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Monthly Liaison Letters

Oct. - Dec. 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter and Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

INT/107.

Dec 45

TO: ALL BRANCHES, MMIA.

1. Branches are reminded that points for the November Monthly Liaison Letter are now due. It is intended to curtail drastically the length of the Liaison Letter and to eliminate from it all duplicated material. Branches are therefore requested to confine themselves to points of which S.L.Us have not already been informed or matters which require fuller clarification than they have perhaps received in the normal correspondence of the month.

2. The material for the Monthly Report is due on the 5th Dec. It would be appreciated if this were rendered separately from the Liaison Letter material as the field covered is rather different, being a resume of the main events of importance during the month.

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R. G. A. Groun-Rain
for Lt-Col, C.S. Capt

to & T. MMIA 3250

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29 Nov 45

Monthly Liaison Letter - December 1945.

'Q'

Reference G/31 dated 14 Sept, para 2(f)(i) and (iv).

1. Herewith two copies of draft paras in respect of:-

(1) SUPPLIES	-	Appendix 'A'
(2) TRANSPORT	-	Appendix 'B'

2. These draft paras are for your consideration and incorporation in the Q points to be submitted to GIII(I), in accordance with the above quoted letter.

HFC/gmc

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

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APPENDIX 'A'

to ST I.O.M. 37/295
dated 7th Nov 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - ASIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
DECEMBER 1945

SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance of the Interim Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing Flour and Preserved Meat and Fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the new year.

US-ITIs are being maintained from US M Depots and BN-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive Oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DSE CHQ GMP had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh Vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BN-ITIs or British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Form ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AM 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and ITIs are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this HQ with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned.

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CAGLIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at these two points.

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Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

APPENDIX 'B'

to ST I.O.M. ST/293
dated 24 Nov 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
DECEMBER 1945.

TRANSPORT.

1. Ref G/31 of 14 Sept 45 the following draft paras in connection with ST(T) points are submitted:-

- (a) P.O.L. Allocations for the month of November were on a similar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient.
- Owing to shortage of lubricants in C.I.P. depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources.
- Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of P.O.L. and the allotment for December is slightly higher.
- As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the S.M.I.M.
- Allocation will be made by S.M.I.M. to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by HHCs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited.
- The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory.
- BN-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied sources.

- (b) Transport. Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples R.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into R.V.P. has been noticeable.
- The 450 vehicles at IRTGHI are still in the process of being taken over, and approximately 50 of these have been moved to PIACENNA for repairs prior to distribution.
- The anticipated handover by A.C. of a larger number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

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ST/293

30 Oct 45

Monthly Liaison Letter - November 1945.

'Q'

(1)

Reference G/31 dated 14 Sept, para 2(f)(i) and (iv).

1. Herewith two copies of draft paras in respect of:-

- (1) Supplies - Appendix 'A'
- (2) Transport - Appendix 'B'

2. These draft paras are for your consideration and incorporation in the Q points to be submitted to GIII(I), in accordance with the above quoted letter.

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

APPENDIX 'A'

to ST I.O.M. ST/293
dated Oct 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MMIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
NOVEMBER 1945

SUPPLIES.

1. The Allies have agreed to maintain the Italian Armed Forces until 1 December 1945 in the same manner as heretofore. Stocks existing in Italian Army Depots on the Mainland and Islands are adequate to meet requirements during the month of November. Consequently no releases from Allied Depots will be made. The Italian War Ministry has been instructed to make arrangements to shift stocks within Italy to meet deficiencies in various areas.
2. W.e.f. 1 November US-ITI Service Units will draw Allied components of the ration directly from US QM Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. It is anticipated that all US-ITI Service Units will be disbanded by 1 December 1945.
3. W.e.f. 15 November BR-ITI Service Units will commence drawing Allied components of the ration directly from BR RASC Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. This procedure will continue until BR-ITI Service Units have been disbanded or absorbed into Interim Army.
4. Maintenance of the Interim Army will fall into three phases.
 - (a) Up to 30 November 45
Existing stocks from Allied sources in Italian Depots will meet requirements.
 - (b) 1 - 31 December 1945.
Requirements to be found by Italian Government from following sources, in order of priority indicated.
 - (i) from Italian indigenous sources;
 - (ii) by purchase or loan from U.S. or U.K. surplus stocks in Italy;
 - (iii) through Italian Government import program.Steps by the Ministry of War have already been taken to determine the source from which stocks will come. At this writing no firm action has been taken. AFHQ has stated that stock will be available under para (ii) above, to meet deficiencies not found in para (i) or (iii).

