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Liaison Officer,
 Land Forces Sub Comm.
 A.C. (MMIA)
 c/o HQ., I District
 Ref 10/G6

21 March 45.

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To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.) R O M E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 18 Feb to 19 Mar.

I. Arrivals / Departures of Italian Units.

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consigned to Rfts Depot, ORVIETO after disinfecting.

Ord, issued to 252 & 253 peak Tpt Groups each 2,300 pra
boots, 2,000 pra socks, 500 shirts, 1,000 vests woollen,
1,000 drawers woollen, 1,000 towels.

Clothing moved to new location in PERUGIA.
Extension of premises obtained.

209 Division instructed to make local contracts for
caps from u/s returned clothing.

1,600 sets of grindery obtained for Italian boot
repairing centres in I District.

Request submitted for authority for release of 4,000
sets to be spread over a period of time.

Usual checking of indents and release of clothing and
submission of returns.

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3. Supplies.

Conference at AREZZO with reps of ST Services and ORASO reference Italians taking over responsibility for wine at railhead. Decided that as 209 Division troops in the District are only a tenth of the commitments in the Army Area, the present system of British responsibility should continue. 209 Division reps have studied the present system with a view to taking over eventually for District units.

209 Division will soon be ready to take over wine responsibilities at ANCONA. A wine factory has been requisitioned with storage capacity of 150,000 litres. No previous system existed as owing to usual non availability. Italian units had been buying on the open market. Will MANTOVA units have their own barrels? .. so that the system can be established of exchanging empty one for full one.

Arrangements for 100 tons of wine per month from SQUINZANO for welfare purposes. R.O.W's promised.

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MoF has not yet sent through its own channels the POL assignment for March. 209 Division had asked for its distribution through several OIPs instead of only at ANCONA. Can this delay please be taken up as it has caused serious inconvenience.

Scale of vehicles suggested by HQ 209 Division.

Request for 412's in Italian.

General poor maintenance by Italian units eg. I.M.T. inspection of 1005 G.T. Coy. Weakness of NCO's who do not get sufficiently better pay or treatment for them to want to assume extra responsibilities. Junior officers generally poor.

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5. Medical.

DDMS, District greatly preoccupied concerning anti malarial measures, particularly provision of anti mosquito nets. Also preoccupied with inoculations and vaccinations. Returns obtained from ORVIETO for him.

Suggestion that Convalescent Depot be increased to *200 beds* 200 capacity by use of 247 Hospital site and ex 209 Div *more 180 beds.* accommodation at OSIMO.

X-Ray apparatus at ANCONA hospital needs repairs. *Repaired*

Lack of co-operation by 91 Field Hospital at ORVIETO. *Cancelled*

Indents forwarded for expansion of 91 Field Hospital, *2 buildings* not the space at ORVIETO for it to reach 200 beds. *new site.*

Rfts from TRANI arrive in a particularly lousy condition.

Arrangements for aluminium sulphate for water purif- *✓* location at ORVIETO.

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Further disturbance caused by a FOLGORE rep canvassing for recruits and O.O. British Cadre sending away 45 volunteers for Combat Groups to PERUGIA without knowledge of 209 Div, ST or myself. I sent them back. Any transfers to be carried through in correct manner.

No rejects or unsuitables can be unloaded on to I.F.L. Units in ANCONA area as they are already over strength.

Their clothing difficulties solved by issue from ADOS, I District. GOC, I District authorised issue of boots and socks as 252 Gp was leaving on march up to 8 Army location.

Maggiore FIORA posted from ORVIETO as O.C. of ^{say of} 253 Gp after much discussion.

Urgent request for specialists. Hoped these will be included in bid for 200 rifts from ex Ps W from Middle East.

General observation that Brit Cadres are loath to allow Italians to do their own administration, thus frequently causing extra work needlessly.

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8. General.

Problem of absentees filling the Civil prisons. Reports submitted to MMIA and request to MMIA LO., 8 Army to accelerate collection by Gruppi. AMG ignoring terms of Instruction 18.

CE did not wish to retain Adm H.Qs 28 Btg and 502 Btg. MMIA has instructed Min of War to dissolve them. Now there is a proposal to form 5 new Engr Coys in I District, CE will therefore need these two small H.Qs as adm and training staff. Conference with CE and 20 O.R.E. on general policy of Engr Coys. Promise to give them clothing priority.

Ufficio trasporti 617 established in PERUGIA. Their work appears to be solely duplication of existing WD procedure.

Liaison with local Censor Officer for morale and deserter information.

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1. Arrivals / Departures of Italian Units.

502, 503 and 519 Gd Bns now under 59 Area, 2 District, in SIENA area, Responsibility of 231 Division.
"S" Medical Stores depot moved to RIMINI.
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Shirts are very small and considerable percentage therefore unwearable.

Boot repair centre at AREZZO is working well in same building as Area Ord. Other centres are still having difficulty in getting tools. Pioneer Gp H.Qs have been asked to help them get organised. They are rapidly using up the grindery released by I District. To get more will be a problem.

District offered me 871 prs boots repairable but I explained that they must supply grindery as well. They inform me that MMIA will supply it to me. Previously I could get none. Has some become available and may I submit a request.

Muleteer Centre at Fossombrone is greatly preoccupied about its clothing. I satisfy all their indents as far as possible. They are taking 500 prs boots a week.

I accompanied AQMG, I District, on inspection of clothing depot. He was well satisfied with cleanliness and good/2

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2. Clothing. (cont'd)

order of the store.

3. POSITIVE BRONCH.

Reports have been submitted to ASIA.

Medical rejects are absorbed as fits for I. & L. Coys in ANCONA area or disposed of by Italian medical authorities.

Request to I District to release 2,000 prs anklets
for muleteers.

4. Supplies.

ST., I District, are taking up question of Mov., Orders. They prefer the supplies to be consigned to NAPLES and then called forward by them. Incidentally, apart from cognac, I have never received any signals as on para 4 (a) on reverse of Mov., Order regarding despatch.

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Italians do not eat dehydrated carrots. Representations made to DST, AFHQ by ST.

Non issue of soap by DID, 71 Sub Area. Matter cleared up, District writing a strong letter to O.C. who had't demanded for it.

Letter written to HQ, MMIA re procedure for the cognac issue. ST know nothing about it.

Hospital comforts are always late. MMIA send out circular release letter in good time but it is a long time before ST. District get it from AFHQ channels. DDMS is loud in his complaint.

Cigarettes on repayment are made available in NAPLES for 209 Division. Can they be regularly sent up by rail - we can't afford the vehicles to go down there and consequently are about 2 months behind.

5. Transport.

Inspection of tyres at 38 O.M.P. MACERATA.
Control of output of vehicles to 209 Division.
Submission of increase in POL allotment for Iti-Itis.
Possibility of some inefficient Italian vehicles
from LEGNANO being turned over to 38 O.M.P. District
asked to be of assistance.

Report submitted on Italian Military ^{vehs} held by AMG
PERUGIA.

Similar situation arises with spares; the local
civilian 'ufficio ricambi' has quantity of alleged
military spares.

Finally successful in getting WD KLR's vehicles
taken away from 38 O.M.P.

O.C. 38 O.M.P. replaced for inefficiency.

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71 Sub Area are ~~collecting~~ 80 from TERAMO for 521 Gd Bn.

Lab., 61 Area, is to collect 114 from AQUILA for I.F.L. rfts.

Can parties of rfts sent to ARB220 or ANCONA be

labelled in signals as for I District, 5 or 8 Army.

Otherwise confusion ensues.

Tented site for 1,000 promised by 55 Area in walking distance from railhead. 231 Division to be responsible.

209 Division run a small staging area at IESI for

50 - 100 men. 19 Pioneer Gp run a private camp for their

own Lab rfts at ANCONA for about 200. Have told 61 Area

that if they could give a site, I could establish an

emergency organisation at ANCONA, by allotting 500 tent

pieces and 500 blankets.

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7. Rfts. (cont'd)

228 Transit Camp is at PISARO not IESI. 515 Gd Bn was nearly sent to IESI where there would have been no accommodation.

Combat Transit Camp soon found by District at LATRINA. Uncertainty of arrival of rfts, changes in numbers and cancellations, makes rfts a rather difficult problem. AAG advised on District directive for rfts procedure.

8. General.

An hour's talk to Brigadier and Staff of 59 Area on problems which Italian units give rise to. Their earlier enthusiasm was thereby weakened.

