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Liaison Log Bolzano (Maj Byatt)

Sept - Oct 1945

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report

Liaison Officer  
No IV Terr. HQ. (Bolzano)  
Box/L/1  
15. Oct. 45

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Herewith is summary of main activities for week ending 15. Oct. 45.

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Arranged with Vet. Recovery Officer for removal of horses (24) previously CSM and now handed back to It. Gov. All such horses are being removed to Verona area for distribution to farmers. A second lot will be moving shortly.  
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as soon as possible.

11.

Visit CEM Group personnel on question of materials of  
Lt. origin in CEM dumps. It appears that all CEM has  
been frozen pending an allotment instruction being  
issued by AFHQ.

Further discussion on maintenance of ammo dumps with  
Arty. Dtc.

Lt. Col. Egerton arrives from Milan. Discussion on pre-  
sent situation.

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12.

Accompany Lt. Col. Egerton to see Lt. Col. Ashmore. Local situation and future of It. Army discussed. Meeting Lt. Col. Egerton and Gen. Negroni to discuss problems and future hand over of It. Army.

13.

Visit 50 and 53 BLU's to discuss problems and future of It. Army. Principal problem in both cases was the question of petrol and oils from CIF under new scheme. This is not running smoothly as both availability and payment question did not appear to have been tied up. This has since been arranged and it is hoped to continue. CIF Bolzano still have no availability of lubricants.

14.

Lt. Col. Egerton leaves for UDINE. Informed by Lt. Col. Ashmore that 60 Sub. Area are now moving into Bolzano.

Major problems in this area are now settling down but the question of It. Army material in CEM dumps still requires solving. The accommodation question has greatly been assisted by a 2 District instruction to all concerned for handing over all necessary accommodation to It. troops and treating accommodation of It. troops as of equal priority with needs of Allied troops.

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Liaison Officer  
No IV Terr. Hq. (Solazzo)  
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Herewith is summary of main activities for week ending 7 Oct. 45.

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1.

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Following bks were visited. Chiarle Bks occupied by Distretto HQ, 1 Coy 505 and Folgore w/shops. Max Desert available as w/shops because of large number of sheds.

Funzionale used as ADON dump and ration dump. Following was decided upon pending confirmation:-

Chiarle Bks to be left at complete disposal of Terr. Hq. and not to take unit of Priuli. These bks will now accommodate 308 Gd. Bn. Folgore w/shops cannot move out in any short length of time owing to large number of repairable and derelict vehicles in their possession.

Priuli to make use of Funzionale and Max Desert Bks and to cease using schools as accommodation in Trento.

When this is confirmed Trento accommodation will be settled.

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Funzionale used as AGO's dump and ration dump. Following was decided upon pending confirmation:- Chiarle Bks to be left at complete disposal of Ferr. HQ. and not to take unit of Friuli. These bks will now accommodate 508 Gd. Bn. Folgore w/shops cannot move out in any short length of time owing to large number of repairable and derelict vehicles in their possession.

Friuli to make use of Funzionale and Max Desert Bks and to cease using schools as accommodation in Trento.

When this is confirmed Trento accommodation will be settled.

2. Visit Verona area with Gen. Negroni and Major Edwards.

Visited following establishments: Military hospital intended to be used as Polzano General Hospital and now no longer used by Allies. It is necessary that authority be given for General Hospital to be located at Verona in order that

- a) release of this bldg. be obtained from Town Major,
- b) necessary repairs be carried out.

Distretto HQ. Located in re-visited bldg. in town and not unsuitable.

16 Repairs Unit. Located in bombed bks but suitable when repairs will be completed.

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Staccato Ross. This now occupied by APO Recovery Section and es-  
sentially required for 1 mob. Park.

CMV Veh. Dump. Large number of It. Army vehs. are in this dump.  
Authority was later obtained from Brig. Haigh (DDCS 2 District)  
for removal by It. Recovery Units and release to It. Army.  
Verona Station Depot. This is in suitable accm. and is well kept.  
Essential that use be given of railway siding to allow trains  
to bring sups. direct into dept.

Verona accm. is very bad and needs clearing up. All  
military bks. are being used by Town Major for Allied accm.  
and release of at least one is essential.

I will be spending a few days in Verona to try and  
settle this as soon as time permits.

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Visit 53 BLU on request to discuss supply problems.  
Lack of F.O.L. supplies at CIP. This later settled by  
direct contact with CIP Bolzano.

- 1) Supply of Hoop. Misc. and Dis. No allotment.
- 2) Request of 2000 sets of special winter alpine clothing from  
CMV dumps for the mountains.
- 3) Allotment of stoves and paraffin for winter warmth.  
Above questions passed to Gen. Neria LO SW Italy.

