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Subject: - Liaison Log No. 50

7 - 16 Oct.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, AG,
(MMIA)
c/o 201 Sub Area - UDINE

UDM/MM/113
16 Oct 45

Land Forces Sub Comm, AG, (4)
(MMIA)
R O M E

Senior MMIA LO, - MILAN

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DEPARTURES None

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Slavs.

10. Oct.- Office Routine - Gen Armellini still in Rome. 8131

11 Oct.- Attended P.O.M. Conference Rear 13 Corps in A.M.
In P.M. Conference Rear 13 Corps on Racial Slavs -
All services represented - also 201 Sub Area and MMIA.
All arrangements tied up and provisional date for

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reception fixed 20 Oct, providing clothing arrived.

Despatched two It. Ofc one to Trieste, one to Gorizia to set up "Ufficio Assistenza Reduci" 13 Corps final approval still awaited. When this is granted offices at Trieste and Gorizia will deal with returning It. Army pers pay them and route them home. This will greatly assist A.M.G. Finance Ofc and alleviate posn at Udine where numbers increase daily.

14 Oct. - Held Conference at Terr Hq. attended by ofc. reps from all branches to tie up details for reception and evacuation of Racial Slavs.

No difficulties - Consider it unnecessary for M of W reps to come all the way up here to carry out demobilization.

In P.M. inspected Terr. Hosp. well kept and efficiently run. Short of medicinals and surgical gear. Will forward a list of requirements as soon as compiled by Terr Hq.

15 Oct. - Notice in It papers regarding It Mil Tpt. At my request A.M.G. have at last made it clear to all civilians that It. Mil Tpt can NOT be retained or bought by private owners but must be returned. Results are already good and Recovery Commission starting to bring vehs in - 13 Corps released two more large trailers in excellent condition. Assisted at handovers six 5 tonners and four 6 tonners due to be returned to 5 Terr Hq. this week.

Visited Capt Holloway O.O. 200 Transit Camp Udine to see lay out of camp for reception of Racial Slavs.

Good soon - cooking facilities rail and road facilities on the spot. Enclosed by high wall. Everyone very helpful and reception should go well.

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16 Oct. - Office Routine.

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POLITICAL SITUATION.

Big Communist demonstration in Udine on Sunday. Some 10 soldiers
beaten up - otherwise N.F.R.

DOMESTIC

Am waiting to hear about my compassionate leave to Switzerland.
If this is granted will visit Rome on my way to pick up my Swiss
visa. My substitute could return in my Tpt.

W. DeLor
Major,

MIA 10, 201 Sub Area - UDINE.

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Land Forces Sub Comm, AO, (4)
(NMIA)
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UDM/ADM/112
8 Oct 45

Senior MMIA LO, - M I L A N

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3. Visits and Conferences.

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Visited Rear 13 Corps. Discussed econ. problem with "J" but was told none rpt none available yet.

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1 Oct. - Attended P.O.M. Conference Near Hq 13 Corps - Trieste -
 All WPA - ics Accepted. Visited DADL and spoke on disbandment.

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2 Oct. - Capt Craig visited - Gave good report on Ration Store and General running of the Supplies side. Was present at handover of one trailer from 13 Corps Wkaps to 5 Terr. Hq. Trailer in good condition. Visited P.P.S.O. Udine to discuss Security. Movement control and 1st Army Tpt held by civilians. Found AMG co-operative and hope for good results in future.

3 Oct. - Called on Gen FERRARI - Comd Artillery Directorate - Spoke about Bomb disposal and the constant problem of tpt. Visited 5 Terr M.T. Coy. Inspected veh pk - Petrol Store - cookhouses etc. Sent signal to 21 Rec Unit asking them to accept Italian non runners - too many now in Udine with no place to put them. Have received no reply yet.

4 Oct. - Visited Main 13 Corps (GSD and GSI) to discuss question of the 5,000 ITI - Jags. GSI nearly went up in smoke when they

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see MMIA signal and rang A.P.H.C. straight away.

13 Corps Policy, Governed by DVIRO agreement, is to avoid political friction in Corps area. They want bode dambobbed outside area, put in "civvies" and transported in small batches into Jugo-slavia. Have taken no further action on instructions from B.G.S. 13 Corps.

5 Oct. - 150 It Generals and 1,000 ORs arrived unannounced from Russia with Russian escort. General flap but A.M.O. 5 Terr HQ and MMIA got together and settled problem. Bode were fed - taken in lorries to station where special train was laid on and routed south. Interesting stories told by the ex P.W's. Russia escort one Major - two Captains and 15 Russian ORs - boys of 16 - 17 armed with Tommy guns and badly in need of a good wash and decent food. The Russian offrs were put up at 196 (Br) transit camp and consumed 44 bottles of whiskey before going to bed. (Who says the British are 'nt hospitable!)

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General

On return from outside calls and visits generally find my office full of visitors. Constant stream.

