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27 February 47.

'C' (SD) Branch.

Subject :- Monthly Report - February 1947.

Developments and activities pertaining to this section during the month were as follows :-

- (a) One complete set of Bailey Pontoon bridging was received at the Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA by special train from Mestre.
- (b) The Engineer School, having managed to obtain 4 Italian type of Workshop Lorries, has now got a reasonable workshops going and can give training to tradesmen such as carpenters, fitters, tinsmiths, and blacksmiths. Production and repair work for the barracks and training eqpt. is now being undertaken.
- (c) Telephoned information received from G.H.Q. that Italian Mine lifting parties are using with success a locally produced contraption on the Anzio Minefields, is to be investigated. On receipt of the letter from G.H.Q., SO II RE will personally investigate and submit a report.
- (d) It seems evident now that every effort will be made to persuade the Ministry of National Defence to move the Engineer School to PIETRALATA (Rome) as soon as 56 Rest Camp is handed back to the Italian Authorities.
- (e) Engineer Clerk from this section moved to work with 'C' Branch pool of clerks in the 'C' Branch office.

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Allied Forces Headquarters,
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Land Forces Sub Section.

Re: 6/3/47

7 February 1947.

C Branch.

Subject :- Monthly Report - January 1947.

Developments and activities of this section during the month were as follows :-

- (a) Stores from PAVIA have now been received at the Engr. School. The set of Bailey Pontoon Bridge will arrive early Feb. from S.S.R.S. stores.
- (b) S.O.II Lt. visited C. Branch Cdr. at PAVIA and settled outstanding points connected with stores.
- (c) Engineer Chapter for the Handbook of the Italian Army completed.
- (d) Arrangements made through the War Ministry for giving instruction in the erection and dismantling of Bailey Bridges to the Genio Civile in the Udine Area.
- (e) Sample syllabi and programmes for recruit training at a T.B.R.S. in U.S. given to the Engineer School at CIVIDALE DEL FRIO for reference when compiling future training syllabi.
- (f) Arrangements made for the Clerk from this section to assist Capt. Biferani of the Engr. School in interpreting British Eng. films for preparing Italian sound tracks for them.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC(ISA)

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8 January 47

C Branch.

Subject :- Monthly Report - December 1946.

Developments and activities of this section during the month were as follows :-

(a) Engr. Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.

No further progress in obtaining the ARAB. held stores at CANCELLO.

(b) The set of Bailey Pontoon Eapt. released from E.S.B.D. MESTRE for the Engineer School is now being collected.

(c) There is no question now of moving the Specialist Bn. of the Engineer School to ROME.

(d) IO B.I.U. visited but no Engineer problems of any importance exist. Pavie and Milan also visited by Major Wilkinson but it was not possible to visit A.B.L.T. at Bolzano owing to blockage of route by snow.

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3 December 46.

100 Branch.

Subject :- Monthly Report - November 46.

The elements and activities of this section during the month were as follows :-

(a) Visit by U.S. Engineer School together with Capt. Biferari to Amer. Establishment at Ta in and Amer. School with object of securing more Amer. stores and eqpt. for Amer. School.

(b) War Ministry approached with list of stores to be released from Ta in and obtained from War Ministry at Ta in. War Ministry has agreed to release stores at Ta in. Action taken to release stores at Ta in.

(c) We have now notified release of one set of Bailey Pontoon equipment for Italian Engineers. Arrangements for collection and railing from Ta in now in hand.

(d) The Advanced Recruits course at Amer. School of Ta in ended on 16 Nov. Of the 1000 recruits attending 370 were retained for the 2 weeks Specialist course which commenced on 18 Nov.

(e) Many Amer. training and technical pamphlets have now been received against demands and are being issued for translation and use at the Amer. School.

(f) The suggestion for moving the Specialist M. of the Amer. School to a barracks in Ta in is under consideration.

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4 Nov 46

1st Branch

Subject :- Monthly Report - October 1946

Developments and activities of this section during the month are as follows :-

(a) Visit to 1st A.S.U. and Terr. Engng. H. and Hqs. Units of Terr. Command between 22nd and 25th October. Inspection of the late S.A.S. at Cancelli (now in hands of A.S.A.S.) and the old British School of Military Engineering at Capua (now closed). The latter with a view to suitability for future Italian Engng. School.

(b) All Engng. stores in the S.A.S. at Cancelli were handed over by U.S. to A.S.A.S. (informed quantity approx. 500,000 tons)

(c) 3 sets of folding boat equipment were received by the Engng. School, Civita Vecchia, from Cancelli and also a small quantity of other stores required by the school.

(d) An Italian Genl. Officer visited the Depot at Cancelli and noted Engng. equipment available. For Ministry given first list of stores etc. which should be bid for before disposal by A.S.A.S. commences.

(e) Printed copies of new War establishments for Hqs. of Terr. Command and Divisions received. Certain minor amendments suggested.

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Major G. F.
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U.S.A.S.

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RE
6/9. (127)SUBJECT: Quarterly Historical Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMA)

(LB9001 Exe. 401)

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Oct 46

TO : Dist 'A'

Attached is copy of appendix to LST 633 of 26/6/46 for
information & guidance in rendering returns.

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No further action
has been taken in this office
Exhaustive search made
reports will be taken
by HQ. for this record for

R. C. L. M. S. D. M. A.
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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APPENDIX

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QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

- of the
 (Headquarters, unit or establishment)
 for the quarter ending 194
1. Location (giving map reference)
 2. Strength: Officers Other Ranks.
 3. How employed (with notes on important training exercises carried out, appreciations and recommendations of the commander).
 4. Administration (particularly administrative difficulties encountered and action taken to overcome them. Any other important administrative matters, such as changes in establishment, alteration of designation, etc., with dates and authorities).
 5. Miscellaneous (including comment on morale, notes on important visits paid and received by commanders and senior staff officers, with reasons for such visits and decisions taken).
 6. Appendices as applicable.

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Subject :- Monthly Report - September 1946.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

(H.M.I.A.)

DE 29/1

4 October 46.

To :- 'C' Branch.

From :- S.O.R.F.

Developments and activities of this section during the month are as follows :-

(a) Tour of Engrs, Mtrs. and Units in Northern Italy from 3rd Sept - 18 Sept. See special Tour report submitted under DE 7 of 10 Oct 46. with recommendations.

(b) Arrangements made for the collection of three sets of Folding Boat Equipment and other stores for the Italian Engr. School from SS(AB) CAMPILLO.

(c) War Ministry issued instructions for the separation of Signals from Engineers and for the proposed formation of a Signal Corps and Engr. Corps.

(d) Maj. Wilkinson R.F. reported on arrival to take over duties of Chief Instructor at the Engr. School in replacement of Maj. Cheaman R.F.

J.C.O'FERRALL, Major,
S.O.R.F.
H.M.I.A.

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Subject: Monthly Report-August 1946.

Land Forces Commission A.D.

(S.M.T.A.)

29/4

31 August 46.

To: Gen Branch

From: S.O.T.T.

