. The General feels, that as soon as Easter is passed the number reporting will greatly increase and thus prevent the need of calling up another class. I am a little skeptical that we can get 1000 men in four weeks without calling another class, so it was finally agreed that a more concerted effort would be made to round up shirkers. The General further stated that, if by the 20 April it was apparent that the required number would not be reached, then he would call-up out of another class a sufficient number to fill the quota.

I also took up with the General the matter of the reorganization of the 11th Motor Transport Company, 11th Motor Repair Directorate and the 37th Ambulance Car Section. I explained that so far only the 11th Transport Company had been formed, to my knowledge. The Chief of Staff, Colonel Griglio, was called in and he stated that the other two units had been formed for some time, but under another name. I then explained that orders must be published redesignating these two units and I wished copies of the order. It was promised that this would be done immediately.

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I took this matter up with General Berardi and he verified the fact that the man's case is being investigated by direction of the War Ministry and that upon its completion the report will be sent to the War Ministry for their decision and action.

I conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding clothing. At present there are approximately 1700 cotton jackets and breeches in stock and it is desired to issue these to two Regiments and withdraw all like items, have them repaired and placed in stock in the depot.

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c. Tuesday 3 April. Talked by telephone with Captain Maxwell in Rome concerning the expected number of Call-up to be shipped to Reggio for the week 1-6 April. I estimate only between 150-200 because of the Easter season, which these people take most seriously.

Inspected the San Antonino Military bakery and found it neat, clean and orderly.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 4 April. Called Naples office after receipt of Clothing and Equipment Authorizations and asked Lt. Lambrecht to let me know what quantity of the items he had so that I could determine the number of trucks to send after it. He promised to check his inventory and phone me the information. I also informed him that POL for the return journey should be arranged as before.

Col. Talmone of the Alpini Bn. called at the office and stated that he desired the use of the Navy's small arms range for training his men. I then conferred with Lt. Pennell the Ordnance Officer of NOB and arranged for use of the range all of Friday morning.

Office routine.

Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 5 April. 1st Lt. Garat-Rodi of the Engineering Section, Italian Air Force, called at the office for a permit to travel to the island of Pantelleria and return for the purpose of inspecting construction work done at the airport there by Civilian Contractors. I gave him the necessary authority for the journey.

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Cashed enlisted men's check and paid the payroll.

f. Friday 6 April Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief **8257** Staff called at the office and stated that he preferred having the clothing and equipment from Naples shipped to Palermo by schooner. I explained that this procedure would take considerable time and would probably result in the shipment being pilfered; that the quickest and surest means of transportation is

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to send motor vehicles as we had done in the past. The Col. stated that the reason for his plan was to save tires which was a critical item but that he would have three trucks dispatched from Catania and three from Palermo early Sunday morning. Lt. Col. Patti suggested that I contact the U.S. Navy in Palermo to secure POL to transport fire wood from various parts of the island to the depots. I explained to the Colonel that this was unnecessary, that the Navy was not the proper agency to apply to and he could follow one of two lines of action, preferably transport the wood by rail or apply for an increase in his monthly POL allocation. I explained that if his reasons for an increase in the allocation was sufficient, it was probable that he would get it.

I received a phone call from the Automobilistica informing me that approximately 700 gallons of gasoline would be needed by the trucks for the return journey from Naples. I tried to convey this information to Naples, but could not get through.

Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary in regards to baking biscuits for travel rations. First samples of the biscuits baked here, turned out very well and it is planned to bake a supply of them for the depots. The biscuits will keep in good condition for about two months.

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coincided with the story, that they had late passes, that although they were slightly intoxicated they were not molesting anyone nor causing a disturbance. That they willingly showed their passes, but the confiscation of the knife was resented. That they were returning to their barracks and when they were fired upon the hand grenade was thrown. The accused stated he had found the grenade at the Catania airport where he worked.

I accompanied Capt. Mooney to Territorial Hq. and the matter was taken up with General Berardi. The General promised immediate action against the accused by a Military Tribunal.

General Berardi is leaving Palermo by plane at 4.30 today enroute to Rome. In his absence General Von Den Heuvel will assume command.

I phoned Lt. Lambrecht in Naples and informed him of the departure of the Motor Vehicles and the gasoline needed for the return journey.

