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2/ 12374

Many of the latest reinforcements from LAOS have apparently not had leave for a considerable time. This is especially so of ex-cooperators who thought they were entitled to sixty days repatriation leave. The 154 restriction has caused a considerable number to absent themselves "arbitrarily". Several applications for leave not to change permits for soldiers resident in Vichai Laos have been made, but to date no permits have been forthcoming.

3/ 12375

In accordance with your 2/3 of 14 Jul 45 I am paying particular attention to this on visits to units. It is very noticeable that the standard of care varies directly with the degree of interest and supervision of the British unit or cadre. The tendency to "flog" and secure top is slightly in the upgrade. This is particularly so in 757 37 Coy (ex-CCO) which is reported to have been a first class unit before its conversion to 32-III status. Now when with the inclusion of new elements, and the inevitable lapse in the disciplinary control exercised by 31 cadre, offences grow in number and are inadequately punished.

4/ 12376

According to the latest available figures, 312 number of men of the 1215 class in the division is 308.

GUARD UNITS

521 Gd Bn (FERUGIA) is being released shortly. In the FLORENCE - AREZZO area the following units will be available:

a) 555 Gd Coy AREZZO		available now
b) 515 Gd Bn BORG S. LOMBARDO	)	
1 Coy PRATO	)	available
2 " VICCHIO	)	very
4 " BORG S.L.	)	soon
c) 515 Gd Bn AREZZO	)	available later when
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Is anything known yet of the eventual destination of these units?

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The intake of ex US-ITIs has now been practically completed, except for a few more which Capt. CLARK may be able to "sell" locally in LACHON, and one or two odd deta from 3 Army. The consignment of men from LACHON was smaller than expected and instead of 650 for ALBANO/PABULA only some 500 arrived. Of these a large number promptly deserted leaving a net intake of 300. The "undisciplined element" was chiefly provided by 7041 Truck Battalion which I understand was an ex-cooperator unit.

The Specialist situation is brighter and it is hoped to make up all driver and mechanic deficiencies from personnel of 7041 Truck Battalion and 417 Veh Park (ex-coop) which is shortly to be disbanded.

GUARD UNITS

A reduction in the guard units is required in this area is anticipated. 211 Sub Area (now responsible for ALBANO Area) is going to review the whole position. As a result 505 Qd Coy will most likely be up for sale. It is a poor unit and might well be disbanded. 215 Qd Bn. (ALBANO) is also unsatisfactory and many cases of pillage have occurred. The bn has been in the area too long and the relations with the civilian population are therefore too cordial. A swap with 521 Bn at PABULA has been suggested as a solution to the problem. Any thing of that kind will now have to be arranged with 61 Area.

OWIETO

I have informed Gen. VIVALBA that OWIETO now comes within his sphere of responsibility and he intends to visit it early date. He has applied to CLARK for a "vice commando" (colonel or Brig. with a small staff) to be located in PABULA. This seems to be a good idea as it is possible that some of the units in the ALBANO Area may have to pass to 230 Div. for adm if 209 Div H.Q. moves to PABULA.

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The intake of ex US-IRIS has now been practically completed, except for a few more which Capt. CLARK may be able to "sell" locally in LEONORA, and one or two odd dets from 5 Army. The consignment of men from LEONORA was smaller than expected and instead of 650 for ARABIA/PANAMA only some 500 arrived. Of these a large number promptly deserted leaving a net intake of 350. The "undisciplined element" was chiefly provided by 7041 Truck Battalion which I understand was an ex-cooperator unit.

The Specialist situation is brighter and it is hoped to make up all driver and mechanic deficiencies from personnel of 7041 Truck Battalion and 417 Veh Park (ex-coop) which is shortly to be disbanded.

GUARD UNITS

A reduction in the guard units is required in this area is anticipated. 211 Sub Area (now responsible for ARABIA Area) is going to review the whole position. As a result 555 Gd Coy will most likely be up for sale. It is a poor unit and might well be disbanded. 515 Gd Bn. (ARABIA) is also unsatisfactory and many cases of pilferage have occurred. The bn has been in the area too long and the relations with the civilian population are therefore too cordial. A swap with 521 Bn at PANAMA has been suggested as a solution to the problem. Any thing of that kind will now have to be arranged with 61 Area.

CHILISTO

I have informed Gen. VIVARDA that CHILISTO now comes within his sphere of responsibility and he intends to visit it early date. He has applied to SAMA for a "vice comando" (colonel or Brig. with a small staff) to be located in PANAMA. This seems to be a good idea as it is possible that some of the units in the ARABIA Area may have to pass to 230 Div. for admin if 200 Div H.Q. moves to PANAMA.

COEN

Do I or 230 Div have to take any interest in the FLORENCE COEN Bde? All the local COEN units are indulging in the sinister practice of deluging me with strength returns, brought round by DI and addressed personally to me.

MIPO

My driver is still in ARABIA waiting for veh. If there are no vehs to be had, could I have a motorcycle?

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