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Information Division
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Ref/3113/Info.

1 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Information Division
for November 1945.
TO : Major Leacacos.

1. During the month of November 1945 the Central Reference Library had 600 visitors and received 520 requests for information.
2. The number of reports received from various subcommission totaled 30. The number of reports of a classified nature, distributed to personnel interested therein, totaled 172.
3. Distribution of Censorship and other reports took place in accordance with our Distribution Lists.
4. Various special requests of American and British State Institutes, Libraries and Associations have been satisfied.
5. 2800 map sheets were supplied to A.C./A.M.G. personnel, to UNNRA, and to agencies concerned with the reconstruction of Italy.

Alessandro Talamonti
Alessandro Talamonti
Chief Clerk
Information Division.

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6 November 1945.

Ref/3145/INFO.

Subject: Room 16B - 4th Floor.
To : H.Q. Commandant.

1. Notice is hereby given that this Division has no further need for Room 16B - 4th floor as of 7 November 1945.

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major NMB,
Executive Officer
Public Relation Branch.

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Press release

2 November 1945.

Tel: 489081
 Ext: 578 & 361
 file Ref/311 3/Info.

Subject: Monthly Report of Information Division
 for October 1945.
 To : Major Leacacos.

1. During the month of October 1945 the Central Reference Library had 629 visitors and received 450 request for information.

2. The number of reports received from various subcommission totaled 61. The number of reports of a classified nature, distributed to personal interested therein, totaled 85.

3. Distribution of Censorship and other reports took place in accordance with our Distribution Lists.

4. 1690 maps sheets were supplied to A.C./A.M.G. personnel.

Hercules V. Galie
 HERCULES V. GALIE
 Chief Clerk *Pfc.*
 Information Division.

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29 October 1945

Subject: Information Division material for
Archives.

To : Capt. Collins, Archives Officer.

1. The Information Division of this Branch has considerable material which should properly go to Archives.

2. Inasmuch as the functions and staff of the Information Division are about to be drastically curtailed, it is requested that any instructions you may have as to disposition of the material be sent to us at your earliest convenience.

JOHN P. LEACACOS
Major, MMB
Executive Officer

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15 October 1945

Information Division Staff
Major Leacacos

1. Military Personnel:

a) Information Division - Central Reference Library
(Room 24) Chief Clerk and librarian : Pvt. Alessandro Talamonti,
taken on in anticipation of Pfc. Hercules V. Galie receiving an
honorable discharge in the near future.
The library contains many intelligence reports of classified nature
as well as reference material. It is the duty of the above named
to make available all reports and material now in the library to
AC/AMG personnel.

b) Map Section: (Room 16B) S/Sgt. Frank Aquila in charge.
Distribution of various types of maps to all AC/AMG personnel and
drafts numerous map locations.

2. Civilian Personnel:

a) Fred Schwarzwald: Junior Administrative Assistant,
employed in the Central Reference Library since June 1944. Mr.
Schwarzwald's background and experience in the publishing and book
field, his knowledge of Europe and excellent memory of the past
events enabled intelligence agencies to obtain many answers to
their inquiries through this office. He furnishes books and files
to sub-commissions and offices requesting them.

b) Iva Traini: typist employee in the Central Reference
Library - general typing for the library.

c) Mary De Winter: Junior Administrative Assistant,
employed in the Map Section. Assists in the distribution of maps
and news reports and typing.

d) Romolo Romi: Junior Administrative Assistant. As
of 15 October released with high recommendation reason: reduction
of staff.

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e) Franco Belli: draughtsman - drawing maps - recently finished important work on land mines in Italy - at present supervising coastal mine field work undertaken by the Civil Affairs Section and Italian Government who have placed six (6) Italian Government draughtsmen at our disposal.

f) Preobrajenski, Valentina: Interpreter-typist, employed by Information Division to do all necessary translation of censorship and other reports and typing.

g) Claudio Quacquarini: Clerk - general office duties including messenger service.

George W. Cashman

GEORGE W. CASHMAN,
1st Lieut. Inf.
P.R.O.
Information Division.

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CENTRAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

Information Division

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3113/Info

Tel 489081

Ext: 361

File Ref:

Date 15 October 1945

Subject: Functions of Information Division
 To : Major Leacacos

1. The following statistics have been compiled showing past functions of Information Division.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Inquiries made</u>	<u>Reports received</u>	<u>Maps issued</u>
Jan. 1945	625	780		
Feb. "	851	732	60	3005
March	1245	859	60	3351
April	1281	1046	62	5594
May	1219	1059	65	4674
June	1320	1190	60	3805
July	1269	1048	63	3552
Aug.	1139	1048	66	4231
Sept.	1218	961	64	3204
			61	1987
Total	10167	8723	561	33413

2. Numerous books were purchased for Information Division, for the other Sub-Commissions and for A.M.C. Headquarters from January 1945. Others were obtained on loan basis from Universities, libraries and Ministries. In addition to the above, Information Division has handled the distribution of news reports, censorship reports and other sundry reports.

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3. a) During the month of January 1945 the book called "Desk Guide to Italy" finally reached the printer, after authorization for its publication had been granted. Over 800 copies of it were distributed to the Headquarters Staff, the various Sections and Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission and to the Regional Staff and personnel.

b) In the past three months Information Division has undertaken the job in conjunction with Civil Affairs Section and the Italian Ministry of War to plot all mine fields in Italy and along the coast of Italy. At present this work is still in progress.

4. Information Division is gathering all proclamations, orders, regulations and judicial and administrative rules which have been and will be issued for the administration of Civil Affairs in Occupied Territories.

5. At present Information Division is functioning at a minimum of facilities for operational necessity only. It has cut its staff and returned books that were held on loan to the appropriate agencies and former owners.