Inspection of 515 Gd Bn with Brigadier of 55 Area. He was well satisfied. I noticed some beds with 4 blankets and instructed 209 Division to hold another inspection to relieve them of their excess. This resulted in less satisfaction.

Arrangements with NOV., Central Italy for 209 Div to use the rly for their COAK postal service.

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Liaison with deserter officer for information as to morale and deserters.

Steady number of deserters and malefactors being picked up by CEP.

Applications to I District for 2,000 rations weekly for Italian Military welfare in I District turned down.

CE, I District, has put forward proposal that Italian Engineer Coys have a British officer or cadre similar to I.P.L. Coys.

Capt VERONDELL attached to 55 Area from 209 Division as liaison officer.

Capt VITALE, one of two L.Os with 71 Sub Area has now been informed by M of War that their previous order vesting him to MANSOVA has been cancelled. 71 Sub Area, as I have reported, feel that he is wasted where he is now and could fill a better job elsewhere.

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8. General. (cont'd)

Conference with DA & QMG and other L.Os at FLORENCE.

Inquiries into 502 and 28 Bn HQs. Recommended to G and CE that former is superfluous.

General information bureau to District and Services.

Inspection of establishment of Balloon Coy at ANCONA.

Intercession to get K.T. spores, oxygen, acetylene.

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Remarks

To see report - dated
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503 Guard Bn in ARSZZO area under 55 Area shortly to move with 519 Guard Bn to 59 Area.

91 Field Hospital to ORVIETO.

Movements of Peck Tot Units from ORVIETO to FOSCOMERONE as per MMIA signal SD 2090.

3. Clothing.

Following have been received for BHI-ITI Military in I District,

Police half plain	3,000 pairs
Shoemaker's hand thread	10 lbs.

This was obtained under "Q" authority ID/2701/Q of 18 December, I District.

209 Division are preparing local repair centres at ANCONA, AREZZO and PERUGIA.

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2,000 Mackinaws and comforters put aside for 228 Division to collect. Urgent need for vests as only 1,000 have been allocated to I District.

4. Medical.

I District approached to accelerate formation of "S" advanced depot. 209 Division has indicated for necessary medical stores. ^{Indicated} ^{Cancelled}

Conference with DDEB I District. He considers that much bed space is wasted in Italian Military hospitals, and that patients remain much longer than necessary. He doesn't see need for one ambulance train a week. One a fortnight will do if hospitals function properly. He would like more supervision of patients, evacuation ie, a British cadre with interpreters. ^{Not} ^{practical}

4. Medical (cont).

I have instructed Italian Military Hospital PERUGIA to increase capacity to 400 beds. I am arranging with AMG for Red Cross to have space in civilian hospital for over 60 day cases and to cater for emergency evacuations from FLORENCE.

5. Transport.

CORR at ANCONA wanted a vehicle. Advised to try AMG as they look after civilians.

Report on vehicle state and deficiencies of 209 Division units in preparation.

Arrangements for POL and reserve of 15% to be held until 20th of month. 209 Division point out that Diesel Oil allotment is too low as 38 O.M.P. uses generators etc., and many units use it for cooking. When they give me definite requests for more, I will advise AMIA.

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ADL "C" Team to supervise a small transit camp at AREZZO, mainly for Lab rifts, similar to one run by I9 Gp in AREZZO.

209 Division to take over IEBI transit camp. Rifts can be cleared, clothed and sorted there. It will be in care of 521 Bn.

Discipline.

CMP have established check posts on roads round
 TRIULI to catch deserters in 5 day drive. 90 have
 already been caught. They are being collected in
 55 Area under orders DMI District. 520 Guard Bn is
 providing guards. GOC., I District not too sure as to
 best policy towards them. Not too keen on sending them
 back. Can the sending of a Military Tribunal here be
 expediated. I propose to prepare a report on the lines
 that a concentration camp be established here for them.
 There are limits to CORR cells' capacity and it is not
 their function to hold them for a long time. Many Italian
 units have not the transport to fetch their absentees.
 The number caught is steadily increasing.

9. ORVETO.

DDMS strongly moved by complete lack of hygiene
 discipline and 6 officers of 91 Field Amb not arriving
 because on leave.

CE strongly moved by wanton damage to installations.

DA & CMG criticised lack of welfare or interest in
 same.

Considered irrationable to interchange 300 malcontents
 with I.P.L. Coys in Distone. DDL would accept them as posted
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Camp personnel arrived virtually naked and clothed by 209.

ORVIENTO to forward pants and vests when they arrive. Lack of these and extremes cold promotes much discontent.

Are the men to have arms? They will be working near the front line.

Not possible yet for them to be on the phone.

I Distriet took up question of 12 vehicles from ORVIENTO, having no canopies. I was surprised to hear all the men arrived.

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II. CREMONA Rfts.

I was approached for permits for about 500 volunteers to go up to join CREMONA Group. It transpired that CREMONA had been doing some private recruiting. They had laid on 200 (code name COVONASTER). Enthusiastic recruits had collected another 300. Visiting authority from CREMONA before despatching these others. The 200 went in CREMONA transport.

12. General.

44 Increment disbanded and dispersed as rfts.

Inspection of 1005 G.T. Coy. Serious trouble was brewing owing to poorness of clothing and lack of vests.

Discussions with AQMG re call-ups in this area. Scheme explained.

Confusion over formation of 61 and 62 Italian Forestry Coys, due to incorrectness of AQHQ letter. Now settled.

Strong letter to HQ. 209 Division re slowness in answering correspondence. Partly caused by weather, poor transport and innate bureaucracy.

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General Bureau of information for Italian Military affairs.

[Signature]

Capt.

MMIA, 10, I District

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Maj. Byatt <i>Gregg</i>	
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P.O.D. 7/1

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To See X

Date

7 Jan

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*I think it a good idea as stuff can be shipped from Bari to Yeri by sea from Bari to Ancona. Will spec to Bari tomorrow. *(Signature)* 8 Jan*

Subject:- Liaison Log.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C., (AMIA).,
c/o HQ., I District.
20/66.
3 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
R. M. I. A. R. O. E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 19 Dec to 1 Jan.

2. Arrivals / Departures of It 11m Units.

519 Bn moved from NOGORA to IMPRANETA - 24 Officers

536 O.Rs.

533 Specialist Coy left for PALERMO - 6 Officers 131 O.Rs.
601 A.P.O. and 616 A.P.O. placed under 209 Division.

1 Bn 403 Regt (Coy 129 - 134) arrived ANCONA Area -

30 Officers 1,053 O.Rs.

514 Italian Field Bakery joined 11 Field Bakery at
ANCONA from 8 Army Area.

3. Clothing.

"Q" I District has given authority for release of shoes,
heels, thread, nails and studs for boot repairing. Ordnance
will issue according to availability. 209 Division instructed
to prepare scheme to effect some local repairs.

Sub Depot returns sent off.

4. Medical.

Hospitals in I District including Gruppo will draw
comfort items from 37 and 38 B.S.Ds. I District will issue
on old authority for period December 15 - January 15.

When new authority is obtained from AFHQ for month of
January adjustment will be made and supplementary issue 54150

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6. Supplies. (Cont).

COL has been obtained from CIP, ANCONA for month of December after as great a difficulty as last month. A report was submitted by me. Apparently CIP ROMA had not been notifying CIP ANCONA of the release.

7. Welfare.

DA & CIP asked me for report on welfare activities of the PRIULI which were stated to be virtually non-existent. One draught board produced from behind a sack in a ration store was proudly displayed as a Company's welfare facilities. It is an extract from ADP's report. I passed this on to the PRIULI L.O. I District had already made a money grant to the PRIULI.

209 Division has opened a CABA di Convegno in ARBIZIO.

8. BRL-ITI rifle depot at ORVETO.

209 Division have sent their Adm Officer to advise on the Italian Admin side. I have visited the depot again and arranged delivery of some of the three tonners. Remains of British Centre very slow in arriving.

9. General

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3. Request submitted to I District for rail transport to move CIL saddlery material from OSIMO to ROMA.
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5. 200 Italian Military, presumed to be Labour rfts, arrived at ARBZ20 on 29 December without warning and badly clothed. Separate report forwarded asking for clothing to be sent with such large numbers as baggage under guard.
6. As 228 Division will shortly be pulling out of IRL, I have instructed 209 Division to consider taking over the transit camp there. The Pioneer King has already been transferred to AKOPHA, under the supervision of 19 Pioneer Group.