Points relating to developments and activities in which this Section is concerned are submitted as follows:-

- (a) Representation was made by Genlt S.M.T. concerning the inadequate state of S.T. at the School for fulfilling administrative and training needs. This resulted in the school being allotted 3 more Italian lorries and the general situation has now improved.
- (b) A proposal that the new site for the S.M.T. should be at SABAMIA was turned down at the War Ministry for the reason that the barracks at Carmudia were to be reserved for the Artillery. The site for the S.M.T. has been provisionally fixed for CARMA. It may take a year to get barracks and accommodation there in proper order.
- (c) Approx 90 tons of War Stores were drawn during the month from the S.M.T. at Cancelli and issued to the S.M.T. on loan to provide sufficient training stores for recruit and other courses.
- (d) Two sets each of Bailey Bridge were issued to the "ner bus of the Vol one" and "Buili" Divisions to make pool requirements.
- (e) War Ministry issued instructions to all concerned on the proposed method for splitting the Engineers Corps into separate Corps for Signals and Engineers. To be accomplished in two stages. The first stage is at present being implemented but stage two will only be put into effect later at an unspecified date on receipt of further instructions.
- (f) Recommendations are being made for the concentration of the "ner bus of the Vol one" Division at PAVIA. Only one Rd Coy and the Rd Park Coy are at Pavia at present and the rest of the Dn at PAVIA.
- (g) The new War Establishment for the Div Dnr Dn can be expected in print shortly. A big deficiency in Junior Officers will exist when stage 2 of the formation of separate Engineer and Signal Corps is implemented. So far, it appears, no plan has been made for providing the necessary officers.
- (h) Major Chapman S.M.T. C.I. at the S.M.T. is expected to leave for the U.K. at the end of August. Replacement has been asked for.

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- (a) Representation was made by Genet S.M., concerning the inadequate state of M.A. at the School for fulfilling administrative and training needs. This resulted in the school being allotted 3 more Italian lorries and the general situation has now improved.
- (b) A proposal that the new site for the S.M. should be at Salsomaggi was turned down at the War Ministry for the reason that the barracks at Salsomaggi were to be reserved for the Artillery. The site for the S.M. has been provisionally fixed for GALLIA. It may take a year to get barracks and accommodation there in proper order.
- (c) Approx 90 tons of War stores were down during the month Nov 1941. The S.M. at Cancelello and issued to the S.M. on loan to provide sufficient training stores for recruit and other courses.
- (d) Two sets each of Bailey Bridge were issued to the War Bus of the "Red Cross" and "Pavili" divisions to make pool requirements.
- (e) War Ministry issued instructions to all concerned on the proposed method for splitting the Engineers Corps into separate Corps for Signals and Engineers. To be accomplished in two stages. The first stage is at present being implemented but stage two will only be put into effect later at an unspecified date on receipt of further instructions.
- (f) Recommendations are being made for the concentration of the Division of "Leopards" Division at PAVIA. Only one Pz Coy and the Pz Park Coy are at Pavia at present and the rest of the Bn at VERONA.
- (g) The new War Establishment for the Div. Bn can be expected in print shortly. A big deficiency in Junior officers will exist when stage 2 of the formation of separate Engineer and Signal Corps is implemented. So far, it appears, no plan has been made for providing the necessary officers.
- (h) Major Chapman R.E., C.I. at the S.M. is expected to leave for the U.K. at the end of August. Replacement has been asked for.

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J.O. O'BRYEN, Major,
S.M. S.M.,
M.M. T.A.

Subject:- Monthly Report - July

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To:- 'C'

From:- S.O.R.M.

1. The main activities of this Section during the month of July were as follows:-

- (a) Visit to Engr Units in 7 Territorial Command and the Engr Bn of the Folgore Div. (3rd to 9th July).
- (b) Accompanied G.O.C. (Major General Coulburn) on his initial visit to S.M.E. Civitavecchia (13th July).
- (c) Major Chapman departed for Caserta and Canello with indents to try and obtain Trg Stores from U.S.B.D. on loan for the S.M.E. Satisfactory results were obtained. Arrangements previously made with S.M.E.
- (d) Screening of certain works requests made to Genio Militare.
- (e) Visits and discussions with Engr representatives at the Ministry of War.

2 August 46.

J.G. O'FERRALL, Major, R.E.
S.O.R.M.
M.M.I.A.

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JULY 1946WAR DIARY

M.M.I.A.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	2	Visited G.F. Rome and arranged for supply of Engr Stores required urgently. Major Chapman, 12 B.L.U., visited and equipment for S.M.E. was discussed.
FIORINCE	3-9	Visited Engr units in 7 Territorial Command and of Folgore Div. Separate tour report submitted.
ROME	10	Major Hibbard visited and discussed certain matters which arose in my absence on tour.
ROME	13	Major General Goulburn, the new Commander, M.M.I.A. discussed work of S.O.R.E. in M.M.I.A.
ROME	15	Visited Gen. CORTELLINSSA and G.F. Rome regarding work services required.
CIVITAVECCHIA	16	Accompanied G.O.C., M.M.I.A. and staff on inspection of the S.M.E. at Civitavecchia.
ROME	17	Brig. Broomhall, C.F., G.H.Q. called and discussed Engr problems and in particular the supply of Training Stores for S.M.E.
ROME	19	Major Chapman called and received instructions for obtaining Engr Stores from E.S.B.D. at Cancelli.
ROME	20	Major Chapman visited to discuss further arrangements. Col. IANMARINO from War Ministry called to discuss equipment required for the Genio Militare.
	24	Major Chapman left for Caserta and Cancelli to select stores and earmark them for drawing subsequent for S.M.E.

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Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information

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visited to discuss further arrangements.

NO from War Ministry called to discuss equipment required for the Genio Militare.

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M.M.I

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	26	Major Chapman returned and satisfactory arrangements were made for obtaining the stores. 90 % of what was listed was available.
ROME	27	Major Chapman called and discussed date and means for collecting stores at Canello.
ROME	29	Visited Gen. PRATTINI at the War Ministry and discussed current problems.
		30-31 Nothing to report.

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec.)
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information

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M.M.I.

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ROME	2	Visited G.E. Rome and arranged for supply of Engr Stores required urgently. Major Chapman, 12 B.L.U., visited and equipment for S.M.E. was discussed.
FLORINCE	3-9	Visited Engr units in 7 Territorial Command and of Folgore Div. Separate tour report submitted.
ROME	10	Major Hibbard visited and discussed certain matters which arose in my absence on tour.
ROME	13	Major General Goulburn, the new Commander, M.M.I.A. discussed work of S.O.R.P. in M.M.I.A.
ROME	15	Visited Gen. CORTELLI and G.E. Rome regarding work services required.
CIVITAVECCHIA	16	Accompanied G.O.C., M.M.I.A. and staff on inspection of the S.M.E. at Civitavecchia.
ROME	17	Brig. Broomhall, C.E., C.H.Q. called and discussed Engr problems and in particular the supply Training Stores for S.M.E.
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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec.)
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

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ing Stores for S.M.E.