I phoned Lt. Col. Rose concerning the matter of excessive quantities of foodstuffs in the storeroom of the Italian Navy Garrison here in Palermo. Palermo is one of the smaller garrisons and larger quantities may be found in Trapani, Messina, Catania and other ports where the garrisons are much larger. Here at Palermo a large part of the garrison messes at the U.S. Naval Base on American rations, and are therefore not issued rations by their unit. Col. Rose stated I was not to take the same action as I did in reference to the Air Corps and that he would notify me, if any steps were to be taken.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, Liaison Officer for Allied Commission in Sicily and Captain Calvanese, Motor Transportation Officer regarding I.N.T. transportation. Capt. Calvanese is due to leave Sicily in a few days and it is desired to carry out our plan of identifying ex-Military vehicles before he leaves. Lt. Col. Morton and Captain Calvanese explained that Hq. AC, had not given any definite orders regarding the turnover, but in event of Capt Calvanese's departure all particulars would be handled by Lt. Col. Morton himself or Capt. Lynch, as we had planned.

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I phoned Lt. Col. Rose concerning the matter of excessive quantities of foodstuffs in the storeroom of the Italian Navy Garrison here in Palermo. Palermo is one of the smaller garrisons and larger quantities may be found in Trapani, Messina, Catania and other ports where the garrisons are much larger. Here at Palermo a large part of the garrison messes at the U.S. Naval Base on American rations, and are therefore not issued rations by their unit. Col. Rose stated I was not to take the same action as I did in reference to the Air Corps and that he would notify me, if any steps were to be taken.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, Liaison Officer for Allied Commission in Sicily and Captain Calvanese, Motor Transportation Officer regarding I.N.T. transportation. Capt. Calvanese is due to leave Sicily in a few days and it is desired to carry out our plan of identifying ex-Military vehicles before he leaves. Lt. Col. Morton and Captain Calvanese explained that Hq. AC, had not given any definite orders regarding the turnover, but in event of Capt Calvanese's departure all particulars would be handled by Lt. Col. Morton himself or Capt. Lynch, as we had planned.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No. 1542

1 April 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 47 FOR WEEK ENDING 31 March 45.

- a. Sunday 25 March. Office routine. Half day off. ✓
- b. Monday 26 March. Automobilistica had informed me that certain motor transport hulks belonging to the Military were located at Villa Sofia. As the Villa is Naval requisitioned I contacted Mr. Auckerman concerning the matter and he accompanied me to look the vehicles over. One Fiat, 3-ton truck was located which was Military property and arrangements were made to turn it over to the Automobilistica. The balance of the vehicles (2) were definitely not military property.

This afternoon the enlisted men were moved from their billet with A.C. to Villa Igea which is the U.S. NOB billet. Lt. Snider and I moved from the Excelsior Hotel to the Navy's Grande Hotel. Messing will be done with the Navy and Motor vehicles will be kept in Navy parks. The men will have nightly movies, messing facilities, library, canteen and recreation all on the Base and it is believed the new arrangements will be most satisfactory.

c. Tuesday 27 March. Conferred with Colonel Zambardino Director of Automobilistica regarding Motor Transportation and POL for Call-up operations. The regular monthly allocation of POL for April has been received but no additional allocation has been made specifically for Call-up operations. We also discussed the rendition of the Monthly Vehicle Return required by your ST/1011 of the 24th.

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Conferred with Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of
Commissary and Commissary Officer for the CRR regarding forage.
It is pointed out by both these officers that balanced grain
is both difficult and expensive to obtain and they desire a
regular allocation. I personally agree with this and my signal
St/3-4 dated today refers.

d. Wednesday 28 March. 1st Lt Polizzi of Motor
Transport Headquarters called at the office and I gave him an
authorization to present Mr Auckerman, Transportation Officer
of N.O.B. for the purpose of securing the Fiat truck at
Villa Sofia.

Half day off. ✓

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e. Thursday 29 March. Lt Snider departed this morning by motor vehicle for Reggio and inspected the Reggio Call-up Camp in the afternoon (See S&T Report No. 38).

Captain Anzon of the Italian Air Force called at the office with a letter from his headquarters in Rome, directing him to make a special issue for Easter of 200 grammes of Pasta per man. This amount was in addition to the regular issue and was to be taken from their excess stock now on hand. I informed the Captain that I would not approve the issue and it was not to be made. I again informed the Captain that the food stuffs now in his depots was inventoried and a record made of the exact numbers of rations on hand. That no like items of excess rations would be issued him until the stores on hand were used up, and our records, of which he has a copy, show the exact number of days the rations are in excess.

