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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

US ARMY

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17 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 56, 57, 58 and 59.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 18 August 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Major Edwards.
- c. Conferences: Routine
- d. Inspections: None.

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: Major Edwards has been working out of my office and is reporting direct to you on the vehicle situation. Tires seem to be the principle difficulty but we expect to improve the situation a trifle when 5th Army releases a stockpile of miscellaneous sized tires to us in a few days. AMG is now taking possession of the civilian vehicles and it seems to me our greatest concern is to see to it that the Italian Army gets tires ahead of civilians. An AMG officer told me the other day that he thought if the civilians had automobiles with tires that there wouldn't be any labor or domestic troubles this Winter and we wouldn't need an Italian Army. I hit the roof.

b. Redeployment of US-ITIS: This detail is nearly finished and ahead of the schedule 5th Army had set by days for they are now the ones who are delaying the proceedings. Attached as Appendix "A" is a status report on the redeployment to date:

Schedule "A", Appendix "A"	- Units redeployed - 182 officers - 8107 EM.
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" " " "C"	- Units being prepared for shipment - 90 officers - 1849 EM.
" " " "D"	- Units to be transferred to ITI-III status in location - 121 officers - 923 EM.
" " " "E"	- Units still engaged in operation - 50 officers - 1203 EM.

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c. Disposal of Italian Army Animals: The 4000 mules have been disposed of from the Italian Remount Depot at San Martino in Spino with the exception of a few which belong to the Territorial HQ #6 at Bologna. The schedule follows:

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80	Milan		
60	Eclzano		
80	Udine		
80	Turin		
50	Genoa		
54	Bologna		
332	Fara Sabina		
140	Grosseto		
60	Florence		
110	Rome		
140	Naples		
250	Palermo		
Total	3945		

Some difficulty was experienced in locating enough water buckets for the mules on the trains. At the time the equipment of the Pack Mule Units were turned in, sufficient buckets were turned over to the Italian depots but we had difficulty locating them again, or the Italians didn't want to tell us where they were. Guess they thought that if they said they didn't have any, we would have to issue American buckets and they would be that much ahead. Their theory worked for we finally did have to use some from CEM stocks and some from American stocks to make up the deficiency. For the time the mules were at San Martino in Spino shipping tickets to the Italians were to be made out for the forage the mules ate. The Army QM was to furnish these tickets to me but I haven't received them, so am checking. When I receive the tickets, will forward to you.

d. Italian Rations: Satisfactory. Rations are being drawn from One and Two Districts as directed.

e. Territorial HQs: All functioning.

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Schedule "A"

UNITS REDEPLOYED

Serial No.	UNIT	SHIPPED	OFF	E.M.	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT
2	319 QM Sv Co	4 July	3	110	Vestone	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.
4	322 QM Sv Co	4 July	2	142	Brescia	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.
5	324 QM Sv Co	4 July	3	158	Brescia	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.
7	301 Eng Maint Co	4 July	4	149	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.
8	301 Eng Depot Co	4 July	4	149	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.
9	302 Eng Depot Co	4 July	5	125	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.
	1022 Truck Co (12 EM only)	10 July		12	Vestone	Milan	Truck to Milan.
33	12 Pack Mule Co	12 July	8	252	Castelnuovo	Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.
	5 Pack Mule Co (4th Terr. Gd Co)	14 July	3	206	Castelnuovo	Bolzano	Truck to Bolzano.
	2 Pack Mule Co (6th Terr Gd Co)	15 July	3	200	Sernide	Bolzano	Truck to Bologna.
	1 Pack Mule Co (7th Terr Gd Co)	15 July	3	200	Magnocavallo	Florence	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Florence.
	1 Pack Mule Co. (30 EM only)	15 July		30	Magnocavallo	Costa San Giorgio Barracks; Florence	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Florence.
22	312 QM Sv Co	15 July	2	160	Vestone	Leghorn	Truck to Leghorn.
	1022 Truck Co	18 July	2	44	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli	Truck to Forli.
17	2 Wire Recov Co	21 July	3	85	Lugana	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.
21	320 QM Sv Co	21 July	2	159	Vestone	"	Truck to Campocroce.
13	316 QM Sv Co	21 July	2	134	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.

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UNITS REDEPLOYED

OFF	E.M.	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT	RECEIVING UNIT
3	110	Vestone	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.	2 Pioneer Group
2	142	Brescia	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.	2 Pioneer Group
3	158	Brescia	Bologna	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Bologna.	2 Pioneer Group
4	149	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.	20 CRE
4	149	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.	20 CRE
5	125	Peschiera	Ancona	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Ancona.	20 CRE
	12	Vestone	Milan	Truck to Milan.	Hq 59 Area.
8	252	Castelnuovo	Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Ital Div.
3	206	Castelnuovo	Bolzano	Truck to Bolzano.	Terr Command #4.
3	200	Sernide	Bolzano	Truck to Bologna.	Terr Command #6.
3	200	Magnocavallo	Florence	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Florence.	Terr Command #7.
	30	Magnocavallo	Costa San Giorgio Barracks; Florence	Truck to Poggio-Rusco; rail to Florence.	Hq 230 Div
2	160	Vestone	Leghorn	Truck to Leghorn.	412 Pioneer Regt.
2	44	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli	Truck to Forli.	209 Br Ada Div.
3	85	Lugana	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
2	159	Vestone	"	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
2	134	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.

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19	304 Eng Depot Co	21 July	7	158	Pacengo	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.
20	306 Eng Depot Co	21 July	5	175	Peschiera	"	Truck to Campocroce.
	16 Pack Mule Co						
	120 EM	22 July		120	Quattrocasse	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo
	172 EM	22 July		172	Quattrocasse	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo
	19 Pack Mule Co	22 July		295	Cavo Diversivo	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo
18	303 Eng Depot Co	23 July	7	164	Peschiera	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.
26	1 Wire Recov Co	23 July	2	110	Lugana	72 Nucleo Commando Genio, Caserma Eugenio di Savoia.	Truck to Milan
27	301 QM Sv Co	23 July	2	176	Brescia	Muggio, N of Milan	Truck to Milan
34	152 Sanitary Co (2/3 of Co)	23 July	8	115	Castelnuovo	Milan	Truck to Milan
	317 QM Sv Co	25 July	3	111	Brescia	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.
	13 Pack Mule Co	25 July	7	246	Roversella (F-870023)	"	Truck to Campocroce.
	20 Pack Mule Co	25 July		200	Bondeno	Passo Corese	Rail to Passo Corese.
	" " " "	25 July		50	Bondeno	Passo Corese	Rail to Passo Corese.
	110 Vet Evac Hosp	25 July	2	46	Castelnuovo	Orvieto (F-4659)	Rail to Orvieto.
	130 Vet Evac Hosp	25 July		53	Croci Bianci (N. Verona)	"	Rail to Orvieto.
	211 Vet Evac Hosp	25 July	2	43	Castelnuovo	"	Rail to Orvieto.

