

ACC

10000 | 120 | 1691

34
4
5

10000 | 120 | 1691

5425/357

Weekly Liaison Log

Opened June 27, 1944. Closed Oct. 7, 1945

June 1944 - Oct 1945

LAND FORCE HQ COMMISSION AG

R.E.L.A.

PLANNING APO 650 US ARMY

REV/abf
31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Headquarters Liaison Log # 1

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

2. 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. Ross, Majors J.E. Stalton, W.L. Madson, D.S.L. Gregson, S.P. Archer, Captains Iva Fordyce and J.J. Ward.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: Scandinavian Girls Neo-Fascist Camp.

3. Events:

a. Scandinavian Girls Neo-Fascist Camp: In accordance with C/4, on the 20th of September, the administration of the Camp was turned over to Kerr. On 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 stock.

b. Liberian Camp: The move of the Fascist prisoners from Gaitans to Liberian has practically been completed. The ration strength at the Liberian 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 ration for this camp from the camp, 5L-52, located at P.B.5.

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. Ross, Majors J.L. Stalton, H.L. Median, D.S.L. Gregson, S.P. Archer, Captains Irv Fordyce and J.J. Ward.
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: Banducci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp.

2. Events:

a. Scanducci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp: In accordance with 3/6, on the 20th of September, the administration of the Camp was turned over to Terr. H.Q. # 7 and I was made responsible for the issue of ration 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 work.

b. Laterina Camp: The move of the Fascist Prisoners from Caliano to Laterina has practically been completed. The ration strength at the Laterina Camp is now 1690. Hill 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, 51-52, located at P.B.S.

1496

c. Transfer of 21 Pack Mule Group: In accordance with your signal Q 564 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 Sordai which has control of vehicles attached to the Terr. H.Q. # 7, the issue of P.O.L. to assigned units has been principally employed in the transfer of the Fascist Prisoners from Caliano 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 coassigned to the Riferdi yards and not the Campo di Marte yards here in Florence. It is much more convenient to off-load from the Riferdi yards.

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'Donnell, MIA 163 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 PMS. It is considered advisable now to move a platoon of the 7th Vehicle Repair Workshop from Florence to Besto Fiorentino and not Roncaderra as was originally suggested because better quarters and accommodations can be found at Besto Fiorentino. Your signal 30303 refers. Will keep Major Kyles informed as to out-comes.

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.
- (c) Fortezza da Basso
- (d) Sanducci Girls Neo-Fascist Camp almost completed.

(2) Arezzo-Laterina Neo-Fascist Camp.

(3) Grosseto-Caserna Alouso

(4) Pistoia-Caserna Covimans

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 PMS. It is considered advisable now to move a platoon of the 7th Vehicle Repair Workshop from Florence to Sesto Fiorentino and not Portoferraio as was originally suggested because better quarters and accommodations can be found at Sesto Fiorentino. Your signal 30 3033 refers. Will keep Major Kyles informed as to out-comes.

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.
- (c) Fortezza da Basso
- (d) Sandioni Girls Neo-Fascist Camp almost completed.

(2) Arezzo-Latarina Neo-Fascist Camp.

(3) Grosseto-Caserna Alouzo

(4) Pistoia-Caserna Covina

1495

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. An assured by the Italian Medical Section that the 57th 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.

i. Salvage and Repair Depot is engaged in the cleaning, recreation 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 Scarso (ICS).

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 AFH 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 Clearances: For this work the 7th Terr. Eng. area has been designated as the 5th Zone and that has been subdivided into 4 subzones:

- (1) Florence area of 3. Miniato, Kavernelle, Rifredi and Grassano.
- (2) Pisa area of Castiglione della Pescaia, Calafuria, Rosignano, Colle Salvetati, Forte dei Marmi, Riposcurva, Galliciano, Pietrasanta, Cirquale, Calcinato, Villano.
- (3) Siena area of Chiusi, Montepulciano, 3. Stefano, 3. Bepolero, Massa Marittima, Montecatini.
- (4) Aquaria area of La Spezia is being formed.

The following areas have been cleared: Rifredi, Firenze, Viale dei Colli, Antignano, Livorno, Montecatini, Signa, Cecina, Altopescio, Montignone, Massa, Cecina, Pian degli Antani and Assiano.

3. General Interest: My office is located at Piazza Stazioni # 1, telephone 1629. My villa Primavera is located at Piazza Galileo # 6, on the south side of the river, telephone 1356. Visiting firemen are of course welcome.

Distribution:
Addresses - 3
Capt. O'Connell - 1
File - 1

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr. SMIA LO
Florence.

- (1) Florence area of S. Miniato, Tavarnelle, Riffredi and Trespina.
- (2) Pisa area of Castiglione della Pescaia, Calafuria, Rosignano, Colle Valerese, Forte dei Marmi, Riposetta, Galluere, Pietrasanta, Cinquale, Calenzano, Livorno.
- (3) Siena area of Chiusi, Montepulciano, S. Stefano, S. Sepolcro, Massa Marittima, Montepetrucci.
- (4) Apuan area of La Spezia is being formed.

The following areas have been cleared: Riffredi, Firenze, Vals del Gallo, Antignano, Livorno, Montecatini, Massa, Cecina, Altopascio, Montecatini, Massa, Casola, Pian degli Ontani and Asolo.

3. General Interest: My office is located at Piazza Stazione # 1, telephone 1559. My villa Primavera is located at Piazza Galileo # 4, on the south side of the river, telephone 1556. Visiting firemen are of course welcome.

Distribution:
Addresses - 3
Capt. O'Donnell - 1
File - 1

R.C. VAN KIN,
Major, Inf.,
SP MILIA 10
Florence.

1494

TRANSLATION*appendix 'C'*
ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE MMIA FLORENCESn. 263/2 V

October 29th 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.RR. 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 NINE 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 ST/8 Forms, to avoid misunderstanding.

Sgd.

Italian Liaison Officer
(1st. Lt. Apostoli)

1493

FLORENCE COMMAND

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Office of origin MMIA LO FLORENCE

Date 4 OCTOBER 1945

Classification RESTRICTED

(Restricted - Confidential - Secret)

Telephone 1629

(Communicating office)

Precedence ROUTINE

(Deferred - Routine - Priority - Operational Priority - Urgent)

To: MMIA ROME
55 AREA FOR MMIA LO
86 AREA FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO MILAN
MMIA LO GENOA
MMIA LO TURIN
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO MILAN FOR FOX
MMIA LO SARDINIA
COMMOB PALERMO FOR MMIA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
PENBASE FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO THRUPP

RESTRICTED PD EFFECTIVE TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS FOUR OCTOBER TELEPHONE
NUMBER FOR MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE LOVE OMIE FLORENCE WILL BE ONE SIX TWO NINE PD
POSTAL ADDRESS IS ABLE PETER OMIE SIX FIVE ZERO CMA UNITED STATES ARMY

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
MAJOR, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

Distribution

Content and classification

authenticated by

1492

Signal Corps Message Center Number

(Do Not Write In This Space)

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
17 August 1945

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

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

1. In conformity with G/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 says 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 - 152 officers - 8107 EM.
" " " "B"	- Units disbanded or to be disbanded
" " " "C"	- Units being prepared for shipment - 90 officers - 1249 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.

- 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-KITIS: 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 - 8197 EM.
" " " " " "	"A" - Units disbanded or to be disbanded
" " " " " "	"A" - Units being prepared for shipment - 90 officers - 1849 EM.
" " " " " "	"A" - Units to be transferred to VII-III states in location - 121 officers - 923 EM.
" " " " " "	"A" - Units still engaged in operation - 50 officers - 1203 EM.

The young men for the combat groups have been divided into 5 groups as directed and await transportation from the groups. As usual the Refugee groups from ALCOM changed their minds about what they wanted in the way of personnel. The orders from you and AFHQ called for 11 officers, 15 NCOs and 40 EM. They only wanted 4 officers, so sent the rest of the officers back but kept the EM. The 219 Infantry Division, 210 Station and Clothing Platoon, 210 Transport Co and 525 Training Regt will remain in same location pending your further orders. As soon as the 23rd Engineer Bn and 305 CM Bn are released, the transfer will be completed, this should be about the 1st of the month for 5th Army has orders to be out of here by the 5th of September.

e. Disposal of Italian Army Animals: The 4000 males 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:

Amount 2512	Destination British	Authority AFHQ 19095	Date Shipped 13 July
80	Milan	7 July MMA Q 425	25 July
60	Bologna	11 July MMA Q 440	25 July
80	Udine	14 July MMA Q 425	25 July
80	Turin	11 July MMA Q 469	30 July
50	Genoa	26 July MMA Q 469	31 July
54	Bologna	26 July MMA Q 440	1 August
332	Para Cabina	14 July MMA Q 469	12 August
140	Grosseto	26 July MMA Q 469	12 August
60	Florence	26 July MMA Q 425	15 August
110	Rome	11 July MMA Q 425	15 August
140	Naples	11 July MMA Q 425	15 August
250	Palermo	11 July MMA Q 425	17 August
Total 3943			

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 use American buckets and they would be that much ahead. Their theory worked for we finally did have to use some from UN 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 G4 was to furnish these tickets to us 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.

3. General Interest: I think this is probably my final chapter or even song as I go with 5th Army. It has been an interesting experience. We have some a long way together but the time for departing is near. 5th Army is to

332	Para Sabina	14 July	1 August
		MMIA Q 469	
140	Grosseto	26 July	12 August
		MMIA Q 469	
60	Florence	26 July	12 August
		MMIA Q 425	
110	Rome	11 July	15 August
		MMIA Q 425	
140	Naples	11 July	15 August
		MMIA Q 425	
250	Palermo	11 July	15 August
		MMIA Q 425	
		11 July	17 August
Total			
3948			

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. Once 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 USM 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 OK 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.

3. General Interest: I think this is probably my final chapter or even song as LO with 5th Army. It has been an interesting experience. We have come a long way together but the time for departing is near. 5th Army is to be out of this area by the 5th of September and on the road to the States by the middle of the month. Around the 1st I expect to fold my tent, and like the Arabs silently steal away but I am not leaving for the desert but to Florence. I like the idea. My address will be, 42 Viale Principe Eugenio, Telephone 1356. Visiting firemen will be welcomed.

Distribution:
Addressees - 3

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

100

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 44 and 55.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission L.C. (AMIA)
APO 384, 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. Bagg, 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. In 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-THS: 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 connecting shakedown inspections. The Italian officers resented this kind of an inspection but the THS is insistent that every man leave the area with a good uniform and shoes. The movement is now delayed because of the unavailability 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 program 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 THS is sending...

NEW/led
22 July 1945

18 Aug 1945

Sl. 57.35 and 54

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Reame, 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-113: To date 42 officers and 1925 MM 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 TGR is insistent that every man leave the area with a good uniform and shoes. The movement is now delayed because of the unavailability 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 TGR is sending American officers on all break movements to see that men don't have to wait a day and a half before being received.

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 cleared 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 10/03 of 18 July, will inform to the MILA 10s One District and Two District the names of the units, their relative locations and strengths they will be expected to feed the list of August.

Summary 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 cleared 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.

e. Uniforms and Equipment: Satisfactory.

f. Territorial Map: All functioning.

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

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LG,
5th Army

Distribution
Addressed

1488

Declassified
E.O. 12065

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/3ad
8 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison logs 42 and 53.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILA)
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 8 July 1945:

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

b. Arrivals and Departures: Capt. The Lord Kentbury and Fox, and Majors Martin and Fossett, and Major Prosser A.C. Agricultural Sub-Comm.

c. Conferences: In accordance with instructions, I attended a conference at San Martino In Spino, Italian Element Depot on 3 July and again on 7 July, subject: "Italian Military Mater". 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 AMI 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 back 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.

1-5-2
b. Arrivals and Departures: Capt. The Lord Westbury and Fox, and Majors Martin and Forest, and Major Prosser 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 Mater". 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 0-4 Fifth Army whereby Edwards and a representative from Army Ordnance are to go through all the Ordnance Parts 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 armistices. 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 AMO 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-III: Progress has been slower than expected and to date only 21 officers and 853 enlisted men have actually moved out of this area. See my back 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 your signal 9409 of 3 July and directive 9/18/2 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 Cabben O.C., under AFHQ direction. There I met Major Prosser (B) representing the Agricultural Sub-Commission A.C., Capt. Andreo Bonetti (I) from Ministry of War, ECMS, Col. Giovanni Di Dormizio (I), Vet Director from Territorial HQ #6 at BOLIGNA 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 2312 are to go to the British in accordance with the last AFHQ signal FIL9095 of 7 July.

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 HQ 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 GSHM. As seen 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.

4. Uniforms and Equipment: Satisfactory. *OK*

5. Territorial Map: All functioning. *OK*

3. General Interest: Visiting firemen are welcome. I am grounded with no transport and no driver. My driver is in the hospital and the car is out of use.

Expanding the photo. leave here the 15th of August

Distribution:
Addressed 13
MILIA LO MILAN: 1

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

ning monthly and we have received 100% cooperation.

d. Uniforms and Equipment: Satisfactory. *OK*

e. Territorial Reg: All functioning. *OK*

3. General Interest: Visiting firemen are welcome. I am grounded with no transport and no driver. My driver is in the hospital and the car is out of service.

My car is out of service here the 15th of August

Distribution:

Addresses: 3

INDIA LO MILAN, 1

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

1486

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

ECV/3ed
27 June 1945

SVAS

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison logs 50 and 51.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILA)
APO 364, 5th Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 25 June 1945:

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

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, back slip with reinforcements 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. U-4 has said that as soon as the AFM signal F194701 of 21 June and which you mention in your Q374 of 25 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 AFM?

b. Redeployment of MI-112: 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 INF. As indicated to you in the 2d Informant of a back 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 SM.

c. Captured Enemy Material: Reference your signal Q389 of 26 June. 5th Army appreciates the information contained therein and is taking necessary action immediately to take possession of the material described.

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

- b. Arrivals and Departures: Major Edwards and Capt. Fox.
Capt. Fox and Major Edwards, Major Edwards and Fox
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Inspections: None.

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 clip with instructions 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. O-4 has said that as soon as the AFHQ signal 3296701 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?

b. Redeployment of US-1713: 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 205 TH. As indicated to you in the 2d Indorsement of a buck clip on the 24th of June, same subject, 7th officers and 2050 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 S3.

c. Captured Enemy Material: Reference your signal Q383 of 26 June. 5th Army appreciates the information contained therein and is taking necessary action immediately to take possession of the material described.

d. Uniforms and Equipment: *Other material* Will supply with four signal Q382 of 26 June on the subject.

1485

e. Territorial HQs: All in place and ~~will~~ functioning.

f. General Interest: I still like peacetime soldiering on Lake Garda. Thought the WAC captain was coming up to check on us before the curtain is finally lowered on 5th Army. *Disarming-Fireman on air dump*

Wellcome.

R.C. VAN KIRK
 Major, Inf.
 Sr. (MCIA) to
 9th Army

Distribution:
Addressee: 3
 MCIA to 2 Dist Milano: 1

L.O. 5d. ARMY.

FII

SUBJECT: MIA Liaison Officers - Reports

L/3D FORCES SUB-CO., A.C. (MIA)

G/31

21 June 45

TO : ALL SEICR MIA IC'S

1. Reference this HQ G/31 of 4 June 45 and the lists of "O" Points which all IC's are requested to answer.

2. In future IC's will give the information required by each question only as and when it applies to their own particular area.

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

HAC (H. G. H. H.)
Major General
MIA

WA

1184

Per to HQ Fifth Army for Major Kirk
MH1720

M.H.I.A. HQ. Genoa
60 Sub Area

24 June 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Report No. 1

TO: 10th Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.H.I.A.)
APO. 394 - U.S. Army

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 21 June 1945.

a. Movements of Italian units: none.

b. Arrivals and departures: none.

c. Conferences: Conferred with Capt. Clark, Legation. Major Bird and Major Van Kirk in Milan. General Protinski 600 No. 2 Territorial M., Genoa.

d. Inspections:

(i) Guerra Pave (Recovery Depot) No. 1
Piazza S. Leonardo

(ii) Magazzino Poes (Artillery Depot) No. 2
Via Pinocchio 4 Aprile

(iii) Explosives Depot No. 3
Leggato

(iv) Powder Depot No. 4
Leggato Inferiore

(v) Ammunition Depot No. 5
Leggato

e. Items of General Interest:

(1) Billet and Mess - Hotel Principe, 36
Via Balbi, tel. No. 6209, Co. N. 2675
Regt. AQ.

