

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Acc

10000 | 120 | 336

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

10000 | 120 | 336

Q/53/3 Weekly Liaison Log Rear HQ 8th Army
Opened May 14, 1944 - Closed July 22, 1945
May 1944 - July 1945

SECRET

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 27 - Period 16 - 23 July

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (4) ✓

Liaison Officer, *CP*
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG, AF
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/112
22 July 48

Copy to: MMIA HQ, att HQ 1 District.

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present Edys - No. 1 District & 13 Corps. Final lay-out still to be confirmed. Will inform your office later.
- (b) Area/sub Area HQs - No change.
- (c) Disposition of LAs - Major GARDEN-ZUMT becomes att'd to HQ Austria wef 26 July. Capt HERBERT moves Branch to PADUA and rejoins 228 Div. Major P. THURP expected c/o 228 Div PADUA. HQOT address of office in PADUA to be signalled later.

(d) Futures - As per last week. 2857

2. ARRIVALS

Rfts from 210 Div received at 206 Transit Camp are :-

2 Wire Recovery Coy	3 officers	85 ORs
204 Inger Depot Coy	5 "	128 "
206 " "	5 "	175 "
220 AM Service Coy	2 "	159 "

DEPARTURES

Nil.

CHANGES OF LOCATION

HQ 228 Div will have to move into 13 Corps. Capt HERBERT will start to find a new lacon near HERSTRE area.

3. VISITS & CONFERENCES

16 July Capt HERBERT to 201 Sub Area and 6 Terr Comd.

(b) Area/Sub Area HQs - No change.

(c) Disposition of LOS - Major GAREN-HUNT becomes att'd to HQ Austria wef 26 July. Capt HERBERT moves Branch to PABUA and rejoins 228 Div. Major P. THURPP expected c/o 228 Div PABUA. Exact address of office in PABUA to be signalled later.

(d) Futures - As per last week.

2857

2. ARRIVALS

Rfts from 210 Div received at 806 Transit Camp are :-

2 Wire Recovery Coy	3 offrs	85 ORs
304 Ingr Depot Coy	5 "	158 "
308 " "	5 "	175 "
320 QM Service Coy	2 "	159 "

DEPARTURES

Nil.

CHANGES OF LOCATION

HQ 228 Div will have to move into 13 Corps. Capt HERBERT will start to find a new loen near HESTRE area.

3. VISITS & CONFERENCES

16 July	Capt HERBERT to 201 Sub Area and 5 Terr Comd.
17 "	Major GAREN-HUNT to No. 1 District & 228 Div.
18 "	Capt HERBERT to Adv 228 Div and 409 Regt HQ.
19 "	Major GAREN-HUNT to 13 Corps.
20 "	Capt HERBERT to 5 Corps and DEMIL.
21 "	Major GAREN-HUNT to 5 Terr Comd.
22 "	Major GAREN-HUNT to Main 13 Corps and 65 Area.
	Capt HERBERT to 5 Terr Comd.

4. Ref your 9/31 dated 4 June. G, A and Q points are forwarded separately.

Peter Herbert Capt

Major,
MIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

6 POINTS

1. No further information.
4. No change.
5. As reported before.
6. None as known.
8. Yes.
10. 5 Terr Comd getting nicely into the saddle.
11. BIDE, UDINE and MESTRE will be ready by mid August. Other Depots still occupied by Allies.
15. Col GARRIGA, CO Recruiting Commission of 222 Div is now at PANZA and may start operating again in that area. Will keep you informed.

Final figures for recruited patriots in this area are as follows :-

TOLMENDO	40	615
POBENQUE	47	"
SPILIMBERGO	80	"
MARZAGO	"	"
S. VITO al F.	12	"
GIVIDALE	12	"
UDINE and environs	28	"
TOTAL	234	2856

16. Gd has show a drop in morale by the increasing number of threats reported from Allied Dumps.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

A POINTS

1. (a) M.F.R.
(b) No enlarging on last week.
(c) Centre Martial Centre badly needed under 5 Terr Comd.
(d) Italian efforts would like our Acting. Temporary and W/S system.
2. (a) 5 Terr Comd and Adv 228 Div HQ are receiving a large number of requests to go as soldier volunteers to the Far East. No known disposition has been received except for the civilian workers to be shipped under the Navy.
(b) Going along smoothly. Latest receipts from 210 Div to 228 Div enumerated in GENERAL report sheet.
(c) No trouble this last week.
(d) All come under 13 Corps.
(e) Odd ex PWs from Germany are finding their way into JUS concentration camps as they will not follow the Evacuation scheme and on foot take Route 54 which follows the ISHIMOTO Valley. They don't know the form and when they cross the river they are roped in by PIR's men. **2835**
(h) The procedure of AMZ passes endorsed by PWS and JUS Mission causes a big delay when soldiers ask for leave beyond the MORRIS Line and in the POLA Enclave, that can only be reached via Jug Territory.
(i) Marked reduction of AMOLs.

9. POINTS

(a) TPP

(1)

Capt HANBERT saw BELL at 5 Corps who are ready to send down approx 50 load carriers to 5 Terr Comd. 90 tons of MT spares are being back-loaded to 5 Terr Comd. List will be forwarded when compiled. ~~Once they have reached the HE of their Adm Tpt Coy all other vech will be put into an Italian Veh Holding Park in the area. Site not chosen as yet. The holdings will be reported.~~

(11) No large influx.

(b) NATIONS

(1) }
(11) } No shortages.
(111) }

(iv) UDINE and VEMION DIDS will be ready for stocking about mid August.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(1) 35 tons of clothing has been off loaded for 220 DYS from the OROLA at VEMION and should be in the DOLA 851 Sub Depot by now.

(11) N.F.R.

(111) No anticipated change.

(d) ACOM AND CAMPS

(1) } List of all Italian Military buildings and depots in the
(11) } UDINE area are to hand and will be reviewed in conjunction with 201 Sub Area and Town Major.

SECRET

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 26 - Period 9 - 16 July

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (4) ✓

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/112
16 July 45

Copy to: MMIA LO, att HQ 1 District.

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present days
- (b) Area/Sub Area HQs } No change.
- (c) Disposition of LOS. No change.
- (d) Futures.

On or about 25 July 13 District will assume control of all territory in NE ITALY new Eighth Army area, and will revert to direct command AFHQ bringing with it the present static layout in this area, i.e., 86 Area VENICE, 55 Area TRIESTE and 201 Sub Area UDINE.

HQ Eighth Army moves to VIENNA at or about the same time.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) 12 Pack Coy (ex US-1PI) to 806 Transit Camp for disposal as per rfts - str 9 effrs 252 ORs.
- (b) 20 avrs ex ROME for 5 Adm Tpt Coy.
- (c) 291 Pz Hesp from PANO to MESTRE.
4 effrs 139 avrs ex 1022 OM Truck Coy are expected to arrive shortly.

DEPARTURES

NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 11 July Gen RMASILLI visited.
To 5 Terr HQ re tpt and recovery of OM.
- 12 " Conference at Rear Army re handover of territory and certain sub-territories.

2853

(d) Futures.

On or about 25 July 13, District will assume control of all territory in NE ITALY now Eighth Army area, and will revert to direct command AFHQ bringing with it the present static layout in this area, i.e., 86 Area VENICE, 88 Area TRIESTE and 201 Sub Area UDINE.

HQ Eighth Army moves to VIENNA at or about the same time.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) 12 Pack Coy (ex US-151) to 806 Transit Camp for disposal as per rfts - str 9 offers 252 ORs.
- (b) 20 avrs ex ROMM for 5 Adm Fpt Coy.
- (c) 291 Fd Hosp from FANO to MESTRE.
4 offers 139 avrs ex 1022 QM Truck Coy are expected to arrive shortly.

DEPARTURES

NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 11 July | Gen TOMASHILLI visited.
To 5 Terr HQ re tps and recovery of CM. |
| 12 " | Conference at Rear Army re handover of territory and certain adm units to 13 Corps.
To Vice Commande 288 Div on general matters. |
| 13 " | To 5 Terr HQ on routine. |
| 14 " | To Main 13 Corps and 55 Area re leave, MORHAN Line and general security. |
| 15 " | Lt-Col PHILIPPS and Major MONICO to HQ 201 Sub Area re acm for Sup Depots 5 Terr HQ. |

- 4. Ref your G/21 dated 4 June. G, A and Q points are forwarded separately.

W. Lawrence

Major,
MMA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

3 POINTS

1. Yugoslav Armed Forces occupy Italian Territory as far WEST as the MORGAN Line whose map references were forwarded to you under my MM/105 dated 8 July 45.

2. It is estimated that the strength of the a/m forces are 13 Divisions and one Arm'd Bde forming 4 JUGOSLAV Army and disposed throughout VENETIA GIULIA EAST of MORGAN Line, FIUME, ISTRIA and CENTRAL SLOVENIA. There is no sign of thinning out of forces on the SLOVENE LITTORAL though units in SLOVENIA are reported to be moving inland to equalise distribution of strength.

There are two JUGOSLAV Arm'd Bdes, one armed with 52 STUART Tks and 26 Arm'd cars and another with T-34's trained by the RUSSIANS. It is believed that the former of the two is in VENETIA GIULIA.

Army is in the main of British and Russian origin while small arms are of every nationality.

4 JUGOSLAV Army has the reputation of having been one of the few to have fought the Germans on orthodox lines in contrast to guerilla tactics adopted elsewhere.

Political Commissars accompany all units down to Coy level.

3. Honourable observation of the MORGAN Line agreement.

4. There will never be ITALIAN tps on the frontier; 517 6d Bn previously thought to be destined for security control on MORGAN Line is in fact to be employed on R. ISONZO and a few rd blocks on Route 14 in MONFALCONE area.

2 US Corps has moved up into AUSTRIA, leaving 13 Corps in control of VENETIA GIULIA. Disposition of arms is as follows :-

HQ 13 Corps	DUIHO	HQ 2 NZ Div	MIRANARE
HQ 91 (US) Div	CORMONS	HQ 56 Div	DOBBLIA
		HQ 167 Inf Bde	POLA

8. Depends on future strength of ITALIAN Army and whether Pnr units are to be replaced by German Lab Coys and Civ Lab.

A POINTS

1. (a) ITALIAN authorities are keen to get recruits and having got them find it hard to sort them out and provide clothing.
- (b) ITALIAN ORs have a very definite realisation of the fact that they receive better treatment at the hands of Allied officers, and confidence in their own officers is not 100%.
- (c) Scale of punishment in many cases is out of all proportion to crimes committed. There is still no Military Tribunal in this area; it is urgently required.
- (d) The system of "194s" instituted by MMIA is good, but will not function perfectly until it is accepted by ITALIANS on their own face value throughout their units. In general they have no confidence in one another.
2. (a) Recruiting in UDINE area has now ended. The recruiting party has returned to PADUA and will work from Main 228 Div HQ.
- (b) Approx 400 US-ITs have arrived in 228 Div area for incorporation. As yet it is a bit early to make any comments on the change-over.
- (c) Last week there were no complaints from other British units ex from 228 Div HQ on the ex co-operators now becoming "bons fide military."
- (d) No trouble anticipated.
- (e) No comments on last week's report.
- (f) Now that operations have finished it will be difficult to justify any different treatment.
- (g) No further comments.
- (h) A certain delay will be caused for all soldiers who wish to go on leave beyond the MORGAN and POLA lines. Special passes are required through AMG 13 Corps countersigned by JUS Commission. The present point is that neither the JUS Commission has been formed nor passes printed.
- (i) A Court Martial Centre must be set up in this area soonest.

2851

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

- can face value throughout their units. In general they have no confidence in one another.
2. (a) Recruiting in UDINE area has now ended. The recruiting party has returned to PADUA and will work from Main 228 Div HQ.
- (b) Approx 400 US-121s have arrived in 228 Div area for incorporation. As yet it is a bit early to make any comments on the change-over.
- (c) Last week there were no complaints from other British units or from 228 Div HQ on the ex co-operators now becoming "bons fide military."
- (d) No trouble anticipated.
- (e) No comments on last week's report.
- (f) Now that operations have finished it will be difficult to justify any different treatment.
- (g) No further comments.
- (h) A certain delay will be caused for all soldiers who wish to go on leave beyond the MORGAN and POLA lines. Special passes are required through AMG 13 Corps countersigned by JWG Commission. The present point is that neither the JWG Commission has been formed nor passes printed.
- (i) A Court Martial Centre must be set up in this area soonest.

2851

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7850204 POINTS(a) TPT

- (1) 806 Transit Camp has been made up to WE by G(3D) Army. S Adm Tpt Coy has now drawn 14 Italian vehs from OM Dump at CASARSA, so are expected any day from ST this HQ. S Corps will inform us when they are going to hand over any Italian vehs. They will drive them down if found in AUSTRIA.
- (ii) Traffic posts are functioning with reps of S Terr HQ acting as advisers as to whether the vehs are civil or military.
- (iii) Again, EVP needed in area.

(b) RATIONS

- (1) ST this HQ say they have good stocks for next 10 days.
- (ii) Like wine, good holdings of Italian provided items.
- (iii) No shortage now.
- (iv) A DID is being sought in UDINE. It is unlikely that feeding will start from such a DID (if found) until the middle of Aug.

(c) CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- (1) Shipment arrival awaited any moment at VENICE. Two months wastage will be an enormous help. This has been the big difficulty in the past.
- (ii) Gen TOMASELLI has only a small domestic repair staff working at DOLO Sub Depot. No great production. There is no shortage of sewing eqpt, i.e., cotton, buttons, needles.
- (iii) None anticipated.

(d) ACCH AND CAMPS

- (1) Same as last week. All in Allied hands in UDINE area.
- (ii) None existent.

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 25 - Period 1 July - 6 July

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AD,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/112
8 July 45

Copy to: MMIA IO, att HQ 1 District.

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present bays } No change.
- (b) Area/Sub Area Nos }
- (c) Disposition of LOS. No change.
- (d) Futures.

The day of my moving down to DISTONE is approaching. Capt HUBERT will move to 228 Div about 12 July to arrange my arrival.

- (e) Italian officer IO from 228 Div attached 210 Sub Area.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) 806 Transit Camp at CAMPOBROCCO N 6168.
2 Forestry Coy arriving COMIGLIANO under comd AFHQ.
517 Gd Bn to control East of VENEZIA GIULIA line under 28'9
GSI(b) Army. Government

- (b) U/m ex co-operators have come under comd 228 Div for adm.

Incr HQ 35 Area TRIESTE
Incr HQ 201 Sub Area UDINE
Incr HQ 207 Sub Area VENEZIA
Incr 210 Sub Area PADOVA
876 Italian A.W. Coy PADOVA
881 Italian A.W. Coy S. VITO
821 Italian Tliper Coy MESTRE
Incr 44 3RD
615 Italian Service
Unit PADOVA
1 Italian Navy Coy MESTRE

DEPARTURES

Nil.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

approaching. Capt. MARSHALL will move to 228 Div about 12 July to arrange my arrival.

Italian officer 10 from 228 Div attached 210 Sub Area.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) 506 Transit Comp at CAMPOROCCO X 6168.
2 Forestry Coy arriving CUGLIANO under comd AFM.
517 Gd Bn to control/EAST of VENEZIA GIULIA Line under 2849
GSI(b) Army.

- (b) U/m ex co-operators have come under comd 228 Div for adm.

Inor HQ 25 Area TRIESTE
Inor HQ 201 Sub Area UDINE
Inor HQ 307 Sub Area VENEZIA
Inor 210 Sub Area PADOVA
876 Italian A.M. Coy PADOVA
881 Italian A.M. Coy S. VITO
881 Italian Timber Coy
Inor 44 BND MESTRE
615 Italian Service Unit PADOVA
1 Italian Navy Coy MESTRE

DEPARTURES

Nil.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- | | |
|--------|---|
| 1 July | To Adv 228 Div HQ UDINE on recruiting of ex partisans. |
| 2 " | To 1 Bn HQ 405 Regt UDINE. Also called on 5 Terr HQ on general matters. |
| 3 " | To 5 Terr HQ. Cancellation of Gen ARMILLINI's dinner with Eighth Army Comd. |
| 4 " | To GSI(b) with rep 5 Terr HQ on disbanding ceremony to be held 7 July. |
| 6 " | To 6 Terr HQ on general matters and final arrangements Italia Div ceremony. |
| 7 " | Italia Div was inspected and marched past Brig HOWARD (5 A.G.R.A.) and Gen ARMILLINI at 1600 hrs in the Piazza at UDINE, prior to disbanding. |

4. Ref your G/31 dated 4 June. G, A and Q points are forwarded separately.

Peter Herbert Capt
Major,
210 Sub Area.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

9 POINTS

- 1.)
- 2.) No change.
- 3.)

4. 517 Gd Bn will be strung out WEST of MORIAN line for control of movement under GSI(b).

5. 303 US-IFI Eng Depot Coy under comd 228 Div (UDINE) - as yet unlocated but known to be in UDINE area.

6. None as known.

7. The Eng Camp at MESTRA has assumed a very regimental aspect and a marked competitive spirit has sprung up between Coys.

It is hoped to restart the Cookery Course which was suspended at FORLI in June, at 806 Transit Camp site at CAMPOCROCE H 6158.

8. Yes.

9. No Combat Gps in area.

10. (a) 5 Terr HQ is "in power" but its functions are very limited indeed.

(b) A greater part of barracks and depots are still in ²⁸⁴⁸ hands and are likely to remain so for some time. A site for a DID may be available in the next three weeks.

(c) The HQ will set up a small Staging Billet for offrs and ORs since UDINE has a large traffic of Italian military either going or returning from leave not to mention people going on discharge.

11. 5 Terr HQ has suspended taking ^{over} the Presidio of PABUA realising what the commitments mean with the local British area. Rear 3 Terr HQ is now situated with a very small staff at the Palazzo Treves, PABUA.

12. As far as is known there are no more Patriot Bands in this area to be disbanded.

The Italia Div. 2,000 strong, was disbanded on the 7 July in UDINE by Brig HOWARD (6 AGRA) and Gen AMALINI of 5 Terr HQ. Sigmor BALZMO was present and spoke at length. The Archbishop and the Town Mayor also spoke.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

8. Yes.
9. No Combat Ops in area.
10. (a) 5 Terr HQ is "in power" but its functions are very limited indeed.
- (b) A greater part of barracks and depots are still in ²⁸⁴⁰ a state of disrepair and are likely to remain so for some time. A five for a BID may be available in the next three weeks.
- (c) The HQ will set up a small Staging Billet for offrs and ORs since UDINA has a large traffic of Italian military either going or returning from leave not to mention people going on discharge.
11. 5 Terr HQ has suspended taking ^{over} the Presidio of PADUA realising what the commitments mean with the local British Area. Rear 5 Terr HQ is not situated with a very small staff at the Palazzo Treves, PADUA.
12. As far as is known there are no more Patriot Bands in this area to be disbanded.
- The Italia Div, 2,800 strong, was disbanded on the 7 July in UDINA by Brig HOWARD (6 AGRA) and Gen ALEXANDER of 5 Terr HQ. Signor PALERMO was present and spoke at length. The Archbishop and the Town Mayor also spoke.
- This unit is a highly disciplined force and put on a very ceremonious parade. 90% are old soldiers of every arm and regiment of the three services. They were very well armed and presented a fine sight in their assorted uniforms, which were of the Tito Army pattern. Arms were all collected by GSI(b) after the ceremony.
- Each man received 5,000 lire on account, the remainder of the arrears to be paid later. Each soldier should eventually receive between 20,000 and 48,000 lire.
- Politically this unit is very anti-communist. They have seen what it is and want nothing of it, though there was a Political Commissar amongst them who professed not to be a communist.
- This Div will be sent off a third at a time on 12, 13 and 17 July through displaced personnel channels under AMG who have a chain of camps already standing. The intention is to send them on leave until they have had their back pay and have been re-classified.
13. Arms have been handed in. Offrs were allowed to keep their pistols.
14. Not as known.

6 POINTS - SHEET 2

15. The screening agency set up by 228 Div for enrolling ex-Partisans has brought in about 200 rfts for Par etc. Some 20-30 have deserted. They are all aged 18 - 20 approx. This body will cease functioning in this area on 15 July. This work could not be done by Territorial HQ since they have no WX for such an agency.

Gen SANTI, head of screening agency of 5 Terr HQ, is empowered only to deal with officers up to Lt.Col. He is working but results are not fully known.

16. Morale of Italian tps working for Allies is pretty good in Army area as much is done for them in the welfare line. There are complaints of lack of soap, cigarettes not arriving to scale, etc.

17.) ~~_____~~
18.) ~~_____~~

2847

DP / I spoke to LT who said there was a temporary hold-up over soap but deficiencies were made up a few days ago. Cigarettes have been handed over to scale. Nelson asks that specific cases should be quoted when DI De etc. have been unable to produce full scales
DPF

scale, etc.

17.)
18.)

2847

DP / I spoke to ST who said there was a temporary
hold-up over soap but differences were
made up a few days ago. Apparently
have been handed over to Seale.
Nelson asks that specific cases should
be quoted when DI Di who have
been unable to provide full scales.
ppf

16 JUL 48

0 3 2 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020A. POINTS

1. (a))
 (b))
 (c))
 (d))

No enlarging on last week.

2. (a)

Enlisted patriots have all kinds of anti-discipline ideas but once the deserters have gone they shake down pretty well.

- (b)

There should be little trouble in this. We are expecting 1000 ex Paratroopers who I feel certain will prefer Par work.

- (c)

On 1 July and before May, co-operator Unit OAs presented themselves at 228 Div HQ with a certain amount of interest in their hearts. Capt HERRICK gave them a good talking to explaining all the advantages which made them feel much happier. Some of the units are in a pretty bad shape for clothing, etc. The only advantage they had was a reduced KAAPI scale.

There will be difficulty administering them where found in small pockets attached to Sub Area etc. It is most probable that they will have to be withdrawn. Where they have officers then the difficulty can be overcome.

- (d)

P & L are now satisfied with the number of rifts. Rly Par Coy are being thrown on the market.

2846

- (e)

Most of these will want nothing more to do with Army and discipline.

- (f)

No comments.

- (g)

Pay for ORs seems pretty good at the moment, but now the war is over there should be a standard pay for all arms, incl combat.

- (h)

Leave is going smoothly but much time is wasted returning through lack of tpt. Many miles are covered on foot. East of the MURRAY line and the POLA Enclave are causing a bit of tying up as special passes are needed, plus civilian clothes, i.e. KB without badges or hats. May references giving both these lines have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

- (i)

Every Terr HQ should have a Court Martial Centre. There will always be a considerable amount of time wasted and bother in getting witnesses to attend trials.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

happier. Some of the units are in a pretty bad shape for clothing, etc. The only advantage they had was a reduced MAAFI scale.

There will be difficulty administering them where found in small pockets attached to Sub Area etc. It is most probable that they will have to be withdrawn. Where they have officers then the difficulty can be overcome.

- (d) P & L are now satisfied with the number of rfts. Rly Par Coy are being thrown on the market. 2846
- (e) Most of these will want nothing more to do with Army and discipline.
- (f) No comments.
- (g) Pay for ORs seems pretty good at the moment, but now the war is over there should be a standard pay for all arms, incl combat.
- (h) Leave is going smoothly but much time is wasted returning through lack of tpt. Many miles are covered on foot. Best of the MORGAN Line and the POLA Enclaves are causing a bit of tying up as special passes are needed, plus civilian clothes, i.e. KD without badges or hats. Map references giving both these lines have been forwarded to you under separate cover.
- (i) Every Terr HQ should have a Court Martial Centre. There will always be a considerable amount of time wasted and bother in getting witnesses to predetermined pvt. There should be less AWOLs now that everybody has been home and the majority of older classes are being discharged.

EQUIPMENT

(a) TRF

- (1) More and more ex Italian WD vehs are coming to light in various British RVPs. Needless to say, only a very small percentage are runners. It should be possible to fit out 5 Adm Coy within six weeks. Releases will be signalled.
- (11) Illegal vehs are being confiscated and put into British RVPs for our disposal. A great number will never get into the RVPs, i.e., those that were never recovered from the Partisans.
- (111) Again it must be urged that an RVP should be set up either in the PAPUA or UDIMA area when there is room.

(b) RATIONS

- (1) No shortage last week.
- (11) Availability of tomato sauce very erratic.
- (111) Soap for the last month has been approx a half of what the scale lays down. Cigarettes are very intermittent. These two items cause the majority of the complaints.
- (iv) None foreseen. MM/102/1 dated 6 July deals with the difficulty in finding soap for depots.

2845

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (1) The 20% holding of boots above scale will help a great deal. The sock demands as yet have never been satisfied. DOLLO Sub Depot, operated by 238 Div, is an ideal site.
- (11) Div manages to repair approx 150 prs of boots a week, when they manage to come by the leather.
- (111) No anticipated change.
- (d) ACCOM
- (1) Same as last week. Ref Depots for supply by 5 Terr HQ see letter mentioned in para (b), sub-para (iv) RATIONS.
- (11) No change.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020(b) RATIONS

- (i) No shortage last week.
- (ii) Availability of tomato outcrop very erratic.
- (iii) Soup for the last month has been approx a half of what the scale lays down. Cigarettes are very intermittent. These two items cause the majority of the complaints.
- (iv) None foreseen. MM/102/1 dated 8 July deals with the difficulty in finding soap for depots.

2845

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (i) The 20% holding of boots above scale will help a great deal. The sock demands as yet have never been satisfied. DOL Sub Depot, operated by 228 Div, is an ideal site.
- (ii) Div manages to repair approx 150 prs of boots a week, when they manage to come by the leather.
- (iii) No anticipated change.

(d) ACCOM

- (i) Same as last week. Ref Depots for supply by 5 Ferry HQ see letter mentioned in para (b), sub-para (iv) RATIONS.
- (ii) No change.