Chapman called and received instructions for obtaining Engr Stores from M.S.B.D. at Cancelli.

Chapman visited to discuss further arrangements.

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Chapman left for Caserta and Cancelli to select stores and earmark them for drawing subsequently
M.E.

JULY 1946WAR DIARY

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M.F.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	26	Major Chapman returned and satisfactory arrangements were made for obtaining the stores. 90 % of what was listed was available.
ROME	27	Major Chapman called and discussed date and means for collecting stores at Cancelli.
ROME	29	Visited Gen. FRATTINI at the War Ministry and discussed current problems.
	30-31	Nothing to report.

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H.M.I.A. (Ingr. Sec.)
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.M.

Summary of Events and Information

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Subject:- Monthly Report - June

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To:- 'C'

From:- S.O.R.E.

1. The main activities of this Section during the month of June were as follows:-

- (a) Inspection of S.M.E. at CIVITAVECCHIA.
- (b) Visit to 'C' Branch S.E.C. to discuss Italian Engr. matters.
- (c) Visit to GERMIGNOLA to inspect proposed future site of S.M.E.
- (d) Work in connection with the supply of Engr. equipment to the Italian Army.
- (e) Screening of requests for works services made on Genio by R.A.A.C. Visits to such works in progress.

8 July 45.


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for Major J.C. GERRARD, R.E.,
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JUNE 1946

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R.H.I.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	2	Major O'Ferrall arrived in Rome from U.S. to take over S.O.R.E., M.M.I.A. from Major Hibbard.
ROME	3-7	Handing over period which included visits to the War Ministry etc. and introductions to the head Engr. Departments.
ROME	8	Major O'Ferrall took over appointment of S.O.R.E. vice Major Hibbard. Major Hibbard reported for duty to 12 B.L.U.
ROME	8-10	Victory celebration holidays.
ROME	11	Major Chapman (C.I. at S.M.E. Civitavecchia) visited and explained his work and some of his current work.
CIVITAVECCHIA	13	Visited S.M.E. at Civitavecchia and met the Commandant and staff. With Major Chapman, inspected the barrack accommodation and the training grounds and saw some of the work. Returned to Rome in the evening.
ROME	14	Visited Ministry of War and discussed with Gen. FRATTINI and Col FIDONE the allotment of certain work to the Italian Engineers.
ROME	15	Ministry of War replied to our proposals for the reorganization of Engr. units in the Italian Army. They do not agree to the proposals for reasons of increasing the capex ceiling and the fact that the Peace Treaty is signed the whole organization of the Army may have to be reviewed.
ROME	17	Visited Gen. CORTELLI to press for certain work to be speeded up and completed. With Major Downing of 8 B.L.U. visited American M.P. Headquarters to assess work of new installations requested by them.

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H.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. J.C. O'Ferrall, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

O'Ferrall arrived in Rome from U.S. to take over S.O.R.E., H.M.I.A. from Major Hibbard.

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O'Ferrall took over appointment of S.O.R.E. vice Major Hibbard. and reported for duty to 12 B.L.U.

celebration holidays.

Gen. (C.I. at S.M.E. Civitavecchia) visited and explained his work and some of his current problems.

M.E. at Civitavecchia and met the Commandant and staff.

Chapman, inspected the barrack accommodation and the training grounds and saw some of the recruits. Returned to Rome in the evening.

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M.M.

JUNE 1946WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	19	Col. IANMARINO visited to inform us of the latest position regarding the distribution of Rai. Requested that of the 4 sets which G.H.C. were about to release, two sets should go to Prull. Two to Folgore Div. A.C. Staff Duty Officer and M.M.I.A. Duty Officer today.
CANISTO	21	Visited Engr. Branch, G.H.C., Canista and met Brig. BRIDGMAN (G.I.) and discussed several p and his staff.
ROME	22	Col. IANMARINO called to discuss allotment of equipment.
ROME	25	Col. IANMARINO called again.
ROME	27	Visited Ministry of War and discussed Engr. organizations and the question of a new site for Gen. FRATTINI. He favours Cecchignola having seen the other proposed sites but says that it occupied for a year until the partly constructed buildings are completed. Visited Gen. GORINI and discussed certain War Services. Visited British Ministry of Supply to ascertain quantities and types of mech. eqpt. that has transferred to the Italian Government.
CECCHIGNOLA	28	Visited the Military City of Cecchignola with Major Skinner, R.Sigs. and inspected the port for the future S.M.A. Also looked at possible training sites.
ROME	29	Made arrangements for visit to Engr. units in the Florence area next week.
ROME	30	Duty Officer M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. J.C. O'Ferrall, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

MAIRNO visited to inform us of the latest position regarding the distribution of Bailey Bridge Eqt. and that of the 4 sets which C.E.C. were about to release, two sets should go to Gruili Div. and Folgore Div. Staff Duty Officer and M.M.I.A. Duty Officer today.

Engr. French, C.E.C., Casserta and met Brig. BROCCHETTI (C.E.) and discussed several points with him staff.

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Ministry of War and discussed Engr. organizations and the question of a new site for the S.M.E. with AFFINI. He favours Cecchignola having seen the other proposed sites but says that it could not be used for a year until the partly constructed buildings are completed.

Gen. CORBELLISSA and discussed certain Works Services.

British Ministry of Supply to ascertain quantities and types of mech. eqpt. that have been referred to the Italian Government.

the Military City of Cecchignola with Major Skinner, R.Sigs. and inspected the portion suggested future S.M.E. Also looked at possible training sites.

arrangements for visit to Engr. units in the Florence area next week.

Officer M.M.I.A.

MAY 1946

WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1	S.O.R.E. visited Gen. CORTELLA, C.E. Base Terr. Command in connection with works service.
ROME	2	Visited Ministry of War to arrange with Gen. FRATTINI first course for Italian Engineers in Bailey Bridging. Inspected works services R.A.A.C.
CIVITAVECCHIA	3	In company with Lt. Col. O'Dwyer, R.E. (Commandant, British S.M.E. Camp) and Major Chapman 12 R.L.U. S.O.R.E. visited Italian S.M.E.
ROME	4	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Gen. FRATTINI, Inspector of Military Engineering, in connection with accommodation, transport, materials etc. at the S.M.E. Civitavecchia visit made 3 June.
ROME	6	Discussed works service matters R.A.A.C. with Gen. CORTELLA.
ROME	7	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Col. PINOYE present holdings of Bailey bridging Italian Army.
ROME	9	Works service inspections R.A.A.C.
ROME	10	At Ministry of War re engineer equipment and training.
ROME	13	Visited Ministry of War re engineer equipment.
ROME	16	With 3 R.L.U. re works services R.A.A.C.

WAR DIARY

M.I.A. (Eng. Sec)

Maj. R.N.J. Hibbert, R.E.