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OFF	E.M.	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT	RECEIVING UNIT
7	158	Pacengo	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
5	175	Peschiera	"	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
	120	Quattrocasse	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo	400 Pioneer Regt
	172	Quattrocasse	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo	21 Pack Tpt Gp
	295	Cavo Diversivo	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo	21 Pack Tpt Gp
7	164	Peschiera	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
2	110	Lugana	72 Nucleo Commando Genio, Caserma Eugenio di Savoia.	Truck to Milan	231 Div.
2	176	Brescia	Muggio, N of Milan	Truck to Milan	417 Pioneer Regt, 231 Div.
8	115	Castelnuovo	Milan	Truck to Milan	Milan Territorial Hq.
3	111	Brescia	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
7	246	Roversella (F-870023)	"	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
	200	Bondeno	Passo Corese	Rail to Passo Corese.	1st Fld. Remount Depot.
	50	Bondeno	Passo Corese	Rail to Passo Corese.	1st Vet Hosp Ital Increments.
2	46	Castelnuovo	Orvieto (F-4659)	Rail to Orvieto.	802 Base Remount Depot.
	53	Croci Bianci (N. Verona)	"	Rail to Orvieto.	802 Base Remount Depot.
2	43	Castelnuovo	"	Rail to Orvieto.	802 Base Remount Depot.

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Serial No.	UNIT	SHIPPED	OFF	EM	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT
	303 QM Sv Co	26 July	3	200	Brescia	Turin	Rail to Turin.
	304 QM Sv Co	26 July	3	200	Brescia	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.
32	315 QM Sv Co	26 July	2	142	Vestone	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.
3	321 QM Sv Co	26 July	2	134	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli	Truck to Forli.
	10 Pack Mule Co	26 July	3	347	S. Martino in Spino	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.
	318 QM Sv Co	26 July	2	138	Vestone	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.
23	305 QM Sv Co	27 July	2	195	Brescia	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo.
28	302 QM Sv Co	27 July	3	200	Brescia	Monza (N of Milan)	Truck to Monza.
	20 Pack Mule Gp Hq (11 Off - 15 NCO)	29 July	11	15	Poggio-Rusco	Refugee Camp Hq, via Tripoli #7, Florence	Truck to Florence.
	525 Training Regt. (40 EM)	29 July		40	Modena	" " " "	Truck to Florence.
15	103 Eng (C) Bn Hq	30 July	6	77	Peschiera	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.
	4th Co		5	93			
	5th Co		5	96			
	6th Co		4	98			
	10 Pack Mule Co. (31 EM)	2 Aug.		31	S. Martino in Spino	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.
30	302 Eng Maint Co	6 Aug.	2	73	Peschiera	Royal Castle of Moncalieri, TURIN.	Truck to Turin.
	302 Eng Maint Co	6 Aug.	4	131	Peschiera	Via Dodecanneso, Genoa.	Truck to Genoa.
25	305 Eng Depot Co	6 Aug.	5	114	Peschiera	Fiesole (Near Florence)	Truck to Fiesole.
29	307 QM Sv Co	6 Aug.	1	79	Brescia	Piacenza	Truck to Piacenza.
31	314 QM Sv Co	7 Aug.	2	146	Vestone	502nd Guard Bn, Milan.	Truck to Milan.
	309 QM Sv Co	8 Aug.	2	143	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.

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OFF	EM	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT	RECEIVING UNIT
3	200	Brescia	Turin	Rail to Turin.	Territorial Command #1.
3	200	Brescia	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.	Territorial Command #2.
2	142	Vestone	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.	1 Guard Regt.
2	134	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
3	347	S. Martino in Spino	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.	1st Ital. Guard Regt.
2	138	Vestone	806 Transit Camp, Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
2	195	Brescia	Arezzo	Truck to Arezzo.	400 Pioneer Regt.
3	200	Brescia	Monza (N of Milan)	Truck to Monza.	Hq 417 Regt.
11	15	Poggio-Rusco	Refugee Camp Hq, via Tripoli #7, Florence	Truck to Florence.	ALCOM.
	40	Modena	" " " "	Truck to Florence.	ALCOM.
6	77	Peschiera	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
5	93				
5	96				
4	98				
	31	S. Martino in Spino	Genoa	Rail to Genoa.	1st Ital. Guard Regt.
2	73	Peschiera	Royal Castle of Moncalieri, TURIN.	Truck to Turin.	1st Ambul. Flat.
4	131	Peschiera	Via Dodecanneso, Genoa.	Truck to Genoa.	1st Guard Regt.
5	114	Peschiera	Fiesole (Near Florence)	Truck to Fiesole.	400 Pioneer Regt.
1	79	Brescia	Piacenza	Truck to Piacenza.	Hq, 2nd Bn, 417 Pioneer Regt.
2	146	Vestone	502nd Guard Bn, Milan.	Truck to Milan.	231 Div.
2	143	Vestone	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.