(ii) Office - M.H.I.A. 20. Genoa, Gualini 1483
Building - No. 7 Piazza Dante, Station

a. Movements of Italian units: none.

b. Arrivals and departures: none.

c. Conferences: Conferred with Capt. Clark, Legation. Major Bird and Major Van Kirk in Milan. General Frattini 500 No. 2 Territorial Hq., Genoa.

d. Inspections:

(i) Cassara Pave (Recovery Depot) No. 1
Piazza S. Leonardo

(ii) Mussolino Pave (Artillery Depot) No. 2
Via Pinocchiaro Aprile

(iii) Explosives Depot No. 3
Legaccio

(iv) Powder Depot No. 4
Legaccio Inferiore

(v) Ammunition Depot No. 5
Legaccio

e. Items of General Interest:

(i) Billet and Mess - Hotel Principe, 36
Via Balbi, tel. No. 6209, Co. No. 2675
Regt. 40.

(ii) Office - M.M.I.A. 40. Genoa, Geolimi 1483
Building - No. 7 Piazza Dante, Stairway
No. 2 (rear) 4th floor.
Now Major Genoa in front part of building.
Request for telephone has been submitted
to 60 Sub Area.

(iii) This is still an Army controlled area
and I am using a "yellow light".

(iv) 57 Sub Area is no longer in Genoa. 60
Sub Area has taken over. Commander of
60 Sub Area - Col. A.O.L. Purves, M.C.

(v) Reception and transmission of communications
arranged with 60 Sub Area.

- (vi) "Off limit signs M.M.I.A." are invalid here. Received instructions from Major Bird as to procedure.
- (vii) No. 2 Territorial Sq. is preparing a list of buildings now in use and those anticipated to be used in the near future. Copies will be forwarded.
- (viii) The Italian Command here is busy collecting properties and storing it.
- (ix) I proposed to Gen. Prattini it was the desire of M.M.I.A. that inventories of all properties under his control be prepared. Upon completion of inventories list will be forwarded.
- (x) It appears to me that officers living in or about this area are being transferred illegally. The policy laid down by M.M.I.A. is not being adhered to. The officers in question are seeking rations with orders written by other Commands. The cases I can cite for the present are as follows: Capt. Brano Ferrati, Comandante Genio 7 in the employ of Claims and Hirings. Capt. Aldo Mordiglia attached to the Legal Office Liguria Region A.M.G., formerly with Legation Combat Group. There is still another group to arrive here; they will work with P.M.B. as Military Company. I believe also that they are being secured away from their original employment. Major Bird has full details and no unauthorized rations without the knowledge of M.M.A. *which he cannot*
- (xi) I am in contact with Major Bird for policy and complete instructions as to new developments.

C.D. Benatti.
C.F. Benatti
Capt. QMC
M.M.I.A. LO.

(x) It appears to me that officers living in or about this area are being transferred illegally. The policy laid down by M.S.I.A. is not being adhered to. The officers in question are seeking rations with orders written by other Commands. The ones I can cite for the present are as follows: Capt. Brane Ferrati, Comando Genio; in the employ of Cieses and Hirsing. Capt. Aldo Nordiglin attached to the Logel Office Liguria Region A.S.S., formerly with Legnano Combat Group. There is still another group to arrive here; they will work with F.S.S. as Military Command. I believe also that they are being secured away from their original employment. Major Bird has full details and no unauthorized rations without the knowledge of M.S.I.A.

(xi) I am in contact with Major Bird for policy and complete instructions as to how developments.

C. P. Benatti
C. P. Benatti
Capt. CMC
M.S.I.A. LO.

1482

Dist:

copies (1) M.S.I.A. HQ. Rome
copies (1) M.S.I.A. LO. S.V. Italy
copies (1) M.S.I.A. LO. 5th Army

Subject: Information.

Headquarters, L.A.,
231 Italian Division,
c/o M.I.I.A. L.A.,
Fifth Army.

Phone: 231 Ital Div
through LITHUANIUM.

231/13/A.

Lat. July, 1943.

To: Joint Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.I.I.A.) P.O.M.E.

Cover to: M.I.I.A. L.A., Rear Eighth Army.
" " " " 1 District.
" " " " 230 Division.
" " " " M.I. Italy.
" " " " FIFTH Army.

1. The object of this letter is to give some information about myself and my movements past and future and about 231 Div.
2. On arrival at Brit Inc, Fifth Army on Sat 23rd June I was unwanted by them. Accordingly I made arrangements to move to HQ 231 Div. This was completed by Tuesday 26th June.
3. My address and telephone No. are as above. I am in almost daily touch with Major VAN KILN so that for the time being correspondence in best sent there for me to collect. Any urgent signals could be phoned to me by Major VAN KILN's office.
4. Temporarily I am calling myself M.I.I.A. L.A. 231 Div.
5. I have already obtained permission from HQ 2 District for HQ 231 Division to move to MILAN subject to there being adequate accommodation available.
6. A representative from 231 Division is now on a "recon" in MILAN and will report to me on return. I will then seek from the appropriate authority the necessary permission to occupy any suitable premises found.
7. When the Division is finally established in MILAN I shall join the other M.I.I.A. L.A. and become properly part of the F.A. Italy.

1. The object of this letter is to give some information about myself and my movements past and future and about 231 Div.
2. On arrival at Brit Inc, Fifth Army on Sat 23rd June I was unwanted by them. Accordingly I made arrangements to move to HQ 231 Div. This was completed by Tuesday 26th June.
3. My address and telephone No. are as above. I am in almost daily touch with Major VAN KIRK so that for the time being correspondence is best sent there for me to collect. Any urgent signals could be 'phoned to me by Major VAN KIRK's office.
4. Temporarily I am calling myself M.M.I.A. L.O. 231 Div.
5. I have already obtained permission from HQ 2 District for HQ 231 Division to move to MILAN subject to there being adequate accommodation available.
6. A representative from 231 Division is now on a "recco" in MILAN and will report to me on return. I will then seek from the appropriate authority the necessary permission to occupy any suitable premises found.
7. When the Division is finally established in MILAN I shall join the other M.M.I.A. L.O.s and become properly part of the M.M. Italy team. Meanwhile may I please have my own copies of all relevant literature and may all matters appertaining to 231 Division please be sent to me. In other words until I hear from here I request that everything formerly sent to M.M.I.A. L.O. 231 Div. Fifth Army Brit Inc, now be sent to M.M.I.A. L.O. 231 Div.
8. I have great difficulty in obtaining official mail addressed to Brit Inc. Yesterday, after such searching, I received one packet of letters from M.M.I.A. POMR. In this packet was correspondence dated 4th June up to 24th June. It would appear that letters are being held up in POMR until a number are ready to be mailed. In this packet was your 6/51 of 4th June also your 6/51 of 21st June. May this please be locked into as it is very unsatisfactory from this end.

S/.....

9. I have prepared a list of units which remain under command 231 div and a further list of units which pass to the S.I. Italy div. It is proposed to agree these with the respective M.I.A., I.C.S. and as soon as an agreement is reached the lists will be forwarded to you.

G. Fox

Capt.
M.I.A. CO,
231 Italian Division.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
AFG 164 US ARMY

ECF/jad
27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs #12 and 13.
50 confidential

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.G. (MFA)
AFG 334, US Army

1. In conformity with C/EL directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of my liaison activities for the weeks ending 5 June 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Col. Keet, Major Edwards, ²³Major Bird, Capt. Rimini. ~~PO X~~

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

2. Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The situation should improve as soon as the AFPA 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 AMP to put out the directive, copy attached and marked Appendix A. This should help considerably.

b. Italian Accidents with AD Transport: An alarming number of accident reports by AFPA 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 in any way or 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

1. Representatives of Italian Media: See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures: Capt. Bent, Major Edwards, Major Alza, Capt. Paniel. *Doc X*

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 14th. 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 AGO to put out the directive, copy attached and marked Appendix A. This should help considerably.

b. Italian Accidents with US Transport: An alarming number of accident reports by AFHQ 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 such 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 never came by that honestly. In several instances the Gruppi who are guarding some captured material dumps in this area have been caught selling these materials. One guard was reported having a long line of persons waiting to buy silverware from him. The Petrol situation in Milano is serious. It is reported that the Italian drivers with a work ticket signed will go to one petrol point, fill up, go sell it and come back for more, or go some place else with the same ticket. Our Allied soldiers are no doubt guilty in some instances of illegal sale. In Milano, if you park your vehicle for a few minutes, several civilians will approach you and want to buy some gasoline, or give you the excuse that they have just run out of gasoline and need a little to get them to a filling station. The trouble with that story is, there shouldn't be a filling station operating for them to go to. I have no remedy for this situation except stricter enforcement and compliance with regulations by all concerned.

d. Partisans: AGO is getting them disbanded gradually, and I understand the day to stop feeding them is still set for the 10th of this month. As told they aren't killing as many every night as formerly. They do some good however, for as told they found the notorious "Bally" 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 AMO hotels in Milano instead of getting the Ital an 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 87/8, 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. Maggi stated he needed 60 ambulances. Since there are many Italian military ambulances in the Orbanco Parks, the GO can no doubt be obtained when all are finally released.

g. Italian Military Hospitals: Col. Maggi is working out a compromise on the hospital situation at Milano. The South Africans go into the Italian military hospital but the Italians go into the Bandiera Hospital which is smaller but more in keeping with their requirements for the regular Italian military hospital was larger than needed by the Italians. An Italian medical depot should be opened at Milano. The Bergamo hospital is cancelled now. The Modena hospital is still needed because many 5th Army dumps are located in that area, and most of the Italian 210 Division soldiers are employed there. The hospital is full. It may be at a later date when 5th Army dumps are closed down that the hospital can be closed, but not now.

h. Guarding Italian Material: If and when the large captured material dumps are turned over to the Italians in this area, who and what are we to use for guards? It must be troops they can be trusted. That is one reason 5th Army is reluctant to release supplies and equipment for they say most of them will end up in the black market. Query: Should guard companies be assigned to the Territorial HQ for this purpose, or should civilians be used where available as is being done in some instances now?

i. Uniforms and Equipment: *Substantially correct. Will come poly with your dispatch. The last 8-11-44 report a good 70% of officers and 100% of men.*

k. Territorial HQ: All in place and all functioning.

l. General Interest: Swimming is good, the water is as cold as 1478

equipment from the Italian Army. When the directive comes out from the 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. Regale stated he needed 60 ambulances. Since there are many Italian military ambulances in the Florence area, the 60 can be obtained even if all are finally released.

c. Italian Military Hospitals: Col. Regale worked out a compromise on the hospital situation at Milano. The South Africans go into the Italian military hospital but the Italians go into the Bassolino Hospital which is smaller but more in keeping with their requirements for the regular Italian military hospital was larger than needed by the Italians. An Italian medical depot should be opened at Milano. The Bergamo hospital is cancelled out. The Modena hospital is still needed because many 5th Army dumps are located in that area, and most of the Italian 23 Division soldiers are employed there. The hospital is full. It may be at a later date when 5th Army dumps are closed down that the hospital can be closed, but not now.

d. Guarding Italian Material: If and when the large captured material dumps are turned over to the Italians in this area, who and what are we to use for guards? It must be troops that can be trusted. That is one reason 5th Army is reluctant to release supplies and equipment for they say most of those will end up in the black market. Query: Should guard companies be assigned to the Territorial HQ for this purpose, or should civilians be used where available as is being done in some instances now?

1. Uniforms and Equipment:

poly with green the last 3-4 reports showed the officers and 1st Lt.

2. Territorial HQ: All in place and all functioning.

3. General Interest:

Swimming is good, the water isn't as cold as 1478
I still like direct type gold during the
lake guards. Thought the 2nd C Captain was
community up to check on me. He said the curriculum
finally got better on 5th Army.

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

Distribution:

Addressed to:

MILIA LO 2 Dist Milano: 1

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

NOV/jed
29 May 1945

17 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log. 48 and 49

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILIA)
APO 364, 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, MILIA-2000, just reported in accordance with your signal 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 halves and 5. Cassinop and 0-4. 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 Corica HQ #6. It was 24, which have been delivered. They were all Italian military trucks. Reference your Q270 of 18 May, copy attached as Appendix A, I attempted to send you a signal in answer thereto, see copy attached as Appendix B, but 0-4 Executive wouldn't approve it going out and sent it back to me with the following comment on a back 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 #175707 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 E, 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 Italian. Major Edwards is a ~~good~~ expert, says that he can get into the cab of an Italian

b. Arrivals and Departures:

Major Edwards, 5th Army, just reported in accordance with your signal of 25 May.

Col. Kerr, Major Edwards
Major Edwards, 5th Army

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 Carica HQ #6, it was 21 which have been delivered. There were all Italian military trucks. Reference your Q270 of 18 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 truck 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 18 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 8175707 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 fine 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 camouflaged by the Germans or how they acquired it. I believe him. If it doesn't have that on, then it is an Italian truck which the Germans bought or contracted to buy, or requisitioned and is a German truck. The Italian officers here say the Germans didn't pay for certain trucks and for that reason should belong to the Italian Army. I don't agree. It doesn't make any difference about the payment, the question is, did the Italian Army own the truck originally, or was it made for the Germans. I can't see that a German requisition, legal or illegal, of an Italian military truck is good as against the Italian Army and would give the German Army good title to the truck in question. This is the theory which I have advanced to the lawyers in G-4 5th Army. Col. Kerr once said, "No two lawyers ever agreed anyhow". Maybe he is right, but again of course I think I am right.

The conclusion is that 5th Army won't release any trucks, stores or equipment until ARHQ tells them to do so in unequivocal language. In the meantime, the Recovery Commission are busy collecting the Italian material in the hands of civilians and partisans where possible. Have though 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 Partisans: Am advised that an attempt is going to be made to disarm the patriots around Milano and Turin 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 relations we feed them has contributed to their "patriotism". Col. Gray, 4th Glider I officer, says he has orders to feed partisans until the 10th of June. By 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 II which I prepared for dispatch to you. It is all right for Col. Leslie to come up here but again a lawyer here is afraid that MIA would say that my reference to Italian medical stores that such is an admission against interest and might be binding on the Army. I deliberately didn't refer 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 unencumbered 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 99 Area units 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 Turin and Milano the last information I had was that they couldn't function and weren't in uniform because of the partisan situation.

h. General Interest: As a result of a long conference which I just had with Edwards, I think we should go to Rome as soon as possible, make a detailed personnel 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.

COPY

APPENDIX A

COPY

FROM: MMIA

OR

15 May 1945

REF No: Q270

TO: FIVE ARMY

Restricted. Subject Italian Army Vehicles and your conversation 16 May with Edwards, see FI 7570/ 15 May AFHQ addressed 15 Army Group, Info 5th Army. Para 3 clarifies situation. All Italian military vehicles will be placed in special parks under guard. Essential Italian Army ownership established now. Action to 5th Army from MMIA LO Major V.K. rept V.E. 3P270 Signal any difficulties.

1475

APPENDIX B

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

RCV/EJO/jad

OUTGOING MESSAGEREF No: _____ CLASSIFICATION: Restricted DATE: 23 May 1945TIME DATE: _____ PRIORITY: RoutineORIGINATING SECTION: G-4 Rear APPROVED: _____EDWARD J. O'NEILL
Colonel, OSC,
AC of S, G-4

TO: MMIA (ACTION)

Edited Literal

Restricted. From Senior MMIA to Five Army, subject Italian Military Vehicles reference your Q270 of 18 May 1945. Only Italian military vehicles and materials which have been collected and guarded by Recovery Commissions are those obtained from civilians and partisan sources. Edwards states and I believe no difficulty exists in identifying Italian military vehicles but the Army Commander has directed that all captured vehicles and material including the 750 tons of spare parts from the Pisanza factory located by Edwards near Laives and Brunico are to be held under 5 Army Ordnance control except the 24 vehicles which he personally ordered released to General Cerica Territorial HQ No. 6. Army further states that all captured vehicles must be used for move of Germans to final concentration area.

Distribution:

C/S

AG Records

Signal

G-4

1474

COPY

APPENDIX C

COPY

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Ref No: 2027

Class: Secret

Date: 20 May 1945

Time Date

Prec: Priority

Originating Section: G-4, Rear

Approved:

EDWARD J. O'NEILL
Colonel, U. S. G.,
A. C. of S., G-4

TO: CG, 15th Army Group (Action)

Reference your cable 755, dated 12 May. Impossible to determine what captured or surrendered vehicles were illegally requisitioned by German Forces. Major General Wehrig, German Chief of Motor Transport Branch in Italy, worked directly under Berlin in procurement of civilian vehicles. Wehrig was reported PW, and if found, could possibly provide information desired. Units of German Armies received vehicles from Wehrig agency but were not provided information as to source or method of procurement.

Action started through German channels to determine as accurately as possible any illegal vehicle procurements. However, pending furnishing by Allied Commission of accurate proof of ownership or illegal requisitioning, the only method is to hold all such vehicles under Ordnance control, which is being done to the fullest extent possible prior to move to final concentration area. However, complete action in this respect is not possible due to acceleration of move to final concentration area and the necessity of using all captured vehicles to accomplish this move.