SUMMARY of Events and InformationReferences

R.E. visited Gen. CORTELESSA, G.E. Rome Terr. Command in connection with works services R.A.A.C.

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ley Bridging.
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company with Lt. Col. O'Dwyer, R.E. (Commandant, British S.M.E. Capua) and Major Chapman, R.E.
B.L.U. S.M.E. visited Italian S.M.E.

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Ministry of War re engineer equipment and training.

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8 B.L.U. re works services R.A.A.C.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	17	Discussed with Col. PISCONI and LAMARINO present holdings by Divisional Engineers of Bri Equipment.
ROME	18	Works service inspections with Capt. Morrison, R.A.A.C.
ROME	22	Discussed with Gen. PRATTINI proposed new organization of Engineer Service Units.
ROME	23	Visited Gen. CORTELLI in connection with R.A.A.C. works service requests.
ROME	30	Works service inspections.
ROME	31	With Gen. PRATTINI to arrange second course for Italian Engineers in Pontoon Bailey Bridge

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)

Maj. R.M.J. HILLARD, R.E.

Summary of Events and InformationReferences

Discussed with Col. PICCOLI and LAMARINO present holdings by Divisional Engineers of British Army.

Service inspections with Capt. Harrison, R.A.A.C.

Discussed with Gen. FRANTINI proposed new organization of Engineer Service Units.

Met Gen. CORNELIUS in connection with R.A.A.C. works service requests.

Service inspections.

Gen. FRANTINI to arrange second course for Italian Engineers in Pontoon Bailey Bridging.

Subject: - Monthly Report - May

To: - 101.

From: - S.O.R.A.

1. The main activities of this Section during the month of May were as follows:-

- (a) Visit of inspection to Italian School of Military Engineering, CIVITAVECCHIA.
- (b) "Car" in connection with re-organization Engineer Service Units.
- (c) Work done in connection with supply of Engineer Equipment.
- (d) Screening of requests for work services made on Genio by S.A.S.G. in connection with such work in progress.

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R.N.L. HIGGINS, Major,
S.O.R.A.,
M.I.I.A.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1	S.O.R.E. visited Ministry of War to discuss with GEN. FRATTINI current "E" matters. Visited GEN. CORTELESSA C.E. Rome Terr. Command in connection with works services R.A.A.C.
ROME	2	Visited works services in progress in R.A.A.C.
ROME	3	Discussed with COL PICCONE the supply of stores and materials, and the release of eng stores and equipment held as C.E.M.
ROME	4	Visited Ministry of War. Spoke with GEN. FRATTINI and COL GAZZINI re selection of st for wet bridging training.
ROME	6	Discussed with GEN CORTELESSA C.E. Rome Terr. Command current works service requests R.A.A.C.
CASTERA	8	Visited "E" Branch G.H.Q. Discussed with the C.E. - BRIG. BROCHIALI Italian engr. m generally and the Italian S.M.E. in particular.
ROME	9	Visited 8 B.L.U. to discuss and clarify the many works service requests made by R.A.A. Decided on additional "screening" measures.

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Maj. R.N.J. Hibbard, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

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ROME	11	At Ministry of War with COL. PICCONI. Arranged for Genio Naples to collect certain engr. eqpt. (C.E.M.) and Ministry of War to distribute.
ROME	12	In company with R.A.A.C. engr. visited various works services.
ROME	13	Visited GEN. FRATTINI - Inspector of Italian Engrs, to discuss org. and duties of Engineer Service units.
ROME	15	Visited Ministry of War re C.E.M.
ROME	16	Engineer Conference H.Q. M.M.I.A. to discuss re-organization It. Engr. Service Troops and supply of equipment, present G.H.Q. Maj. Cruceock R.E., Capt. House R.E. (G.H.Q.) "E" Branch, Lt.Col. Southby and S.O.R.E. M.M.I.A.
ROME	17	S.O.R.E. accompanied by GEN. FRATTINI and COL. MUTTIS visited Pietrulata Bks and surrounding areas making recce for future wet bridging site and other training areas. Tevere river excellent site for bridging camp.
CIVITAVECCHIA	18	S.O.R.E. visited Civitavecchia area in connection with works service matters.

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Maj. R.H.J. Hibbard, R.E.

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S.O.R.E. visited Civitavecchia area in connection with works service matters.

APRIL 1946WAR DIARYM.M.I.A. (Eng
Maj.)

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	20	Visited Ministry of War (COL. PICCONTE) re holdings by Italian Engrs of Bailey Bridge stores.
ROME	23	Discussed with LT.COL. DI MARINO lists of It. Engr. stores and equipment now held as C.E.M. with a view to release.
ROME	24 & 25	S.O.R.E. made works service inspections R.A.A.C.
ROME	26	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with GEN. PRATTINI re-organization of Engr Service
ROME	29	Work on re-organization It. Engr. Service Troops.
ROME	30	Works service inspections R.A.A.C.

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Maj. R.N.J. Hibbard, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

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S.C.R.E. made works service inspections R.A.A.C.

Visited Ministry of War to discuss with GEN. BRATTINI re-organization of Engr Service Troops.

Work on re-organization It. Engr. Service Troops.

Works service inspections R.A.A.C.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April.

TO: 'G'

FROM: S.O.R.E.

1. The main activities of this section during the month of April were as follows:-

- (a) Visit of S.O.R.E. to C.E. GHQ in connection with Italian Engr. Training and supply of equipment.
- (b) Work in connection with the proposed re-organization of Italian Engr. Service troops resulting from Engr. Conference held at this HQ between GHQ and MFA.
- (c) Matters in connection with supply of engr. equipment and stores - including C.E.M.
- (d) Screening of requests for works services made on Genio by R.A.A.C. Visits to such works in progress.

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S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

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R.M.J. HIBBARD, Major,
S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

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MARCH 1946.WAR DIARY.W.H.T.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. R.N.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information.	Refer
NAPLES.	2 - 5	1. S.O.R.E. visited Naples and inspected the 10th Reggimento del Genio at C. Maria. C.V. This unit was found to be completely unable to justify its existence and its disbandment will be asked for. 2. Visited 10 B.L.U. and discussed with OC Engr. matters, particularly difficulties re works on C.I.R. at Avellino. 3. Visited Gen. GRUNATA, C.E. 10 Terr. Command and suggested ways and means of expediting works on C.I.R. at Avellino. Also discussed other "E" matters relating to the Command.	
ROME.	6.	4. Maj. CHAPMAN, R.E. reported as Instructor W.E. with 12 B.L.U.; initiated him into his duties and explained the Engineer training set-up.	
	7	5. Visited Ministry of War and discussed with Gen. PRATTINI the requirements of materials and equipment for It. Engr. Coys and the Engr. School. Also discussed W.E.'s and other current matters. 6. Visited Rome Terr. Command to discuss with the C.E. Gen. CORTESESSA works in the various Training Schools.	
CASSANO.	8.	7. Visited 12 B.L.U. in company with Maj. Chapman who remained to take over his duties as Instr. R.E. with the B.L.U.	
	9.	8. At Ministry of War had further discussion with GEN. PRATTINI on matters of equipment and materials.	

