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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 23.

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- (a) Move of 21 Coy Artillery from TERNOLI to TORINO DI SANGRO.
Move of 142 Heavy Coy from VASTO to ORTONA.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with General di Stefanis of functions of Delegazione A. Report submitted pointing out that both 209 Div and 228 Div and Ministry of War tend to use it as a Corps HQ. This needlessly slows down administration, and moreover, the Delegazione has not the establishment to cope with the paper work.
- Report submitted with tentative proposals for solution of maintenance difficulties of transport - W.D. allotted to Italian units. That one or more civilian workshops be requisitioned, thus obtaining the heavier equipment, Italian military personnel to run the w/shops, and supply of spares from dumps and ACPs. Of 13 W.D. vans allotted to units of Rear 209 Div HQ. 8 are in w/shops. This due to lack of inspections and adequate w/shop maintenance, plus poor driving and low standard of unit maintenance.
- (d) Nil. Vehicle off road for 4 days.
- (e) Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA showed that Military Hospital, CHIETI, had been overdrawn to accumulate a reserve. Reason being that the D.I.D is often on the point of running out of commodities, and units often cannot draw for full period. This aggravates transport difficulties. e.g. CCRR at ASCOLI have to pay 10,000 lire for day's hire of a civilian truck. Can this D.I.D be maintained with supplies more regularly.
- (f) Liaison with local Censorship. One case of deserter, one illegal contriving for leave and one black market. Action requested from military authorities.

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60 - 70 patriots of Benda della MIELLA home on leave in communes in CHIETI province. Frequent firing of arms and terrorisation of locale. Assault on a CR for 'hurting spittle at them from a balcony'. Report to MIA.10.8 Army for their being allowed to bring arms below Corps rear boundaries. Passes, permits and chits for POL.

General liaison between Italian units and Allied units:

Joseph
Capt.
Officer.

The Military Mission to Italian Army.

MMIA.10.
67 Garrison. (60504-412)
2.10.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 22.

- (a) Move of 920 Rep Lav Art from SAN VITO to PESCARA. Move of HQ. 502 Bn Art from TERNOLI to PESCARA. Move of 521 Osped da campo from CHIETI to FALCONARA.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussed with General MONACCI, the new Vice Commandante of 209 Div the general problems involving troops now under his command.
- (d) Inspection of Military Hospital at CHIETI. Separate report being submitted.
- Inspection of A & C plus of 1003 Italian G.T. Coy. Separate report submitted.
- Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA and enquiry made for clarification and verification of several details
- (e) Reference breaking down of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA, - whenever rly transport is refused Direzione Comissariato at RARI, Twodis should automatically be informed so as to increase supplies to British D.I.D.
- Suggested that when new Italian labour coys are sent out, that the British officer in charge of each coy be issued with all necessary admin instructions. They arrive not having received clear indications as to their functions.

- (f) Request for priority in repair to vans of SAL Regt obtained. Report submitted advocating establishment in this area of a Military Tribunal to administer far speedier and severer justice, thus helping to alleviate deserter problem.
- Arrangement of rly transport for Italian D.I.Ds. at this end. Petrol authority for autosozioni to clear CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.

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(f) Request for priority in repair to vans of 541 Regt obtained. Report submitted advocating establishment in this area of a Military Tribunal to administer far speedier and severer justice, thus helping to alleviate deserter problem.

Arrangement of rly transport for Italian D.I.Ds. at this end. Petrol authority for autosezioni to clear CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.

Two police incidents - parachuteists carrying arms. General liaison between Allied and Italian units.

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W. H. B. Capt.

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c/o 67 Garrison.
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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 21.

