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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
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FLORENCE APO 650 US ARMY

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31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Headquarters Liaison Log # 1

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

1. The following is a brief resume of my liaison activities at this station from 1 September, date of arrival here, to 31 October 1945:

- a. For Italian Units rationed in this area, their assigned actual and ration strengths are attached as appendices 'A' and 'B'.
- b. Arrivals and departures: Colonel Kerr, Lt. Col. Rose, Majors J.L. Stainton, W.L. Medlam, D.S.L. Gregson, S.P. Archer, Captains Ira Fordyce and J.J. Ward.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: Scandicci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp.

2. Events:

a. Scandicci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp: In accordance with G/6, on the 20th of September, the administration of the Camp was turned over to Terr. HQ. # 7 and I was made responsible for the items of American equipment located there and for securing the American components of the ration to be consumed at the camp. Most of the deficiencies listed in an inspection report forwarded to you under date of 21 September 1945 have been corrected. Present reports indicate the girls there are reasonably happy and comfortable considering everything. Most of them are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the screening agency which passes on the question of their discharges from the camp and five are awaiting the arrival of the stork.

b. Laterina Camp: The move of the Fascist Prisoners from Coltano to Laterina has practically been completed. The ration strength at the Laterina Camp is now 1690. Will have daily strength returns made to this office and in accordance with Colonel Kerr's verbal instructions will supervise the withdrawal of the American components of the rations for this camp from the dump, 5L-52, located at P.B.S.

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c. Transfer of 21 Pack Mule Group: In accordance with your signal Q 664 of 24 October 1945 I went to Arezzo on the 26th of October and participated in the transfer of the mules and equipment to the Italian Army. Some of the Vet equipment located here in Florence has not been received by the Italians but arrangements have been made for its delivery. The remainder of the mules located in the Bologna area will, I am advised, be transferred at a later date. Am in touch with the officers who are making the transfer.

d. Ufficio Servizi which has control of vehicles attached to the Terr. HQ. # 7, the issue of P.O.L. to assigned units has been principally employed in the transfer of the Fascist Prisoners from Coltano to Laterina and the unloading of 200 rail cars which are arriving at the rate of 8 per day. It has been requested that all freight cars should be consigned to the Rifredi yards and not the Campo di Marte yards here in Florence. It is much more convenient to off-load from the Rifredi yards.

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e. Commissariato is responsible for the supply of units located in this Terr. HQ. area for food and clothing, the repair of clothing and equipment and the purchase of food and forage from civilian sources. During this period reported on there have been no unusual events and the duties routine but at that it appears to me that they have not been particularly careful to issue rations only to properly designated units upon a proper strength return. See copy of Lt. Apostoli's letter to the Terr. HQ. marked as Appendix 'C'. He checks the ST/8 Forms for rations issued. Lt. Apostoli reports that the personnel in the office of the Commissariato have not been cooperative in furnishing him the information he has wanted from time to time, and do not have a definite notion as to who is being fed and from what depot. In accordance with a request from Captain O'Donnel, MIA LO 3 District, am furnishing him with a copy of the ration strengths of the units referred to above as appendices 'A' and 'B' but as yet don't know from what depots these units are drawing rations.

f. Vehicle Directorate and Recovery Section which supervises the repair and collection of vehicles in this area has been particularly active and is at present taking possession of the 400 German vehicles being turned over to the Italian Army from PBS. It is considered advisable now to move a platoon of the 7th Vehicle Repair Workshop from Florence to Sesto Fiorentino and not Pontederra as was originally suggested because better quarters and accommodations can be found at Sesto Fiorentino. Your signal SD 3033 refers. Will keep Major Myles informed as to out-come.

g. Genio Militare, one of whose duties is the repair and maintenance of Italian Military properties, are at present engaged in the repair of the following buildings:

(1) Florence:

- (a) Palazzo S. Caterina, almost completed and is to be the new location of the Italian Terr. HQ.
- (b) Military Hospital San Gallo.
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- (d) Sandicci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp almost completed.

