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Major Prager summarizes information from Romanian liaison officers and interpreters working with the American Military Mission between April 1 and June 30, 1945.

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From 1 April to 30 June 1945

Liaison officers and interpreters: Major G. Prager—retired Major N. Argescanu—promoted on 16 June of this year Captain C. Sturdza of the Sea Service Reserve Captain M. Ghica-Cantacuzino of Aviation Second Lieutenant T. Negropontes—demobilized Sergeant T. R. M. Al. Bratianu—courier

-The Chief of Mission; General Schuyler, made a visit to the United States of approximately one month.

-Major Bishop and Lieutenant Bookbinder of the Military Section have left the American Mission.

—The government being unrecognized by the United States, the Mission refused to attend various celebrations: the Union of Transylvania with Romania, Easter, the Tenth of May [celebrating both V-E Day and Romanian Independence] and the Day of Heroes.

--Officers of the Mission were invited at different times to the Royal Palace and signed the Palace guest book on the occasion of the Tenth of May. On the Day of Heroes they laid wreathes on the Tomb of the Unknown Hero, at the Ghencea Cemetary (Bucharest) and in Ploesti.

-Members of the Mission attended anti-aircraft exercises at Ulmeni.

-The American Mission complains that it is not regularly updated on various events and activities of the Allied Control Commission.

-In general the [Mission] is interested in everything which happens in Romania relating to politics, the military, etc., reporting in detail to the U.S. government on any event.

-For the approximately 1000 airmen who fell on Romanian territory during bombing missions a cemetery is being sought in a locale easily accessible and attractive.

—At a reception given by General Schuyler on the Fourth of July, besides members of the Allied Control Commission, various political personalities from the former government (Messrs. [Juliu] Maniu and [Constantin] Brătianu) and a great number of officers were present. No one from the government was invited.

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-Numerous officers from the Mission attended a reception given by the Mounted Guard Regiment.

--For use by members of the Mission, six villas were requisitioned at Snagov and three at Predeal, and in Bucharest the Lido swimming pool was requisitioned, where members of the British Mission are also admitted both to the patio area and to film showings.

[signature] Major G. Prager Chief of Liaison Officers to the American Mission

This summary of Romanian interaction with the American Military Mission primarily covers the three months April-June of 1945, but also early July. Numerous such primary resources in this collection portray Romania's relations with the U.S., Britain and other countries.

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