(e) REPAIRS

RTI Army has been approached with a view to obtaining a release of beer for canteens. Since a target of six bottles a week for British tps has not been reached no release can be made from local breweries for Italian welfare. It is believed that the TURIN area has large quantities of beer available. Owing to the lack of qualified tps in this area any this possible source of supply be explored.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SECRET

SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 84 - Period 23 - 30 June

Liaison Officer,
Lead Forces Sub Comm. AD,
(M.H.I.A.), R O M E. (B)

Liaison Officer,
Lead Forces Sub Comm. AD,
(M.H.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

SM/113
1 July 40

Copy to: MHA 10, Att Hq 1 District.

1. GENERAL

(a) Present days
(b) Area/Sub Area Has } No change.

(c) Disposition of com.

Capt HERBERT joined me at Army from
225 Div 30 June.

(d) Returns.

With the dispersal of certain personnel
of 862 Intelligence Unit, it is a good
moment to attach chosen Italian com to
Area/Sub Area Hq. They will be most
useful; there is already one with 201
Sub Area and I am obtaining bids from
other similar Hqs.

2. ARRIVALS

99 Par Coy		
101 "	SUSSEANA	0 6494
117 "	CASARSA	0 1409
116 "	VAIVACCHIS	0 1412
214 "	G/SARSA	
220 "	SUSSEANA	
246 "	CASARSA	
247 "	SUSSEANA	
249 "	FORDEMONS	0 9707
2/400 Par Regt	FORDEMONS	0 6494
	24CILE	0 8408

ETA 260 Par Coy FORDEMONS Area 2 July, which completes the transfer
of 15 Par Coys ex BOLAGNA Area.
ETA 260 Par Regt 400 Par Regt 1 July to send Par units
back of N. TOLLAMETO.

PARAVIA

2841

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(d) futures.

With the dispersal of certain personnel of OSS Intelligence Unit, it is a good moment to attach chosen Italian LOS to Area/Sub Area Hq. They will be most useful; there is already one with 201 Sub Area and I am obtaining him from other similar Hqs.

2. ARRIVALS

2844

99 Par Coy
101 " "
117 " "
118 " "
214 " "
220 " "
246 " "
247 " "
248 " "
2/400 Par Regt

SUBBIANA 6 6494
CASARSA 3 1409
VALTASQUE 3 1412
CASARSA
SUBBIANA
CASARSA
SUBBIANA 3 9704
FORDESIOME 6 6494
POSTE PRIULA 3 6408
SACILE

254 260 Par Coy FORDESIOME Area 2 July, which completes the transfer of 15 Par Coys ex BOLZONA Area.
254 HQ 402 Par Regt UDINE from PAVIA 1 July to join Par units EAST OF R. TAGLIAMENTO.

DEPARTURES

NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

23 June To Main Army - GAI(b) re security and JUS - A re move up of balance 806 Transit Comp.
24 " Visit from Gen TOMASELLI and ZAVAG on general matters. Stand down parade in UDINE of belgian patriots PHILLI Area.
26 " To 201 Sub Area re soon for 5 Terr B.
27 " To 204 Par Coy.
28 " To 5 Terr Hq on routine. Gen AMALINI accompanied to Army Comd.
29 " To 201 Sub Area and 5 Terr Hq re soon.

4. Ref your G/31 dated 4 June, G, A and C points are forwarded separately.

Boyle

Major,
254 10, Rear Eighth Army.

6 points

See B3 (Army) Area reports 6 and 7 attached. No further such reports will be published.

4. No change.

5. N.T.R.

7. Gen TOMASKIY hopes soon to inherit a villa at the time from ORSHONIA I.C.O. where he can resume Sabotage, Cadre Courses suspended at PERLI last April.

For AC

8. N.T.R.

10. (a) The post of 5 Territorial HQ is still far from satisfactory; Gen ARKHLINI and his staff have been introduced to most relevant Allied units in this area, and are accepted and well liked by them.

(b) It is realized by all concerned what the functions of 5 Territorial HQ are, but until Allied installations are moved from UDINE there is no chance of establishing any of the Italian Depots which are intended to function fully w.e.f. 1 Aug 45. At the moment every Italian Barracks is occupied by an Allied static installation - UDINE will continue to be the Allied Road/Railhead for the AUSTRIAN L of C for some time to come. 201 Sub Area are unable to find proper room for Allied units in the area, let alone 5 Arm Bty Coy in formation and the supply units mentioned in your ST/122 dated 28 June 45.

11. Limitation of apt and experience handicaps the functioning of District H.Q. An endeavour to take over the function of Trieste Military PABOVA from 222 Div has shown that District HQs are not ripe enough to fulfill any but the barest of their duties, nor have they a call upon personnel in the same way as 222 Div. 20 carry out duties for local Allied HQ.

12 & 13.

(a) Final disbandment of Partisans of this area took place in UDINE 24 June in the presence of the Army Command who made a short address and later took the salute. Some 12,000 Partisans were on parade; beside local dignitaries, there were present on the date partisan reps from TAVOLLA HQ and Central HQ Milan. The parade was celebrated.

10. (a) The personnel and his staff have been introduced to most relevant Allied Comd in this area, and are accepted and well liked by them.

(b) It is realized by all concerned what the functions of 6 Territorial HQ are, but until Allied installations are moved from UDINE there is no chance of establishing any of the Italian Depots which are intended to function fully w.e.f. 1 Aug 45. At the moment every Italian barracks is occupied by an Allied static installation - UDINE will continue to be the Allied Road/Headhead for the AUSTRIAN L of C for some time to come. 201 Sub Area are unable to find proper room for their Allied units in the area, let alone 6 Arm 1st Coy in formation and the supply units mentioned in your ST/162 dated 25 June 45.

11. Limitation of tpt and experience handicaps the functioning of District Hqs. An endeavour to take over the function of District Military ZONEVA from 226 Div has shown that District Hqs are not ripe enough to fulfill any but the barest of their duties, nor have they a call upon personnel in the same way as 226 Div. to carry out duties for local Allied Hqs.

12 & 13.

(a) Final disbandment of Partisans of this area took place in UDINE 24 June in the presence of the Army Comd who made a short address and later took the salute. Some 13,000 partisans were on parade; beside local dignitaries, there were present on the main partisan reps from VESTIG HQ and Central HQ MILAN. The parade was orderly and it was not until the final dispersal in various side streets that CO. HQ were greeted with cat calls and unsuccessful attempts made to pull down Royalties flags hanging from certain windows.

(b) All speakers exhorted the Partisans to go home and return to civil employment, some qualifying their exhortation with the reminder that there still remained a number of fascists to be sought out.

(c) ASG and Civil Labour Units launched special appeals by loudspeaker for volunteers to apply for jobs at Civil Labour Offices; there have been many hundred applicants in UDINE town for passages to the FAR EAST, though I think that the majority believe they are required to fight when they get there.

(d) I have not yet been notified of the count of arms handed in.

(e) Gen AMBELLINI assured the Army Comd at a recent talk that in his view there will be a strong undercurrent of political propaganda from the GARIBOLDINI, countered by the 450250, and that the partisan bands will remain in potential strikes

6 POINTS - SHEET 2

Potential allies

who will divert their mental energy from the science of killing Germans to that of spreading political doctrines, for better or for worse.

(f) The adv pty of "ITALIA" Div (GARIBOLDI Assault Bde) was due to arrive 1 July from JUGOSLAVIA at TORRE DI MURO H 4894, the remainder of the div being ferried in under arrangements 15 Corps for next 4/5 days. Gen ARNALDI is watching the situation with lively interest and his staff are prepared to make contact with ITALIA Div as soon as possible to fix up their admin from the Italian angle.

STOP PRESS to para 11.

A further aspect of finally organising Depots under command 5 Territorial HQ is that we are trying to get Eighth Army to put their requisitions for material through the Army and Major Directorate in UDIN to allow the latter to maintain control and to continue employing their former civilian staffs. There are at the moment units of many different services in occupation of Depots and requisitions are not centralized by any Italian mil adm.

2842

A POINTS

1. ENROLLMENT OF PARTISANS

A report from Lt. Col GARRONE on 25 June gives an appreciation of his difficulties in recruiting patriots; they are briefly :-

- (a) Partisans have by now very largely withered.
- (b) They are prejudiced against Army discipline.
- (c) They have gone home to rest and are opposed for the moment to returning to a disciplined life.

In spite of the above, Lt. Col GARRONE hopes to enrol 300 men in 1943 and some 50 in 1944. He has been received well by all patriot leaders in spite of their initial prejudice against him.

Many regular officers have now returned to UDISS and offered their services to 8 Territorial R., who are dealing with them as their cases arise.

I would like confirmation of two factors governing enrolment -

- (a) that recruits may not exceed 26 years of age.
- (b) that no rank higher than Corporal Maggiore may be recommended on enrolment.

2. DEMILITARIZATION OF RESISTANCE

Gen ARMANDI is of the opinion that the complete demilitarization of the Army would be the realisation of all matters, giving Corps and Army Commands very little scope in conducting their own admin. is realised by M. of W. to have been a great failing. He, through Italian channels, has been told that as head of a Territorial R., he must expect only directives from ROM.

2841

This is a good sign, but at the same time it must be realised that here in E.S. ITALY conditions are far from normal - the Allies sit in most Italian Depots, perforce, giving him little chance to get cracking, the political side is by no means settled and conditions are not ripe for a Territorial R. to get rapidly into its stride.

4 POINTS

(a) TPT

(1)

Shortages of 5 Ads Tpt Coy are being made up from local releases of Italian vehs from Allied veh parks. Copies of all relevant releases will be sent to you as they occur. Shortage of dvrs, even from Patriots, soon, etc. are preventing the Tpt Coy from forming quickly. I appreciate releases to Gd Bus from SYPS in BARI, NAPLES and ROMA but stress again the enormous distance and attendant difficulties that collecting personnel have to face. We must have SYPS in M.S. Italy.

(11) M.T.R.
(111)

(b) RATIONS

Owing to this area being chockfull of Allied units, I am not optimistic about the ability of 5 Territorial Hq to undertake maint w.e.f. 1 Aug 45.

(1) No difficulty.

(11) Periodic shortages of wine, but nothing serious. Ability to spend daily 80 lire "siglioramento rancio" varies greatly according to area.

(111) No difficulty.

(1v) None foreseen.

(c) CLOTHING & SHY

Suggest to follow up by phone on this question from the important and suggest that we have the estimate a month in advance but on reflection think this is practicable as we require breakdown of bids for 1st and 2nd line units.

(1) 228 Div Sub Depot have been served from Base extremely well; there are, however, following factors which at present lead to great delay in indents being met :-

(a) Shipping bids to FAWICK are made a month in advance therefore at least six weeks pass before Sub Depot requirements are met.

(b) On transfer from one Div to another, a unit must area outstanding requirements from its old Div - normally this is highly impracticable.

I therefore suggest that, as soon as geographical areas for 228 Div have been finally settled and no major unit movements are likely to occur, a percentage reserve for all Sub Depots be authorized and clothing rationally be sent up monthly at that figure.

2840

2840

being to this area being optimistic about the ability of 5 Territorial Rg to undertake main W.C.F. 1 Aug 45.

(1) No difficulty.

(11) Periodic shortages of wine, but nothing serious. Ability to spend daily 20 lire "miglioramento rancio" varies greatly according to areas.

(111) No difficulty.

(1V) None foreseen.

(c) CLOTHING & SHIP

(1) 226 Div Sub Depot have been served from Base extremely well; there are, however, following factors which at present lead to great delay in indents being met :-
(a) Shipping bids to VESICO are made a month in advance therefore at least six weeks pass before Sub Depot requirements are met.
(b) On transfer from one Div to another, a unit must draw outstanding requirements from the old Div - normally this is highly impracticable.
I therefore suggest that, as soon as geographical areas for 226 Divs have been finally settled and no major unit movements are likely to occur, a percentage reserve for all Sub Depots be authorized and clothing automatically be sent up monthly at that figure.
S.T.R.
6 Dec 45 (11)
6 Dec 45 (111)

(d) AGRA & CAGRE

I have stressed elsewhere in this report that the soon after in route in this area. Until Army Roadhead No. 9 moves from UNDA, the Italians can hope to inherit very little of use to them.

(e) SHIPING

Supervision and control of Italian Army Welfare is now being transferred from Army to 86 (Army) /res.

Army are anxious for Col PASSAVANTI to stay on Welfare L.O. and a letter to this effect is being sent to you shortly.

SECRET

SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 23 - Period 13 - 22 June

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.). R O M E. (3)
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: MMIA LO, att HQ 1 District.
MMIA LO, att HQ 229 Div.

MM/112

23 June 45

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present bdy's }
(b) Area/Sub Area Hqs } No change.
- (c) Disposition of LOS Capt HERBERT is due back from leave 27 June.
Capt FOX reports HQ 231 Div 23 June.
- (d) Location of I.S.G. CREMONA 100 leaves ADRIA for ALESSANDRIA
approx 25 June.
- (e) Futures (1)
(11) Army HQ sheds remainder of 800 Inor 24 June.
Army Rear bdy becomes AUSTRO-ITALIAN frontier
mid July: this outstation moves to new location
head of DISTONE about same time. 2839

2. (a) ARRIVALS

14 June	219 Pnr Coy	SUSSEANA G 6497
16 "	292 P4 Hosp	UDINE
16 "	100 Pnr Coy	PONTE PRIULA G 6594
16 "	213 Pnr Coy	PORTO MARGHERA G 6555
18 "	104 Pnr Coy	" "
19 "	121 Pnr Coy	PONTE PRIULA G 6594

Note: above Pnr Coys are all on rly constr, ex BOLOGNA and ten
more will shortly be called fwd.

(b) DEPARTURES

20 June det 4 Engr Coy To FORLI from UDINE to rejoin parent
unit.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

14 June Capt FOX to 3 Territorial Hq.
15 " To 237 and 156 Pnr Coys and Stand-down Parade of
Partisans FORMAZZO.

(a) Location of I.C.G. CREMONA 100 leaves ADRIA for ALESSANDRIA approx 25 June.

(c) Futures (i) Army HQ sheds remainder of 800 Iner 24 June. (ii) Army Rear bdy becomes AUSTRALIAN frontier mid July: this outstation moves to head of DISTONE about same time. 2839

2. (a) ARRIVALS

14 June	219 Pnr Coy	SUSEGANA G 6497
16 "	292 Pd Hesp	UDINE
16 "	100 Pnr Coy	PONTE PRIULA G 6394
16 "	213 Pnr Coy	PORTO MARCHERA G 6358
18 "	104 Pnr Coy	" "
19 "	121 Pnr Coy	PONTE PRIULA G 6394

Note: above Pnr Coys are all on fly constr, ex BOLOGNA and ten more will shortly be called fwd.

(b) DEPARTURES

20 June det 4 Iner Coy To PORLI from UDINE to rejoin parent unit.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 14 June Capt FOX to 5 Territorial HQ.
- 15 " To 237 and 156 Pnr Coys and Stand-down Parade of Partisans FOIMAZZO.
- 16 " Capt FOX to 303 and 297 Pnr Coys and HQ I/409 Pnr Regt. CC 252 Pack Gp visited re ferrying of horses from AUSTRIA.
- 18 " With CMI to Italian Depots UDINE TOWN. To Brig A/4 re Welfare. Major Edwards HARM and Jun. Comdr Fardel arrived.
- 19 " With CMI to more Depots in UDINE. Capt FOX to PAPIA.
- 20 " Capt FOX to 228 Div Sub Depot.
- 21 " Met 228 Div Screening Det re enrolment of local patriots To HQ 25 Area re sitn in TRIESTE.

4. Ref your 0/31 dated 4 June, G. A and Q Points are forwarded separately.

R. G. Lawrence

Major,
HMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

POINTS

(i) }
(ii) } See copies of 55 (Army) Area Reports Nos. 1 - 5 attached.
(iii) }

(iv) There are no Italian tps on the Morgan Line.
Rough disposition of Allied tps is as follows :-

Right - 13 Corps with elite 56 Div in POLA.
Left - 2 U.S. Corps.
Inter corps bdy R. VIACCO.

(v) No change.

(vi) No change.

(vii) No change.

(viii) No change.

(ix) No change.

(x) N.e.f. 25 June, 5 Territorial RM assumes full functions
(subordinate to Allied requirements) up to Western bdy
of VENEZIA GIULIA.

(xi) No change.

2838

(xii) No change, except for disbandments in para (xiii) below.
An ORBAT of OSOPPO Divs is at Appx A.

(xiii) After standing down approx 6,000 patriots in TOIMERO,
PORDENONE and SPILIMBERGO, a count of arms handed in
was made and the following revealed :-

Rifles	7,300	Pistols	2
Lt automatics & MGs	150	Revolvers (aged)	25
MGs and MGs	221	LAA guns	3

Patriots of UDINE town and remainder of province stand
down 24 June and are expected to number some 6,000.

Future intentions are hard to determine, though it seems
clear from the number of pistols retained that personnel
are anxious to keep a personal weapon for themselves.
Reports are still current that a minority intend to stand
for a future revolution and others for the "return" of
TRIESTE to the Federation of Soviets. See the attached
translation of Army V of a pamphlet dated 25 June 45.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(vii) No change.

(viii) No change.

(ix) No change.

(x) W.e.f. 25 June, 5 Territorial HQ assumes full functions (subordinate to Allied requirements) up to Western bdy of VENEZIA GIULIA.

(xi) No change.

2838

(xii) No change, except for disbandments in para (xiii) below. An ORBAT of CSORPO Divs is at Appx A.

(xiii) After standing down approx 6,000 patriots in TOLMESE, FORDEQUONE and SPILIMBERGO, a count of arms handed in was made and the following revealed :-

Rifles	7,500	Pistols	3
Lt automatics & SIGs	150	Revolvers (aged)	23
MMGs and MGs	221	LAA guns	3

Patriots of UDINE Town and remainder of province stand down 24 June and are expected to number some 6,000.

Future intentions are hard to determine, though it seems clear from the number of pistols retained that personnel are anxious to keep a personal weapon for themselves. Reports are still current that a minority intend to stand for a future revolution and others for the "return" of FRIULI to the Federation of Soviets. See the attached translation at Appx B of a pamphlet dropped 25 Apr 45 on UDINE by a JUC aircraft.

For the most part, local patriots go home on disbandment while those from other provinces are displaying an inclination to rest here rather than to avail themselves of AMG tpt westwards.

(xiv)

As yet, none: though naturally few are anxious to carry out disarming of their bands and lose their own authority.

(xv)

288 Div Screening Agency (Lt-Col GARNONE and Capt RIZZA) continue to maintain contact with Patriot HQ, local dignitaries and AMG. They are well liked and are putting their stuff across wisely: we hope to produce a few recruits on 25 June and watch them roll in after that date.

...../(xvi)

9 POINTS - Sheet 2

(xvi)

No change. CLE UDINE is stated to have 300 volunteers for JAPAN. Italian Regular Offrs are anxious to see an Italian Token Force in TRIESTE but I have explained that it is naturally impossible.

(xvii)

GSI(b) Army ordered two SIM officers to quit the area and return to VMIICH on 13 June; they were employed on counter-intelligence vis a vis the JUGS.

PIU MAAF are anxious for a Lt LAURI I.A.F. to be allowed to work in TRIESTE, but this will certainly NOT be permitted.

(xviii)

At the risk of being liquidated, I hope to tour the MORGAN line shortly. In the meanwhile I recommend those interested to read W.O.W.I.R. No. 94 of 6 June which gives a good background for an appreciation of the JUGS territorial claims.

2837

A. POINTS

ABSORPTION OF CO-OPERATORS

I have called for details of these from DISTONE for info: only four are employed in Army on painting for ADAMS.

Co-operators will find a big difference in conditions of service when they revert to Italian Army administration: it will be interesting to see how many stay with the colours.

ACCEPTANCE OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY BY ITALIAN STAFFS

This would be possible if Italian Q had more to do at their disposal: in 288 Biv and 5 Territorial HQ the initiative to get busy is very evident but they have to turn to us for help.

I would say that we can set an example as far as paper work is concerned by cancelling as soon as possible many aspects of our control over the Italian Army - the longer it remains, the harder it will be to do without it.

An example is the necessity of my having to sign Clothing Retention Cards for officers shops after the clothing itself has been handed over in bulk for sale to individuals.

2836

4 POINTS

(a) Fpt

(1) No change.

(11) 5 x 2-ton - doubtful runners - were released to 5 Territorial HQ on 20 June to form nucleus of 5 Adm Tpt Coy. I have told them to get into touch with Territorial HQ BOLZANO re rep and rec facilities.

(111) M.T.R.

(b) Rations

M.T.R.

(c) Clothing and eqpt

M.T.R.

(d) Adm and Camps

M.T.R.

(e) Welfare

(1) Canteen in UDINE opens 24 June.

(11) 228 Mv will shortly transfer their FERRARA canteen to PADUA.

(111) Col PASSAVANTI has been retired and Gen TOMASELLI is putting up Major GMAIORA to replace him. I am sorry that PASSAVANTI is to go but it is the best way out as people continue to refer to him in a covert fashion as "Pascist" and it may eventually tell on his efficiency.

2835

Appendix "A" to MILA 10 Rear Eighth
Army letter MH/112 dated 23 June 45

OSOPPO PARTISAN ORDER OF BATTLE

Unit	Location	Strength
Central HQ	UDINE	20
Sabotage Bn	UDINE	40
1 Division HQ	UDINE	23
3 Bde	UDINE	759
4 Bde	SPILIMBERGO	663
5 Bde	MANIAGO	594
2 Division HQ	CASTIONS	20
10 Bde	UDINE	216
11 Bde	S. MARIA LA LUNGA	321
12 Bde	S. GIORGIO DI NOGARA	216
13 Bde	RIVIGNANO	424
3 Division HQ	UDINE	20
1 Bde	REAZIA DEL ROIALE	460
6 Bde	TARCENTO	279
7 Bde	CIVIDALE	276
4 Division HQ	PORDENONE	15
14 Bde	S. VITO AL TAGLIAMENTO	409
15 Bde	PORDENONE	279
16 Bde (Girardini)	CAMPO DI BIELLE	
5 Division HQ	TOIMMEZO	20
2 Bde	PAL. PICCOLO	179
8 Bde	GENOVA	286
9 Bde	VILLA SANTINA	830
Roselli Bde	MILIA	210
Independent Brigata Furlan	MOTTA DI LIVIGNO	50

2831

Appendix "B" to MMIA LO Rear Eighth
Army letter MM/112 dated 24 June 45

DEAR CITIZENS OF UDINE

Today you have had our visiting card. The powerful Tito Air Force has displayed its avenging strength upon your town.

In co-operation with our victorious formations, of whom the heroic Garibaldi Brigade is far ahead in your Friulan country, for the first time our victorious wings were in action,

terrible

just

revengeful.

Terror is accompanying our victorious march. The integral march knows no interest or compromise.

The new Gospel of Lenin is our Gospel. You have got to weep on our ruined houses and think about your faults. You, who in the secret part of your hearts are awaiting for the British, protectors of the interests of the Middle Classes and of the Big Owners, you, who have reserved all your sympathies only for the Osoppo Brigade, formed of civilians dressed like partisans.

2833

Let us tell you, once and for ever, so that the thing will not come new and unexpected. THE FRIULI BELONGS TO THE BOLSHEVIK SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND CONSEQUENTLY THE PATRIOTS YOU MUST SUPPORT ARE THE COMMUNIST PATRIOTS OF THE GARIBALDI. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT WILLINGLY YOU WILL HAVE TO DO IT BY FORCE.

The victims who today shed their blood after our attack, are necessary victims, because by their sacrifice they will warn their fellow citizens of the seriousness of the warning that has been given today.

People are so stupid that they do not understand -- until they have seen blood and have had blood.

Long live the Soviet, independent republic of Friuli, member of the Mendelian Soviet Federation.

Long live Lenin! Long live Stalin! Long live Tito!

the heroic Garibaldi Brigade is far ahead in your Friulan country. For the first time our victorious wings were in action.

terrible

just

revengeful.

Terror is accompanying our victorious march. The integral march knows no interest or compromise.

The new Gospel of Lenin is our Gospel. You have got to keep on our ruined houses and think about your faults. Who in the secret part of your hearts are awaiting for the British, protectors of the interests of the Middle Classes and of the Big Owners, you, who have reserved all your sympathies only for the Oboppe Brigade, formed of civilians dressed like partisans.

2833

Let us tell you, once and for ever, so that the thing will not come new and unsuspected. THE PRIULI BELONGS TO THE BOLSHÉVİK SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND CONSEQUENTLY THE PATRIOTS YOU MUST SUPPORT ARE THE COMMUNIST PATRIOTS OF THE GARIBALDI. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT WILLINGLY YOU WILL HAVE TO DO IT BY FORCE.

The victims who today shed their blood after our attack, are necessary victims, because by their sacrifice they will warn their fellow citizens of the seriousness of the warning that has been given today.

People are so stupid that they do not understand - until they have seen blood and have had blood.

Long live the Soviet, independent republic of Friuli, member of the Mondiel Soviet Federation.

Long Live Lenin! Long live Stalin! Long live Tito!

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

S E C R E T

SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 22 - Period 22 May to 12 June 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (3) ✓
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq., Eighth Army.

Copy to: MHIA LO, att Hq 1 District. A
MHIA LO, att RM 228 Div. A
13 June 45

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present days
(b) Area/Sub Area Hq.
(c) Disposition of Lcs } No change.
- (d) Leon of 100h - CREMONA to move shortly to NORTH of ESTE and SW of PADOVA.
- (e) Futures (1) No immediate changes visualized except that Main Army shed their half of 800 Italian Inor, and Rear Army their Italian Ed w.o.f. 9 June. Para were transported to PADOVA and comm under arrangements 228 Div.
- (11) Rear Hq 228 Div on closing depots and transit Camps in FORLI will move to UDINE to replace present temporary Adv Hq; estimated date completion 15 June.

2832

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) Units - 217 Pnr Coy from FORLI to 3. GIORGIO DI NOGARA on rly constr.
- (b) Rts (RA-ITI Service).