1473

COPY

APPENDIX D

COPY

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: AFHQ

PRIO: R

TO: May 15 1117Z

REF NO: FX 75707

CLASS: RESTD

TDR: 151740Z

TO: 15 Army Group

Restricted. Captured Enemy Transport. To avoid misunderstanding attention is directed to this HQ letter AG 586.3/165 LOG-0 of 22 April. Paragraph 9B and 9J intention of which is that maximum use be made of enemy transport as follows:

1. For maintenance of enemy forces after full use of horse drawn transport has been made.
2. For meeting civil supply requirements through A.C. records of all vehicles so handed over will be kept.
3. All captured Italian civilian vehicles in hands of surrendered German forces which have not been properly requisitioned and paid for will be collected and guarded. Such transport will be turned over to A.C. against receipts. Italian military vehicles will be handed over to NWIA reference paragraph 9c basic directive and AFHQ Circular Number 5 dated 11 April current.

1472

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

To: Major Van Kirk 23/5/ 1945.

Cannot approve dispatch
of attached cable, since no
difficulty exists.

We will release 2nd Army
vehicles when conclusively
identified as such by proper
authority.

George B. Buelch

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log #46. 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 19 May 1945:

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

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The situation is unsatisfactory. Fifth Army Commander has said no Italian military trucks or material will be released from Allied dumps in this area. One AFHQ Directive said the Army Commanders "may" turn over trucks to the Italian Army. The last directive, AFHQ FI75707 of the 15th, same subject, Krisl GEMS contends it gives MMIA a 3rd priority on Italian military trucks, so the situation becomes more confusing. The Army Commander did order 15 Italian military trucks released to General Cerica, Territorial HQ #4 on his personal representation that he needed them. When G-4 told me about it, I suggested that General Truscott was invading MMIA's preserves. As Edwards has reported to you, there are thousands of trucks and tons of spares if we could but get them released to us. The Recovery Commissions are still trying to take trucks from civilians and partisans. The other day Recovery Commission #21 located a large warehouse at Rovereto of Italian Army clothing including tons of Italian overcoats and hundreds of sewing machines. An American guard was permitting the Germans to carry off the Italian military clothing. I got that stopped but wasn't permitted to put an Italian guard on it. The partisans in and around Milan still have Italian Army trucks and are still armed. 5th Army AMG is still trying to get General Crittenger, IV Corps, to permit them to order the disarming of the Patriots and to turn in their Italian military vehicles but he won't do it as yet.

b. Partisans: In most of this area Patriots are still armed killing about 50 persons a night who are alleged to be enemies of someone. The way I have figured it out is that anyone who doesn't have a red scarf or shirt on is in danger. They do respect an Allied uniform. Upon agreement

c. Conferences: Routine

d. Inspections: None

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: The situation is unsatisfactory. Fifth Army Commander has said no Italian military trucks or material will be released from Allied dumps in this area. One AFHQ Directive said the Army Commanders "may" turn over trucks to the Italian Army. The last directive, AFHQ FI75707 of the 15th, same subject, Krisl CEMS contends it gives MMIA a 3rd priority on Italian military trucks, so the situation becomes more confusing. The Army Commander did order 15 Italian military trucks released to General Cerice, Territorial HQ #4 on his personal representation that he needed them. When G-4 told me about it, I suggested that General Fruscotti was invading MMIA's preserves. As Edwards has reported to you, there are thousands of trucks and tons of spares if we could but get them released to us. The Recovery Commissions are still trying to take trucks from civilians and partisans. The other day Recovery Commission #21 located a large warehouse at Rovereto of Italian Army clothing including tons of Italian overcoats and hundreds of sewing machines. An American guard was permitting the Germans to carry off the Italian military clothing. I got that stopped but wasn't permitted to put an Italian guard on it. The partisans in and around Milan still have Italian Army trucks and are still armed. 5th Army AMG is still trying to get General Crittenger, IV Corps, to permit them to order the disarming of the Patriots and to turn in their Italian military vehicles but he won't do it as yet.

b. Partisans: In most of this area Patriots are still armed. ¹⁴⁴⁷ killing about 50 persons a night who are alleged to be enemies of someone. The way I have figured it out is that anyone who doesn't have a red scarf or shirt on is in danger. They do respect an Allied uniform. Upon agreement with ADMS and S&F of the British Increment, haven't rationed the Italian military hospital in Milano because of the partisan situation existing there with the officers of Territorial HQ #5 under cover, in civilian clothes, not able to function and the partisans still in command.

c. Partisan Rations: 350 partisans are being rationed at Florence, 1,000 at Pescia and 1500 at Bologna. I don't know how many at Milano and Turino 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.

d. Uniforms and equipment: Situation satisfactory, as far as US-Itals 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.

3. General Interest: Life was never sweeter. We are billeted and have our own offices in winter resort hotels overlooking Lake Garda at Gardone. Swimming is good.

*Where is Edwards? Dude go back to
Bologna and the Germans take him prisoner?*

R.C. VAN NIRE

Major, Inf.,

Sr. (MIA) L.O.,

5th Army

Distribution:

Addressee: 3 copies

copy Edwards copy

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

G/31

14 May 45

TO : MMIA LO 5 ARMY.

Reference MMIA letter G/21 of 27 Jun 44.

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

Stamitz
Lt Col.
GS.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 461
US ARMY

REV/led
24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 42,43,44,45. 46

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MIL)
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. Joseph E. Simmons, Major Edwards.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Investigations: None.

2. Maintenance of Roads:

a. Italian Military Vehicles: Recovery Commission #21 is now located in the German area and should have assisting them another commission with adequate personnel. Dependable civilian guards are not now available for guarding Italian Depots. I have asked 5th Army to approve 210 Division using some of its men for guards. To date 27 vehicles have been recovered. Major Edwards, WIA 100th, is here in connection with the case program and we have had a conference with Major Kriegl 100th 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 AEG 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.G. 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. Partisans and Civilians: Situation satisfactory as far as US-Arms are concerned. Satisfactory as to Guard Battalions. I can't say.

c. Partisan Units: Activity daily but no problem is involved now.

785020

1487

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

b. Activities and Discussions: Col. Floyd L. Simmons, Major Edwards.

c. Conferences: Working.

d. Amendments: None.

2. Maintain or Reorganize:

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 garages 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, WTA Group, is here in connection with the same program and we have had a conference with Major Erial CMB 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 AID 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 uniforms are concerned. Satisfactory as to Guard Detachments. I can't say I got the C.O. Guard that to make out his regulations properly.

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

d. Italian Patriotic National Organizations: Lt. Apostoli, Italian L.O. OM, tells me that he is only feeding about 300 patriots daily and that they will soon all be off the ration strength, in fact, he estimates that this will occur in well under the 30 day period now permitted.

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

f. Extraterritorial: 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.

Q. That's all right. But you a book only on this subject, is
seen as you can tell us how they will be employed, it will be appreciated.

3. Disputed Individuals: My C-3 reported that Col. Karr is going to pay us a visit. Hope this is true. We are living under curfews but may move into a hotel on Lake George in a few days. Believes he would enjoy his stay and it would certainly be for the good of the service.

[illegible]

W.C. VAN RINE
Major, Infantry
Br. (USA) L.C.,
Six Army

Swarm: ~~1500~~ 1500

Discription:
Address: 2, cepien

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 1661
US ARMY

1007/3ad
24 April 1945
12 May 1945

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

TO: Joint Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (JFSCA)
APO 396, US Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directives 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 44: 2 April 1945.

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

b. Arrivals and Departures:

Lt. Col. Geo. Shipley, Capt. Geoffrey Fox, Lt. Col. Ross, Capt. Clark, Majors Papineau and Edwards. Capt. Throop reported to British Department as MIA LO and Capt. Carter reported to this area as MIA LO in charge of repair program in this area. For the present, his address will be c/o C-4 Near Fifth Army, APO 1661, 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. I 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 Pastors, Florence. All inefficient vehicles will be turned over to them. The new AFM 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. Elias, 5th Army on its use. An 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-

1465

a. Arrivals and Departures:

1st. Col. Geo. Shipley, Capt. Geoffrey Fox, 1st. Col. Rose, Capt. Clark, Majors Papineau and Edwards. Capt. Thropp reported to British Representative as MIA in and Capt. Caskey reported to this area as MIA in charge of repair program in this area. For the present, his address will be c/o C-4 Near Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army.

c. Conferences: Routined. Inspections: None2. Miscellaneous or Events:

a. Italian Vehicles: Under date of 7 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 Fontana, Florence. All inefficient vehicles will be turned over to them. The new AFM 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 have 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. Klam, 5th Army on its use. An 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 is being organized into some parts.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-Italian cooperation. *in order to get the 1st Army to make with representatives of them. He will make arrangements.*

c. Italian Patriot Action Situation: Have received latest direct reports from AFM. I can't get him to report regularly on the number of men they have or have had in their camps but they still draw rations at the camps. *Now*

3. General Interest: Nothing.

Distribution:
Addressed: 2 copies
File

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sgt. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

1465

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

107/142
22 March 1945
18 April 1945

28 29 30 and 31
SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs 28, 29, 30 and 31.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MFA)
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 9th Army Commander for the weeks ending 27 April 1945.

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

b. Arrivals and Departures:

Gen. Browning, Capt. Chayler, Col. Reardon,
Lt. Col. Reese, Capt. Clark, Majors Pajonius
and Edwards.

c. Conferences: Pontino.

d. Inspections: None.

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Vehicles: The Recovery Commission No. 21, formerly the Carsetti 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 Pajonius and Edwards have located a Kumber One medium repair shop at 163 Via Pontina, Florence. It is expected that the trucks collected in this area will be sufficient to meet the vehicle strength authorized for Territorial 27.

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

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

d. Italian Patriot Action Situation: There is no indication of any activity on the part of the Italian Patriots. The latest development is that on 18 April 1945, a directive from 27 AMG was sent to report on the situation of the Italian Patriots in the area.

e. General Interest: Nothing.

1464

b. Arrivals and Departures:

c. Conferences: Routine.d. Inspections: None.2. Mistaken or Brakes:

a. Italian Vehicles: The Recce 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 Vaccines, 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-It is are concerned.

c. Reconnaissance: For 216 Division, 1000 arrived on 12 March and 1000 were are expected on the 23rd.

d. Italian Patriot Station Situation:
 ering the latest developments on 12 March 1945
 direction from AFHQ. I can't get a msg to report
 o. Italian Patriot Station Situation:
 There is no station.

e. Posting of Italian Officers: Reference your reporting of 2 January 1945. Not completed.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

1464

Regularly on the morning of 12 March they have
 reported these numbers but they still
 nothing at the dumps.

Distribution:

Addresses: 2 copies

File

Gen. Browning, Capt. O'Connell, Col. Hadden,
 Lt. Col. Hodge, Capt. Clark, Majors Papineau
 and Edwards.

At 0800 hours, Capt. O'Connell, Capt. Clark
 and Majors Papineau and Edwards
 Capt. O'Connell reported to the
 such as in the area of the
 no longer had a vehicle, formerly the
 the vehicle strength authorized for Territorial HQ #7.

For the present this address will be 1000
 Recce Detachment, 1000 arrived on 12 March and

There is no station.

er the latest developments on 12 March 1945
 direction from AFHQ. I can't get a msg to report
 o. Italian Patriot Station Situation:
 There is no station.

e. Posting of Italian Officers: Reference your reporting of 2 January 1945. Not completed.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

1464

Regularly on the morning of 12 March they have
 reported these numbers but they still
 nothing at the dumps.

Distribution:

Addresses: 2 copies

File

b. Arrivals and Departures: None.

c. Confidential Routine.

d. Inspections: Partisan Center Firenze. Have already made a reconnaissance to the effect that the AMG officers who are running these camps should be required to make daily strength returns in order that they may be compared with the rationals drawn. Now they draw rationals in bulk for an estimated number and then make no accounting of rations drawn, so far as I know. Capt. Lambert, AMG officer, promised me a weekly report which may give me the necessary information.

2. Mistaken or Fictitious:

a. Italian Vehicles: Further in reference to your signal ST/1004 of 19 January 1945 and AG2772 of 12 February 1945, an officer from Caraccioli and one from AMG Florence are now collecting the vehicles but are having trouble agreeing on what is military and what is civilian. May have to have a Court of Inquiry sit on every vehicle and make a decision. AMG Florence tried to get General Masse, 6-5 5th Army to intervene but he refused to go to AFHQ and stated that military needs come before civilian. Will keep you informed of progress.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-Itals are concerned. Equipment and clothing for 6th Guard Regt are enroute from Naples which should equip them to some.

c. Reinforcements: No change since last report.

d. Italian Patriot Legion Situation: See comments above. Queries: Should soap and cigarettes be issued to partisans as part of the Rationals? I think so. Certain labor camps near Leghorn have been formed, are employing partisans and feeding them military rations for more than 30 days. I don't think this is in accordance with directives.

e. Italian Patriot Enrollments: General Caruso, Delegation 1, told 6-5, 15th Army Group that he didn't have authority to enroll any more partisans but Col. Ingledew told me 2 days ago that I could enroll 500 partisans if available in 210 Division. I know of none being enrolled, although I have informed Delegation 1 HQ that I had such authority and to go ahead and enlist them if there were any volunteers. I reiterate, the partisans are not anxious to enlist and only want a boarding house and uniform until they get to Bologna or farther north, and then most of them will go home. Had a conference with 6-5, 15th Army Group yesterday, I think we are in agreement and have no serious problems. He told me of about 800 up in the hills who wanted to enlist under their own officers and have their own army. I told 6-5, MGIA would take them individually, but not on their terms.

f. Donation of Italian Officers: Reference your 73/1/123 of 1 January 1945. Not completed.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

Distribution:

Addressees: 2 copies
File

H.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Br. (MILA) L.O.,
5th Army

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 8664, U. S. Army

127/1ad
12 February 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log#12. 33284

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)
A.P.O. #294, U. S. 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 28 February 1945:

- a. Movements of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Capt. P.A. Ghent, with 12. P.F.D. 11-0
- c. Conferences: Routine. None
- d. Inspections: 17th and 18th Pack Mule Coys, reports being forwarded under separate cover.

2. Mistaken or Wrong

a. Italian Vehicles: Further in reference to your signal of 19/1004 of 19 January 1945. A.S.G. Florence has not yet indicated its decision with reference to the 32 vehicles originally listed to them. Am pressing them for a decision and will notify you as soon as I know the outcome.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-101s and Guard Bus are concerned.

c. Reinforcements: No change since last report.

d. Italian Patriot Enrollments: Nothing. See 11-11-44

e. Dossier of Italian Officers: References your TS/1/123 of 1 January 1945. ~~These are being~~ ^{Not} completed within a period of another 10 days.

3. Cultural Interests: Nothing.

R.C. VAN KURE
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

- a. Excerpts of Italian Papers: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Canteen, F.A. 1500, 1510-15. 1770-1800
- c. Confessions: Routine. None
- d. Insurrection: 17th and 18th Puck Mile Camp, reports being forwarded under separate cover.
2. Mistakes or Trends:
- a. Italian Relinquishing: Further in reference to your signal of 19004 of 19 January 1945. A.S.O. Florence has not yet indicated its decision with reference to the 30 vehicles originally listed to them. In pressing them for a decision and will notify you as soon as I know the outcome.
- b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as US-111s and Guard Bus are concerned.
- c. Reinforcements: No change since last report.
- d. Italian District Involvement: ~~Nothing~~. See 1510-15
- e. Transfer of Italian Officers: References your 15/1/23 of 1 January 1945. ~~Transfer to here, it completed within a period of another 10 days~~
3. General Interest: Nothing.

P.C. VAN KIM,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (M31A) L.C.,
5th Army.

Distributions
Attached 2 copies
File

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 8464, U. S. Army

RMX/jed
5 February 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Logs 30 and 31.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILA)
A.P.O. 8394, U. S. 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 2 February 1945:

- a. Memoranda of Italian Units: See Weekly Status Reports.
- b. Arrivals and Departures: Gen. Browning, Capt. Chayler, Major Rex Pinkley and Col. Speakes from MILA HQ.
Take + R. Clark in mtd for
- c. Conferences: Routine.
- d. Unaccounted: 5th Pack Mule Co and 519 Guard Bn, reports forwarded under separate cover.

