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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)

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March 45

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 15 - 21 Feb 45.

TO : MIA LO 8 Army (2).

Copy to: M.V.

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

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Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
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Welfare

(a) I have effected a reconciliation between Gen TOMASELLI and Lt Col DI BLASI to the extent of obtaining an office and messing with HQ 228 Div. It is now clearly understood by both parties that DI BLASI is here to co-ordinate Welfare in the whole Army area and has equal responsibilities to both I.C.Gs. and 228 Div. DI BLASI's car and dvr-batman have reported here during the last few days. The Colonel is at a conference in FLORENCE at the moment; on his return, he will set up his org in HQ 228 Div. He has no clerks but has doubtless asked for them through Italian channels in FLORENCE.

(b) DI BLASI has obtained sixteen Italian films from P.W.B. for the months of March and April. He intends to show eight at cinemas each side of Route 9 each month and then switch them over.

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(e) Two MOs of 228 Div will attend 2 day refresher course on Malaria at ANCONA early in Mar and then tour the Gruppi on a short lecture course with Lt BETTINI of 8 Mob Mal Isb prior to becoming responsible for A/Malaria preceution and hygiene in 228 Div.

(f) I have invited units to submit designs for A/Malarial posters which P.W.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 CESAÑA from ROME was persuaded to stay a day or two longer to deal with a member of the FRIULI who had thrown a bomb at a New Zealander.

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

9. Patriots

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

25 February 1945

TO : Major CAREW-HUNT,
MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY.

We are much impressed by your weekly Log No. 15 of
21 Feb 45. Not only have you and your section done your work
well during the week under review but you have taken obvious
trouble to put it on paper and so keep us informed of what is
going on.



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Lt. Col.,
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 14 Feb - to 2 Polcorps, 26 BIU and 50 BIU on passing of FRIULI I.C.G. to under comd 2 Polcorps.
 16 Feb - HRH Crown Prince UMBERTO and Col PIDSLEY arrived.
 17 Feb - Accompanied HRH to CREMONA Group and 51 BIU.
 18 Feb - Patriots Day - local parades and evening concert.

Daily liaison with 228 Div 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(SD) WE of HQ 228 Div and 499 IRSMU. Provision of tpt.
- GSI(CI) Recruiting of patriots. Relations between Italian Army and Partisans.

- RE Provision of 80 skilled watermen from Army area for trig at SME CAPUA and formation of unit there on 15 Army Gp WE.

- Q Set up for HQ 228 Div to deal with ICG L of C and tail unit.

- ST See paras 4 - 9 below.

4. SURS

New ration scale has come at an extremely ill-timed moment and has been referred to the Army Comd. Now that three Gruppi 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 CC of S or dictated by world shortages means little to the front line soldier who knows that his treatment differs very considerably from that of his Allied neighbour who dodges the same shells.

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7. COGNAC

To date, of a total of 4254 litres released to 14 CRASC (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 tps and a sound, speedy supply of disinfectants to provide for Anti-Malarial precautions and normal contingencies.

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Courses in hygiene are being organized under British supervision and unit comds 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 crisis in the January provision of disinfectants for ANCONA hospital and dependant units arose from the fact that they had been consigned to 228 Div and were almost all distributed when the news came that the allotment included ANCONA.

As the December allotment had NOT been drawn, ST Army re-authorized issue and the situation was saved.

9. PROVISION THROUGH 14 CRASC

Investigations show that in some cases the full amount of sups handed to 14 CRASC is either not called forward or for other reasons not reaching this area. I have asked ST to go into this fully with AFHQ and am watching the situation with some concern.

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PWB still continue to provide films for Cinema shows in CESENA and FORLI which are a successful addition to entertainment facilities.

An energetic band of women, wearing 228 Div flash as a brooch and under the direction of Gen TOMASELLI, have been recruited in CESENA to give local help in entertaining Italian types and organising Welfare activities such as Concerts, as well as normal routine in the Canteens.

12. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

In 228 Div, situation is good. Distribution of second pair of boots to Pnr and similar units is under way.

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

Branches are concerned about the continued arrival in the Army area of units without full eqpt. This applies particularly to 230 Fd Hospital who had to borrow 50 mattresses from 292 Fd 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.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)
C/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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15 Dec. - Visit to HQ 86 Area to discuss equipment and employment of Guard Bns.