Sgt McGowan and Corp Arceri arrived this afternoon from Rome.

f. Friday 30 March. I received a memorandum from Alcom Sicily notifying me that, effective 5 April that headquarters was abolishing their message center. This comes as a complete surprise, as I was given to understand by Brigadier Carr and C.W.O. Leone the Adjutant that communications service would be maintained by them. I immediately visited C.W.O. Leone and was informed by him that Hdqrs Alcom has first agreed to leave two men in Sicily to handle communications, but that they had countermanded the order and had ordered all enlisted men returned to Rome. Mr Leone and I then drove to the airport and was their informed by Flight Officer Fleming, R.A.F., that he did not have the personnel to run a message center and sort mail, that his sole function as far as mail was concerned was to take it off the plane and sort the bags. I then made a trip to Operations U.S. Naval Operating Base to contact Lt Commander Richey to secure service through him but both he and his assistant had departed for the day. I left word with the Chief Clerk that I would call again the following morning.

Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of the Servizio Office regarding the reorganization of his Motor Transport. The 11th Motor Transport Company has been formed but the 11th Repairs Directorate and 37th Ambulance Car Section must yet be designated. I again pointed out to the Colonel that this was to have been done by the 26th. However the assignment of transportation between the Internal Security Divisions and the Transport Company is being carried out and all other transport is to be assembled in Palermo. We also discussed the Call-up for April to reach a total of 17000 re-calls. Col Patti is of the opinion that the figure can be reached without calling on any older classes. I intend to take this matter up direct with General Berardi, but

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Lt Snider travelled by motor from Reggio-Calabria to Caltanissetta, Sicily.

g. Saturday 31 March. Conferred with Lt Commander Richey, Communications Officer of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, and he agreed to handle all our incoming and outgoing Signals and Communications which have heretofore been handled by the Allied Commission. Our new signal address therefore is COMNOB Palermo for MMIA IO.

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Conferred with Lt (s.g.) Hessig, Supply Officer, of U.S. Naval Operating Base and secured the loan of a Royal standard typewriter for use in the office. Our only typewriter is an Underwood Noiseless which is not suitable for anything other than letters.

Lt Snider inspected the Distribution Depot at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No.38) and returned to Palermo.


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No. 1528

25 Mar 45

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 48 FOR WEEK ENDING 24 MAR 45

a. Sunday 18 March. Office routine - half day. Lt Col Albert and I visited the Caserma Tukory installation. This is the location of our shoe repair shops, clothing repair shops, clothing depot, laundry and salvage depot. An Army Chaplain gave Mass in the courtyard for all the men and women workers. After Mass all the workers went to their usual places and the Priest blessed each room and office of the installation. Following these ceremonies all the workers assembled in the shoe repair shops and short addresses were made by Col lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary and Lt Col Giarrizzo, Welfare Officer. Light refreshments were served. The Welfare Officer announced that 10,000 lire was being distributed in various sums to the workers, based on the quality and quantity of their work production and the personal needs of each individual.

Fifty two men of the 16th Artillery Regt were sent from Caltanissetta to Mussomeli to assist in rounding up Call-up shirkers.

b. Monday 19 March. Conferred with Capt Calvanese, A.C. Motor Transportation Officer, regarding former Military Motor Transportation belonging to A.C. We have agreed to and designed an identification certificate for each such vehicle. Captain Calvanese claims that all such vehicles are captured enemy equipment and title to same is being transferred to the Italian Civil Government following the departure of Alcom from Sicily. The certificate will contain the type, registration number, motor number and chassis number of the vehicle upon which it is installed and will bear both the signature of Capt Calvanese and myself. The Italian Military will then be able to reclaim their vehicles not bearing such certificate. Capt Calvanese although agreeing to this procedure himself, stated that he must have authority to proceed from Headquarters Alcom and agreed to write immediately for the authority.

General Berardi returned today from Rome.

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c. Tuesday 20 March. Visited the Engineer Depot at

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Fifty two men of the 10th Artillery Regt were sent from Caltanissetta to Mussumeli to assist in rounding up Call-up shirkers.