Received visit of Brig. Haigh (DDCS 2 District) to  
discuss It. Army stores in CMV dumps. Brig. Haigh has authori-  
zed me to draw all It. Army clothing from all CMV dumps in this  
area. Quantities will be communicated as soon as handed over by  
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- 4. Leave for Milan to discuss problems and porting to Turin.
- 5. Return to Bolzano.

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Any points have since been settled and the accommodation question is gradually being solved. Gen. Heydeman's visit has cleared a rather delicate point regarding this area and things should work more smoothly now. It is hoped that quite a large amount of stores and clothing will be obtained from CAV dumps and are now working on this. Vestities will be reported as and when released.

2 District regard this area as being most important and are helping the Terr. HQ. out in every possible way.

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Liaison Officer  
Lt. IV Terr. M. (Bolzano)  
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1st. Oct. 1945.

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Herewith is summary of main activities for week

ending 30 Sept. 45.

23.

Informed Gen. Negroni of results of Milan visit and that the main problems were being submitted to the MILIA and District.

Gen. informed by Gen. Negroni that the Terr. HQ would provide a firing squad for the execution of a German, found guilty of murder, on the morning of 24 Sept.

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Attended meeting with Lt. Col. Thompson (A.M.G.) and Major Edwards to discuss question of Lt. military vehicles in possession of civilians. Arrangements made by Major Edwards with local Prefettura and Terr. HQ. were agreed upon. A.M.G. have no knowledge of the AFHQ instruction governing this and a copy is being given to them.

Held meeting with Col. Luca, C.O. Bolzano CC. 28. Legion and discussed question of mobile squad, clothing and transport. This Legion has not yet received its 100 of armoured vehicles and this is considered most essential in this part of Italy. The CC. 28 in this area are badly off for winter clothing and help is required. No ST has been assigned to this Legion except 1 motorcycle Van and they are carrying on with transport have found and which in many cases has to be returned to owners.

The CC. 28 in this area need and deserve some help.

25.

Leave for Leviceo to visit 50810 after meeting with Gen. Negroni on accommodation for Priuli in Trento. Discussed Priuli accommodation with Lt. Col. Southby and Lt. Col. 50 810. was interfered by Col. Southby of Gen. Negroni's interference with Priuli on ordering changes of locations and special

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Met meeting with Col. Luca, C.C. Solzano CC. 88. Legion and discussed question of mobile buses, clothing and apt.

This legion has not yet received its set of secured vehicles and this is considered most essential in this part of Italy. The CC. 88 in this area are badly off for winter clothing and help is required. No PT has been assigned to this legion except 1 m/cycle Van and they are carrying on with apt they have found and which in early cases has to be returned to owners.

The CC. 88 in this area need and deserve some help.

25.

Leave for Livorno to visit 508th after meeting with Gen. Negroni on accommodation for Priuli in Trento. Discussed

Priuli's accommodation with Lt. Col. Southby and DADA 50 BDU.

Was informed by Col. Southby of Gen. Negroni's interference with Priuli on ordering changes of locations and special patrols.

It was requested by 50 BDU that POLICERS w/shops be ordered to leave Trento as soon as required.

A visit to Trento area showed that Poligore have left their w/shops there and a small rear admin party.

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Meeting with Gen. Negroni on results of visit to 50 Hill. The  
 question of Gen. Negroni issuing orders to Friuli Op was pro-  
 ved incorrect. As a result of Gen. Browning's visit to Bolzano  
 area in early Sept., it had apparently been decided that Gen.  
 Negroni should start getting into picture for his eventual com-  
 mand over Combat Ops in his area. A letter was consequently sent  
 out by Gen. Negroni, which stated clearly was purely informative,  
 on suggestions for locations of AF units for internal security,  
 tasks and necessary patrols safe guarding it. Army interests and  
 vulnerable points. This was not to be taken as being against  
 present instructions from 2 District.

This was communicated to 50 Hill and cleared up. Arranged with  
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 leave) that, until such time the Command ceased to function,  
 any allotment of it. Military accommodation to write in Bolzano  
 area should first be discussed with Terr. HQ and myself.  
 This was agreed and we are now working in close co-operation.  
 Discuss question of it. Army stores in US dumps with 700. Sec.  
 (this was later put up to 217 Area Comd.)

Meeting with A.S.U. to discuss hand over of captured mules and  
 horses to A. of W. and Agriculture. Meeting strengthened out and  
 60 PIA Sgt requirements met. In agreement with Vet. Recovery  
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 unacceptably and had threatened Col. Thompson. It appears that  
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 as Siusi tps are available.