Inspection of HQ and billets of 516 Bn. at VISERRA.

18 Dec. - Conference at HQ 228 Div. with Gen. Mattioli on results of his tour of inspection in the Army area.

20 Dec. - Conference with Wellere on provision of Christmas comforts for Italian hospital patients.

- 21 Dec. - Dinner with Crown Prince Umberto.
- 23 Dec. - Conference with ADMS on shortages of equipment in 292 Pz. Hospital.
- 26 Dec. - Visit to JASI with Gen. Tomaselli. Inspection of Transit Camp, rfts awaiting disposal, Div. Sub-Depot and salvage and Repair Shops.
- 28 Dec. - Visit to ^ECASA with Gen. Tomaselli. Made contact with HQ L08 Pz. Gp., recently arrived to relieve 39 Gp. Recce for possible Adv? 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.

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7. Welfare.

With the energetic backing of HQ 5 Corps, 86 Area and the new DDSF at Army, the static canteens at RIMINI, CASERTA and FORLI did particularly well over Christmas, with concerts and Christmas trees. The mobile canteen, visiting isolated units, now draws materials for about 13000 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.

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 troops, 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 AM 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 MP 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 transport, 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.

Proposed by [Signature]

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

SUBJECT:- Licison Log No. 11 - 20 Nov 44 - 10 Dec 44. SECRET

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Licison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (L.F.S.A.)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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11 Dec 44

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

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516 & 517 Cd. Bns. to Transit Camp, Jesi.

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2. Moves.

516 Gd. Bn. from Transit Camp to under command 86 Area
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HQ 409 Regt. and HQ 1 Bn. 409 Regt. from Pesaro to
Pimini.

3. Visits and Conferences.

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

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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 81 Pnr Cp. to see Landing Strips at Rimini and Casenatico 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 Rd. Hosp. at Fano.

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3. Visits and Conferences (Continued)

2 Dec with Gen. Tomasselli to visit 204 and 206 I P Coys., engaged on air field work at Chiaravalle, followed by ceremonial parade and march past of 513 and 517 Gd. Bns., at Jesi. Inspection of clothing sub-Depot and Armoury with Gen. Pavan.

3 & 5 Dec I Cs conference in Rome.

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

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

4. Clothing.

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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 MCOs to Teramo, where they will watch the process from the start and escort our men to Jesi.

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7. General.

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

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7. General (Continued)

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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 Marino.

Br17. Divers, from Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, has taken up his appointment as DDST EIGHTH ARMY, and is much looking forward to an early visit from Lt-Col. Perceval. *He has*

Perceval

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

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

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

21 Nov 44

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (3) *RM*
(M I A) 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.
PIMINI

2. Departures.

786 Pk Tpt Coy. to under command 13 Corps.

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

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. Moakes 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 Capts. Bourne and Herbert at Assisi, thence on to Jesi.

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- (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 Cs or cadres, i.e. non I P L units.

6. General.

HRH 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 riffs at Borgo San Lorenzo. What was available was lorrried over at once.

Copies of the two last issues of PLAVE are enclosed.

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

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

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

8 Nov 44

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

1. Arrivals and Departures.

Nil.

2. Visits.

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

Accompanied Gen. Tomasselli to Rome on 3 Nov 44.

3. General.

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Army News Paper.

Publications of PIAVE has started again from a printing
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Loss of Stores.

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Future Movements.

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

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MIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
Lt-Col. A.S.P.

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

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

24 Oct 44

Military Mission Italian Army (3)
Rome.

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1. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Hospital from CASTIGLIONE to PANO.
92 Fld. Hospital from ARrezzo to PESARO.

2. Departures.

1 Coy. 522 (ex 96) Bn. to u/c 209 Div.
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3. Order of Battle.

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

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4. Visits and Conferences.

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On 20 Oct 44 HQ 1 Bn. 412 Lab. Regt. was visited together with Gen. Tomaselli, 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.

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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 tps 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 10 to PICHENO 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 vehs to be extracted from the camp site, near HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved on that day to billets in PISARO, from which normal working will be possible in all weathers.

7. Division of HQ 228 Div.

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8. Viterbo Call-up.

