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D.C.C.a.Os. Visit to AME 8 Army.Notes for A/Q.Ref. 6.Location Statements.

Lt.Col. Lloyd Carson has asked 8 Army to send a location statement here as a model. When this is received instructions will be given for statements to be sent in weekly from 5 and 8 Armies and Regions 3 and 4.

Ref. 14.

Lt.Col. L. Adams' wish to join AME.

Letter written on 6 Jan. to S.C.A.O. 8 Army asking him to tell Lt.Col. Adams that he should submit an official application and that it will be backed from here.

Ref. 27.

2 Supply N.C.Os. for Spencer.

Spencer wishes to promote 2 Privates working for him now. The W.E. submitted from here, if approved, will provide vacancies for these promotions.

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7.Jan.44.

Major.

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SUBJECT: Supply for AMG 8th Army

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5 Jan 45

To: Chief Staff Officer

Reference report of C.O.A.O. on visit to 8th Army.

Extract: "Apparent lack of interest in supplies. Their contention is that our Supplies Dept appears to be so concerned with the long view problems that they forget about bids for a ton of milk etc for immediate needs."

Comment: Supplies for this area were requisitioned to AMHQ on 7 Oct and again on 2 Dec for 6 months. No milk arrived in this theatre until last month. 4 tons of milk have been arranged for forward shipment from Bari as soon as the ship unloading here is completed. AMG 8th Army has been advised.

Extract: "80 tons of soap asked for Campobasso and a similar amount for other provinces. What is the position about bids for the supply of soap?"

Comment: Soap was requisitioned at the same time. None has come forward to Bari, the port for which it was bid, to date. 265 tons has arrived in the past month in Naples and Lt.Col. Arminbald, Supply Officer, Region 4 is going to take up with Lt.Col. Warren, Supply Officer, Region 3, and the Central Economic Committee the allocation to AMG 8th Army of some of this soap and other supplies which have arrived in the past month in Naples.

Extract: "I should like to know why sugar has never been supplied and what the bids have been."

Comment: Sugar has been requisitioned in the 2 Dec requisitions for this area on the basis of the previous Italian ration of 600 grammes per month. It was omitted from the 7 Oct requisitions by AMG HQ, Palermo, in an attempt to limit tonnage demands and with the approval of the Public Health Division. In response to subsequent demands for sugar placed through the regular FLAMBO bidding procedure, AMHQ has advised that no sugar is available. This was learned on 30 Nov at which time AMHQ was requested to try MLEAST, and all Regions were asked to advise on the substitute ability of dates. Both these actions were taken at ~~6640~~ suggestion. AMG 8th Army has not replied. AMHQ advised that some sugar was coming from UK but the date was not known. I shall send a follow-up. 50 tons is arriving in Taranto on the 9th Jan but the amount is too small to be of any significance.

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Extract: "Major Spencer also asked for three schooners to take grain from ports."

Comment: An officer has been sent by AMG Foggia at our request to Manfredonia to organise these three schooners for loading for Pescara when it falls. AMG 8th Army have been advised.

Extract: "Sacks are needed for the 1,000 ton stockpile which will be kept at Foggia for Abruzzi and other regions".

Comment: Region 5 has been asked by this office to supply 125,000 sacks to Foggia to secure their surplus. The exact situation as to the number which has arrived is being determined by cables to Foggia and Region 5. AMG 8th Army has had copies of the ~~very~~ correspondence. The situation has been made more difficult by a request from AMHQ for the return of all sacks from imported flour to the U.S.

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SUBJECT:- Notes from D.C.C.A.O.'s Tour of Eighth Army Area.

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AUG/52

6th January 1944.

1. Ref para 12. The question of paying Italians helping POWs to escape has been worked out in detail and M.G.S. have given full particulars to 'A' Force A.F.H.Q. recommending that the 'A' Force representative on 15 Army Group should refer to me if necessary. Instructions on the machinery of payment were sent to S.C.A.O. Eighth Army on the 15th December 43. I will write to Gp. Capt. Benson indicating that the information might be made available to C.A.O.3 who, in their turn, should ascertain the location of the nearest 'A' Force Officer. Folio 30 of AUG/307 refers.
2. Ref para 13. There is no question of any resumption of civil communications within the Fifth and Eighth Army areas. This decision rests entirely with I.M.C. In view of the dislocation resulting from devastation, evacuation of refugees, and difficulties of communication, I am personally entirely in agreement with this ruling.
3. Ref para 17. As the result of some rather bitter experiences I have withdrawn all financial powers from C.A.O.s except in the case of dire emergency. S.C.A.O. Eighth Army agrees very strongly with this attitude which has, however, created some dissatisfaction among the forward C.A.O.s who wish, not unnaturally, to see the financial machinery operating as soon as possible. I have not yet heard of any case where administration was seriously hampered in the early stages through the closing of the Banks; and on the Eighth Army side these are being re-opened in five to fifteen days. Two financial officers had visited Casali prior to the D.C.C.A.O.'s visit in order to size the financial position. I have little doubt that at the date of writing banks and the municipal finances are once again functioning.