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h. Sanitation Director whose duties among other things is the supervision of the Military Hospitals, has closed the Calci Convalescent Hospital and the equipment moved to Lucca. The field hospital facilities at Coltano have been turned over to Italian Medical authorities by the Allied Authorities. Medical facilities have been set up for the Laterina Camp and for the Scandicci Girls Camp. Am assured by the Italian Medical Section that the 576 and 866 Field Hospitals consisting of 60 officers and men have finally been deactivated and the men sent out as replacements. Colonel Ferri Guido, Commanding Officer of the Military Medical School is here in Florence and is ready to reopen the school as per your orders as soon as the Italian Terr. HQ. which now occupies the school buildings located at 5 Via Venezia move into the Palazzo San Caterina.

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i. Salvage and Repair Depot is engaged in the cleaning, renovation and repair of clothing for the Italian troops. Repaired clothing is forwarded to the Clothing Distribution Depot while the salvage is delivered thru A.C. to Istituto Commercio Esero (ICE).

j. National Geographical Institute whose duties are to supply military maps to the Italian Army and authorized civilian agencies have been able to meet all requirements of the AFHQ Map Section and Italian demands although it has only recently recovered the machinery and equipment which was removed from Florence to the Bolzano area by the Germans.

k. Mine and Bomb Clearance: For this work the 7th Terr. HQ. area has been designated as the 5th Zone and that has been subdivided into 4 subzones:

- (1) Florence area of S. Miniato, Tavernelle, Rifredi and Grassina.
- (2) Pisa area of Castiglioncello, Calafuria, Rosignano, Colle Salvetti, Forte dei Marmi, Ripacerreta, Galliciano, Pietrassanta, Cinquale, Calenzano, Miliano.
- (3) Siena area of Chiusi, Montepulciano, S. Stefano, S. Sepolcro, Massa Marittima, Monterotundo.
- (4) Apuania area of La Spezia is being formed.

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3. General Interest: My office is located at Piazza Stazioni # 1, telephone 1629. My villa Primavera is located at Piazza Galileo # 4, on the south side of the river, telephone 1356. Visiting firemen are of course welcome.

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Appendix A - BR-171

6 Sep - 20 Sep 45

- Lead
- ① 737 Italian GT Co. Authorized etc quoted as 100. Contact etc 387
 - ② 1768 Bishop (Lt. Col) " " " 70 " " 49
 - ③ 110 400 Power Regt (disbanded) " " " 210 " " 36
 - ④ Royal Navy Centre - Florence - no trace

Appendix H - 171-171

6 Sep - 20 Sep 45

- ① 5 Ser. Lipari Directorate. Authorized etc quoted as 100. Contact etc 6
- ② 11010. Tel. Park " " " 30 " " 21
- ③ 7 Supply Coy " " " 220 " " 20
- ④ 7 Medical Co. 'San Gallo' - No trace
- ⑤ A.F. Camion. Florence - No trace
- ⑥ Military Dist - 171220. Authorized etc quoted as 20. Contact etc 4

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6 Oct - 20 Oct 45

- ① 1768 Bishop (Lt. Col) Authorized etc quoted as 70. Contact etc 49
- ② 110 400 Power Regt (disbanded) " " " 60 " " 36
- ③ 26 Engineer Coy " " " 266 " " 236
- ④ 108 Div - no trace
- ⑤ Royal Italian Navy - Florence - no trace

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6 Oct - 20 Oct 45

- ① Supply Unit - cannot identify etc
- ② Military Hospital 'San Gallo' - no trace

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<u>US-ITI UNITS</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED STRENGTH</u>	<u>ATTACHED STRENGTH CATEGORY</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>TOTAL AUTHOR. STRENGTH</u>	<u>DAILY RATIONS WITHDRAWLS</u>
1. 28 Service Bn., 111 Pnr. Co. ✓	US-ITI	220	US-ITI	**	220	188
2. 9 Group, V Police Bn. 20 Co. ✓	US-ITI	156	US-ITI	**	156	130
					Total	318

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<u>RY</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u> <u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>ATTACHED STRENGTH</u> <u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>AUTHOR.</u> <u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>DAILY</u> <u>RATIONS</u> <u>WITHDRAWLS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
	220	US-ITI	**	220	188	
	156	US-ITI	**	156	130	<i>Now disbanded.</i>
				Total	318	