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Signature

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

Signature

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Liaison Officer.
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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c/o HQ No.1 District.

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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 presee for these
stocks to be rounded up and made available to me for the benefit
of the 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. Tomaselli 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 228 Div. Depot.

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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 ralling 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 ARZZO area in general.

W. Howard
AMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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Army Sub Commission, MMIA
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Army have agreed to lift the camp, when cleared, to JESI, and to keep it within a reasonable distance of railhead in future.

4. Soap.

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

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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.

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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 reorganisation.

By CLARK to HQ 10 Corps, 55 Area, ASSISI Railhead, 541 Regt. HQ, 3 & 25 Artieri Coys and 315 Fld. Bakery.
By O'DONNELL to Gen. PROPERZI and to HQ 410 Lab. Regt.
From Maj. DEAR of 723 Art. Wks. Coy. re pay of 917 Lav. Art. Coy. ⁹¹²

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

14 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
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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.II. "I") on correct SD procedure for reconstituting and reinforcing "P" 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 ROMA, but I met his new Chief of Staff, Lt-Col. MORFICA.

Inspected the clothing depot, admirably installed in a secure, solid building under Capt. CLARK'S direction. The first two lorry loads of clothing from NAPLES 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. 409 and 1 Bn. 336 on routine liaison.

By Capt. CLARK. To HQ 86 Area, to Rear HQ 10 Corps and to 13 Bn. FERRIGIERI on routine liaison.

5. Conferences.

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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. Labour 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. Tomaselli 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.

A first class bungle from start to finish.

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*I spoke to Gen. TOMASINI re above 5335
No further action. Opposition*

20 Aug

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

8. Visit of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General.

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H.B.

20 Aug

Major General

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

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 31 Jul - 6 AUG 44

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION, ACC
 (M M I A)
 Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
 MM/115

9 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
 HQ ACC ROME.

1. Arrivals - N I L.

2. Departures - N I L.

3. Movements of Units.

541 Regt. Artiglieria
 8 Coy. 2/514 Regt.
 1 Bn. 409 Regt. Fant.
 202 Coy.
 203 "
 204 "
 205 "
 2 Bn. 409 Regt.
 207 Coy.
 208 "
 209 "
 210 "
 1 Bn. 410 Regt. Fant.
 214 Coy.
 215 "
 216 "
 3 Bn. 409 Regt.
 1 Coy.
 2 "
 3 "
 960 Pln. Maschieratori
 315 Ospedale di Campo
 7 Mnt. Regt.
 786 Regt. Sal.

AREZZO
 "
 RAMAZZONE
 "
 S. FIRENZE
 CECILLIANO
 ORTE
 RAMAZZONE
 MONTERCHI
 S. FIRENZE
 CECILLIANO
 MONTERCHI
 RAMAZZONE
 FALCONARA
 FABRIANO
 ALBRACINA
 GREVE
 STA. CASTELINA
 "
 "
 10 Km. E. of
 AREZZO.
 CASTIGLIONE
 LIPPANO -
 MONTERCHI
 PUGLIA

5334

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3. Movements of Units.

541	Regt. Artiglieria		
8	Coy. 2/514 Regt.		
1	Bn. 409 Regt. Fant.		
202	Coy.		
203	"		
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205	"		
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207	Coy.		
208	"		
209	"		
210	"		
1	Bn. 410 Regt. Fant.		
214	Coy.		
215	"		
216	"		
3	Bn. 409 Regt.		
1	Coy.		
2	"		
3	"		
930	Pln. Maschieratori		
315	Ospedale di Campo		
7	Mnt. Regt.		
786	Regt. Sal.		

to	
"	AREZZO
"	"
"	RANAZZONE
"	"
"	S. FIRANZE
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"	MONTERCHI
"	RANAZZONE
"	FALCOMARA
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"	ALBACINA
"	GREVE
"	SPA. CASTELLINA
"	"
"	"
"	10 Km. E. of
"	AREZZO.
"	CASTIGLION
"	LIPPIANO -
"	MONTERCHI
"	FUGLIA

4. Visits.

To Rome, by air, 1 Aug 44.

To S6 Area twice re clothing of Guard Coys. of 1/336 Inf. Regt., and to lay on signal and DR facilities between there and Rear Army HQ, for use by CLARK when established at I F A HQ.