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- (a) ✓ CERSA moved from CHIETI to MACERATA. 91 Telegrafista Coy moved from CHIETI to VAIANO.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with Garrison Commander and DAQMG of 67 Garrison re Italian military in the area they have just taken over.
Discussion with Delegazione re deserter question.
209 Div requested to notify the measures they are taking and their success.
- (d) Inspection of transit camp transferred from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Strong criticism of slowness in constructing latrines. Rearrangement in adjacent building they are also occupying as they had stores above and carabinieri below ground.
- (e) Italian DIDs at VASTO and ORTONA received signal from Direzione Commissariato that no rly tpt was available and they would have to collect by own means. A few days later three wagons arrive and later another three. A signal was sent by me to the effect that there is definitely no vehicle tpt here sufficient to draw food supplies from BARI. Three or four wagons a week are essential unless they draw from the local British DID.
- (f) Vehicle census of Rear 209 Div area requested for more equitable distribution among dependent units.
Monthly security report submitted.
Delegazione has submitted to Ministry of War its report on Indian offr incident at CHIETI. Report was thorough and the reopened enquiry successful. 5440
chutist who cut the girl's hair located and identified, fixed on a lt who suppressed the identity of the man, and several senior officers who displayed lack of zeal and energy in pursuing the original enquiry.

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Authority for spares obtained for Italian military at the ACP, CASABORDINO.
Transport laid on for C/le Presidio, VASTO, with local British transport platoon in cases of emergency.
Order of Battle submitted for Italian engineering units of 209 Div.
Medical Lt of CIL deposito sanitario sent to take over the medical stores at OSIMO. His three personnel retained for hospital at CHIETI as OSIMO did not need them.
CCRR service established at railhead, ORTONA, to catch illegal travel by Italian military and stop their participation in blackmarket traffic.
Enquiries re vehicle of 1006 G.T.Coy. The driver alleged he was kidnapped by Moroccan troops at FOGGIA. The vehicle has finished up in REINE, ORTONA.
Arrangements for a breakdown vehicle to be put at disposition of Parco Autogasti Italiano at CHIETI SCALO.
Authority for petrol for Delegazione to move CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.
Have now established myself at CHIETI. Official correspondence to Hq, 67 Garrison. My own office is in the Questura at CHIETI.

J. M. Bourne
Capt
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. LO.
Vasto.
24.9.44.

Weekly Division Log. No. 20.

- (a) Movement of CHERSA from CHIETI to MACERATA still held up by 8 Army.
- (b) Arrival at ORTONA of 141 Coy, 404 Regt and of 142 Coy, 404 Regt, at VASTO. Latter to be transferred to ORTONA as soon as Bechusaa Coy, which they are substituting, has moved out.
Arrival of platoon of 1003 G.T. Coy at CASALBORDINO.
- (c) Conference at HQ, M.M.I.A., ROME with regard to the elimination of Rear HQ, 209 Div., in near future, and HQ, 541 Regt to take over its supervisory commitments in area of 67 Garrison.
Discussion with Lt Col HOWARD of new functions of an Italian HQ for Italian troops u/c I District.
Discussion of functions of Delegazione A and its suggested abolition, as being no longer needed once it has cleared stores left behind by the CHL.
Discussion reference carrying of arms by Italian military. Local Allied commander to approve of disciplinary military patrols to carry arms. CORR to carry arms only when on specific duty until further instructions issued.
- (d) Ufficio Requisizioni per Comandi Anglo-Americani now established at VASTO for last three weeks, regularising requisitions and assessing damages with Claims and Hirings. Staff of three officers and civilian personnel. Some 3,500 cases to be dealt with in this area. Similar offices have been set up in PERUGIA and ANCONA.
- (e) Improvement in communications between Main and Rear 209 Div urgently needed. I am now receiving letters dated middle of August.
- (f) Greater facility in requisitioning by Italian

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military particularly with M.T. This point brought
up in conference at HQ.MMTA.
• Passes, permits and authority for POL.
General liaison between Sub Area and Italian units.

JH Boone
Capt.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
17.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No. 19.

- (a) Dissolution of 515 Regt H.Q. TERMOLI.
(b) Nil.
(c) Discussion with Sub Area re. reorganisation of guards owing to changes in administration and territory. 5 Coy/ 120 Regt to be moved from CAMPOBASSO to TERMOLI.
(d) Nil to report.
(e) Nil to report.
(f) Report submitted on deserter question and rifts. Sbandati clothing store moved from ORTONA to OSIMO. Railway transport arranged for Delegazione and units of 209 Div:
Report on accumulation of wine for CIL at ORTONA. Wagons of wine sent weeks after CIL had left area. Enquiries for LG.Distone on tobacco deliveries for 209 Div:
WD truck obtained from ACP.3. for 3 Ba Speciale. Tyres obtained from DADME, Sub Area, for Vice C/do. Billeting at ORTONA for Transit Cmp and C/do Stazione. Passes, permits, and chits for POL.
Arrangements for evacuation of WD vehicles left by CIL. Enquiries for FSS on collection of arms. General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and Ital: units in the area.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. A.G.C.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
10.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.18.