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1. 417 Pnr Regt 306 Pnr Coy ✓	BR-ITI	218	BR-ITI	218	150
2. 1005 Drivers Co <i>1005 Gen Tpt Coy Lippa</i>	"	410 <i>405</i>	"	410	320
4. 757 Italian Coy, Genl Trans	"	400 <i>387</i>	"	400	380
5. 2nd Engr Coy ✓	"	231	"	231	163
6. 14 Pack Tpt Coy ✓	"	494	"	494	420
7. 1768 Ex-Cooperators Unit <i>Whitelys 16</i>	"	70 <i>49</i>	"	70	70
8. 410 Pioneer, 252 Battery ✓	"	214	"	214	214
9. 21 Pack Tpt Coy ✓	"	35	"	35	35
21. 417 Pioneer Regt, 304 Coy ✓	"	214	"	278	160
22. 400 Pioneer Regt - Command	"	210 <i>36</i>	"	210	50
23. 413 Pioneer Regt, 225 Comp	"	148 ✓	"	148	130
24. 576 Evac Hospital ✓ <i>233</i>	"	75	"	75	75
25. 872 Graves Concentration P.T. ✓	"	30	"	30	28
26. 105 DID	"	6	"	6	2
27. 505 Italian Line Section ✓	"	90	"	90	13
28. 511 Italian Line Section					
42. 250 Pack Tpt Coy ✓	"	385	"	415	415
43. 7 Pack Tpt Coy ✓	"	400	"	400	400
44. 3 Pack Tpt Coy ✓	"	495	"	425	380
45. 23 Engr Coy ✓	"	236	"	236	170
47. 230 Division - Command ✓	"	140	"	140	135
48. 866 Evac Hospital ✓	"	90	"	85	81
49. 26 Engr Coy ✓	"	236	"	236	210
63. CC.RR Coy Pistoia ✓	"	120	"	120	121
64. " " Montecatini ✓	"	106	"	106	106
65. CC.RR Central School - Florence ✓	"	184	"	510	414
66. Internal CC.RR Coy - Arezzo ✓	"	158	"	159	159
67. External " " " ✓	"	154	"	154	154

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CATEGORY	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	ATTACHED CATEGORY	STRENGTH No.	TOTAL AUTHOR. STRENGTH	DAILY RATIONS WITHDRAWALS	NOTES
ITI	218	BR-ITI		218	150	Now distended.
"	410 405	"		410	320	
"	400 387	"		400	380	
"	231	"		231	163	Now distended
"	494	"		494	420	
"	70 49	"		70	70	Now distended. Like WE was 49
"	214	"		214	214	Now distended.
"	35	"		35	35	
"	214	"		278	160	Now distended.
"	210 36	"		210	50	Now distended, but 14g WE was 36
"	148	"		148	130	
"	75	"		75	75	Now distended
"	30	"		30	28	
"	6	"		6	2	
"	90	"		90	13	
"	385	"		415	415	
"	400	"		400	400	
"	495	"		425	380	
"	236	"		236	170	
"	140	"		140	135	
"	90	"		85	81	Now distended
"	236	"		236	210	
"	120	"		120	121	
"	106	"		106	106	
"	184	"	326	510	414	
"	158	"	1	159	159	
"	154	"		154	154	

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BR-UNITS	CATEGORY	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	ATTACHED STRENGTH CATEGORY	No.	TOTAL AUTHOR. STRENGTH
69. CC.RR Command ✓	BR-ITI	98	BR-ITI		98
70. CC.RR Florence ✓	"	178	"		178
71. CC.RR Coy Prato ✓	"	129	"		167
72. External Coy CC.RR Florence ✓	"	158	"		158
73. Mobil Btn CC.RR Florence ✓	"	363	"		364
74. Internal Coy CC.RR Siena ✓	"	182	"		183
75. External Coy CC.RR Siena ✓	"	95	"		95
76. CC.RR Coy Montepulciano ✓	"	104	"		104
77. External Coy 2 CC.RR Florence ✓	"	129	"	1	130
81. Royal Navy Center - Florence ✓	"	55	"		55

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98	BR-ITI		98	112	
178	"		178	178	
129	"		167	167	
158	"		158	158	
363	"		364	364	
182	"		183	183	
95	"		95	95	
104	"		104	104	
129	"	1	130	130	
55	"		55	72	No trace
			Total	6918	