Misc - 518 - these were, by an error of Army, given to DISTONE who replaced with 490 odd G.D. men whom I allotted to Pnr Coys at MESTRE. The breakdown of specialists was destroyed by this substitution.

Misc - 420 vice 490 - allotted to Pnr Coys EAST of R. TAGLIAMENTO.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- (b) Area/Sub Area No. 1
(c) Disposition of LOS
- (d) Loan of 100H - GRMOMA to move shortly to NORTH of ESTE and SW of PADOVA.
- (e) Futures (1) No immediate changes visualized except that Main Army shed their half of 800 Italian Inor. and Rear Army their Italian Gd W.O.F. 9 June. They were transported to PADOVA and cond under arrangements 228 Div.

2832

- (11) Rear HQ 228 Div on closing depots and transfer Camps in FORLI will move to UDINE to replace present temporary Adv HQ; estimated date completion 15 June.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) Units - 217 Pnr Coy from FORLI to S. GIORGIO DI NOGARA on fly constr.
- (b) Rits (BR-ITI Service).

Misc - 518 - these were, by an error of Army, given to DISTONE who replaced with 490 odd G.D. men whom I allotted to Pnr Coys at MESTRE. The breakdown of specialists was destroyed by this substitution.

Misc - 420 vice 490 - allotted to Pnr Coys EAST of R. TAGLIAMENTO.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- | | | |
|--------|---|---|
| 23 May | - | To 5 Territorial Hq. GSI, G(SD) and a Main Army re patriots, leave, WES. etc. |
| 25 " | - | To 5 Territorial Hq. and AMG UDINE Province. Capt Fox to PADOVA. |
| 27 " | - | To AMG UDINE Province re patriots. |
| 28 " | - | Left UDINE for routine business with 228 Div. |
| 29 " | - | To 86 Area re sites for Sub Depot and Transit Camps. |
| 30 " | - | Capt Fox to conference on Disposal of Captured Enemy Vehicles. |
| | - | Capt Fox received site in UDINE for Centeen. |
| | - | To 61 Pnr Gp and 210 Sub Area re soon and General matters re Italian Pnr MESTRE. |
| 1 June | - | To Rear 3 Corps and 2/405 Pnr Regt. |
| 3 " | - | Opening of Italian ORS Hostel, LIDO DI VENEZIA. |
| 4 " | - | Capt Fox toured Italian Arty Depots in UDINE Province |
| 5 " | - | To 127 Sal Unit VILLA VICENTINA and 55 Area BRISSE re recovered Italian arms and eqpt. and political situation. |

6 June - To 201 Sub Area re guarding of Italian Depots.
 To OSI(1) and (Ib). G(SD) Main Army re JUGO-SLAVS
 and Disbandment of units.
 7 " - To OSI(OL) and (Ib) re Patriots and JUGO-SLAVS.
 9 " - Col Hoakes arrived.
 10 " - Toured Italian Welfare Installations VENICE with
 12 " - Col Hoakes.
 To DISTONE and 228 Div with Col Hoakes.
 To 5 Territorial Comd re payment of pensions;
 G(Ops) re east of 5 Terr Comd.
 Capt Fox to 55 Area and 217 Pnr Coy.

4. Ref your letter G/31 dated 4 June. G. A and points are
 forwarded separately.

B. G. Lawrence

Major, 2831
 MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

0 POINTS

(1) & (11) Until yesterday, 11 June, approx one Corps JUGOSLAV tps were conc round TRIESTE and SW to GORIZIA excl. Odd bands were and still are located in hills; all JUGOSLAV points were firmly intermingled with our own tps. Yesterday withdrawal to EAST of new line of demarcation began.

(111) Without carrying out espionage upon Allied Armies, it is hard to say what their intentions are. From personal observation on 5 and 12 June it seems clear that the JUGOSLAVS were intent upon holding what ground they had captured, maintaining their influence over racially SLAV territory, infiltrating their agents and political commissars into Italian territory and Patriot Bands and generally standing firm until their superiors found a way of withdrawing without loss of face.

(1v) There are NO Italian tps on the frontier; for disposition of Allied tps, see AFHQ Sitreps and Combined Weekly Intelligence Summaries.

(v) All Italian tps will be left behind in ITALY as none are allowed into AUSTRIA, or across in VENETIA GULF save a few across Security Control Line in ITALY special authority Eighth Army.

(vi) None, to my knowledge.

(vii) In CREMONA, good. In PAV Units, very fair owing to better control now so many coys are conc. In scattered units, moderate to non-existent.

(viii) Most certainly, yes.

(ix) Only applies to CREMONA in our case. The BLU have a greater knowledge than I have.

(x) } See your letter 3D/24 dated 11 June and my MH/129
(xi) } dated 5 June refer.

(xii) See Appx A.

(xiii) Disbandment is taking place on following programme.

12 June PORTSMOUTH. 15 June SPILLIMBERGO.
16 June KOLARZO. 20 June UDINE incl many from

(iv) There are NO Italian tps on the frontier; for disposition of Allied tps, see AFMA Sitreps and Combined Weekly Intelligence Summaries.

(v) All Italian tps will be left behind in ITALY as none are allowed into AUSTRIA, or across in VERESSIA GROUP. save a few across security control line in ITALY special authority Eighth Army.

(vi) None, to my knowledge.

(vii) In CREMONA, good. In PNR Units, very fair owing to better control now so many boys are gone. In scattered units, moderate to non-existent.

(viii) Most certainly, yes.

(ix) Only applies to CREMONA in our case. The BIV have a greater knowledge than I have.

(x) No. See your letter 33/34 dated 11 June and my MA/129 dated 5 June refer.

(xi) See Appx A.

(xii) Disbandment is taking place on following programme.

12 June PORTOFINO. 13 June SPILLBERGO.
15 June TOLENTINO. 20 June UDINE incl many from TRIESTE.

Reports have come in to the effect that SLIV leaders are encouraging the burial of arms and premature surrender to confuse the Allied programme of disbandment; also, that large numbers of weapons over a period of time have been shipped from small NW Adriatic coastal villages to RAVENNA for concealment.

During past 48 hrs, movement from WEST to EAST to avoid disbandment has been negligible.

(xiv) A few CARIBALINI have spread anti-Allied propaganda, but results remain to be seen. Details follow.

(xv) When allowed into the Army Area to do their work, I think they would be useful. 228 Div have had to form their own screening agency to deal with recruiting in the absence of any other.

...../I consider ...

9 POINTS - PAGE 2

- (xv) cont. I consider 3 Territorial HQ will be fully in the saddle.
(except for VENEZIA GIULIA), by mid of June if DISCHER
allow the personnel into their area.
- (xvi) (a) Would be higher if the political situation were
clarified and the older classes could get home.
- (b) As above. Considerable resentment felt at not having
access to KP etc amongst III-IV (less 6d Bns) working
for Army.
- (xvii) There are rumored to be two SIM agents in UDINE, but I
have no details yet as to their activities. Italian
personnel who have infiltrated into THIEF, against
orders, have either been turned back by the Allies or
imprisoned/liquidated by the JUGOSLAVS.
- (xviii) I am not sure what info is required: AUSTRIA presumably
is excluded.

2829

Appendix "A" to MMIA 10 Eighth
Army MM/112 dated 13 June 46

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

PARTISAN ORDER OF BATTLE

OSOFFO AND GARIBALDI FORMATIONS - NE ITALY

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROX STRENGTH</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Combined HQ	UDINE	19	
<u>GARIBALDI</u>			
Central HQ	UDINE	12	
Carnia Div HQ	UDINE	10	
Ysi But Bde	TOINIZZO	366	
Carnia Bde	PALUZZA	311	
	VILLA SANTINA		
Sud Arzigno Div HQ	SPILLIMBERGO	15	
Reggimento Bde	SPILLIMBERGO	506	
Sozzi Bde	SPILLIMBERGO	316	
Udine Div HQ	UDINE	15	
Bortolotti Bde	UDINE	293	
Udine Bde	UDINE	9	
Zorzini Bde	PRADAMANO	285	
Medotti Bde	POZUOLO	199	
Foschiani Bde	MORTEGLIANO	198	
Sinistra Reggimento			
Div HQ	RIVIGNANO	14	
Calligaris Bde	COBROIPO	189	
Marconesi Bde	LATISANA	397	
S. Pellico Bde	S. DANIELE	187	
Tentativi Bde	CERVIGNANO	187	
Picelli Div HQ	UDINE	20	
Picelli Bde	UDINE	430	
2nd Picelli Bde	TARCENTO	708	
Estisone Bde	UDINE	500	
Destra Reggimento			
Div HQ	FORDEONNE	15	
Antos Bde	FORDEONNE	232	
Veneriana Bde	FORDEONNE	283	
	FORDEONNE	280	

2828

2828

Central HQ	UDINE	12
Carnia Div HQ	TOLMEZZO	10
Val But Bde	PALUZZA	366
Carnia Bde	VILLA SANTINA	311
Sud Arzigno Div HQ	SPILIMBERGO	15
Tagliamento Bde	SPILIMBERGO	306
Soana Bde	SPILIMBERGO	316
Udine Div HQ	UDINE	16
Bortolotti Bde	UDINE	293
Udine Bde	UDINE	9
Corzini Bde	PRADAMANO	385
Modotti Bde	POZZUOLO	199
Foschiani Bde	MORTEGLIANO	198
Sinistra Tagliamento Div HQ	RIVIGHIANO	14
Calligaris Bde	ODROIPO	189
Marconesi Bde	LATISANA	397
S. Pellio Bde	S. DANIELE	187
Tantemot Bde	CERVIGNANO	187
Picelli Div HQ	UDINE	20
Picelli Bde	UDINE	430
2nd Picelli Bde	TARCENTO	708
Matiscane Bde	UDINE	500
Destra Tagliamento Div HQ	PORDENONE	15
Antes Bde	PORDENONE	232
Veneziana Bde	PORDENONE	223
Bente di Sonni Bde	PORDENONE	220
Otto Brine Bde	S. VITO	298
Mino Mennetti Div	?	?
Mino Bixio Bde	SUSAGANA	232
I. Nieve Bde	MANIAGO	150
Caribaldi Div HQ	S. DONA di PIAVE	?
Ruspo Bde	PORTOGNUARO	?
Pellegrini Bde	S. STINO	?
Pieve Bde	S. DONA	?
Mino Mennetti Div	VITTORIO VENETO	?
Cacciatori della Pianura Bde	ODERZO	400
Ciro Menotti Bde	GARANINI	150
CACCIATORI delle Alpi Bde	COLLE UMBERTO	90
Mazzini Bde	VALCERABINE	120
Tollet Bde	CISON di VALMARNO	150
Cairolì Bde	VITTORIO VENETO	?

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

UNIT

LOCATION

APPROX STRENGTH

REMARKS

Fratelli Bandiera Bde PUGS DEL PAGO ?

GARIBALDI TPS WEST OF R. ISOMMO who are
openly under JUS COMMAND

Leo Scagliarini
Garibaldi Natissone Div
Stalin Bn
SAP Bde
GAP Bde

CIVIDALE
GRABO
UDINE
GRADISCA
CERVIGNANO

118
45
35
180
212

u/c Monfalcone
Russians

2827

4 POINTS

1. SCREENING FOR RECRUITMENT

5 Territorial Hq has no screening agency for recruitment - only one for vetting officers. During the present recruiting of Patriots, 226 Div has had to form its own (with provisional authy from STAMAGGIORIS). Things would be easier if there were an agency on the spot.

Local Patriots are tired: genuine ones have mostly returned to till the soil and those who now parade as such are of fairly new vintage. We are not starting to recruit before 22 June in UDINE Province.

The appt of Gen CAPORELLA should do a lot to raise Patriots and the Army in a common cause.

A successful long-sighted programme for recruitment depends entirely on the formation of a non-political Army composed of men who are impartially and keenly patriotic chosen by officers who are doubly so - a very difficult set-up to achieve.

2. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The imminent downgrading of "operational area" troops must be carried out with great tact and if possible they should not ²⁸²⁶ face with a drop in both pay and allowances to bring them the level of the "common herd" in S. ITALY.

It would be a good thing now that no one can justify his existence as an operational soldier, if all received a common scale, compromised between the high and low rate with extra pay for specialists and long service.

It must, however, be remembered that to the Italian soldier both during and after his service, the difference between a "Combat" and "Service" soldier is very great indeed, and the prestige of the latter is generally still low.

There is considerable resentment at the fact that volunteers are still at the colours when potential conscripts of the same classes NORTH of CENTRAL ITALY have not yet been called up.

Granted the size of the postwar Army is not yet determined, but if the term of conscript service were, say, halved and classes of NORTH ITALY called up at the same time, the fact of a quicker turn over of manpower and that a chosen or unfortunate few were not "sotto la mazza" without visible hope of being released, would perhaps raise peoples' spirits.

A successful long-sighted programme for recruitment depends entirely on the formation of a non-political Army composed of men who are impartially and keenly patriotic chosen by officers who are doubly so - a very difficult set-up to achieve.

2. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The imminent downgrading of "operational area" troops must be carried out with great tact and if possible they should not be faced with a drop in both pay and allowances to bring them to the level of the "common herd" in S. ITALY. 2826

It would be a good thing now that no one can justify his existence as an operational soldier, if all received a common scale, compromised between the high and low rate with extra pay for specialists and long service.

It must, however, be remembered that to the Italian soldier both during and after his service, the difference between a "Combat" and "Service" soldier is very great indeed, and the prestige of the latter is generally still low.

There is considerable resentment at the fact that volunteers are still at the colours when potential conscripts of the same classes NORTH of CENTRAL ITALY have not yet been called up.

Granted the size of the postwar Army is not yet determined, but if the term of conscript service were, say, halved and classes of NORTH ITALY called up at the same time, the fact of a quicker turn over of manpower and that a chosen or unfortunate few were not "setto la naja" without visible hope of being released, would perhaps rouse peoples' spirits.

3. PENAL SYSTEM

The horrors of this hardly bear comment. I think the inability of the Junior Comd to deal with his men, his bandying of futile punishments, his very low powers of sentence can only be put right by

- (a) a general amnesty for all but offences of a grave nature.
- (b) A remoulding on Allied lines of a judicial system that has always been quite foreign to our own.

One is dealing here with the root of a nation's character, a judicial system that has been corrupt for centuries.

...../4.

A POINTS - PAGE 2

4. MOVEMENT OF LEAVE PERSONNEL

Until adequate Italian MT is forthcoming and rely on reconstructions across R. PC, this will continue to be a problem. Allied troops in this area is very rarely available and men on leave have to rely largely on hitch-hiking.

5. PROMOTION ETC OF OFFICERS

In all these problems one is strongly biased by equivalent systems in one's own Army.

I consider the radical weaknesses in the Italian Corps of Officers are :-

- (a) Suppression of initiative by Senior ranks.
- (b) Low rate of pay.
- (c) Promotion largely on time basis.
- (d) Difficulty of disposing of uneatables and misfits.

Possible solutions might be :-

- (a) Promotion within W.R. on merit and promotion to pay of higher rank.
- (b) Revision of rates of pay.
- (c) Decentralisation of responsibility all down the line. This has been largely achieved in some of the Groups.
- (d) General acceleration of output from Italian MS Branch.
- (e) Prospect of a reasonable career for Regular Officers.

I cannot help feeling that in trying to remodel the character of the standard officer and his outlook upon life, we are trying to move bed rock. How does it feel to lose an Empire, have little prospect of Foreign Service, have perhaps a not too healthy political record and be dependent on arms, uniforms and rations imported from Foreign Nations?

6. ABSORPTION OF ITALIAN UNITS UNDER COMAND NINTH ARMY

These, being very largely Para, Gde, Engns, etc, and already gone in areas where work will continue after Ninth Army have passed to Austrians, should be easily absorbed by 1st Division.

- (b) Low rate of pay.
 - (c) Promotion largely on time basis.
 - (d) Difficulty of disposing of unsuitables and misfits.
- Possible solutions might be :-
- (a) Promotion within W.S. on merit and promotion to pay of higher rank.
 - (b) Revision of rates of pay.
 - (c) Decentralisation of responsibility all down the line. This has been largely achieved in some of the Gruppi.
 - (d) General acceleration of output from Italian MS Branch.
 - (e) Prospect of a reasonable career for Regular Officers.

I cannot help feeling that in trying to remodel the character of the standard officer and his outlook upon life, we are trying to move bed rock. How does it feel to lose an Empire, have little prospect of Foreign Service, have perhaps a not too healthy political record and be dependant on arms, uniform and rations imported from Foreign Nations?

6. ABSORPTION OF ITALIAN UNITS UNDER COMAND SIGHT ARMY

These, being very largely Pns, Gas, Bags, etc. and already come in areas where work will continue after Eighth Army have passed to AUSTRIA, should be easily absorbed by 1 District.

4 POINTS

(e) TRANSPORT

(1)

In General, units w/o Eighth Army have been well catered for; the position when Eighth Army ceases to look after their units will be another story, and many vehs used by ITALIAN units are still on charge to widely scattered British units, too distant for regular maint.

Jeps are to be called in at some future date but with the exception of Cremona Group few units are affected. Load carriers are always in demand but there are few, if any, units below W.E. The distances which now have to be covered make a heavy strain on the slender resources of most service units.

(11)

No opportunity is given to Italian units for the retention of illegal vehicles. A number of Italian Army vehicles will become available to the Italian Army unless the decisions taken at 15 Army Group conference June 60 against normal procedure.

There were in the captured enemy vehicle park at VILLA VINCENTINA on 12 June

Runners

16 load carriers (approx 3-ton)
1 load carrier (10 ton)
1 trailer (large)

Non runners but only small defects

8 load carriers (approx 3-ton)

G(3D) Eighth Army have been asked not to authorise issue to Allied Units of these vehicles while there are German ones available, and until a decision is reached over the final disposal of these Italian Army vehicles.

(111)

There are no IRI-ITI workshops or vehicle parks in Eighth Army Area. In view of the likelihood of cap vehs being handed over in any condition to MILK, it is strongly recommended that both a workshop and efficient vehicle park be allotted to H.Q. Territorial HQ.

(11)

resources of most service units.

No opportunity is given to Italian units for the retention of illegal vehicles. A number of Italian Army vehicles will become available to the Italian Army unless the decisions taken at 15 Army Group conference June 30 against normal procedure.

There were in the captured enemy vehicle park at VILLA VINCENTINA on 12 June 2821

Runners

- 16 lead carriers (approx 3-ton)
- 1 lead carrier (10 ton)
- 1 trailer (large)

Non runners but only small defects

- 8 lead carriers (approx 3-ton)

G(SD) Eighth Army have been asked not to authorize issue to Allied Units of these vehicles while there are German ones available, and until a decision is reached over the final disposal of these Italian Army vehicles.

(111)

There are no ITI-ITI workshops or vehicle parks in Eighth Army Area. In view of the likelihood of cap vchrs being handed over in any condition to MMIA, it is strongly recommended that both a workshop and efficient vehicle park be allotted to No. 5 Territorial Bn.

(b) RATIONS

(i)

There is no difficulty over Allied provided items.

(11)

Wine has been difficult to obtain since units crossed R.P.O but now, owing to sea bpt being available, it is hoped that this shortage will be remedied.

(111)

Soap has been found lacking at times but this is a small problem which can always be put right from this end.

(iv)

The latest cut in cigarettes is naturally not popular but supplies are expected to scale.

Sup pta have changed constantly during the last 6 weeks. At the moment, further changes are not contemplated but when Eighth Army finally moves out of Italy will inevitably be changes.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(1) Clothing is generally satisfactory. If boot repairing tools could be issued it is felt that many units could undertake much of their own boot maintenance. Grindery is usually obtainable either from Orá or from recovered material.

(ii) & (iii) Inspections are being made of all Italian Army Depots located in this area. Information on any items located which are of special interest will be forwarded to MMIA without delay.

The most interesting discovery so far is that of two Italian Army boot factories. They are said to contain sufficient material for the manufacture of 20,000 pairs of boots and employees are available to produce 2,000 pairs weekly. A detailed inspection is being made by Capt Herbert and any further interesting particulars will be forwarded at once.

Meanwhile I would like to know the policy on this 2823 similar discoveries.

Are these former Italian Army factories, depots, hospitals, etc etc to be automatically taken over as IRI-IRI units and controlled by the local Territorial Hqs?

The consignment point for 288 Div is not likely to change again now that ^{it} has been established at Bolo.

(d) ACCOMMODATION AND CAMPS

(1) Demands by the Allies from PADOVA Northwards exclude possibility for the moment of any but small military installations reverting to ITALIAN Army.

(ii) At present NIL. Local adjustment may be made from time to time with Eighth Army.

(e) WELFARE

(1) Canteen at MESTRE opened 8 June will be moved shortly to MOGLIANO VENETO.

of boots and employees are available to produce 2,000 pairs weekly. A detailed inspection is being made by Capt Kerbert and any further interesting particulars will be forwarded at once.

Meanwhile I would like to know the policy on this 2823 similar discoveries.

Are these former Italian Army factories, depots, hospitals, etc etc to be automatically taken over as IRI-IMI units and controlled by the local Territorial HQs?

The consignment point for 228 Div is not likely to change again now that ^{it} has been established at DOLO.

(d) ACCOMMODATION AND CAMPS

(1) Demands by the Allies from PADOVA Northwards exclude possibility for the moment of any but small military installations reverting to ITALIAN Army.

(11) At present NIL. Local adjustment may be made from time to time with Eighth Army.

(e) WELFARE

(1) Canteen at MESTRE opened 8 June will be moved shortly to MUGLIANO VENEZO.

(11) Col Moskos inspected Welfare Installations in VENICE 9 June with Col Passavanti.

(111) Negotiations now in progress with Eighth Army and 228 Div with view to all Welfare and reverting to Gen Tomasselli against the time that Army Rear Bdy moves up to Austrian frontier.

(f) POST

Letters from and to IMs 16, 64 and 217 are cleared through British APCs and flown southward. Any delay in delivery is still beyond the scope of Army.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SECRET

SUBJECT: Liaison for E.O. 12. Period 7 - 21 May.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(H.M.I.A.), R O H E. (5) ✓ 0/53/2Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(H.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq. Eighth Army.

Copy to:

MHA LO, att HQ 228 Div.

MM/118

23 May 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bds.

(i) Rear Army - incl to 8 Army R. BRITA - route 11 -
FUSINA G 6349 w.o.f. 22 May.(ii) Inter Army - no change but extended NORTH of MACHRON
to R. PIAYE incl to S. STEFANO 3 8074 thence
R. PADOLA incl to B 8075 thence up 28222
Northing to AUSTRIAN Frontier.

(b) Disposition of Area/sub Area Hq.

(i) 86 (Army) Area VESICE - runs part transit area at MESTRE
and Rd. Pwd bdy incl 86 (Army)
Area R. TAGLIAMENTO to C 1509
thence WEST along Route 13 incl
to Inter Army bdy.

(ii) 210 Sub Area PAVIA - u/c DISTONE.

(iii) 201 Sub Area UBINE - responsible for Army Rhodod No.
9 w.o.f. 26 May.

(iv) 53 Area TRISSE - operates Port.

(c) Disposition of MHA Loc.

(i) At Rear Eighth Army - GAREN-HUNT and POL. Latter
joined 21 May from PADUA. GARENHUX
left for 52 BIV 11 May.

(ii) At HQ 228 Div - HERBERT.

(d) Disposition of HQ 228 Div.

(i) Adv Hq at UBINE now functioning - deals with units
authorised to be EAST of R. TAGLIAMENTO: Lt. USSO COLONIA

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

- (1) **Inter Army** - Incl to 8 Army R. BRUNIA - route 11 - FUSINA 0 6349 w.e.f. 22 May.
- (11) **Inter Army** - no change but extended NORTH of LONGMERE to R. PIATZ Incl to 8. STREASO B 6674 thence F. PADOLA Incl to 8 6676 thence up 2822 Northing to AUSTRIAN Frontier.
- (b) **Disposition of Area/Sub Area HQ.**
- (1) 96 (Army) Area VENICE - runs port transit area at HESTER and HIL. Fwd bay Incl 86 (Army) Area R. TAGLIAMENTO to 3 1509 thence WEST along Route 13 Incl to Inter Army bay.
- (11) 210 Sub Area PADUA - u/o DISTONE.
- (111) 201 Sub Area UDINE - responsible for Army ahead No. 9 w.e.f. 26 May.
- (17) 55 Area TRIESTE - operates Port.
- (c) **Disposition of AREA LOG.**
- (1) At Rear Eighth Army - JAMES-HUNT and FOX. latter joined 21 May from PADUA. GAZZONI left for 52 BIV 11 May.
- (11) At HQ 228 Div - HERBERT.
- (d) **Disposition of HQ 228 Div.**
- (1) Adv HQ at UDINE now functioning - deals with units authorised to be EAST of R. TAGLIAMENTO: 13. UCC COLOMBA is in liaison between me and Adv HQ.
- (11) Main HQ - PRATO DELLA VALLA, PADUA.
- (111) Rear HQ - CRESNA - to same type u/o Army but SOUTH of R. FO and to look after 228 Div Sub Depot, which must of necessity remain near Army HQ.
- I regret having to ask Gen. TOMASELLI to split his HQ but for many reasons it must be so for the moment.
- (e) **Leon and cap of Combat Ops.**
- (1) CRESNA I.O.G. - ADRIA M 4709 - moves shortly to a post astride Route 14 SOUTH of UDINE u/o 13 Corps in an op role.
- (11) TRIULI I.O.G.) u/o 5 Army - gone w.e.f. 22 May in area
TOMGORE I.O.G.) bounded by VERONA - MANTOVA - LONIGO.
- (111) MANTOVA I.O.G. - passed to 60th AFHQ w.e.f. 14 May.

(2) Futures.

- (1) Main and Rear HQ Eighth Army are at TRICESTIMO C 3754 where they are likely to remain for 2 or 3 weeks.
- (11) 15 Army Gp have recommended to AFHQ that 228 Div should continue to remain w/o Eighth Army until the latter HQ passes from ITALY: 228 Div should then adv Italian type HQ ITALY.
- (111) Army Ahead No. 9 opens UDINE 26 May.