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Schedule "A" (Continued)

UNITS REDEPLOYED

Serial No.	UNIT	SHIPPED	OFF.	E.M.	FROM	TO	TRANSPORT	
	525 Fld Sta Hosp	8 Aug.		15	Fassalta	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	20
	525 Fld Sta Hosp	8 Aug.		35	Fossalta	Costa San Giorgio Barracks, Florence	Truck to Florence.	23
	306 QM Sv. Co.	9 Aug.	3	136	Brescia	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	20
	323 QM Sv. Co.	10 Aug.	3	157	Brescia	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	20
	308 QM Sv. Co.	11 Aug.	4	190	Brescia	805 Transit Camp, Magazzino Commis- sariato, via del Revere, Milan.	Truck to Milan.	23
14	210 Eng (C) Gp Hq	11 Aug.	6	62	Peschiera	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	20
	17 Pack Mule Co (30 EM)	12 Aug.		30	Mirandola	Grossetto	Truck to Grossetto.	T
	17 Pack Mule Co (70 EM)	12 Aug.		70	Mirandola	Fara Sabina	Truck to Fara Sabina	T
	67 QM Gp Hq	13 Aug.	5	90	Brescia	Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.	2
	548 QM Gp Hq	13 Aug.		50	Vestone	Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.	2
	865 Fld Sta Hosp	14 Aug.	2	28	Sandra	Orvieto (F-4659)	Truck to Orvieto.	8
		<u>TOTALS - - -</u>		182	8107			

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		15	Fassalta	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
		35	Fossalta	Costa San Giorgio Barracks, Florence	Truck to Florence.	230 Div.
	3	136	Brescia	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
Ag.	3	157	Brescia	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
Ag.	4	190	Brescia	805 Transit Camp, Magazzino Comis- sariato, via del Revere, Milan.	Truck to Milan.	231 Div.
Ag.	6	62	Feschiera	ITI Transit Camp, Forli.	Truck to Forli.	209 Div.
Ag.		30	Mirandola	Grossetto	Truck to Grossetto.	Territorial Hqs.
Ag.		70	Mirandola	Fara Sabina	Truck to Fara Sabina	Territorial Hqs.
Ag.	5	90	Brescia	Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
Ag.		50	Vestone	Campocroce.	Truck to Campocroce.	228 Div.
Ag.	2	28	Sandra	Orvieto (F-4659)	Truck to Orvieto.	802 BRD.

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SCHEDULE "B"

UNITS DISBANDED OR
TO BE DISBANDED.

210 Division Band
210 Engineer Topo Platoon
301 QM Battalion Hq
302 QM Battalion Hq
303 QM Battalion Hq
304 QM Battalion Hq
306 QM Battalion Hq
III Pack Mule Battalion Hq
V Pack Mule Battalion Hq
1023 QM Truck Company

Note: This headquarters has been informed by Italian Liaison that above units were absorbed in other similar organizations and these units thereupon disbanded.

20th Pack Mule Group Hq
I Pack Mule Battalion Hq
II Pack Mule Battalion Hq
IV Pack Mule Battalion Hq

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304 QM Battalion Hq

306 QM Battalion Hq

III Pack Mule Battalion Hq

V Pack Mule Battalion Hq

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Schedule "C"

UNITS BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Will Ship</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Transport</u>
* 20th Pack Mule Group				
<u>Class of 1920 and younger</u>				
9th Pack Mule Co (LEGHANO Unit) (233 EM)		Poggio-Rusco (F-729027)	)	To be collected at present location by Combat Group to which assigned.
11th Pack Mule Co (FOLGORE Unit) (233 EM)		Sermide (F-860040)		
15th Pack Mule Co (FRIULI Unit) (233 EM)		Magnacavallo (F-783056)		
17th Pack Mule Co (CREMONA Unit) (233 EM)		Corte Gavello (L-775962)		
18th Pack Mule Co (MANTOVA Unit) (233 EM)		Stellata (L-972983)		
<u>Class of 1921 and over</u>				
11th Pack Mule Co (30 Off, 136 EM)		Sermide (F-860040)		228
15th Pack Mule Co (29 Off, 136 EM)		Magnacavallo (F-783056)		231
17th Pack Mule Co. (23 Off, 221 EM)		Corte Gavello (L-775962)		
152 Sanitary Co (1/3 Co)		Poggio-Rusco	Bologna	Ter
212 Vet Evac Hosp		S. Martino in Spino	Orvieto (F-4659)	802

* NOTE: Pursuant to MMIA's instructions 210th Division has regrouped balance of enlisted men now with 20th Pack assignment in the case of men younger than class of 1921 to one of five Italian Combat Groups and in the class of 1920 to either the 228 or 231 Divisions.

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UNITS BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT

<u>Will Ship</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>		
					<u>OFF</u>	<u>NCO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Poggio-Rusco (F-729027)		)	To be collected at present location by Combat Group to which assigned.	LEGNANO COMBAT GP.	11		222
Sermide (F-860040)				FOIGORE COMBAT GP.	11		222
Magnacavallo (F-783056)				FRIULI COMBAT GP.	11		222
Corte Gavello (L-775962)				CREMONA COMBAT GP.	11		222
Stellata (L-772983)				MANTOVA COMBAT GP.	11		222
Sermide (F-860040)				228 Div.	30	70	136
Magnacavallo (F-783056)				231 Div.	29	79	136
Corte Gavello (L-775962)					23		221
Poggio-Rusco	Bologna			Territorial Hq	4		91
S. Martino in Spino	Orvieto (F-4659)			802 BRD	4		80
<u>TOTALS - - -</u>					<u>90</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1774</u>

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ons 210th Division has regrouped balance of enlisted men now with 20th Pack Mule Group by classes for
n younger than class of 1921 to one of five Italian Combat Groups and in the case of men older than
the 228 or 231 Divisions.

SCHEDULE "D"

UNITS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ITI-
ITI STATUS

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
210 Infantry Division	50	215
210 Ration & Clothing Platoon	6	49
210 Transport Company	9	219
525 Training Regiment	56	440
	<u>TOTAL -</u>	<u>121 923</u>

NOTE: Strengths of the above units are based on strength reports received by this headquarters as of 31 July.

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TOTAL - 121 925

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SCHEDULE "E"

UNITS STILL ENGAGED IN OPERATION

	<u>Off</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>EM</u>
23 Engineer Battalion	-	31	530
305 QM Battalion	-	19	673
<u>Total</u>	-	50	1203

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
14 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers Reports.

TO:

Head Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
APO 464, US Army.