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Extract: ".... necessity of a supply officer of some kind to understudy him (I believe this is Gristi Province) and several good Italian supply officials".

Comment: Col. Hackling stated that 8 supply officers with the rank of Major and Captain have just arrived at AFHQ from UK and after he speaks to them himself he will send them up for assignment. All 8th Army could have part of this pool. I will discuss with Major Spencer the desirability of setting up an officer permanently in Bari to care for the needs of 8th Army fulltime. The matter of Italian supply officials I shall take up with Brindisi if it is desired that this Division handle the matter.

W. M. Hackling
Captain, Infantry,
Deputy Director,
Economics and Supply Division.

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D.C.C.A.O.

✓ D.P.H. - Col Chayne
 Lieut Col Martin
 A & Q
 Capt Batt
 Colonel Griffiths

Ref. paras. 2 and 3 of attached Notes.

1. After receipt of your signal to Gen. Dawber (copy to his HQ.) Col. Lord Middleton was asked to check action taken by No. 2 Dist. He reported that Gen. Dawber was issuing the instructions asked for by you.
2. No. 2 Dist. G.I. No. 6 (flagged with a cross in attached file) gives the information that you require.
3. May the file be returned to me please as there is a great deal of action to be taken on it.

Will C.G.S. & P.A. collate

all replies & speech?

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C.C.A.O.

Reference your notes on visit to AMF 8 Army.

Ref. 1. An extract has been made and placed on the relevant file. No action has been taken on the matter as it is presumed Brigadier Carr will inform R.C.A.O. Region III.

Ref. 3. Telegram was received from No.2 District today placing FCGIA Province under the command of G.O.C. No.3 District.

Ref. 7 (i) Delays in correspondence, especially from Naples, are being taken up with D.A.D.F.S. No.2 District. This H.Q. also suffers as some letters take as long as ten days to arrive. (*)

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NOTES ON VISIT TO A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.30th December 1943.

Visited Foggia and saw Colonel Temperley. With him were Brigadier Carr and Major Walls, Evacuation. Brigadier Carr handed in a note counselling delay in handing over Foggia Province to Region III and in Region IV taking over the forward areas. I agreed and told him that I would wait for his advice over Foggia, and the combined advice of himself and Cp. Capt. Benson in regard to the forward areas. The former really depends on the latter.

2. Col. Temperley was disturbed about the CHU and R.A.F. Hospital taking up accommodation. ~~9~~ wired No. 2 District re the former and also AOA re the latter. I understand General Dowler has given instructions that no accommodation is to be taken up in the district in question.

3. S.C.A.O. Foggia said the administration of Foggia would shortly pass from No. 2 District to Allied Force Air Headquarters. I should like this confirmed and I should like to know who will be in command.

Arrived Vasto 1700 hrs.

4. On a normal day this journey should take ten hours and anyone who does it in less is driving dangerously.

31st December 1943.

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(iii) EFA appears to have been riding a little roughshod over them, particularly over Col. Ferrinacci. This has been squared up.

8. Visited San Vito and found Lieut-Col. Lord Grimthorpe, Liaison Officer, 5 Corps. While we were there Lt. Dare, EFA, Lt. Purvis, assistant to L.O., Mr. Dill, American Red Cross, and an Italian Red Cross woman all called. The latter has a small but clean house, converted into a hospital for bomb wounded.

9. Lunched with 5 Corps. L.O. on very good terms with Brigadier Huddy, R.G.S. and others. Chief problems

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are refugees, particularly at Ortano. This town of 13,000 inhabitants has now some 6/7,000 inhabitants. It has suffered badly from bombs and shell-fire, and is still under the latter. I found Capt. Rawlings doing first class work in difficult circumstances. The place is gradually getting clear of mines and there is, strangely enough, sufficient food, but L.O. 5 Corps will have a stockpile behind the lines ready for distribution when this runs out.