9. General. (cont).

7. The GIL Ann at IECI and MACERATA is likely to remain there a long time as AAI insisted that it should all be examined by I District. The letter has not got sufficient staff to undertake such a long job - over 1,000 tons.

8. My Dodge vehicle replacement obtained from ROMA on 21 December went two days later into workshops. It had a top overhaul, new carburettor, valve springs etc. Came out after four days and went back the same afternoon with a big end gone. As a consequence, I have to postpone all jobs involving use of vehicle.

9. General encyclopaedic service on Italian military matters.

W. B. Burt
Cap t.
MIA., 20., I District.

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W. B. Gant
MIA., Co., 1 District.
Capt.

Subject:- Liaison Log.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Com
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ I District.
LO/G6

19 December 44

To Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 5 Dec to 18 Dec.

2. Arrivals / Departures of Italian units.

519 Guard Bn has arrived at NORCIA.

171 Signal Coy HQ has arrived at PERUGIA. It will administer the five signal units which are usually in FLORENCE area and occasionally in I District. I have asked Delegazione T to put them all under 231 Div as it is their nearest adm HQ.

499 Manutenzione Stradale have moved up into the Army area.

3. Clothing.

Indents are pouring in. The clothing sub depot is substantially bare. M.M.I.A. announce that replenishments are being sent.

I have put up to District a request for leather, wax and thread for BRI-ITIS in their area.

Much trouble caused and time spent by units agitating for G 1098 stores which are not essential and which apparently they will never get.

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Germans and Allies have not taken, the civilians have stolen 364?

Inspection of medical stores depot at PERUGIA following reports that it was inadequately supplying needs. These reports exaggerated. The depot's monthly indents on ROME are partially and tardily filled, but it can substantially satisfy requests.

Discussion with A.D.S.T. re. Italian hospitals drawing their comfort items directly from D.I.Ds. instead of 209 Div receiving a bulk allocation from E.S.D. This new policy may have passed from AFHQ to AAI but until it gets down to District he will do nothing.

5. Transport.

Required output from 38 O.M.P. is still very small. My intercession to stop O.M.P. confiscating jobs they had placed out on local contract, some of it being WD material obtained in CIL days.

6. Supplies.

Ordinary soap and shaving soap now being distributed. CIP at ANCONA had not received their copy of release of POL to ITI-ITIE from Pet Sec AFHQ. I have forwarded them my own copy. This same trouble happened last month and held up collection by 209 Div:
For hospital comforts see para 4.

7. Welfare.

GOC well satisfied with progress in welfare work. He has instructed that 20,000 lire be allocated to 209 Div from District Welfare.

8. BRI-ITI rft camp. ORVIERO.

Reco carried out and Arconautice Baracks selected as suitable. Sitting board held and signals and R.M. work put in hand. Capacity put by DADMS as 3,000. I am confident that the Italians could put in more than 4,000. Separate block for officers and officers. A separate building exists for sick bay and M.I. rooms. Two kitchens being put in order. Ample facilities for stores, instruction rooms and dining rooms. Major Tungete is the only member of British cadre who had arrived on 16 Dec. District is chasing up ODE. A S. African hospital already in ORVIERO will assist with emergency cases.

The establishment needs strengthening on the Q side. O.O. British cadre will submit recommendations.

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written to Pet Sec
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Greatest embarrassment caused by AMG arresting deserters and putting them in OGRB cells, where they cannot be entitled to rations. I notify the unit to arrange disposal of the prisoners. The location of the unit is a difficult problem and then 2646 certainly has no transport to make several day's journey except collect a deserter. Meanwhile the prisoner is not eating except from scraps from the OGRB's mess table. AMG then begin to protest. When possible, I have the deserter moved to the nearest Italian unit. Often, however, they have no transport with which to collect him and no facilities to keep him. Also, there still remains the problem of getting him back to his unit or a military prison. If he had some entitlement to rations, he could remain in the civilian GMI indefinitely until he were finally recovered by the appropriate authority. It could count against his ultimate sentence.

10. General.

Enquiries about 111 Bn 522 Regt. Report submitted.

Arrangements for 410 Regt 1FL HQ to move from its isolated position at FALCONARA to rejoin its units in 5 Army area.

10. General (cont).

The move of 533 Specialists away from guarding OIL ammunition dumps to COMB duties in ANCONA, provoked much signalling. They were not suitable types for such work. Problem solved by there being no accommodation in ANCONA and need not urgent. Latest order is that they move to PALERMO.

FIAT Military vehicle obtained from Salvage Officer for a Guard Bn.

S.T.8. Forms have been distributed by me to areas for respective D.I.L.s. Each Italian Unit also to have a supply.

I have suggested to HQ 209 Division that they establish two training teams each of 1 officer and 2 NCOs. These to visit units and hold refresher courses in basic military training. This may help discipline and morale.

A detachment of 209 Division established at CORONA with Vice Commandante Gen. MONTALI. This serves for AREAQ area.

Passes, permits and general information service for District and Areas.

MELIA, Gen., 1 District
 Gen.

A/C

Ref. Log. No. 3

Para 6.

Scap.

Something gone wrong with the Fki
corks. Future shipments should be
straight through C. N. H. S. F.

ST/8i

Source informed by signal provision
+ distribution of ST/8i is Italian
responsibility NOT M. H. A.

Also not very factual reminder
re stencils and duplicating
machines!!

Para 7

Agree down with Rampe?

Matter being taken up with Aliberti

P.O.L. allocation was OK. but C.P.D. Ancona
not having received Pet Sec letter at the
time, had no authority to release and
as held strictly accountable, could not
play. They are not really uncooperative
poor little bastards!

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Subject: Liaison Log No. 3.

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Liaison Officer,
Lend Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C., (M.M.I.A.),
c/o HQ, I District,
10/96.

4 December 44.

To: Lend Forces Sub Comm., A.C., (M.M.I.A.),
R O W E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 21 Nov 44 to 4 Dec 44 :-

2. Arrivals/Departures of Italian Units.

No. 3 Italian Traffic Control Coy have arrived FOLLIGNO under command I District.

135 Italian Forestry Coy has joined 769 Forestry Coy at VALLOMBROSA.

FRIULI Gruppo has arrived in AREZZO area.

CREMONA Gruppo in process of arriving TERAMO Area.

3. Clothing.

Quantity of socks (alleged 13,000) are arriving at 209 Depot at OSIMO.

I have submitted an indent for urgently needed boot repairing material.

Return of contents of clothing sub depot sent on 1 Dec 44 to H.C., M.M.I.A. R.D. Trousers, boots and drawers are practically exhausted.

I.W.T. personnel at ANCONA are very urgently appealing for clothing. I have so far refused according to M.M.I.A. instructions.

4. Guard Bns.

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5. Gruppi.

At Distone morning conference, C.O.C. emphasised that all help must be given by services especially welfare.

Discussed with ARMS fitting of Gruppi into existing Italian ~~evacuation~~ scheme in the District. Signal sent to H.Q., M.M.I.A. for medical supplies to be accordingly reinforced at OSIMO and PERUGIA.

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6. Supplies.

at end of month

H.Q., 209 Division have been notified that their November soap allotment is in HARI. The last issue of soap here was in October. Its non-availability here is a strong source of complaint.

ST., Distone inform me that hospital comforts are now available for collection by 209 Division.

Arrangement whereby in 61 Area, 209 Division was responsible for fresh fruit and vegetable part of ration has broken down due to their lack of transport. Distone reassumes responsibility.

ST., Distone annoyed that ITIS have no ST.8 forms. Apparently they are due to come up through M.M.I.A. Their expedition urged by signal.

7. Transport.

Repaired vehicles coming very slowly from 38 O.M.P. I believe the Direttore - ~~Col. RAMPA~~ is more keen on working for his M.O.F. e.g., they have just repaired 2 petrol tankers. I have therefore re-instructed them that their immediate task is to turn out vehicles for 209 Division so that it can function properly. The O.C. workshops could do with more specialists. 209 Division propose to lend him a few so as to expedite output of repaired vehicles.

H.Q., 209 Division are sending out inefficient vehicles to other units so that they can get their own spares from local black markets.

P.O.L. for November for ITI-ITIS eventually obtained from ARJONA at end of the month. Pet Geo. ARHQ did not send a copy of release to OIP., ARJONA. Letter was bureaucratically unco-operative.

