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AQ/86/8 Liaison Group (Capt Newton) BR - Increment
5th Army

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 28.

R.M.A. A. S.O.,
o/o British Incumbent,
Near HQ Fifth Army.

Phone: lightning 163.

510/3/G.

17th. June, 1945.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(R.M.A.I.A.) R.Q.H.E.

Sunday
10 Jun

(i) Gen BOMBO arrived from BOME to visit FOICORE. Called on Gen CARLTON and Col CHEVASSER, Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff, Fifth Army. Discussed discipline of FOICORE and the delivery of it's task.

(ii) Discussed the situation with ADL.

(iii) Visit from Capt GARNETT (DMI) re the DMI units to be established with Gruppi.

Monday
11 Jun

(i) Arranged for Lt Col BOLORE to draw POL from FOICORE instead of CIP BOLORE (only an interim measure).

(ii) ADME Brit Inc talked to re about EMO HOPPE at CAFFAGUOLO and their probable employment with AG.

(iii) Asked G(SD) to call forward 47 I.T... Regt from BOMBO to BOLORE.

(iv) Lt Col HORNARD arrived. Conference on Gruppi. present: G(SD), AAG, AGME, MMIA ID Brit Inc, GI of FOICORE, FRILL, LOMANO, GI XV Army Group, Lt Col HORNARD MMIA.

Tuesday
12 Jun

(i) Reported out to DAQMS that it was useless to juggle with units of 3rd Div until it was decided where the Div HQ was going to function.

(ii) Finally obtained authority for issue of 100 new suits of KD to office of 3rd Div HQ - to be counted against ration cards.

Wednesday
13 Jun

(i) Visited 805 Transit Camp, BOLORE and discussed handling of rtr with Lt TABONE, Maltese Liaison Officer put in the Camp by Brit Inc.

Thursday
14 Jun

Routine duties.

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established with Gruppi.

- Monday
11 Jun
- (1) Arranged for M11 HQ BOLZANO to draw POL from BOLZANO instead of CIP BOLOGNA (Only an interim measure)
 - (11) ADME Brit Inc talked to me about Evac Hosp at CAVAGGIOLO and their probable employment with AG.
 - (111) Asked G(ED) to call forward 417 L.F. Regt from BOMBO to BOLOGNA.
 - (1V) A Col HOWARD arrived. Conference on Gruppi. (840) (Minutes to Lt Col HOWARD).
 - Present: G(ED), AAG, AQMS, M11 IC Brit Inc, G1 of POLONESE, FRUM, ROMANO, G1 XV Army Group, Lt Col HOWARD M11A.

- Tuesday
12 Jun
- (1) Pointed out to DAQMG that it was useless to juggle with units of 231 Div until it was decided where the Div HQ was going to function.
 - (11) Firmly obtained authority for issue of 100 new suits of KD to officers of 231 Div HQ - to be counted against ration cards.

- Wednesday
13 Jun
- (1) Visited 805 Transit Camp, BOLOGNA and discussed handling of rft with Lt TAYLOR, Maltese Liaison Officer put in the Camp by Brit Inc.

Routine duties.

- Thursday
14 Jun
- (1) Brit Inc will hand over all responsibilities to 1 and 2 Districts on 23 June.
 - (11) ADME asked about future of 964 Pz Hosp. I suggested it remain in present location until we know what was to become of 231 Div.
 - (111) Complained to 231 Div of slackness of Italians in saluting Allied officers.

- Friday
15 Jun
- (1) Asked 'A' for more tpt for 805 Transit Camp also for better sign-posting in BOLOGNA.
 - (11) Bush nets now being moved from DADOS Dump into 231 Sezione Sussistenza.
 - (111) Brig GIMONET JDET talked to me about the slackness of 2 ST Coy (I wrote M11A).

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Saturday (iv) Discussed Italian Military law with ADL. also
16 Jun changes in locations of Pioneer Coys.

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EMIA IC,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 27.

M.M.L.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Near HQ Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163.

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10th. June, 1945.

For: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. —
(M.M.L.A.) R O M E.

Sunday (1) NEWTON returns to HQ Five Army from ROME.

Monday (1) Visited 231 Div at LOMATO.
(11) Discussed rfts with ADL, Brit Inc.