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10. Military Dist	ITI-ITI	-	ITI-ITI		-	
11. 5 Terr. Repair Directorate	"	100 6	"		100	
12. 513 Guard Bn 1st Coy ✓	"	194	"		194	
13. Military Dist. Prisoners Cen. ✓	"	66	"		66	
14. Military Hospital "Monteoliveto" ✓	"	60	"	121	181	
15. 1182 Ambulance Section ✓	"	31	"		31	
16. 107 Signale Terr Coy ✓	"	97	"		97	
17. 107 Engineer Coy ✓	"	103	"		103	
18. 76 Infantry Regt. Carriers.	"	260	"		260	
19. 511 Guard Bn Command	"	33	"		33	
20. 410 Italian Pioneer Command ✓	"	37	"	48	85	
21. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	"		"			
28. 511 Guard Bn IV Coy ✓	"	150	"		150	
29. 522 Guard Bn IV Coy Command ✓	"	115	"		115	
30. " " " Fix point No. 1 ✓	"	21	"		21	
31. " " " " " " 2 ✓	"	9	"		9	
32. " " " " " " 3 ✓	"	13	"		13	
33. " " " " " " 4 ✓	"	13	"		13	
34. Military Dist Florence ✓	"	6	"		6	
35. 4 Efficient Vehicle Park	"	30 21	"		30	
36. 7 Supply Coy	"	224 20	"		224	
37. 515 Guard Bn 5 coy	"	(	"			
38. " " " 7 coy	"	(1036	"		1036	
39. " " Command	"	(	"			
40. 535 Special Guard Coy	"	(	"			
41. 521 Evac Hospital	"	51	"		51	
50. Inspectorate Artillery Florence ✓	"	19	"	6	27	
51. 46 Terr Depot (84 Infantry) ✓	"	5	"		5	
52. 48 " " (3 Artillery) ✓	"	5	"		5	
53. Terr HQ Command - Florence ✓	"	80	"	103	183	
54. Military Hospital "San Gallo" ✓	"	(766	"		(766	
55. 7 Medical Section "San Gallo" ✓	"	(	"			
56. 7 Administrative Trans Coy ✓	"	120	"		120	
57. R.E. Staf. Medical Coy Florence ✓	"	34	"		34	
58. A.F. Garrison - Florence - NY ✓	"	137	"		137	
59. 513 Guard Bn HQ ✓	"	254	"	56	310	

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100 6	ITI-ITI	-	-	
194	"	100	45	
66	"	194	105	
60	"	66	66	
31	" 121	181	104	
97	"	31	19	
103	"	97	33	
260	"	103	93	
33	"	260	220	
37	" 48	33	33	
		85	80	
150	"	150	87	
115	"	115	104	
21	"	21	24	
9	"	9	9	
13	"	13	10	
13	"	13	13	
6	"	6	6	
30 21	"	30	21	
224 20	"	224	185	
(	"		20	
(1036	"	1036	82	
(	"		466	
	"		146	
51	"	51	44	
19	" 6	27	27	
5	"	5	5	
5	"	5	5	
80	" 103	183	183	
(766	"	(766	350	
	"		370	
120	"	120	90	
34	"	34	27	
137	"	137	135	
254	" 56	310	210	

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60.	513 Guard Bn 2 Coy ✓	ITI-ITI	257	ITI-ITI	257
61.	Military Geographic Inst ✓	"	2	"	2
62.	511 Guard Bn 3 Coy ✓	"	190	"	190
68.	Prov. Military Dist Arezzo 17/20 ✓	"	20	"	20
78.	511 Guard Bn 1st Coy ✓	"	165	"	165
79.	" " " 2nd Coy ✓	"	175	"	175
80.	Military Dist Siena ✓	"	4	"	4
82.	Military Dist Pistoia ✓	"	4	"	4
83.	5 Zone Mine Clearance ✓	"	3	"	3

Total

SUMMARY OF ALL CATEGORIES

DR-ITI	6918
US-ITI	318
ITI-ITI	4022
Total	<u>11258</u>

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	257	ITI-ITI	257	180	
	2	"	2	2	
	190	"	190	110	
	20	"	20	20	
	165	"	165	159	
	175	"	175	120	
	4	"	4	8	
	4	"	4	4	
	3	"	3	2	
			Total	4022	