WAR DIARY.

M.E.T.A. (Engr. Sec.)
 Maj. R.W.J. Hubbard, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information.References.

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WAR DIARY.H.M.I.A.
Major R.N.March 46.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information.	Refer
ROME.	12.	9 With Gen CORTELLI for further discussion on works in connection with training schools, principally those at Cecchignola, work on which seems to be held up due to lack of financial approval.	
ROME	13.	10. Inspected some of the principle works to requisitioned buildings in RAMC. 11. Vetted equipment lists of Engr. School.	
ROME	14.	12. Further work on equipment lists for Engr. School.	
ROME	15.	13. Preparation of data for conference at GHQ to be held on 18 March.	
ROME	16.	14. Saw Gen CORTELLI re works services and discussed progress of work in training schools. 15. Visited some works services projects.	
CASERTA.	18.	16. Attended conference at GHQ on the provision of equipment for the Italian Interim Army.	GHQ dated

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H.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Major R.M.J. Hibbard R.E.

Summary of Events and Information.Reference

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WAR DIARY.M.M.I.A. (P)
Maj. R.N.J.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information.	References
ROME	19	17. Visited Ministry of War and Rome Terr. Command re current EE matters	
ROME	21	18. With Maj. Chapman considering training stores for Eng School.	
ROME	22	19. Visited Ministry of War to discuss training of Engr. Officers.	
ROME	25.	20. Work on preparation of training programmes for Engr. Officers.	
ROME	26.	21. Visited works services.	
ROME	27 - 28.	22. Prepared data for Training Handbook.	
ROME	29.	23. Visit of Lt. Col. O'DWYER of the Br. S.M.E. Capua, who called in order to find out if any instruction help was required at the Italian Engr. School. Informed him that the need of help was not anticipated.	
ROME	30	24. Visited Gen. CORTELLI re works services and training schools	

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WAR DIARY.M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec.)
Maj. R.N.J. Hibbard, R.E.Summary of Events and Information.References.

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24. Visited Gen. CORTELLI re works services and training schools

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - March.

TO: 'G'

FROM: S.O.R.E.

The main activities of this section during the month of March were in connection with the following matters:-

- (a) Visit of S.O.R.E. to 10 Bldg, "E" Branch 10 Terr. Command; and inspection of 10th Reggimento del Genio.
- (b) Matters in connection with the supply of Engl. equipment and materials to the Italian Army, including conference on this subject at GHQ.
- (c) Screening of requests for works services made on the Genio by R.A.A.G. Visits to such works in progress.
- (d) Engineering Training. Work on syllabi and preparation of data for the Training Handbook.

R.N.J. HIBBARD, Major,
S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

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FEBRUARY 1946.WAR DIARY

M.M.I.A.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1.	Major <u>HIBBARD</u> reported to HQ M.M.I.A. re his visit Maj. <u>A.S. COPISTONE</u> , S.O. when hand-over complete.
	2.	Maj. Copiestone and Maj. Hibbard visited the Ministry of War and Rome Territorial Command HQ in the order that the latter officer be introduced to the various Italian Regt. Officers.
	4.	Handover <u>Copiestone</u> - Hibbard to M.M.I.A. matters
	5.	Visited Col. <u>Riccione</u> re supply from Italian sources of bridge parts requested by Transportation (Ex) Main G.M.F.
	6.	At request of "Q" R.A.A.C. visited HQ and MG of that command to discuss recent reluctance of Genio Militari to undertake in respect of requisition buildings the scale of repairs asked for by R.A.A.C. Reported discussion to AMO M.M.I.A. who said the matter would be investigated.
	7.	Visited Ministry of War to meet Gen. <u>SPATTINI</u> the newly appointed chief of the Engineer Inspectorate.
	8.	Visited 12 B.L.U. at Cesano. Discussed training matters with Maj. <u>LARRINGTON</u> who had returned the day previously from a course. In company with Maj. Larrington visited Eng. School at <u>BRACCIANO</u> . Discussed with Col. <u>MATTES</u> training programmes and move of the school to <u>CIVITAVECCHIA</u> .
	11.	Handover of Eng. matters Maj. <u>LARRINGTON</u> - Maj. <u>HIBBARD</u> . Maj. Larrington goes on release tomorrow.
	13.	Visited new location of Eng. School at <u>CIVITAVECCHIA</u>

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WAR DIARYM.M.I.A. (Eng. Sec.)
Maj. R.W.J. HEDWARD, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences.

Maj. HEDWARD reported to M.M.I.A. to be vice Maj. R.G. COPLESTONE, S.O.M.E., when hand-over complete.

Maj. Coplesstone and Maj. Hedward visited the Ministry of War and Rome Territorial Command in the order that the latter officer be introduced to the various Italian Eng. Officers.

Handover Coplesstone - Hedward to M.M.I.A. matters.

Visited Col. Piccone re supply from Italian sources of bridge parts requested by Transportation (Gr) Main C.E.C.

At request of M.M.I.A. visited AA and HQ of that command to discuss recent reluctance of Genio Militari to undertake in respect of requisitioned buildings the scale of repairs asked for by M.M.I.A. Reported discussion to A.M.C. M.M.I.A. who said the matter would be investigated.

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Handover of Eng. matters Maj. LARRINGTON - Maj. HEDWARD. Maj. Larrington goes on release tomorrow.

Visited new location of Eng. School at CIVITAVECCHIA

FEBRUARY 1946.WAR DIARYM.M.I.A. (Engr)
Maj. R.

Place.	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Ref
Rome.	15.	Visited Gen FRATTINI to discuss means of improvement in present system of recruitment and training of Officers.	
	16.	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Engr. Inspectorate heavy equipment needs for Engr. Trg.	
	20.	Visit of Major Gen. COXWELL-ROGERS, C.E. GHQ to HQ M.M.I.A. An informal discussion was held between Maj. Gen. BROWNING, Commander M.M.I.A., Maj. Gen. COXWELL-ROGERS, Lt. Col. MIDLAM, and SORE. The C.E. said the purpose of his visit was to discover further what was needed to train and equip Italian Engr. units, and promised to help in any way possible. SORE accompanied the C.E. to the Ministry of War for a discussion with Gen. FRATTINI on Engr. problems of training and supply. The C.E. later visited the one Italian Engr. Trg. School at Pietralata where it is eventually intended by Ministry of War to re-establish the Engr. School at present at Civitavecchia.	
	21.	Work on training programme.	
	22.	Examined proposed W.E. of Engr School and reduced total by 50 bodies	
	26.	With Deputy Commander M.M.I.A., and Maj. Feak, 8 BLU, SORE-attended conference at R.A.A.C. on the responsibility of the Genio Militari in performing works and the scope of such works in respect of Allied requisitioned buildings in R.A.A.C. It was decided that 8 BLU would receive and vet any future requests made by R.A.A.C. for works services, and in cases of doubt as to validity of request, or when technical advice was required, would submit to SORE M.M.I.A. for examination and final decision.	