Meeting with Lt. Col. Ashcore who informed us that the Area Comd.  
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 Gen. Negroni on 29 Sept.  
 Arranged out question of 50 Hill Reg. requirements of horses  
 (captured enemy) and arranged that A. of W. should receipt.  
 50 PIA would undertake to feed such animals. Discussed latest  
 instructions from 217 Area on Internal Security for Br tps in  
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Met Major Kennebec (U.S.) of War Materials Sub. Comd. A.C.(C.S.S.)  
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Meeting with A.S.C. to discuss hand over of captured mules and horses to S. of W. and Agriculture. Meeting straightened out and be old Sgt requirements met. In agreement with Vet. Recovery Sec (S of S) and local Agriculture rep.

Informed by Lt. Col. Thompson (AUG) of incident between himself and Polgore tps in Siusi. The tps in question had behaved sensationally and had threatened Col. Thompson. It appears that inhabitants of Siusi are terrified of behaviour of Polgore tps in the area. The matter was reported to 33 HQU.

Tour Bolzano area with Terr HQ rep to note use and allocation of accommodation. This is satisfactory and will improve as soon as American Bks are available.

Meeting with Lt. Col. Ashmore who informed me that the Area Comd. Brig. Tennant was going to visit Bolzano area and would see Gen. Negroni on 29 Sept.

Straightened out question of 68 Vld Reg. re ingredients of horse (captured enemy) and arranged that S. of T. should, receipt. 68 Vld would undertake to feed such animals. Discussed latest instructions from 217 Area on internal security for Ar tps in Bolzano area.

Met Major Kenneer (U.S.) of War Materials Sub. Com. A.S. (D. I. I.) who controls 3 dumps in Bolzano area and arranged to visit dumps with a view of removing it. Army clothing and equipment and stores receive visit from Major Crawford and Capt. Craig and discuss IOL and supply questions.

Discussions with Terr. Command staff preparatory to Area Comd visit.

Brig. Tennant (217 Area Comd) visits Gen. Negroni. Questions discussed:-

4) Clarification of Gen. Negroni command over S. of T. discipline and again. Brig. Tennant will take up with 3183 rict.

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blaze dumps arranged that, if Army technical specialist would accompany Ord. specialists in US dumps for classification and examination.

e) Removal of necessary Lt. Army material and stores from CWV (40. ps.

Brig. Command agreed to help in all these matters.

The Belzaco situation is gradually clearing up and difficulties are slowly being cleared.

I hope to overcome the accommodation question by visits to areas and blocking necessary Lt. U. of U. property.

The Combat Op question is still very delicate and Folgore behaviour does not appear to improve.

It is hoped that shortly some Lt. Army material will be forthcoming from CSE jumps.

It is strongly recommended that the CCIBR. in this area be given some help in Lt. Arm'd vehicle as per CC and winter clothing. The CC, RR, are most efficient and most co-operative and it is in our interests to help them out.

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Liaison officer  
N.IV TerrHQ (Bolzano)  
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24 Sept 1945.

Herewith is summary of main activities for week ending 23rd Sept.

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- 16. Met Lt.Col. ASHMORE, G.O. 68 Fld.Regt., and explained my functions in this area and the relationship MMIA - Italian Army.  
Long discussion on relationship Bolzano TerrHQ - 68 Fld Regt - Combat Gps.  
Was informed by Lt.Col.Ashmore that it had been decided at a conference in 217 Area that Combat Gps. would control their areas as occupational tps and 68 Fld responsible for Allied tps only. Role of Int.Sec.would fall upon Combat Gps also. This was to be subject of conference with GI 53 BLU.
- 17. Contacted 53 BLU (BRESCIANONE). Discussed Folgore position with G2, Major Markes.  
53 BLU are under impression that G.O.C. Folgore is main figure head over Gen.Negrone and do not appear to regard Gen.Negrone as governing body over Folgore and Friuli for admin. and discipline. This requires clarification.  
Discussed question of relief of Folgore units by Int.Sec. bps at a later date.
- 18. Conference with Gen.NEGRONI, G.O.C. Bolzano Terr. H.Q., on following subjects:  
(a) Subsequent changes of locations of Combat Gp units to ensure proper frontier protection and int.sec.  
The Arty Regt at Brenner Pass to be split up among other units.  
(b) Confirmed that Gen.Negrone is responsible for Admin. and discipline of Combat Gps (M. of W circular 16229/ORD of 28 Aug)

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Difficulty is that Gen. Negroni must be careful so as not to interfere with operational role of Combat Gps.

(c) Int. Sec. Bde. - Bde H.Q. is now forming and is nearly completed at VERONA ( O.C. Col. FERMI). Ultimate location to be TRENTO.