Each of the 3 hospitals now has an ambulance.

8. Inspections.

Italian Increment to 6 Vet Hospital. - British O.C. is very pleased with their work.

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9. Welfare.

I obtained from P.W.B. ROME, several thousand copies of numbers of Italian Londo Libero and delivered them to 209 Division. A welfare centre is being established in PERUGIA.

10. General.

O.C., 10 Pioneer Group has written to 209 Division a strong letter of appreciation of valuable work done by I.L. Coys at ANONA during bad weather and increased hours during recent emergency.

A number of volunteers for Matella bene are trekking North. I have no means of testing their genuineness. I think a lot are attracted by possibilities of loot.

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Capt.,
MIA., 10., I District.

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To See.	Remarks
Lt. Col. Shipley	(B)
Maj. Solo.	MHO
Maj. Pinkley.	Seymour
Maj. Byatt.	OK. 4/12
Maj. Rose	M
Capt. [unclear]	
Capt. Archer	
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ST. V	
Med. Ward 28/11	Admin. Lab. re. para 5, Sub para 2. HQ 1 DISTRICT requested to release 3 million. See AG file on 4/28/42
Ord. (P)	
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Camp	

Date

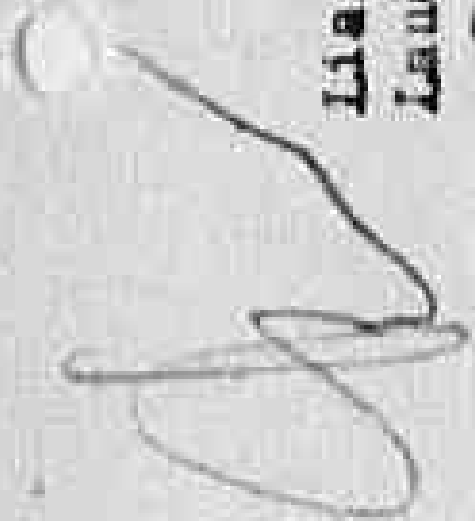
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steak A/Q on Sat or Sunday
H/H.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

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 Liaison Officer
 Land Forces Sub Com.
 A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
 c/o HQ, 1 District
 LG/C6
 20 November 44

TO : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
 R O M E

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 6 Nov 44 to 20 Nov 44 :-

2. Arrivals / Departures Italian units

Regt 402 Regt IPL, BHQ 2/402 and 123 - 123 IPL coys have moved from ANCONA to 5 Army under 46 Gp Pioneer H.Q.

Smoke Coys 501, 503, and 510 have arrived at AREZZO, 55 Area.

521 Guard Bn has arrived in 71 Sub Area, with coys at PERUGIA, FOLLIGNO and TERNI. It arrived nearly 300 under announced strength as potential muleteers had been extracted before departure. Their clothing state is satisfactory.

3. Conference

General Olmi taken to see the G.O.C. 1 District. He received a long talk on the subject of welfare and responsibilities of Italian officers towards their troops.

Assistance to AGM 1 District, on drawing up of A and Q Adm instructions for Italian military in the District.

Discussion with ADL "C" team concerning welfare possibilities in 55 Area. Pioneer Group Cso render invaluable assistance to the Italian units. They are extraordinarily keen and helpful.

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Practically all units are now suitably clad and indents substantially satisfied. Two or three small units are still to be dealt with. Only serious deficiency is in vests, towels and socks. Boot repairing tools and materials, particularly the latter, are urgently needed, 209 Div instructed to submit a bulk indent.

I am making arrangements for the Italian Military clothing now in 35 A.O.D. to be transferred to the 269 depot at ANCONA. I will control the release of items of Allied origin. To ease the blanket situation, I propose that as far as possible where a soldier has only two poor quality Italian blankets to substitute them for a comforter.

To cope with the tentage problem, I have suggested that 209 Div establish a pool of tentage which is not being used.

Indenting by Italian units is on the whole very poorly done.

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Medical

521 Field Hospital has now moved to FRASSINETO to cope with ARREZZO area. It has a very good location, and soon is ample to permit of expansion. 30 extra beds and small tables are being obtained from 228 Div det. at ARREZZO. Water Tanker is laid on and electric light ensured.

The ANCONA hospital is still very cramped for space. It has obtained only one villa nearby of the four which were semi promised. Problem referred to 1 District, but soon in ANCONA is virtually unobtainable.

247 Field Hospital has arranged for 30 beds at OSIMO civilian hospital for the over 30 days cases. Hospital comforts are still awaited.

Transport

Representations to LAM through P & L for more assistance to be given by CWP to hitch hiking Italian Military. One IPL rft waited three days at POLLIGNO before he got a lift to ANCONA.

7. Policy, Move of Vice G/da 209 Div

I propose its resurrection and establishment in or near ARREZZO, where there are some 4,000 Italian military, units and a transit camp mainly for rfts going to 5 and 3 Armies. At present there is a detached HQ of 228 Div which administers a few service units and some IPL coys on call for 3 Army. OSIMO is too far away to control 209 Div interests satisfactorily. Also as the weather deteriorates this detached 228 Div HQ will find it most difficult to maintain contact with its division. It would be desirable for all Italian units u/c 1 District to be administered by 209 Div.

8. General

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Capt BOURNE

Liaison Officer

515 and 520 Bn arrived here semi-naked. 520 Bn at ANCONA could not be put to employment until clothing was eventually issued. They arrived here with half the necessary tentage. As there is no real accommodation in ANCONA - IBSI area, they had a very thin time. It is hoped that the intention to send indented clothing up with them as baggage will not break down.

Future Gd Bns

5. Transport.

I have been given option for a time on vehicles leaving MACERATA, where 38 OMP is repairing CIL vehicles. They have not done much yet as the authority for release of petrol from CIP at ANCONA for ITI-ITI units had not arrived by 5 Nov 44 and they couldn't use their generators in the workshops.

Special leave passes (in Italian and English) are to be issued to Italian units. Movement of such personnel is now severely hampered by order that they cannot use the railway. The success of hitch-hiking on WD transport is not very great.

6. Welfare.

Paraffin obtained for Italian Welfare centre in ANCONA for illumination. Very successful Italian athletics and football programme at ANCONA on 5 Nov 44. 61 Area Commander attended and presented a cup. DDL and COs of Pioneer Groups, Italian General and colonels also present.

7. Formation of New Units.

Difficulty arises over availability of stores from Italian sources. It takes a considerable time to know if they're available and then to get them up here. Meanwhile the formation of the unit is required urgently.

8. Inspection of Hospital at PERUGIA.

Very satisfactorily run. Capacity is 300 beds, with possible expansion to 350. Number of patients was 280. It is now under command of C. de LAZIO, UMBRIA. It would have been preferable for it to be directly under 209 Division as it caters exclusively for their troops. It has but one unreliable ambulance as transport for all purposes. Its medical supplies need reinforcing to 50000.

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Difficulty arises over availability of stores from Italian sources. It takes a considerable time to know if they're available and then to get them up here. Meanwhile the formation of the unit is required urgently.

8. Inspection of Hospital at PERUGIA.

Very satisfactorily run. Capacity is 300 beds, with possible expansion to 350. Number of patients was 230. It is now under command of C. de LAZIO, UMBRIA. It would have been preferable for it to be directly under 209 Division as it enters exclusively for their troops. It has but one unreliable ambulance as transport for all purposes. Its medical supplies need reinforcing to 5638 with move of ospedale to AR. EVO.

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1st Lt., 10th District.

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67 Garrison.
15.10.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 23.

- (a) Move of 21 coy. Artieri from TERMOLI to TORINO DI SANGRO.
Move of I42 Laver Coy from VASTO to ORTONA.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with General di Stefanis of functions of Delegazione A. Report submitted pointing out that both 209 Div and 228 Div and Ministry of War tend to use it as a Corps HQ. This needlessly slows down administration, and moreover, the Delegazione has not the establishment to cope with the paper work.
- Report submitted with tentative proposals for solution of maintenance difficulties of transport - W.D. allotted to Italian units. That one or more civilian garages be requisitioned, thus obtaining the heavier equipment, Italian military personnel to run the w/shops, and supply of spares from dumps and ACPs. Of 13 W.D. vehs allotted to units of Rear 209 Div HQ, 8 are in w/shops. This due to lack of inspections and adequate w/shop maintenance, plus poor driving and low standard of unit maintenance.
- (d) Nil. Vehicle off road for 4 days.
- (e) Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA showed that Military Hospital, CHIEMI, had been overdrawing to accumulate a reserve. Reason being that the D.I.D is often on the point of running out of commodities, and units often cannot draw for full period. This aggravates transport difficulties, e.g. CCRH at ASCOLI have to pay 10,000 lire for day's hire of a civilian truck.