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c. Tuesday 20 March. Visited the Engineer Depot at Caserma Euclid Turbo and inspected the crates of Captured Enemy Equipment that has been made ready for shipment to the Replacement and Training Command at Torricola, Italy. Along with Major Scozzari, Engineering Officer, I went on a tour of inspection of the Depot, and was well pleased with its cleanliness, neat arrangement of stock, efficiency and general appearance. At present time there is not a very large nor assorted supply of stock on hand, but it is being added to all the time. I would like to say here that Major Scozzari has given me prompt and efficient service in the handling of this material.

I visited the Rail Transportation Officer and secured a rail box car in which to ship the above material to Torricola. Arrangements with Territorial Headquarters Palermo has been made for two escorts to accompany the shipment

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and plans are to load tomorrow afternoon. Departure is scheduled for Thursday morning.

Lt Col Albert departed by motor transportation for Rome.

One hundred troops of the 22nd Regt sent from Trapani to Gibellina to assist in rounding up call-up shirkers.

d. Wednesday 21 March. Conferred with Mr France of Psychological Warfare Branch, concerning relief of Military Guards on duty with his office. Mr France stated that all guards would be released from duty today except 8 at the radio Palermo station and four at the transmitter. He recommended these be retained because in the event of any serious disorders, insurrectionists may try to seize the radio. I have passed this on to Territorial Headquarters Palermo for consideration.

Major Giordano of SMRE was in and again discussed rations for his operators. I informed him that, as yet, I had not had a reply from Headquarters as to whether or not they were entitled to draw rations.

Lt Snider enroute to Catania by rail where he took inventory of Air Force Food D.D. in the afternoon (See S & T Report No. 37).

Loaded four crates of captured enemy material and two military escort into a box car this afternoon and despatched to Commanding General, Replacement and Training Command.

e. Thursday 22 March. Conferred with Lt Commander Murphy regarding Internal Security. Received copies of his Intelligence reports. Also conferred with Captain Oliver regarding Internal Security and reviewed his reports.

Inspected the San Antonio Bakery and found it neat, clean and orderly.

Lt Snider inspected both the Bulk Food Depot and Food Distribution Depot at Catania (See S & T Report No. 37). Returned to Palermo by rail.

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f. Friday 23 March. Lt Snider inspected Palermo Garrison of the CC.RR (See S & T Report No. 57).

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6. Saturday 24 March. Conferred with Lt Col Patti Deputy Chief of Staff regarding call-up in April of 2000 additional men, reports and various matters of general interest.

Captain Parleto, Italian Air Force called at the office and stated that the air force had for some time been conducting a call-up, that his orders had been to feed such men from the overages caused by the difference in the Air Force "B" Scale and the Army Single Scale ration. He further stated that Air Corps Headquarters has now ordered him to issue the single scale ration. I explained to him that I know of no provision to feed any men in excess of his authorized ceiling and he should take the matter up with his headquarters to get the ceiling raised. I informed him further that until orders were received to the contrary no additional food stuffs would be issued him until present stocks are depleted at the single scale rate.

Talked by telephone with Lt Col Rose regarding despatch to Palermo of another "Peep" and the return of the one we have now.

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No. 1518

13 March 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 45 FOR WEEK ENDING 17 MARCH 45.

a. Sunday 11 March. Office routine. One half day off.

b. Monday 12 March. Major Long talked with CWO Lione, Adjutant AC Sicilian Region #1 concerning signal facilities after departure of AC and he stated that their signal facilities would remain in Palermo.

Talked with Commander Hoffman, Ex. Officer U.S. NOB regarding billets and rationing of our officers and enlisted men. Commander Hoffman said to have headquarters issue orders attaching the officers and men to NOB for rations, quarters and administration and that they would take care of us.

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Lt. Snider enroute by motor to Messina and Reggio, jeep broke down and he returned by rail for other transportation.

c. Tuesday 13 March. Colonel Marcolin, Artillery Officer, Palermo Territorial Hq. called at the office to discuss the subject of fire arms on the island of Pantelleria. The Colonel stated that the Military detail which had gone to Pantelleria had tried to arrange movement of the firearms to Sicily, but that the Civil Commissioner would not permit it. I informed the Colonel that the function of the detail was to collect, clean and store the firearms and their shipment to Sicily or the Mainland had not been ordered.