1. Reference your G/31 of 4 June 1945 and CC/1 of 4 July 1945.

2. "G" Points.

a. No encroachment on Italian territory at the present time.

b. None.

c. known.

d. Fifth Army still occupies the PBS corridor between One District and Two Districts. The 34th Division American is in the Trieste area as occupation troops. The Legnano Gruppi is on the Swiss border and the Folgore on the Austrian.

e. None.

f. None.

g. Satisfactory.

h. Non-relevant as to US-ITIS now.

i. No change in attitude since my last report.

j. Yes.

k. Districts and Depots: Practically all organizational Italian equipment or other equipment not needed has been turned in to the various depots and inventories are being completed, as I receive them I will forward to you. On the 1st of August, Two District took over feeding a part of the US-ITIS and One District on the 7th of August took over the rest; the responsibility being determined by geographical location of the units.

l. There are no organized patriot bands operating now.

m. Patriots have officially turned in their arms but as previously stated, the patriots are sufficiently armed to be ready for any political emergency and expect to stay that way.

n. No.

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b. None.

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m. Patriots have officially turned in their arms but as previously stated, the patriots are sufficiently armed to be ready for any political emergency and expect to stay that way.

n. No.

o. Yes, but their duties should be absorbed by the Territorial Headquarters.

p. Morale of the Italian troops working for US and Ministry of War is reasonably satisfactory.

q. Not to my knowledge of that of G-2 Fifth Army.

r. None.

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3. "A" Points.

a. Patriots or Partisans: I never did take any stock in the theories advanced by some that the patriots wanted to enlist in the army, I haven't been surprised at the lack of interest exhibited by the patriots or partisans when someone started talking to them about enlisting in the Italian Army.

b. Transfer of US-ITIS: To date we have transferred 170 officers and 8104 EM to other categories.

c. Co-operators: No information.

d. 8th Army Units: No information.

e. Repatriation: No contact.

f. None.

g. None.

h. They have too much leave already and no trouble now in movement.

i. Military Justice: MIA should establish their own J.A. section to supervise the Italian Army Military Courts Martial system which appears to me not to be functioning properly, if at all. The thousands of courts martial cases now pending should be brought to trial. 100 men got off one train the other day between here and their destination and went AWOL. Such men should be rounded up and put in prison, not just allowed to wander off home. I appreciate that you can't get good military discipline solely from the fear by the troops of prompt and adequate military justice but it would help considerably. An MIA J.A. section could supervise trial of cases, the review of the records and could see that sentences were adequate and uniform. A good functioning J.A. section could no doubt improve discipline in the Italian Army to a considerable extent.

4. "Q" Points.

a. Transport and Tires.

- (1) All Territorial Headquarters are short of transport except Bolzano and Bologna. 5th Army has several thousand tires which should be released for Italian military vehicles instead of civilian vehicles as AMG would like to have them do. Major Edwards, who is with me now, and I will try and get them released to us. If we need help, will signal you.

(2) None.

(3) Major Edwards is still removing Italian military vehicles from 5th Army captured material parks.

- e. Repatriation: no contact.
- f. None.
- g. None.
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(2) None.

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b. Rations.

(1) Adequate.

(2) Adequate.

(3) Not adequate.

(4) Changes are as indicated above.

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c. Clothing and Equipment.

(1) Satisfactory.

(2) None functioning in my immediate area.

(3) None that I know of.

d. Accommodation and Camps.

(1) No additional demands expected from 5th Army.

(2) None.

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Sr. (MIA) IO,
5th Army

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

RCV/jad
21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 54 and 55.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 21 July 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Rose, Capt Temple, Major Edwards.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: None.

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: Under separate cover, Major Edwards who has been working out of here for the past week or 10 days, mailed you a detailed report of the vehicle situation. To date 116 vehicles have been received. It is now proposed to take from AMG the Italian military vehicles they have been using and replace them with German and civilian vehicles. AMG grabbed these vehicles when they first came into the area, painted AMG signs on them and gave them to civilians to use. These are the ones we will next try to recover.

b. Redeployment of US-ITIS: To date 42 officers and 1925 EM have actually moved out of the area. For some time the program was delayed because of the time required for stripping the Italian units of American equipment and conducting shutdown inspections. The Italian officers resented this kind of an inspection but the TSR is insistent that every man leave the area with a good uniform and shoes. The movement is now delayed because of the non-availability of rail transport. 5th Army Transportation is handling the movement. I have repeatedly told them that if it will expedite the movement of any unit, I will ask the receiving unit to send trucks for them. This of course would only apply where movement by trucks is involved since I consider no one can do any more than 5th Army Transportation is doing to expedite the rail movement. A detailed breakdown of the progress to date and date of future movements will be compiled within two days and I will forward copies to all concerned. Had a complaint on the delay in the reception of two units, I answered it yesterday with copy to you. In the future, the TSR is sending American officers on all truck movements to see that men don't have to wait a day and a half before being received.

b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Rose, Capt Temple, Major Edwards.

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c. Disposal of Italian Army Animals: The 1,000 mules for the Italian Army with the exception of the ones which go by rail, are being moved out by truck or marching and should all be cleaned out of the depot by the 23rd. As indicated above, rail movement is stymied at present in this area. No action apparently is being taken by the Agricultural Sub-Commission to move their 500 mules. Request that you check with them as to the reason for the delay. It is probably a deficiency in rail transportation, the same experience we are having.

d. Italian Rations: In accordance with your signals ST/912 of 18 July and 10/22 of 18 July, will indicate to the MFA IOs One District and Two District the names of the units, their relative locations and strengths they will be expected to feed the 1st of August.

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e. Uniforms and Equipment: Satisfactory.

f. Territorial HQs: All functioning.