Only Gd M under command is 505 located as follows: H.Q. Bolzano - 2 coys Bolzano - 1 coy Trento - 1 coy Verona.

On arrival of second Bn, this will be placed at Verona and coys of 505 withdrawn from Trento and Verona to Bolzano.

Third Bn will either be located at Trento or Merano where local situation is tricky.

Gen. Negroni's main difficulties are questions regarding accommodation.

*Conference Gen. Negroni. Lt. Col. Ashmore*

19.

Definition of command and duties of Combat Gps and Terr H.Q. agreed upon.

Stress was made for friendly relations between It. tps - civilian population (largely Austrian) and Allied tps. Lt. Col. Ashmore willing to lend Bn N.C.O.'s to help train and organize local units.

Meeting held with Terr. H.Q. services to discuss main problems.

The main problem in all cases is one of accommodation particularly in view of incoming winter season. Allied units (largely American) have occupied nearly all undamaged bldgs. and even though largely decreased still do not vacate occupied bldgs. Essential that 217 Area requirements and Terr. H.Q. requirements be discussed for mutual agreement.

Medical - Stress made that Bolzano Terr. Gen. Hosp be located at Verona ( where now at present split into two parts 6 miles apart) in essential bldg.: SANTO SPIRITO hospital now occupied by Allied tps.

Release of medical stores (Italian) from Captured Enemy dump at Merano (AFHQ authority required).

Engineers - Main problem accommodation and repair of bldgs. when released for winter season.

Release of machinery from dumps and classifying of It. Army property in Captured dumps at present being used ad lib by U.S. units with disregard to proper use.

Commissariats - No main difficulties except urgent problem of winter clothing. (Commissariats wheels not grinding properly yet but can be sorted out by frequent inspections).

Motorization - Problems in efficient hands of Maj. Edwards. Main local difficulty is the obtaining of HIGHWAYS Eqs (Bolzano) for N. III Repairs Units at present firmly held by American Service unit.

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Arty - Main problem is that of being allowed to clear and sort out ammo dumps scattered all over area and explode dangerous ammo. This is a constant danger to civilians and tps. For the moment dumps are being guarded by Allied tps. Essential that no of dumps be reduced. Policy regarding It. Army fixed installations as to whether these can be recovered or destroyed. Release of machinery from Merano and Stilves (Vipiteno) dumps.

- 20. Leave for Milan.
- 21. Discuss main problems with Lt. Col. Egerton and give Bolzano picture.
- 22. Return to Bolzano.

The situation in Bolzano from the political point of view is very tricky indeed and communications with the outside world are very difficult.

There is great co-ordination and co-operation with the Terr. H.Q., A.M.G. and 68 Fld. Supt. (M.A.) at the present moment but the following must be cleared up to get a smooth running area from the military point of view:

- (i) That Gen. Negroni as C.O.C. R.IV Terr. H.Q. be given more power over the Combat Gps in his area and that this be made quite clear to all concerned.
- (ii) That the Folgore Div. be made to realize that the war is over and that display of arms and force is not the best policy in this area particularly. It is essential that the tps behave in a manner which will give the Italian Army some prestige.
- (iii) That the question of accommodation be discussed by 217 Area and Bolzano Terr. H.Q. together and a mutual agreement reached.

I have asked Gen. Negroni to prepare a list of accommodation he would require in all his territory showing each separate locality.

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(iv) That AFHQ authority be given for the release of such It. Army property as is essentially required from Captured Enemy dumps. This could be checked by me and bear my signature as confirmation.

(v) That the ammunition question be settled. In Bolzano area already one child has been killed and one seriously injured by playing around with stray ammo.

(vi) That winter clothing be treated as urgent.



Major  
(E.F. BEATTY)  
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**SUBJECT: Preliminary Liaison Report**

**M.E.I.A. Liaison Officer  
No. IV Terr. HQ BOLZANO  
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**September 1945**

**H.Q. MMIA ROME**  
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**Copy to: MMIA Sen. LO  
NW Italy MILAN**

1. Arrived here on evening of 14 September.
2. Have contacted No. IV Terr. HQ, AMG and No. 68 Field Arty Regt (RA) who are only Allied tps in this area, as all US tps are pulling out, and who consequently are looking after the area.
3. Have now made following arrangements :-
  - (a) Office Acqm. Have established an office in No. IV Terr. HQ which is most convenient (2nd fl. Room 4).
  - (b) Comms. Very tricky indeed but only possible means are :-

**Postal : MMIA LO BOLZANO  
          c/o 68 FlA Arty Regt (RA)  
          c/o 217 Area (BOLOGNA)**

**Signal : 217 Area for 68 Arty Regt for BYATT.**

**/s/ Major BYATT  
M.E.I.A.**

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