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(f) Liaison with local Censorship. One case of deserter, one illegal contriving for leave and one black market. Action requested from military authorities.

60 - 70 patriots of Banda della MURILLA home on leave in communes in CHIETI province. Frequent firing of arms and terrorisation of locals. Assault on a CR for 'hurling spitballs at them from a balcony'. Report to MMLA. 10.8 Army for their being allowed to bring arms below Corps rear boundaries.

Passes, permits and chits for POL.

General liaison between Italian units and Allied units;

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To Military Mission to Italian Army.

MMIA.10.
67 Garrison.
8.10.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 22.

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- (a) Move of 920 Reg Lav Art from SAN VITO to PESCARA. Move of HQ. 502 Bn Art from TERMOLI to PESCARA. Move of 521 Osped da campo from CHIETI to FALCONARA.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussed with General MONACCI, the new Vice Comandante of 209 Div the general problems involving troops now under his command.
- (d) Inspection of Military Hospital at CHIETI. Separate report being submitted.
Inspection of A & C plns of 1003 Italian G.T. Coy. Separate report submitted.
Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA and enquiry made for clarification and verification of several details.
- (e) Reference breaking down of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA, - whenever rly transport is refused Direzione Consesariato at BARI, Twodis should automatically be informed so as to increase supplies to British D.I.D.
Suggested that when new Italian labour coys are sent out, that the British officer in charge of each coy be issued with all necessary admin instructions. They arrive not having received clear indications as to their functions.
- (f) Request for priority in repair to vans of 541 Regt ~~5033~~ 5033 ad. report submitted advocating establishment in this area of a Military Tribunal to administer far speedier and severer justice, thus helping to alleviate deserter problem.
Arrangement of rly transport for Italian D.I.Ds. at this end.
Petrol authority for autosezioni to clear OIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.
Two police incidents - parachutists carrying arms.
General liaison between Allied and Italian units.

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See log dated 7/10

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CHIETI incident!

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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 21.

- (a) CERSA moved from CHIETI to MACERATA. 91 Telegrafist
Coy moved from CHIETI to VAIRANO.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with Garrison Commander and DAQMG of 67
Garrison re Italian military in the area they have
just taken over.
Discussion with Delegazione re deserter question.
209 Div requested to notify the measures they are
taking and their success.
- (d) Inspection of transit camp transferred from TERMOLI
to ORTONA. Strong criticism of slowness in constructi:
latrines. Rearrangement in adjacent building they are
also occupying as they had stores above and carabinieri
below ground.
- (e) Italian DIDs at VASTO and ORTONA received signal from
Direzione Commissariato that no rly tpt was available
and they would have to collect by own means. A few
days later three wagons arrive and later another three.
A signal was sent by me to the effect that there is
definitely no vehicle tpt here sufficient to draw food
supplies from BARI. Three or four wagons a week are
essential unless they draw from the local British DID.
- (f) Vehicle census of Rear 209 Div area requested for more
equitable distribution among dependent units.
Monthly security report submitted.
Delegazione has submitted to Ministry of War its
report on Indian offr incident at CHIETI. Report was
thorough and the reopened enquiry successful. A para-
chutist who cut the girl's hair located and blame
fixed on a lt who suppressed the identity of the man,
and several senior officers who displayed lack of zeal
and energy in pursuing the original enquiry.

Authority for spares obtained for Italian military at the ACP, CABALBORDINO.
Transport laid on for C/do Presidio, VASTO, with local British transport platoon in cases of emergency.
Order of Battle submitted for Italian engineering units of 209 Div:
Medical Lt of CIL deposito sanitario sent to take over the medical stores at OSIMO. His three personnel retained for hospital at CHIETI as OSIMO did not need them.
CCRR service established at railhead, ORTONA, to catch illegal travel by Italian military and stop their participation in blackmarket traffic.
Enquiries re vehicle of 1006 G.T.Coy. The driver alleged he was kidnapped by Moroccan troops at FOGGIA. The vehicle has finished up in RESE, ORTONA.
Arrangements for a breakdown vehicle to be put at disposition of Parco Autogasti Italiano at CHIETI SCALO.
Authority for petrol for Delegazione to move CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.
Have now established myself at CHIETI. Official correspondence to HQ, 67 Garrison. My own office is in the Questura at CHIETI.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 20.

- (a) Movement of CEREA from CHINTI to MACERATA still held up by 8 Army.
- (b) Arrival at ORTONA of 141 Coy, 404 Regt and of 142 Coy, 404 Regt, at VASTO. Latter to be transferred to ORTONA as soon as Bechuana Coy, which they are substituting, has moved out.
Arrival of platoon of 1003 G.F. Coy at CASALBORINO.
- (c) Conference at HQ, MMIA, ROMA with regard to the elimination of Rear HQ, 209 Div, in near future and HQ, 541 Regt to take over its supervisory commitments in area of 67 Garrison.
Discussion with Lt Col HOWARD of new functions of an Italian HQ for Italian troops u/c I District.
Discussion of functions of Delegazione A and its suggested abolition, as being no longer needed once it has cleared stores left behind by the CIL.
Discussion reference carrying of arms by Italian military. Local Allied commander to approve of disciplinary military patrols to carry arms. CCR to carry arms only when on specific duty until further instructions issued.
- (d) Ufficio Requisizioni per Comandi Anglo-Americani now established at VASTO for last three weeks, regularising requisitions and assessing damages with Claims and Hirings. Staff of three officers and civilian personnel. Some 3,500 cases to be dealt with in this area. Similar offices have been set up in PERUGIA and ANCONA.
- (e) Improvement in communications between Main and Rear 209 Div urgently needed. I am now receiving letters dated middle of August.
- (f) Greater facility in requisitioning by Italian.

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military particularly with M.T. This point brought
up in conference at HQ.MMIA.
Passes, permits and authority for POL.
General liaison between Sub Area and Italian units.

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To Army Sub Commission.
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60 Sub Area
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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No. 19.

- (a) Dissolution of 515 Regt H.Q. TERMOLI.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with Sub Area re. reorganisation of guards owing to changes in administration and territory. 5 Coy/ 120 Regt to be moved from CAMPOBASSO to TERMOLI.
- (d) Nil to report.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) Report submitted on deserter question and rfts. Sbandati clothing store moved from ORTONA to OSIMO. Railway transport arranged for Delegazione and units of 209 Div: Report on accumulation of wine for CIL at ORTONA. Wagons of wine sent weeks after CIL had left area. Enquiries for L.C. Distone on tobacco deliveries for 209 Div: WD truck obtained from ACF.5. for 3 Bn Speciale. Tyres obtained from DADME, Sub Area, for Vice C/do. Billposting at ORTONA for Transit Cap and C/do Stazioni Passes, permits, and chits for POL. Arrangements for evacuation of WD vehicles left by CIL. Enquiries for FSS on collection of areas. General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and Ital: units in the area.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.18.

- (a) Move of rema-inder of 29 Coy Minatori from VASTO to SAN VITO. Move of Vice C/do; 209 Div:; from Vasto to CHIETI. Move of 447 Bers: Ba H.Q. to VASTO from SAN SALVO to act as C/do Presidio.
- (b) Move of CIL rft units from CHIETI to ORTONA for CASERTA. Move of I64 Coy di Arresto from PESCARA.
- (c) Discussion with ADMS, Area, and Delegazione A re. development of CHIETI military hospital. Request to HQ.MMIA. for CIL deposito sanitario to remain in CHIETI.
Discussion with Delegazione re. organisation at ORTONA railhead. Decided to transfer transit camp there from TERMOLI, and establish 541 Regt HQ as C/do Presidio.
- (d) Nil to report.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) Arrangements with Area DADME for priority in repair of Italian WD vehicles as position had become impossible.
Fiat 621 obtained from I21 Rd Cons Coy for 209 Di.
Investigation re. unauthorised drawing of 9mm amm from Italian dump at TORINO di SANGRO.
Liaison in arrangements for clearing of this amm dump to I4 B.A.D.
Report submitted on CHIETI football incident.
Sbandati clothing store moved to ORTONA.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and 209 Div: on guards, transport etc:

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.17.