- (a) Move of rema-inder of 29 Coy Minatori from VASTO to SAN VITO. Move of Vice C/do, 209 Div:, from Vasto to CHIETI. Move of 447 Bers: Bn H.Q. to VASTO from SAN SALVO to act as C/do Presidio.
- (b) Move of CIL rft units from CHIETI to ORTONA for CASERTA. Move of 154 Coy di Arresto from PESCARA.
- (c) Discussion with ADMS, Area, and Delegazione A re. development of CHIETI military hospital. Request to HQ.MMIA. for CIL deposito sanitario to remain in CHIETI.
Discussion with Delegazione re. organisation at ORTONA railhead. Decided to transfer transit camp there from TERMOLI, and establish 54I Regt HQ as C/do Presidio.
- (d) Nil to report.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) Arrangements with Area DADME for priority in repairs of Italian WD vehicles as position had become impossible.
Fiat 62I obtained from 12I Rd Cons Coy for 209 Div:
Investigation re. unauthorised drawing of 9mm amm from Italian dump at TORINO di SANGRO.
Liaison in arrangements for clearing of this amm dump to 14 B.A.D.
Report submitted on CHIETI football incident.
Sbandati clothing store moved to ORTONA.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and 209 Div: on guards, transport etc:

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Capt.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

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60 Sub Area
3.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.17. D

- (a) Move of part of 29 Minatori Coy from VASTO to S.VITO.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Discussion with DADL for substitution of Italian units in Area south of VASTO by civilians.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) At request of Area Comdr, I arranged to move to ORTONA for purpose of supervising moves of CIL units from railhead. Since cancelled with changed plans. Hospital enquiries for DADMS. Carriage of arms incident at CHIETI. Report submitted. Officer of 5 coy/120 Regt reported for sending men on leave in Army area without permission. Liaison arrangements for move of TORINO DI SANGRO amn depot to I4 B.A.D. Liaison between Allied and Italian DIDs re. purchase of wine and fruit, from local resources. Transport arrangements for move of clothing store for 209 Div from TERMOLI to OSIMO. Passes, permits and POL. General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div re. carriage of arms, identity documents, vehicle signs and transport.

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Liaison Officer.

To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

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MMIA.LO.
50 Sub Area.
28.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.16.

- (a) Move of Delegazione 'A' back from S.GINESIO to CHIETI.
- (b) Departure of 209 Artieri Coy from VASTO to BARI.
Departure of 447 Bn Bersaglieri from S.SALVO to MINERVINO. Departure of 2 and 3 coys I Bn, 54I Regt from VASTO to MINERVINO.
- (c) Discussion with General di Stefanis re. medical matters and future moves.
- (d) Visit to Alpini rif Bn at AQUILA. Average very young. Unit keen and active.
- (e) Nil to report.
- (f) Transport for units, e.g. move of animals and M.T. material.

Investigation of incidents at CHIETI and AQUILA. A separate security report submitted.

Contact with ISI Sub Area. Discussion with Comdr of Italian units in his area.

Report submitted on 'sbandati' camp at TERMOLI.

Enquiry re. rations of CIL rif Bns and Delegazione.

Various police reports. Report re. legality of Ital: conserving WD rations for taking on leave.

Passes, permits and chits for POL.

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Strong complaints on poorness of M.T. maintenance.

General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209 Div: and 50 Sub Area.

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To Army Sub Commission.
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60 Sub Area
20.8.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log.No. 15.