To 46 Pnr. Gp. re clothing and G 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.

4. Visits. (Contd.)

Corps made a great song and dance over releasing HERRERT, 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. BASTIAN, 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, DEST 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 **333**

6. Liaison With I F A HQ.

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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. Tomeselli's HQ, effective 5 Aug 44, to control clothing depot and keep touch with me through HQ 86 Area.

Choice of site at CASTIGLION PIERANTINO for 315 Fld. Hospital.

Routine matters of discipline, movements of units and welfare.

7. General.

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7. General.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved to near MONTEFREGGIONI, 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.

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7. General (Contd.)

any information available on the "Reggimento Ariata" would be welcome.

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Chironi

GHM/RPW

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

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 26 - 30 Jul 44.

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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 A C C ROME.

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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 Cdn. Corps
544 Serv. Coy.	" 4 & 132	Transit Camp	Mixed Hqts.
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3. Departures.

"A" Sec. 65 Telegraphisti	to	NOCERA	u/c A & I
"C" " " "	"	"	"

4. Order of Battle.

824 Tele Coy. now redesignated 507 Italian Line Sec.

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5. Visits.

Moriarty to Rome 26/28 Jul 44.

To:- 25 Artieri Coy.. A most efficient unit, well commanded and cared for. Camp clean and orderly, cookhouse 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.

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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 & CICOGNA) :- 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. Lipison with I F A HQ.

Substitution of unsatisfactory C O and M C O of 960 Cam. Pln.; and cross posting of M Cs of 514 Inf. Regt. and 315 Pld. 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.

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I enclose at App. "B" (one copy only) details of tradesmen required among the R E reinforcements applied for

Ch. Schmid
Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

T. Cole

App. A.

Subject:- Italian Military Vehs & Eqpt - FLORENCE

Rear HQ Eighth Army,
CMF.

R 2012 Q

31 Jul, 44.

HQ 71 Grn

Copy to:- G(SD)
Ord
MMIA LO
86 Area

1. It has been agreed that Major GELARDI DAA & QMG (Brit) att CIL and a party of Italian offrs should enter FLORENCE as soon after capture as possible.
2. Major GELARDI will take over Italian Military vehs and eqpt in the City of FLORENCE on behalf of the Italian Forces in accordance with HQ AAI letter 2030/12/Q2 of 1 Jul.
3. Major GELARDI will contact your HQ in due course.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lt Brigadier,
DA & QMG, Eighth Army.

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G/d
Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY
MMA/117/10

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25 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
M M I A
H Q A C C ROME.

LIAISON LOG 17 - 23 JULY 44.

1. Movement of Italian Units.

514 RHQ		S. GEMINI
1 Bn. 514 Regt.		TERNI 5327
3 Bn. 514 Regt. (ex 2/582)		ASSISI
409 RHQ		NARNI
1 Bn. 409 Regt.		NARNI
2 Bn. 409 Regt.		PERUGIA
3 Bn. 409 Regt. (ex 3/515)		STRADE
541 RHQ		BASTIA
501 Artieri Bn.		MORRA
13 Rly. Con. Bn.		CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO.

to
" " " " " " " " " " " "

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 dets with 10 & 13 Corps) to ROME
under command A A I.

4. Conferences

1. Movement of Italian Units.

514 RHQ					
1 Bn. 514 Regt.					to
3 Bn. 514 Regt. (ex 2/582)					"
409 RHQ					"
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2 Bn. 409 Regt.					"
3 Bn. 409 Regt. (ex 3/515)					"
541 RHQ					"
501 Artieri Bn.					"
13 Rly. Con. Bn.					"

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G (SD) re provision of M T.
 "Q" re clothing, move of transit camp and location of
 I F & HQ.
 Lab. re clothing, maintenance of M T in I P L Coys and
 formation of 405 Lab. Regt.
 A D H re Regt 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

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5. Arrivals (contd.)

on future requirements.

To 39 Gp PC on general labour matters.

To HQ 86 Area, on reception of I F A HQ, 315 Fld. Bakery and general matters.

To I R C E on minor Admin troubles of 13 Italian Rly Constr. En.

6. General

(a) Liaison with Gen. Tomaselli 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.

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Lt-Col.
Liaison Officer.