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DR-ITI	6918
US-ITI	318
ITI-ITI	4022
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<u>US-ITI UNITS</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED STRENGTH</u>	<u>ATTACHED STRENGTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DAILY</u>
			<u>CATEGORY</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>AUTHOR. STRENGTH</u>	<u>RATIO</u> <u>WITHIN</u>
L. 28th Bn. IIIth Service Co. ✓	US-ITI	220	US-ITI **	220	195

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1. List of Units fed during the period 6/10/1945 - 20/10/1945

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED STRENGTH</u>	<u>ATTACHED STRENGTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DAILY</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
		<u>CATEGORY</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>AUTHOR. STRENGTH</u>	<u>RATIONS WITHDRAWALS</u>	
US-ITI	220	US-ITI **	220	195	

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1. 1005 Drivers Co ✓	BR-ITI	403 006	BR-ITI	403
2. 14 Pack Mule Co. ✓	" "	494	"	495
3. 1768 Ex Cooperator Unit ✓	"	70 49	"	70
4. 2nd Engineer Co. Petrol Point ✓	"	231	"	231
5. Carries Det. Mantova Combat, Group ✓	"	260	"	260
6. 21 Pack Mule Group ✓	"	35	"	35
7. 250 Pack Mule Group ✓	"	495	"	495
8. 230 Division HQ ✓	"	140	"	140
9. 716 CC.RR. Section ✓	"	16	"	16
10. 105 D.I.D. ✓	"	6	"	6
11. 3 Pack Mule Group ✓	"	495	"	495
12. 400 Plon. Regt. HQ ✓	"	60 36	"	60
13. 7 Pack Mule Group ✓	"	495	"	495
14. Exsternal Co. CC.RR. Arezzo ✓	"	154	"	154
15. Internal Co. " " ✓	"	158	"	158
16. Exsternal Co. " Florence ✓	"	129	" 1	159
17. Central School CC.RR. Florence ✓	"	184	" 1	130
18. Mobil Btg. " " ✓	"	578	" 326	510
19. HQ. CC.RR. ✓	"	112	"	578
20. Exsternal 1 Co. ✓	"	158	"	112
21. Internal " " " " ✓	"	363	"	158
22. CC.RR. Co. Prato ✓	"	167	" 1	364
23. CC.RR. Pistola ✓	"	120	"	167
24. CC.RR. Montecatini ✓	"	106	" 1	121
25. 26 Engineer Coy ✓	"	266 236	"	106
26. CC.RR. Co. Montepulciano ✓	"	104	"	266
27. Internal Co. CC.RR. Siena ✓	"	182	"	104
28. Exsternal " " " " ✓	"	95	"	182
29. Royal Italian Navy Florence - ? NH ✓	"	60	"	90
30. 866 Military Hospital ✓	"	81	"	60
				81
			Total	51

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BR-ITI	403 1105	BR-ITI	403	47	
" "	494	"	495	312	
"	20 49	"	70	54	
"	231	"	231	180	
"	260	"	260	160	
"	35	"	35	35	
"	495	"	495	370	
"	140	"	140	125	
"	16	"	16	13	
"	6	"	6	2	
"	495	"	495	345	
"	60 36	"	60	50	
"	495	"	495	350	
"	154	"	154	150	
"	158	" 1	159	159	
"	129	" 1	130	130	
"	184	" 326	510	430	
"	578	"	578	578	
"	112	"	112	112	
"	158	"	158	158	
"	363	" 1	364	364	
"	167	"	167	167	
"	120	" 1	121	121	
"	106	"	106	106	
"	266 236	"	266	250	
"	104	"	104	104	
"	182	"	182	182	
"	95	"	96	96	
"	60	"	60	6	
"	81	"	81	7	
			Total	5163	