- (a) Move of part of 29 Minstori Coy from VASTO to S.VITO.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with DADL for substitution of Italian units in Area south of VASTO by civilians.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) At request of Area Comdr, I arranged to move to ORTONA for purpose of supervising moves of CIL units from railhead. Since cancelled with changed plans.
Hospital enquiries for DADMS.
Carriage of arms incident at CHIETI. Report submitted.
Officer of 5 Coy/I20 Regt reported for sending men on leave in Army area without permission.
Liaison arrangements for move of TORINO DI SANGRO amn depot to I4 B.A.D.
Liaison between Allied and Italian DIDs re. purchase of wine and fruit, from local resources.
Transport arrangements for move of clothing store for 209 Div from TERMOLI to OSIMO.
Passes, permits and POL.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div re. carriage of arms, identity documents, vehicle signs and transport.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.16.

- (a) Move of Delegazione 'A' back from S.GINSSIO to CHIETI.
- (b) Departure of 209 Artieri Coy from VASTO to BARI. Departure of 447 Bn Bersaglieri from S.SALVO to MINERVINO. Departure of 2 and 3 coys 1 Bn, 541 Regt from VASTO to MINERVINO.
- (c) Discussion with General di Stefanis re. medical matters and future moves.
- (d) Visit to Alpini rif Bn at AQUILA. Average very young. Unit keen and active.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) Transport for units, e.g. move of animals and M.T material.

Investigation of incidents at CHIETI and AQUILA separate security report submitted.

Contact with 151 Sub Area. Discussion with Comd Italian units in his area.

Report submitted on 'sbandati' camp at TERNOLI.

Enquiry re. rations of CIL rif Bns and Delegazi

Various police reports. Report re. legality of conserving WD rations for taking on leave.

Passes, permits and chits for POL.

Strong complaints on poorness of M.T. maintenance

General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209

Div: a and 60 Sub Area.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log.No. 15.

- (a) Move of Maia H.Q. 209 Div: from CHIETI to OSIMO.
Move of Delegazione 'A' from CHIETI to S.GINESIO.
- (b) Arrival at SAN SALVO of 9 coy/III/408 Regt with
835 Engr Av Bn (American). Arrival of one train
of 'congedati'.
- (c) Discussion with DDPL re. substitution of 447 Bers:
Btg and two coys of 1/541 by civilians for their work.
Discussion with Sub Area re. employment of 503 Guard
Btg. Movement of detachments.
- (d) Inspection of Mountain School, SEPINO. Administration
and rft problems settled. Visit to 5 coy/126 Regt.
Discipline and saluting good.
- (e) Nothing to report, apart from slowness in fulfilling
clothing indents.
- (f) Complaint to Delegazione 'A' re. inefficient use of
Allied ambulance transport between CHIETI & SAN VITO.
Problems arising from Allied vehicles allotted to
Italian units.
Various police reports, mainly to do with vehicles.
Passes, permits and exits for POW.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area,
Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div:
Enquiry re. slow fulfillment of indents for medical
supplies for CIL.
Future move of Vice C/60, 209 Div:, discussed.

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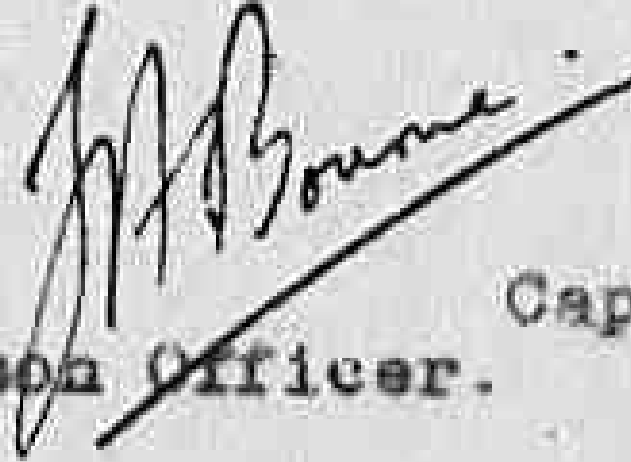
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c/o 60 Sub Area.
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Weekly Liaison Log. No.14.

- (a) Move of remaining half of 209 Artieri Coy from TERMOLI to VASTO. Move of Posto Distribuzione Viveri from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Move of 247 Ospedaletto da campo from TERMOLI to GIULIANOVA.
- (b) Arrival of two trainloads of 'congedati' for this area and further north. A few had to have destination changed because in army area.
- (c) Nil
- (d) Nil, vehicle still in workshops.
- (e) Nil
- (f) Increasing difficulties of transport for 209 Div: Request submitted for allotment of eight more W.D. vehicles to maintain essential services.
Medical section at 50 General Hospital, VASTO, closed down and transferred to CHIETI.
Maggiore Giannicola, Italian L.O. to Sub Area, posted back as instructed to BARI.
Proposal to move 5 coy/120 Regt from CAMPOBASSO as that town being militarily closed down.
Control of ORTONA railhead for CIL supplies.
Investigation into poor Italian maintenance of allotted W.D. vehicles.
Passes, permits, and chits for POL.
Various police reports, mainly traffic offences.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area, Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.


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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 13.

- (a) Move of Centro Riordinamento Volontari from VIBO VALENTIA to CH IETI. Move of half 209 Artieri coy from TERNOLI to VASTO.
- (b) Arrival at PESCARA of I64 coy Artieri di Arresto and 562 coy Bastrellatori Mine. Arrival of 503 Sec: of 820 comp: Telegrafisti at VASTO. Arrival of 1005 G.T. Coy to replace 1003 G.T. Coy.
- (c) Nil.
- (d) Nil. Vehicle still in w/shops.
- (e) Two units arrived at Pescara from Sardinia. 562 comp: recently refitted with clothing; I64 comp: had 150 ORs without any boots and most uniforms unserviceable. Can such units be fitted out before getting up here.
- (f) Request for an 'infermeria da campo' for ambulance railhead at San Vito.
Attention to complaint of neglected admin: of Italian unit attached Mountain Warfare School.
Area Liaison officer Reg: Gianninola attached from Delegan: to Comando Presidio, Chieti.
Arrival of 300 congedati from Bari at Ternoli without warning. A few deferred because destination in Army area.
Action to get vehicles back from 410 Regt now moved out of area.
Control of Ortona railhead for CIL supplies.
Order of Battle for H.Q.
Allocation of vehicles consequent on dissolution of 308 Autoreparto Desante.
Incident at Chieti between Paracadutista and Brit: Lt.
Other miscellaneous police reports.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of Area and Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No.12.

- (a) Move of C/do Genio, 209 Div: to ~~ROSETO~~ ^{Y. PINETO}. Move of CERSA from FOGGIA to CHIETI.
- (b) Departure of 501 Gd Bn. Arrival of 2 and 4 coys, 503 Gd Bn, at VASTO.
- (c) Conference with ADMS re evacuation of Italian Military. Decided to evacuate from SAN VITO to VASTO, and then south. Italian section at 50 General Hosp: therefore kept at VASTO.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Arriva 1 at VASTO of 503 Gd Bn in extremely poor clothing condition. 18 without any boots and nearly a hundred in sandals and wooden clogs. Can such units be fitted out at BARI before arriving up here.
- (f) SAN LORRENZO ann dump cleared all but three truck loads. Arrangements for Italian troops to draw from own sources and not British DIDs. Tyres obtained from Area DADME for Italian Military vehs. Liaison in transfer and repair of Italian Military vehs. Maggiore GIAMMINOLA, Area liaison officer, sent to CHIETI. Arrangements for 'licenza' owing to change of rear army boundary. Passes, permits and POL arrangements. Police reports, mainly traffic offences. Suggested move of Italian 'sussistenza' from TERMOLI to ORTONA to facilitate distribution. General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209 Div and Delegazione 'A'. Control of 'congedati'

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just as suitable as TERMOLI.*

Change to be made. W/H so informed.
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Main Hq. M.M.I.A.

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c/o 60 Sub Area
23.7.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. II.