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(c) From 1 January to 30 April 1946.

Requirements to be found by Italian Government from following sources, in order of priority indicated:

- (i) from Italian indigenous sources;
- (ii) through Italian Government import program;
- (iii) by purchase through U.S. and/or U.K. surplus disposal agencies.

Ministry of War has been instructed of above and action to be taken among Italian Ministries. AFHQ can give no guarantee that any stock can be available for purchase through surplus stock disposal agencies.

5. The Italian Air Force and Navy will continue to be maintained from British stocks. Stocks will be handed over to Italian Army Depots, in bulk, for handover in bulk, probably at NAPLES and BARI to Navy and Air Force Depots. Supplies for these two services have been programmed up to 30 April 1946 in manner stated above.

6. It is not anticipated that there will be any changes in disposition of Italian Army Depots.

7. Ration scale for Interim Army may be amended by the Italian Government depending on procurement of supplies. After 1 December authorized ration scale will be a matter for the Italian Government to determine for Interim Army only. (Ration scale for Navy, Air Force, US and BR-INT service units will be maintained on the present scale).

8. It is anticipated that 3T Section, NMIA, will act more in an advisory capacity than executive in the future.

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Lt.Col.
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APPENDIX 'B'

to ST I.O.M. 3E/293
dated Oct 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MCIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
NOVEMBER 1945

TRANSPORT.

1. Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles have been handed over to the Army in the NAPLES area, and a further 450 are being taken over in the LEGHORN area. Owing to the fact that DADME M. ITALY is expecting to recover a large number of vehicles in the North, priority of issue in respect of the vehicles from NAPLES and LEGHORN is being given to Southern Units. It is probable, however, that the total number of efficient recovered vehicles will considerably exceed existing vehicle deficiencies.
2. It is anticipated that a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture will be handed over by A.C. and Italian Ministry of Transport to the Italian Army to compensate for Italian Army vehicles which were issued with AC circulation permits and loaned to civilians and which, in the main, have not yet been recovered by the Italian Army.
3. It is planned that these vehicles will first be taken over at chosen "assembly areas", where any non-runners will be segregated and transferred to local Repairs Units, and all runners transferred to local R.V.Ps., where old markings will be obliterated and new R.E. numbers applied; these vehicles will then be reflected in the daily R.V.P. availability signal sent to the War Ministry by Territorial Commands, and releases will be controlled by the War Ministry in conjunction with this Hq.
4. Since the numbers of such vehicles to be handed over is very large, it is planned that, after certain releases have been made from local R.V.Ps., the remaining vehicles will be centralised in 2 or 3 R.V.Ps.
Detailed instructions regarding the above procedure are being issued.

P.O.L.

5. It is likely that future allocation of P.O.L. will be made by the Allied authorities in the form of a bulk allotment (including Naval, Army, Air Force and civil requirements) to the Italian Government. It will then devolve upon the individual Ministries to bid for their shares, and the proportions allocated will largely depend on the

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efficiency with which such Ministries can support their bids.

6. Should this system come into force, all bidding for P.O.L. would become a purely Italian responsibility, and any requests for supplementary allocations would pass directly through Italian channels to the War Ministry.

7. All concerned will, of course, be notified of any change in the existing system.



Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

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ST/208

1 Oct 45

Monthly Liaison Letter.

'Q1'

Reference G/31 dated 14 Sept 45.

Herewith extract from the branch I.O.M. ST/208 dated 29 Sept 45, concerning Q1 points for inclusion in monthly liaison letter for GSO III(I).

- "2. Food Supplies: It is not yet known when the change over for provisioning will take place (i.e. when American and British cease to supply the Italian Army).
3. Forage: With effect 1 November, the provisioning from Allied sources will cease."

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/208

TO: "Q"

Subject: Monthly Liaison letter.

Reference G/31 dated 14 Sept. 46, para 2(f)(i) and (iv).

1. Herewith two copies of draft paras in respect of:-
 - (1) Supplies----- Appendix "A"
 - (2) Transport----- Appendix "B"
2. These draft paras. for your consideration and incorporation in the Q points to be submitted to CHII(I), in accordance with the above quoted letter.