WAR DIARYM.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. R.N.J. HIBBARD, R.E.Summary of Events and InformationReferences

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
Rome.	28.	Work on W.Es of various Engr. Units.

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Maj. R.W.J. HIBBARD, R.E.

Date

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Work on W.Es of various Engr. Units.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - February.

TO: 'C'

FROM: S.O.R.E.

1. The main activities of this section during the month of February were in connection with the following matters:-

- (a) Completion of move of Eng. School from Bracciano to Civitavecchia.
- (b) Revision of W.E. of School. Revised form to be discussed and decided upon.
- (c) Training programmes. These were revised and regarded now as the ones to be employed.
- (d) Recruitment and Trg. of Officers. This was discussed at Min. of War.
- (e) Matters arising from visit to Min. of War of Maj. Gen. Coxwell-Rogers, C.E., G.H.Q.
- (f) Maintenance by Genio Militari of requisitioned properties in R.A.A.C.
- (g) Provision of Mechanical and heavy equipment for Engineer School


S.O.R.E.
M.H.I.A.

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JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT - R.E.

The main activities of this branch were in connection with the following matters:-

- (a) move of the Italian Ingr School from BRACCIANO to CIVITAVECCHIA
- (b) the est. of the School
- (c) the training programme
- (d) the "work service" programme for the Central Schools.

The est. of the School is still under discussion; but the move of the School, although ordered by the Italian authorities, has not yet taken place.

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S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

L. F. M. G.

SUBJECT: Jan Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

INT/207

2 Feb 46

TO : List 'A'
less serials 1,2,3,4,
9,18,19.

Ref this branch letter INT/207 of 4 Jan 46.

Branches are reminded that summaries of activities for the month of Jan for inclusion in the Monthly Report are required in INT office as soon as possible.

W. J. A. Groun-Rodriguez Maj.
for Lt-Col,
GS.

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JANUARY 1946

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	3	SORE visited 12 B.L.U. CESANO in order to take over temporarily the duties of Maj. LARREN 12 B.L.U. who was leaving for a course.
	4	Visited Engineer Inspectorate, SORE, and discussed with Col. GAZZINI the proposed move of Italian Engr School from BRACCIANO to CIVITAVECCHIA; the latter place was considered by th to be unsuitable largely owing to the difficulty of finding accommodation for families of staff.
	8	Visited Col. GAZZINI again: raised the question of the supply of engr equipment for training. It is clear that Italian resources will not meet the demands for bridging material and com and probably explosives.
	9	Visited CESANO and discussed syllabus of recruit training with Col. MATTEI. The latter confirmed the unsuitability of CIVITAVECCHIA and proposed that a location be found at GROSSETO.
	11	SORE visited Engr Branch, GH, GAF. Confirmed disbandment programme of BR-III Engr Units. Raised question of loan of Bailey equipment for Italian Engr School; such a loan may be p if no other arrangements are made before March.
	14	Visited GROSSETO with Col. SAUCCI of Rome Territorial Command, re hand over of pumping to Italians. These will be taken over finally 31 Jan unless unforeseen difficulties are the Italians with regard to the supply of the necessary fuel (150 gallons of petrol per day).
	15	Discussed GROSSETO water supply with Gen. CORTELESSA, Rome Territorial Command.
	17	Visited CESANO. Discussed training programme and organisation of School with Col. MATTEI. A definite ruling on location of School is necessary.
	21	Visited Ministry of War - Engr Inspectorate, to discuss W.E's of Italian Engr units.
	22 & 25	Visited 12 B.L.U. regarding move of Italian Engr School; School to move to CIVITAVECCHIA CIV from its present location at BRACCIANO.
	28, 29	Attended Conference at ROMA Hq.

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WAR DIARY

AMIA (Engr Sec)
 Maj. R.C. COMLSTON, R.E.

Summary of Events and InformationReferences

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visited CESANO and discussed syllabus of recruit training with Col. MATTEIS. The latter also confirmed the unsuitability of CIVITAVECCHIA and proposed that a location be found at CECIGNOLA.

RE visited Engr Branch, GH, GAF. Confirmed disbandment programme of BR-III Engr Units. raised question of loan of Bailey equipment for Italian Engr School; such a loan may be possible if no other arrangements are made before March.

visited CECIGNOLA with Col. SAUOTI of Rome Territorial Command, re hand over of pumping stations to Italians. These will be taken over finally 31 Jan unless unforeseen difficulties are met by the Italians with regard to the supply of the necessary fuel (150 gallons of petrol per day).

discussed CECIGNOLA water supply with Gen. CORTELESSA, Rome Territorial Command.

visited CESANO. Discussed training programme and organisation of School with Col. MATTEIS. definite ruling on location of School is necessary.

visited Ministry of War - Engr Inspectorate, to discuss W.D's of Italian Engr units.

visited 12 B.L.U. regarding move of Italian Engr School; School to move to CIVITAVECCHIA from its present location at BRACCIANO.

attended Conference at AMIA Hq.

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SUBJECT: December Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Com, AG (1311A)

INT/207

4 Jan 46

TO : List 'A'
 less serials 1, 2, 3, 4,
 9, 18, 19.

1. Branches are requested to submit to G(INT) a typewritten summary of their main activities during the month of Dec for inclusion in the 1311A Dec Monthly Report.

2. These summaries should consist of about 10 to 12 paragraphs giving policy changes, directives, results of any important conferences etc set out in chronological order and narrative form.

3. Summaries, which are consolidated by G(INT) for submission to AF, CHQ GEF, London and Washington, should reach G(INT) not later than 6 Jan 46.

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[Signature]
 Lt.-Col.
 GS.

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Subject: Monthly Liaison Letter.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
INT/107.
11 Dec 45.

To: ALL BLUs.

1. It is hoped that monthly conferences will be held between M.M.I.A. H.Q. and the B.L.Us, therefore the Monthly Liaison Letter will be discontinued as from 1 January, 1946.
2. In order that B.L.Us may be kept informed of the latest political situation arrangements are being made to include B.L.Us on the distribution list for the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

Amey
for Major General *lit*
M. M. I. A. *CS*

Internal:

ALL Branches MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter and Monthly Report.

RE

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

INT/107.

Dec 45.

TO: ALL BRANCHES, MALA.

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 the S.L.U.s 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.

R. G. A. Groux 4187
Lt-Col, G.S. Capt

ALL/TJA

SUBJECT: AUGUST Monthly Report.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
ROME.
INT/107.

25 August 45.

TO: (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

1. Will you please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities of your branch during the month of August.
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3. Branch reports are consolidated by G (INT) and the consolidated report is submitted to HQ A.C., copies to AFHQ, LONDON, and WASHINGTON.
4. Reports should reach G (INT) by 5 Sept 45.