- (a) Move of 5 coy Artieri to PORTO RECANATI. Move of I63 coy Artieri to PORTO S GIORGIO. Move of I52 coy Artieri to PINETO, with detachments at ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI and SILVI. Move of 28 Btg Art: H.Q. to GIULIANOVA. Move of 2 coy/28 Btg to PORTO CIVITANOVA.
- (b) Arrival of small rif parties for CIL, routed on to CHIETI.
- (c) Discussion with General PROPERZI reference rifts and 410 Regt. Practically nothing at CERSA, FOGGIA, as most had been dispersed to depots. Rifts to be taken from the 6,000 men to be sent to CHIETI from the ROME area.
- (d) Truck off the road awaiting new engine.
- (e) Some confusion pending definite establishment of I District
- (f) Investigation at CHIETI of incident involving armed Ital: soldiers and Indian captain. Report submitted criticising conduct of the enquiry by 2 Brigade.
Enquiries re. personnel exempted from call up.
POL, passes, permits.
Police reports.
Arrival of 2 offrs and 4 men to form liaison office with 60 Sub Area. One offr retained, Area no need for others.
A report to MMIA being submitted.
Arrangements for clearing the Ann dump at S LORENZO, VASTO.
Complaint by 50 General Hospital that Italian doctor in charge of Italian wing is incompetent. Report sent to Delegazione 'A' and DADMB.
Advice and information to Area and British units concerning Italian troops in the area.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No.10.

- (a) Move of 5 and 163 coys Artieri from TERMOLI to ORTONA for POLCORPS area. Move of 502 Btg H.Q. and 21 coy Art from LEBBA to TERMOLI. Move of C/do Tappa 251 from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Move of C/do Tappa 252 from VASTO to CHIETI. Move of 68 Rfts Btg from ORTONA to CHIETI. Move of Medical Supplies Depot from VASTO to CHIETI.
- (b) Arrival of 71 Btg Bers: refuelled and onward routed to CHIETI. Rfts for 68 Btg onward routed to CHIETI. Departure of H.Q. and 220/224 coys, 410 Regt from SAN VITO to MINERVINO.
- (c) Discussion with Area re call up of 1920/4 classes under AAI.307.4/A (O) of 11 May. Area strongly support.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) 230 m/c's of 71 Btg Bers: arrived a-t VASTO from NARIES without having brought adequate tyre repairing material. Large number of m/c's at standstill with punctures.
- (f) Area transport of 53 tonners laid on for clearance of ammunition from TORINO DI SANGRO to PADDINGTON. Arrangements with MMIA.LO. Twodis. for expediting of medical stores. Numerous speeding and traffic offences. One British soldier killed. Arrangement for Delegazione 'A' to use signal facilities at PESCARA. More camp material obtained for 209 Div: POL chits, passes and permits. Italian officer reported for pass irregularity. Engineering Order of Battle submitted to MMIA. General information to Area and British units on Italian Military.

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To Army Sub Commission
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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60 Sub Area.
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Weekly Liaison Log. No.9.

- Artieri
- (a) Move of 28 Btg HQ to VILLA FONTANELLI (PESCARA). 2 Company to GIULANOVA. 3 Company to PORTO SANTO-ELPIDIO (MACERATA). Move of 152 Coy Artieri to MONTE SILVANO (PESCARA). Move of 1003 G.T. Coy to points just north and south of R. TRIGNO. Move of 68 Rfts Bn from LEBBA to ORTONA. Main H.Q. 209 Div to CHIETI. Delegazione 'A' from VASTO to CHIETI.
- (b) Arrival of 62 Autoreparto Pesante, routed to CHIETI for CIL.
- (c) Discussion with MMIA LO Polcorps re. changing situation. Conference with Major HALL, DADME, Generale DI STEFANIS and PROPERZI re. workshops and repair organisation. Emphasis on their getting MT supplies through their normal channels. Discussion re. new siting of Teppas.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Considerable confusion because lack of authoritative statement as to what units of 209 Div are under the command of Polcorps.
- (f) Postal facilities laid on between ORTONA and VASTO. Re-fuelling and re-direction of units in transit for CIL.
- Due to moves, transfer of WD vehicles allotted to Italian units to other British coys.
- Enquiries re. the now urgent problem of rfts.
- Numerous police complaints re. ignoring of traffic regulations. Area complaints re. hygiene and sanitation.
- Arrangements for transport of am from TORINO di SANGRO to PADDINGTON.
- Serious incident at CHIETI - Indian captain attacked by Italian parachutists, when in company of Italian gvt. Passes, permits and check on soldiers being discharged.
- General advice and information to Area and British employing units

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 60 Sub Area
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Weekly Liaison Log. No 8.

- (a) Move of 6 Coy/120 Regt from Vasto to Vairano.
- (b) Arrival of 100 men 501 Btg to do guard duty at Vasto for 370 P.O.W. Camp. 12 Disinfestation Section attached to 68 Rfts and signals sent for further destination.
- (c) Discussion with O.C. 66 Pioneer Group re. new Italian Pioneer Regt. Problem of rfts slow in arriving.
- (d) Inspection of sbandati camp at Ternoli. Only 200 had reported. Difficulties of tpt. Suggestion that the ca carabinieri accelerate collection of sbandati. Reported that Mountain School, Sepino, being neglected in administration. Italian Officer sent to regularise pay, rations and general administration.
- (e) Nil.
- (f) Leave question settled - none north of line Pescara-Popoli. Substitutes to arrive before men discharged. Recce of new site for 68 Rfts Btg. Old site needed for 3 C.R.U. training. Assistance with water problem. On info supplied, M.A. spares to value of 150,000 lire requisitioned by and for Italian military. Several police cases including one stabbing by Italian soldier and numerous speeding and driving complaints. Parachutist police patrol dropped as no parachutists left in town. Arrangements for Italian Military Authorities to clothe battle casualties discharged from hospital. General liaison between Area and 209 Div and Delegazione. Train transport arranged for Italian units. Petrol reserve established for Main 209 Div. Compilation of Order of Battle. Disbandment of 308 Autoreparte stopped as M.M.I.A. had recommended to AAI that it be built up. Passes and permits for Italian Military

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Weekly Liaison Log. No.7.

(a) Move of Bn H.Q. I/541 to Vasto Marina. Arrang for O.C. to be responsible for the Italian units th and for stragglers at the station.

Comando Tappa established at Ortona to cope flow of military from liberated territories. Train laid on.

(b) Arrival of Italian Disinfection section at Bordino. Unexpected and destination not known. Atta 68 Rfts Bn.

(c) Liaison with 66 Pioneer Group replacing 87 Pn

(d) Nil.

(e) Still need for Italian units coming up to know command and destination. Otherwise awkward problems

(f) 3 Coy/9 Mitr Btg being taken away from 370 P. camp for 410 Italian Pnr Regt. Arrangement for emergency substitution until relief arrives, by 7 Coy/ 120 Reg

Expansion of Area leads to many leave problems 2 Dist: informed me rule still in force for no leave Army a reas. Comdt 370 P.O.W. Camp received signal Polcorps 'no objection for Italian military personnel going on leave Polcorps area if self contained for 1 Signal being sent for clarification.

Officer found falsifying entry on 'foglio di vi

Discussion with Area re. Italian rest camp at V Marina. Difficulties with change over of corps. Suggest that it be apart from the Polish rest camp to avoid disturbances.

Expansion of medical stores depot at Vasto.

Arrangements for obtaining camp equipment for 2 from Area.

Passes, permits and general liaison with Area re Italian units under their command. Liaison with Deleg 'A' S.M.R.E.

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Subject. - Weekly Liaison Log. No 5.

(a) Movement of 2I coy Artieri from Carunchio area to Lebba. Permission obtained for move of 50I Btg H.Q. from Torrebruna to Termoli.

(b) Departure of 9I6 (ex I80) Artieri coy from Termoli to Bovino.

Establishment of Amn dump near Vasto with 25 A.A.D.
Storage for Italian medical supplies established with 7 Adv Medical supplies, Vasto. Now functioning.
Billeting for L of C H.Q. of General de Stefanis. Assistance with details.

(c) Conference with Col Tuzi and 2I C.R.E. for further details for mine clearing. Arrangements made for formation of three platoons, two to come from I63 Coy Artieri.

(d) Inspection again of I80 Coy Artieri prior to its departure. List obtained of equipment necessary for building up of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.

(e) Nil.

(f) General organisation of camp at Termoli for sbandati. Water problem solved and most of necessary stores have arrived. Ready to start work.

Security incidents caused by wire cutting repeated by I Batteria motrista Nembo, near Lebba.