3. General Interest: 5th Army expects to leave here the 15th of August.

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Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) IO,
5th Army

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
17 July 1945

SUBJECT: IMIA Liaison Officer Reports.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (IMIA)
APO 394, US Army

1. Reference your G/31 of 4 June 1945 and CC/1 of 4 July 1945.

2. "G" Points.

a. No encroachment on Italian territory at the present time.

b. None

c. The territory formerly occupied by the French and described in my IO report on the 3rd of July has now been taken over by AMG. It is thought however, that the French will claim a part of this territory which they occupied, at the time of the Peace Conference for as suggested, the French have not forgotten the "stab in the back" which they received from the Italians. The French object to the use of the Carabineiri by AMG for they say that although the Carabineiri deals only with civilians in its police duties, they are part of the Italian Army, and their presence is equivalent to a military occupation.

d. 4th Corps American released its area to Two District on 16th of this month. Fifth Army will occupy the PES corridor between One District and Two District until August 15th at which time it will move South of the Appennines. The 34th Division American is moving to the Trieste area as occupation troops. The Legnano Gruppi is on the Swiss and German border and the Folgore on the Austrian.

e. Fifth Army will leave no Italian troops behind.

f. None.

g. Satisfactory.

h. Non-relevant as to US-ITIS now.

i. No change in attitude since my last report.

j. Yes.

k. Districts are in position. The Italian equipment from the US-ITTI units is being turned into the Italian depots at Modena and Verona, Medical stores will go to Florence and Milan as you directed. Have requested inventories of the material and equipment turned in. Am advised that the Food

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j. Yes.

k. Districts are in position. The Italian equipment from the US-ITIS units is being turned into the Italian depots at Modena and Verona, Medical stores will go to Florence and Milan as you directed. Have requested inventories of the material and equipment turned in. Am advised that the Food depot at Verona or Bologna will not be ready to function by August 1st but the Italian troops in 5th Army area can be fed by the 210 Division Ration detail from the 210 Division Dump either located at Modena, its present address, or at the proposed Verona depot. Col. Penrose wanted to know the estimated number of rations necessary for Italian troops in this area. I estimated 10,000 and my estimate has not changed although the Italian L.O. with the Army QM estimates 10,362 as shown by a list of units expected to draw rations during August, Col. Rose has a copy of this list. 5th Army has also agreed with Col. Rose to turn over at the end of July for August at least a half of the Allied components of the Italian rations to 210 Division.

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l. There are no organized patriot bands operating now.

m. Patriots have officially turned in their arms but as previously stated, the patriots are sufficiently armed to be ready for any political emergency.

n. No.

o. Yes, but their duties should be absorbed by the Territorial Headquarters.

p. Morale of the Italian troops working for US and Ministry of War is reasonably satisfactory. A lot of unemployment exists among the Italian young men in this area. A good many Allied officers recommend that these men be put in the Italian Army to keep them employed.

q. Not to my knowledge or that of G-2 Fifth Army.

r. None.

3. "Q" Points.

a. Transport.

(1) All Territorial Headquarters are short of transport. Bolzano and Bologna need transport for ammunition disposal.

(2) None.

(3) As a result of an agreement I made with 5th Army, Major Edwards is now removing Italian military vehicles from 5th Army captured material parks. To date he has removed 116 vehicles but expects to get hundreds.

b. Rations.

(1) Adequate.

(2) Adequate.

(3) Not adequate.

(4) None except as explained above.

c. Clothing and Equipment.

(1) Satisfactory.

(2) None functioning in my immediate area.

(3) None except as explained above.

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d. Accommodation and Camps.

(1) No additional demands expected from 5th Army.

(2) None.

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Sr. (MMA) LO,
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

RCV/jad
9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 52 and 53.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMLA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 7 July 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports:
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Capts, The Lord Westbury and Fox, and Majors Martin and Fossett, and Major Fromeman A.C. Agricultural Sub-Comm.
- c. Conferences: In accordance your instructions, I attended a conference at San Martino In Spino, Italian Remount Depot on 3 July and again on 7 July, subject: "Italian Military Mules". See report on meeting below.
- d. Inspections: None.

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The vehicle situation should improve rapidly now for yesterday I made a deal with G-4 Fifth Army whereby Edwards and a representative from Army Ordnance are to go through all the Ordnance Parks for captured vehicles and are to agree on which vehicles are Italian military vehicles and which are not. Nearly all of these vehicles will need some repairs but should have considerable rubber on them since they have been in guarded parks since the time of the armistice. I am to receipt for the Italian military vehicles agreed upon and Edwards is then to move them to repair shops. Have sent out a signal for Edwards to report in here but haven't seen him as yet. Two weeks ago he and I got possession of about 300 tons of parts from 5th Army Ordnance. With these parts and vehicles Edwards should soon put some vehicles on the road. As to the remainder of Italian military vehicles or the runners which are now in use by AMG and for the maintenance of POW, 5th Army says the retention of these is necessary for military purposes and to meet Allied commitments in accordance with the AFHQ directive of 22 June.

b. Redeployment of US-ITIS: Progress has been slower than expected and to date only 21 officers and 833 enlisted men have actually moved out of this area. See my buck slip to you of 6 July 1945. Am keeping a chart on this transfer so that I can tell at any time how many serials or units have been ordered out and how many have actually gone.

c. Disposal of Italian Army Animals: On 7 July in accordance with

Majors Martin and Fossett, and Major Froneman A.C. Agricultural Sub-Comm.

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c. Disposal of Italian Army Animals: On 7 July in accordance with your signal Q409 of 3 July and directive Q/18/2 of same date, I went to San Martino In Spino, the old Italian Remount Depot now being run by the 7th Vet Hospital (B), Major Cabban O.C., under AFHQ direction. There I met Major Froneman (B) representing the Agricultural Sub-Commission A.C., Capt. Andreo Bonezzi (I) from Ministry of War, ROME, Col. Giovanni Di Dormizio (I), Vet Director from Territorial HQ #6 at BOLOGNA and Col. Caselli Oreste (I) former C.O. of the Remount Depot at San Martino In Spino, and who is there ready to take over when the depot is vacated by the Allies. There are approximately 4000 mules from the Pack Units which have been processed and 2512 are to go to the British in accordance with the last AFHQ signal FX19095 of 7 July.