2. Mistakes or Errors:

a. Italian Vehicles: Further in reference your signal ST/1004 of 19 January 1945. Have asked AMG Florence to deliver the 32 vehicles which were listed by Gersetti. Lt Col. Mickey is investigating and has promised as a decision in a few days. The Gersetti officers are also checking on these vehicles to be sure that they are what they say they are and that they are not removed. Col. Mickey states these vehicles were repaired by the civilians who obtained them from the Germans and used one half military parts and one half civilian parts but the Gersetti say they are all strictly military, whereas the next forty vehicles which they are also listing are half and half and a decision will have to be made as to whether there are more military or more civilian. My opinion is, that although the vehicles are half and half, the Italian Army should take possession of them and the Army settle with the civilians for the repair of the vehicles.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S.-It is concerned, the clothing for the 512 Guard Bn has arrived, with the exception of 400 blankets which are enroute from Naples.

c. Italian Liaison Situation: Satisfactory as to Italian Military personnel. Patriot Centers are drawing their first rations and appear satisfied since they have drawn all the Allied components, part of the Italian ~~it is~~ ^{it is} and have received the cash for the local purchase items. Arrangements were made with Italian officers at each center to purchase certain items locally.

1. Exptl + R. Clavate in RT1A H52
 2. Exptl and Col scases from RT1A H52

100

PUTTING IT

1999

8. Italian Vehicles: Further in reference your signal 87/1004 of

b. Uniformed and Disarmament: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S.-India

c. Italian Prison Situation: Satisfactory as to Italian military per-

d. Paralelism: No change since last report.

o. Italian Patriot Evolving: No change.

T. Resident of Italian Consulate: Reference your TS/1/123 of 1 January

3. General Interest Notes.

Don't let them win!

R. C. VALENTIN,

10

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #166, U. S. Army

12/1/54
25 January 1945
JTC

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log #29.307.31

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.O. (MILIA)
A.P.O. #394, U. S. 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 week ending 20 January 1945:

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

Gen. Brumby captured by the 5th Army
1st Col. E.L. Perovich
Detachment of 1st Division

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

Detachment of 5th Army
Part of forwarded by the 5th Army
Part of forwarded by the 5th Army

2. Mistakes or Events:

a. Italian Vehicles:

(1) Reference your signal ST/1004 of 19 January 1945. After a personal visit, the AMG Vehicle Registration Officer in Florence agreed to let Capt. D'Alessandro of the Ceretoli detachment and 2 IM come into his office and go through his records. The check is now being made and as soon as I have a report on what they have found, will furnish you a copy and take steps to recover the vehicles being improperly held. As advised orally, they have to date located 32 vehicles they are sure of and approximately forty (40) they are not certain of but expect to investigate further.

(2) Italian Material and Property: Attached is a report of Ceretoli detachment to date.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. It is a concern, but the clothing for the 51st Guard Bn has not yet arrived, from Naples, although it has been on the road since the 28th of this month.

c. Italian Ration Situation: Have received your instructions 12/68 of 21 January 1945 on Patriot rations and am in touch with AMG Patriot Florence, Capt. Liskert. Reference sub-paragraph c, paragraph 2 your communication. Query: Wouldn't it be better if the vouchers were signed by an Italian officer as well as an AMG officer?

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

1st. Col. B.L. Perovich,

c. Conferences: Routine.d. Inspections: None.2. Mistakes or Events:a. Italian Vehicles:

(1) Reference your signal ST/1004 of 10 January 1945. After a personal visit, the AMO Vehicle Registration Officer in Florence agreed to let Capt. D'Alessandro of the Carsetti detachment and 2 EM come into his office and go through his records. The check is now being made and as soon as I have a report on what they have found, will furnish you a copy and take steps to recover the vehicles being improperly held. Am advised orally, they have to date located 32 vehicles they are sure of and approximately forty (40) they are not certain of but expect to investigate further.

(2) Italian Material and Property: Attached is a report of Carsetti detachment to date.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. It is are concerned, but the clothing for the 512 Guard Bn has not yet arrived, from Naples, although it has been on the road since the 20th of this month.

c. Italian Nation Situation: Have received your instructions AQ/60 of 21 January 1945 on Patriot rationing and am in touch with AMO Patriot Florence, Capt. Lambert. Reference sub-paragraph d, paragraph 2 your station. Query: Wouldn't it be better if the vouchers were signed by an Italian officer as well as an Allied Officer if these rations are to be charged to the Italian Government? Italian officers are available for this duty.

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received 58th replacements to date. 35th were assigned as multiseam, 22nd assigned to other duties and 102 were unsatisfactory and returned or sent to a hospital. For breakdown, see attached report.

e. Italian Patriot Enrollment: No change.

f. Dossier of Italian Officers: Reference your TS/123 of 1 January 1945. Expect to have it completed within a period of 15 days.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

Distribution:
Enclosure: 2 copies
File

S.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MVA) L.O.,
5th Army.

INC 9298

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: MMIA

PREG: ROUTINE

DTG: 191200A

REF NR: 92 1004

CLASS: CONF

DTR: 201220A

EDITED LITERAL

TO: FIFTH ARMY REAR FOR MMIA LO.

Ref your log No 27. What is present situation regarding action on paragraph 27

DIST:
Cables
Rec
Signal
G-4
G-1 Br
MMIA (US)
MMIA (GR) ACTION
BT

No record of log No 27 at cables.

1459

785020

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

RCV/jad
14 January 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Logs 27 and 28, 1944.

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MSIA)
A.P.O. 394, U. S. 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 week ending 13 January 1945:

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

(1) *Major Max Pinkley, Major W.A. Haggie and Capt. Ray Selby.*

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

2. Mistakes or Events: a. Italian Vehicles: The Cersetti detachment asked the Vehicle Registration Officer in Florence to let them see his records of vehicle registration in this area but he has refused. I have requested C-4, Fifth Army to direct him to either let Cersetti make a list of vehicles or furnish him a list of all vehicles registered so that the list may be checked for Italian Military vehicles. Will let you know results and action taken. If unsatisfactory, will request your aid.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. This are concerned.

c. Italian Nation Situation: No change.

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received 5347 replacements to date. 3184 were fit for muleteer duties, 2078 were fit for other duties and 87 were entirely unsatisfactory and returned or sent to a hospital. For breakdown of muleteers, see attached report.

e. Italian Patriots: *See Attachment* No change.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

- (1) *Major Alex Pinkley, Major W.A. Hoggie and Capt. Ray Selby.*

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

2. Mistakes or Events: a. Italian Vehicles: The Carsetti detachment asked the Vehicle Registration Officer in Florence to let them see his records of vehicle registration in this area but he has refused. I have requested G-4, Fifth Army to direct him to either let Carsetti make a list of vehicles or furnish him a list of all vehicles registered so that the list may be checked for Italian Military vehicles. Will let you know results and action taken. If unsatisfactory, will request your aid.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. This are concerned.

c. Italian Nation Situation: No change.

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received 5347 replacements to date. 3182 were fit for muleteer duties, 2078 were fit for other duties and 87 were entirely unsatisfactory and returned or sent to a hospital. For breakdown of muleteers, see attached report.

e. Italian Patriots: *Detachment* No change.

3. General Interest: Nothing.

1458

Distribution:
Addressee: 2 copies
File

S.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. Subc, U. S. Army

14 January 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Logs 25 and 26.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (AMIA)
A.P.O. Subc, U. S. 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 23-24 December 1944.

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures: None

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: 4th Bullock Co, Leghorn. Report going forward under separate cover.

2. Mistakes or Omissions: a. Italian Bandages: Have had a conference with delegation and will have another with Lt. Col. Di Lillo of the original CDP 30VI detachment as soon as he returns from Rome. Have received copies of your signals pertaining to vehicles but the only vehicles delivered to Date are the 8 which 880 Florence was fit to release. Will furnish a more detailed report as soon as more information is available, but will not let the matter lie dormant.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. It is concerned.

c. Italian Liaison Situation: No change. 5th Army Italian troops are on increased ration scale. Have requested Army for information concerning Italian rations issued for period from 1st to 30th of October 1944, and also rationing. In that connection but have not received such information. Italian troops will be representative of the 2 day travel ration allowances for men on leave.

3. Replacements: Fifth Army has received 4th replacement data. 2nd were fit for malester duties, 1st were fit for other duties and 3d were entirely unsatisfactory and returned or sent to a hospital. These figures include the men I took off 8th, a detailed account of which is attached as appendix 1. For replacement of 8th, see attached report.

*Major Rex Pinkley
Wrote to a 7 day report
Capt Ray Self of*

1457

527

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures: Nonec. Conferements: Routine.d. Inspections: 1st Battalion Co, Leghorn. Report going forward under separate cover. *Major, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 5th Army*

2. Highways or Bridges: b. Italian Vehicles: Have had a conference with Delegation 1 and will have another with 1st. Col. 21. High of the original GERMANI detachment as even as he returns from Rome. Have received copies of your signals pertaining to vehicles but the only vehicles delivered to Data are the 8 which AMO Florence saw fit to release. Will furnish a more detailed report as soon as more information is available, but will not let the matter lie dormant.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S. items are concerned.

c. Italian Station Situation: No change. 5th Army Italian troops are on increased ration scale. Have requested Army for information concerning Italian rations issued for period from 15th to 25th of October 1944, and also for 1st. In that edition but have not received such information. Italian troops will be appreciative of the 2 day travel ration allowance for men on leave.

1457

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received 4th replacement date. 31st were fit for motor duties. 31st were fit for other duties and 31st were entirely unsatisfactory and returned or sent to a hospital. These figures include the 31st took off 31st, a detailed account of which is attached as appendix 1. For further information, see attached report.

e. Italian Patriots: No change.3. General Interest: Nothing.Distribution:Addressee: 2 copies

1st for Major Smith, 3rd (AMIA) L.O.

Sr. (AMIA) 10 8th Army

File

R.O. VAN HORN,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (AMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 8464, U. S. Army

Druf to September 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Logs; 19 to 24 inclusive.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MIA)
A.P.O. 394, U. S. 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 30 December 1944:

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures: I personally have been absent from Fifth Army area for about a month and have missed seeing Lt. Col. Percival and Major Haggis, who I am advised have been in the area. There may have been others that I have not mentioned. Capt. Weston (B) MIA IO with British Movement has reported and is on duty at that headquarters. Lt. Masaralis, Italian IO with 5th Army Surgeon has reported and is on duty in the Surgeon's office.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None. 4 Baller Co. Leghorn Report
going forward under separate cover.

2. Mistakes or Errors: A Security Report going forward separately.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S.-Italian are concerned.

a. Italian Ration Situation: No change since last report. 5th Army Italian troops are on increased ration scale. Have asked Army Quartermaster for the figures requested in your letter of 4 November but am advised that it will take some time to secure figures since the records are not complete for the 10 day period from 16th to 26th of October 1944.

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received to date 2422 replacements. 740 men were taken off Alba and are being processed at Fiochinio. About one half of them are being sent up here as alls boiled and the other half invalided to a Military hospital in Rome.

e. Italian Pairings: *no change* As investigating this situation and will report subsequently but am advised that only a few replacements are being received through these channels.

b. Arrivals and Departures: I personally have been absent from Fifth Army area for about a month and have missed seeing Lt. Col. Percival and Major Haggis, who I am advised have been in the area. There may have been others that I have not mentioned. Capt. Newton (S) MIA LO with British Increment has reported and is on duty at that headquarters. Lt. Kaborella, Italian LO with 5th Army Surgeon has reported and is on duty in the Surgeon's office.

c. Conferences: Routine.

d. Inspections: None.

going forward under separate cover
 2. Mistakes or Events: A Security Report going forward separately.

b. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation satisfactory as far as U.S.-Italy are concerned.

a. Italian Nation Situation: No change since last report. 5th Army Italian troops are on increased ration scale. Have asked Army Quartermaster for the figures requested in your letter of 4 November but am advised that it will take some time to secure figures since the records are not complete for the 10 day period from 16th to 26th of October 1944.

d. Replacements: Fifth Army has received to date 2423 replacements. 740 men were taken off Elba and are being processed at Fiesole. About one half of them are being sent up here as able bodied and the other half invalided to a military hospital in Rome.

c. Italian Patriots: As investigating this situation and will report subsequently but am advised that only a few replacements are being received through these channels.

7. General Inquiries: Nothing.

Distribution:

Addressees: 2 copies

For Major Smith, Sr. (MIA) LO

Sr. (MIA) LO 8th Army

File

R.C. VAN KINE,
 Major, Infantry,
 Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
 5th Army

1456

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

MCV/Jad
9 November 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Logs #17 and 18.

To : Headquarters, Lead Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MIA)
A.P.O. #394, U. S. 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 *10 November 1944*.

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports,

b. Arrivals and Departures:

(1) Major J. Rose, G-7 Section, and ~~Foreign Sub-Commission, visited 5th Army area accompanied by Col. Baker, COMZONE~~ ~~ETCUSA, on the Italian action question.~~

c. Conferences: *OK*

(1) Routine

d. Inspections:

(1) Inspected the Lashorn hospital situation and made a report to your headquarters under date of 24 October 1944. Since then, the matter has been further complicated by ~~and asking to re-~~tain the Pisa civilian hospital as a university hospital.

(2) Made an inspection of the Italian Military Vehicle situation in Florence. (See copy of report to G-4, 5th Army attached.) Will keep you informed as to outcome.

e. Mistakes or Events:

(1) Security Reports: *Young forward, Separately*
report to A.S.I. on the 5th Army SIC report made by an Italian officer of undisclosed identity.

2. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation appears satisfactory as far as U.S.-Itals are concerned. Am having difficulty with *7455*
uniforms located in 5th Army area.

OPNS. FILE

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

Major W. Ross, 5th Army, and Major Suber, 5th Army, visited 5th Army area accompanied by Col. Suber, COMUSMACV, on the Italian Nation question.

c. Conference: Q/K

(1) Routine

d. Investigations:

(1) Inspected the Lehorn hospital situation and made a report to your headquarters under date of 24 October 1954. Since then, the matter has been further complicated by asking to retain the Pina civilian hospital as a university hospital.

(2) Made an inspection of the Italian Military Vehicle situation in Florence. (See copy of report to U-4, 5th Army attached) Will keep you informed as to outcome.

e. Mistakes or Errors:

(1) Security Reports: Young forward separately received copy of Col. Kent's report to A.A.I. on the 5th Army CIC report made by an Italian officer of undisclosed identity.

2. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation appears satisfactory as far as U.S. units are concerned. As having difficulty with units now located in 5th Army area.

3. Italian Nation Situation: No change since last report. 5th Army Italian troops still on ~~same~~ nation scale. 7000 and 1000 Army DM see the figures. ~~Withheld in spirit letter of 10/10/54~~
4. Replacements: Fifth Army now wants replacements badly and needs them. The casualties among the 5th Army pack mule outfits have been 1/2 a day. As making arrangements for the reception of the 700 from 21st, 300 from 8th and have sent transport for the 80 replacements reported at Viterbo. Fifth Army has requested the formation of a new pack mule outfit, which has been approved. These should be formed from experienced soldiers and men and as soon as the Italian far Ministry has the available, in accordance with your directive, they can be moved to this area. In the meantime, am submitting a request for such pack mule equipment as may

1455

RESTRICTED

Not an official report it will be returned

RESTRICTED

available from Italian sources, and 5th Army will then secure the remainder required from other sources.

5. Public Relations: A misunderstanding apparently existed in the granting of 3 passes by your headquarters to Italian war correspondents, Guiseppe Sole, Mario Soldati and Romani Bruno, to visit this area. J.C. originally granted permission to these correspondents to come up here, and the Public Relations Officer for AGO, 5th Army, approved it. As I understand it, your headquarters then issued security passes. When the correspondents got here, Colonel Park, 5th Army Public Relations Officer said "No". He is the only one authorized to approve such requests. At a conference on 7 November 1944 attended by all concerned, Col. Park, the real 5th Army P.R.O., decided that the three correspondents could visit the Italian pack Mule Outfits at the front and the engineer outfits in this area. Lt. Jackson, who approved their coming without having authority, was directed to accompany these men and to see that their copy was passed by the censor. Col. Park told me to express his regrets at the misunderstanding. He also stated, the 5th Army AGO P.R.O. will be eliminated and directives put out to that effect, in order to avoid future misunderstandings.

6. General Interest: Nothing. MC

Distribution

Addressee: 2 copies

PWS for Major Smith, Jr. (MIA) L.O.

Br. (MIA) L.O. 8th Army

File

S.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

that their son was killed by the enemy. He also stated, the
express his regrets at the misunderstanding. He also stated, the
5th Army AEG F.I.O. will be eliminated and directives put out to
that effect, in order to avoid future misunderstandings.

6. General Interest: Nothing. MC

Distribution:

Addressee: 2 copies

For Major Smith, Sr. (AMIA) L.O.

Sr. (AMIA) L.O. 8th Army

File

H.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (AMIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

1454

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

OPNS. FILE

SCV/1ad
21 October 1944
7 NOV

Subject: Weekly Liaison logs #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

To : Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army.
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

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

a. Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Reports.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

(1) Have made two trips to Viterbo and Rome in connection with the recall to the Italian Army now being conducted.