Tuesday (1) Labour Brit Inc wanted to "pack" 10 Pioneer Coys from
5 June other Coys. G.O.C. 231 Div does not agree, so until
the promised 1,000 rfts arrive, 15 depleted Coys will
be used.
(11) Discussed Postal Services for Italian Army with MADAPS
(Gave him Col. CUFFIES views).
(111) THRUPE reported to 1 District.

Wednesday (1) Visited DOLO (on instructions of Col. SIMONE during
6 June my visit to ROME). 228 Div have a Clothing Depot
there and I was assured by HERBERT that he was looking
into the question of the looting of Italian Army
clothing by civilians and partisans.

Thursday (1) Discussed 231 Div Orbat with DAG Brit Inc.
7 June (11) Brig GILMAN asked me about future of co-operators.
I told him they were to be drafted into the Italian
Army - which would lower their morale still further.
(111) Discussed 212 G.I. Column with DADSI.
(iv) Cigarettes are in short supply and have been for about
ten days. DIDs have only been able to issue five per
man. ST assures me the position will improve next week.

Friday (1) 'Q' Conference: once more stated that Brit Inc can
8 June only survive another two weeks
(11) Conference held by G(ED) to discuss possible reduction
in staff of Brit Inc.
(111) Fixed method of enlisting partisans as rfts for 231 Div.

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other Coys. 8.0.0. 231 Div. arrived at 15.00. 15 depleted Coys will be used.

(11) Discussed Postal Services for Italian Army with DADAPÉ (Gave him Col. CURTIS views).

(111) THURUPP reported to 1 District.

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(11) Brig GILMAN asked me about future of co-operators. I told him they were to be drafted into the Italian Army - which would lower their morale still further.

(111) Discussed 212 G.I. Column with DADST.

(111) Cigarettes are in short supply and have been for about ten days. DIDS have only been able to issue five per cent. ST assures me the position will improve next week.

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(11) Conference held by G(SD) to discuss possible reduction in staff of Brit Inc.

(111) Fixed method of enlisting partisans as rife for 231 Div.

(111) UMI Capt went to 231 Div to set up HQ of Italian Major, Chief Inspector. I spoke to Col. NOLE, DME and it was decided that a more appropriate HQ would be with Territorial HQ BOLZANO.

(1) Q Conference. Suggested that POISSON and FRIULI pass to 1 District.

(11) POISSON is to move from BOLZANO to BRESKARONE. Q confirmed that non-availability of white would not be issued to enable purchases to be made except to replace commodities not available on the ration scale.

(111) Col. CHEVASSE, Deputy Chief of Staff, flew to BOLZANO to relieve Gen. MORICI of command of the FOIGORE. Gen. MICHELLE takes over command.

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British increment, Fifth Army.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 26.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Near HQ Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163.
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3rd. June, 1945.

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

Sunday (1) Q conference.
27 May (11) Discussed mail for 31 Div with DADAPS, Brit Inc.
(111) W.Z. 231 Div, discussed with A. Brit Inc.

Monday (1) Tried to get to UDINE for liaison visit to CAREW
28 May HUNT. Vehicle died at VICENZA.
(11) Visit from Lt TAYLOR, Maltese officer put by A
Branch, Brit Inc into 805 Transit Camp.

Tuesday (1) Q conference. AAG raised point of unilateral action
29 May on the part of 1 Dist - with special reference to
BOURNE'S signal to MMA about 805 Transit Camp!
(11) Spoke to senior M.C.O.S of an Italian co-operator
workshops employed by Brit Inc in an endeavour to
make them work.
(111) Discussed rft requirements with LAB, Brit Inc.

Wednesday NEWTON to ROME by air.
30 May

Thursday NEWTON visited all branches M.M.I.A. H.Q. 7827
31 May

Friday NEWTON left ROME to return by road.
1 June

Saturday Lt. Col. HEGGIE visited Brit Inc and conferred with
2 June

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(11) T.S. 21st Div, discussed with A. Brit Inc.

Monday
28 May

(i) Tried to get to UDINE for liaison visit to CARNE
HUNT. Vehicle died at VICENZA.

(ii) Visit from Lt TAYLOR, Maltese officer put by A
Branch, Brit Inc into 805 Transit Comp.