M. Selby
for Lt-Col. May
G.S.

ACTION DISTRIBUTION:

<u>BRANCH</u>	
OPS AND SD	- Maj. SELBY
ENGR.	- Maj. COPPLESTONE
SIGS.	- Maj. CALVELEY
TRG	- Maj. MEDLAM
"A"	- Col. PIDSLEY
"Q" (incl Q2 - G4)	- Lt-Col CURTIES
"Q" (MOV)	- Capt. EVANS
S & T	- Lt-Col WILCOX
Med	- Capt. COOPER
Welfare	- Capt. COPPLE

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TO: (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

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M. S. Kelly
for Lt-Col. Kelly
G.S.

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"Q" (MOV)	- Capt EVANS
S & T	- Lt-Col WILCOX
Med	- Capt. COOPER
Welfare	- Capt. COPPLE

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Subject: July Monthly Report - FRODO

C (INT)

Herewith summary of the July activities of
Rear Branch MIA:-

1. Disbandment of 'B-1' War Units:-

10 July	1 Increment to 717 Art Wgn Coy RM
15 July	61 Italian Forestry Coy
	62 Italian Forestry Coy
31 July	924 Italian Trucks Operating Coy

2. The Italian Ministry of War took over the responsibility
for Bomb Disposal in Italy. Assistance from the Allies
includes the loan of various Bomb Disposal publications and
the offer of advice from technical officers with District etc
HQ's.

3 Aug 46

S.O.R.E.
M.H.I.A.

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SUBJECT: July Monthly Report.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM., A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

INT/107.

30 July 45.

TO: (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

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W. Selby
for Lt. Col. *W. Selby*
G.S.

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OPS AND SD	Maj. SELBY
ENGR.	Maj. COFFLESTONE
SIGS	Maj. CALVELEY
TRG	Maj. MEDLAM
"A"	Col. PIDSLEY
"Q" (incl Q2-Q4)	Col. NOAKES
"Q" (Mov)	Capt. The Lord WESTBURY
S & T	Lt. COL. PENROSE
Med	Capt. COOPER
Welfare	Capt. COFFLE

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G (Int)

Ref INT/107 of 29 Jun 45.

Nothing to report.

5 Jun 45
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S.O.R.E.
M.M.T.A.

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SUBJECT: June Monthly Report

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA)

INT/107

29 June 45

TO : (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

1. Will you please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities of your branch during the month of June.
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3. Branch reports are consolidated by G3 (Int) and the consolidated report is submitted to HQ AC, copies to A.F.H.Q., LONDON, and WASHINGTON.
4. Reports should reach G3 (Int) by 6 July 45.

M. Selby
Lt. Col. Capt
for G.S.

ACTION DISTRIBUTION

BRANCH

OPS AND SD
ENCR.
SIGS
TRG
"A"
"Q" (incl Q2-G4)
"Q" (Mov)
S & T
MED
Welfare

Capt. Selby
Maj. Coppleston
Maj. Calveley
Maj. Modlam
Col. Fidsloy
Col. Noakes
Capt. the Lord Westbury
Lt. Col. Ienroso
Capt. Cooper
Lt. Copplo

4182

Subject:- May Report - Engr

G (Int)

Ref INT/107 of 30 May 45.

MAY

Continuing the programme for forming Italian Engineer Service Companies, orders were issued for the formation of 27, 28, 29 and 30 Companies.

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S.C.F.E.
W.L.I.A.

5 Jun 45

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SUBJECT: May Monthly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/107

30 May 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of May.
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4. Please submit your May reports NOT LATER THAN 7 JUNE 45.

Distribution :

SOFE	Maj COPPLESTON
SOR Sigs	Maj CALVELEY
"A" Branch	Capt ARCHER
"Q" Branch	J/Comd FARDELL
Med	Capt COOPER
S & T	Maj NELSON
Ord	Maj GREENWOOD
Ord Records	Capt HAMILTON
MOV	Capt Lord WESTBURY
LAB	Maj SUYS
WELFARE	Lt COPPLE
PERM	Maj TAYLOR
AKTY Records	Lt WARD
G-2(SD)	Maj STANTON

W. B. Selby
 Lt. Col. G.S.
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Subject:- April Report - ENGR

G (Int)

Ref your INT/IO7 of 26 April 45. Herewith summary of main events of this branch during April.

SCORE
MMIA

I May 45

19 Apr As part of a programme of forming 18 Italian Engineer Companies, orders were issued for the conversion of 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52 and 54 Italian Increments to Artisan Works Companies to 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 Italian Engineer Companies.

21 Apr The difficulties experienced by the Italian Ministry of War in completing the engineer works services at, in particular, the Reinforcement Training Centre CESANCO, Reinforcement Depot PROSINONE and MT Workshops at TERNI, are being eased by the provision from Italian sources of extra transport, by the assistance of a Garrison Engineer at CESANCO, and by the provision of material, if urgently required and otherwise unobtainable, from Allied sources.

28 Apr 19 Italian Railway Engineer Company began to form in ROME.

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SUBJECT: April Monthly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA)

INT/107

26 Apr 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of April.
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Distribution:

SCORE
SCR Bigs
"A" Branch
"C" Branch
Red
S & T
ORD
ORD Records
MOV
LAB
WELFARE
RELIEF
ARTY Records

Maj COFFLESTON
Maj CALVELEY
Capt ARCHER
J/Comm FARDELL
Capt COOPER
Maj NELSON
Maj GREENWOOD
Capt Hamilton
Capt Lora WESTBURY
Maj SUYS
Lt COPPLE
Maj TAYLOR
LT WARD

7 Apr 45
Lt. Col. G.S.

4178

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of April.
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4. Please submit your April reports NOT LATER THAN 7 MAY 45.

Distribution:

SOE	Maj COFFLESTON
SOR Dis	Maj CALVELEY
"A" Branch	Capt ARCHER
"Q" Branch	J/Col FARDILL
Med	Capt COOPER
S & T	Maj NELSON
ORD	M. J GREENWOOD
ORD Records	Capt HAMILTON
MOV	Capt Lora WESTBURY
LAB	Maj SUYS
WELFARE	Lt COFFLE
REAR	Maj TAYLOR
ARTY Records	LT WARD

7th Col. G.S. Capt

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R.E.MONTHLY REPORTMAR 45

- MAR 1 A unit composed of 64 partisans recruited in the Forward area, arrived at CAPUA to commence training in bridging and rafting. This unit is to be classed as a Combat unit and will work with 8 Army. SOR visited this unit on 2 Mar and again on 29 Mar.
- 1 46 Italian Increment to 697 Artisan Work Coy was disbanded.
- 4 The training of engineer reinforcements for Italian Combat Groups commenced at BRACCIANO. By the end of the month five parties (approx strength 50 each) were undergoing training. The first two parties should have completed their training by April 21.
- 14-16 SOR visited the Italian Army Engineer stores in the CAPUA area.
- 1 - 31 Reinforcements were found in sufficient numbers to bring the majority of BR-ITI Engineer Service troops up to strength. Shortages in tradesmen, however, have not yet been met.

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S.O.R.E.
M.M.I.A.