- (a) Move of Main H.Q. 209 Div: from CHIETI to OSIMO.
Move of Delegazione 'A' from CHIETI to S.GINESIO (K4592)
- (b) Arrival at SAN SALVO of 9 coy/III/408 Regt with
835 Engr Av Bn (American). Arrival of one train
of 'congedati'.
- (c) Discussion with DDPL re. substitution of 447 Bers: ^{new fact} CHIETI
Btg and two coys of I/54I by civilians for their work.
Discussion with Sub Area re. employment of 503 Guard
Btg. Movement of detachments.
- (d) Inspection of Mountain School, SEPINO. Administration
and rft problems settled. Visit to 5 coy/I20 Regt.
Discipline and saluting good.
- (e) Nothing to report, apart from slowness in fulfilling
clothing indents.
- (f) Complaint to Delegazione 'A' re. inefficient use of
Allied ambulance transport between CHIETI & SAN VITO.
Problems arising from Allied vehicles allotted to
Italian units.
Various police reports, mainly to do with vehicles.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area,
Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div:
Enquiry re. slow fulfillment of indents for medical
supplies for CIL.
Future move of Vice C/do, 209 Div:, discussed.

W. B. Bourne
Capt.

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MMIA, LO.
c/o 60 Sub Area.
13.8.44.

To Army Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A. ACC.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 14.

- (a) Move of remaining half of 209 Artieri Coy from TERMOLI to VASTO. Move of Posto Distribuzione Viveri from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Move of 247 Ospedaletto da campo from TERMOLI to GIULIANOVA.
- (b) Arrival of two trainloads of 'congedati' for this area and further north. A few had to have destination changed because in army area.
- (c) Nil
- (d) Nil, vehicle still in workshops.
- (e) Nil
- (f) Increasing difficulties of transport for 209 Div: Request submitted for allotment of eight more W.D. vehicles to maintain essential services.
Medical section at 50 General Hospital, VASTO, closed down and transferred to CHIETI.
Maggiore Giamminola, Italian L.O. to Sub Area, posted back as instructed to BARI.
Proposal to move 5 coy/120 Regt from CAMPOBASSO as that town being militarily closed down.
Control of ORTONA railhead for CIL supplies.
Investigation into poor Italian maintenance of allotted W.D. vehicles.
Passes, permits, and chits for POL.
Various police reports, mainly traffic offences.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area, Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.

J.H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

MMIA. LO.
60 Sub Area
6.8.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 13.

- (a) Move of Centro Riordinamento Volontari from VIBO VALENTIA to CH IETI. Move of half 209 Artieri coy from TERMOLI to VASTO.
- (b) Arrival at PESCARA of I64 coy Artieri di Arresto and 562 coy Rastrellatori Mine. Arrival of 503 Sec: of 820 comp: Telegrafisti at VASTO. Arrival of IOO5 G.T. Coy to replace IOO3 G.T.Coy.
- (c) Nil.
- (d) Nil. Vehicle still in w/shops.
- (e) Two units arrived at Pescara from Sardinia. 562 comp: recently refitted with clothing; I64 comp: had I50 ORs without any boots and most uniforms unserviceable. Can such units be fitted out before getting up here.
- (f) Request for an 'infermeria da campo' for ambulance railhead at San Vito.
Attention to complaint of neglected admin: of Italian unit attached Mountain Warfare School.
Area liaison offr Magg: Giamminola attached from Delegaz: to Comando Presidio, Chieti.
Arrival of 300 congedati from Bari at Termoli without warning. A few deferred because destination in Army area.
Action to get vehicles back from 410 Regt now moved out of area.
Control of Ortona railhead. for CIL supplies.
Order of Battle for H.Q.
Allocation of vehicles consequent on dissolution of 308 Autoreparto Besante.
Incident at Chieti between Paracadutista and Brit: lt.
Other miscellaneous police reports.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of Area and Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.

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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
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MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
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Weekly Liaison Log. No.12.