Tuesday
29 May

(i) Q conference. AAG raised point of unilateral action
on the part of 1 Dist - with special reference to
BOURNE's signal to MMIA about 805 Transit Camp.

(ii) Spoke to senior N.C.O.s of an Italian Co-operator
workshops employed by Brit Inc in an endeavour to
make them work.

(iii) Discussed rift requirements with IAB, Brit Inc.

Wednesday
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Thursday
31 May

NEWTON visited all branches N.M.I.A. H.Q. 7827

Friday
1 June

NEWTON left BOME to return by road.

Saturday
2 June

Lt. Col. HEGGIE visited Brit Inc and conferred with
ADMS.

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Capt.
MMIA IC,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 25.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Incumbent,
Dear H.Q. Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163.

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

Sunday (1) Q conference - role of Polgore and Priuli discussed.
20 May (ii) Discussed M.E. of 231 Div HQ with 'A'.
(iii) Investigated position of bush nets for 231 Div.

Monday (1) Q conference.
21 May (ii) Discussed method of allotting canteen rations between various categories of Five Army Itis.
(iii) Gen. HANNEI once more broached the subject of nets of new E.D. for offrs of his HQ.

Tuesday (1) Q conference.
22 May (ii) Discussed canteen rations with VAN KIRK. Explained system of allocation to Q Brit Inc.
(iii) Met Col. CHEVASSER, new Deputy Chief of Staff to replace Brig JONES.
(iv) Assisted at briefing of Polgore for new operational role.
(v) Pointed out to D/CS that I thought it was possible that AFHQ, on receipt of Armies' intimation that the additional combat scale was to be discontinued, might bring scale down again to original one (i.e. 12 ozs flour etc).

Wednesday (1) Discussed ada of 5 T.C. Section with A.P.M.
23 May (ii) Arranged telephone communication for 231 Div.
(iii) Discussed second set of E.D. for 21 Pack Group.

Thursday (1) Informed Brit Inc of decision of Min of War to grant danger pay for soldiers employed on work on BERNAVA tunnel.

Friday (1) Discussed return of Grade 2 E.D. from 1 Gd Regt since they are now category 2.
(ii) Discussed question of canteen rations.

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(iii) Gen. KANKEI once more approached the subject of a new K.D. for office of his HQ.

Tuesday 22 May
(i) Q conference.
(ii) Discussed canteen rations with VAN KINK. Explained system of allocation to Q Brit Inc.
(iii) Met Col. CHEVASSE, new Deputy Chief of Staff to replace Brig JONES.
(iv) Assisted at briefing of Polgore for new operational role.
(v) Pointed out to D/CS that I thought it was possible that AFHQ, on receipt of Armes' intimation that the additional combat scale was to be discontinued, might bring scale down again to original one (i.e. 12 one flour etc).

Wednesday 23 May
(i) Discussed adm of 5 T.C. Section with A.P.M.
(ii) Arranged telephone communication for 231 Div.
(iii) Discussed second set of K.D. for 21 Pack Group.

Thursday 24 May
(i) Informed Brit Inc of decision of Min of War to grant danger pay for soldiers employed on work on SERREVAVA tunnel.

Friday 25 May
(i) Discussed return of Grade 2 K.D. from 1 Gd Regt since they are now category 2.
(ii) Discussed question of canteen rations for POLGORE and PRULI now under command.
(iii) Discussed Rft Transit Camp at Bologna. (Brit Inc resent interference of 1 District).

Saturday 26 May
(i) Discussed 805 Transit Camp with A.A.G.
(ii) Asked VAN KINK to give 231 Div one of the two mobile canteens now operated by 210 Div.
(iii) Discussed desertion in Pioneer Coys with Lt Col. VEDRENE, new A.D.L., Brit Inc.

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Capt.
MIA IO,
British Increment Fifth Army.

Subject: Weekly Liaison log No. 24

M.M.I.A. S.O.,
C/o British Incumbent,
Near U.C. Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning Near 163.
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2004 May 1945.