(2) Major Haggis, DADUS, visited 5th Army area on the 19th and 20th of October, inspected medical stores and buildings. He is making a separate report on his inspections and conferences.

c. Conferences: DIX

(1) Routine

d. Inspections:

(1) Rome

e. Mistakes or Events:

(1) Security Reports: Attached is a copy of report made by 5th Army CIO for an Italian Officer, whose identity this American Major who signed the report, refuses to divulge. It is suggested that it might be well to request that the name of the Italian officer be disclosed, since this report constitutes a criticism of high level policies and certainly isn't based on facts.

(2) Uniforms and Equipment: Since the arrival of the last shipment, conditions as far as 5th Army Italian troops is concerned, has improved considerably. More clothing is enroute from Naples and when it arrives, all troops should be equipped according to scale.

(3) Italian Military Situation: The following units not assigned to 210 Division, are drawing Italian Military Nations from the dumps indicated.

Situation in Italy - Italy is not an enemy. Since the arrival of the last shipment, conditions as far as 5th Army Italian troops is concerned, has improved considerably. More clothing is enroute from Naples and when it arrives, all troops should be equipped according to scale.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

(1) Have made two trips to Tiberio and Rome in connection with the recall to the Italian Army now being conducted.

(2) Major Reggie, DADUS, visited 5th Army area on the 19th and 20th of October, inspected medical stores and buildings. He is making a separate report on his inspections and conferences.

c. Conferences: D.M.

(1) Routine

d. Inspections:

(1) Rome

e. Mistakes or Events:

(1) Security Reports: Attached is a copy of report made by 5th Army CIG for an Italian Officer, whose identity this American Major who signed the report, refuses to divulge. It is suggested that it might be well to request that the name of the Italian officer be disclosed, since this report constitutes a criticism of high level policies and certainly isn't based on facts.

2. Uniforms and Equipment: Since the arrival of the last shipment, conditions as far as 5th Army Italian troops is concerned, has improved considerably. More clothing is enroute from Naples and when it arrives, all troops should be equipped according to needs.

3. Italian Station Situation: The following units not assigned to 210 Division, are drawing Italian Military Banners from the dumps indicated.

A.M.G. 210th Regt.	(0.5/5)	20th General Hospital	(0.5/41)
210th Regt Carabinieri	(0.5/5)	644 Armd. Inf Division	(0.5/1)
2675th Regt. AMG. Carabinieri	(0.5/5)	11th Armd. Inf. Bn.	145.3/41
Co. D.	(0.5/5)	435 A.A. B. Bn.	(0.5/5)
Co. E.	(0.5/41)	Co. "C" 101st. M.P. Bn.	(0.5/5)
Co. H.	(0.5/5)	VIII Center	(0.5/37)
Co. R.	(0.5/41)	135th Med. Corp. Flat.	(0.5/41)
A.M.G. Carabinieri	(0.5/41)	A.S.C. East Center	(0.5/41)
II Corps AMG. Carabinieri	(0.5/41)	329th Sign. Bn. Co.	(0.5/41)
Carabinieri	(0.5/5)	6730th Co. Adv. Det.	(0.5/41)
Lucas	(0.5/5)	Comp. "A" 719 Hy. Opn. Bn.	(0.5/5)
Pian	(0.5/5)	23rd Ital. 719 Hy. Opn. Bn.	(0.5/5)
Viareggio	(0.5/5)		

Am unable to identify most of them on the Italian Order of Battle. Am asking 5th Army to notify them to come in and show cause if possible, as to why they are drawing Italian Military Banners.

4. Replacements: Fifth Army still doesn't want any replacements up here with only a blanket and a mess kit until it can completely clothe and equip them.

5. General Interest: Nothing. *OK*

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

DISTRIBUTION:
Addresses: 2 copies
FM for Major Smith, Sr. (MIA) L.O. - 1
Sr. (MIA) L.O. 8th Army - 1
File - 1

A. Replacements: Fifth Army now wants replacements badly and needs them. The command is arranging the 5th Army. We made out kits have been 30 a day. The mounting arrangements for the replacement of the 700 Grand Elk 500 men at the 5th Army. Roads however we still are possible to take to. Fifth Army has requested the 8th Army for 2 multi companies. I think we can approve. There are experienced officers

DISPOSITION:

Addressees: 2 copies

FGS for Major Smith, Sr. (MIA) L.O.-1

Gr. (MIA) L.O. 8th Army - 1

File - 1

4. Replacements. The Army now wants
replacements daily and needs them. The casualties
among the 8th Army have made out quite a few
been 30 a day. The existing arrangements
for the replacement of the 700 front line. Look for
N of 12 and transport for the replacements
at the 12th. Roads however are still in
poor shape. The 8th Army has
requested the 1st Cavalry Division for 2 more transport
trucks which has been approved. There
should be 1000 more transport trucks
and men and as soon as the 1st Cavalry
is back then available in order to
work with your division. It may be
in need to the area supported. To the 1st Cavalry
more and more, things are going to be
such that make things difficult and
be available from 1st Cavalry Division and
the 8th Army will then ensure by
replacements - required from other
sources.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 6664, U. S. ARMY

19th Colchester 1944
23 September 1944
Ref. No. 27/2

OPNS. FILE

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log 12, 13, 14, 15

To : Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army.
A.P.O. 2394, U. S. ARMY.

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

Movements of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Report

Arrivals and Departures:

(1) ~~None~~ *Have made ~~two~~ trips by truck to the 1st Division command post with the record to the 1st Division.*

(1) Routine

Inspections:

(1) None

Mistakes or Errors:

(1) Security Report: *attached in a copy of report*
this report was written by General Tate who approved the
establishment of a mobile depot in this area. I will increase the size
of the present 110 Division Clothing Depot to meet necessary require-
ments. Will go over the accounting system to be employed, with Colonel
Shipley next weekend when I expect to be at MIA HQ.

(3) Engineer Replacement: *was advised by Major Phillips*
that 120 engineer replacements were available. I requested 5th Army
transportation to send 6 trucks to Rome to transport these men to Eng.
Dump 234, north of Florence. The request was accepted with and when
they got there, there were only 30 replacements to be transported in
the six trucks, the other 150 having departed and were either AMUL or
had departed.

OPNS. FILE

6. Captured Italian Material Correlation: Have Personnel Interim reports direct to your HQ.

7. Italian Patriots: Screening agency is not in area. They were inquiring of me as to rationing but I called their attention to AAI Acm. Inst. No. 58 and Col. Kerr's letter of 12 September 1944 on the subject.

8. General Interest: 5 Army HQ has moved and I am having considerable difficulty in getting through to you on the telephone.

H.Q. 5th AFHQ,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

Dist:
addressed 2 copies
for Major Smith, Sr. (MIA) L.O. - 1
Sr. (MIA) L.O. 5th Army - 1
File-1

P.C. VAN TIEB,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

CLASS
Addressed 2 copies
PMS for Major Smith, Sr. (MIA) L.O. - 1
Sr. (MIA) L.O. 5th Army - 1
File-1

1450

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464 U. S. ARMY

NOV 1 1944
28 September 1944
Ref. No. 27/2

OPNS. FILE

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log #14

To : *Military Mission Italian Army*
Headquarters Army High Commission (MHA)
A.P.O. #394, U. S. ARMY.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 16 September 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

(1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

(1) None

c. Conferences:

(1) Routine

d. Inspection:

(1) ^{Gen.} I inspected the 70 subversive residents on the 11th of September 1944 at Pontegimori, which were returned to Rome because of physical defects. I forwarded to headquarters a separate report.

e. Mistakes or Events:

(1) Security Reports: Will forward another, the last of this month.

(2) Uniforms and Equipment: Have submitted Colonel Stipley's proposal relative to a mobile depot in this area to the Army Quartermaster and G-4. The Quartermaster has approved but General Tate has not yet indicated his approval or disapproval.

(3) Engineer Replacement: As soon as the 2nd replacement arrives at the Fifth Division Staging Area, Via Roma, Agnese, Company 8 Sgt Genio, Roma, will someone please notify me I may arrange transportation?

1449

16 September 1944

a. Movement of Italian Units

- (1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures

- (1) None

c. Conferences

- (1) Routine

d. Inspections

- (1) ^{none} Inspected the 70 submersible replacements on the 11th of September 1944 at Pontoglio, which were returned to Rome because of physical defects. I forwarded to headquarters a separate report.

e. Mistakes or Exemptions

- (1) Security Reports: Will forward another, the last of this month.

(2) Uniforms and Equipment: Have submitted Colonel Shipley's proposal relative to a mobile depot in this area to the Army Quartermaster and G-4. The Quartermaster has approved but General Tate has not yet indicated his approval or disapproval.

(3) Engineer Replacements: As soon as the 200 replacements arrive at the 210th Division Staging Area, Via Novara, Agnese, Caserma 8 Sgt Genio, Rome, will someone please notify me I may arrange transportation? **1449**

(4) Topographical Experts: Fifth Army Engineer is anxious to get the men requested, if found available, as soon as possible.

(5) Italian Baylon Situation: Have forwarded the information requested by Major Rose to Headquarters still.

(6) Captured Italian Material Commission

(a) Forwarded under separate cover General Cortese's reply to Major Kristle's report on Lt. Col. Di Monna's misuse of WD Transportation.

(b) So far as I know, the commission has been functioning properly but have had a slight disturbance from the A.C.C. War Materials Commission which has sent an American Captain by the name of Fender up into this area to investigate and locate Italian material belonging to the Italian Army. Had several reports on his feeble efforts in this area but he scrupulously avoided me although he was actually here in D-4 area a time or two. I finally located the Captain in Florence and he told me that his commanding officer, a Colonel Campbell (B) had told him to stay away from him. It developed that he had previously visited with Major Butterworth on this topic and subsequently reported to Col. Campbell, who said, "Go hell with him", so he was just following instructions in ignoring me. Of course, I am not seriously offended over this apparent slight nor do I think him should be. An investigation over this apparent ops that the Captain's trip up here was only a junketing excursion which the War Materials Commission didn't choose to label as such, suggest that when Col. Pidsley has some spare time, that he favor Col. Campbell with a telephone call.

(7) General Baradi: Acting upon Col. Kerr's suggestion that the General's visit in this area be reported on, I immediately notified the Army G-4 that General Baradi was up here without permission, who communicated it to the Chief of Staff. It seems that Capt. Medici, Italian L.O. had previously call General Gruenthor's aide about Gen. Baradi being here to discuss the enrollment of partisans in the Italian Army. Medici stated that General Gruenthor's aide had called him, discussed General Baradi's visit and then approved it. It is my opinion that all concerned have now been notified, that Gen. Baradi was up here without proper authority having been granted and that his request will not be granted if this should occur again.

(8) General Interest: None.

Dial:
 Addressee: 2 copies
 For Mr. Smith, Sr. (MIA) L.O.-1
 Sr. (MIA) L.O. 5th Army-1

H.C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Infantry,
 Sr. (MIA) L.O.
 5th Army.

correct that some Col. Kennedy was
Col. Campbell with a telephone call.

(7) General Beradi: Acting upon Col. Kerr's suggestion that the General's visit in this area be reported on, I immediately notified the Army G-4 that General Beradi was up here without permission, who communicated it to the Chief of Staff. It seems that Capt. Medici, Italian L.O., had previously call General Gruenther's aide about Gen. Beradi being here to discuss the enrollment of partisans in the Italian Army. Medici stated that General Gruenther's aide had called AAI, discussed General Beradi's visit and then approved it. It is my opinion that all concerned have now been notified, that Gen. Beradi was up here without proper authority having been granted and that his request will not be granted if this should occur again.

(8) General Luterich: No action.

Diaz:
Addresses: 2 copies
PMS for Major Smith, Sr. (MVA) L.O.-1
Sr. (MVA) L.O. 8th Army-1

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MVA) L.O.
5th Army.

1448

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #444 U. S. ARMY

OPNS. FILE

RCV/3ad
September 1944
Ref file

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log 10

To : Headquarters Army Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 4 September 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units: OK

(1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures: OK

(1) None

c. Conferences: OK

(1) Routine

d. Inspections:

(1) None

e. Mistakes or Events:

(1) Security Reports: Will forward another one the last of this month. OK

(2) Uniforms and Equipment: Have submitted Colonel Shipley's proposal relative to a mobile depot in this area to the Army Quartermaster. As soon as I get their reaction, will advise him.

ful general Tolu has not yet indicated his opinion where the 2nd are to be delivered on the 10th of September. Prefer that they be sent available to us at the 21st Division Storage Area, Caserma 5 Sgt Genio, Via Rosentana 5, Agnese.

14492

1. In conformity with G-2 directives of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 7 September 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units OK

(1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures OK

(1) None

c. Conferences OK

(1) Routine

d. Inspections

(1) None

e. Mistakes or Events

(1) Security Reports: Will forward another one the last of this month. OK

(2) Uniforms and Equipment: Have submitted Colonel Shipley's proposal relative to a mobile depot in this area to the Army Quartermaster. ~~As soon as I know their position, will advise him.~~ *but General Tale has not yet indicated his opinion.*

(3) Engineer Replacements: Still have not found out where the 200 are to be delivered on the 10th of September. Prefer that they be made available to us at the 300th Division Storage Area, Caserma 3 Sgt Genio, Via Romentana 5, Agnese.

(4) Topographical Experts: Fifth Army Engineer is anxious to get the men requested as soon as possible. *14492* ~~if found to be~~ *Have suggested by me.* *OK*

(5) Italian Ration Situation: Normal. ~~Am attempting to obtain the information requested by Major Rose and to 14492 from 14.~~ *Have suggested by me.*

(6) Captured Italian Material Commission: Am enclosing report by Lt. Col. Di Meana and another by Major Krist which are self explanatory. The Colonel and the Captain have not been seen since they took off in Krist's car apparently to search for food for their families. Will ask the Colonel for an explanation as soon as he returns and when obtained will forward it on to you. He did, however, send back Major Krist's car with his British driver, late the night of September 5th. Suggest that this incident be reported to SMC.

SECRET

SECRET

OPNS. FILE

(3) General Interest: After spending the weekend in Rome and at Headquarters, I returned September 4th to Headquarters 5th Army, in its new area, with the clerk and driver assigned to me.

Niente

R.C. VAN KIM,
Major, Inf.
M.M.I.A. L.O.
5th Army

Enclosure

*duy
addressa recipis
PDS Air Major Smith
Sec 1/1/20 8 Army!*

1446

chgo
addressee recipient
PDS primary/initial Semm 120-1
Sec Com mid 20 8 Army!

-2-

SECRET

Copy

Hq. 5th Army (rear) CEMS
APO 464, U.S. Army

Copy

6 Sept. 1944

Subject: Disobedience and conversion of military vehicle for private purposes by Italian officers.

To : MMIA Liaison Officer, Hq 5th Army, APO 464 U.S. Army.
Att: Maj. R. C. Van Kirk.

OPNS. FILE

1. This office which is concerned with the collection of captured German material, had made an arrangement with Italian officers of the CERSETI whereby transportation would be furnished to the above officers for the purpose of visiting villages in the area of 5th army. They would ascertain whether there were any Italian or German war materials in the area and collect such small arms as they could carry both Italian and German.

2. On 5 Sept. 1944 Italian Lt. De Martini called this office with a request from Capt. D'Alessandro for the use of the transportation to go to Florence where he would stay for several days ascertaining what materiel could be located there. He was told that the transportation would not be available for this purpose as Florence was first a restricted area and secondly it was undesirable to attempt collections in an operational area so close to the front lines. It was stated however, that he might be given the transportation for the purpose of canvassing inhabited areas in the area generally south of the 5th Army CP. Lt. De Martini stated that that was agreeable and would the transportation please be sent to pick up the Capt. This was done.

3. The driver picked up Lt. Col. Di Meana and Captain D'Alessandro who directed him into an area generally east of the CP. After stops in a couple of villages another halt was made at the home of a civilian. The driver was given a lunch in the house and when he returned to his light truck he found that it had been loaded with articles of food and wine. He was then directed by various roads until he suddenly found himself in the city of Florence. The greater part of the food was unloaded there and the driver was then told to return to camp while the officers remained in Florence. He was told to deliver the remainder of the food to a Lt. at the army Hq. presumably for transport to a family in Rome.

4. Request such action be taken as is deemed advisable.

/s/ Leo Krisl
Major, Ord.
CEMS.

1445

INTER OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH AF

OFFICE G-4 FILE NO. _____ SUSPEND DATE RCV/jad

Subject: Disobedience and conversion of military vehicle for private purposes by Italian officers

Ind. Y	From	To	Date
	AC of S G-4		
	M.M.I.A. Italian 7 June		
	L.O. Materiel		
	Comm.		

For your comment and return.

R. C. Van Kirk
R. C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.
M.M.I.A. L.O.
5th Army

NS.
OPNS. FILE

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #264, U. S. Army

RCV/jeh
30 August 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log #8.