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1. 513 Guard Bn. 3th Co ✓	ITI-ITI	162	ITI-ITI	162
2. M. Oliveto Military Hosp. ✓	"	60	"	224
3. 167th Engr Service Co ✓	"	103	"	103
4. 167th Terr. Sig. Co. ✓	"	97	"	97
5. 511th Guard Bn. Guard Co including				
6. " " " " HQ Pln.	"	800	"	800
7. " " " " 1st Co	"			
8. " " " " 2nd Co ✓	"			
9. " " " " 3 Co	"			
10. Military District Florence	"	148	"	148
11. Supply Unit — <i>which was</i>	"	224	"	224
12. Medical Co S. Gallo — <i>MT</i>	"	400	"	400
13. Military Hospital S. Gallo ✓	"	500	"	500
14. HQ. 410 Italian Pioneers	"	72	"	72
15. 522 Guard Bn. Guard Post n. 1	"			
16. 522 Guard Bn. Guard Post n. 2 ✓	"	194	"	194
17. 522 Guard Bn. Guard Post n. 3 ✓	"			
18. 522 Guard Bn. Guard Post n. 4	"			
19. 7 Vehicle Repair WKaps ✓	"	100	"	100
20. 515 Guard Bn. ✓	"	1036	"	1036
21. 535 Special Guard Co. ✓	"	153	"	153
22. Hq. Efficient Veh. Park (4) ✓	"	21	"	21
23. 513 Guard Bn. 1st Co ✓	"	194	"	194
24. 23 Engineer Co. ✓ <i>6th-11th</i>	"	236	"	236
25. Artillery Inspectorate Florence ✓	"	33	"	33
26. 48 Territorial Depot ✓	"	5	"	5
27. General Staff R.E. Florence ✓	"	30	"	30
28. Military Geographic Inst. ✓	"	2	"	2
29. Hq. Military Territorial Florence ✓	"	80	"	80
30. Air Force Garrison Florence — <i>MT</i>	"	150	63	143
31. Territorial Depot (84 Infantry) ✓	"	5	"	5

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"	60	"	224	194	
"	103	"	103	95	
"	97	"	97	85	
"	800	"	800	547	
"	148 6	"	148	78	
"	224	"	224	131	
"	400	"	400	400	
"	500 240	"	500	300	
"	72 36 Dist	"	72	54	
"	194	"	194	170	
"	100	"	100	86	
"	1036 800	"	1036	659	
"	153	"	153	145	
"	30 71	"	21	15	
"	194	"	194	160	
"	236	"	236	155	
"	33	"	33	29	
"	5	"	5	4	
"	30	"	30	30	
"	2	"	2	2	
"	80	"	143	103	
"	150	"	150	150	
"	5	"	5	4	

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32. 513 Guard Bn. HQ. ✓	ITI-ITI	227	ITI-ITI	227
33. 1152 Ambulance Section ✓	"	31	"	31
34. 513 Guard Bn. 2 Co. ✓	"	194	"	194
35. 7 Adm. Transp. Co. ✓	"	120	" 10	130
36. 7 Petrol Point ✓	"	10	"	10
37. Military Tribunal Florence ✓	"	16	"	16
38. Clearance Mines 14 Section Pistoia ✓	"	3	"	3
39. Military District Pistoia ✓	"	4	"	39
40. Military District Siena ✓	"	4	" 2	6

Total

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227	ITI-ITI	227	220	
31	"	31	13	
194	"	194	170	
120	" 10	130	104	
10	"	10	10	
16	"	16	15	
3	"	3	1	
4	"	39	4	
4	" 2	6	6	
		Total	4289	

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SUMMARY OF ALL CATEGORIES

BR-ITI	5163
US-ITI	195
ITI-ITI	<u>4289</u>
Total	9647

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TRANSLATION

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE MMIA FLORENCE

Sn. 263/2V

29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Ration Withdrawals.

TO : 7th Territorial HQ. Florence.

The following remarks are pointed out on your report on units fed by 7th Distribution Depot, period 6/10 - 20/10/1945:

- 1) - MILITARY DISTRICT FLORENCE ITI-ITI. Is authorized in the Order of Battle for 6 rations. In your report it appears authorized for 148 with a strength of 78 drawing rations, no attached strength is shown.
- 2) - 410 P.I. Regt. HQ. BR-ITI. Is authorized in the Order of Battle for 55 rations and drawing rations fed 54. Why your report shows an authorized strength of 72?
- 3) - CC.HR. FLORENCE HQ. Co. BR-ITI. Is entitled to 98 rations, in your report it appears with an authorized strength of 112 and drawing rations for the same.
- 4) - 14th SECTION MINE CLEARANCE ITI-ITI. This unit is not included in the Order of Battle; your report shows an authorized strength of 3 men and drawing for 1.
- 5) - 26th ENGINEER Co. BR-ITI. Is authorized for a strength of 236 in the Order of Battle. Your report shows an authorized strength of 266 and the unit is drawing rations for a strength of 250. No attached strength for ration.