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

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Sunday 13 May	(1) (11)	NEWTON attended 'Q' conference. Gen. KAPPEL visited HQ to speak to Brig JONES who is leaving shortly.
Monday 14 May	(1) (11) (111) (iv)	231 Div opened at new location LONATO. NEWTON visited LONATO from VERONA. THURUP arrived from FLORENCE where he had been staying with 231 Div awaiting their move. Major EDWARDS, ROBE, arrived Brit Incr, VERONA.
Tuesday 15 May	(1) (11) (111)	'Q' conference Brit Incr. Discussed move of 805 Transport camp with 'A'. NEWTON visited Div at LONATO 231 Div occupies the castle and the new schools.
Wednesday 16 May	(1) (11)	Discussed question of deception and leave with LAB. Discussed ration supplies for Div with S/T - mainly a question of nearest possible D.I.D.
Thursday 17 May	(1)	Brit Incr moved to Lake Garda - area FAIO - GARDONE. NEWTON and THURUP have offices in Brit Incr HQ (ex-German Embassy).
Friday 18 May	(1) (11)	'Q' conference. Arrival of PHILLI and TOLGORE discussed. Driver Reynolds left for four days holiday on Lake Como (Robb and Tomley will go in their turn).
Saturday 19 May	(1)	'Q' Conference. (a) Italian Military Hoops BRACCIA, MILAN, etc. (b) Question of Italian Military saluting Allied officers. I pointed out that in 231 Div this was done.

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- (iv) NEWTON visited MONATO from VERONA.
(v) THURUP arrived from FIORINCE where he had been playing with 211 Div awaiting their move.
(vi) MAJOR ROUGHAN, ROME, arrived Brit Inor, VERONA.
- Tuesday
15 May
- (i) 'Q' conference Brit Inor.
 - (ii) Discussed move of 805 Transit camp with 'A'.
 - (iii) NEWTON visited Div at MONATO. 211 Div occupies the Castle and the new schools.
- Wednesday
16 May
- (i) Discussed question of generation and leave with IAN.
 - (ii) Discussed ration supplier for Div with S/T - mainly a question of nearest possible D.I.D.
- Thursday
17 May
- (i) Brit Inor moved to Lake GARDA - wren SA 10 - GARDON.
 - (ii) NEWTON and THURUP have offices in Brit Inor HQ (ex-German Embassy).
- Friday
18 May
- (i) 'Q' conference. Arrival of FRILL and FOLCHER discussed.
 - (ii) Driver Hoyda left for four days holiday on Lake COMO (Babb and Tomley will go in their turn).
- Saturday
19 May
- (i) 'Q' conference.
 - (a) Italian Military Corps BRISOLA, MILAN, etc.
 - (b) Question of Italian Military retaining Allied officers. I pointed out that in 211 Div this was done.
 - (ii) Discussed reactions for Italian Military Corps with Major VAN KEEK and ADME.
 - (iii) Gen. RAHHEL visited ADME ref 264 Field Hosp. It will move up here when more is known of the locations of dependent troops.

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Capt.
MMIA 10,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject: Seelye Liaison Log, No. 13.

W.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/O British Increment,
Seelye H.Q. Fifth Army,
G.M.F.

Proper Liaison No. 350.

WLO/3/9.

28th April, 1945.

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

Sunday
Apr 1

(i) Capt McIntyre, O.C. 697 Art Bde Coy, came to discuss internal discipline of 45 Itl Iner.

(ii) Discussed with Labour the distribution of extra rfts.

(iii) Discussed withdrawal of blankets from 231 Div for summer.

231 Div want each man to keep 1 comforter.
C. Brit Iner agrees.

Monday
Apr 2

(i) Discussed rpt of 2 G.T. Coy with S/P.

They are very angry at the unsatisfactory state in which this unit came under their command.

(ii) Checked on items of food diet with S/P and Surgeon Officer Liaison Offr.

(iii) Received authority from 5 Army for 231 Div to requisition 2 M/Cs.

(iv) Discussed with C. the instruction issued by him on the issue of K.D. to WHITB.

This was almost identical with the WHIA instruction.

(v) Complaints from 231 about state of K.D.

(vi) 148 Pz rfts despatched to units.

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of 40 1st Iner.

(ii) Discussed with Iner the distribution of extra rfts.

(iii) Discussed withdrawal of blankets from 231 Div for summer.