10. S.C.A.O. Eighth Army told Capt. Rawlings to allow the people living in the town to remain there if they wished, provided the shell-fire did not become too severe, but not to permit anyone to enter the town. Two officers will shortly be there and I advised the S.C.A.O. to keep two A.M.I. officers for the sake of company or to withdraw them both, depending on the conditions in the town. If the town is constantly under shell-fire, there is no benefit in the C.A.O. sleeping there, and he should visit it simply by day.

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16. Capt. Boulton spoke also of a Lieut Colonel L. Adams, with 5 Div. He is very anxious to join A.M.G., which he prefers to promotion. S.C.A.O. Eighth Army should be told that Lieut-Colonel Adams should make official application, which we will back from this end.

17. A.M.G. Eighth Army have done excellent work on the roads in the whole Army area under the direction of Lieut Desiderio, Macchia and Uscia. These officers collect the Italians, and see that they get to the right place in the right numbers at the right time. They pay and administer to them and there is no doubt that without the help of these officers Eighth Army would be far less mobile. It is evident that this full Italian type of American officer such as these are are far more fitted for this kind of practical work than ordinary administration.

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Crops appear as well advanced in this area as in the South and there is far more abundance of fruit. In fact the country can be called virtually self-supporting except for oil and soap. S.C.A.O., however, is rightly arranging for a stockpile to be held against future requirements in the forward areas.

1st January 1944.

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Visited 13 Corps H.Q. and found Major Willard and Capt. Malatesta both doing very well. Saw P.C.S. Brigadier Sugden, who endorsed this. Went on to Casoli and found Lieut Hartley and Lieut Shannon. Both a little parochial but wholesomely so. They are very anxious to get the barks open and the municipalities on their financial feet and chafe at the delay in the arrival of financial officers. They require more small denomination notes and find little use for large packets of 5,000 lire.

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All other roads snowed up so returned without seeing anyone else.

2nd January 1944.

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Conferred with Eighth Army A.M.G. Colonel Ferrinacci's chief requirements are an ophthalmic surgeon and a 50 bed mobile hospital. I promised to let him know as soon as possible what was the situation. I know action has been taken but I think the time has come when the matter should be taken up either direct with Marshal Badoglio or at a higher level on the British side.

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See 17/1/44
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Capt. Batt.

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27. Major Spencer requires two good H.C.O.s.

28. Major Mercer requires the C.L.O. to visit Eighth Army. There was a general hostility about some questionnaire I recently sent round on the condition of courthouses. I cannot imagine that the war or administration will cease if this information is not forthcoming.

29. S.C.A.O. would like a Prefect appointed for Chieti Province, which is a matter for action by the Minister of the Interior. Eighth Army A.M.G. will put in a list of Italian officials to remain or to go.

30. I met S.C.A.O. Chieti Province now at Vasto. Lieut-Colonel Holmes, lately Assistant Director of Education, Wigan. He has great experience of municipal work and is a first class S.C.A.O.

31. Capt. Cotton and Capt. Decker have police experience in England and Los Angeles respectively. Major Clinkscales, Senior S.C.A.O., has no police experience at all. This should be regularised.

32. This Province has only three British clerks. More are wanted.

33. This Province has three Jeeps, one 3-tonner and one 15-cwt., and complain that Foggia and Reginal H.Q.s are starving them. This should be investigated. In the very hilly country of Chieti Province Jeeps or light transport are essential and must be provided. I should like to know what their requirements are.

34. Major Wilton had no troubles and welcomed the extra mural system. He is very satisfied with the Italian Courts which have just begun to function.

35. The American (name unknown) Supply Officer lent by Eighth Army A.M.G. emphasises the necessity of a supply officer of some kind to understand him and several good Italian supply officials. We shall get the latter out of the Italian Government.

36. There is a general complaint about the unsatisfactory state of O.R.s documents, equipment etc. They have arrived in this country from North Africa sometimes without A.B.64's, without rifles and thoroughly badly turned out. This is most unfair on the men and almost impossible for C.A.O.s to correct. For action by Col. Jackling.

