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7 - 16 Oct.

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

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Land Forces Sub Comm, AO, (4)
(MILA)
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Senior MILA LO, - MILAN

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Put DAA and MG 201 Sub Area in latest picture re Racial Slavs.

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

11 Oct.- Attended P.C.M. conference Rear 13 Corps in A.M.
In P.M. Conference Rear 13 Corps on Racial Slavs -
All services represented - also 201 Sub Area and MMIA. 3495
All arrangements tied up and provisional date 30/95

reception fixed 20 Oct, providing clothing arrived.

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

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

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

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

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POLITICAL SITUATION.

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

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

V. H. Selby 3192
Major,
MMIA IO, 201 Sub Area - UDINE.

SECRET

Subject: Liaison Log No. 29 - 27 Sep to 6 Oct.

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Liaison Officer
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S/C Sol Sub Area - UDINE

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2 Oct. - Capt Craig visited - Gave good report on ration store and General running of the Supplies side. Was present at handover of one trailer from 13 Corps to 5 Terr. Hq. Trailer in good condition. Visited P.F.S.G. Udine to discuss security. Movement control and it Army Tpt held by civilians. Found AGC co-operative and hope for good results in future.

3 Oct. - Called on Gen FRUARI - Comd Artillery Directorate - spoke about Bomb disposal and the constant problem of Tpt.

Visited 5 Terr Hq. 307. Inspected vch pk - petrol store - cockhouses etc. Sent signal to 41 Dec Unit asking them to accept Italian non runners - too many now in Udine with no place to put them. Have received no reply yet.

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

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new MMIA signal and rang A.P.H.A. straight away.

13 Corps Policy, governed by DVIAO agreement, is to void political friction in Corps area. They want bode & mobbed outside area, put in "civilians" and transported in small batches into Jugo-slavia. Have taken no further action on instructions from B.G.S. 13 Corps.

5 Oct. - 150 Lt Generals and 1,000 GRS arrived unannounced from Russia with Russian escort. General flap but A.M.G. 5 Terr HQ and MMIA got together and settled problem. Bode were fed - taken in lorries to station where special train was laid on and routed south. Interesting stories told by the ex P.W.'s. Russia escort one Major - two Captains and 15 Russian GRS - boys of 16 - 17 armed with Tommy guns and badly in need of a good wash and decent food. The Russian officers were put up at 199 (2r) transit camp and consumed 44 bottles of whiskey before going to bed. (Who says the British are not hospitable!)

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19 Sep. - To 5 Terr Bn met Gen. Armellini had long talk on all points. Clear that there is some disappointment in the question as it is quite evident Italian Army has been considered last and, in several cases, been given room which no one else wanted. Discussed Recovery of vech with the General. This is a difficult task because 13 Corps will not loosen up on seen for the Lt. Army and there are no good vech parks or shops for the Udine Terr Bn. Many lorries - trucks etc. which have been brought in are housed in an old M.P. dump which is completely bombed out and the few guards available have their hands full keeping thieves, black marketeers etc. from looting and pilfering spare parts.

Spoke to Col. Piacentini - Dep J of S on all matters. 319.

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20 Sep - Visited Rear 13 Corps - Trieste - Saw Brig. Ritchie - DAMEG - 4 Mov - Lab etc: Everyone very friendly and helpful. In p.m. visited Main Corps - Saw G.S.D. G Ops - G-SI. and AMG 13 Corps.

21 Sep - Completed handover from Maj: Monico. Domestic problems settled - Lady secretary sacked - Am keeping the male clerk who is very good. Maj: Monico departed for MILAN and eventual freedom. Closed office Trieste and transferred to 201 Sub Area Udine. - Gen. Armellini found me a typist so domestic staff started work straight away.

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

Most favourably impressed by the cleanliness and neatness of Station dump - barracks and offices both at the Mil Dist and 5 Inf Regt Depot. The latter is housed in a barracks which, a few months ago was a complete shambles - having been sacked by the Germans - looted and fired by the Partisans and finished off by the civilian population. In two months the 5 Terr. has made a wonderful job of repair and recondition work - men are living, sleeping and working in this building which was generously given to the Ities by 201 Sub Area. (In my opinion to keep them busy and quiet!).

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25 Sep - Gen Armellini goes to Rome for 10 days. Gen Zatti takes over temp comd.

Visited 49 It AA Wkep - Large quantities of It Arms - Barrack stores not yet evacuated. Arranged for this evacuation to be done by 5 Ferr H. H.F. Coy.

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

26 Sep - Visited Gen Zatti - in temp comd of 5 Ferr H. 3190 Discussed domestic and other problems.

Political Situation

Udine province is full of political intrigue. The main parties

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

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MAIA LO, 201 sub Area - Udine.
Major.

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