2. ARRIVALS.

Re new arrivals - only mov has been that of units under op cond Eighth Army re-entering Army Area from DISTONE.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 9 May - Rear Army moved to site NORTH of MESTRE on Route 15. Lt. Col. HOWARD arrived.
- 10 " - Capt. HERBERT visited from 26 BLO. To G(ops) with Lt. Col. HOWARD re leave, 106 and 2821 general matters.
- 11 " - To PADOVA to meet Dept POI and 147 pty 228 Div.
- 12 " - To VENICE - Italian Army Welfare.
- 13 " - To UDINE - 228 3 Coy 505 6d Bn and 24 00 PMA.
- 14 " - To VENICE - Italian Army Welfare.
- 15 " - MA & 51 BDE visited on routine.
- 16 " - Visit from 00 228 Pk Op.
- 16 " - Rear Army moved to TRICESTIMO C 3634.
- 20 " - To G(ops) re arrival of 5 Territorial Command UDINE.
- Conference with MAIA LO DISTONE at HQ 228 Div PADOVA re units passing to and from cond Eighth Army and Distone.
- 21 " - Visited 1 LRG re 1051 TK Maint Unit.
- Capt. POI rejoined Rear Army.

4. CHANGES OF COMD

- (a) Attached at Annex A is the latest known sith with reference to Italian units passing from cond Eighth Army to cond DISTONE.
- (b) At the conference held at PADOVA 20 May with Gen FERRER and Capt BUNN, it was decided that
- (1) All units of the Gruppo SOUTH of R. PO should pass from cond 228 Div to 202 Div.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

9 May - Rear Army moved to site NORTH of MESTRE on Route 13.
Lt. Col. HOWARD arrived.
Capt. HERBERT visited from 26 BLD.
10 " - To G(ops) with Lt. Col. HOWARD re leave, 100 and 2821
General matters.
To PABOVA to meet Capt FOX and Adv pty 228 Div.
11 " - To VENEZIA - Italian Army Welfare.
12 " - To UDINE - Gen 3 Coy 505 Gd Bn and 24 00 PMA.
13 " - To VENEZIA - Italian Army Welfare.
14 " - DAA & WAG 51 BLD visited on routine.
15 " - Visit from 00 282 Pk Op.
16 " - Rear Army moved to TRICERINO 0 2634.
17 " - To G(ops) re arrival of 5 Territorial Command UDINE.
20 " - Conference with MIA 10 BLDOME at HQ 228 Div PABOVA
re units passing to and from 228 Div Army and
Discone.
21 " - Visited 1 ABG re 1051 Pk Maint Unit.
Capt. FOX rejoined Rear Army.

4. CHANGES OF COMB

(a) Attached at Appx A is the latest known with reference
to Italian units passing from 228 Div Army to 228 Div.
(b) At the conference held at PABOVA 20 May with Gen FUMASILLA
and Capt BOURNE, it was decided that

- (1) All sub units of the Gruppi SOUTH of 2. re should
pass from 228 Div to 209 Div.
- (11) All units of 228 Div proper remaining under op 228
SOUTH of Army Rear Bdy should remain the
responsibility of 228 Div to avoid change in rates of
pay etc. In the main, those are far 228 Div which are
already being called into Army area.

5. WELFARE

- (a) The a/u Hotels are now functioning in VENEZIA.
(1) MESTRE for 228 - 7 days leave - 228 Div, 20 50
CHERVENA and 20 to 228 Div.
(11) VITTORIA for 228 - day leave - 228 Div attached.
(111) GUARDA MAN, LIDO DI VENEZIA - for 228.
(b) Contents.
(1) Those of IMOLA, CHERVENA and RAYMOND have closed

- 3 -

- (11) 209 DIV are taking over those opened by 228 DIV at FAENZA and FORLI.
 - (111) 228 DIV will continue to admin the Janteen at PERARA although in 1 District Area, and is opening a further one at MESTRE.
 - (iv) An office Hotel is being opened shortly at the Albergo MOPANO, RADOVA.
 - (c) The distribution of LA PATRIA has temporarily broken down in common with other Allied newspapers printed in FLORENCE. Eighth Army News is now printed in VENICE which means that 30 facilities exist to bring publications from FLORENCE. I strongly recommend that arrangements be made to print LA PATRIA (2nd Edition) not further SOUTH than RADOVA.
6. TFR
- (a) Capt MANSBET is now preparing a review with 228 DIV of the tpt airm which appears pretty gloomy in view of the fact that the DIV are still based on No. 1 Repair Unit at FLORENCE which is ²⁸²⁰virtually inaccessible.
 - (b) Equally, vehs released from 228 DIV in 228 DIV, 228 DIV or 228 DIV are extremely hard to collect as movement SOUTH is almost at a standstill; it must be remembered that Div HQ is now some 90 miles NORTH of 228.
 - (c) Italian Army vehs in the hands of Partisans cannot yet be touched as the Partisans in most areas have NOT yet been disbanded and have an op role.
7. PARTISANS
- (a) In VERONA GIULIA there are two Bands still under arms.
 - (1) The OGROPO - Christian Democrats - wear green scarves and have done extremely good work. They are moderate in outlook and pleasant to deal with.
 - (11) The SARIBALDINI - in the main Communists - wear red scarves - broke adrift in the winter 44/45 from the CAPORALI org and joined TITO's 9th SLOVENE Corps to whom they still owe allegiance. This band have absorbed many of TITO's partisans who have changed uniform. TITO is also alleged to have sent chosen men to join their ranks and keep them on the right lines.
 - (111) The old JUGOSLAV irregulars who live on the land, have overruled their objective and are now in the land.

(a) Capt HANDEKAT is now preparing a review with 220 Div of the apt with which appears pretty gloomy in view of the fact that the Div are still based on No. 1 Repair Unit at FLORENCE which is virtually inaccessible. 2820

(b) Equally, vehs released from SVPS in ROME, BARI or NAPLES are extremely hard to collect as movement SOUTH is almost at a standstill; it must be remembered that Div HQ is now some 90 miles NORTH of RM.

(c) Italian Army vehs in the hands of Partisans cannot yet be touched as the Partisans in most areas have NOT yet been disbanded and have an op role.

7. PARTISANS

(a) In VERBAIA GIULIA there are two Bands still under arms.

(1) The COOPRO - Christian Democrats - wear green scarves and have done extremely good work. They are moderate in outlook and pleasant to deal with.

(11) The GARIBOLDINI - in the main Communists - wear red scarves - broke adrift in the winter 44/45 from the GARMINI org and joined TITO's 9th SLOVENIA Corps to whom they still owe allegiance. This band have absorbed many of TITO's partisans who have changed uniform. TITO is also alleged to have sent chosen men to join their ranks and keep them on the right lines.

(111) The odd JUGOSLAV irregulars who live on the land, have overrun their objective and are slow in returning to within their own frontiers.

(b) All three above categories are well provided with German and Italian tpb, weapons and eqpt. They are said to make full use of all Italian Army eqpt that they find and break into the remaining stores to equip themselves further.

(c) As the General policy is for the moment one of laissez faire pending a high level decision on the attitude to be adopted towards Marshal TITO, I can do very little to recover this property for the Italian Army.

Moreover, 5 Territorial Command, whose job it would normally be, can equally do nothing EAST of R. PIAVE as their scope is extremely limited and they are here on sufferance.

(d) We can do little more than persuade O(ops) to put Partisan weapons and depots to sleep and make mental calculations of when as the Partisans are properly disbanded.

8. COMES WITH ROME

(a) The following Air Transport schedule is operative w.e.f. today: passengers are reminded that personal weapons will be carried at all times within Eighth Army Area.

Flight 307

ROME dep 1140
CAMPO FORMIDO arr 1545

Flight 308

CAMPO FORMIDO dep 0810
ROME arr 1215

(b) All times quoted are local.

V DINE

Regimental 2819

Major,
HMA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Afternote

As Rear Army Bdy has again changed and the list of units held is incomplete Appx "A" will be forwarded later.

0370

S E C R E T

SUBJECT: Wilson Log No. 20. Period 30 Apr - 6 May.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (1)

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.),
o/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to:

MMIA LO, Rear 5 Corps.
MMIA LO, Rear 26 BLU.

MM/112

8 May 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bdy.

- (1) Rear Army - R. PO to Inter Army bdy.
(11) Inter Army - LONGARONE B6943 - R. PLAVE incl to 8 Army -
PONTE DELL'ALPI B6733 excl - route 51 incl to VISMADELLO
B 7082 - route 13 incl to TREVISO - route 53 excl to
CITTADILLA G2775 - thence SSW to G1859 - thence SOUTH to
rly at G1856 thence rly excl to P9639 - SOUTH to R. PO
incl, GEMESKILL and CALTO P9804 excl.

(b) Disposition of Area/Sub Area HQs.

2818

- (1) 66 (Army) Area VENICE - responsible for all territory
between R. PO and R. BRENTA, for VENICE and for 8 Army
Rdhead MESTRE.
(11) 210 Sub Area FORLI - standing by to take over VENICE from
66 (Army) Area.
(111) 201 Sub Area FERRARA - fwd bdy is R. ADIGE - responsible
for FERRARA under direction and adm comd DISTONE, op
comd 8 Army. Standing by for UDINE.
(1v) 55 Area standing by for Port Duties TRIESTE, by courtesy
of Marshal TITO.

(c) Disposition of MMIA LOs.

- (1) At Rear Eighth Army :- GAREN-HUNT and OAKDAUX, the latter
until I can find a way to set him across to 52 BH. An
Italian LO from 288 Div is also with us for liaison
backward.
(11) At Rear 5 Corps :- POI - responsible for Army Area to R. PO
incl - will presently leave 5 Corps and be attached to
convenient HQ in PADOVA.
(111) At Rear 26 BH (POLCORPS) :- HERBERT - responsible for
tying up loose ends with Main HQ DISTONE (FORLI) and 288
Div (CESMA). The bulk of 288 Div is now in and likely
to remain in DISTONE. HERBERT will attach himself to Main
HQ DISTONE on leaving 26 BH.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

2818

(11) Inter Army - IONCARONE 36943 - R. PLAVE incl to 8 Army - PONTE DELL'ALPI 36753 excl - route 51 incl to VISMABELLO B 7082 - route 13 incl to TREVISO - route 53 excl to CITTADELLA 62775 - thence SSN to G1859 - thence SOUTH to rly at G1856 thence rly excl to F9639 - SOUTH to R. PO incl. GEMESELLI and CALTO F9304 excl.

(b) Disposition of Area/Sub Area HQs.

- (i) 86 (Army) Area VENICE - responsible for all territory between R. PO and R. BRENTA, for VENICE and for 8 Army - RAdhead MESTRE.
- (ii) 210 Sub Area FORLI - standing by to take over VENICE from 86 (Army) Area.
- (iii) 201 Sub Area FERRARA - fwd bdy is R. ADIGE - responsible for FERRARA under direction and adm comd DISTONE, op comd 8 Army. Standing by for UDINE.
- (iv) 55 Area standing by for Port Duties TRIESTE, by courtesy of Marshal TITO.

(c) Disposition of MMIA LOs.

- (i) At Rear Eighth Army :- CAREW-HUNT and CAZEAUX, the latter until I can find a way to get him across to 52 BIJ. An Italian LO from 228 Div is also with us for liaison backward.
- (ii) At Rear 5 Corps :- FOX - responsible for Army Area to R. PO incl - will presently leave 5 Corps and be attached to convenient HQ in PADOVA.
- (iii) At Rear 26 BIJ (POLCORPS) :- HERBERT - responsible for tying up loose ends with Main HQ DISTONE (FORLI) and 228 Div (CESENA). The bulk of 228 Div is now in and likely to remain in DISTONE. HERBERT will attach himself to Main HQ DISTONE on leaving 26 BIJ.

(d) Disposition of HQ 228 Div.

- (i) Adv HQ ROVIGO.
- (ii) Main HQ CESENA.
- (iii) Rear HQ PESARO.

Accon in PADOVA is now being received by FOX for Main HQ 228 Div in case it is practicable to move up. Eighth Army have put a ban on all but urgent maint traffic NORTH of R. PO and HQ tpt is yet available to lift up HQ 228 Div. Future plans for the emp of ITALIAN tps in NE ITALY are still vague, but it seems clear that the bulk of tps will remain SOUTH of R. PO.

(e) Loan and emp of Combat Gps.

- (i) CREMONA ICG - ADRIA M 4709.
- (ii) PRIULI ICG - DOZZA M 1132.
- (iii) FOLGORE ICG - M 2227.

/No firm decision...

No firm decision yet made on future emp of the Gruppi; for the moment it is certain they will remain where they are under cp comd Eighth Army, edm comd DISTONE.

(f) Futures

- (i) Polcorps and 10 Corps remain in Army res pending disposal.
- (ii) Main and Rear Hq Eighth Army join 9 May at G6262. Next move for both probably to UDINE where I shall accompany them and stay temporarily after they cross to AUSTRIA.
- (iii) Rear Army bdy is likely to bound as follows :-
R. PO - R. ADIGE - R. PIAVE. Traffic is strictly controlled and checks into Army are more easily held at river bds.
- (iv) Eighth Army RdHnd opens MESTRE G6257 9 May. Army RH remains PAVIA till further notice.

2. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

517 Line Sec

FERRARA v/o Eighth Army Sigs.

(b) Rfts - NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- | | | | |
|-------|---|---|------|
| 1 May | - | To Gfops), G(SD) and AAG Main Army re patmdts, leave and futures. | 2817 |
| 2 " | - | Step up to MONTE SANTO. | |
| 3 " | - | Rear Hq to MONTE SANTO. | |
| 4 " | - | Gen. TOMASELLI visited. | |
| | - | To FERRARA Soldiers' Club. | |
| | - | OC Brit Csdre, 262 Peak Tpt Gp visited on routine business. | |
| 5 " | - | To 162 and 134 Pnr Coys. | |
| | - | Welfare Conference with Col PASSAVANTI and Welfare Army. | |

4. SUPS

- (a) 7,120,000 MILIT and 800,000 COMMUNE cigarettes have arrived at 6 BSD and were ready for collection w.e.f. 5 May.
- (b) Maint of all tps Eighth Army SOUTH of R. BRENTA will be carried by 8 and 10 Ind Divs w.e.f. 9 May as under :-

- (1) 8 Ind Div - units between R. BRENTA and R. PO - Sup and

Army RH remains PANDA till further notice.

2. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

517 Line Sec

FERRARA u/c Eighth Army SIGS.

(b) Rfts - NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 2817
- | | | |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 May | - | To G(ops), G(SD) and AAG Main Army re patmits, leave and futures. |
| 2 " | - | Step up to MONTE SANTO. |
| 3 " | - | Rear HQ to MONTE SANTO. |
| 4 " | - | Gen. TOMASELLI visited. |
| | | To FERRARA Soldiers' Club. |
| | | CO Brit Cadre, 252 Paok Tpt Gp visited on routine business. |
| 5 " | - | To 162 and 134 Pnr Coys. |
| | | Welfare Conference with Col PASSAVANTI and Welfare Army. |

4. SUPS

(a) 7,120,000 MILIT and 800,000 COMMUNE cigarettes have arrived at 6 BSD and were ready for collection w.e.f. 5 May.

(b) Maint of all tys Eighth Army SOUTH of R. BRENTA will be carried by 8 and 10 Ind Divs w.e.f. 9 May as under :-

- | | |
|------|---|
| (i) | 8 Ind Div - units between R. BRENTA and R. PO - Sup and Pet pts in both PADOVA and RACCANO. |
| (ii) | 10 Ind Div - units between R. PO and route 9 - Sup and Pet pts in both racecourse FERRARA and 27 IMA VIGARANO M 0286. |

5. CLOTHING AND BAPT

- (a) KD is authorised to be worn w.e.f. today 8 May.
- (b) Capt HERBERT will contact HQ 228 Div to find out deficiencies of KD in 228 Div Sub Depot due to despatch of certain bales of BD in lieu.
- (c) Ord Rear Army has ordered 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD to consign 15,000 Bushnets to 228 Div Sub Depot, and also released 400 flit guns to them from 4 CBD, FLORENCE.

6. COURSES

- (a) Subalterns Course at 806 Transit Camp has been temporarily suspended owing to difficulty of comm.

/(b).....

(b) School of Cookery, FORLI - Courses continue, but direction of School has been handed over to DISTONE.

(c) Hygiene Courses: OO, 11 Fd Hyg Sec has reported briefly as follows on 12 courses held during Apr.

(1)

	<u>Allotted</u>	<u>Attended</u>
OREMONA	126	114
FRIULI	96	89
FOLGORE	-	4
228 Div	32	8
	264	215

(11) Great majority of students showed intelligent interest and it was considered that the course was well worth giving.

(111) Special praise due to the interpreters. Major IN ²⁸⁴6 Lt. BROTTTO and Sgt GALLORINI. Lt. BROTTTO (unit NOT stated but presumably a doctor) was outstanding in his ability to lecture, interpret and in his general enthusiasm.

7. WELFARE

(a) Col PASSAVANTI now lives with Welfare. Rear Army and will so remain until Army crosses to AUSTRIA.

(b) Recoes are now being made of an Offrs and ORs Leave Hotel for Italian tps in VENICE.

(c) The sudden move upset the distribution of LA PATRIA but we have been in contact with A(Pubs) and the new delivery should be satisfactory.

(d) (1) Tps may now go on leave as far as R. PO and EAST of line PARMA - LA SPEZIA, both towns incl.

(11) Recoe parties from Gruppi and 228 Div of a limited size and number may now visit towns up to line VENICE - PADOVA - VICENZA - VERONA - BRESCIA - MILANO - TORINO - GENOVA, all towns incl, to enquire into safety and health of families. I am happy about the ability of Gruppi to do this but feel that 228 Div will find it more difficult owing to limitations of tpt. Pnr Coys are already making use of the scheme; 228 Div must pool their problems with the Gruppi.

it was considered that the course was well worth giving.

(iii) Special praise due to the interpreters, Major IN 2846 Lt. BROTO and Sgt GALLORINI. Lt. BROTO (unit NOT stated but presumably a doctor) was outstanding in his ability to lecture, interpret and in his general enthusiasm.

WELFARE

(a) Col PASSAVANTI now lives with welfare. Rear Army and will so remain until Army crosses to AUSTRIA.

(b) Reccees are now being made of an Ofprs and O2s Leave Hotel for Italian tps in VENICE.

(c) The sudden move upset the distribution of LA PATRIA but we have been in contact with A(Pubs) and the new delivery should be satisfactory.

(d) (i) Tps may now go on leave as far as R. PO and EAST of line PARMA - LA SPEZIA, both towns incl.

(ii) Recce parties from Gruppi and 228 Div of a limited size and number may now visit towns up to line VENICE - PADOVA - VICENZA - VERONA - BRESCIA - MILANO - TORINO - GENOVA, all towns incl, to enquire into safety and health of families. I am happy about the ability of Gruppi to do this but feel that 228 Div will find it more difficult owing to limitations of tpt. Pnr Coys are already making use of the scheme; 228 Div must pool their problems with the Gruppi.

8. Territorial HQ Layout

(a) Permission has been obtained for est of all HQs and Depots of 6 Territorial HQ (BOLOGNA) falling in Eighth Army area.

(b) I have put a request to GSI(b) for similar authority for the components of 5 Territorial HQ (UDINE), but think that there may be some delay: VENEZIA GIULIA is certainly "out" for the time being.

9. PARTISANS AND PATRIOTS

(a) G(Ops) have informed AFHQ that it is undesirable to induct 28 Garibaldi Bde and LIBERO's Band into the Army as Recce Bns and have requested cancellation of the application.

(b) The next problem is to achieve satisfactory disposal of the MAIELLA and F Recce Bn whose task is over and who would form restless elements in a peacetime Army.

Rgt. commandant

Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Subject: - Wagon box no. 17 - Period 1 - 12 Mar 40.

[illegible]

Land Forces Sub Comm. 43.
(M.M.I.A.). R O H 3. (3)

2. Abstract

(4) Unit

252	Pack 7th Gr
266	Pack 8th Gr
267	Pack 9th Gr
268	Pack 10th Gr
269	Pack 11th Gr

10. Coy
133 I. + 10 near Coy
184 I.

(b) 2250

2 Mar	-	358	2hr	rite	ex	APRA
3/4 Mar	-	22	1hr	struggle		
5 Mar	-	59	2hr	rite	ex	APRA
4 Mar	-	440	ex	HASSEN		
9 Mar	-	40	ex	THANI		
9 Mar	-	60	ex	APRAGOLA		
10 Mar	-	149	ex	POSSO	antons	
11 Mar	-	11	ex	THANI		
12 Mar	-	8	ex	APRAGOLA		

2. 10755

156 I. P. Coy.
203
207
208
209
211
Hq. I Bn/405 Inf Regt.
201 I. P. Coy.
Hq. 513 Gd Bn.
I Coy 513 Gd Bn.
2

[illegible]

out of about 240 to 300 C.C.s.

police officer

100

G. H. W. J. A.

100

III

1000

© 1997 WILEY-LISS

1000

100

1. *Clasificación*

1.10

1100

0.9

770938

Author's address: Department of Mathematics, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92037, U.S.A.
E-mail: shashank@ucsd.edu

THE DIRECTOR
OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

5 Army Ave.

4238 LEE ET AL.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

14 Mar - Conference on welfare with Gen. ZAKARULLI, ADAMS, Lt. Col. ALI SHARI and Col. PARAHADZHI of 328 Div.

4. SUPS

(a) We are still trying to obtain anthy from AFHQ for extra 10 crates of salt for bakeries. Anthy received through MILIA is not considered sufficient for them to take action on.

(b) In the Army area extra 10 tons of olive oil and nuts are not being issued in view of the "Alexander Incident" having been extended to 1 Apr. I have explained that an additional 2 1/2 oil will make the difference between one and two hot meals daily and the subject is being re-opened.

(c) With the arrival of 4 1/2 million MILIT at 6 BSB on 13 Mar, and the collection during the period of a box 400,000 from BARI by 328 Div I think the situation during March for all types here will be sound. 328 Div are now collecting 281 1/2 6 BSB and preparing to distribute to all concerned.

(d) Local Resources Board are unable to help Italian type to spend the daily 20 lire for improving the ration, consequently only types who benefit are those in the hills on route 67 where a certain amount is available for small unit purchases.

5. CLOTHING AND SHIRTS

(a) Releases from PARAHADZHI collected by rd and rail 2 and 3 Mar were partly robbed of their value by the fact that shirts were retained for dyeing and that no socks were supplied. Information has since been received that shirts are being despatched undyed.

(b) The additional 12,000 pairs of new boots which AFHQ are shortly to release are eagerly awaited.

(c) News of the arrival of LP is also awaited; the can has already reached sufficient heat to make the green dye run in certain cases and units of 328 Div will be glad to know that LP is actually on the way to their depot.

(d) Gen. ZAKARULLI has come by a large quantity of Republican khaki material which he is having made locally into handkerchiefs. Estimated production - 4,000 within two days and a further 3,000 in due course. This local production will solve a problem of supply which Gen.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

to oil will be the subject is being re-opened.

With the arrival of 44 million Lira at 6 PM on 12 Mar, and the collection during the period of approx 400,000 from Bari by 288 Div I think the situation during March for all the here will be sound. 288 Div are now collecting 281 1/2 Lira and preparing to distribute to all concerned.

- (a) Local Resources Board are unable to help Italian to spend the daily 20 lire for improving the ration, consequently only the benefit are those in the hills on route 67 where a certain amount is available for small unit purchases.

6. CLOTHING AND SHIRT

- (a) Releases from TRANSMISSIONS collected by rd and rail 2 and 3 Mar were partly robbed of their value by the fact that shirts were retained for dyeing and that no socks were supplied. Information has since been received that shirts are being despatched undyed.

- (b) The additional 12,000 pairs of new boots which AFHQ are shortly to release are eagerly awaited.

- (c) Some of the arrival of LD is also awaited; the sun has already reached sufficient heat to make the green dye run in certain cases and units of 288 Div will be glad to know that LD is actually on the way to their depot.

- (d) Gen. TOMASELLI has come by a large quantity of Republican khaki material which he is having made locally into handkerchiefs. Estimated production - 4,000 within two days and a further 3,000 in due course. This local production will solve a problem of supply which Gen. TOMASELLI brought up to Brigadier STAFFER as a matter of necessity in the Gruppi.

- (e) I am asking 288 Div to make an immediate survey of the tents and mosquito net situation. Ideally, I would be glad to know availability of these items from base so that Army may have a preview of their commitments to service troops.

- (f) CO. British Cadre, 258 Troop Tps CP recently up from PONSOMMONE, has made it clear that his boys received a poor allotment of clothing and spent attention from 207 Div; they are reported to be in need of towels, socks, new boots and other articles. In view of the well stocked position of 288 Div Depot and the further quantities of clothing shortly to arrive, no difficulty is anticipated in providing these (except, perhaps, most important items - socks wool). I feel, however, that it would be more satisfactory if units alerted for ops. have to march forward into the operational area were properly fitted out before departure from the training camp.

The question of the 1st responsibility of personnel has been raised on several occasions recently. May all concerned be informed that 208 Div is fully responsible for this Centre?

6. RPT8

(a) The fortnightly air demand system which started on 10 Mar has given 228 Div considerable trouble, not from the point of view of collecting information which they should have in any case, but from the aspect of having to produce yet another periodical return whose dimensions are astronomical. Tremendous clerical energy is involved and together with the other returns which they have to produce tends to make a small staff relapse in the business of producing paper rather than get out into the country and visit units.

The following queries have arisen from the publication of the first copy; I should be glad of clarification: **2813**

(i) Should 228 and 229 units not be shown as figures and let 228 Div with Branch concerned concentrate on the best breakdown below that as and when rpts actually arrive?

(ii) Many columns are now devoted to specialists: could these not be shown in an Appendix?