To: General Officer Commanding, Army Sub-Commission,
A. P. O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 28 August 1944.

a. Movement of Italian Units.

(1) See weekly status report.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) None.

c. Conferences.

(1) Routine.

d. Inspections.

(1) Inspected our new peak mile companies at Ponteginore
Q360225. Reports forwarded under separate cover.

e. Mistakes or Events.

(1) Security Reports: Going forward separately.

(2) Transportation for Italian Units: Have signaled to you amount of Italian Transport with 210th Division.

2. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation normal.

3. Italian Officers and Soldiers on Leave: No new developments.

4. Replacements: 451 replacements have arrived to date and 590 promised within a few days, 450 are in Naples and 140 in Rome.

5. Identification cards for Italian Officers and Enlisted Men have been received and are being distributed.

6. General Interest: Expect to report to M.H.I.A. Headquarters this week-end.

1443

R. C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
M.H.I.A., 5th Army

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #344, U. S. Army

RCV/fnt
25 August 1944
28

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log *AB*

To: General Officer Commanding, Army Sub-Commission,
A. P. O. #344, U. S. Army.

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

a. Movement of Italian Units.

(1) See weekly status report.

b. Arrivals & Departures.

(1) None

c. Conferences.

(1) Routine

d. Inspections.

(1) ~~None~~ Four new Pack Mule Companies

e. Mistakes or Events.

(1) Security reports: *going forward separately*

(2) Transportation for Italian units still *going forward*

2. Italian Ration situation; 29 quintals of olive oil have arrived and more on the way from Naples. The Italian ration front is a quiet sector now. Don't intend to disturb the situation unless compelled to do so for I believe in letting sleeping dogs lie.

3. Captured Italian Materiel Commission has arrived in strength and with transportation. It is the busiest organization I have ever seen. They have established a dump near Cecina and are moving every thing possible in there. Fifth Army is turning some captured German equipment over to them. Am inclosing a status report made to me, by the mission. I didn't have it translated because there is only one Italian interpreter here now and he is very busy with other matters. I appreciate also that Major Dobbs carried it as well when it is written in Italian as English. Needn't add that my knowledge of Italian is very meager but at that I know generally what is in it.

4. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation normal.

5. Italian officers and soldiers on leave. *no new developments* Fifth Army has had under consideration for some time, the establishment of a definite policy. It may now require modification since the arrival of the AAF letter, subject CIL. Leave, 3074/A (O) of the 21st August 1944.

6. Replacements ~~and~~ *new pack mule companies*. Replacements aren't arriving as fast as promised. Total received to date 275. AM advised that the new pack mule companies have arrived in area. No report as to their condition as yet. I will make a personal inspection in a few days and report.

7. 211th Veterinary Hospital alias 1st Veterinary Hospital. The French took it away and as yet I don't know where it is. If anyone sees them, please hold, call on M.P., and call me, for they have been reported all the way from Naples to Fifth Army Area.

8. General Interest: Nothing unusual.

R. C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
M.M.I.A. - L.O.
Fifth Army

1 Incl. ~~X~~
Incl. #1 Status Material Report.

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressed - 2 copies

PHE for Major Smith, MMIA, LO-1

MMIA, LO, 5th Army Rear - 1

1441

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #354, U. S. Army

REV/rnt
26 August 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log #5

To: General Officer Commanding, Army Sub-Commission,
A. P. O. #354, U. S. Army.

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

a. Movement of Italian Units.

(1) See weekly status report.

b. Arrivals & Departures.

(1) None

c. Conferences.

(1) Routine

d. Inspections.

(1) None

e. Mistakes or Events.

(1) Security reports: No change.

(2) Transportation for Italian Units still deficient.

2. Italian Ration situation: 29 Quintals of Olive oil have arrived and more on the way from Naples. The Italian ration front is a quiet sector now. Don't intend to disturb the situation unless compelled to do so for I believe in letting sleeping dogs lie.

3. Captured Italian Materiel Commission has arrived in strength and with transportation. It is the busiest organization I have ever seen. They have established a dump near Cecina and are moving every thing possible in there. Fifth Army is turning some captured German equipment over to them. Am inclosing a status report made to me, by the mission. I didn't have it translated because there is only one Italian interpreter here now and he is very busy with other matters. I appreciate also that Major Dobbs can read it as well when it is written in Italian as English. Needn't add that my knowledge of Italian is very meager but at that I know generally what is in it.

4. Uniforms and Equipment: Situation normal.

5. Italian Officers and Soldiers on leave. Fifth Army has had under consideration for some time, the establishment of a definite policy. It may now require modification since the arrival of the AAI letter, subject CIL. Leave, 3074/A (O) of the 21st August 1944.

6. Replacements and 4 new pack mule companies. Replacements aren't arriving as fast as promised. Total received to date 275. Am advised that the new pack mule companies have arrived in area. No report as to their condition as yet. I will make a personal inspection in a few days and report.

7. 211th Veterinary Hospital alias 1st Veterinary Hospital. The French took it away and as yet I don't know where it is. If anyone sees them, please hold, call an M.P., and call me, for they have been reported all the way from Naples to Fifth Army Area.

8. General Interest: Nothing unusual.

R. C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
M.M.I.A. - L.O.
Fifth Army

1 Incl.

Incl: #1 Status Materiel Report.

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressees - 2 copies

PMS for Major Smith, MMIA, LO-1

MMIA, LO, 8th Army Rear - 1

1439

DRAFT

DRAFT

RESTRICTED*For final*HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. ArmyRCV/AMC/fnt
20 August 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 6 - 15 August 1944.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission,
A. P. O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of Liaison activities for week ending 12 August 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units.

(1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) None.

c. Conferences.

(1) Routine.

d. Inspections.

(1) None.

e. Mistakes or events.

(1) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section. Will GS 111 please send me another copy of the instructions on this subject? I gave my copy to the G-2 officer three months ago to assist him in drafting his instructions to Fifth Army units but I have seen no such instructions and my copy has not been returned to me.

(2) Transportation for Italian Units still deficient. Haven't received the 25 trucks promised by Col. Kerr. When I called the Naples 1438 LO about them I was told they had been sent out on a detail but would be back in Naples and that I would be notified so I could

G-

send drivers. As yet no trucks.

- (3) Italian ration situation is definitely improving. Will someone please obtain for me the exact ration scale on which the Italian troops with 8th Army have been ~~on~~ since the 1st of August. G-1 wants this information in connection with ration policy here in Fifth Army. It is to be understood of course that Fifth Army went on single ration basis the 1st of August.
- (4) Captured Italian Materiel commission is apparently stymied because of a lack because of lack of transportation. Even Major Leo Krisl's transportation. C.E.M.S. has broken down hence no action.
- (5) Uniforms and Equipment:
Requisitions for uniforms and equipment for Italian troops in Fifth Army should be placed on an operational priority.
- (6) Italian Officers and Soldiers on leave in 8th Army area, have requested the CG 210th Division to take disciplinary action, if necessary to stop this unauthorized issuance of passes or leaves. For example the CG 67th Inf Reg. issued a pass to an Italian soldier to go to Florence, which at that time had not been taken by 8th Army, and to stay until he found his parents. All done of course without Fifth Army knowing anything about it. Col. Moriarty in a note to me about this incident said the MPs in 8th Army were "Browned 1427". I agreed with the colonel and the MPs and passed it to the

ago of the 210th Division for action *Since* ~~for~~ instructions *against such losses* ~~on the subject~~
had been previously issued.

- (7) 1800 replacements. Not moving in as rapidly as promised, the most we have received in one day is about 40. Total received today is 230.
- (8) General Interest: Nothing unusual.

ROLLA C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
MMIA - IO
Fifth Army

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressee - 2 copies
PES for Smith, MMIA-IO-1
Col ~~Merixity~~
Morignity MMIA-IO 8th Army Rear.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. G. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/tch
9 August 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 5.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Comm.,
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 5 August 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units.

(1) See Weekly Status Report.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) None.

c. Conferences.

(1) Routine.

d. Inspections.

(1) Inspected 1022 QM Truck Company. Report being forwarded separately.

e. Mistakes or Events.

(1) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section.

(2) Transportation of Italian units still deficient but condition is improving. In addition to the two or three American vehicles already loaned the 210th Division by Fifth Army, three German vehicles have just been allotted them. When the 25 Italian vehicles arrive from Naples situation will be almost under control, unless new demands are made.

(3) Italian ration situation is definitely improving but, of course, the Italians complain about the quantity, not the quality. 1435

(4) Captured Italian Material Commission Detail not complete. The only officer present is Capt. Alessandro Alessandri (Italian) who works with Major Leo Erial, C.E.M.S.

- (5) Uniforms and equipment. With the shipment of clothing, shoes and equipment which has just arrived and the clothing promised, situation should be very satisfactory with the exception of organizational housekeeping equipment such as tents and ranges for cooking. Since the Italians have no stoves, open fires in operational areas are not tactically sound and very impractical. Arrangements should be made to make this kind of equipment available to the Italians.
- (6) 1800 replacements. Fifth Army Transportation has promised to have 4 Trucks, 2-1/2 ton at Caserma 8th Reg Genio, Via Nomentana S. Agnese, Roma, the 9th of this month and daily thereafter until all the replacements have been moved to this area.
- (7) PW personnel for MWIA L.O., Fifth Army. Note that the T/O for the American side has been approved by AAI. I can still use a good typist and driver up here. My typing is "niente" and my Italian driver is not as good as I am. Essential equipment to be sent with PW is a typewriter, 2 tables, 3 chairs, field desk and 3 cots, besides personal equipment. I left my cot with Colonel Offenhauer in Naples; could use it if somebody were coming this way and could bring it to me.
- (8) Insignia and identification for Italian Army personnel. Attention is directed to Section IV, Circular No. 90, NS NATOUSA. Fifth Army has directed that all Italian personnel comply with this directive, see enclosed letter. As I recall, MWIA approved some such form for SMRE several months ago. Will the proper staff section send me a copy of the approved form and SMRE's instructions to the Italian army on the subject? The Italian officers here in 210 Division don't seem to have heard of it.
- (9) General Interest. My telephone number is Lightning Bear 54. A visit from a MWIA representative or representatives would be appreciated. Can't give you my exact address but start North and an officer's military instinct will get him to the G-4 Section, Fifth Army Rear, my assigned location.

Rolla C. Van Kirk
 ROLLA C. VAN KIRK
 Major, Infantry
 MWIA - L. O.,
 Fifth Army

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressee 2 copies.
 PMS for Offenhauer, MWIA L.O. - 1

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #444, U. S. ARMY

RCV/fnt
2 August 1944

OPNS. FILE

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 4.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Comm., A.P.O. #394,
U. S. ARMY.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 22 July 1944.

a. Movement of Italian Units.

See Weekly Status Report of Italian units forwarded weekly under separate cover. Situation has been so mobile that practically all units move weekly.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

None.

c. Conferences.

- (1) With Prince Umberto, HQ 110th Division and Italian LPS.
- (2) With G-4 & G-5 all of Fifth Army and Major George Bauers of A.C.C.

d. Inspections.

None.

e. Mistakes or events.

(1) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section

(2) Transportation for the Italians is still deficient.

(3) Italian Rations: No complaints received within the past week, except on cigarette and olive oil from the Italian components. The single ration goes into effect tomorrow as directed by your Headquarters.

(4) Captured Italian Materiel. The complete detail has not yet arrived, with the exception of Capt. Alessandro d'Alessandri, who is still working with Major Leo Kriegl of the Captured Enemy Materiel Section.

(5) Uniforms and Equipment: Situation is improving.

(6) Replacements as directed by Colonel Kerr have made arrangements for a Reception Center at Caserma 5 Reg. Genio, Via Montana S. Agnese, Rome and as soon as a substantial number have been equipped and are ready to move to this area and I am notified I'll call Fifth Army transportation, which will move them to Hq. 210th Division.

(7) General Interest. It is my opinion that Fifth Army is making more and more use of the Italian troops in this area.

ROLLA G. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
MCIA - LO
Fifth Army

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressed 2 Copies.

PUS for Offshore, MCIA-LO

1432

DRAFT

SECRET

DRAFT

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

26 July 1944
BCV/m

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 4

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Comm., A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 ~~January~~ ^{June} 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 22 July 1944.

a. Movement of Italian Units.

See Weekly Status Report of Italian units forwarded weekly under separate cover. Situation has been so mobile that practically all units move weekly.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) 1022d QM Truck Co. of approximately 230 officers and men arrived at Piccino.

(2) Approximately 250 mulester replacements have been received but exact details not yet reported.

c. Conferences.

(1) With ^{Princimberto} Hq 110th Division and Italian LO's.