231 Div sent each man to keep 1 comforter. Q: rit iner agrees.

Monday
Apr 2

(i) Discussed rpt of 2 G.F. Coy with S/T. They are very angry at the unsatisfactory state in which this unit came under their command.

(ii) Checked on items of heavy diet with S/T and Surgeon Officer Liaison Offr.

(iii) Received authority from Army for 231 Div to requisition 2 M/Gs.

(iv) Discussed with Iner the instruction issued by him on the issue of K.D. to BRITs.

This was almost identical with the MIA instruction.

(v) Complaints from 231 about state of K.D.

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(vi) 148 Par rfts detached to units.

Tuesday
Apr 3

(i) Thrupp reported for duty with Brit Iner.

(ii) Discussed Ammalimento razione with Italian Liaison Officer and Delegazione 'T'.

(iii) Arranged drawing of rations by new units arriving for Territorial Hq.

My signal 160/9 of 3 April.

(iv) Attended rail bid conference and obtained 20 tons for tot of bush nets for 231 Div.

(v) Discussed welfare for co-operators with Rome and Florence Command.

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- Tuesday
Apr 3
- (vi) Discussed K.D. clothing with MMIA 8 Army.
 - (vii) Complaint from Labour re condition of rfts recently arrived. My 510/2/A of 4 April refers.
 - (viii) 102 Pnr rfts despatched to units.
- Wednesday
Apr 4
- (i) Thrupp introduced to Branches of Brit Inscr.
 - (ii) Visit by DADOS Brit Inscr to 231 Div Clothing Depot to inspect K. D. clothing.
 - (iii) Met Italian O.C., 2 G.T.Coy and discussed his problems. Newton spent several hours trying to solve the problem of the dispersion of 2 G.T. Coy vehicles..!
 - (iv) Thrupp met 231 Div Staff.
- Thursday
Apr 5
- (i) Discussed various problems with MMIA L.O. Five Army.
 - (ii) Discussed rfts for 39 Group with O.C. Group. This Group is now under command 1 Dist.
 - (iii) Explored various avenues to get interpreters for 2 G.T. Coy. Finally transferred three temporarily for XII Pack Group.
 - (iv) Discussion with Maj Finfold (LEGNAMO) about soap, cigarettes, etc.
 - (v) Disposed of health propaganda leaflets to S.GALLIO Hospital.
 - (vi) Discussed "dancer pay" with 21 Beech Group and 'A' Brit Inscr.
 - (vii) 40 Muleteers despatched to XII Pack Group. 101 Pnr rfts distributed to units.

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(iv) Thrupp met 231 Div Staff.

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(ii) Discussed rfts for 39 Group with O.C. Group.

This Group is now under command 1 Dist.

(iii) Explored various avenues to get interpreters for 2 G.T. Coy. Finally transferred three temporarily for XXI Pack Group.

(iv) Discussion with Maj Pinfold (LEONARD) about soap, cigarettes, etc.

(v) Disposed of health propaganda leaflets to S. DALLO Hospital.

(vi) Discussed "danger pay" with 21 Beach Group and 'A' Brit Iner.

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(vii) 40 Mulesters despatched to XXI Pack Group. 123 Pnr rfts distributed to units.

Friday 6 Apr (i) Discussed medical in operation of rfts 231 Div latter 1007/ORD with Chief of Staff 231 Div. di prot of 7 Apr refers.

(ii) Discussed Adm cosd of 470, 522, 576 and 866 Fd Hospitals with Brit Iner and 231 Div.

(iii) Still enquiring about bringing forward remainder of tpt for 2 G.T.Coy.

(iv) Arranged with RME, Brit Iner, for repair of British vehicles with 2 Rly Engr Group.

(v) Notified of allocation of tpt for 513 and 522 Gd Bns.

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Saturday 7 Apr (1) Discussed the non-availability of (19) MIA informed).
an adequate supply of tent pieces
with Labour.

(11) Discussed canteen rations with
Labour.

(13) 110 Pm rftn distributed to units.

(17) 342 mixed rfts arrived at 231 Div
Aft Depot from ABW220.

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W. J. H. H. H.
Capt.
MIA LO.
British Incumbent,
Fifth Army.

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log, No. 17.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
c/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

510/5/0.

