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Q/53/16 Liaison log (Capt Newton) British Increment 5th Army
MARCH 1945 2nd Jacket

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 15.

MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

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

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18th March, 42.

Sunday Mar 11	(i) (ii) (iii)	Met new Vice Commander 231 Div - Gen. RICCA. Discussed 'ampliamento razioni' with S/T. 100 reinforcements to Pioneer Labour Group.
Monday Mar 12	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)	Lt. TREVELYAN reported back to MMIA ROME. Cigarette situation reviewed with S/T. 96 Muleteers Rfts to XXI Pack Group - 40 Pioneers to 50 Group. Arrival at AREZZO for 231 Div. - 117 Pioneer Rfts, 62 Muleteer Rfts, 16 Forestry Rfts.
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 (vi) Arranged visit LEGNANO with Brig JONES, D/CS Five Army.
 (vii) Arrived at AREZZO for 231 Div: 337 Forestry and Pioneer Rfts.

Friday
 Mar 16
 (i) Col NOAKES and NEWTON discussed various points - chiefly cigarettes issue - with 'Q' Brit Iner -
 (ii) Col NOAKES left for 8 Army.
 (iii) Capt HORLICK introduced to Staff officers of all departments, Brit Iner.
 (iv) MMIA HOME signalled Capt HORLICK to report to his Regt: tomorrow.
 (v) S/T not yet convinced that they must issue 10 free cigarettes.
 (vi) 50 Pioneers sent to Pioneer Group from Div Depot.

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Saturday (i) Capt HORLICK reported MMIA ROME.
 Mar 17 (ii) C.O. and Coy Comdrs 513 Gd Regt visited Capt NEWTON
 re tpt for their administration.
 (iii) 191 Pioneer Rfts to Pioneer Group.
 27 Muleteer Rfts to XXI Pack Group.

(For four complete days of this week, this detachment was entirely without a vehicle, owing to it's being in use to take officers to and from ROME).

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 MMIA LO.
 British Increment,
 Fifth Army.

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British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROMS.

MIA LO,
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Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

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13th March 45.

Sunday
Mar 4

- (i) TRAVELMAN to S. GIOVANNI to receive vehicles for 805 Transit Camp.
- (ii) NEWTON to 231 to review clothing situation.
- (iii) Two battalions arrived at ARZEO to be used as rifts.

Monday
Mar 5

- (i) Gen. BROWNING, Col. P. BLUM arrived in FLAMENGO.
- (ii) Met MIA L.O. Brit Inor
- (iii) 384 Muleteers brought from QAVIATO by Brit Inor road tpt.
- (iv) 25 Muleteer rifts to XM Pack Group.

Tuesday
Mar 6

- (i) Gen. BROWNING met G.O.C. 231 Div for first time.
- (ii) 100 Pioneer rifts to 39 Pioneer Group.

Wednesday
Mar 7

- (i) Maj. GARDNER arrived on liaison visit, bringing GARDNER for duty as clerk, MIA L.O. Brit Inor.
- (ii) 100 Pioneer rifts to 2 Pioneer Group.

Thursday
Mar 8

- (i) Discussed common problems with Maj. GARDNER.
- (ii) 100 Pioneer rifts to 55 Pioneer Group.

Friday
Mar 9

- (i) Maj. GARDNER returned to 2 Army.
- (ii) Gen. RAMASSIA, Ital Welfare, arrived at Brit Inor.
- (iii) Conference - AGS(P) 15 Army Group, AG, RMAJ, Welfare, 2930
- (iv) Dedicated 59 Army Group.

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Sunday
Mar 4

- (1) TRIVELLIAN to S. GIOVANNI to receive vehicles for 805 Transit Camp.
- (ii) NEWTON to 234 to review clothing situation.
- (iii) Two battalions arrived at ARREZO to be used as rfts.

Monday
Mar 5

- (1) Gen. BROWNING, Col. PIMLEY arrived in FLORENCE. Met MILA L.O. Brit Inor
- (ii) 304 Mulesters brought from GAVIANO by Brit Inor road tpt.
- (iii) 25 Mulester rfts to 134 Peck Group.

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- (1) Gen. BROWNING met G.O.C. 234 Div for first time.
- (ii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 39 Pioneer Group.