(2) With ~~1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 32nd 33rd 34th 35th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 43rd 44th 45th 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th 61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th 79th 80th 81st 82nd 83rd 84th 85th 86th 87th 88th 89th 90th 91st 92nd 93rd 94th 95th 96th 97th 98th 99th 100th 101st 102nd 103rd 104th 105th 106th 107th 108th 109th 110th 111th 112th 113th 114th 115th 116th 117th 118th 119th 120th 121st 122nd 123rd 124th 125th 126th 127th 128th 129th 130th 131st 132nd 133rd 134th 135th 136th 137th 138th 139th 140th 141st 142nd 143rd 144th 145th 146th 147th 148th 149th 150th 151st 152nd 153rd 154th 155th 156th 157th 158th 159th 160th 161st 162nd 163rd 164th 165th 166th 167th 168th 169th 170th 171st 172nd 173rd 174th 175th 176th 177th 178th 179th 180th 181st 182nd 183rd 184th 185th 186th 187th 188th 189th 190th 191st 192nd 193rd 194th 195th 196th 197th 198th 199th 200th 201st 202nd 203rd 204th 205th 206th 207th 208th 209th 210th 211th 212th 213th 214th 215th 216th 217th 218th 219th 220th 221st 222nd 223rd 224th 225th 226th 227th 228th 229th 230th 231st 232nd 233rd 234th 235th 236th 237th 238th 239th 240th 241st 242nd 243rd 244th 245th 246th 247th 248th 249th 250th 251st 252nd 253rd 254th 255th 256th 257th 258th 259th 260th 261st 262nd 263rd 264th 265th 266th 267th 268th 269th 270th 271st 272nd 273rd 274th 275th 276th 277th 278th 279th 280th 281st 282nd 283rd 284th 285th 286th 287th 288th 289th 290th 291st 292nd 293rd 294th 295th 296th 297th 298th 299th 300th 301st 302nd 303rd 304th 305th 306th 307th 308th 309th 310th 311th 312th 313th 314th 315th 316th 317th 318th 319th 320th 321st 322nd 323rd 324th 325th 326th 327th 328th 329th 330th 331st 332nd 333rd 334th 335th 336th 337th 338th 339th 340th 341st 342nd 343rd 344th 345th 346th 347th 348th 349th 350th 351st 352nd 353rd 354th 355th 356th 357th 358th 359th 360th 361st 362nd 363rd 364th 365th 366th 367th 368th 369th 370th 371st 372nd 373rd 374th 375th 376th 377th 378th 379th 380th 381st 382nd 383rd 384th 385th 386th 387th 388th 389th 390th 391st 392nd 393rd 394th 395th 396th 397th 398th 399th 400th 401st 402nd 403rd 404th 405th 406th 407th 408th 409th 410th 411th 412th 413th 414th 415th 416th 417th 418th 419th 420th 421st 422nd 423rd 424th 425th 426th 427th 428th 429th 430th 431st 432nd 433rd 434th 435th 436th 437th 438th 439th 440th 441st 442nd 443rd 444th 445th 446th 447th 448th 449th 450th 451st 452nd 453rd 454th 455th 456th 457th 458th 459th 460th 461st 462nd 463rd 464th 465th 466th 467th 468th 469th 470th 471st 472nd 473rd 474th 475th 476th 477th 478th 479th 480th 481st 482nd 483rd 484th 485th 486th 487th 488th 489th 490th 491st 492nd 493rd 494th 495th 496th 497th 498th 499th 500th 501st 502nd 503rd 504th 505th 506th 507th 508th 509th 510th 511th 512th 513th 514th 515th 516th 517th 518th 519th 520th 521st 522nd 523rd 524th 525th 526th 527th 528th 529th 530th 531st 532nd 533rd 534th 535th 536th 537th 538th 539th 540th 541st 542nd 543rd 544th 545th 546th 547th 548th 549th 550th 551st 552nd 553rd 554th 555th 556th 557th 558th 559th 560th 561st 562nd 563rd 564th 565th 566th 567th 568th 569th 570th 571st 572nd 573rd 574th 575th 576th 577th 578th 579th 580th 581st 582nd 583rd 584th 585th 586th 587th 588th 589th 590th 591st 592nd 593rd 594th 595th 596th 597th 598th 599th 600th 601st 602nd 603rd 604th 605th 606th 607th 608th 609th 610th 611th 612th 613th 614th 615th 616th 617th 618th 619th 620th 621st 622nd 623rd 624th 625th 626th 627th 628th 629th 630th 631st 632nd 633rd 634th 635th 636th 637th 638th 639th 640th 641st 642nd 643rd 644th 645th 646th 647th 648th 649th 650th 651st 652nd 653rd 654th 655th 656th 657th 658th 659th 660th 661st 662nd 663rd 664th 665th 666th 667th 668th 669th 670th 671st 672nd 673rd 674th 675th 676th 677th 678th 679th 680th 681st 682nd 683rd 684th 685th 686th 687th 688th 689th 690th 691st 692nd 693rd 694th 695th 696th 697th 698th 699th 700th 701st 702nd 703rd 704th 705th 706th 707th 708th 709th 710th 711th 712th 713th 714th 715th 716th 717th 718th 719th 720th 721st 722nd 723rd 724th 725th 726th 727th 728th 729th 730th 731st 732nd 733rd 734th 735th 736th 737th 738th 739th 740th 741st 742nd 743rd 744th 745th 746th 747th 748th 749th 750th 751st 752nd 753rd 754th 755th 756th 757th 758th 759th 760th 761st 762nd 763rd 764th 765th 766th 767th 768th 769th 770th 771st 772nd 773rd 774th 775th 776th 777th 778th 779th 780th 781st 782nd 783rd 784th 785th 786th 787th 788th 789th 790th 791st 792nd 793rd 794th 795th 796th 797th 798th 799th 800th 801st 802nd 803rd 804th 805th 806th 807th 808th 809th 810th 811th 812th 813th 814th 815th 816th 817th 818th 819th 820th 821st 822nd 823rd 824th 825th 826th 827th 828th 829th 830th 831st 832nd 833rd 834th 835th 836th 837th 838th 839th 840th 841st 842nd 843rd 844th 845th 846th 847th 848th 849th 850th 851st 852nd 853rd 854th 855th 856th 857th 858th 859th 860th 861st 862nd 863rd 864th 865th 866th 867th 868th 869th 870th 871st 872nd 873rd 874th 875th 876th 877th 878th 879th 880th 881st 882nd 883rd 884th 885th 886th 887th 888th 889th 890th 891st 892nd 893rd 894th 895th 896th 897th 898th 899th 900th 901st 902nd 903rd 904th 905th 906th 907th 908th 909th 910th 911th 912th 913th 914th 915th 916th 917th 918th 919th 920th 921st 922nd 923rd 924th 925th 926th 927th 928th 929th 930th 931st 932nd 933rd 934th 935th 936th 937th 938th 939th 940th 941st 942nd 943rd 944th 945th 946th 947th 948th 949th 950th 951st 952nd 953rd 954th 955th 956th 957th 958th 959th 960th 961st 962nd 963rd 964th 965th 966th 967th 968th 969th 970th 971st 972nd 973rd 974th 975th 976th 977th 978th 979th 980th 981st 982nd 983rd 984th 985th 986th 987th 988th 989th 990th 991st 992nd 993rd 994th 995th 996th 997th 998th 999th 1000th 1001st 1002nd 1003rd 1004th 1005th 1006th 1007th 1008th 1009th 1010th 1011th 1012th 1013th 1014th 1015th 1016th 1017th 1018th 1019th 1020th 1021st 1022nd 1023rd 1024th 1025th 1026th 1027th 1028th 1029th 1030th 1031st 1032nd 1033rd 1034th 1035th 1036th 1037th 1038th 1039th 1040th 1041st 1042nd 1043rd 1044th 1045th 1046th 1047th 1048th 1049th 1050th 1051st 1052nd 1053rd 1054th 1055th 1056th 1057th 1058th 1059th 1060th 1061st 1062nd 1063rd 1064th 1065th 1066th 1067th 1068th 1069th 1070th 1071st 1072nd 1073rd 1074th 1075th 1076th 1077th 1078th 1079th 1080th 1081st 1082nd 1083rd 1084th 1085th 1086th 1087th 1088th 1089th 1090th 1091st 1092nd 1093rd 1094th 1095th 1096th 1097th 1098th 1099th 1100th 1101st 1102nd 1103rd 1104th 1105th 1106th 1107th 1108th 1109th 1110th 1111th 1112th 1113th 1114th 1115th 1116th 1117th 1118th 1119th 1120th 1121st 1122nd 1123rd 1124th 1125th 1126th 1127th 1128th 1129th 1130th 1131st 1132nd 1133rd 1134th 1135th 1136th 1137th 1138th 1139th 1140th 1141st 1142nd 1143rd 1144th 1145th 1146th 1147th 1148th 1149th 1150th 1151st 1152nd 1153rd 1154th 1155th 1156th 1157th 1158th 1159th 1160th 1161st 1162nd 1163rd 1164th 1165th 1166th 1167th 1168th 1169th 1170th 1171st 1172nd 1173rd 1174th 1175th 1176th 1177th 1178th 1179th 1180th 1181st 1182nd 1183rd 1184th 1185th 1186th 1187th 1188th 1189th 1190th 1191st 1192nd 1193rd 1194th 1195th 1196th 1197th 1198th 1199th 1200th 1201st 1202nd 1203rd 1204th 1205th 1206th 1207th 1208th 1209th 1210th 1211st 1212nd 1213rd 1214th 1215th 1216th 1217th 1218th 1219th 1220th 1221st 1222nd 1223rd 1224th 1225th 1226th 1227th 1228th 1229th 1230th 1231st 1232nd 1233rd 1234th 1235th 1236th 1237th 1238th 1239th 1240th 1241st 1242nd 1243rd 1244th 1245th 1246th 1247th 1248th 1249th 1250th 1251st 1252nd 1253rd 1254th 1255th 1256th 1257th 1258th 1259th 1260th 1261st 1262nd 1263rd 1264th 1265th 1266th 1267th 1268th 1269th 1270th 1271st 1272nd 1273rd 1274th 1275th 1276th 1277th 1278th 1279th 1280th 1281st 1282nd 1283rd 1284th 1285th 1286th 1287th 1288th 1289th 1290th 1291st 1292nd 1293rd 1294th 1295th 1296th 1297th 1298th 1299th 1300th 1301st 1302nd 1303rd 1304th 1305th 1306th 1307th 1308th 1309th 1310th 1311st 1312nd 1313rd 1314th 1315th 1316th 1317th 1318th 1319th 1320th 1321st 1322nd 1323rd 1324th 1325th 1326th 1327th 1328th 1329th 1330th 1331st 1332nd 1333rd 1334th 1335th 1336th 1337th 1338th 1339th 1340th 1341st 1342nd 1343rd 1344th 1345th 1346th 1347th 1348th 1349th 1350th 1351st 1352nd 1353rd 1354th 1355th 1356th 1357th 1358th 1359th 1360th 1361st 1362nd 1363rd 1364th 1365th 1366th 1367th 1368th 1369th 1370th 1371st 1372nd 1373rd 1374th 1375th 1376th 1377th 1378th 1379th 1380th 1381st 1382nd 1383rd 1384th 1385th 1386th 1387th 1388th 1389th 1390th 1391st 1392nd 1393rd 1394th 1395th 1396th 1397th 1398th 1399th 1400th 1401st 1402nd 1403rd 1404th 1405th 1406th 1407th 1408th 1409th 1410th 1411st 1412nd 1413th 1414th 1415th 1416th 1417th 1418th 1419th 1420th 1421st 1422nd 1423rd 1424th 1425th 1426th 1427th 1428th 1429th 1430th 1431st 1432nd 1433rd 1434th 1435th 1436th 1437th 1438th 1439th 1440th 1441st 1442nd 1443rd 1444th 1445th 1446th 1447th 1448th 1449th 1450th 1451st 1452nd 1453rd 1454th 1455th 1456th 1457th 1458th 1459th 1460th 1461st 1462nd 1463rd 1464th 1465th 1466th 1467th 1468th 1469th 1470th 1471st 1472nd 1473rd 1474th 1475th 1476th 1477th 1478th 1479th 1480th 1481st 1482nd 1483rd 1484th 1485th 1486th 1487th 1488th 1489th 1490th 1491st 1492nd 1493rd 1494th 1495th 1496th 1497th 1498th 1499th 1500th 1501st 1502nd 1503rd 1504th 1505th 1506th 1507th 1508th 1509th 1510th 1511st 1512nd 1513th 1514th 1515th 1516th 1517th 1518th 1519th 1520th 1521st 1522nd 1523rd 1524th 1525th 1526th 1527th 1528th 1529th 1530th 1531st 1532nd 1533rd 1534th 1535th 1536th 1537th 1538th 1539th 1540th 1541st 1542nd 1543rd 1544th 1545th 1546th 1547th 1548th 1549th 1550th 1551st 1552nd 1553rd 1554th 1555th 1556th 1557th 1558th 1559th 1560th 1561st 1562nd 1563rd 1564th 1565th 1566th 1567th 1568th 1569th 1570th 1571st 1572nd 1573rd 1574th 1575th 1576th 1577th 1578th 1579th 1580th 1581st 1582nd 1583rd 1584th 1585th 1586th 1587th 1588th 1589th 1590th 1591st 1592nd 1593rd 1594th 1595th 1596th 1597th 1598th 1599th 1600th 1601st 1602nd 1603rd 1604th 1605th 1606th 1607th 1608th 1609th 1610th 1611st 1612nd 1613th 1614th 1615th 1616th 1617th 1618th 1619th 1620th 1621st 1622nd 1623rd 1624th 1625th 1626th 1627th 1628th 1629th 1630th 1631st 1632nd 1633rd 1634th 1635th 1636th 1637th 1638th 1639th 1640th 1641st 1642nd 1643rd 1644th 1645th 1646th 1647th 1648th 1649th 1650th 1651st 1652nd 1653rd 1654th 1655th 1656th 1657th 1658th 1659th 1660th 1661st 1662nd 1663rd 1664th 1665th 1666th 1667th 1668th 1669th 1670th 1671st 1672nd 1673rd 1674th 1675th 1676th 1677th 1678th 1679th 1680th 1681st 1682nd 1683rd 1684th 1685th 1686th 1687th 1688th 1689th 1690th 1691st 1692nd 1693rd 1694th 1695th 1696th 1697th 1698th 1699th 1700th 1701st 1702nd 1703rd 1704th 1705th 1706th 1707th 1708th 1709th 1710th 1711st 1712nd 1713th 1714th 1715th 1716th 1717th 1718th 1719th 1720th 1721st 1722nd 1723rd 1724th 1725th 1726th 1727th 1728th 1729th 1730th 1731st 1732nd 1733rd 1734th 1735th 1736th 1737th 1738th 1739th 1740th 1741st 1742nd 1743rd 1744th 1745th 1746th 1747th 1748th 1749th 1750th 1751st 1752nd 1753rd 1754th 1755th 1756th 1757th 1758th 1759th 1760th 1761st 1762nd 1763rd 1764th 1765th 1766th 1767th 1768th 1769th 1770th 1771st 1772nd 1773rd 1774th 1775th 1776th 1777th 1778th 1779th 1780th 1781st 1782nd 1783rd 1784th 1785th 1786th 1787th 1788th 1789th 1790th 1791st 1792nd 1793rd 1794th 1795th 1796th 1797th 1798th 1799th 1800th 1801st 1802nd 1803rd 1804th 1805th 1806th 1807th 1808th 1809th 1810th 1811st 1812nd 1813th 1814th 1815th 1816th 1817th 1818th 1819th 1820th 1821st 1822nd 1823rd 1824th 1825th 1826th 1827th 1828th 1829th 1830th 1831st 1832nd 1833rd 1834th 1835th 1836th 1837th 1838th 1839th 1840th 1841st 1842nd 1843rd 1844th 1845th 1846th 1847th 1848th 1849th 1850th 1851st 1852nd 1853rd 1854th 1855th 1856th 1857th 1858th 1859th 1860th 1861st 1862nd 1863rd 1864th 1865th 1866th 1867th 1868th 1869th 1870th 1871st 1872nd 1873rd 1874th 1875th 1876th 1877th 1878th 1879th 1880th 1881st 1882nd 1883rd 1884th 1885th 1886th 1887th 1888th 1889th 1890th 1891st 1892nd 1893rd 1894th 1895th 1896th 1897th 1898th 1899th 1900th 1901st 1902nd 1903rd 1904th 1905th 1906th 1907th 1908th 1909th 1910th 1911st 1912nd 1913th 1914th 1915th 1916th 1917th 1918th 1919th 1920th 1921st 1922nd 1923rd 1924th 1925th 1926th 1927th 1928th 1929th 1930th 1931st 1932nd 1933rd 1934th 1935th 1936th 1937th 1938th 1939th 1940th 1941st 1942nd 1943rd 1944th 1945th 1946th 1947th 1948th 1949th 1950th 1951st 1952nd 1953rd 1954th 1955th 1956th 1957th 1958th 1959th 1960th 1961st 1962nd 1963rd 1964th 1965th 1966th 1967th 1968th 1969th 1970th 1971st 1972nd 1973rd 1974th 1975th 1976th 1977th 1978th 1979th 1980th 1981st 1982nd 1983rd 1984th 1985th 1986th 1987th 1988th 1989th 1990th 1991st 1992nd 1993rd 1994th 1995th 1996th 1997th 1998th 1999th 2000th 2001st 2002nd 2003rd 2004th 2005th 2006th 2007th 2008th 2009th 2010th 2011st 2012nd 2013th 2014th 2015th 2016th 2017th 2018th 2019th 2020th 2021st 2022nd 2023rd 2024th 2025th 2026th 2027th 2028th 2029th 2030th 2031st 2032nd 2033rd 2034th 2035th 2036th 2037th 2038th 2039th 2040th 2041st 2042nd 2043rd 2044th 2045th 2046th 2047th 2048th 2049th 2050th 2051st 2052nd 2053rd 2054th 2055th 2056th 2057th 2058th 2059th 2060th 2061st 2062nd 2063rd 2064th 2065th 2066th 2067th 2068th 2069th 2070th 2071st 2072nd 2073rd 2074th 2075th 2076th 2077th 2078th 2079th 2080th 2081st 2082nd 2083rd 2084th 2085th 2086th 2087th 2088th 2089th~~

DRAFT

SECRET

DRAFT

(2) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section, although requested over a month ago. They have promised them within a few days. My impression, judging from strength returns and incidents of breaches of discipline I have observed, is that there is a lot of unrest among the Italian soldiers in Fifth Army, or perhaps just lack of discipline; for example, when discussing the excessive leaves granted, Capt. Medici told me that if you didn't grant leaves ^{were it granted}, that the men would desert. My answer to that was that in our army if our men deserted in time of war they could be shot.

(3) Transportation for the Italians is still deficient, but the 25 trucks promised by Col. Kerr will help considerably as soon as received.

(4) Italian Rations. No complaints received within the past week, except on cigarettes and olive oil from the Italian Command. ^{Italian} The simple ration goes administrative instruction on supply and rations to the Fifth Army units, setting up the new single ration scale effective August 1.

(5) Captured Italian Materiel. The 3 officers and 5 men for this ^{is still} detail have not yet arrived, with the exception of Capt. Alessandro d'Alessandri, who has been working with Maj. Leo Kriegl ^(A) of the Captured Enemy Materiel Section. Great quantities of Italian ammunition have been located, guns and other materiel. The Captain is reporting direct to his H₁ and I inclose copies of his reports to me. I have prepared "Keep Out" signs in accordance with an AAI directive. These signs will be posted in addition to guards where possible.

(6) Uniforms and Equipment. Situation appears to have taken ^{is improving} a definite turn for the better and I am advised that such equipment is en route to this area. 1490

DRAFT

SECRET

DRAFT

(7) ~~Branch of Discipline~~. General Sullivan, Army QM, caught 2 Italian soldiers throwing bread off a truck a few days ago. I have endorsed the file of correspondence pertaining thereto to the CG 210th Division for his action and before I could get this report ^{typed} ~~transmitted~~ and within two hours' time the general indorsed it back to me indicating that he had sentenced the 2 Italian soldiers to 7 days' pay and confinement. He gave the Lieutenant who was in charge of the truck ^{and} who knew nothing of the incident until afterwards, four days' restriction without pay. It would appear that General Cortese administered justice in this case with such speed that no one could

possibly criticize him for failure to act promptly.