1st April, 45.

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

Sunday
Mar 25

(1) Spoke with Brig MATTHEWS, Commander 59 Area re progress of 1st Gd Regt at SINNA.

(11) Met commanders of various Pioneer Ops at 231 Div H.Q.

(111) Brig GILMAN DSGT Brit Inor went to 231 Div to see Gen KAHNEL.

(1v) Visited 231 Div canteen with DSGT and Pioneer Op commanders and heard their orchestra.

(v) 200 rfts ex AFRACOLA arrived at ARN220.

Monday
Mar 26

(1) Arranged for disposal of Rly Engz rfts to PISA.

(11) Discussed carrying of Italian civilians in T.P. vehicles on charge to Italian units.
I maintain that they are no longer W.B. vehicles within the meaning of the ~~term~~ in the prohibition of civilian passengers.

(111) Enquired about portable wine containers

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Sunday Mar 25 (1) Spoke with Brig MATTHEWS, Commander 59 Arma re progress of 1st Cd Regt at SHEMA. He seems satisfied with the 'Q' side.

(ii) Met commanders of various Pioneer Gps at 231 Div H.Q.

(iii) Brig GILMAN DDET Brit Iner went to 231 Div to see Gen KANDEL. Discussed AXI Pak Group.

(iv) Visited 231 Div canteen with DDET and Pioneer Gp commanders and heard their orchestra. This orchestra of 231 Div broadcast from FLORENCE.

(v) 200 rfts ex AFRASCOLA arrived at AREZZO.

Monday Mar 26 (1) Arranged for disposal of Rly Rigs rfts to PISA.

(ii) Discussed carrying of Italian civilians in T.D. vehicles on charge to Italian units. I maintain that they are no longer E.D. vehicles within the meaning of the 74921 in the prohibition of civilian passengers.

(iii) Enquired about portable wind containers for units of the POLIGORE. 'Q' have told us to apply to MIA.

(iv) Discussed the disbandment of 46 increment to 697 Art Wks Coy with 231 Div. The O/S wants the best of these for rfts for 231 Div.

(v) 376 rfts arrived at AREZZO for 231 Div and 150 each for LECORNO and POLIGORE.

(vi) 125 Pioneer rfts went out to Groups.

(vii) Ford sent into workshop for overhaul. Meantime I keep the Dodge. This was agreed with Capt CHAFF.

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Tuesday
Mar 27

(1) Took Brig THURBURN (C/AZ AFHQ) to see Gen MAHNETI. Discussed Italian Officers Shop, A.D. for BRITIS, tentage, dyed battle dress. He said he would try to help the Div with its great mess tin problem.

(11) Partisan officer - speaking very good English - applied for employment with Allies. I referred him to G-4 Liaison, Five Army.

(111) Gen MAHNETI outlined to me some friction between Allied and Italian commanders of 7 Pack Mule Coy. I discussed the matter with Brig GILMA, DMSI.

A (iv) Discussed policy for distribution of extra rfts with 'A' and 'Lab' here.

(v) 570 rfts arrived at ARZECO. We have now over 1,600 between ARZECO Camp and 231 Div Depot FLORENCE.

I believe he has now been well advised and absorbed by 210 Div.

The matter has been dealt with satisfactorily.

My JLG/2/A of 29th. Karon refers.

Phoned Maj STAINSON to tell him we needed no more bodies for some time.

My JLG/2/A of 29th. March.

'Q' Brit Iner letter 16/3 of 6 March. (Copy sent by me to MAIA)

My JLG/2/A of 29th. March.

Iner Army permission not affected. 7820

Wednesday (1) Told C/A that responsibility for allocating and housing superfluous rfts would be Italian.

(11) 231 Div expressed its complete dissatisfaction with the way that Brit Iner had failed to spend the 1, lire a day. I informed Brit Iner and ROME.

(111) Transferred 40 BRITIS rfts to 4 Coy 522 Qd Bn after consulting Major STAINSON.

(iv) Spoke to CARES MUMI re new leave line.

Thursday (1) Visit from Capt McIntosh, G.S. 697
Mar 29 Art Wn Coy, re disbandment of 46
Incrment.

discussed the matter with Brig Gilman, DMF.