Request your immediate action on what pointed out above. Units not authorized in the Order of Battle and not authorized by MMIA must be cut off.

Units are authorized to draw rations exceeding the authorized in the Order of Battle only on authority of MMIA or the Ministry of War in agreement W/MMIA.

Therefore, personnel attached for rations must be clearly specified in the SI/8 Forms, to avoid misunderstanding

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Italian Liaison Officer

Sgd.

1st Lt. Apostoli

Subject: Report no 3
15 Aug 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Com.
AC (MIA)

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MIA LO 230 IT DIVISION
C/O FLORENCE COMMAND
Phone 1393
Ref 230/19
15 Aug 45

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DATE: 18/8

APR 23/10

GENERAL

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1915 CLASS

According to the latest available figures, the number of men of the 1915 class in the division is 388.

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GUARD UNITS

521 Gd Bn (PERUGIA) is being released shortly. In the FLORENCE - AREZZO area the following units will be available:

a) 535 Gd Coy AREZZO		available now
b) 513 Gd Bn BORGIO S. LORENZO	)	
1 Coy	)	
1 Coy PRATO	)	available
2 " VIGORIO	)	very
4 " BORGIO S.L.	)	soon
c) 515 Gd Bn AREZZO	)	available later when
d) 4 Coy 522 Gd Bn FLORENCE	)	211 sub area have been able to replace.

Is anything known yet of the eventual destination of these units?

W.C.J. Thrupp
(W.C.J. THRUPP)
Capt. MMIA LO.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) FLORENCE COMMAND
A. P. O. 782

6/31/15

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LO/F/9
July 30, 1945.

Subject : Weekly Liaison Log.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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FILE: 6/31/15
DATE: 8/2/8

Saturday, 21 July;

Visited Col. Atizzani, Director of Artillery, 7 Terr. Hdqtrs. The matter of storage space for 200 tons of saddlery equipment being returned from Fifth Army was discussed and final arrangements were made. Later visited the 7th Sorting Depot at Bagno a Ripoli. Here, clothing and stores from Allied Sources are received and sorted. The depot is in a very poor location, is entirely unsatisfactory and unsuitable, and is greatly under manned. I made several suggestions as to how the situation might be improved. Compiled reports in P.M.

Sunday, 22 July;

Captain Clark and I celebrated our mutual birthday.

Monday, 23 July;

Visited Public Safety Section of A.M.C. of Lucca and then the Military District of Lucca, in ref to an Italian Army Truck in the hands of C.C.R.R. Gave instructions that it should be turned in to S.V.R.U. Florence. Also learned that about 30 military trucks are in hands of civilians under EMAC control. Instructed the Dist. Hq. that these should be turned in. Confirmed both of these instructions by letter to 7th Terr. Hdqtrs.

Went to Pontedera and conferred with Officers of 14 AFOD ref turning over of vehicles to Italian Army thru S V.R.U. Florence.

Tuesday, 24 July;

Visited 7th Sorting Depot again. About 18 more women are working but at least 10 more shoemakers are needed to sort shoes and 10 more men are needed for unloading trucks and handling material.

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Quantity of material being received from P.B.S. is increasing.

Then I visited the tailor shop in Dir. of Commissary building. This shop is now turning out about 120 pairs of new pants for C.C.R.R. every day from bolts of new cloth. Whole shop needs to be reorganized. Instructed Capt. Fischietti on what needed to be done at both places.

In the afternoon, I contacted Maj. Walker, A.C. L.O. for Florence in an effort to turn over to A.C. Some clothing which is no longer of military value. This material was notified for release a month ago but no action on part of A.C. yet. (Capt. Fordyce advised by phone on 28 July and he is acting on the matter).-

Wednesday, 25 July;

Met C.G. 7th Terr. Hdqtrs., Gen. De Simone, this day after his return from Rome. Capt. Thrupp and I Conferred with the General reference some up start Italian Captain who thinks because he has done five cents worth of work for the Allies that he is now too good for the rest of the Italians. Matter of safe guarding British property in hands of this unit was primary subject of conference.

Later in the morning I visited the Geographical Institute, Florence. (See our letter LO/F/6 of 28 July to Col. Noakes).

In the afternoon, I returned to AFOD No14 at Pontedera accompanied by an Italian Lt. from 5 V.R.U. to make definite plans for moving vehicles to Florence. The main reason for delay in removing these vehicles is lack of energy and initiative on the part of Italian Officers, concerned.