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d. Wednesday 14 March. Attended conference of Allied Commission Officers; presided over by Brigadier Carr. It is planned to move the bulk of AC personnel by 31 March. One supply accountant officer, one transportation officer, one property control officer and the officer in charge of INT will remain until April 30 after which only a liaison officer will remain in Palermo. One Liaison officer will be stationed in Catania. One Civil Affairs officer will remain on the island

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Major Long visited the Caserma della Maria which now houses the Motor Transport Hq. also the 28th Motor Transport Section. At the time of the invasion this installation was the location of the main repair garages for all of Sicily. Repairs were in progress on a number of vehicles. This is quite a large installation and well suited for Motor Transport purposes. Civilian repair units are being moved into the buildings to carry out vehicle repair without taking the vehicles out.

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Major Giordano of the Italian Intelligence Service called at the office and stated that he was in charge of about fifty agents in Sicily and Calabria; that heretofore they had been subsisted by the CCRK, but had been cut off from drawing rations upon orders of the General Commanding the CCRK Hq. He asks to draw rations direct from our depots. As I had never before heard of this unit I have forwarded the matter for decision, to Headquarters. (My No. ST/31 refers). *Tafan*
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Contacted Mr. Galatoli, CIP concerning quantities of Petrol and Gasoil issued to CCRK for the months of December, January and February. Figures were not immediately available and it may take a couple of days to get complete information.

Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected DD and Transient Camp for Call-ups at Reggio. (See S&T Report No. 36).

e. Thursday 15 March. Colonel Zambardino, Director of Motor Transportation and myself visited the Basile Foundry. Mr. Basile has several hundred tons of junk which he had purchased from Island Base Section and which Colonel Zambardino had frozen claiming that it was M/T parts held illegally and belonged to the Italian Military. Several weeks ago at the request of M/T Hq. I looked over this material and satisfied myself that it was junk, of no value to the Italian Military and after seeing the receipts, that Mr. Basile had legal title to all of it. I had then informed M/T Hqs. of my findings and asked them to unfreeze the material or have an officer point out to me the material claimed to be the property of the Military. Colonel Zambardino finally agreed to view the material with me and after doing so, he was convinced that none of it belonged to or was ever wanted by him. He thereafter unfroze the stock.

Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected 46th I.S. Regt. at Messina, (See S&T Report No. 36) and returned to Palermo by motor.

f. Friday 16 March. Major Long conferred with Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary concerning indents from units for what I consider an excessive amount of clothing and equipment. The Colonel stated that such had always been the practise of the Italians and it may possibly have grown worse because the Allies were controlling it. Nevertheless considerable screening is necessary on all indents before they can be forwarded your Headquarters. We also discussed an indent for 15 men who had their entire clothing and equipment contaminated with mustard gas due to an explosion of an ammunition dump. No report of the

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Major Long conferred with Capt. Parlato, Italian Air Force concerning drawing of rations. Capt. Parlato informs me that the reason rations are drawn in bulk is that, small units of 20 to 50 men are scattered over Sicily without motor transportation and that they are unable to come into Catania or Palermo and make the draw; that under the present system the rations are delivered to them. I also learned that the Air Force, after drawing rations on the Army scale, issues it to their units on a scale prescribed by the Air Corps which is lower. I have asked for a copy of the Air Corps ration scale and will forward copy to your headquarters. In the meantime I believe the best policy

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f. (continued) is to continue to issue rations in bulk because of the small isolated units and transportation problem, but that units should be issued the full Army scale.

Colonel Albert returned from Hospital to duty at 1200 hrs. Conferred with Brig. Carr, Comdr. AC Sicily re movement of practically all AC from Sicily April 1st. He stated there would be four or five AC officers here until May 1st then only a liaison officer. He suggested MMIA move their office to the present AC building. I replied we were very conveniently settled where we are but if it were to AC's advantage to have us move we would consider it when the AC liaison officer arrived. I advised Brig. Carr that the MMIA personnel would be quartered and mess with the U.S. Navy at Palermo.

g. Saturday 17 March. Lt. Col Giordano, CO, Military Transport Unit, Territorial Hq. reported that furniture was being removed from building occupied by AC units at No. 3 Via Gozira which was a military building. He was advised to report to this office a list of furniture removed and we would contact AC.

Conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq. re many matters in general. I informed him I was to be transferred from Sicily and Major Long would succeed me.

Lt. Snider took inventory of ration storeroom, Italian Air Corps at Palermo. Full report to follow when inventory is taken at Catania.

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Conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq. re many matters in general. I informed him I was to be transferred from Sicily and Major Long would succeed me.