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As I understand it, 1000 mules are to go to the Italian Army, and the balance, or about 400 are to go to Agricultural Sub-Commission. Tomorrow Col. Caselli Oreste will receipt for the 1000 mules for the Italian Army and an Italian Lt. Colonel whose name I don't know, will sign shipping tickets for the 500 mules. These mules will remain at the Remount Depot until you order them away which should be at the earliest date possible for 5th Army is concerned about the forage for them. I have suggested to 5th Army QM however, that it will probably take 2 weeks before the mules can reach their ultimate destination and are no longer a 5th Army responsibility for forage. As to the maintenance personnel for these animals, one pack mule company has been left there and men from this unit will accompany the animals to their destination and then as you suggest in your directive cited above, either be absorbed or sent to CESANO. As soon as the shipping tickets for the mules are signed, they will be forwarded to you. After my telephone call to Col. Kerr the other evening relative to the lack of cooperation at the Remount Depot, everything has been running smoothly and we have received 100% cooperation.

d. Uniforms and Equipment: Satisfactory.

e. Territorial HQs: All functioning.

3. General Interest: Visiting firemen are welcome. I am grounded with no transport and no driver. My driver is in the hospital and the C&R in Ordnance.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
3 July 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officer Reports.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
APO 394, US Army

1. Reference your G/31 of 4 June 1945.

2. "G" Points.

a. The only encroachment on Italian territory at the present time is that French troops occupy the high ground from the Colli di Tenda Pass area down to Ventimiglia.

b. Two regiments of French Infantry.

c. Apparent French intentions are to control the high ground or the water shed in order that the Italians won't be looking down on the French again but the French want the commanding territory this time. It is rumored however, that the French will withdraw the 10th of this month and may offer to reimburse Italy for any damage to Italian territory as a result of French occupation. This may pave the way for the French claiming damages as a result of the previous Italian invasion of France and their occupation of French territory.

d. The 34th American Division is assembling at Torino, leaving only the South African division on the Italian-French border. All of this area is under Allied Military Government. There has been some dissension between the French soldiers and the Carabinieri but not of serious proportions. The Legnano Gruppi is on the Swiss and German border and the Folgore on the Austrian.

e. Not Known.

f. None.

g. Satisfactory.

h. Non-relevant as to US-ITIS now.

i. The Italian troops have an unfavorable impression of the Base Depot at Cesano because of unsatisfactory housing conditions and inadequate welfare and training equipment. I appreciate however, this depot is only used by the Combat Groups. Will attempt however, to create generally a better attitude towards CESANO.

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j. Yes.

k. Yes.

l. There are no organized patriot bands operating now.

m. Patriots have officially turned in their arms. Am told of one AMG officer who had the Partisans parade past an arsenal and hand in their arms at the front door and they marched right on around to the back door and drew them out again. The AMG officer reported to his superiors compliance with the AMG directive for disarming the patriots and that all the partisan arms were safely in the arsenal. His AMG chief came down to make an

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inspection and to see the arms. The AMG officers visited the arsenal and to their astonishment and embarrassment found only two old rusty rifles. In addition to the Italian and Allied arms still in the hands of the partisans, it is estimated that there are many German weapons also in unauthorized hands. My conclusion is that the patriots are still sufficiently armed to be ready for any political emergency.

n. No.

o. Yes, but their duties should be absorbed by the Territorial Headquarters.

p. Morale of Italian troops working for US and Ministry of War is reasonably satisfactory. Their main complaint is that classes in the North are not being called up.

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d. Accommodation and Camps.

(1) No additional demands expected from 5th Army.

(2) None.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
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27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 50 and 51.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MELA)
APO 394, US Army.

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1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 23 June 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Major Edwards and Capt. Fox.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: None. *12/20*

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: Yesterday Major Edwards and I obtained from 5th Army Ordnance authority to move and start using the 300 tons of parts in Milano, copies of Freedom signal, buck slip with indorsements and authorization attached as appendices A, B and C. These spares will permit Edwards to start repair on available vehicles. The rest of the spares in the Bolzano area will be turned over later by 5th Army. G-4 has said that as soon as the AFHQ signal FX96701 of 21 June and which you mention in your Q374 of 23 June arrives, they will turn over the Italian military vehicles which are in their parks. Query: Can something be done to expedite the dispatch of this signal by AFHQ? *Q15/10*

b. Redeployment of US-ITIS: Receipt is acknowledged of your signal Q382 of 26 June. Directives by 5th Army along the lines you indicate had already been put out to the 2695 TSS. As indicated to you in the 2d Indorsement of a buck slip on the 23rd of June, same subject, 74 officers and 2980 men are in concentration areas and ready for movement to British units. Believe I can coordinate all necessary movements from present area to destinations. If I get in too much trouble, will send out an SOS. *Q15/10*

c. Captured Enemy Material: Reference your signal Q385 of 26 June. 5th Army appreciates the information contained therein and is taking necessary action immediately to take possession of the material described. *Q5/10*

d. Uniforms and Equipment: Will comply with your signal Q382 of 26 June on the subject.

e. Territorial HQs: All in place and all functioning.

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c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None. *15/10*

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3. General Interest: I still like peacetime soldiering on Lake Garda. Thought the WAC captain was coming up to check on me before the curtain is finally lowered on 5th Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

RCV/jad
9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs #48 and 49.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (HMIA)
APO 394, US Army

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 9 June 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Kerr, Major Edwards, Major Bird, Capt. Pacini.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The situation should improve as soon as the AFHQ directives come out as a result of the Florence conference held on June 4th. In the meantime, no change is expected as far as the release of Italian military vehicles in 5th Army Ordnance parks. Consider however, that a great success was scored when we got 5th Army AMG to put out the directive, copy attached and marked Appendix A. This should help considerably.

b. Italian Accidents with MD Transport: An alarming number of accident reports by MPs go over my desk every week. I forwarded one report to you on the 6th of this month in which an Italian soldier was killed with several thousands of dollars in Allied currency on him. Will comment on that feature in another paragraph. My notion is there are too many accidents, too much reckless driving by Italian soldiers. Every accident report I read indicates to me that the Italian driver was to blame. They drive too fast, lose their heads when an emergency arises, and a good truck is wrecked. I think the worst offenders are the Gruppi who are in this area. I saw coming back from Florence, the 5th of this month, two Dodge British trucks still burning which Italian drivers had put in a ditch within a few hundred yards apart. Such driving isn't sabotaging the war effort over here any more for the war is over but it isn't doing the reconstruction period in Italy any good. More severe disciplinary action should be taken against such offenders by the Italian officers. Of course every wrecked or damaged vehicle should be charged to the Italian government in addition to the driver being punished.

c. Black Market Operations: As I reported above, an Italian soldier involved in a vehicle accident was killed and found to have several thousand dollars on him in Allied currency. He was found to have that amount.