(iii) Could not III-III units be shown at the bottom of the page, so that the picture for the Div as a whole is clear, and the III-III units concerned acted on only by those who deal with it. Present distribution is full enough to include them.

(b) Drafts. Considerable confusion arises when drafts arrive, sometimes in bits and pieces, or less than strength signalled.

I suggest that each draft be given a Serial No. at base and that this Serial No. together with their classification (Plans, Maps or Screens, etc.) be used and emphasized throughout their journey up. Then both 228 Div and ourselves will know for whom they are intended.

7. REMARKS

(a) Several conferences have been held on Wolfram during the past period, the upshot being that Gen. TALASSIA has discussed fully and frankly with Brig. STARKS the local situation. With the approval of the Army Comd, Brig. STARKS is determined that...

2813

(1) should but and engr unite not be shown as a picture and let 328 Div with Branch concerned concentrate on the best breakdown below that as and when rite actually arrive?

(11) Many columns are now devoted to specialists: could these not be shown in an Appendix?

(111) Could not IRI-IRI units be shown at the bottom of the page, so that the picture for the Div as a whole is clear, and the IRI-IRI units concerned acted on only by those who deal with it. Present distribution is full enough to isolate them.

(b) Drafts. Considerable confusion arises when drafts arrive, sometimes in bits and pieces, or less than strength signalled

I suggest that each draft be given a Serial No. at once and that this Serial No. together with their classification (Engrs, Engrs or Engrs, etc.) be used and emphasized throughout their journey up. Then both 328 Div and ourselves will know for whom they are intended.

7. WELFARE

(a) Several conferences have been held on welfare during the past period, the upshot being that Gen. RAMSALL has discussed fully and frankly with Brig. STANLEY the local situation. With the approval of the Army Board, Brig. STANLEY is determined that with locally recruited female enterprisers, Gen. RAMSALL's present org will sweep forward with the spring offensive and rapidly get itself up in whatever direction we advance. Gen. RAMSALL is fully in the picture and has full details of a scheme which he will discuss with ADAMS, MIA.

(b) Routine Welfare shows, concerts, etc. carry on as before.

8. DISCIPLINE

(a) Four officers of the PAULI, incl two CO. AD, are accused of black market activity and illegal disposal of WD rations. SIB now investigating.

(b) Considerable indignation in IRI is too evident when a soldier of the PAULI was sentenced to only 30 months death on being found guilty of throwing a bomb at an Allied soldier.

(a) Reports from CWP on Traffic offenses and from 783 on illegal movement in forward areas continue to arrive in normal numbers.

(d) A clash between Italians of 806 Permitt Camp and Indians on 12 Mar resulted in one killed on either side and the wounding of two GIs.

(e) Full details of above will be forwarded in monthly Security Reports.

9. COURSES

The following courses excel those purely for IOs are being held :-

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| (a) Water Duties | under arrangements 84 (Army) Area. | |
| (b) Hygiene | " | Med. Army. |
| (c) Vehicle Maint | " | P. A. Army. |

2812

Of ten officers who recently attended aalaria Refresher Course at 8 Mai 24 Lab, ANJONA, only one has received an unfavourable report.

10. GENERAL

(a) Capt. HENRY has been attached since 7 Mar to 86 B23. At Reer 2 Polish Corps with the assignment of looking after Italian Units with Polcorps and PAULI I.C.C.

(b) There is always room at MIA Rear Army for visiting officers from HQ whom we should be delighted to see if anyone has a few spare days to visit this area. A daily plane service is now in operation between ROMA and FORLI as under :-

Flight 284	Flight 285
Leaves ROMA 0905	Leaves FORLI 1140
Arrives FORLI 1045	Arrives ROMA 1325

By L. C. ...

(b) Hygiene " " Med. Army.
 (c) Vehicle Maint " " P L. Army.

2812

Of ten officers who recently attended aalaria refresher course at 8 mai P4 Lab, Arizona, only one has received an unfavorable report.

10. GENERAL

- (a) Capt. HANBURY has been attached since 7 Mar to 26 HLL. att Rear 2 Polish Corps with the assignment of looking after Italian Units with Police and PRIOLI I.O.O.
- (b) There is always room at HLLA Rear Army for visiting officers from HQ whom we should be delighted to see if anyone has a few spare days to visit this area. A daily plane service is now in operation between ROMA and FORLI as under :-

Flight 264	Flight 265
Leaves ROMA 0905	Leaves FORLI 1140
Arrives FORLI 1045	Arrives ROMA 1325

By Carantini

Major,
HLLA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: - Liaison Com No. 16. Period 21 - 28 Feb 45. G(53) - 2

→ a/c

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AD,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Highways Army,
UN/114
1 Ser 65.

5313

Land Forces Sub Comm, AD,
(M.M.I.A.), R 2 M 3.

1. Arrivals

(a) Units

429 2d Comp
519 2d Comp
515 6d Bn

Basico VI Comando
Territoriale
518 8th 6d Bn

(b) Staff (less Combat Fps)

224 1st-1st

MISANO
Still in 55 Transit Camp.
H. and 1 Coy BASICO, 1 Coy
CATTOLICA, 1 Coy MISANO
1 Coy to 1st Corps.

MISANO
CHINQUA I.C.C.

2811

posted to 517 6d Bn 91
515 6d Bn 65
505 6d Bn 65
515 6d Bn 65
489 1st-1st 5 specialists

One 4th 55 Transit Comp
242 2nd 1st
H. 406 2nd Regt
510 2nd Coy

255th 2d
242nd 6d
5.30VIA to
CHINQUA I.C.C. to VILLA VERDE.

2. Future change of command

H. 51 2d 6d, 3, 4, 7,
14 and 250 2d 2d Coys from u/c 6 Army to u/c 5 Army. 15

4. Visits and Conferences

21 Feb - Visited 203, 207 and 208 Italian 2nd Corps.
22 Feb - To CHINQUA I.C.C., 51 5.1.1.1. and 5 Corps to

229 7d Hosp
219 7d Hosp
213 6d BR
Still in 68 Transit Camp.
R. and 1 Coy 229th, 1 Coy
GARRISON, 1 Coy 229th, 2811
1 Coy to 12 Corps.

229 7d Hosp
219 7d Hosp
213 6d BR

(b) 229th (less Combat Tps)

229 7d Hosp

posted to 217 6d BR 21
216 6d BR 21
205 6d BR 21
222 6d BR 21
499 125th 5 Spool. Lists

2. Moves

One 229 7d Hosp
242 7d Hosp
242 7d Hosp
242 7d Hosp
242 7d Hosp

3. Future change of bond

24 21 7d Hosp, 3, 4, 7,
24 and 250 7d Hosp from 4/3 8 Army to 4/3 5 Army. 10 12

4. Visits and conferences

21 Feb - Visited 203, 207 and 208 Italian Air Corps.
22 Feb - To 203, 207 and 208 Italian Air Corps.
24 Feb - Welfare, position of 15 301 21 21st, 211 21st
and General routine.
25 Feb - Conference at 203 7d Hosp with 203 7d Hosp
26 Feb - 211 21st - 211 21st - 211 21st
27 Feb - Opening of Italian provision.
28 Feb - Opening of convalescent home, Villa Di VERNICCHIO.
also present 203 7d Hosp (Army) 203 7d Hosp, 203 7d Hosp
Conference at 203 7d Hosp - matters relating to
partisans and patriots.
Conference at 203 7d Hosp on 4/3 material provisions.
Visited 203 7d Hosp printing of 4/3 material posters in
Italian and general publicity campaign.

0 3 8 6

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/RND No. 785020

Salerno

(a) I have effected a reconciliation between the Italian and the 51st Div. It is now clearly understood by both parties that the 51st Div. is here to coordinate matters in the whole Army area and has equal responsibilities to both I.I.C. and 228 Div. The Colonel is at a conference in Florence at the moment. On his return, he will set up his org in the 228 Div. He has no clerks but has doubtless asked for them through Italian channels in Florence.

(b) The 228 Div has obtained sixteen Italian films from P.M. for the months of March and April. He intends to show them at cinemas each side of Route 9 each month and then switch them over.

(c) La Parria has arrived. Eighth Army News bring it and 2810 from P.M. arriving in this area in the early hours of morning. It is subdivided into bundles, on N.M. distribution, at various Allied units on the front and thence collected by adjacent Italian units and so broken down. Each I.I.C. get 2,000 copies daily while 228 Div receive a similar proportion.

(d) P.M. have cleverly raised morale by printing "Special Edition for" at the back of each copy of the Corriere. So each man, though receiving identical copies, thinks it has been specially printed for them.

(e) Highlight of welfare this week has been the concession by AFM of toothpaste and shaving soap to I.I.C. I shall not be satisfied until the issue is extended to include service troops, or until sufficient supplies of barbers kits become available for their unit barbers.

6. Calling forward of units

The arrival of 429 and 519 PD Hospitals was unexpected as Army had not called them forward. The result is that 51 PD Hosp is still in 56 Transit Camp, those being literally no such elsewhere for it. has 10/7

7. Med & Hyg

(a) 5000 is much happier about the Med situation and pays frequent visits to both PD and 51st Hospitals with Col 3000. has 10/7

(b) 228 Div now administer those 51st Hospitals which are still units of I.I.C.

2810

(c) La Teoria has arrived. Eighth Army Mess bring in messes of food from 200000, arriving in this area in the early hours of morning. It is sub-divided into messes, on 1000000's distribution, at various filled units on the circuit and then collected by adjacent I. 1000000 units and so broken down. Each I.O.G. get 2,000 copies daily while 228 Div receive a similar proportion.

(d) F.S.B. have cleverly raised morale by printing "Special Edition for" at the head of each copy of the Corriere. So each can, though receiving identical copies, thinks it has been specially printed for them.

(e) Highlights of welfare this week has been the commission by 228 Div of toothpaste and shaving soap to I.O.G. I shall not be satisfied until the issue is extended to include service tps, or until sufficient supplies of barbers kits become available for their unit barbers.

6. Calling forward of units

The arrival of 429 and 519 74 Hospitals was unexpected as Army had not called them forward. The result is that 519 74 Hosp is still in 68 Transit Camp, there being literally no room elsewhere for it. ben 10/7

7. Med & Hyg

(a) There is much happier about the Med situation and says frequent visits to both 74 and 228 Hospitals with Col SUTHERLAND. ben 10/7

(b) 228 Div now administer those 228 Hospitals which are tail units of I.O.G.

(c) 429 74 Hosp has been nominated as VD Hospital, consequently Croceroesine rounded for it are being placed elsewhere, by arrangement between Med and 228 HLMXI.

(d) Capt MBLXI, VD Specialist, has arrived and is temporarily attached to 14 7422 for 178.

(e) Two MGS of 228 Div will attend 2 day refresher course on Malaria at 200000 early in Nov and then tour the Crappi on a short lecture course with La BELLINI of 6 Mob Mal Lab prior to becoming responsible for A/Malaria prevention and hygiene in 228 Div.

(f) I have invited units to submit designs for A/Malaria posters which F.S.B. have undertaken to print.

8. Discipline

The slowness of the Italian in dealing with cases for Court Martial has been well known for some while. It is quite evident that each Adm Div should have a Tribunale Militare resident with it to look after the speedy dispensation of justice. Today, it was only with difficulty that the Tribunale visiting CASERNA from ROMA was persuaded to stay a day or two longer to deal with a member of the PRIULI who had thrown a bomb at a New Zealander.

A Branch Main Army are putting the suggestion up through **2809** Staff Channels.

9. Patriots

Patriots in this area are excellent types and the Group are anxious to absorb all they can, but the flow of ill-trained rfts from CASERNO (350 of which were four days ago refused admittance into the PRIULI by Gen SCARFILL) has caused a glut.

Again through Staff Channels, I think that very shortly a proposal will be put up recommending :-

- (a) the resumption of 5% extra strength.
- (b) the formation of a trg bn either directly behind each I.O.G. or in 58 Transit Camp, PASARO, which could easily be expanded.
- (c) the employment on this task of a proportion of officers now held surplus to U.S. in the I.O.Gs.

10. General

(a) Capt E. Herbert reported for duty 28 Feb. He is staying here at Army for a day or two to 'learn the form' before going to either 5 or Polish Corps.

(b) Capt V. Thrupp left RAYMONA 28 Feb en route for CAPUA as escort to 60 odd patriot watermen enrolled for special duty and training at S.M.A. via GAVIETO. He is going on to SARLES with 5 x 5 tonners to load up with clothing and return via RC ROMA.

9. Patriots

Patriots in this area are excellent types and the Grappi are anxious to absorb all they can, but the flow of ill-trained rifs from 022430 (250 of which were four days ago refused admittance into the FRMLI by Gen SCARILLI) has caused a glut.

Again through staff channels. I think that very shortly a proposal will be put up recommending :-

- (a) the resumption of 5% extra strength.
- (b) the formation of a trg bn either directly behind each I.C.G. or in 58 Transit Camp, 222430, which could easily be expanded.
- (c) the employment on this task of a proportion of rifles now held surplus to A.S. in the I.C.G.

10. General

(a) Capt P. Herbert reported for duty 28 Feb. He is staying here at Army for a day or two to 'learn the form' before going to either 5 or Polish Corps.

(b) Capt V. Thrupp left KAVSMA 28 Feb en route for CAPUA as escort to 66 odd patriot antermen enrolled for special duty and training at S.M.I. via ORVIZIO. He is going on to KARLES with 5 x 3 tonnes to load up with clothing and return via RM MUIA.

B. J. Laurent

Major,
MUIA 10, Rear eighth Army.

SECRET

REMARKS: - Mission Log No. 15. 1 - 31 Feb 48.

Adison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AG,
(M.A.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

RM/111

21 Feb 48.

Land Forces Sub Comm, AG,
(M.A.I.A.), R O H A.

1. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

S Adv Depot Med Stores
180 Wireless Security Sqd
514 Mine Co
220 Tread Shop
222 Tread Shop

RIMINI
MCHICAGO
VERMONT
JESSE
KALO

2808

(b) Items

126 RLY Corps
118 Para
15 Specialists
30 Dvr
44 Med

for 12 RLY MGR M.
for 237, 236 and 241 RMR Coys.
for 1001 C.F. Coy.
for 291 and 292 Pz Bn.

2. MOVES

203 RMR Coy
518 " "
238 " "
164 " "

RIMINI to
S. ANGELO to
SAVIGNO to
VIGOR to

3. VISITS AND JOINT VENTURES

1 Feb - to 50 BLD on routine visit.
4 Feb - Conference with Col SCALAS in FIDELITY.
7 Feb - Conference with Col SCALAS at Rear Army on
Maintenance of Partisans and Restrictions.
- to 50 BLD with Col SCALAS - visited detainees in
FORL and CESSA.
- Major KESGIA arrived at Rear Army.
- Accompanied Col SCALAS to see Gen FALASCHI.
- Conference with DMS Eighth Army.
- visited CESSA Sub-Depot, 292 Pz Bn, 215 and
238 Pz Coys.
11 Feb - to 51 BLD and Partisan Camps NAYADA.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(b) After

136 117 more } for 13 117 more M.
 116 more } for 237, 238 and 341 M. Coy.
 15 specialists } for 1001 0.2.007.
 30 Dvrs }
 44 Med } for 291 and 292 16 Hosp.

2. MOVES

205 M. Coy	to	205 M. Coy	to
216 "	to	216 "	to
238 "	to	238 "	to
164 "	to	164 "	to

3. VISITS AND INTERVIEWS

1 Feb	-	to 50 BLD on routine visit.
4 Feb	-	Conference with Col HODGES in PLOMBO.
7 Feb	-	Conference with Col HODGES at Rear Army on point of Partisans and Patriots.
-	-	to 50 BLD with Col HODGES - visited Cantons in PLOMBO and PLOMBO.
-	-	Major HODGES arrived at Rear Army.
8 Feb	-	Accompanied Col HODGES to see Gen. PLOMBO.
-	-	Conference with PLOMBO Eighth Army.
-	-	visited PLOMBO Sub-Depot, 292 16 Hosp. 116 and 238 M. Coy.
11 Feb	-	to 51 BLD and Partisan Centre PLOMBO.
12 Feb	-	Visit of Maj-Gen JABOIS. Inspector General of Army Welfare Overseas and 316 M. Coy. PLOMBO. Welfare Conference and visit to Gen. PLOMBO and PLOMBO Canton.
14 Feb	-	to 2 PLOMBO, 26 BLD and 50 BLD on passing of PLOMBO I.L.C. to under road 2 PLOMBO.
16 Feb	-	HRH from Prince PLOMBO and Col PLOMBO arrived.
17 Feb	-	Accompanied HRH to PLOMBO Group and 51 BLD.
18 Feb	-	Patriots Day - local parades and evening concert.

Daily liaison with 238 BLD has been maintained to deal with routine administrative matters of minor nature.

Inter-branch liaison has been confined in the main to the following points:-

- G(201) 11 of M. 228 BLD and 299 PLOMBO. Provision of 116.
- G(211) 11 of M. 228 BLD and 299 PLOMBO. Provision of 116.
- G(211) 11 of M. 228 BLD and 299 PLOMBO. Provision of 116.

- RE Provision of 80 skilled workmen from Army area for
try at this camp and formation of unit there on 15
Army of 82.

- G Set up for HQ 826 Div to deal with 100 L of 1 and
tail unit.

- 82 See paras 4 - 9 below.

4. SUPP

Now ration scale has come at an extremely ill-timed moment
and has been referred to the Army Comd. Now that three Grappi
are under comd, the General view is that it is most unwise to
continue altering a scale which has never been stable for more
than a few months at a time. The arguments that the new scale
is nevertheless generous, has been laid down by 10 of 3 or 4
by world shortages seems little to the front line soldier who knows
that his treatment differs very considerably from that of his
Allied neighbour who dodges the same scale.

The Grappi refer to Field Marshal Alexander's address to the
Italian Generals with a tinge of irony.

The Germans are wise to the situation and propaganda shells
recently shot at 1/31 Inf Regt contained pamphlets which alleged
that it was the intention of the Allies "to starve the Italian Army."
I have called for copies of these pamphlets and will forward them
later.

The recent increase of the ration allowance from 5 to 10 lire
per head daily is of doubtful benefit, for at present we haven't
located sufficient local produce for the whole allowance to be
spent. I am trying to get local resources and will forward them
later.

5. CIGARETTES

Allies still arrive sporadically with the result that the
normal soldier smokes only his five ration cigarettes daily and
what he can find on the black market or beg from the Allies.
The Ministry of War sent out a circular at the beginning of the
month inferring that W.S.F. 1 Feb there would be 10 free cigarettes
daily; we have explained the true situation and the temporary
disappointment has been dispelled.

826 Div received consignment of 1000 at the end of January and
are all right for the moment.

The Gruppi refer to Field Marshal Alexander's address to the Italian Generals with a tinge of irony.

The Germans are wise to the situation and propaganda shells recently shot at I/21 Inf Regt contained pamphlets which alleged that it was the intention of the Allies "to starve the Italian Army." I have called for copies of these pamphlets and will forward them later.

The recent increase of the ration allowance from 5 to 20 lire per head daily is of doubtful benefit, for at present we haven't located sufficient local produce for the whole allowance to be spent. I am trying to get local Resources made to help.

5. CIGARETTES

Illite still arrive sporadically with the result that the normal soldier smokes only his five ration cigarettes daily and that he can find on the Black Market or beg from the Allies. The Ministry of War sent out a circular at the beginning of the month inferring that w.e.f. I bet there would be 10 free cigarettes daily; we have explained the true situation and the temporary disappointment has been dispelled.

826 Div received consignment of MILLI at the end of January and are all right for the moment.

6. SOAP

The situation in the Gruppi is still bad, each having received only a portion of the quota for the month. 819th require 3,000 lbs to complete their 6,000 odd lbs per month, while 819th are still due to receive 7,600 lbs. 826 Div are lucky to have received a windfall of 4 tons from RASI which will see them through to the end of Feb.

7. COGNAC

To date, of a total of 4204 litres released to 14 Regt (sup Units) only 350 litres has reached Eighth Army depots. Each Gruppo has had 20 gallons issued.

8. DISINFECTANTS

Med, Eighth Army are concerned about both state of hygiene amongst Italian troops and a sound, speedy supply of disinfectants to provide for Anti-Malarial precautions and normal contingencies.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Concern in hygiene are being organized under British supervision and unit camps urged to maintain a high standard; but as a nation the Italians have been accustomed to think on different lines and will be slow to alter their habits.

A recent article in the January provision of disinfectants for all school hospital and defendant units arose from the fact that they had been assigned to 223 div and were almost all distributed when the news came that the allotment included all disinfectants.

As the December allotment had not been drawn, re-authorized income and the situation was solved.

9. PROVISION THROUGH 24 APRIL

Investigations show that in some cases the full amount of money handed to 14 class is either not called for or, for other reasons not reaching this area. I have asked it to go into this fully with AFPC and am watching the situation with some concern.

10. ATG 888 703 B24E

I have explained to Branchon that the limiting factor of getting rifle forward has been largely the sorry space to allocate. The fact that of 500 rifle from ALBUQUERQUE only 110 men arrived in DESAJO could not be accounted for so easily.

On old reckoning of effective strength which holds till 7 Mar 46 (i.e., men held on strength until 6th day of absence) T & L still require 1,000 rfts per day.

transmission employing 171-173.3 Mc are most anxious to obtain the rights long deferred for them.

47. 2007/01/23

Can 70333341 will shortly open a button in Nevada along side one for 70333341. The new situation in Nevada is not good and as present no house large enough for a substantial business is available.

An Italian civilian car has been converted into a public address truck for both wireless and gramophone programmes. This course the units of 222 Div in rotation.

DEL ROSSI-PASSABUCCI, posted by Ministry of War as colonel in January, although untried on our lines, is extraordinarily productive and an excellent organizer.

10. RTS FOR 228 DIV

I have explained to Branches that the leading factor of getting rifle forward has been largely the ferry space to ALBAMA. The fact that of 500 rfts from ALBAMA only 118 men arrived in PASAD could not be accounted for so easily.

On old reckoning of effective strength which holds till 7 Mar 45 (i.e., men held on strength until 5th day of absence) P & L still require 1,000 rfts for 1st Coy.

Branches employing 171-171 04 are most anxious to obtain the rfts long promised for them.

11. MINUTE

Gen PASADALLI will shortly open a section in PASADALLI along side one for COMMAND A.D.G. The exact situation in PASADALLI is not good and at present no home large enough for a command section is available.

An Italian civilian car has been converted into a public address truck for both wireless and gramophone programmes. This bears the name of 228 Div in rotation.

Col Rossi-PASADALLI posted by Ministry of War as Military Officer in January, although antedated on our lines, is extraordinarily productive and an excellent organizer.

At-001 DI BLASI is still with PASADALLI where he recently caused a stir by communicating direct to G.C. 5 Corps that he was unable to accommodate a section for the Gruppe. This resulted in Corps HQ section being evacuated at 24 hrs notice to make room. At-001 DI BLASI is not popular. Gen PASADALLI will not allow him near any of his establishments, chiefly, I think, because of his own organization having been set up before DI BLASI's arrival and of his reluctance to see PASADALLI's ambitious schemes for the future being perhaps sabotaged by a newcomer. I intend to keep DI BLASI with PASADALLI and let him control the mobles from there when they arrive.

RTS still continue to provide films for cinema shows in PASADALLI and PASADALLI which are a successful addition to entertainment facilities.

An energetic band of women, wearing 200 Div flash as a brooch and under the direction of Gen TOMASULLI, have been recruited in 200 Div to give local help in entertaining Italian troops and organizing welfare activities such as concerts, as well as normal routine in the cantons.

12. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

In 306 Div, situation is good. Distribution of second pair of boots to PIR and similar units is under way.

Gen TOMASULLI is preparing indents for such items of Italian eqpt. (goggles, aprons, etc) as I have told him may be available from Hall or MARLE.

2805

Branches are concerned about the continued arrival in the Army area of units without full eqpt. This applies particularly to 200 Pa Hospital who had to borrow 50 mattresses from 302 Pa Hospital before they could function. A full list of the deficiencies of this unit reached me this morning and is being sent to you under separate cover.

13. TRANSIT CAMPS

(a) All detachments of 806 Transit Camp have now been moved up from JESI to PASARO with the exception of the Div Armoury.

(b) 56 Transit Camp is well housed in PASARO to serve the Grappi. Army are anxious to expand it into a C.S.U. where rifles can be brought up to scale in clothing and eqpt before going into the field area. There is little chance of eqpt being available forward of PASARO for some while to allow a C.S.U. proper to be interposed between Transit Camps and the Grappi. May I please have your views on this?

14. GENERAL

Capt THURTELL left here this morning on a visit to the par joys on route 67 and Mr Inar 5 Army to compare views on responsibility of 226 and 231 Divs.

R. J. Cantwell

Major, GS.
MIA 10, Near Eighth Army.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Army area of units without full eqpt. This applies particularly to 230 25 Hospital who had to borrow 50 mattresses from 232 2d Hospital before they could function. A full list of the deficiencies of this unit reached me this morning and is being sent to you under separate cover.

13. TRANSIT CAMPS

- (a) All detachments of 606 Transit Camp have now been moved up from 3331 to 23240 with the exception of the Div Armoury.
- (b) 606 Transit camp is well housed in 23240 to serve the Group. Army are anxious to expand it into a C.R.U. where rifle can be brought up to scale in clothing and eqpt before going into the 2nd area. There is little chance of such being available forward of 23240 for some while to allow a C.R.U. proper to be interposed between Transit camps and the Group. May I please have your views on this?

14. GENERAL

Capt THORPE left here this morning on a visit to the Par Coye on Route 67 and for Incr 8 Army to compare views on responsibility of 238 and 231 Divs.

R. G. Cantwell

Major, GS,
MIA 10, Near Eighth Army.

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 12 - 11-31 Dec 44.

SECRET

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)
C/O Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

1 Jan 45

AR 53 / 2801

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (3)
(M I A) Rome.