Lt. Col.
ADST.

29 Sept. 46

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Appendix "A" to ST IOM
94/203 dated Sept. 45

INTER OFFICE MINUTE

94/203

TO: "Q"(2)

Subject: Monthly Liaison letter.

1. Supplies

- (a) Re-organisation of Supply Units:- Proposals are being submitted for revision of Bulk Depots by a reduction in personnel by 1 Officer and 20 OR's each.

Military Bakeries are to be kept at the minimum number and request has been made for new type of units, consisting of 1 Officer and 4 OR's who will act as a nucleus of personnel for the inspection and controlling of Civilian Bakeries making bread for the army on contract.

It is proposed to increase principle food distribution depots by 1 Officer, and decrease the W.E. of secondary distribution depots by 6 OR's each.

Other new units under consideration are refrigerator units, special forage unit and can factory supervisory personnel unit.

The question of moving No. 75 distribution depot from Alessandria to Piacenza Area is only being held up until accommodation becomes available in Piacenza.

The proposed move of the bulk food depot from Genoa to Milan is temporarily suspended.

2. Food Supplies: It is not yet known when the change over for provisioning will take place (i.e. when American and British cease to supply the Italian Army).

3. Forage: With effect 1 November, the provisioning from Allied sources will cease.

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3. Forages With effect 1 November, the provisioning from Allied sources will cease.

W.D.
Lt. Col.
ADST.

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29 Sept. 45

INTER OFFICE MEMO

SE/1909

To :- ADJUT.
(5) Subject :- Monthly Liaison Letter.

1. Ref C/34 of 14 Sept 45, the following draft para in connection with SE (I) points are submitted :-
 - a. Organisation of Tpt Coy's. Proposals are being submitted for a revision in the SE/TUs of III-III Tpt coys, so that they may be composed of standard platoon blocks. The proposals, if agreed, will increase the amount of Tpt in respect of the Admin Tpt Coys within Nos 1 to 7 Territorial Commands, and will also result in an all round increase of personnel. Consideration is also being given to the formation of 3 further Ambulance Gar Sections, on a reduced establishment, for Nos 1, 2 and 5 Terr. Commands. If the new proposals for Admin Tpt Coys are agreed to, it is proposed to disband P.O.L. reserve posts as separate units, and make the Tpt Coys responsible for staffing and operating such posts.

- b. P.O.L. W.e.f. 1 October all Combat Groups are required to obtain their P.O.L. from G.I.P. deserts and MET from Allied Sources. It was finally agreed that III-III and III-III Services Troops should continue to draw from Allied Sources. As it is thought likely that AMB Pet Sec will 'out' the demands submitted in respect of Combat Groups, it will no doubt be necessary for III to institute some sort of weekly rationing system within the groups in order to effect the maximum possible economy and to ensure that the quantities authorised will not be consumed before the end of the month.

- c. Tpt Liaison Officer (Italian) The following officers have been nominated by the Ministry of War as their Tpt representatives in the areas shown.
These officers work directly under the S.M.R.M. (Ufficio Servizio) Ministry of War, but, are, of course, available to MIA LOs in an advisory capacity :-

Name of Officer

Territorial Units covered.

main the Tpt Corps responsible for staffing and operating such posts.

- b. P.C.L. W.C.F. 1 October all Combat Groups are required to obtain their P.C.L. from C.I.P. depots and MAF from Allied Sources. It was finally agreed that M-III and M-III Service Troops should continue to draw from Allied Sources. As it is thought likely that AFM Pot Sec will out the demands submitted in respect of Combat Groups, it will no doubt be necessary for MIA to institute some sort of weekly rationing system within the groups in order to effect the maximum possible economy and to ensure that the quantities authorized will not be consumed before the end of the month.
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<u>Name of Officer</u>		<u>Territorial Code covered</u>	
Maj. MIMI	(No 6 " " " ")	And	Bologna
	(" 7 " " " ")	"	Florence
Maj. CARMENO	(No 2 " " " ")	"	Genoa
	(" 1 " " " ")	"	Turin
Maj. VITA	(No 3 " " " ")	"	Milan
	(" 4 " " " ")	"	Bolzano
	(" 5 " " " ")	"	Verona

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27 Sept 45