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d. Partisans: AMG is getting them disarmed gradually, and I understand the day to stop feeding them is still set for the 10th of this month. Am told they aren't killing as many every night as formerly. They do some good however, for am told they found the notorious "Sally" and have started her off to the States to be tried for treason.

e. Italian Rations: Told the IV Corps QM that great numbers of Italian officers from the Gruppi and other various units in this area were eating American rations in the transit and AMG hotels in Milano instead of eating the Italian military rations they should. Col. Rose didn't like the transit camp idea we had last winter in Florence but at that you got the rations on an ST/3, this way you get nothing.

f. Italian Medical Supplies and Equipment: The supplies and the equipment from the Pharmaceutical Institute at Florence are still under guard and not released to the Italian Army. When the directive comes out from the Florence conference, we should be able to make some progress. Col. Heggie stated he needed 60 ambulances. Since there are many Italian military ambulances in the Ordnance Parks, the 60 can no doubt be obtained when all are finally released.

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j. Replacements: None needed. The last Status Report showed 749 officers and 17875 EM.

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Appendix 2

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464, U.S. ARMY

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1st June 1945

SUBJECT: Return of Italian Military Material

TO : See Distribution.

1. It is considered necessary that steps be taken to ensure that equipment of all kinds formerly the property of the Italian Army, which is now in the hands of unauthorised civilians, be returned to the proper military authorities as soon as possible.

2. You should therefore direct the Acting Prefects in every province to publish an order calling upon the public to declare all Italian Army property now in their possession to the Prefettura within 14 days of the posting of the notice, and stating that after the time limit set for the declaration any persons found in possession of material which has not been declared will be prosecuted according to the Italian law.

The order will be applied to Partisans as well as to other civilians.

3. Declarations of Italian Army property will be sent from the Prefettura to Recovery Commission #21, care of the 210 Italian Infantry Division, HQ Fifth Army, who will arrange in due course for the collection of material.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HUME:

DISTRIBUTION:

S.C.A.O.'s II Corps, IV Corps.
R.C.'s. Lombardia, Piemonte
Liguria, Venezia, Emilia.
P.C.'s Verona, Trento, Bolzano, Vicenza,
Belluno.
Copy to: MMIA LO, G-4, Fifth Army.
Recovery Commission #21

ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, JR
Colonel, C.A.C.,
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

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29 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log #47.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
APO 394, US Army

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the week ending 26 May 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Major Edwards, MMIA-REMER, just reported in accordance with your signal Q283 of 25 May.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The situation as I see it is still unsatisfactory. 5th Army Commander has not released the Italian military vehicles in the American Ordnance parks. He has ordered the signs taken down which Major Edwards put on the 750 tons of spare parts from Piacenza at Laives and S. Candino and G-4 Supply has released some of the spares for repair of the Italian vehicles. Instead of 15 trucks which I reported to you the Army Commander had ordered released to General Cerica HQ #6, it was 24 which have been delivered. They were all Italian military trucks. Reference your Q270 of 13 May, copy attached as Appendix A, I attempted to send you a signal in answer thereto, see copy attached as Appendix B, but G-4 Executive wouldn't approve it going out and sent it back to me with the following comment on a buck slip. "Cannot approve dispatch of attached cable since no difficulty exists. We will release Italian Army vehicles when conclusively identified as such by proper authority." Under date of the 20th of May 1945, 5th Army did send a signal to 15 Army Group, see copy attached as Appendix C. The confusion all started as I see it when AFHQ sent their signal FX75707 of the 15th of May, see copy attached as Appendix D, in which they mention Italian civilian and military vehicles all in the same paragraph. Now 5th Army won't release any vehicles or stores unless the Allied Commission, see Appendix C, proves "accurate proof of ownership or illegal requisitioning". That may be all right as far as civilian vehicles are concerned but my contention is that the Allied Commission doesn't have anything to do with Italian military vehicles. Major Edwards who lived in this very country for years speaks the language, is a REMS expert, says that he can get into the cab of an Italian truck and if it has Regio Esercito on the dial of the instrument board, that is an Italian military truck no matter how many times it has been painted or

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The conclusion is that 5th Army won't release any trucks, stores or equipment until AFHQ tells them to do so in unequivocal language. In the meantime, the Recovery Commissions are busy collecting the Italian material in the hands of civilians and partisans where possible. Have thought perhaps some of the Italian officers might get shot by the partisans when they asked them for their trucks but haven't heard of any casualties yet.

b. Partisans and Rations: Am advised that an attempt is going to be made to disarm the patriots around Milano and Torino on the 7th of June. I think it is time to close the "hunting season" for the partisans on the poor civilians who were or are unfortunate enough not to own a red scarf. Most of these partisans were never partisans until the day after the Allies came in and it became legal for them to carry a gun and go hunting for their enemies. Of course I think Italian military rations we feed them has contributed to their "patriotism". Col. Troy, QM Class I officer, says he has orders to feed partisans until the 10th of June. My notion of the Patriot situation is that the medicine prescribed is fast becoming worse than the disease.

c. Italian Medical Supplies: G-4 is so apprehensive about Italian material that they wouldn't approve the attached copy of a signal marked Appendix E which I prepared for dispatch to you. It is all right for Col. Haggie to come up here but again a lawyer here is afraid that MMIA would say that my reference to Italian medical stores ~~that~~ is an admission against interest and might be binding on the Army. I deliberately hadn't referred to Italian Military Medical supplies for I knew that would raise a controversy. In any event, it is fortunate that we still have weekly liaison logs which are uncensored in order that I may report my own impressions.

d. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory.

e. Replacements: No problem.

f. Italian Military Hospitals: Am advised that 59 Area wants to use the Italian Military Hospital at Milano as a British hospital. I don't think it should be done.

g. Territorial HQ: All Territorial HQs are now at their proper stations. At Torino and Milano the last information I had was that they couldn't function and weren't in uniform because of the partisan situation.