31 Mar 45

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SUBJECT: March Monthly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
INT/107
29 March 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of March.
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4. Please submit your March reports NOT LATER THAN 8 APRIL 45.

T.R. Selby Kapr
Lt. Col. C.S.

Distribution:

SORE	Maj Coppleston
SOR Sigs	Maj Calveley
"A" Branch	Capt Archer
"Q" Branch	J/Comd Fardell
Med	Maj Heggie
S & T	Maj Nelson
Ord	Maj Greenwood
Mov	Capt Lord Westbury
Lab	Maj Suys
Welfare	Lt Copple
Reme	Maj Taylor

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MONTHLY REPORTFeb 45

Feb 6 Formation of 563 Mine Clearance Company authorised.

Remarks. This company, which will be ready early in March, is the third of its type, and will be employed under control of A.C.

Feb 4-10

The majority of the trg stores required for the Italian Engr Training School at GERANO were collected, with the exception of items of British origin.

Feb 12 MOREL AFHQ visited MEIA.

Feb 20-22

MONFALCONE visited 56 BLU (MANOVA OP)

General

Some progress has been made towards having the Italian War Ministry check and reorganise their engr stores. A quantity of material of Italian origin sent over from SARDINIA has been handed over to the Allies, the two biggest single items being a German made railway bridge, and a consignment of 200,000 sandbags.

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2 Mar 45

S.O.R.E.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: February Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.B.I.A.)
S/I/107
28 Feb 45

10 : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of February.
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4. Please submit your February reports NOT LATER THAN 9 March 45.

W. R. Kelly
Lt Col. GSC 1

Distribution:

Spec Sec	- Maj Dobbs
SCRE	- Maj Copleston
SCR Sigs	- Maj CALVELLEY
"A" Branch	- Capt Archer
MedG	- Maj Heggie
S & T	- Maj Cann
ORD	- Lt Ward
MOV	- Capt Lord Westbury
LAB	- Maj Suys

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MONTHLY REPORT.JANUARY 1945R.E.

- 1 JAN The formation of the following units was ordered:-
Italian Rly Inspectorate.
HQ 1 & 2 Italian Rly Engr Groups.
- 3 Jan Representative of Engr Branch AFHQ (Major Hollway) visited to discuss various points of the Org. of Italian Engrs for Combat. It was arranged that SORE MMIA should endeavour to select suitable Italian instructors and prepare certain trg pamphlets and diagrams.
- 11 Jan Layout of Italian Engr establishment was discussed with Col SUPINO of Ministry of War.
- 12 Jan Visited Gen GRANATA, Italian Engr Officer at NAPLES. Discussed methods of hastening work on AFRAGOLA Camp.
- 15-20 Jan Visited AFRAGOLA Camp and other offices and depots in NAPLES area. Made preliminary arrangements for disposal of some Italian Engr stores arriving from SARDINIA.
- 26-29 Jan Visited NAPLES. Parts for Italian rly bridge shipped from SARDINIA, accepted by Tn Stores Depot NAPLES.
Formation of 63 Italian Forestry Coy was ordered.

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M.M.I.A.2 Feb 45

SUBJECT: January Monthly Report

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/I/107
31 Jan 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of January.
2. The Summary should be set out in chronological order showing dates against all conferences and visits of importance, policy changes, Directives, etc.
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4. Please submit your January reports NOT LATER THAN 9 FEB 45.

F. R. Bell
Lt. Col.
GSO 1

Distribution:

Spec Sec	-	Maj DOBBS
SORE	-	Maj COPPLESTON
SOR Sigs	-	Maj CALVELEY
"A" Branch	-	Capt ARCHER
Med	-	Maj FUGGIE
S&T	-	Maj CANN
ORD	-	Lt. WARD
MOV	-	Capt Lord WESTBURY
LAB	-	Maj SUYS

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Monthly ReportDecember 44R.E.1. Combat Groups

152 and 162 Artieri Coys of PIGGIO Div continued to train with the MANTOVA Gp, in order that a source of trained engr rfts might be available to the gruppi.

2. Formation of Units

- a) 1 Italian Rly Engr Coy is now being formed. It will form part of 6 Rly Engr Bn.
- b) An 'establishment' was agreed on for the two Mine Clearance Coys employed by A.C.
- c) The formation of a Forestry Coy to be at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War was proposed.
- d) A reorganisation took place of the Italian Engr units with Fifth Army.

3. General

Major Evans RE went to SARDINIA to obtain information regarding the Italian Engr stores and equipment in the island.

Jan 45

Robt. P. Lister **4171**
Maj RE

S.O.R.E.
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Monthly Report

Ref:- S/I/107

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3. Great importance should be given to these summaries as the consolidated Monthly Report goes to LONDON and WASHINGTON.
4. Please submit your summary by 5 Jan 45.

31 Dec 44

W. Bell
Lt Col
GSC 1

Distribution:-

Special Section
SCORE
COR Sigs
'A' Branch
MED
S & T
ORD
MOV

Major DOBBS
Major COPPLESTON
Major CALVELLY
Capt ARCHER
Major HEDDIE
Major CANN
Lieut WARD
Capt Lord WESTBURY

4170

Monthly ReportNovember 44R.E.1. Combat Groupsa) Reorganization

Engineer Units of MANTOVA & PIERNO Combat Groups concentrated in SAN GIORGIO Area and started to reorganize on new War Establishment.

b) Training

PIERNO & GEMONA Engineer Units completed their technical training. LERANO & FOLLIGNO Ops 50% complete.

c) Courses

The following courses were held:-

a) SMS CAPUA	Field Plant Maintenance	15 All Ranks
b) IVED CAPUA	Field Engineering Course	30 All Ranks
c) IVED CAPUA	Weapon Training Course	30 All Ranks

2. Mine Clearance

- a) Mine Clearance in CALABRIA was continued by Engineers of MANTOVA Div.
- b) Five Training Squads of the Italian Army continued training of civilians in Mine Clearance.

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S.O.R.E.
M.E.I.A.

1 Dec 44.

Monthly ReportOctober 44R.E.1. Combat Groupsa) Reorganisation

IRIULI, CREMONA, LEGHANO and FOLGORE Engineer Units of Combat Groups were reorganised on new War Establishments. Rpts were posted to bring units up to strength with 5% Rpts.

b) Training

Engineer Training of IRIULI and CREMONA Groups 75% complete
and of LEGHANO and FOLGORE Groups 25% complete

c) Courses

Fifty All Ranks from Combat Groups attended Field Engineering and Weapons Courses at the REID CAPUA.

d) Visits

DCE AAI visited Engineer Units of IRIULI and CREMONA Groups on 31 Oct.

2. Mine Clearance

a) Mine Clearance in CALABRIA was continued by Engineer Units of MANTOVA Div.

b) Training Squads of the Italian Army started training of civilians in Mine Clearance at PISA, CAPUA, SPOLETO, CHIETI and VITERBO.

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for

S.O.R.E.
M.M.I.A.

7 Nov 44