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33. This Province has three Jeeps, one 3-tonner and one 15-cwt., and complain that Foggia and Regional H.Q.s are starving them. This should be investigated. In the very hilly country of Grotte Province Jeeps or light transport are essential and must be provided. I should like to know what their requirements are.

34. Major ~~Wilkinson~~ ^{McKee} has no troubles and welcomed the extra mural system. He is very satisfied with the Italian Courts which have just begun to function.

35. The American (name unknown) Supply Officer lent by Eighth Army A.M.C. emphasises the necessity of a supply officer of some kind to understand him and several good Italian supply officials. We shall get the latter out of the Italian Government.

36. There is a general complaint about the unsatisfactory state of O.P.s documents, equipment etc. They have arrived in this country from North Africa sometimes without A.F.64's, without rifles and thoroughly badly turned out. This is most unfair on the men and almost impossible for C.A.O.s to correct. For action by Col. Jackling.

37. There is also general criticism of the difficulty in getting promotions met and vacancies filled, and vehicles provided. This is quite normal but wants watching.

38. I find that S.C.A.O. Eighth Army has no staff car and goes about in winter in a pick-up - I believe he has a Jeep. S.C.A.O.s should have some kind of staff car. This should be provided as soon as possible. The pick-up can then be returned to Eighth Army or these H.Q.

Saw Army Commander, Chief of Staff, AOA, PGS, GI 'I' etc.

Left Vasto 1330 hrs; arrived Lucera 1700 hrs.

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39. Saw Major Schultzer, CAO Lucera - thoroughly competent and wants nothing except to get forward. Found two American officers working on roads. Are 2 necessary? Region IV

40. Saw Major Matthews at Lucera and discussed with him and afterwards with Lt. Col. Roda evacuation problems. See separate note.

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 27 DEC. 43. H.Q. A.M.C. 85 ARMY.

Remarks

Location

Officers

5 Corps

Capt. Boulton
Lieut Campbell
Lieut Pappalardo
Lieut Klepacki
Capt. Rawlings
Lieut Terrellini
Lieut Bryoe

Lanciano
Pescocostanzo, Rocca
Lanciano
Rogatti, Press, Casone & Calder
S.Vito & S. Leonardo
Pescocostanzo, Mezzafagna, & S. Maria
Vasto

13 Corps

Major Steel
Lieut Rancourt
Lieut Shanon
Lieut Hartley
Lieut Simpson
Capt. Biss.

Castellinetta
S. Eustachio
Casoli, Collettrone, Giommi.
Casoli with Geronzi, S.
Roccamare, S. Leonardo.
Agnone, Pescopunturo.
Roccamare, S. Leonardo.
Castiglione, Calenzano, Roccamare, S. Leonardo
Torreanna, S. Leonardo, S. Giovanni
Roc.

Capt. Cawthorne
Lieut Tesoro
Major Patterson
Lieut Leone

Montebelluno, Gubbio.
S. Vito, S. Leonardo, S. Leonardo,
Pesc. S. Leonardo, S. Leonardo.
Roccamare, S. Leonardo.
Roccamare, S. Leonardo.

78 Div.

Capt. Grizzard
Lieut Brubaker
Major Harris
Major Soren
Major Davis

Darwin
S. Leonardo
S. Leonardo
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S. Leonardo
S. Leonardo

1st Corps Res.
) IN 78 Div Area

Lancian Officers

Lt-Col. Lord Grimthorpe
Lieut Parvis
Major Donald Smith
E/Lt. Gilbert-Green
Major Millard
Capt. Mavis
Capt. Schaffler
Capt. Malatesta

L.O. 5 Corps.
Asst L.O. 5 Corps.
L.O. 1 Can Div.
L.O. 3 Indian Div.
L.O. 13 Corps.
Asst L.O. 13 Corps.
L.O. 2 N.Z. Div.
L.O. 5 Division.
L.O. 78 Division.