3. General Interest: As a result of a long conference which I just had with Edwards, I think he should go to Rome as soon as possible, make a detailed personal report on vehicles and other information which he has obtained and then come back to Milano and be on the ground ready to start functioning if the vehicle situation improves.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

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22 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log #46.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the week ending 19 May 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Majors Edwards and Austin, REME-MMIA.
- c. Conferences: Routine
- d. Inspections: None

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c. Partisan Rations: 350 partisans are being rationed at Florence, 1,000 at Pescia and 1300 at Bologna. I don't know how many at Milano and Torino because they aren't drawing the Italian components of the ration from the 210 Division. Have told Apostoli, the Italian L.O. with 5th Army QM, to cut them off and to be sure he feeds none over 30 days.

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d. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-Itis are concerned. Now satisfactory as to Guard Battalions.

e. Replacements: No problem is involved now.

f. Italian Military Hospitals: As explained above, the Milano hospital has not been screened or rationed. The Brescia hospital is functioning and casualties from the Gruppi are being evacuated there and to the hospitals near Verona. The Bergamo hospital has not been opened because space is not available and the hospital is not needed now.

g. Territorial HQ: All Territorial HQs are now at their proper stations except Territorial HQ #4 for Bolzano which will go forward in a few days. In some cases they can't function and aren't in uniform because of the partisan situation. At Bolzano the Germans were in command the last I knew.

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12 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 42,43,44,45.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MIA)
APO 394, US Army

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities based upon my own observations and opinions and not those of the 5th Army Commander for the weeks ending 12 May 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Floyd L. Simmons, Major Edwards.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: None

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: Recovery Commission #21 is now located in the Verona area and should have assisting them another commission with adequate personnel. Dependable civilian guards are not now available for guarding Italian Dumps. I have asked 5th Army to approve 210 Division using some of its men for guards. To date 17 vehicles have been recovered. Major Edwards, MIA REME, is here in connection with the same program and we have had a conference with Major Krisl GEMS and Col. Detweiler Ordnance, 5th Army, in connection with securing possession of Italian military vehicles in 5th Army Ordnance parks. In the meantime, the Army Commander has directed that all German transportation and most Italian transport be used to feed the Germans in this area. Major Edwards is opening workshops in Bologna. It is my opinion that he should be instructed to remain in this area until this program is well under way or at least for several months. Have requested AMG to instruct partisans and civilians to turn in Italian military transport to the Italian Army at the same time they turn in their arms. I suggest that A.C. should put out a similar directive. Agree with Col. Howard's signal to you of 8 May 1945, copy to me. If Major Edwards remains in this area, that is the answer.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-It is are concerned. Unsatisfactory as to Guard Battalions. I can't seem to get the C.O. Guard Bns to make out his requisitions properly.

c. Replacements: Arriving daily but no problem is involved now.

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e. Italian Military Hospitals: In consultation with the Italian Surgeon Milano, the ADMS Br Iner, Italian L.O. 5th Army Surgeon, have authorized Italian Military Hospitals in Bergamo, Brescia and Milano. See buck slips, copies to you on this subject.

f. Territorial HQ: In this area these HQs have all been approved by 5th Army or 15th Army Group and have moved or are now moving to their designated areas.

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2. Pack Mule Units: Sent you a buck slip on this subject. As soon as you can tell me how they will be employed, it will be appreciated.

3. General Interest: My G-2 reported that Col. Kerr is going to pay us a visit. Hope this is true. We are living under canvas but may move into a hotel on Lake Garda in a few days. Believe he would enjoy his stay and it would certainly be for the good of the service.

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18 April 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 38,39,40 and 41.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (LMIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities based upon my own observations and opinions and not those of the 5th Army Commander for the weeks ending 14 April 1945:

a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures: Lt. Col. Geo. Shipley, Capt. Geoffrey Fox, Lt. Col. Rose, Capt. Clark, Majors Papineau and Edwards. Capt. Thropp reported to British Increment as LMIA LO and Capt. Castner reported to this area as LMIA LO in charge of repair program in this area. For the present, his address will be c/o G-4 Rear Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army.

c. Conferences: Routine

d. Inspections: None

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Vehicles: Under date of 9 April 1945, I forwarded a report to you on the number of vehicles recovered. Have asked the Recovery Commission #21 for a report on the disposition made of all vehicles collected and as soon as it is received, will forward it to you. The #1 Repair Unit has arrived and is being set up at 163 Via Faetena, Florence. All inefficient vehicles will be turned over to them. The new AFHQ Circular Number 5 of 11 April 1945 will be beneficial in getting Italian Military vehicles out of the hands of unauthorized users. Two Italian officers are alerted to move into Bologna with 5th Army's representatives as soon as it is taken. They will catalogue all available Italian property and advise Col. Elam, 5th Army on its use. Am advised there is a large plant there which manufactured Italian Military vehicles prior to the war and may be of use to the Italian Army and it may contain some vehicles or some parts.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-
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b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-It is are concerned.

c. Replacements: None. We are still overstrength.

d. Italian Patriot Ration Situation: Have received latest directives from AFHQ. I can't get AMG to report regularly on the number of men they have or have had in their camps but they still draw rations at the dumps.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

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22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 35, 36 and 37.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MMA)
APO 394, US ARMY.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities based upon my own observations and opinions and not those of the 5th Army Commander for the weeks ending 17 March 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Gen. Browning, Capt Chayter, Col Noakes, Lt. Col Rose, Capt Clark, Majors Papineau and Edwards.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: None.

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a. Italian Vehicles: The Recovery Commission No. 21, formerly 7th Cerasetti Detachment, is slowly collecting the vehicles in this area. All opposition from AMG officers has practically stopped since they have become more familiar with the general policy. Majors Papineau and Edwards have located a Number One medium repair shop at 163 Via Faentina, Florence. It is expected that the trucks collected in this area will be sufficient to meet the vehicle strength authorized for Territorial HQ #7.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-Itis are concerned.

c. Replacements: For 210 Division, 1000 arrived on 18 March and 1000 more are expected on the 23rd.

d. Italian Patriot Ration Situation: Forwarded a buck slip covering the latest developments on 18 March 1945.

e. Italian Patriot Enrollment: No change.

f. Dossier of Italian Officers: Reference your TS/1/123 of 1 January 1945. Not completed.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

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