1. Arrivals.

499 Rd. Sign Maint. Unit (HQ and 4 Secs.) at RICCIONE
under command 86 Area.

292 Fd. Hospital at CESANA under command 86 Area.

3 Pz. Tpt. Coy. at S. VARANO DI FORLI under command
5 Corps.

2. Moves.

HQ 405 I.P. Regte to S. SOFIA.
HQ 1 Bn. 405 Regt. to S. SAVINO.
HQ 2 Bn. 405 Regt. to CESANA.
HQ 1 Bn. 412 Regt. to FORLI.
1001 GT Coy. to RICCIONE.
One Sec. 499 Rd. Sign. Maint. Unit to FORLI.

3. Visits and Conferences.

11 Dec. - Conference at HQ 228 Div. with DDST, DAQMG and
ADMS re development of welfare, provisions for static and mobile
canteens, and supply of films.

1. Arrivals.

498 Rd. Sign Maint. Unit (HQ and 4 Secs.) at RICCIONE
under command 86 Area.
292 Fd. Hospital at CESSANA under command 66 Area.
3 Pz. Tpt. Coy. at S. VARANO DI FORLI under command
5 Corps.

*Actual
5/1/6*

2. Moves.

HQ 405 I.P. Regts to S. SCPIA.
HQ 1 Bn. 405 Regt. to S. SAVINO.
HQ 2 Bn. 405 Regt. to CESSANA.
HQ 1 Bn. 412 Regt. to FORLI.
1001 GT Coy. to RICCIONE.
One Sec. 493 Rd. Sign. Maint. Unit to FORLI.

3. Visits and Conferences.

11 Dec. - Conference at HQ 228 Div. with DDST, DAQMG and
ADMS re development of welfare, provisions for static and mobile
canteens, and supply of films.
12/13 Dec. - Tour with Gen. Tomeselli in fwd area. Visits
to and discussions with HQ 2 Polish Corps; 26 B L U, Main HQ
EIGHTH ARMY and HQ 61 Pz. Gp.
Inspection of HQ 2 Bn. 405 Regt., 1 Bn. 412 Regt., 5 Engr.
Coy., 21 Coy. Perrovieri and 200 I.P. Coy. Visits to Regents of
San Marino to discuss possible establishment of Italian Rest
Camp in the Repubblica.
15 Dec. - Visit to HQ 86 area to discuss equipment and
employment of Guard Bns.
Inspection of HQ and billets of 516 Bn. at VISERBA.
19 Dec. - Conference at HQ 228 Div. with Gen. Mattioli
on results of his tour of inspection in the Army area.
20 Dec. - Conference with welfare on provision of
Christmas comforts for Italian hospital patients.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

- 21 Dec. - Dinner with Crown Prince Umberto.
- 23 Dec. - Conference with ADMS on shortages of equipment in 292 Pz. Hospital.
- 26 Dec. - Visit to JESI with Gen. Tomaselli. Inspection of Transit Camp, rfts awaiting disposal, Div. Sub-Depot and salvage and Repair Shops.
- 28 Dec. - Visit to CESANA with Gen. Tomaselli. Made contact with HQ LOS Pnr. Gp., recently arrived to relieve 39 Gp. Recce for possible Adv2 Clothing Store. Inspection of Hospital buildings taken over by 292 Pz. Hosp. Conference at HQ 86 Area on RE work and supplies needed by Hospital.
- 30 Dec. - Visit to 1001 GT Coy. to investigate complaint lodged by DDST.

4. 292 Pz. Hospital.

This unit came under command Army not clothed or equipped according to scale, and much of the clothing it did have was in very bad condition. Unfortunately this came at a moment when the Div. Store was practically empty of the most essential items. It is understood that this unit was ~~being~~ ^{being} by for some ~~tasks~~ in AFRAGLIA, and Army are enquiring why it was not brought up to scale during that period. I should be glad if you would put me in a position to explain.

5. 1001 GT Coy.

The new British Cadre Commander, after a month in office, has found it necessary to revise the good opinion formed by his predecessor of the CO., Capt. Jodice. The latter, who has commanded the unit since its formation, seems to have tired and lost grip, and his low rank appears to have impaired discipline in both officers and men. Absenteeism and lateness on detail were increasing, and hygiene and billet conditions were most adversely criticized by ADH., who was called in to report. Veb maint also had greatly deteriorated. As a result of our visit Gen. Tomaselli is appointing an unemployed Lt-Col. from the newly liberated area, with experience in AF, to command, and has posted as MTO a Pnr subaltern who is a motor engineer in civil life.

6. 6 Engr. Coy.

4. 292 Fd. Hospital.

This unit came under command Army not clothed or equipped according to scale, and much of the clothing it did have was in very bad condition. Unfortunately this came at a moment when the Div. Store was practically empty of the most essential items. It is understood that this unit was adding by for some weeks in AFRAGLA, and Army are enquiring why it was not brought up to scale during that period. I should be glad if you would put me in a position to explain.

5. 1001 GT Coy.

The new British Cadre Commander, after a month in office, has found it necessary to revise the good opinion formed by his predecessor of the CO., Capt. Jodice. The latter, who has commanded the unit since its formation, seems to have tired and lost grip, and his low rank appears to have impaired discipline in both officers and men. Absenteeism and lateness on detail were increasing, and hygiene and billet conditions were most adversely criticized by ADH., who was called in to report. Veh maint also had greatly deteriorated. As a result of our visit Gen. Tomasselli is appointing an unemployed Lt-Col. from the newly liberated area, with experience in MT, to command, and has posted as MFO a Pnr subaltern who is a Motor engineer in civil life.

6. 6 Sngr. Coy.

The new CO asked for by Gen. Tomasselli over four months ago and stated by the War Ministry a month ago to be on the point of joining, has still not arrived. Meanwhile, Gen. Tomasselli has sent a tough Infantry major to pull the unit together from the non-technical point of view.

7. Welfare.

With the energetic backing of HQ 5 Corps, 86 Area and the new DDST at Army, the static canteens at RIMINI, CERSANA and FORLI did particularly well over Christmas, with concerts and Christmas trees. The mobile canteen, visiting isolated units, now draws materials for about 12000 cakes a week, and carries other little comforts and personal necessities, and a lending library. It is hoped to put a second truck onto this service shortly.

0402

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

-3-

Gen. Mattioli, Inspector of Auxiliary Units, expressed great satisfaction with what EIGHTH ARMY has done and is doing for the welfare and morale of the Italian Service tps, and the Crown Prince also referred to it very warmly.

The establishment of a Rest Camp in SAN MARINO having fallen through, owing to a severe epidemic, a large house at VILLA VERUCCHIO (R.7592) has been taken over and 85 Area are now doing the necessary RS work for a holding of 80 men at a time.

8. Clothing.

A minor crisis has arisen over the non-arrival of releases made as far back as early Nov. I now understand that the difficulty arose over getting wagons. It is unfortunate that I was not told of this at once, as I could probably have arranged earlier for Army MT to lift the stuff from BARI. As soon as further releases are made and the parcels are ready in BARI, I should appreciate immediate advice of readiness and of any likely delay in arranging rail or sea tpt, so that, if urgent, I can approach Army for assistance.

9. General.

I propose to come to HQ for discussions arriving probably Friday evening, 5 Jan., for two nights.

2802

Atrocious

Lt-Col. G.S.
BATA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

4253/3.
SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 11 - 20 Nov 44 - 10 Dec 44. SECRET

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

11 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(MMIA) Rome.

1. Arrivals.

516 & 517 Gd. Bns. to Transit Camp, Jesi. 2801

2. Moves.

516 Gd. Bn. from Transit Camp to under command 86 Area
at VISERBA.

HQ 409 Regt. and HQ 1 Bn. 409 Regt. from Pesaro to
Rimini.

3. Visits and Conferences.

20 Nov 44 to 505 Gd. Bn. and HQ 86 Area.

22 Nov with Gen. Tomasselli to Rear HQ 5 Corps, combined
with inspection of 6 & 8 Eng. Coys., and 53 Inc to 723 Art.
Wks. Coy.

23 Nov visit from Capt. Guest, HQ 13 Corps, re 7th Recon

1. Arrivals.
516 & 517 Gd. Bns. to Transit Camp, Jesi. 2801
2. Moves.
516 Gd. Bn. from Transit Camp to under command 86 Area at VISERRA.
HQ 409 Regt. and HQ 1 Bn. 409 Regt. from Pesaro to Rimini.
3. Visits and Conferences.
20 Nov 44 to 505 Gd. Bn. and HQ 86 Area.
22 Nov with Gen. Tomasselli to Rear HQ 5 Corps, combined with inspection of 6 & 8 Eng. Coys., and 53 Inc to 723 Art. Wks. Coy.
23 Nov visit from Capt. Guest, HQ 13 Corps, re WFM Recce Sqn.
24 Nov conference with Salvage and C E M re work of CERSETI Recovery Det.
26 Nov conference with Comd. and AQMG, 86 Area, re establishment of Italian Forces Canteen in Rimini.
27 Nov with Gen. Tomasselli and C O 61 Pnr Gp. to see Landing Strips at Rimini and Cesenatico airfields under construction by Italian Pnr. Corps. Inspection of 161, 210, and 238 I P Coys at work and in billets.
28 Nov with Gen. Tomasselli to Forli area re establishment of Canteens at Cesena and Forli. Inspection of 162, 211, 217, 239 and 242 I P Coys., and conference at HQ 39 Pnr. Gp.
30 Nov inspection of 291 Fd. Hosp. at Fano.

-2-

3. Visits and Conferences (Continued)

2 Dec with Gen. Tomaselli to visit 204 and 206 I P Coys., engaged on air field work at Chieravalle, followed by ceremonial parade and march past of 516 and 517 Gd. Bns., at Jesi.
Inspection of clothing Sub-Depot and Armoury with Gen. Pavan.

3 & 5 Dec L Os conference in Rome.

7 Dec with Gen. Tomaselli, inspection of 156 I P Coy and canteens at Rimini and Cesena.

8 Dec visit to 11 Pd. Hyg. Sec., and to 216 and 218 I P Coys.

4. Clothing.

According to latest advice the 4,000 shirts, 500 belts and 2,500 suits HBT released on your AQ 8/11 dated 6 Nov 44 have still not arrived at Jesi. In view of the imminent arrival of 118 Ingr. Rfts and some 400 recruits from Abruzzi call-up, these articles, as well as the replacement of the clothing sent to Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, are urgently needed to build up the depleted stocks at Jesi. It should be noted that we are now right out of boots.

5. Security.

At the risk of flogging a dead horse, I must again refer to the way Italian Military units in rear areas, to say nothing of the Navy and Air Force, who seem to be quite deliberately incorrigible, persist in sending men on leave into the Army area. Quite apart from the security angle, the mere waste of transportation, rations and man-hours of labour involved in the evacuation of these men through POW channels must represent a very considerable reduction in the effective war effort of the Italian Armed Forces, besides throwing much needless work on the FIFTH ARMY Provost and P S. A man thus sent on a nominal week's leave is probably unavailable for work in his unit for anything up to two months. I suggest that the only possible cure is that the Ministry of War be compelled to take exemplary disciplinary action against the officers responsible for defying these regulations, and to publicise the fact to all Italian units. How to deal with the Navy and Air Force offenders is beyond my imagination.

According to latest advices the 4,000 shirts, 500 belts and 2,500 suits HET released on your A3 8/11 dated 5 Nov 44 have still not arrived at Jesi. In view of the imminent arrival of 118 Ingr. rfts and some 400 recruits from Abruzzi call-up, these articles, as well as the replacement of the clothing sent to Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, are urgently needed to build up the depleted stocks at Jesi. It should be noted that we are now right out of boots.

5. Security.

At the risk of flogging a dead horse, I must again refer to the way Italian Military units in rear areas, to say nothing of the Navy and Air Force, who seem to be quite deliberately incorrigible, persist in sending men on leave into the Army area. Quite apart from the security angle, the mere waste of transportation, rations and man-hours of labour involved in the evacuation of these men through POW channels must represent a very considerable reduction in the effective war effort of the Italian Armed Forces, besides throwing much needless work on the EIGHTH ARMY Provost and P S. A man thus sent on a nominal week's leave is probably unavailable for work in his unit for anything up to two months. I suggest that the only possible cure is that the Ministry of War be compelled to take exemplary disciplinary action against the officers responsible for defying these regulations, and to publicise the fact to all Italian units. How to deal with the Navy and Air Force offenders is beyond my imagination.

6. Abruzzi Call-up.

Your agreement to our collecting recruits from Teramo in batches of 80 as and when they become available is much appreciated. To ensure smooth working and effective control of the men I have arranged with Gen. Tomasselli that he will immediately send an officer and a party of NCOs to Teramo, where they will watch the process from the start and escort our men to Jesi.

7. General.

A party of four Italian war correspondents spent three days in the Rimini area during the first week of the period.

0 4 0 7

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

-3-

7. General (Continued)

Arrangements are in hand to transfer the Arezzo Transit Camp to 231 Div.

Lt-Col. de Blasi, the Italian Welfare officer, is working on the establishment of a Rest Camp in San Marina.

Brig. Divers, from Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, has taken up his appointment as DIST EIGHTH ARMY, and is much looking forward to an early visit from Lt-Col. Perceval.

Perceval

Lt-Col. G.S.
MIA Reer HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
2799

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 10 - 6 - 19 Nov 44.

SECRET

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

21 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (3)
(MMIA) Rome.

1. Arrivals.

808 Sec. GGFF, strength 30, for work in Op Area under GSI(b)

HQ 1 Bn. 410 Lab Regt. - strength 4 + 24 - under 64 Pnr. Gp.
REMAIN

2. Departures.

726 Pk Tpt Coy. to under command 13 Corps.

2798

3. Visits and Conferences.

On 6 Nov 44., returning from Rome with Gen. Tomasselli, inspected buildings in Spoleto as a possible Depot for the Abruzzi call-up. Called at HQ No.1 District to discuss availability of accommodation with Lt-Col. Gould, AQMG.

On 9 Nov 44 left ARMY HQ with Gen. Tomasselli for Arezzo area. Conference with HQ 39 Pnr Gp.

On 10 Nov 44 in Arezzo, conferences with Lt-Col. Dean, ADL and Lt-Col. Rosotto of 405 Lab Regt. Visited Transit Camp, IFL wards of Red Cross Hospital, AMG Refugee Centre and initiated arrangements for a Sub-Depot of 228 Div Store for clothing, soap and cigarettes.

On 11 Nov 44, visited 5 Eng. Coy. at Civitella di Romagna.

802 Sec. GGFF, strength 30, for work in Op Area under GSI(b)

HQ 1 Bn. 410 Lab Regt. - strength 4 + 24 - under 64 Pnr. Gp.
RUMINI

2. Departures.

726 Pk Tpt Coy. to under command 13 Corps.

2798

3. Visits and Conferences.

On 6 Nov 44., returning from Rome with Gen. Tomasselli, inspected buildings in Spolito as a possible Depot for the abruzzesi call-up. Called at HQ No. 1 District to discuss availability of accommodation with Lt-Col. Gault, AQMG.

On 9 Nov 44 left Army HQ with Gen. Tomasselli for Arezzo area. Conference with HQ 39 Pnr Gp.

On 10 Nov 44 in Arezzo, conferences with Lt-Col. Dean, ADL and Lt-Col. Rossetto of 405 Lab Regt. Visited Transit Camp, IRL wards of Red Cross Hospital, AMG Refugee Centre and initiated arrangements for a Sub-Depot of 228 Div Store for clothing, soap and cigarettes.

On 11 Nov 44, visited 5 Eng. Coy. at Civitella di Romagna. The O.C. this coy was adversely reported on to the Ministry of War by Gen. Tomasselli three months ago, but so far no substitute has been provided and he is still in charge.

He is obviously an officer of little energy or initiative, and his subalterns have taken their tone from him. I cannot speak for the state of the billets occupied by this unit in S. Piero, when seen by Gen. Mattioli, but the Civitella billet, though weatherproof, was dirty and untidy, nothing had been done to improve it during their five days in it and barrack discipline was non-existent. There was an atmosphere of browned-off apathy among the resting men, most of whom were lounging about unshaven amid the litter. The officers attitude was that as the unit was continually moving, work on billets was wasted effort. They were sharply taken to task for this by Gen. Tomasselli, who indicated certain jobs for immediate attention and quoted examples of ingenious improvisation by other Engineer Coys. Clothing and rations were satisfactory, except for boots, which are the great problem everywhere.

A fresh inspection of this unit will be made in a weeks time.

0 4 1 0

3. Visits and Conferences (continued)

On the same day visits were made to HQ 1 Bn. 405 Regt and 201 and 208 I P L Coys.

On 12 Nov 44, after further conferences on Italian tps welfare with ADL and C.O. 39 Pnr Gp, went on to Florence and made contact with Gen. Cortese of 210 Div.

On 13 Nov 44 visited Br. Inc. HQ 5 Army, conferred with Col. Rick and offered loan of Capt. Herbert as stop-gap assistance in their present difficulties.

On 14 Nov 44 conference with Gens. Tomaselli and Cortese and Staff of 210 Div.

On 15 Nov 44 conference at HQ 5 Army with Col. Noakes and interested Staffs and Services of Br. Inc., thence proceeded to Arezzo.

On 16 Nov 44 inspection of newly created Det of HQ 228 Div in Arezzo, and discussion of its duties, and mode of operation. Short conference with Capt. Bourne and Herbert at Asisi, thence on to Jesi.

On 17 Nov 44 inspection of Jesi stores, armoury and workshops, and conference with Gen. Pavan, thence on to ²⁷⁹⁷ ~~Rear~~ 26.

On 18 Nov 44 conference with Brig. Stayner, DAAGMG, EIGHTH ARMY, and Gen. Tomaselli on Italian welfare developments.

4. Italian Welfare.

Lt-Col. de Giasi arrived on 16 Nov 44 to take up his appointment as Italian welfare officer at HQ EIGHTH ARMY. He has been introduced to the Staffs and Services most concerned, given an office in my building, and lives and messes with HQ 228 Div. It is, of course, too early to expect any concrete results from his appointment.

5. Arezzo HQ.

In view of the number of tps on the distant Arezzo axis it has proved essential to establish there a permanent sub-agency of Rear HQ 228 Div. It is under command of a full colonel, Pasquale by name, and has relieved Lt-Col. Rossotto (405 I P L Regt.) of the following extra regimental commitments, in which

On 15 Nov 44 interested Staffs and Services of Br. Inc., thence proceeded to Arezzo.

On 16 Nov 44 inspection of newly created Det of HQ 228 Div in Arezzo, and discussion of its duties, and mode of operation. Short conference with Capt. Bourne and Herbert at 1815, thence on to Jesi.

On 17 Nov 44 inspection of Jesi stores, armoury and workshops, and conference with Gen. Pavan, thence on to ²⁷⁹² ~~Perugia~~.

On 19 Nov 44 conference with Brig. Stayner, DAAQAG, EIGHTH ARMY, and Gen. Tomaselli on Italian welfare developments.

4. Italian Welfare.

Lt-Col. de Biasi arrived on 16 Nov 44 to take up his appointment as Italian Welfare officer at HQ EIGHTH ARMY. He has been introduced to the Staffs and Services most concerned, given an office in my building, and lives and messes with HQ 228 Div. It is, of course, too early to expect any concrete results from his appointment.

5. Arezzo HQ.

In view of the number of tps on the distant Arezzo axis it has proved essential to establish there a permanent sub-agency of Rear HQ 228 Div. It is under command of a full colonel, Pasquale by name, and has relieved Lt-Col. Rosotto (405 I P L Regt.) of the following extra regimental commitments, in which he was getting slightly out of his depth.

- (a) The sub-depot of the Div Clothing Store, which will henceforward carry one third of all supplies received by 228 Div, including soap and cigarettes, and be responsible for their distribution.
- (b) The associated armoury and salvage recovery section of the store.
- (c) The Arezzo Transit Camp, and reception, equipment and disposal of rfts.
- (d) The three small wards in the extended Arezzo Croce Rossa hospital, which have been equipped from recovered material to house some thirty cases, I P L and Engineers.
- (e) Close personal supervision of all units in the area who have no British L Os or cadres, i.e. non IPL units.

6. General.

MRH the Lieutenant General visited Rimini last week, and was entertained to lunch by the Army Commander.

Capt. Herbert left Arezzo on 17 Nov 44 for duty with 13 Corps.

Owing to non arrival of trains it was unfortunately impossible to send 750 full sets of clothing for the muleteer rfts at Borgo San Lorenzo. What was available was lorried over at once.

Copies of the two last issues of PLAVE are enclosed.

Chavigny

Lt-Col. G.S.
MIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

2796

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 9. - 23 Oct 44 - 5 Nov 44. *PD*

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MAIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

PD
8 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MAIA) (3)
Rome.

1. Arrivals and Departures.

Nil.

2. Visits.

2795

To 157, 158, 217, 242 I P L Coys., 25 Coy. Artillery,
21 Coy. Ferrovieri, 315 Fld. Hospital, Rear HQ 228 Div.,
Transit Camp and Clothing Store.

Accompanied Gen. Tomasselli to Rome on 3 Nov 44.

3. General.

Patriots.

Major. Casale has by now despatched a total of about
500 volunteers to Ceresetti. Nominal rolls sent to Patriot
Branch, ACC.

Army Newspaper.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

1. Arrivals and Departures.

Nil.

2. Visits.

2795

To 157, 158, 217, 242 I P L Coys., 25 Coy. Artillery,
21 Coy. Ferroviari, 315 Fld. Hospital, Rear HQ 228 Div.,
Transit Camp and Clothing Store.

Accompanied Gen. Tomaselli to Rome on 3 Nov 44.

3. General.Patriots.

Major. Casale has by now despatched a total of about
500 volunteers to Cerseti. Nominal rolls sent to Patriot
Branch, ACC.

Army Newspaper.

Publications of PLAVE has started again from a printing
works in JESI. Copies of the last three issues are
attached.

Loss of Stores.

Enquiry has been received whether any action can be
taken to recoup the value of Signal stores and tools lost by
carelessness on the part of Italian tps. Is there any policy
on this, or should it be dealt with disciplinarily by HQ 228 Div?

Future Movements.

Gen. Tomaselli and I will be visiting the AREZZO -
FLORENCE area in a few days time.

John H. H. H.
Lt-Col. H. H. H.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

0415

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No.8 - 2 - 22 Oct 44.

SECRET

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

24 Oct 44

Military Mission Italian Army (3)
Rome.

1. Arrivals.

315 Pld. Hospital from CASTIGLIONE to FAMO.
92 Pld. Hospital from AREZZO to PESARO.

2. Departures.

1 Coy. 522 (ex 96) En. to w/c 209 Div.
4 " " " " " 210 Div.

3. Order of Battle.

Adv. HQ 228 Div now at PESARO.
Rear HQ 228 Div remains at IESI.
Subsidiary Transit Camp - str 3 + 9 established at AREZZO.

4. Visits and Conferences.

From 4 to 10 Oct 44 Lt-Col. Moriarty was in Rome and Viterbo in connection with the call-up extended to the latter province.

On 11 Oct 44 Lt-Col. Moriarty visited Lt-Col. Howard at HQ No.1 District, and Gen. Tomasselli at IESI.

On 14 Oct 44 a conference was held at HQ 228 Div, IESI, on the procedure for implementing the new policy for maintenance of Italian troops under British command.
Present: Lt-Col. Moriarty, Lt-Col. Howard, Gen. Tomasselli, and other staff officers.

2791

1. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Hospital from CASTIGLIONE to FANO.
92 Fld. Hospital from AREZZO to PESARO.

2. Departures.

1 Coy. 522 (ex 96) Bn. to u/c 209 Div.
4 " " " " " 210 Div.

3. Order of Battle.

Adv. HQ 228 Div now at PESARO.
Rear HQ 228 Div remains at IESI.
Subsidiary Transit Camp - str 3 + 9 established at AREZZO.

4. Visits and Conferences.

From 4 to 10 Oct 44 Lt-Col. Moriarty was in Rome and Viterbo in connection with the call-up extended to the latter province.

On 11 Oct 44 Lt-Col. Moriarty visited Lt-Col. Howard at HQ No.1 District, and Gen. Tomasselli at IESI.

On 14 Oct 44 a conference was held at HQ 228 Div, IESI, on the procedure for implementing the new policy for maintenance of Italian tps under British command.
Present :- Gens. Properzi and Tomasselli and their Senior Staff Officers, Lt-Cols. Howard, Moriarty, Noakes, and Maj. Hough, DAQMG EIGHTH ARMY.

On 17 Oct 44 HQ 86 Area, 61 and 64 Pioneer Gps were visited.

On 18 Oct 44 HQ 42 Pioneer Gp and 11 C B were visited.

On 20 Oct 44 HQ 1 Bn. 412 Lab. Regt. was visited together with Gen. Tomasselli, and inspections were made of 237 & 238 I P L Coys., camped in the neighbourhood.

On 21 Oct 44 Regt. HQ and 1 Bn. HQ of 409 Lab. Regt. were visited.

On 22 Oct 44 maintenance of 5 Corps Italian tps was discussed with Maj. Carew - Hunt, DAQMG 5 Corps.

5. Staff.

10 Corps having moved out of the line, Capt. Herbert was called to Viterbo to take over supervision of EIGHTH ARMY recruits as from 10 Oct 44. On completion of the call-up he has been instructed to return to Arezzo to maintain touch with 13 and Polish Corps HQ, and Labour tys in that area.

On 15 Oct 44 S/Sgt. Wallis returned from hospital.

On 18 Oct 44 Capt. O'Donnell left this HQ to take up duty as LO to PECENO Gp.

On 19 Oct 44 Capt. Clark returned to this HQ on termination of his duties with HQ 228 Div.

6. Move of HQ.

The ground having finally, by 16 Oct 44, dried out sufficiently for vabs to be extracted from the camp site, Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved on that day to billets in PESARO, from which normal working will be possible in all weathers.