Several police incidents concerning disorderly behaviour in Vasto by paracadutisti and their propagating of stories that they would cut hair of Italian girls seen with British troops. C.M.P. one night menaced by a group with arms; Request that Vasto be put out of bounds to them, and no arms carried in town except when on duty.

New proposals to Area for Italian units drawing POL. Arrangements with Italian DID as Area now extended. Passes and permits.

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4.6.44.

Subject - Weekly Liaison Log. No 4.

- (a) Transfer of 6/407 Regt from first location in San Salvo to site by Trigno river.
- (b) This unit arrived in 60 Sub Area with strength of 5 officers and 173 men.
68 Hft Btg to arrive at Iccba, which is in 60 Sub Area, has been made responsibility of 5 Corps.
- (c) Discussion of general points with Area and Lt Col Moriarty.
Liaison between Col Tazi and 2I C.R.B. re clearing of Trigno minefields.
Discussion concerning Italian military and their powers of requisition in the Area.
- (d) Detailed inspection of 180 Lavoratori Coy prior to its move and reorganisation. Separate report sent.
- (e) Arrival of 6/407 with insufficient tentage. Other units are not yet fully equipped with tents. At present temporary loan from British units which may be withdrawn any time.
- (f) Further billeting at Termoli and recce of Termoli staging Area to cope with call up of 1500 sbandati.
General arrangements laid on.
Discussion with D.A.P.A. re obtaining more 'movieri' as detachment from Bers 447 Btg so successful.
Owing to moves, vans on charge to Brit: units and allotted to Italians transferred to charge of other Brit: units. Complaints of poor maintenance by Italian Passes, permits, cnits for POL.
Police incident - Italian officer living at home and found in possession of W.D. property.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No 3.

- (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) Criticism by D.C.R.E. that 163 Art Coy was not very good discussed with Raggrupamento Genio. Arranged for strengthening of coy with more experienced officers.
(d) Inspection with C.O. 87 Pioneer Group of Italian engineering units at Capello, Furei, Caranchio and Torrebruna. General arrangements good, some latrine criticism. Arranged with A.M.C.U. for provision of more squat latrines. Obtained from 700 A.W. Coy the use of a vehicle for 502 Bn.H.Q. Discussed bread problem. Unit draws every four days. By the fourth day, bread has dropped in weight from 300 gms to 270 gms. No facilities for local baking, must draw from Vasto.

Inspection of 7 Coy, 120 Regt with Area Commander. Latrines and billets satisfactory. Guard inspected and rifles found dirty. Officer unshaven and revolver dirty. Laid on oil and four by two from local unit. Reported facts to Rear IFHQ.

Special report rendered to M.S.I.A. on state and efficiency of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.

(e) Nil.

(f) Sanza obtained from San Severo and bread crisis at Ternoli averted.

List of deserters communicated to P.L.O. resulted in capture of deserter seeking work as a civilian.

Liaison between Army Post Office and Italian military Post Office.

Two vehicles obtained from 121 Rd Cons Coy and handed over to 447 Bn. They were Italian military vehicles.

Arrangements for conveyance by rail of unwanted carts of 541 Regt back to Bari.

Several police incidents.
Football matches between Italian and British teams.
Various enquiries from Area. Passes, permits and
chits for FOL etc.
Discussion with U.A.R.S. re provision of an a/c for
Italian Traffic Control section officer. Present method of
hitch-hiking is unsatisfactory.

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60 Sub Area.
21 May.44.
35/D.2.

Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.2.

- (a). 4 coy, I/541 has moved to Ortona, leaving det: of 15 men at San Salvo to finish work. H.Q. I/515 has moved to Lauviano. H.Q. I/541 to move to Capello, billets having been obtained.
- (b). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy at Termoli.
- (c). In conjunction with O.C. 87 Pz Gp, a new pro-forma drawn up for weekly return in detail of strength of Italian units under his command.
- (d). Inspection of Transit Camp, Termoli. 163 Coy Artieri - attention needed to latrines and burning of tins. 180 Coy Laboratori Artieri - very orderly and clean. O.C. very satisfied that his men are doing specialist jobs as distinct from work on road. Another 3 tonner to be at disposition of Transit Camp asked for and obtained from Area. Water Tanker to make more trips. D.C.R.S. to see about an incinerator. Farm animals in Camp area to be penned in.
- Inspection of 7 Coy, 120 Regg, Vasto Marina. Billets clean, latrines very good (British construction). O.C. complained of drunken nearby British soldiers molesting his guards at night, attempting to remove rifles. Area informed of this for action.
- (e). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy with insufficient tentage. Italian units in this and Corps area with W.D. vehicles allotted to them have been moving these vehicles among themselves without reference to the British unit on whose charge they are. Italian Forces H.Q. has been instructed accordingly.
- (f). Italian military in Termoli had made arrangements with local baker for bread from their issue flour. He has now run out of fuel - senza d'ulivo. I approached local AMG but informed that supply insufficient for civilian needs. Saw Field Bakery who suggested use of wood - costly and inconvenient. Now investigating possibilities of 'sanza' from San Severo.

meanwhile biscuits being issued.

Billeting for extension of D.I.D. in Vasto.

New 3 tonner obtained for I/541 who were without a vehicle.

Visit to DAF and British military units to endeavour to obtain return of Italian military vehicles to Raggrupamento motorizzato. Assisted ten. Spinelli to secure return of tyres taken without authority from Italian M.T. dump at Casalbordino.

Travel passes, permits and chits daily. Comando Tappa at Termoli at fault in type of pass issued by them.

Detachment of 60 men arranged at request of 87 Pnr Gp for special job, but was later cancelled by 2 District.

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Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.1.

- (a). 2 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 7/5/44. 3 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 11/5/44. 4 coy 1/541 instructed to prepare for move to Ortona. Details obtained for Q.5 Corps for move of H.Q. 1/515 to Lanciano.
- (b). Arrival of H.Q. and two coys 556 Btg, from Vairano, at Vasto. Unexpected. No E.T.A. received. Arrived late evening and out of food. Put them in Vasto staging area and acquainted them with local Italian D.I.D. Corrected several details in the signal instructions of G.C. tpt coln. In this triple change round, the two coys taken from 60 Sub Area were 200 strong. They were to be replaced by two coys from 5 Corps only 118 strong. Area diverted both to replace coy at Cupello for MCU work and did not replace coy taken from Foglio.
- (c). Discussion with DDL of 2 District re the taking of 50 men from 447 Btg for traffic control duties in the Area. They had been taken by Area without previous agreement with 87 Pnr Gp. This due to fault of D.A.F.M. Impossible to replace them in 447 Btg because a Bersagliari unit and no uniforms available locally for drafting of abbandati. Suggestion that civilians be used to replace them in roadwork.
Discussion of Italian military labour with new C.O. 87 Pnr Gp.
- (d). Inspection of 21 coy Artieri at Carunchio. Billets and cook-house clean. Latrines appalling. Instructions given for correct construction of same. 90% of unit out at work.
Inspection of 29 coy Minatori re use of Italian m/t and discrepancy in working party numbers. New morning parade system laid on.
- (e). Repercussions of move of 1 coy 1/541 to Cancellò Arnone which took place a day late. Instructions given to Rear IFHQ for the move were referred by them to Main IFHQ and then back to the coy too late for move at time stated. Now it is

arranged that in such cases Rear IFHQ acts on own initiative. Area has published order to control moves of Italian coys from 60 Sub Area to Corps area. They and M.M.I.A. L.O. to be notified by signal of such moves. Impossible otherwise to control locations.

(f) General liaison activities.

Enquiry into discrepancy between ration and working strengths of Italian units at San Salvo.

Arrangement for use of Insa theatre for entertainment of Italian troops locally by Italian military concert party. Billeting for store accommodation and military post office at Vasto.

Location enquiries for redirection of Italian military personnel.

Several police enquiries involving Italian military.

Travel passes, leave passes, and petrol chits. One case of permit for entry into Corps area improperly granted by Comando Tappa, Vasto.

Investigation into complaint by General Properzi that facilities for Mass were not accorded to an Italian unit.

Due to misapprehension and misguided persistency of chaplain.

Journeys for spare M.T. parts and arrangements for obtaining of small quantity of flux. Usually 50% of Italian military transport is off the road because unable to get small but essential spares. They are not to be found from local resources. Friendly liaison with British unit sometimes produces material to which legally they are not entitled.

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