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SUBJECT:- LIAISON LOG UP TO 16 JUL 44.

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(17)

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/9

17 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA) ROME.

1. 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 Artieri Coy.
29 Artieri Coy.
3 Artieri Coy.
65 Telegraphisti.
824 Telegraphisti.
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.

BASTIA
CHIUSI

NARNI
GIVITA CASTELLANA
CORTONA
BORGHETTO
PONTE S GIOVANNI
CORTONA
BOSIO
SPOLETO
TERNI
NARNI
SETTE BAGNI
SPOLETO
TERNI
BASTIOLA
PERUGIA
PERUGIA
S. GEMINI
ASSIS
PERUGIA
S MARTINO IN CAMPO
ORVIETO
ERVieto
ORTE
CHIUSI
TERENTOLA
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1. MOVEMENTS.

541 Art. Regt.
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 2 Rly. Con. Gpy.
 7 Rly. Con. Gpy.
 8 Rly. Con. Gpy.
 21 Rly. Con. Gp.
 31 Rly. Con. Gp.
 160 Rly. Con. Gp.

BASTIA
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 S MARTINO IN CAMPO
 ORVIEIO
 BRVIEIO
 CRTE
 CHIUSI
 TARENTOLA
 TARENTOLA
 ORVIEIO

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2. ARRIVALS.

- (a) Lt-Col. Moriarty arrived Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY on 13 Jul 44., and took over w e f 16 Jul 44.
- (b) I 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 FRANCESCO DIOMATI 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 I F A HQ.

65 Telegraphisti

1 Bn. 514 Regt.

541 Art. Regt.

|| 7 Mnt. Regt.

M. F. Feldman

5324

Major,
Liaison Officer.



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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LAQUILE (LECCE)

Apr 16/6
Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Near H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/6

8189
30 May 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON REPORT NO.3. WEEKENDING 28 MAY 44.

1. MOVEMENTS.

107 Mortar Coy.
1 Coy. 48 Reg.
801 Posacavi Coy.
202 Lab Coy.
52 Artieri Coy.
29 Artieri Coy.
7 Mule Coy.

to
" " " " " "
CASSINO
Nr. MIGNANO
" " " " " "
PRESENZANO
" " " " " "
10 Corps
5 ARTY 23

2. ARRIVALS.

17 Autofficinas)
Det 35 Arty Coy.)
Det 35 Pannetieri)
960 Mascheratori P1)
6,7,8 Coys 2/582 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 vehs held by
ITALIANS.
Welfare.

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1 Coy. 48 Reg.
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to
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NF. MIGNANO
" "
PRESENZANO
" "
10 Corps
5 Arty 23

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Through Transit Camp to C I L

3. CONFERENCES.

Provision of Hygiene Sections.
Provision of bakery sections.
Improvement of maintenance of British vehicles held by ITALIANS.
Welfare.

4. INSPECTIONS.

1001 I.T. Coy.
92 Field Hospital
Transit Camp
541 H Q
514 H Q

M. F. Williams

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MIA/117/5

23 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
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WEEKLY LIAISON REPORT NO.2. WEEKENDING 21 MAY 44.

1. MOVEMENTS.

204	Pnr.	Coy.	to	VENAFRO.
205	"	"	"	CERVARO.
39	PARMA ART.	"	"	TRANSIT CAMP. VENAFRO.

2. ARRIVALS.

- 5322
- C I L - 400 for No.20 Pack Tpt Gp.
(a) 500 muletiers Rfts. - 60 for 786 Mule Coy. - 40 for
(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.

1. MOVEMENTS.

204	Pnr.	Coy.	to	VENAFRO.
205	"	"	"	CERVARO.
	PARMA	"	"	TRANSIT CAMP.
39	ART.	"	"	VENAFRO.

2. ARRIVALS.

5322

(a) 500 Muleters 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 :-
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A detachment of 2 oftrs and 72 men has been formed from 409 Reg. for service with Salvage, Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.

Issues of equipment for the camouflage unit and a C I L Field Hygiene Sec have been authorised by "A" Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

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Major,
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(a) The Transit Camp near VARIANO 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 tpt to carry ammunition from CAPUA Stn to BAD and an ITALIAN Art. Coy. is available for unloading.

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