7. Division of HQ 228 Div.

Experience having shown how unsatisfactory it is for Gen. Tomaselli to be located beyond easy reach of this HQ, it has been decided that he will leave a Rear HQ at LSSI, as long as the main Railroad and Ordnance Depot remain there, under command of Gen. Pavan, who will run the transit Camp and clothing store. Gen. Tomaselli himself will establish an Adv. HQ., for which billets have been found in PESARO alongside Rear Army HQ., from which personnel, discipline, pay and other day to day questions can be handled without delay. This will also permit of joint visits by Gen. Tomaselli and myself, which we both consider desirable.

8. Viterbo Call-up.

Gen. Tomaselli has remarked on how favourably these recruits compare, both for physique and character, with the recent batches of rfts from the Rome area.

The departure for demobilisation of appreciable numbers of older men has given a great lift to morale. The total number dealt with will be reported when the process has been completed.

6. Move of HQ.

The ground having finally, by 16 Oct 44, dried out sufficiently for vehs to be extracted from the camp site, Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved on that day to billets in PESARO, from which normal working will be possible in all weathers.

7. Division of HQ 228 Div.

Experience having shown how unsatisfactory it is for Gen. Tomaselli to be located beyond easy reach of this HQ, it has been decided that he will leave a Rear HQ at IESI, as long as the main Railroad and Ordnance Depot remain there, under command of Gen. Pavan, who will run the Transit Camp and Clothing Store. Gen. Tomaselli himself will establish an Adv. HQ., for which billets have been found in PESARO alongside Rear Army HQ., from which personnel, discipline, pay and other day to day questions can be handled without delay. This will also permit of joint visits by Gen. Tomaselli and myself, which we both consider desirable.

8. Viterbo Call-up.

Gen. Tomaselli has remarked on how favourably these recruits compare, both for physique and character, with the recent batches of rfts from the Rome area.

The departure for demobilisation of appreciable numbers of older men has given a great lift to morale. The total number dealt with will be reported when the process has been completed.

9. Patriot Volunteers.

Maj. Casale expresses himself as satisfied with his present bag of some 300. He hopes for more from tapping the forward hill areas, and for a further flow from rear areas as the farming season merges into the dead period of winter.

Handwritten signature

Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 3.4 - 17 Sep 44

SECRET

53/3

Liaison Officer.
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

19 Sep 44

Military Mission Italian Army
ROMA.

Copy to:- MMIA LO
c/o HQ No.1 District.

1. Arrivals.

Italian Increment to HQ EIGHTH ARMY - 2 officers and 116 O.Rs.

Rfts for 409 Lab. Regt. at AREZZO. Details of strengths not reported by HQ 39 Gp. P.C., who received them.

Muleteer rfts from CALABRIA, NAPLES and ROMA. Pos 2492a complete mystery, now being investigated.

40 CC RR rfts for 228 Div HQ Sec. at CORTONA.

Rfts for 1 Bn. Ferroviari, 86 all ranks, collected by 10 EIGHTH ARMY.

Engineer rfts, 72 O.Rs, provisionally held by 10 Corps pending final distribution by CE EIGHTH ARMY.

2. Order of Battle.

Now that Gen. Tomasselli has arrived at JASI, and made contact with Gen. Properi at GILMO; the position as regards re-distribution of units for admin purposes as between their respective Div Hqs is clarifying, and a new Order of Battle is in course of preparation.

3. Clothing & Equipment.

c/o HQ No.1 District.

1. Arrivals.

Italian Increment to HQ EIGHTH ARMY - 2 oftrs and 115 O.Rs.
Rfts for 409 Lab. Regt. at AREZZO. Details of strengths
not reported by HQ 39 Gp. P.C., who received them.

Muletear rfts from CALABRIA, NAPLES and ROMA. Pos **2782a**
complete mystery, now being investigated.

40 CC RR rfts for 228 Div HQ Sec. at CANTINA.

Rfts for 1 Bn. Ferroviari, 86 all ranks, collected by 1st
EIGHTH ARMY.

Engineer rfts, 72 O.Rs, provisionally held by 10 Corps
pending final distribution by CE EIGHTH ARMY.

2. Order of Battle.

Now that Gen. Tomasselli has arrived at JMSI, and made
contact with Gen. Properzi at OSIMO; the position as regards
re-distribution of units for adm purposes as between their
respective Div Hqs is clarifying, and a new Order of Battle is
in course of preparation.

3. Clothing & Equipment.

Large scale distribution to EIGHTH ARMY and No.1 District
tps from bulk releases recently received is well on the way,
and the further generous allotments made by you, which will be
arriving by rail during the coming week, should go far towards
completely covering all outstanding major deficiencies, at least
in items of Allied origin. The position as regards certain
items of Italian origin is not so satisfactory, in particular in
the case of towels, mess-tins and water - bottles. I under-
stand that you are aware of stocks of the two latter items in
Regimental Depots, which no longer figure in the Ministry's
records. It would be appreciated if you could press for these
stocks to be rounded up and made available to me for the benefit
of tps now working operationally, who need them badly.

I have found locally in a Penal Establishment a stock of
mattress - ticking material, said to be the property of the
Ministry of the Interior.

3. Clothing & Equipment (Continued)

As this Ministry has no authority up here, I have advised Gen. Tomasselli to commandeer this material, and he will arrange to have it made up locally into towels and/or foot-cloths. Any adjustments eventually necessary can be argued out between the two Ministries concerned in due course. Meanwhile, I consider that the current operational needs of the troops are paramount, and I trust that my action will have your backing.

As regards winter clothing to be shipped to me for discharge at ANCONA, I have agreed with the Ordnance, Movements and Port authorities at ANCONA that this will be unloaded, identified and transported by them to JESI, where it will be received into 238 Div. Depot.

4. Transit Camp.

Now transferred from CIVITA CASTELLANA to JESI, within a mile from the railway station. By agreement with No. 1 District it now has attached to it a Pioneer Wing, in charge of Capt. Duckinfield P.C., which will receive all rfts for I P L Regts as they arrive. Capt. Clark at HQ 238 Div. has been authorised to issue from the Div Depot all clothing and equipment necessary to complete these rfts to scale before they proceed to join the coys to which they will be posted.

5. HQ 228 Div.

Now transferred from CORTONA to JESI. Direct communication by telephone, signal and DR has been arranged with the Signals Centre, JESI, through 3 Beach Gp. Capt. Clark's telephone number is JESI 114. Brig. Gen. Paven, Vice-Commander, has arrived and taken up his duties. Gen. Tomasselli's intentions are that Gen. Paven should be more or less static at JESI, in close control of the Transit Camp and of the "Q" side of the Div in general, while he himself keeps closer touch with units through visiting, and with Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY by es-ablishing a small adv. HQ near me as soon as the distance between JESI and Army makes this advisable. To this end he has applied to the War Ministry for sufficient tentage to accommodate a small mobile HQ in the field.

6. Liaison.

4. Transit Camp.

Now transferred from CIVITA CASTELLANA to JESI, within a mile from the railway station. By agreement with No. 1 District it now has attached to it a Pioneer Wing, in charge of Capt. Duckinfield P.C., which will receive all rfts for I P L Regts as they arrive. Capt. Clark at HQ 238 Div. has been authorised to issue from the Div Depot all clothing and equipment necessary to complete these rfts to scale before they proceed to join the coys to which they will be posted.

5. HQ 228 Div.

Now transferred from CORTONA to JESI. Direct communication by telephone, signal and DR has been arranged with the Signals Centre, JESI, through 3 Beach Gp. Capt. Clark's telephone number is JESI 114.

Brig. Gen. Pavan, Vice-Commander, has arrived and taken up his duties. Gen. Tomasselli's intentions are that Gen. Pavan should be more or less static at JESI, in close control of the Transit Camp and of the "side of the Div in general, while he himself keeps closer touch with units through visiting, and with Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY by establishing a small Adv. HQ near me as soon as the distance between JESI and ARMY makes this advisable. To this end he has applied to the War Ministry for sufficient tentage to accommodate a small mobile HQ in the field.

6. Liaison.

Continual and repeated visits to units, British Hqs and employing services in the ANCONA area in connection with the reclothing programme have been my principal activity.

Normal contacts with Staff and Service branches of ARMY HQ on routine matters, and in particular on the moves of the Transit Camp and 228 Div. HQ, and in railing of clothing supplies and rfts.

7. General.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY is expecting to move very shortly to the vicinity of PESARO

Capt. Herbert has returned to Rear HQ 10 Corps as resident LO, with a watching brief on 13 Corps and the ARMAZO area in general.

AMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 21 Aug 44 - 3 Sep 44. SECRET

8/9
AR 53/3.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

5 Sep 44

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

1. Owing to the move of HQ EIGHTH ARMY and my visit to ROME the present log covers the whole of the past fortnight.

2. Movements of Units.

(a) Labour.

2790

Position is as shown on HQ AAI Location Statement 34, ref LAB/L/55 of 24 Aug 44, with the following amendments:

203, 207, 208, 209 & 212 I P L Coys from 64 to 39 Pioneer Gp in 10 Corps area.

211 I P L Coy from 39 to 64 Pioneer Gp at SERRAVALLE.

163 & 164 I P L Coys from u/c 1 District at ASSISI to 61 Par. Gp. in 5 Corps area.

237 to 242 I P L Coys incl. from ASSISI to 64 Par. Gp in 5 Corps area.

111 to 116 I P L Coys incl. from 19 to 87 Par. Gp. in CHIARAVALLE area.

105 to 110 I P L Coys incl. from MINERVINO to 19 Par. Gp. at ANCONA, u/c 1 District.

(b) Engineers, Guards and others.

Reshuffle as between EIGHTH ARMY and 1 District not yet complete and final position still obscure.

1. Owing to the move of HQ EIGHTH ARMY and my visit to Rome the present log covers the whole of the past fortnight.

2. Movements of Units.

(a) Labour.

2790

Position is as shown on HQ AAI Location Statement 34, ref LAB/L/55 of 24 Aug 44, with the following amendments:

203, 207, 208, 209 & 212 I P L Coys from 64 to 39 Pioneer Gp in 10 Corps area.

211 I P L Coy from 39 to 64 Pioneer Gp at SEMEGALLIA.

163 & 164 I P L Coys from u/c I District at ASSISI to 61 Pnr. Gp. in 5 Corps area.

237 to 242 I P L Coys incl. from ASSISI to 64 Pnr. Gp in 5 Corps area.

111 to 116 I P L Coys incl. from 19 to 87 Pnr. Gp. in CHIARAVALLE area.

105 to 110 I P L Coys incl. from MINERVINO to 19 Pnr. Gp. at ANCONA, u/c I District.

(b) Engineers, Guards and others.

Reshuffle as between EIGHTH ARMY and I District not yet complete and final position still obscure.

3. Transfer to Camp, CIVITA CASTELLANA.

I visited the camp twice during my time in Rome. Since returning I have made it clear to "Q", EIGHTH ARMY that the breakdown is directly attributable to the removal of the Army Railroad, D I D, P S P, signal and DR facilities, and transport originally available through 3 Beach Gp and that as the Camp is left thus marooned in the wilderness there is no question of "gearing it to meet its commitments".

Army have agreed to lift the camp, when cleared, to JESI, and to keep it within a reasonable distance of railroad in future.

4. Coop.

I tackled Gen. Tomasselli on the Army Ministry's claim to hold his receipts for the full July and August allotment and find that this claim suppresses a great deal of the truth,

4. Soap (Continued).

In as much as the long overdue deficiency was collected in NAPLES just two days before the Ministry's representative called on you, and that only because a lorry was diverted from its intended purpose of collecting clothing, unknown to Gen. TOMASELLI or myself at the time. The War Ministry's implied suggestion that Gen. TOMASELLI's complaints were unfounded is therefore quite false.

5. Visits.

To:- 1 District, ADL 71 Sub Area, 39 & 87 Pnr. Gp. HQs
re Labour Reorganisation and clothing.

To:- 86 Area and 3 Beach Gp. re accommodation for HQ
228 Div. Clothing Depot and Transit Camp at JESI.

To:- Gen. Tomasselli (228 Div.) and Gen. Properzi (209
Div.) re future adm arrangements.

Normal routine contacts with branches of Main & Rear HQ
EIGHTH ARMY.

6. Clothing.

2789

The necessity of sending down to NAPLES to collect releases has thrown a heavy additional burden on Gen. Tomasselli's already over strained transport resources and had consequently delayed the distribution of urgently needed first issues and replacements.

As I reported verbally, the task of collecting the large quantity of winter clothing due for release on, I believe, 1 October will be quite beyond his powers. I submit that, as a matter of principle, this clothing should be delivered to Gen. Tomasselli at the port of ANCONA or at a rail station in that area. If this principle is accepted, a detailed procedure can be worked out by the time 228 Div. HQ is over this side to receive it.

7. Cigarettes.

The cessation, I hope only temporary, of a cigarette issue as a result of the introduction of the new ration scale is causing discontent.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

To: 86 Area and 86 Div. Clothing Depot and Transit Camp at JESI.

828 Div. Clothing Depot and Transit Camp at JESI.
To: Gen. Tomasselli (228 Div.) and Gen. Properzi (209 Div.) re future adm arrangements.

Normal routine contacts with branches of Main & Rear HQ
EIGHTH ARMY.

2789

6. Clothing.

The necessity of sending down to NAPLES to collect releases has thrown a heavy additional burden on Gen. Tomasselli's already over strained transport resources and has consequently delayed the distribution of urgently needed first issues and replacements.

As I reported verbally, the task of collecting the large quantity of winter clothing due for release on, I believe, 1 October will be quite beyond his powers. I submit that, as a matter of principle, this clothing should be delivered to Gen. Tomasselli at the port of ANCONA or at a rail station in that area. If this principle is accepted, detailed procedure can be worked out by the time 228 Div. HQ is over this side to receive it.

7. Cigarettes.

The cessation, I hope only temporary, of a cigarette issue as a result of the introduction of the new ration scale is causing discontent. EIGHTH ARMY'S offer to distribute through D I Ds the bulk supplies handed over by the War Ministry in the rear was reported in my letter of 30 Aug 44.

Quinn-Jones

Lt-Col. G.S.
MIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 14 - 20 AUG 44.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
HM/115

22 Aug 44

ARMY Sub Commission, MMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

1. Arrivals.

505 Guard Bn. 746 all ranks arrived CIVITA CASTELLANA.
2 Bn. 412 Regt. 614 all ranks arrived CIVITA CASTELLANA.

2. Departures.

2788

3. Movements.

These have been frequent and numerous as a result of the reorganisation and redistribution now in progress, and are still uncompleted. Details at this stage would merely be confusing.

A complete picture will be given when finality has been reached.

4. Labour Reorganisation.

The position in brief is :-

(a) Lt-Col. DEAN, ADL att. 71 Sub Area is forming 161 - 164 Coys. of 2 Bn. 405 Lab. Regt. at ASSISI out of 3 Bn. 514 Inf. Regt. (previously called 2 Bn. 582 Inf. Regt.)

505 Guard Bn. 746 all ranks arrived CIVITA CASTELLANA.
2 Bn. 412 Regt. 614 all ranks arrived CIVITA CASTELLANA.

2. Departures.

N 12

2788

3. Movements.

These have been frequent and numerous as a result of the reorganisation and redistribution now in progress, and are still uncompleted. Details at this stage would merely be confusing.

A complete picture will be given when finality has been reached.

4. Labour Reorganisation.

The position in brief is :-

- (a) Lt-Col. DEAN, ADL att. 71 Sub Area is forming 161 - 164 Coys. of 2 Bn. 405 Lab. Regt. at ASSISI out of 3 Bn. 514 Inf. Regt. (previously called 2 Bn. 592 Inf. Regt.)
- (b) Lt-Col. REID of 64 Gp. P C., is forming 153 - 156 Coys. of 1 Bn. 406 Lab. Regt. at AREZZO out of 1 & 2 Gps. 541 Arty. Regt.
- (c) Lt-Col. WHITFIELD of 39 Gp. P C., is forming 157-158 Coys of 1 Bn. 406 Regt. near AREZZO out of 1, 2 & 4 Coys 514 Inf. Regt.
- (d) The det. of 48 Regt., and 1 & 2 Coys of 3 Bn. 515 Regt. are now being omitted from the regrouping and left with 13 Corps.
- (e) 3 & 5 Coys. of 514 Inf. Regt., now scattered on malaria control, plus 1 Coy. of 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt. working on railways w/c AAI, are now being considered to make up the missing 159 - 160 Coys. of 2 Bn. 406 Regt.

-2-

5. Visits.

To SIENA re Ragg. Amiata.
To Gen. Tomaselli on general matters.
To HQ 39 Gp. PC and to Lt-Col. DEAN at ASSISI on Labour reorganization.
By CLARK to HQ 10 Corps, 55 Area, ASSISI Railroad, 541 Regt. HQ, 3 & 26 Artillery Coys and 315 Pld. Bakery.
By O'DONNELL to Gen. PROPERZI and to HQ 410 Ldp. Regt.
From Maj. DEAR of 7th Art. Wks. Coy. re pay of ~~217~~ 918 Lav. Art. Coy. b53

6. General.

- (a) Enquiries are increasing as to when supplies of Battle Dress, Pullovers and other winter requirements are to be released, and some anxiety is being expressed lest the cold weather catch the troops while still unprovided.
The Northern Appennines can be quite severe by October.
- (b) A special report from Capt. CLARK discloses a very sorry state of affairs in Gen. Tomaselli's Italian MT. I am studying this and will write further.
- (c) Owing to a combination of special circumstances ²⁷⁸⁷ liaison has been peculiarly complicated this week. With the growing importance in our affairs of 1 District, I have found it necessary to detail Capt. HERBERT for temporary duty in the ASSISI/PERUGINO area. However, in his place with me I have called in Capt. O'DONNELL without interfering with his previous commitments.
- (d) I propose to visit Rome, arriving next Sunday evening, after a prior visit to 1 District.

Anthony

MAIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
Lt-Col. G.S.

press, purloins and other requirements are to be released, and some anxiety is being expressed lest the cold weather catch the troops while still unprovided.

The Northern Appennines can be quite severe by October.

(b) A special report from Capt. CLARK discloses a very sorry state of affairs in Gen. Tomasselli's Italian MT. I am studying this and will write further.

(c) Owing to a combination of special circumstances ²⁷⁸⁷ liaison has been peculiarly complicated this week. With the growing importance in our affairs of 1 District, I have found it necessary to detail Capt. HANREAR for temporary duty in the ASSISI/FOLIGNO area. However, in his place with me I have called in Capt. O'DONNELL without interfering with his previous commitments.

(d) I propose to visit ROME, arriving next Sunday evening, after a prior visit to 1 District.

John H. ...

MAIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
Lt-Col. G.S.

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 7 - 13 Aug 44.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
MM/115

14 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

1. Arrivals.

R E rfts - 75 All ranks at CIVITA CASTELLANA for Ind. Ry.
Brdg.Coy. (to PASSIGNANO)

408 Lab. Regt. - 70 All ranks to CIVITA CASTELLANA from
ROME.

2. Departures.

1 Bn. 410 Lab. Regt. left for ANCONA area: 11 Aug 44.
(213, 214, 215, 216 Coys.)

210 Miste Genio - 12 ORs left 13 Corps for ROME. 11 Aug 44.

1 Coy. 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt. from TARENTOLA to FALCONARA -
11 Aug 44.

3. Movements.

1 Bn. 408 Lab. Regt.
201 Coy.
202 " "
203 " "
204 " "
205 " "

to
" " " "
MONTAGNONS
ASSISI
ROMEDIE
ORTS
ASSISI

1. Arrivals.

R E rfts - 75 All ranks at CIVITA CASTELLANA for Ind. Ry.
Brdg. Coy. (to PASSIGNANO)

409 Lab. Regt. - 70 All ranks to CIVITA CASTELLANA from
ROME.

2. Departures.

2786

1 Bn. 410 Lab. Regt. left for ANCONA area: 11 Aug 44.
(213, 214, 215, 216 Coys.)

210 Miste Genio - 12 CHS left 13 Corps for ROME. 11 Aug 44.

1 Coy. 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt. from TARENTOLA to FALCONARA -
11 Aug 44.

3. Movements.

1 Bn. 409 Lab. Regt.

201 Coy.

202 "

203 "

204 "

205 "

MONTAGNONE

ASSISI

ROMDINE

ORTE

ASSISI

to

"

"

"

"

2 Bn. 409 Lab. Regt.

207 Coy.

208 "

210 "

211 "

212 "

ANGHI ALI

S. FIRENZE

ASSISI

NOCERA

MONTE FIASCONE

to

"

"

"

"

Hq. 142 Coys. 514 Regt.

AREZZO

to

4. Visits.

To Rear 13 Corps to establish contact. Discussed
outstanding problems, mainly "Q", and explained new policy for
liaison and clothing.

To 124 FMC, in connection with employment and clothing of
det; 48 Inf. Regt. and Guard Coy of 1/336, and loan of M/T.

To 1001 GI Coy. re clothing and loan of M/T.

4. Visits (Cont.)

To Main 13 Corps. Briefed Maj. WHIGHAM (G.I. "I") on correct SD procedure for reconstituting and reinforcing "an" Recce Sqd, now badly under strength; also explaining policy on patriots.

To 961 Cam. Pln. and 1 Coy. 28 Artieri. Routine inspection, all satisfactory bar clothing, and British employers well pleased with their work.

To I F A HQ, CORTONA. Gen. Tomaselli was away in ROME, but I met his new Chief of Staff, Lt-Col. MORRICA.

Inspected the clothing depot, admirably installed in a secure, solid building under Capt. CLARK'S direction. The first two lorry loads of clothing from ~~NAZIS~~ had arrived and were being checked and sorted. The storemen knew their job and seemed delighted to have a businesslike show to run.

By Capt. HERBERT. To Prov. Comm. SIENA, to HQ 3 Bn. 408 and 1 Bn. 336 on routine liaison.

2785

By Capt. CLARK. To HQ 86 Area, to hear HQ 10 Corps and to 13 Bn. FERROVIERI on routine liaison.

5. Conferences.

DIST EIGHTH ARMY and Pack. Gp. Commanders. In the main, no direct concern of MAIA, but occasion arose to explain our position and policy on reinforcements, and welfare and clothing.

With Maj. LORRIMER (Captured Enemy Material) of HQ EIGHTH ARMY. He now has extensive lists of Italian Aman and war material in scattered dumps in the Army area. He has no guard facilities and civilians are looting wooden cases merrily. He points out that if the expected Italian Commission does not soon arrive, the material will suffer considerably.

With Lt-Col. NICHOLUS, Pro. Commissioner AMG for SIENA and Lt-Col. CROCI, one time Commander of RAGG. Amiat. A special letter is being sent on this.

Routine contact with Lab. and "Q" at this HQ on day to day questions.

6. Liaison with 10 Corps.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

seemed delighted to have a businesslike show to run.
By Capt. HERBERT. To Prov. Comm. SIENA, to HQ 3 Bn. 409
and 1 Bn. 336 on routine liaison. 2785

By Capt. CLARK. To HQ 86 Area, to Rear HQ 10 Corps and to
13 Bn. FERROVIERI on routine liaison.

5. Conferences.

DDST EIGHTH ARMY and Pack. Gp. Commanders. In the main, no direct concern of MIA, but occasion arose to explain our position and policy on reinforcements, and welfare and clothing.

With Maj. LORRIMER (Captured Enemy Material) of HQ EIGHTH ARMY. He now has extensive lists of Italian Amun and war material in scattered dumps in the Army area. He has no guard facilities and civilians are looting wooden cases merrily. He points out that if the expected Italian Commission does not soon arrive, the material will suffer considerably.

With Lt-Col. NICHOLLS, Pro. Commissioner AMG for SIENA and Lt-Col. CROCI, one time Commander of Regg. Amiat. A special letter is being sent on this.

Routine contact with Lab. and "Q" at this HQ on day to day questions.

6. Liaison With 10 Corps.

As a result of objections raised by HQ 10 Corps, I discussed the revised set up with AMG, EIGHTH ARMY, and my views were upheld. At the same time I made it plain that I was laying down no hard and fast rules, and that my set up was dictated solely by conditions and locations in the Army area from day to day, and would always be modified when need arose. Since then Capt. CLARK has reported that HQ 10 Corps only desire one visit from him weekly, indicating a considerable change of mind.

7. Clothing.

From NAPLES (2 lorries).

The first convoy brought up some 1500 prs of boots and 1700 prs of trousers.

Subsequent convoys will be larger, as I have been able to negotiate certain loans of M/T from British employing units in

-3-
7. Clothing (Cont.)

return for a bribe of immediate issues of clothing.

So far, issues of boots and trousers to the limit of the arrivals have been authorized, with priority to drivers, muleteers, engineers and guards, on a basis of approximately 50% of strength.

About troops will be provided for out of the later arrivals, phased to keep pace with the formation of the new I P L Coys and the reinforcement of the old.

Your recent allotment of 7,000 pairs of socks is very much appreciated.

As regards the repair-shop, Gen. Tomasselli will have few, if any demands for material to make on the Ministry of War, as he has found sufficient to start with locally from a factory which had an unfilled contract with the Fascist Republican Forces and is glad to find a new customer.

8. Visit of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General.

2781

A first class bungle from start to finish.

Late on Thursday, 10 Aug, a signal was received here from Col. NEGRONI for Gen. Tomasselli, instructing him to meet H R H on CASTIGLIONE Airfield at 0730 hrs on the following day, 11 Aug, and to arrange for visits to PERUGIA and, if possible, FLORENCE. This necessitated the duty officer at 86 Area sending out a special D/R to haul CLARK out to a telephone at 0400 hrs on 11 Aug. H R H was duly met, and taken to PERUGIA and put up for the night by Gen. Tomasselli. Meanwhile Army had got wind of this, and their strong objections to the FLORENCE visit were conveyed by telephone to Gen. Tomasselli on Friday afternoon. Nevertheless, on Saturday evening Army informed me that H R H had gate-crashed FLORENCE and publicly harangued parties of "Patriots" there, in what terms and to what effect was not known.