Roads

Lieut Eschlerio
Lieut Macchia
Lieut Guesin

Vasto
S. Vito
S. Leonardo
S. Leonardo
S. Leonardo
S. Leonardo

Lieut. Hartley Lieut. Simpson Capt. Biss. Capt. Cawthorne Lieut. Tesouro Major Patterson Lieut. Lesce	Casoli with Gasparalena, Rossoscalena, Palombare. Agona, Penderbente, Rosello, Piedrabuente Castiglione, Olenza, Rocaspiralveti Torrebruna, Vizzelli, S. Giovanni Rolo. Montedonico, Cupello, Giulio with Hissia, Carrineto, Purci, Garini, S. Bruno, Macchiodona Forli	1st Corps Res. IN 78 Div Area
Capt. Grizzard Lieut. Brakine Major Harris Major Snore Major Davier	Carovilli Isavria Isornia Caravilla Carpinone	
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<u>Chieti.</u>	Lt-Col. Holden	Vasto	
	Capt. Cotton	Vasto	
	Major Wellenford	Vasto	
	Capt. Hall	Vasto	
	Capt. Gatchell	Vasto	
	Major Glinkskales	(Carunario, Montefalcone, Colenza, Terreburna,	
	Lieut di Gactano	(Castiglione, S. Giovanni, Castellidone, Liscia,	
		(Tufillo, Friano, Schievi,	
	Capt. McGraw	(Vasto, Vasto Marino, S. Antonio, St de Lobba,	
		(Mara Zimarino, Mass Merna.	
	Capt. Decker	Casalibordino.	
	Major McIntyre	Casalibordino, Pollutri, Securi, Villafondina.	
	Capt. Gelson	(Atessa, Perano, Casalanguila, Bonta, Arohi,	
	Capt. Wilson	(Piano del Monte, Montazoli.	
	Capt. Seglin	S. Salvo, Lontella, Fregagnardaria.	
	Lieut Bernard	Giaci, Fuci, S. Eucno.	

<u>Sick.</u>	Lieut Licconci.	Lieut Cushman.	Capt. Durcan.
	Lieut Fonder.		
<u>Leave.</u>	Major Hobert.	Lieut Geller.	Lieut Monaco (Trivento)

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Capt. Dockert
Major McIntyre
Capt. Golden
Capt. Wilson
Capt. Seguin
Lieut. Bernard
Cacalbordino.
Cacalbordino, Pollutri, Scarni, Villafonaina.
(Atessa, Perano, Gasparanquida, Bante, Archi,
(Piano del Monte, Montazelli.
S. Salvo, Lontella, Proseggerandaria.
Giaci, Furoi, S. Buono.

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Officers.

Location.

5 Corps

Capt. Boulton
Lieut Campbell
Lieut Pappalardo
Lieut Klepacki
Capt. Rawlings
Lieut Torcellini
Lieut Bryce

Lanciano
Fossacesia, Rocca
Lanciano
Poggetti, Fressa, Casone & Callar.
S. Vito & S. Leonardo
Fossacesia, Mozzagrogna, & S. Maria
Vasto

13 Corps

Major Steel
Lieut Rancourt
Lieut Sharnon
Lieut Hartley
Lieut Simpson
Capt. Bias.

Castelfranchino
S. Eustachio
Casoli, Collesimbene, Sicchi.
Casoli with Gessopalera,
Roccamare, Falciano.
Agnone, Percopentaro,
Rocello, Fiedrabondante
Castiglione, Gelenza, Roccamare,
Torrebruna, Mazzoli, S. Giovanni
Roc.
Montedoro, Cupello,
Sicchi with Liscia, Carpineto;
Fucini, Gurini, S. Bruno,
Mecchinodona
Pari.

13 Corps Res.
IN 78 Div Area.

78 Div.

Capt. Grizzard
Lieut Brocking
Major Harris
Major Sacra
Major Davies

Carovilli
Ischia
Ischia
Carovilli
Carpineto

Liaison Officers

Lt-Col. Lord Grimthorpe
Lieut Purvis
Major Oswald Smith
B/Lt. Gilbert-Groon
Major Millard
Capt. Davis
Capt. Schaeffer
Capt. Malatesta

L.O. 5 Corps.
Asst. L.O. 5 Corps.
L.O. 3 Can Div.
L.O. 8 Indian Div.
L.O. 10 Corps.
Asst. L.O. 13 Corps.
L.O. 2 H. T. Div.
L.O. 4 Division.

Capt. Goolcy

L.O. 61 Division.

Rondo

Lieut Deciderio
Lieut Macchia
Lieut Guecin

Vasto
S. Vito
Girai.

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 Castiglione, S. Giovanni, Castelguidone, Liscia,
 Turillo, Friano, Schiavi.
 Vasto, Vasto Marino, S. Antonio, St de Leba,
 (Mass Zimmarino, Mass Marna.
 Castellorosso.
 Casalbordino, Pollutri, Sorni, Villafossina.
 (Atessa, Perano, Casaleguise, Bonta, Archi,
 (Piano del Monte, Montezelli.
 S. Salvo, Lontella, Fresagrandaria.
 Ercoli, Furoi, S. Buono.