As directed by Col. [unclear] have made arrangements for a Reception Center at Caserma 8 Reg. urgently needed, in my opinion, and operationally necessary.

genio, Villa Nomentana 5 Agnese Roma and as soon

(9) General Interest: Am still firmly convinced that Italian units can and are making a distinct contribution to the war effort, provided they are properly controlled and frequently inspected. Am inclosing copy of recent Administrative Directive which I assisted in drafting and believe will improve the kind of service we are getting from the Italians here in

in [unclear] Fifth Army is becoming [unclear] from Italian Army personnel in this area

ROLIA C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.
MMA - LO
Fifth Army

DISTRIBUTION:

Addressee 2 copies

PES for Offenbauer, MMA-10-4

Incl: 7

1429

as a [unclear] [unclear] have been equipped and are ready to move and to [unclear] area and I am [unclear] will call 5th Army transportation which will move

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MEIA)
LEGHIE (LECCE)

6/21

18 July 44

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm SALERNO

Copy for	Army	Sub Comm	HQ SARDINIA
	"	"	c/o ACC SICILY Region HQ APO 394
	"	"	LO MAIN HQ ACC
	"	"	" XXXI CORPS
	"	"	" REAR EIGHTH ARMY
	"	"	" c/ 2 DISTRICT
	"	"	" " HQ POLCORPS
	"	"	" " HQ 60 SUB AREA
	"	"	" " 5 Army
	"	"	" " 56 Area

1. Ref our 6/21 of 9 May not to all requesting Weekly Liaison Logs to be forwarded to this HQ every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

2. Attention is drawn to para 2 of the above letter requesting information on:-

- (a) movement of Italian units
- (b) arrivals and departures
- (c) conferences
- (d) inspections
- (e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
- (f) any other items of general interest

3. Addressees will please ensure that (a) and (b) above are accurately and carefully reported.

1428

W. H. H. H. H.
18 July 44

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/21
5 July 44

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm SALERNO

Copy to: Army Sub Comm HQ SARDINIA
" " " o/o ACC SICILY Region HQ APO 394
" " " LO MAIN HQ ACC
" " " " XXXI CORPS
" " " " REAR EIGHTH ARMY
" " " " o/o 2 DISTRICT
" " " " " HQ POLCORPS
" " " " " HQ 60 SUB AREA
" " " " " 5 Army
" " " " " 56 Area

1. Ref our G/21 of 9 May not to all requesting Weekly Liaison Logs to be forwarded to this HQ every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

2. Attention is drawn to para 2 of the above letter requesting information on:-

- (a) movement of Italian units
- (b) arrivals and departures
- (c) conferences
- (d) inaptitudes
- (e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
- (f) any other items of general interest

3. Addressees will please ensure that (a) and (b) above are accurately and carefully reported.

1428

COL.

W. H. H. H. H.
for
1st Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

G-4 FILE

your
24.1HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. F. O. 3424, U. S. ArmyROY/ajp
17 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 3.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission, A.F.O. 5394,
U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 15 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded.

This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly or at least every two weeks.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

An advised that 1022 QM Truck Company has arrived at Piondino from Naples and reported to the Commanding Officer, Quartermaster Battalion of this Army.

c. Conferences:

- (1) With NSIA Headquarters.
- (2) With HQ 110th Division and Italian I.O.'s.
- (3) With G-3, G-2, G-1, G-4, Engineer, AME, Quartermaster, Transportation, all of Fifth Army.

d. Inspections:

None.

e. Mistake or Events:

- (1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by Italian strength returns and by the Americans are beginning to agree reasonably well. The AME's and men on leave in many units are still excessive, totaling approximately 20% of strength.
- (2) Security reports, as Italian troops requested by your Headquarters have not been made but are now being collected and will be consolidated and forwarded as soon as received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section.

1427

22-14-10/7

1944

- (3) Transportation for Italians is still deficient. Am having submitted requisition in accordance with your suggestion for Italian military transport which may become available for issue.
- (4) Italian Detachments. Conditions appear to have improved as a result of conferences, telephone calls and signals.
- (5) Uniforms and Equipment. The Army Commander has directed that the Italian soldiers in Fifth Army be equipped with Class II Harrington Twill uniforms and their shoes, which have been worn out, be exchanged for salvaged shoes.
- (6) Italian Military Equipment. The advanced detachment consisting of one Italian officer from the Section directed by AAI to move into this area for the purpose of collecting Italian military material has reported to this Headquarters and is working with the GEM Section. Reports will be forwarded as soon as completed and will be forthcoming regularly in the future.

2. General Interest: Items under this category were reported on personally while I was at Headquarters.

William C. Van Kirk
WILLIAM C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
MIA, L. O.,
Fifth Army.

cc: PEG for Offenbauer, MIA L.O.
Addressee - 2 copies.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #44, U. S. Army

17 JUL 1944
REV/ajs

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 8

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission, A.P.O. #391,
U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 8 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded.

This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly or at least every two weeks.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

at Pionbino ^{arrived at} 1022 PM. Truck Co have arrived
of this army ^{from Naples and reported to the CO 3rd Bn}

c. Conferences:

- (1) With 110th Division, Major-Med and Italian L.O's.
- (2) With Lt. Col. Hampton-Baker and Majors Minkley, Ikabe, and officers.
- (3) With C-2, Ch, Engineer, AMB, Quartermaster, Transportation, all of Fifth Army.

d. Inspections:

none
Was up to Pionbino with one of the G-4 officers, 7 July, and made an inspection of the 67th Regiment less 2 companies. A report on this inspection will go forward separately.

e. Mistakes or Events:

- (1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by Italian strength returns and by the Americans are beginning to agree reasonably well. The AMB's in Italy units are still excessive, totaling approximately 25% of strength.
- (2) Security reports, on Italian troops requested by your Headquarters have not been made but are now being collected and will be consolidated and forwarded as soon as received from

121020/h

C-2 Counter-Intelligence Section.

- (3) Transportation for Italians is still deficient, ~~but will~~ *be improved in the future*
- (4) Italian Nations. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting the commitments of the Italian nations to the Italian troops especially at Piontino. Have requested Colonel Offenbauer to assist by getting nations on liberties bound for Piontino. The Italians should improve their supply system in forward areas.
- (5) Uniforms and Equipment. The Italians still need proper uniforms and organizational equipment. *Properly appear*
- (6) Interpreters: As a result of a general canvass, the following are competent: *Good for securing some uniforms and*

Italian Liaison Officers with the Fifth Army

De Medici Tornabuoni Lorenzo	Capt., Cav.
Maldoni Mario	Capt., Arty.
Apostoli Asirigo	Lt., Inf.
Di Palma Castiglione Rinaldo	Lt., Arty.
De Martino Alfonso	2d Lieut., Arty.

Fifth Italian Infantry Division:

Polastre Romeo	Maj. Surgeon	Hq 210th Div.
Sauri Innocente	Lt., Inf.	" " "
Arnabaldi Luigi	Capt.	Hq 57th Inf Regt.
Renzi Giovanni	2d Lt., Inf.	Hq 58th Inf. Regt.
Silvano Vittorio	2d Lt., Inf.	" " "
Fracchia Dante	Lt., Cav.	Pack Mail Dressing Center
Massolino Francesco	2d Lt., Cav.	" " "
Grand Vincenzo	2d Lt., Cav.	20th Pack Mail Group

- (7) Information, ~~and signal as to drops, of Italian arms, ammunition and equipment, have sent you a signal on a large warehouse of Italian stores located at Chila.~~

2. General Interest: ~~The need for transportation and a report by me~~ *No items under this category*
~~is still urgent.~~

that I did not report on personally who is not mmia for.

ROSLA C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Infantry, 1424
 MMIA, L. O.
 Fifth Army.

cc: *pgs*
 info sent for Offenbauer mmia for
 ACC and Pedatoy

addressed 2

DRAFT

DRAFT

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 2.

RCV/mjs
9 July 1944

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission,
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 8 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded.

This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly or at least every two weeks.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

None.

c. Conferences:

(1) With Hq 110th Division and Major Mini and Italian I. O'S.
officers (Standard).

(2) With Lt. Col. Hampton Hookes and Majors Pinkley, Dobbs,
MIA officers.

(3) With G-2, G-4, Engineer, AMG, Quartermaster, Transportation, all of Fifth Army.

d. Inspections:

Was up to Pionbino with one of the G-4 officers, 7 July and made an inspection of the 67th Regiment less 2 companies. A report on this inspection will go forward separately.

e. Mistakes:

(1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by

1423

Declassified E.O. 12958 Section 3-403/WRDC NO.

Items:

(1) With Hq 110th Division and Major Mini and Italian I. 0th.

- (1) With Hq 110 Division and Major Ruhl and Lieutenant
 (2) With Lt. Col. Hampton Hodges and Majors Pinkley, Dobbs,

UNITA 01.4 CONT.

- (3) With G-2, G-4, Engineer, AMB, Quartermaster, Transport-

ation, all of Fifth Army.

was up to Pombino with one of the G-4 officers, 7 July and

made an inspection of the 57th Regiment and this inspection will go forward separately.

c. Mistakes:

- (1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by Italian units and ~~by the 1st Army~~ ^{by the 1st Army} are excessively larger than actual number present. First Army has been accepting Italian figures but G-1 has directed that all allied officer or NCO actually make a personal weekly check and report. Discrepancies reported to date are considerable. The ANOL's in many units are ~~excessive~~ ^{still}, totaling approximately 15% of strength, all of which I have called to the attention of the 210th Division and am enclosing the Chief of Staff's explanation. I am also enclosing copy of request for replacements and a policy as to leaves for Italian soldiers. I will make proper application through channels for replacement. Separate returns made by Italians and Americans are beginning to agree separately.

(2) Security reports on Italian troops requested by your Headquarters have not been made but are now being collected and

will be consolidated and forwarded as soon as received from g-2 counter intelligence section.

(3) Transportation for Italians is still deficient. NH

of their requests however have to be screened by me for they have no conception of economy in the use of transport. From reports it appears that considerable Italian military transport is now in unauthorized hands, such as AMG, French and civilians in Rome Area. Italian officers from S.M.A.E. should be sent to Rome immediately to canvass the Italian military transport in cooperation with your MILIA representatives and the Rome area command.

(4) Italian Rations: Considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting the components of the Italian rations to the Italian troops especially at PIOMBINO. Have requested Col. Offenhauer to assist by getting rations on Liberties bond for PIOMBINO. The Italians should improve their supply system in forward areas.

(5) Uniforms and Equipment: The Italians still need summer uniforms and organizational equipment.

(6) Interpreters: As a result of a general canvass, the following are competent:

Italian Liaison Officers with Hq Fifth Army

De Medici Tornaquinci Lorenzo	Capt., Cav.
Waldoni Nardo	Capt., Arty.
Apostoli Amerigo	lt., Inf.
Di Palma Castiglione Rinaldo	lt., Arty.
De Martino Alfonso	2nd Lt., Arty.

S.M.N.V. should be sent to Rome immediately to canvass the Italian Military transport in cooperation with your MILA representatives and the Rome-area command.

(4) Italian Rations: Considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting the components of the Italian rations to the Italian troops especially at PIONEIRO. Have requested Col. Offenbauer to assist by getting rations on Liberties bound for PIONEIRO. The Italians should improve their supply system in forward areas.

(5) Uniforms and Equipment: The Italians still need summer uniforms and organizational equipment.

(6) Interpreters: As a result of a general canvass, the following are competent:

Italian Liaison Officers with Hq Fifth Army

De Medici Tornaquinci Lorenzo	Capt., Cav.	
Naldoni Nardo	Capt., Arty.	
Apostoli Amerigo	Lt., Inf.	
Di Palma Castiglione Rinaldo	Lt., Arty.	
De Martino Alfonso	2nd Lt., Arty.	1422
<u>210th Italian Infantry Division:</u>		
Polestra Rocco	Maj. Surgeon	Hq 210th Div.
Mauri Innocente	Lt., Inf.	" "
Arnabaldi, Luigi	Capt.	Hq 67th Inf Regt.
Banci Giovanni	2d Lt., Inf.	Hq 510th Inf. Regt.
Silvano Vittorio	2d Lt., Inf.	" " "
Fracchia Dante	Lt. Cav.	Pack Mule Dressing Cen.
Benardino Francesco	2d Lt., Cav.	" " "
Bruni Vincenzo	2d Lt., Cav.	20th Pack Mule Group

(7) Reference, AAI signal as to dumps, of Italian arms, ammunition and equipment, have sent you a signal on a large warehouse of Italian stores located at Gella.

2. General Interest: The need for transportation and a typist by me is urgent.

DIST:

Addressee - 2

ACC Rear for Offenbauer - 1

ACC Fred Pedalsley - 1

ROLIA C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
USA, I. C.
Fifth Army.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #666, U. S. Army

RCV/fnt
3 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 2.

To : General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission,
A. P. O. #666, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending, 3 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded. This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly. *usually or at least every 2 weeks.*

b. Arrivals and Departures:

None.

c. Conferences:

(1) With General Cortese, Col. Berni, Mardini, Major Mini and Italian L. G. officers (Italian). *HQ 110 DIO and*

(2) With Col. Fideley, Majors Pinkley, Dobbs, WHIA officers. *at Hampton North and*

(3) With G-2, G-4, Engineer, AMB, Transportation, all of Fifth Army and Rome Area Command. *Quartermaster*

d. Inspections:

was up to Pombino with one of G-4
Have not been able to inspect any units since the first week because no transportation has been available to me. *as*
officers 7 July and made an inspection of Regt's
Regt's 2 e. Mistakes: companies. A report on this
inspection will be forwarded separately

(1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by Italian strength returns are excessively larger than actual number present. Fifth Army has been accepting Italians' figures but G-1 has directed that an Allied Officer or ~~ago~~ actually make a personal weekly check and report. Discrepancies reported to date are considerable. The AMOL's in many units are excessive totaling approximately 15% of strength, all of which I have called to the attention of the 210th Division and am inclosing the Chief of Staff's explanation. I am also inclosing copy of request for replacements and a policy

Separate returns made by Americans and Americans are being turned to 210th Division.

as to leaves for Italian soldiers. I will make proper application through channels for replacement.

- (2) Reports required by your Headquarters should be consolidated as much as possible. For example, your Officer has been requiring Fifth Army Engineer to make separate reports as to Italian Engineer units assigned to Fifth Army, giving name, strength, working strength, location, type of employment, unit employing Italians, discipline and conduct of attached organization, standard of work and morale.
- (3) Security reports on Italian troops have not been made but are now being collected and will be consolidated and forwarded as soon as received.
- (4) Transportation for Italians is deficient, all of their requests however have to be screened by me for they have no conception of economy in the use of transport. From reports it appears that considerable Italian military transport is now in unauthorized hands, such as AMG, French and civilians in Rome Area. Italian officers from S.M.R.E. should be sent to Rome immediately to canvass the Italian Military transport in cooperation with your ISMA representatives and the Rome area command.
- (5) Uniforms and Equipment: The Italians should have summer uniforms and organizational equipment such as tents and messing equipment. See inclosed complaint of General Cortese.
as a result of a general survey the following are incomplete
- (6) Interpreters: I have requested that the Fifth Army units be screened for English speaking interpreters and as soon as completed will report on number present.
- (7) Reference, AAI signal as to dumps, of Italian arms, ammunition and equipment, including military transport, have prepared a directive which has gone out to corps and services.
see also AAI signal as to dumps of Italian arms, ammunition and equipment
- (8) Reference your signal as to securing unauthorized replacements by 210th Division, neither this Headquarters nor I had any information concerning such a proposal. I do know, and we have approved, the establishment of a small collecting station in Rome for the purpose of collecting AMG's, hospital evacuees and stragglers, all actually assigned members of the 210th Division. This may have been what S.M.R.E. thought was authorized, but I don't so consider it.

2. General Interest: This request may not be of general interest but it appears to me to be of extreme importance. I need an American or British (male) typist and a C&R or jeep badly for the number of clerks and transport here are inadequate in number.

The need for transport and a typist is very urgent

HOLLA C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
MMIA, L. O.
Fifth Army.

3 Incls:
#1-Ltr 210th Ital. Inf Div - 30 June
#2-Ltr " " " " - 21 June
#3-Ltr " " " " - 1 June

*Dis
addressed. 2 copies
all R/R for O'Gorman / copy
all Forward / Pudo / copy*

1419

KT5

G/21

2.7 und 4.4

5 Army for MCH LO VAN KINH

1. I am directed to instruct you to forward weekly to this HQ a brief report of liaison activities.
2. Such matters as:-
 - (a) movement of Italian units
 - (b) arrivals and departures
 - (c) conferences
 - (d) inspections
 - (e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
 - (f) any other items of general interest

should be reported.

5. These reports should be forwarded every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

for Lt Col GS

Army Sub Comm. AOC

收江。

1418

301337/6

Dear Major,

I enclose herewith two notes
of Mrs. Maher's, whom I had the pleasure
to see again in Madrid.

Hoping to meet you on the first occasion

Sincerely yours

Alban Feltner

Ministero degli Affari Esteri - Roma -

1615