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(MILA)
c/o 201 Sub Area - UDINE

Land Forces Sub Comm, AG, (4)
(MILA)
R O R S

UDN/MM/112
27 Sep 46

Senior MILA LO. - MILAN

1. GENERAL.

- (a) Present 6 days - No change.
- (b) Area/Sub Area Milan - No change.
- (c) Disposition of L.O.s - MILA office - PRINCE - closed 21 Sep - opened c/o 201 Sub Area same date. Maj: MURPHY left for MILAN same time. Maj: SMITH took over and transferred office to UDINE (201 Sub Area Tel No. UDINE Mil 1768). Capt Craig arrives to take over from Maj: Crawford at MILAN.

(d) Futures: - No change but awaiting results of Peace Conference with no fear - but some slight trepidation (13 Corps please copy).

2. Arrivals

409 Lt: 1st Regt moved to MILAN 16 Sep - a/c 86 Area for Admin. - a/c 13 Corps for Ops.

Departures

3 Coy 213 Gd Bn moves MILAN - PRINCE 26 Sep to a/c H of W.
516 Gd Bn 12 moves nearest MILA.

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Departures

2 Coy 515 04 Bn moves HUSMAN - FIDELITY 26 Sep to u/c H of W.
516 04 Bn to move soonest CANA.

3. Visits & Conferences.

19 Sep. - To 5 Terr Hq met Gen. Arrellini had long talk on all
points. Clear that there is some disappointment in the com:
question as it is quite evident Italian Army has been consid-
ered last and, in several cases, been given soon which no one
else wanted. Discussed Recovery of Vets with the General. 8127
This is a difficult task because 18 Corps will not loosen up
on soon for the 18. Army and there are no good veh parks or
ships for the U.S. Army. Many lorries - trucks etc. which
have been brought in are housed in an old M.T. dump which is
completely bombed out and the few guards available have their
hands full keeping thieves, black marketeers etc. from looting
and pilfering spare parts.
Spoke to Col. Piccentini - Dep 3 of 4 on all matters.

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20 Sep - Visited 301st Corps - Trieste - Saw Brig. Mitchell -
 DAMEG - 1st Coy - Lab etc: Everyone very friendly and helpful.
 In P.M. visited Main Corps - Saw G.S.D. G. Ops - G-31. and
 AMG 13 Corps.

21 Sep - Completed handover from Maj: Monico. Domestic problems
 settled - Lady secretary sacked - Am keeping the male clerk
 who is very good. Maj: Monico departed for MILAN and eventual
 freedom. Closed office Trieste and transferred to 301st Sub Area
 Udine. - Gen. Arneschini found me a typist no domestic staff
 started work straight away.

22 Sep - Visited 5 Terr M. Udine Mil District - Direzione
 Commissariato - Inspected Barracks, Ration Store - Kitchens -
 petrol dump.

Most favourably impressed by the cleanliness and neatness of
 Ration dumps - barracks and offices both at the Mil Dist and
 3rd Regt Depot. The latter is housed in a barracks which,
 a few months ago was a complete shambles - having been sacked
 by the Germans - looted and fired by the Partisans and finished
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25 Sep - Gen Armellini goes to Rome for 10 days. Gen Zatti takes
over temp comd.

Visited 49 Lt AA Wksp - Large quantities of It Arms - Barrack
Stores not yet evacuated. Arranged for this evacuation to be
done by 5 Terr Hq M.F. Coy.

Visited Roadhead - Uaine- Inspected Arty Directorate Depot. 8.126
Urgent need for extra seen to shelter much valuable It Army
property being brought in daily. Spoke Comd 201 Sub Area who
promised to help.

26 Sep - Visited Gen Zatti - in temp comd of 5 Terr Hq.
Discussed domestic and other problems.

Political situation

Uaine province is full of political intrigue. The main parties

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in order of popularity are, Communists - Christian Democrats - Socialists etc. but apart from the internal political strife here there are many undercurrents of political intrigue fostered by Jugoslavs - Russians - Pro Austrian Italians - all working against each other and against popular interests. 13 Corps are doing their best to eradicate the undesirable. The Jugoslavs have political commissars in nearly every town in 13 Italy. These people come over the Morgan line as civilians and set up shop above or under the ground with the greatest determination and often the highest secrecy. Until the frontier is closed to all, this state of affairs will continue. Italians, on the other hand, are not allowed to cross the Morgan line, so the whole thing is very one sided. A.M.S. are predestinating over the closing of the frontier which 13 Corps wants to take place at once. Jugoslavs have been known to come in to Udine province in it. Army territory and carry off German and it. Arms and Amm: to Jugoslavia.

The arms question is serious as there are many about and no authority seems to have the "Guts" to say "You will hand in or else!"

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General

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I am sending my It. driver back to Rome with 15 cat truck - I keep my Chevrolet and It. dvr sent to me from 228 Div.

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W. B. Bell
Major,
MMLA LG, 201 Sub Area - UDINE.

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