Li-Col. Helmer
 Capt. Costen
 Major Willesford
 Capt. Hall
 Capt. Catchell
 Major Clinkcales
 Lieut di Gaetano
 Capt. McGraw
 Capt. Decker
 Major McIntyre
 Capt. Golden
 Capt. Wilson
 Capt. Seguin
 Lieut Bernard

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Capt. Decker
Major McIntyre
Capt. Galden
Capt. Wilson
Capt. Sognin
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VISIT OF BRIGADIER M.S. LUSH, C. D. E. M.O.

1st JANUARY, 44.13 CORPS AREA

A.M.G.L.O. Major J.A. Millard. Capt. A. Malatesta will meet at 13 Corps H.Q. and accompany on tour.

Depart	VASTO	09.00 hrs.	
Arrive	PAGLIETA	10.45 hrs.	13 Corps H.Q.
Depart	PAGLIETA	11.30 hrs.	(Capt. Mavis - Asst L.O.)
Arrive	CASOLI	12.15 hrs.	(C.A.O. Lt. Hartley)
LUNCH AT CASOLI			
Depart	CASOLI	13.45 hrs.	
Arrive	CASTELFRENTANO	14.45 hrs.	(C.A.O. Major Steel)
Depart	CASTELFRENTANO	15.00 hrs.	
Arrive	S. EUSANIO	15.30 hrs.	(C.A.O. Lt. Ramcourt)
Depart	S. EUSANIO	15.45 hrs.	
Arrive	ATESSA	17.00 hrs.	(C.A.O. Capt Golden Capt Wilson)
Depart	ATESSA	17.15 hrs.	
Arrive	VASTO	19.30 hrs.	

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VISIT OF BRIGADIER M.S. LUSH, O.B.E. M.C.

31st DECEMBER, 45.5 CORPS AREA

A.M.G.L.O. - Lt-Col. Lord
Grimthorpe will meet at
A.M.G. 5 Corps and
accompany to LANCIANO.

Depart VASTO 09.00 hrs.

Arrive SAN VITO 12.00 hrs.

LUNCH AT SAN VITO.

5 Corps H.Q.
(Asst L.O. Lt.Purvio)

Depart SAN VITO 13.00 hrs.

Arrive LANCIANO 14.00 hrs.

(O.A.Os Capt.Boulton
Lt.Pappalardo)

Depart LANCIANO 14.30 hrs.

Arrive VASTO 17.00 hrs.

VISIT OF BRIGADIER M.S. LUSH, C. I. E., M.C.

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2nd JANUARY, 44.

CHIEF PROVINCIAL H.Q. VASTO	10.00 hrs.	(S.C.A.O. Lt-Col. J.W. Holmes)
Depart VASTO	11.00 hrs.	
Arrive CARUNCHIO	13.00 hrs.	(C.A.O. Major Clinkscales & Lt. Di Gaetano (Region IV))
LUNCH AT CARUNCHIO		
Depart CARUNCHIO	14.30 hrs.	
Arrive CASTIGLIONE	16.00 hrs.	(C.A.O. Capt Bies)
Depart CASTIGLIONE	16.30 hrs.	
Arrive AGNONE	17.15 hrs.	(C.A.O. Lt. Simpson)
SPEND NIGHT AT AGNONE.		

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VISIT OF BRIGADIER M.S. LUSH, C.B.E., M.C.

3rd JANUARY, 44.

78 DIV AREA.

(A.M.E.L.O. 78 Div Capt.
Cooley will meet at Agnone
and accompany on tour)

Depart	AGNONE	09.00 hrs.	
Arrive	CAPRACOTTA	10.15 hrs.	
Depart	CAPRACOTTA	10.30 hrs.	
Arrive	CAROVILLI	11.15 hrs.	(C.A.O. Capt Grizzard.
Depart	CAROVILLI	11.45 hrs.	Via CARPINONE.
Arrive	ISERNIA	14.00 hrs.	(C.A.Os. Lieut Erskine Major Harris)
LUNCH AT ISERNIA			
Depart	ISERNIA	15.30 hrs.	
Arrive	CAMPOBASSO	18.00 hrs.	(S.C.A.O. Lt-Col. Parsons)

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