George W. Cashman
GEORGE W. CASHMAN,
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Information Division.

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Tel: 489081
Ext: 578 & 361

8 October 1945

File Ref: 3153

SUBJECT: Memorandum

TO : Maj. Leacacos

1. At present we are receiving one copy of the London Times through regular mail channels.

2. In the past through the courtesy of the British Embassy we received one additional copy. Copies that were forwarded by the British Embassy always arrived irregularly. For the past month we have not received any publications through the British Embassy except those that we specifically requested.

3. We shall endeavour to obtain a more regular service.



GEORGE W. CASHMAN
1st. Lt. Inf.
P.R.O.
Information Division

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Maj. H. H. H.

1 October 1945.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 578 & 361

File Ref:

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Information Division
for September 1945.

TO : Mr. Stewart-Brown.

1. During the month of September 1945 the Central Reference Library had 1218 visitors and received 961 request for information.

2. The number of reports received from various subcommittees totaled 61. The number of reports of a classified nature, distributed to personal interested therein, totaled 189.

3. Distribution of Censorship and other reports took place in accordance with our Distribution Lists.

4. 1987 map sheets were supplied to A.C./A.M.G. personnel.

5. Considerable progress has been made in conjunction with the Civil Affairs Section in plotting of German Minefields in Italy. The Italian Ministry of War has placed at our disposal four additional draughtsmen making a total of 6 to carry out this work. Work is progressing excellently and the Department has received commendation from the Civil Affairs Section.

6. The Central Reference Library has begun to turn over to A.C. Archives the files and material for conservation, and has begun to destroy, by burning, surplus classified material. The Library is returning to Agencies such as Italian Ministry of Commerce, University of Naples, Italian Ministry of War, that material which was borrowed.

7. Captain D.S. Duff, Civil Affairs Director, London, paid a visit to this office with the view of procuring duplicate documents from the Library and files, for both London and Washington Archives.

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8. It has been requested of this Office to obtain for the U.S. War Department two copies of all proclamations, orders, regulations and judicial and administrative rules which have been and will be issued for administration of Civil Affairs in Occupied Territories. This request is being complied with.

George W. Cashman
GEORGE W. CASHMAN
1st. Lt. Inf.
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Information Division.

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APO 394

Tel. 489081
Ext. 578 & 361
File Ref.

Date 4 September 1945.

Subject: Monthly Report of Information Division
for August 1945.
To : Mr. Stewart-Brown.

1. During the month of August 1945 the Central Reference Library had 1139 visitors and received 1048 request for information.

2. The number of reports received from various subcommittees totaled 64. The number of reports of a classified nature, distributed to personnel interested therein, totaled 204.

3. The Central Reference Library continued to augment its supply of periodicals with a variety of trade journals, financial reports, and reports of a technical and scientific nature.

4. In response to numerous request made by various subcommittees and individual officer, the Information Division purchased approximately 5 books containing general and specific information on a variety of subjects.

5. Distribution of Censorship and other reports took place in accordance with our Distribution Lists.

6. Final War Information Bulletin was posted.

7. 3204 map sheets were supplied to A.C./A.M.G. personnel.

8. During the month we undertook the job in conjunction with the Civil Affairs Section to plot all mine fields in Italy. This work is of great importance to the Italian Ministry of War and Allied Force Headquarters. For this work the Italian Government has placed at our disposal two draughtsmen.

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Information Division.

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APO 394

Tel. 489081
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File Ref:

Subject: Monthly Report of Information Division
for July 1945.
To: Mr. Stewart-Brown.

Date 1 August 1945.

1. During the month of July 1945 the Central Reference Library had 1269 visitors and received 1048 request for information.

2. The number of reports received from various subcommissions totaled 66. The number of reports of a classified nature, distributed to personnel interested therein, totaled 234.

3. The Central Reference Library continued to augment its supply of periodicals with a variety of trade journals, financial reports, and reports of a technical and scientific nature.

4. In response to numerous requests made by various subcommissions and individual officer, the Information Division purchased approximately 25 books containing general and specific information on a variety of subjects. Amongst the books purchased will be found: Guide Books of Europe, Geographical publications, Treatises on the political and economic background of European countries, Dictionaries and Biographical Information.

5. Distribution of Monitoring Reports, Communiques, A.A.F. bulletins, Censorship and other reports took place in accordance with our Distribution Lists.

6. War Information bulletins were posted daily.

7. 4231 map sheets were supplied to A.C./A.M.G. personnel.

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Maj. Kearney

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Tel. 489081
Ext. 578 & 361

File Ref: 3113/INFO.

Date 1 June 1945.

Subject: Monthly report for Information Division.
To : Mr. Stewart- Brown.

1. During the month of May, the Central Reference Library had 1,219 visitors and received 1059 requests for information.
2. The Library purchased five books for general reference work and received numerous statistical material from Washington, D-C-, New York and London.
3. The number of reports received from various Sub-Commissions and Regional Headquarters total 60.- The number of reports of classified nature distributed to personnel interested therein total 279.
4. Distribution of communiques, United States Information Service, Rassegna della Stampa, bulletins, censorship and other reports took place in accordance with distribution list.
5. The war information bulletins were posted daily.
6. 3,805 maps were supplied to A.C. and A.M.G. personnel.
7. New situation maps were installed and new boundaries of staff maps was regularly carried out.
8. On May 1st. the Information Division received a visit from Captain Stiles of A.F.H.Q. The purpose of this visit was to determine the map requirements of the department for a period of six months. With the moving of the 1st Map Depot to Bologna, the Information Division is now the only source of map supply in this area.
9. The Department also received a visit from Captain Blackmore of G-2 A.F.H.Q. As a result of this visit, considerable information is being turned over to us by the G-2 Library.

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