Thursday, 26 July;

Drove over to Cattolica, to see vehicles there at D.P. No 1 of AFOD No 14 to be turned over to 6 V.R.U. Bologna. Matter of turn over of British trucks and trailers must be decided.

Friday, 27 July;

Checked vehicles at Cattolica in detail. There are a number of good trailers there and a few German truck which are in fair shape. Returned to Florence. (See our letter ST/T/F/7 of 30 July 1945).-

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) FLORENCE COMMAND
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LO/F/9
July 23, 1945.

Subject : Weekly Liaison Log; period: 14-20 July 1945.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) Rome.

During the period under report in this log, a large part of the time was spent in getting acquainted with the duties and workings of this Office. This will account for any observations and questions, to which the answers will be found in succeeding periods.

On Saturday, 14 July, I met with Lt. Col. Chiariotti, Asst. Chief of Staff of 7 Terr. Hdqtrs. He held the same position last year in Sicily and we had a very pleasant chat concerning our liaison duties there. The C.G., Gen. De Simone and Chief of Staff, Col. Piccinini, of 7 Terr. Hdqtrs., were both away on official duties. Remainder of day was spent in office orientation.

On Sunday, 15 July, I met Capt. Clark in Leghorn to determine how our duties connected. Had his driver sign the 2691 Co. Payroll so it could be submitted here in Florence. Later in the afternoon we also went swimming.

On Monday, 16 July, I had a conference with Capt. Fischietti, who is the Officer in charge of the Florence Section of the Italian Army Central Clothing Salvage and Repair Organization. I inquired as to the reasons for the laxity in his work. Reasons advanced were lack of space and no definite program from Ministry of War as to how much his unit was expected to produce. Also conferred with Capt. Thrupp M.M.I.A. LO to 230 Adm. Div. reference operation of Transit Camp.

On Tuesday, 17 July, I inspected the 7th Food Distribution Depot. The Depot is too small, list of units authorized to draw rations is not up to date and stock records are not being

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closed at the end of each day. Letter to 7 Terr. Hdqtrs. Att. Directorate of Commissariato (Copy to ADST M.M.I.A.) pointing out these deficiencies was written. In the afternoon, I met Col. Piccinini, Chief of Staff, who had returned. We discussed the needs of the Italian Army in regards to space for depots. It seems that while Allied Units needs have shrunk, they have not relinquished any of their buildings. Now that commitments of Italian Army are increasing, it becomes increasingly difficult to find space. I am working on specific examples to try to arrive at definite arrangements or recommendations.

On Wednesday, 18 July, I conferred with Major Marino, 1st Section of Commissary reference Distributing Depot deficiencies and on subject of rations in general. Also conferred with Major Parone and Capt. Fischietti on Clothing Repair Program. Maj. Parone had just arrived to form program for Clothing Repair in Florence.

On Thursday, 19 July, I conferred with Col. Deidda, Director of Commissary reference operation of Comm. Section in general. They are suffering the usual growing pains of an organization that has only been operating for a short while but nothing serious. Also had a report from Maj. Parone with suggestions for increasing the output of the Clothing Repair Shops. Will continue to observe actions of Capt. Fischietti in carrying out this program. Visited workshops of 5 Vehicle Repair Unit to observe their operation. General clutter and confusion of an Italian Army Vehicle Repair Unit.

On Friday, 20 July, I conferred with Col. Faronato, Director of Motor Vehicles, in regard to speeding up the drawing of vehicles from 14 AFOD at Pontedera. Twenty four vehicles out of a total of about eighty have already been picked up.

Later in the morning, an Italian Officer came in to my office with a long sad story. It seems his unit, the 2 Engineer Pipe Line Co. (Italian) US-ITI had been ordered to move by road from Naples to near Bologna. He had no travel orders, his trucks had broken down, the U.S. Officer who was accompanying them had an accident and landed in the hospital, and they had eaten up all their rations. I arranged for his unit to draw rations here and sent him on his way.

Also met Lt. Col. Edgerton and Capt. Thrupp. Together we saw Col. Piccinini, and Lt. Col. Edgerton asked several questions on volunteers and related matters.

Major Pinkeley arrived on his way to Fifth Army Hdqtrs.

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