Lt. Snider took inventory of ration storeroom, Italian Air Corps at Palermo. Full report to follow when inventory is taken at Catania.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 44 FOR WEEK ENDING 10 Mar. 45.

a. Sunday 4 March. Conferred with General Berardi, regarding Salvage Material from the British 22nd. Salvage Depot Catania. As reported in my previous Liaison Log, the local M/T Hq. are requesting possession of some salvage which is absolutely worthless in its present state and reports have been made to the effect that some of it has been sold or offered for sale to civilians. The General stated that he would instruct the M/T Hq. to indent for only that type of material which had a potential usable value in its present state. He also stated that he would have the O.C., M/T Hq. investigate the alleged sales or offers of sales of the material.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Call-up. Colonel Patti informed me that a signal from the Ministry of War had been received postponing the Call-up of the classes 1914-17. I have had no confirmation from MMIA on this, so I asked for a copy of the Warmin signal.

Office routine.

b. Monday 5 March. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 6 March. Discussed with Captain Oliver, O.C. 51st Field Security Section a matter concerning the apprehension, by his agents, of an Italian Army deserter. Capt. Oliver stated that the man had applied for a pass to enter NOB and subsequently he had learned of his army status. He, Capt. Oliver, is to inform me when he apprehends this man.

Discussed with Major Mighall, Public Safety Director A.C., the matter of AMG yellow pass for an Italian soldier who desires compassionate leave to a town north of the Army Security Control Line. I was informed by Major Mighall that all such requests must go to DDCAO, 15th Army Group.

Conferred with Major Olivier, Commissariato, concerning issues of clothing and equipment. We also discussed the dispatch of trucks to the mainland to return clothing & equipment when our latest indents are approved.

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In the afternoon conferred with Major Long on various matters getting myself into the Sicilian picture again. Conferred with Major Olivier, charge of clothing under the ITI Director of Commissary re the collection of clothing at Naples. He was instructed to arrange for motor transportation, without delay, and proceed to Naples to collect same and to advise this office the amount of POL necessary for the return trip which we would arrange for at Naples.

e. Thursday 8 March. On the first of April the hotel, where our officers live and mess, operated by AG will close.

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e. Thursday 8 March (continued)

likewise the AC enlisted unit's mess will be discontinued. I contacted Commander Hoffman, Ex. Offr., Naval Operating Base at Palermo, for messing and quarters accommodations for both officers and EM. He gave me a favorable opinion but would have to consult Capt. Nichols the C.O. for a final decision. The NOB here at Palermo have always cooperated with this small unit and provided us with many necessities to add to our comfort and make it easier to carry out our duties.

A 'US-ITI' officer here from mainland on leave applied for an extension, claiming he was ill. Advised him that this office had no authority to extend his leave and if he were ill to get a doctors certificate concerning same, presenting it to his unit on return.

Conferred with General Branca, C.G. CC.RR Brigade, re organization and function of the Montegranero Bn., which recently came to Sicily. It is organized into two mobile bns. under command of Lt.Col. Tolmane the former Bn. Comdr. One bn. located at Palermo and the other at Catania. Each bn. is composed of two (2) companies of the former bn. and one company of CC.RR attached, commanded by CCRR officers. The Palermo Bn. is commanded by Col Tolmane and the Catania Bn. is commanded by an Alpini Major. The Palermo and Catania Legion Hq. CCRR control each Bn. respectively for operations. I instructed him, General Branca, to allow the original Bn. to keep its identity and not to be broken up into smaller units, to which he agreed. He advised me that only 19 of the 24 vehicles sent here to mobilize two battalions had been received. I told him I would investigate the matter. He stated there had been no serious trouble in Sicily since January, but the CCRR were on the alert to quell riots as they may arise. Am of the opinion that the two mobile Bns. are not properly located geographically in Sicily to operate quickly against disturbances, and when we are provided with their station list will take the matter up with General Branca, in recommendation form only.

Lt. Snider inspected the Distribution Depot at Palermo. (see owl Report No. 35)

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Afternoon - sick in quarters.

Lt. Snider inspected the 6th I.S. Regt. at Palermo. (See Report No. 35)

g. Saturday 10 March. Lt. Col. Albert sick in quarters. Major Long called on Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq., and discussed the redistribution of Motor

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g. Saturday 10 March. (continued)

Transportation and organization of Motor Transport Companies under the new Tables of Organization. This reorganization is to be carried out immediately and orders are now being prepared. Surplus transportation and Motor Transport personnel will be centered in Palermo upon completion of the reorganization.

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