This unannounced invasion of the Army Commander's territory, ending in flat disregard of his expressed wishes, has given the very worst impression.

Approved

8. Visit of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General.

2781

A first class bungle from start to finish.

Late on Thursday, 10 Aug, a signal was received here from Col. NEGRONI for Gen. Tomaselli, instructing him to meet H R H on CASTIGLIONE Airfield at 0730 hrs on the following day, 11 Aug, and to arrange for visits to PERUGIA and, if possible, FLORENCE.

This necessitated the duty officer at 86 Area sending out a special D/R to haul CLARK out to a telephone at 0400 hrs on 11 Aug. H R H was duly met, and taken to PERUGIA and put up for the night by Gen. Tomaselli.

Meanwhile Army had got wind of this, and their strong objections to the FLORENCE visit were conveyed by telephone to Gen. Tomaselli on Friday afternoon. Nevertheless, on Saturday evening Army informed me that H R H had gate-crashed FLORENCE and publicly harangued parties of "patriots" there, in what terms and to what effect was not known. This unannounced invasion of the Army Commander's territory, ending in flat disregard of his expressed wishes, has given the very worst impression.

Approved

Lt-Col. G.S.
MILIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

040901

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
NAM/115

9 Aug 44.

NAVY Sub Commission, LAMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

1. Arrivals - N I L.

2. Departures - NIL.

3. Movements or Units.

541	Regt.	Artiglieria
8 Coy.	2/514	Regt.
1 Bn.	409	Regt. Pant.
202	Coy.	
203	"	
204	"	
205	"	
2 Bn.	409	Regt.
207	Coy.	
208	"	
209	"	
210	"	
1 Bn.	410	Regt. Pant.
214	Coy.	
215	"	
216	"	
3 Bn.	403	Regt.
1	Coy.	
2	"	
3	"	
860	Pln.	Maschieratori

10	AREZZO
11	"
12	BARAZZONE
13	"
14	S. FIRENZE
15	CICILIANO
16	ORTE
17	BARAZZONE
18	MONTERCHI
19	S. FIRENZE
20	CICILIANO
21	MONTERCHI
22	BARAZZONE
23	FALCONARA
24	FASCIANO
25	ALBACINA
26	GREVE
27	STR. CASTELLINA
28	"
29	"
30	10 Km. E. of
31	AREZZO.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

2783

2. Departures - MIL.

3. Movements of Units.

	to	
511 Regt. Artiglieria	"	ARREZZO
8 Coy. 2/514 Regt.	"	"
1 Bn. 408 Regt. Pant.	"	RAMAZZONE
202 Coy.	"	"
203 "	"	S. FIRENZE
204 "	"	CACILIANO
205 "	"	ORTE
2 Bn. 408 Regt.	"	RAMAZZONE
207 Coy.	"	"
208 "	"	MONTERCHI
209 "	"	S. FIRENZE
210 "	"	CACILIANO
1 Bn. 410 Regt. Pant.	"	MONTERCHI
214 Coy.	"	RAMAZZONE
215 "	"	"
216 "	"	FALCOMARA
3 Bn. 408 Regt.	"	FABRIANO
1 Coy.	"	ALBACINA
2 "	"	GREVE
3 "	"	STA. CASTELLINA
960 Pin. Maschieratori	"	"
315 Ospedale di Campo	"	10 Km. E. of
7 Mnt. Regt.	"	ARREZZO.
786 Regt. Sal.	"	CASTIGLIONE
	"	LIPPIANO -
	"	MONTERCHI
	"	PUGLIA

4. Visits.

To Rome, by air, 1 Aug 44.

To 86 Area twice re clothing of Guard Coys. of 1/386 Inf. Regt., and to lay on signal and PA facilities between there and near Army HQ, for use by CLARK when established at I P A HQ.

To 46 Pnr. Gp. re clothing and 9 1098 stores for Italian Lab. Coys.

To Rear HQ 10 Corps, re recall of HERBERT to Army HQ, to explain new liaison set up and procedure, and discuss all outstanding matters, in particular clothing and reinforcements.

-2-

4. Visits. (Contd.)

Corps made a great song and dance over releasing HERBERT, but after a good dinner finally consented under strong protest, since amplified in writing to Army HQ, who have so far not reacted, as far as I know.

5. Conferences.

With C of S EIGHTH ARMY re wireless equipment and M/T for C I L.

With Brig. BASTYAN, A/Q EIGHTH ARMY, re activities and procedure of Patriot Volunteer Commission.

With AMG re permit facilities for Lt-Col. ROMERI, Italian Air Force Registration Commission.

With Brig. GILLMAN, DDST EIGHTH ARMY, re disposal of 544 Serv. Coy., and Mulateer reinforcements.

With "Q" re tpt for move of 315 Fld. Hospital.

With Lab. and "Q" re tpt of 700 Lab rfts from Rome.

With Brig. LUCAS, A/Q 10 Corps, re clothing and rfts

6. Liaison with I P A HQ.

Discussed provision of M/T to ferry clothing from 2982.

Arranged for Capt. IORIO to proceed to Via Momentana Bks, Rome, to assist in preparation of 700 Lab rfts, and keep touch with Lt-Col. HAMPTON.

Several discussions on the conversion of Lab tps to I P L Coys.

Arrangements for breaking up and disposal of 544 Serv. Coy. from the Transit Camp.

Establishment of Capt. CLARK at Gen. Tomasselli's HQ, effective 5 Aug 44, to control clothing depot and keep touch with me through HQ 86 Area.

Choice of site at CASTIGLION FIORENTINO for 315 Fld. Hospital.

With AMG re permit facilities for Lt-Col. ROMERI, Italian Air Force Registration Commission.

With Brig. GILLMAN, DDST EIGHTH ARMY, re disposal of 544 Serv. Coy., and Muleteer reinforcements.

With "Q" re tpt for move of 315 Fld. Hospital.

With Lab. and "Q" re tpt of 700 Lab rfts from Rome.

With Brig. LUCAS, A/Q 10 Corps, re clothing and rfts

6. Liaison with I P A HQ.

Discussed provision of M/T to ferry clothing from 2982nd arranged for Capt. ICRIO to proceed to Via Nomentana Bks, Rome, to assist in preparation of 700 Lab rfts, and keep touch with Lt-Col. HAMPTON.

Several discussions on the conversion of Lab tps to I P L Coys.

Arrangements for breaking up and disposal of 544 Serv. Coy. from the Transit Camp.

Establishment of Capt. CLARK at Gen. Tomaselli's HQ, effective 5 Aug 44, to control clothing depot and keep touch with me through HQ 86 Area.

Choice of site at CASTIGLION FIORENTINO for 315 Fld. Hospital.
Routine matters of discipline, movements of units and welfare.

7. General.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved to near MONTERIGGIONI, Rte 2, NORTH of SIENA, on 5 Aug 44.

Capt. HERBERT took up residence at Rear Army HQ 6 Aug 44.

Copy enclosed of "PIAVE", the weekly newspaper for Italians in EIGHTH ARMY. The tone of this sheet is becoming considerably lighter and more popular in appeal, and it gives Gen. Tomaselli a not too obvious vehicle for security doctrine and moral building.

FIFTH ARMY are now discharging Italian soldiers and sending them to their homes in EIGHTH ARMY operational areas. These unfortunate men are of course arrested and turned back.

0 4 4 1

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

-3-

7. General (Contd.)

any information available on the " Raggruppamento Amiatina " would be welcome.

Occasionally

Lt-Col. G.S.
MIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

GDM/RPW

2781

0 4 4 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 26 - 30 Jul 44.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

31 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission
M M I A
H Q ACC ROME.

1. Movement of Italian Units.

1 P A HQ
254 Transit Camp
2 Bn. 514 Regt
315 Fld. Hospital

2780

to
" " " " " "
CORTONA
CIVITA CASTELLANA
(A 7318)
" " " " " "

2. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Bakery.
961 Cam. Pln.
962 Cam. Pln.
544 Serv. Coy.

Str. 50
" 1 & 33
" 1 & 33
" 4 & 132
AREZZO
Transit
Camp

u/c 86 Area
u/c 13 Corps
u/c 1 Can. Corps
Mixed Rfts.

3. Departures.

"A" Sec. 65 Telegraphist
" " " " " "

to NOCERA
" " " "

u/c A A I
" " " "

1. Movement of Italian Units.

I F A HQ	to	CORTONA
254 Transit Camp	"	CIVITA CASTELLANA
2 Bn. 514 Regt	"	(A 7318)
315 Fld. Hospital	"	"
	"	"

2. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Bakery.	Str. 50	AREZZO	u/c 86 Area
961 Cam. Pln.	" 1 & 33	"	u/c 13 Corps
962 Cam. Pln.	" 1 & 33	"	u/c 1 Can. Corps
544 Serv. Coy.	" 4 & 132	Transit Camp	Mixed Rfts.

3. Departures.

"A" Sec. 65 Telegraphisti	to	NOCERA	u/c A A I
"CN" " " "	"	"	"

4. Order of Battle.

824 Tels Coy. now redesignated 507 Italian Line Sec.

5. Visits.

Moriarty to Rome 26/28 Jul 44.

To:- 25 Artieri Coy.. A most efficient unit, well commended and cared for. Camp clean and orderly, cockhouse and hygiene very good.

To:- 61 Pioneer Gp HQ. Re clothing and discipline, and pending formation of 405 Lab. Regt.

From:- Herbert. Re parochial troubles of 10 Corps.

0 4 4 4

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

-2-

6. Conferences.

G S I :- Re Col. di Villanova's detachment of Italian Liaison Officers and their regularisation.

A M G :- Re SMRE recruiting commissions in Army Areas.

S & T :- On new ration scale.

"Q", Mov, Pro, Lab & SD :- On various minor routine matters.

C I L Reps (GELARDI & CICOGLA) :- Re visit of recce party to FLORENCE (see App. "A" - one copy only). Agreed that final disposal of all material found is for decision of MMIA and Ministry of War.

7. Liaison with I F A HQ.

2779
Substitution of unsatisfactory C O and N C O of 960 Cam. Pln.; and cross posting of M Os of 514 Inf. Regt. and 315 Mid. Hospital.

Operation and control of Adv. Mob. Clothing Depot, to be established when stocks arrive.

Creation of Central Repair Shop and indents for necessary material being prepared.

Local purchase of minor items of equipment and admin necessities. Tomasselli has funds and powers for this.

Lodging of SMRE and RA Recruiting Commissions', who arrived unannounced on 29 Jul 44, pending Army decision on their sphere of action.

Future of Regt. and Bn. HQs of 514 Inf. Regt. Tomasselli has made searching inspection and is now preparing his recommendations, which promise to be drastic.

8. General.

Gen. Tomasselli has applied to SMRE for a Vice - Commander to be appointed to him, full Colonel at least, and preferably a Brigadier; to ensure proper contact with his widely dispersed troops and assist in the admin detail which to keep him office bound.

2779

7. Liaison with I F A Hq.
Substitution of unsatisfactory C O and N C O of 960 Cam. Pln.; and cross posting of M Os of 514 Inf. Regt. and 315 Fld. Hospital.

Operation and control of Adv. Mob. Clothing Depot, to be established when stocks arrive.

Creation of Central Repair Shop and indents for necessary material being prepared.

Local purchase of minor items of equipment and admin necessities. Tomasselli has funds and powers for this.

Lodging of SMRE and RA Recruiting Commissions, who arrived unannounced on 29 Jul 44, pending Army decision on their sphere of action.

Future of Regt. and Bn. Hqs of 514 Inf. Regt. Tomasselli has made searching inspection and is now preparing his recommendations, which promise to be drastic.

8. General.

Gen. Tomasselli has applied to SMRE for a Vice - Commander to be appointed to him, full Colonel at least, and preferably a Brigadier; to ensure proper contact with his widely dispersed troops and assist in the admin detail which tends to keep him office bound. I have told him this proposal has the full support of MMIA, and should appreciate your aid in hastening SMRE action to this end.

Italian soldiers from FIFTH ARMY are still entering EIGHTH ARMY area on leave, and are of course arrested and returned to their units. I have reminded our L O at FIFTH ARMY that no leave is permitted in this area.

I enclose 21 App. "RM" (one copy only) details of tradesmen required among the RE reinforcements applied for.

Antonio
Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

SECRET

AQ

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(MMIA)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
MM/117/10

25 Jul 44.

AK

27/78

Army Sub Commission, ACC
MMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

LIAISON LOG 17 - 23 JULY 44.

1. Movement of Italian Units.

514 RHQ	to
1 Bn. 514 Regt.	"
3 Bn. 514 Regt. (ex 2/582)	"
409 RHQ	"
1 Bn. 409 Regt.	"
2 Bn. 409 Regt.	"
3 Bn. 409 Regt. (ex 3/515)	"
541 RHQ	"
501 Artieri Bn.	"
13 Rly. Con. Bn.	"

S. GEMINI
TERNI
ASSISI
NARNI
NARNI
PERUGIA
STRADA
BASTI
MORRA
CASTIGLIONE DEL
LAGO.

2. Arrivals

25 Artieri Coy.	Str. 227	PASSIGNANO	for 8 Army
HQ 1 Bn. 410 Regt.	" 15	SPOLETO	" 8 Army

3. Departures.

210 Mist. Gen. Coy. (less deta with 10 & 13 Corps) to ROME
under command AAI.

0 4 4

1. Movement of Italian Units.

514 RHQ	to	S. GEMINI
1 Bn. 514 Regt.	"	TERNI
3 Bn. 514 Regt. (ex 2/582)	"	ASSISI
409 RHQ	"	MARNI
1 Bn. 409 Regt.	"	MARNI
2 Bn. 409 Regt.	"	PERUGIA
3 Bn. 409 Regt. (ex 3/515)	"	STRADE
541 RHQ	"	BASTIA
501 Artieri Bn.	"	MORRA 2778
13 Rly. Con. Bn.	"	CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO.

2. Arrivals

25 Artieri Coy.	Str. 227	PASSIGNANO	for 8 Army
HQ 1 Bn. 410 Regt.	" 15	SPOLETO	" 8 Army

3. Departures.

210 Mist. Gen. Coy. (less jets with 10 & 13 Corps) to ROME
under command A A I.

4. Conferences

G (SD) re provision of M T.
"Q" re clothing, move of transit camp and location of
I F A HQ.
Lab. re clothing, maintenance of M T in I P L Coys and
formation of 405 Lab. Regt.
A D H re Regt 1 M O, general health and hygiene of 514 Regt.
S&T re new ration scale.
A M G re M T for Carabinieri.

5. Visits

To 1 District, courtesy call on G O C, and general discussion

5. Arrivals (contd.)

on future requirements.

To 39 Gp FC on general labout matters.

To HQ 86 Area, on reception of I F A HQ, 315 Fld. Bakery and general matters.

To 1 R C E on minor admin troubles of 13 Italian Rly Constr. Bn.

6. General

(a) Liaison with Gen. Fomasselli this week has suffered from our HQ being separated by 3 to 4 hours road travel. Only two meetings occurred. I F A HQ will open near to us, at CORTONA, on 25 Jul 44.

(b) I propose to come to ROME on 26 Jul 44, remaining all 27 Jul 44 for conferences with all branches interested.

Signature 2777

Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

SECRET

SUBJECT:- LIAISON LOG UP TO 16 JUL 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/9

17 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (MILIA) ROMS.

L. MOVEMENTS.

541 Art. Regt.
1 Coy. 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt.

409 Regt.
1 Bn HQ & 201 & 204 Coys.
202 & 206 Coys.
203 Coy.
205 Coy.
2 Bn. HQ & 209 Coy.
207 Coy.
208 Coy.
211 Coy.
213 Coy.
214 Coy.
215 Coy.
216 Coy.
1 Bn. 514 Regt.
212 Salvage Coy.
501 Artillery Coy.
29 Artillery Coy.
3 Artillery Coy.
65 Telegraphist.
824 Telegraphist.
786 Mule Coy.
1 Rly. Con. Gp.
2 Rly. Con. Coy.
7 Rly. Con. Coy.

BASTIA
CHIUSI

NARNI
CIVITA CASTELLANA
CORTONA
BORGHESE
PONTE S GIOVANNI
CORTONA
BOSIO
SPOLETO
TERNI
NARNI
SETTE BAGNI
SPOLETO
TERNI
BASTICIA
PERUGIA
PERUGIA
S. GEMINI
ASSISI
PERUGIA
S MARTINO IN CAMPO
ORVIETO
ORVIETO
ORTE

2776

L.

MOVEMENTS.

541 Art. Regt.
1 Coy. 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt.

BASTIA
CHIUSI

409 Regt.

1 Bn HQ & 204 Coys.
202 & 206 Coys.

203 Coy.

205 Coy.

2 Bn. HQ & 309 Coy.

207 Coy.

208 Coy.

211 Coy.

213 Coy.

214 Coy.

215 Coy.

216 Coy.

1 Bn. 514 Regt.

212 Salvage Coy.

501 Artillery Coy.

29 Artillery Coy.

3 Artillery Coy.

65 Telegraphist.

824 Telegraphist.

786 Mule Coy.

1 Rly. Con. Gp.

2 Rly. Con. Coy.

7 Rly. Con. Coy.

8 Rly. Con. Coy.

21 Rly. Con. Gp.

31 Rly. Con. Gp.

160 Rly. Con. Gp.

NARNI
CIVITA CASTELLANA
CORTONA
BORGHETTO
PONTE S. GIOVANNI
CORTONA
BOGIO
SPOLETO
TERNI
NARNI
SETTE BAGNI
SPOLETO
TERNI
BASTICIA
PERUGIA
PERUGIA
S. GEMINI
ASSISI
PERUGIA
S. MARTINO IN CAMPO
ORVIETO
ORVIETO
ORTE
CHIUSI
TERENTOLA
TERENTOLA
ORVIETO

2776

2.

ARRIVALS.

(a) Lt-Col. Moriarty arrived near HQ EIGHTH ARMY on 13 Jul 44, and took over w e f 16 Jul 44.

(b) 1 P L Coys Nos. 213, 214, 215, and 216 attached to 409 Regt.

(c) 21, 31, 160 Rly Con Coys attached for adm I F A HQ.

(d) Italian Military Hospital at PERUGIA now accepting Italian soldiers as patients.

(e) 7 Mount. Regt. now located PERUGIA area.

3. CONFERENCES

- (a) Maintenance of British vehs on loan to Italian units.

Decided to make non compliance with maintenance rules a punishable offence.

- (b) Formation of a small liaison gp to look after groups of soldiers working under control of AMCU.

- (c) Provision of chain of transport from Transit Camp to army area for Italian military discharged from hospitals in order to avoid loss of tps.

- (d) Obtaining 200 wine barrels from FRANCO CO DIOMAI factory in order to supply units with wine containers.

- (e) Leave - decided to appeal to "A" Branch for 72 hrs compassionate leave for tps located near their homes. This is to prevent desertions which are causing concern.

4. The O Cs of the following units have been found unsuitable and have been replaced under arrangements of A HQ.

2775

65 Telegraphist

1 Bn. 514 Regt.

541 Art. Regt.

7 Mnt. Regt.

M. Feldman

Major,
Liaison Officer.

0 4 5 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SECRET

info
sub

AQ
(M)

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
May/11/7/6

30 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (M M I A)
LIVILLE (LECCE)

WEEKLY LIAISON REPORT NO.3. WEEKENDING 28 MAY 44.

1. MOVEMENTS.

107 Mortar Coy.
1 Coy. 48 Reg.
801 Posseccavi Coy.
202 Lab Coy.
52 Artieri Coy.
28 Artieri Coy.
7 Mule Coy.

to
" " " " " "
CASSINO
Nr. 216260
" "
PUSCENZANO
" "
10 Corps
5 Army.

2. ARRIVALS.

17 Autofficins)
Det 35 Arty Coy.)
Det 35 Pannatieri)
980 Mascheratori Pl)
617, 8 Coys 2/382 complete Bn at Transit Camp in reserve
for P & L.

Through Transit Camp to C I L

3. CONFERENCES.

Provision of Hygiene Sections.
Provision of bakery sections.
Improvement of maintenance of British vans held by

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

1. MOVEMENTS.

107 Mortar Coy.
1 Coy. 48 Reg.
801 Peseccavi Coy.
202 Lab Coy.
52 Artieri Coy.
29 Artieri Coy.
7 Mule Coy.

to
" " " " " "

CASO 1140
Mr. 214260
" " " "
PRESANZANO
" " " "
10 Corps
5 Army.

Through Transit Camp to C I L

2. ARRIVALS.

17 Autofficina)
Det 35 Arty Coy.)
Det 35 Panastieri)
960 Mascharatori pl)
647,8 Coys 2/582 complete Bn at Transit Camp in reserve
for P & L.

3. CONFERENCES.

Provision of Hygiene sections.
Provision of bakery sections.
Improvement of maintenance of British vans held by
ITALIANS.
Welfare.

4. INSPECTION.

1001 T.T. Coy.
82 Field Hospital
Transit Camp
641 H Q
514 H Q

W. F. Fildes

Major:
Liaison Officer.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LEQUILLE (LECCE)

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/5

23 May 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON REPORT NO.2. WEEKENDING 21 MAY 44.

1. MOVEMENTS.

	Par.	CoY.	to
204	"	"	VENAFRO.
205	PARMA	"	CERVARE.
28	ART.	"	TRANSIT CAMP.
			VENAFRO.

2. ARRIVALS.

- 2773
- (a) 500 Mulesters Rits. - 60 for 786 Mule Coy. - 40 for C I L - 400 for No.50 Pack Tpt Gp.
- (b) 61 Motor Ambulance for C I L.
- (c) 1001 G T Coy. HQ & 2 Plas to S. ANGELO D'ALIFE
1 Pln. to CAMPOBASSO.
- (d) 1051 Tank Unit. - u/c Army Recovery Gp at TORA :-
1 Pln at TORA.
1 " " CASERTA
1 " " TORINO DI SANGRO.

3. INSPECTIONS.

TRANSIT CAMP 18 MAY 44.

Arrangements were made for medical supplies, newspapers and a second cinema performance to reach the camp.

1. MOVEMENTS.

204	Prn.	Coy.	to	VENAFRO.
205	"	"	"	CERVAREO.
29	PARMA	"	"	TRANSIT CAMP.
	ART.	"	"	VENAFRO.

2. ARRIVALS.

- 2773
- (a) 500 Muletiers Rfts. - 60 for 786 Mule Coy. - 40 for C I L - 400 for No. 20 Pack Tpt Gp.
- (b) 61 Motor Ambulance for C I L.
- (c) 1001 G T Coy. HQ & 2 Plns to S. ANGELO D'ALIFE
1 Pln. to CAMPOBASSO.
- (d) 1051 Tank Unit. - u/c Army Recovery Gp at TORA :-
1 Pln at TORA.
1 " " CASERTA
1 " " TORINO DI SANGRO.

3. INSPECTIONS.

TRANSIT CAMP 18 MAY 44.

Arrangements were made for medical supplies, newspapers and a second cinema performance to reach the camp. 315 Field Hospital has urgent need of an ambulance.
The canteen is functioning well.
The lack of tomato paste in rations has a lowering effect on morale. Jam is supplied in lieu.

A detachment of 3 offrs and 72 men has been formed from 409 Reg. for service with Salvage, Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

Issues of equipment for the camouflage unit and a C I L Field Hygiene Sec have been authorised by " Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

M. J. Fuller
Major,
Liaison Officer.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/1.

14 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCS)

SUBJECT:- Liaison Report No.1 - Week 7 - 13 May 44.

1. ARRIVALS:-

R HQ 409 Reg. and 2 Bn. 409 Reg.
315 Fld. Hospital.
93 Med. Section.
HQ & 2 Coys 3 Bn. 515 Reg. (ex 546 Bn.)
29 Artillery Coy.
52 "

2772

2. MOVEMENTS OF UNITS:-

RHQ & 211 Coy. 409 Reg. to POLISH F M C near VAIKANO.
2 Bn. HQ & 207, 208, 209 Coys 409 Reg. to ISERNIA under C R E
10 Corps.
PARMA COY. to CAIRO for portage under POLCORPS.
93 Med. Sec. to supply adm. HQ and personnel for CCSs.

3. INSPECTIONS.

2 Bn. 409 Reg. arrived well supplied and equipped, and ready
for immediate employment.

ax CROSSIC. Both 29 & 52 Art. Coys. were in a very bad condition. They
needed almost a complete set of clothing for each man, besides
boots and ground sheets.

1. ARRIVALS:-

R HQ 409 Reg. and 2 Bn. 409 Reg.
315 Fld. Hospital.
93 Med. Section.
HQ & 2 Coys 3 Bn. 515 Reg. (ex 546 Bn.)
29 Artillery Coy.
52 "

2772

2. MOVEMENTS OF UNITS:-

RHQ & 211 Coy. 409 Reg. to POLISH F M C near VAIANO.
2 Bn. HQ & 207, 208, 209 Coys 409 Reg. to ISERHIA under C R E
10 Corps.
PARMA COY. to CAIRO for portage under POLCORPS.
33 Med. Sec. to supply Adm. HQ and personnel for COCs.

3. INSPECTIONS.

2 Bn. 409 Reg. arrived well supplied and equipped, and ready for immediate employment.

ax CCCCCCA Both 29 & 52 Art. Coys. were in a very bad condition. They needed almost a complete set of clothing for each man, besides boots and groundsheets.

4. GENERAL.

(a) The Transit Camp near VAIANO Station is now capable of taking 3,000 troops at a time. It has the 315 Fld. Hospital, a canteen and a small supply of Teli Di Tenda to provide tentage for units arriving without. The OC has a 15 cwt. and a 3 ton truck, and the telephone has just been laid on.

(b) S & T have organised the carriage of wine to D I Ds on the EASTERN and WESTERN Ls of C, from which it will be distributed to units under ITALIAN arrangements.

(c) BAD CAPUA was visited. Movement guarantees to provide lpt to carry ammunition from CAPUA Stn to BAD and an ITALIAN Art. Coy. is available for unloading.

[Signature]
Major,
Liaison Officer.

0 4 5 8