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- (iii) Contacted 59 Area ref Gd Bns at GIRA.
- (iv) 100 Pioneer rfts for 2 Group.

Saturday
Mar 10

- (1) TRIVELLIAN attended Brit Inor conference on Malaria.
- (ii) NEWTON discussed supplies with Q and 17 and 23 Div.
- (iii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 46 Group.

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British Exorcism,
Fifth Army.

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Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

5LO/3/G.25th. March, 45.

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

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 - (ii) Arranged for 150 pioneers rfts to go to 39 Pioneer Gp u/o 2 Dist.
 - (iii) Was approached by Commissariat 231 Div re underwear for hot weather. ✓ My 5LO/2/Q of 21st March.
 - (iv) 224 Rfts arrived at 231 Mft Depot from MEZLO.

- Monday
Mar 19
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 - (ii) Saw "Q" about rifle oil from Allied sources. Each employing formation releases to BRITL units under command. ✓ Your Q/Os/6 of 17 March, para 2 does not give correct picture. Newton spoke Maj. Greenwood.
 - (iii) Discussed tpt for 513 Gd Bn with APM. He undertook to bring it before Brit. Incr. at tomorrow's conference. ✓
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Tuesday
Mar 20

(i) Spoke to small groups of Partisans. They don't want to join the Army because they want to go home as soon as their town is freed.

(ii) Major Papineau and Major Edwards visited this office. Visited Delegazione 'T' and discussed M.T. repair facilities and POL.

(iii) Discussed rations for Italian canteen with AAG and Q.

(iv) Discussed soap and cigarettes for Gruppi with S/T.

Q letter to M.M.I.A.
HQ refers. My 5LO/7/5/Q of 26 Mar.

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Tuesday
Mar 20

- (v) Discussed tpt for Gd Coys.
- (vi) Capt. Thrupp arrived on liaison visit.

Wednesday
Mar 21

- (i) Capt. Thrupp left for 8 Army.
- (ii) C.C. 4 Pack Tpt Coy enquired about KFI for Pack Group on same scale as for Combat Groups.
- (iii) Discussed tpt of 231 Div and repair facilities with Maj. Papineau and Maj. Edwards.
- (iv) DADOS discussed issue of British B.D. to Pack Tpt Coy. I pointed out that this was and would be entirely unofficial
- (v) Discussed distribution of disinfectants with Italian L.O. Surgeons Office.

Thursday
Mar 22

- (i) Discussed canteen supplies with Q - with ref to leave percentage. I warned him his letter 285/1 Q of 20 Mar might be premature.
- (ii) Discussed scale of KFI itmes general throughout Italian Army. - Nil..
- (iii) Interpreted for AM during taking of evidence of a USITF accused of stealing.
- (iv) General MANNEI very concerned at the non-arrival of Caps FS for 231 Div. Disciplinary action is taken against any BRIT soldier seen without a cap.
- (v) Arranged tpt for a group of Combat rfts.
- (vi) Arranged appointments for visit of Senior MMIA LO projected for 29 Mar.
- (vii) Arranged for collection of balance of March allocation of cigarettes for Foligno, also for small allocation of and put into soap. Cigarettes will be collected from 4588

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- Thursday Mar 22
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 - (ii) Discussed scale of XFI itmes general throughout Italian Army. - Nil..!
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 - (viii) 100 Pioneer rfts despatched to Pioneer Group.

- Friday Mar 23
- (i) Discussed cigarettes with S/T. -
 - (ii) DADOS enquired about Mobile Baths with the Gruppi.
 - (iii) Spoke to L.O. 1 Dist about collection of blankets from his Depot.
 - (iv) Tpt for 512 Gd Bn again discussed with APW and Q.
 - (v) 106 Pioneer rfts despatched to Pioneer Group.

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Saturday
Mar 24

(i) Discussed disposal of Rly Engr
Rfts with MOV 15 Army Group (Lt.
Col. Wheeler).

(ii) Made preliminary arrangements
for collecting caps from Bari.

Later cancelled by
message from Major
Taylor saying they
were despatched by
rail.

(iii) Checking up on Mobile Bath Units
with Gruppo.

(iv) 15 Muleteers to XXI Pack Gp.

(v) 75 Pioneers to Pioneer Group.

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MIA LO.
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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