- A** (iv) Discussed policy for distribution of extra rfts with 'A' and 'Tab' here.
- (v) 570 rfts arrived at AREZZO. We have now over 1,000 between AREZZO Camp and 231 Div Depot FLORENCE.
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- Wednesday (1) Mar 28** Told C/S that responsibility for allocating and housing superfluous rfts would be Italian.
- (ii) 231 Div expressed it's complete dissatisfaction with the way that Brit Incor had failed to spend the 1.1 line a day. I informed Brit Incor and ROMM. (Copy sent by me to 'Q' Brit Incor latter 10/11 of 6 March.)
- (iii) Transferred 40 BRITIS rfts to 4 Coy 2nd Gd Bn after consulting Major STAINTON.
- (iv) Spoke to CARL HUNT re 2nd leave line. Inter Army permission not affected. **7820**

- Thursday (1) Mar 29** Visit from Capt McINTOSH, O.C. 697 Art Wks Coy, re disbandment of 46 Increment.
- A** (ii) Discussed Italian Army disciplinary action with refs of 75 S.I.B.
- A** (iii) Asked to explore possibility of supporting Greek girls married to BRITIS...!!
- (iv) Gruppi rfts are being sent to FLORENCE from AREZZO. This was put right.
- (v) Tpt for 3d Bn. This need is really very urgent.
- (vi) Gruppi transit personnel ordered to quit 210 Depot. No place for them at 231 Div.
- There is no room in 233 Div Depot for Combat rfts.
- My 510/5/1 of 29th. March
- Q/2/12/22 of 23 Mar. I am making a small transit camp (unofficial) for Gruppi personnel at Fort Belvedere.
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Thursday (viii) 'A' exploring the possibility of
 A E.V.S. for BRITIS with Five Army.
 I do not think it worth the trouble
 - in view of the Italian Female
 mentality.

(viii) 75 Pioneer rftc allotted to Groups.

Friday
 Mar 30

(i) Visit from Capt HILLS, O.C. 1 Adv
 Med Depot, ref arrival of rep from
 'P' Adv Med Depot.

(iii) Talk with APM about thefts by
 members of LEHANO and FULGORE
 Groups.

(iii) ALMS discussed with me R.E. services
 for 265 RA Hosp.

A (iv) Cleared up misunderstanding about
 the Rest Camp at CASTELFRANCO. My 5LO/7/4 of 30th.
 March.

(v) Discussed discipline with MAJOR 52
 BJJ.

(vi) Discussed situation of tyres and
 spares with 35 O.R.E. (Works).

(vii) 175 rftc sent from 231 Div Depot to
 Pioneer Groups (Except 30 sent to
 Forestry Coys).

Saturday
 Mar 31

(i) Italian O.C. 'P' Adv Med Depot
 reported to me. I sent him on to
 GALLIOLA.

(ii) 'Q' asked about producing an instruc-
 tion on issue of E.O. clothing to
 BRITIN.

(iii) Discussed blanket withdrawal for
 summer.

231 Div sent to
 leave each man with
 one comforter. I
 agree.

(iv) S/P raised question of interpreter I spoke Maj DUBES/

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(51) Talk with APE about thefts by members of LEONARD and VOLGONE Groups.

(111) ADMS discussed with me H.E. services for 665 P4 Hoop.

A (iv) Cleared up misunderstanding about the Rest Camp at CASTELFRANCO.

My 510/7/2 of 30th March.

(v) Discussed discipline with NAQED 32 BLJ.

(vi) Discussed situation of tyres and spares with 35 C.R.E. (Works).

(vii) 175 rfts sent from 231 Div Depot to Pioneer Groups (Except 30 sent to Forestry Coy).

Saturday (i) Italian S.C. 'T' Adv Med Depot
Mar 31 reported to me. I sent him on to CALABAZAS.

(ii) 'Q' asked about producing an instruction on issue of L.O. clothing to GRPIS.

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(iii) Discussed blanket withdrawal for summer.

231 Div want to leave each man with one comforter. I noted.

(iv) S/T raised question of interpreter for No. 2 G.T. Coy moving under command.

I spoke Maj DOERS/ none available.

(v) 127 Pioneer rfts allocated to Pioneer Groups.

ADMS/eb

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British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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