- (a) Move of C/do Genio, 209 Div:., to ~~RIXNETO~~^X. Move of CERSA from FOGGIA to CHIETI. ROSETO.
- (b) Departure of 501 Gd Bn. Arrival of 2 and 4 coys, 503 Gd Bn, at VASTO.
- (c) Conference with ADMS re evacuation of Italian Military. Decided to evacuate from SAN VITO to VASTO, and then south. Italian section at 50 General Hosp: therefore kept at VASTO.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Arriva 1 at VASTO of 503 Gd Bn in extremely poor clothing condition. 18 without any boots and nearly a hundred in sandals and wooden clogs. Can such units be fitted out at BARI before arriving up here.
- (f) SAN LORENZO amn dump cleared all but three truck loads. Arrangements for Italian troops to draw from own sources and not British DIDs. Tyres obtained from Area DADME for Italian Military vehs. Liaison in transfer and repair of Italian Military vehs. Maggiore GIAMMINOLA, Area liaison officer, sent to CHIETI. Arrangements for 'licenza' owing to change of rear army boundary. Passes, permits and POL arrangements. Police reports, mainly traffic offences. Suggested move of Italian 'sussistenza' from TERMOLI to ORTONA to facilitate distribution. General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209 Div and Delegazione 'A'. Control of 'congedati'

W. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main Hq. M.M.I.A.

MMIA.LO.
c/o 60 Sub Area
23.7.44.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No. II.

- (a) Move of 5 coy Artieri to PORTO RECANATI. Move of I63 coy Artieri to PORTO S GIORGIO. Move of I52 coy Artieri to PINETO, with detachments at ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI and SILVI. Move of 28 Btg Art: H.Q. to GIULIANOVA. Move of 2 coy/28 Btg to PORTO CIVITANOVA.
- (b) Arrival of sma-ll rft parties for CIL, routed on to CHIETI.
- (c) Discussion with General PROPERZI reference rfts and 410 Regt. Practica-llly nothing at CERSA, FOGGIA, as most had been dispersed to depots. Rfts to be taken from the 6,000 men to be sent to CHIETI from the ROME area.
- (d) Truck off the road awaiting new engine.
- (e) Some confusion pending definite establishment of I Dis:
- (f) Investigation at CHIETI of incident involving armed Ital: soldiers and Indian captain. Report submitted criticising conduct of the enquiry by 2 Brigade.
Enquiries re. personnel exempted from call up.
POL, passes, permits.
Police reports.
Arrival of 2 offr and 4 men to form liaison office with 60 Sub Area. One offr retained, Area no need for others.
A report to MMIA being submitted.
Arrangements for clearing the Amn dump at S LORENZO, VASTO.
Complaint by 50 General Hospital that Italian doctor in charge of Italian wing is incompetent. Report sent to Delegazione 'A' and DADMS.
Advice and information to Area and British units concerning Italian troops in the area.

JH Bourne Capt.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
14.7.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.10.

- (a) Move of 5 and 163 coys Artieri from TERMOLI to ORTONA for POLCORPS area. Move of 502 Btg H.Q. and 21 coy Art: from LEBBA to TERMOLI. Move of G/do Tappa 251 from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Move of G/do Tappa 252 from VASTO to CHIETI. Move of 68 Rfts Btg from ORTONA to CHIETI. Move of Medical Supplies Depot from VASTO to CHIETI.
- (b) Arrival of 71 Btg Bers: refuelled and onward routed to CHIETI. Rfts for 68 Btg onward routed to CHIETI. Departure of H.Q. and 220/224 coys, 410 Regt from SAN VITO to MINERVINO.
- (c) Discussion with Area re call up of 1920/4 classes under AAI.307.4/A (O) of 11 May. Area strongly support.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) 250 m/c's of 71 Btg Bers: arrived at VASTO from NAPLES without having brought adequate tyre repairing material. Large number of m/c's at standstill with punctures.
- (f) Area transport of 5x3 tonners laid on for clearance of ammunition from TORINO DI SANGRO to PADDINGTON. Arrangements with MMIA.LO. Twodis. for expediting of medical stores. Numerous speeding and traffic offences. One British soldier killed. Arrangement for Delegazione 'A' to use signal facilities at PESCARA. More camp material obtained for 209 Div: POL chits, passes and permits. Italian officer reported for pass irregularity. Engineering Order of Battle submitted to MMIA. General information to Area and British units on Italian Military.

J.H. Bourne
Capt.

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To Army Sub Commission
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
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Weekly Liaison Log. No.9.

- (a) ^{History} Move of 28 Btg HQ to VILLA FONTANELLI (PESCARA).
2 Company to GIULANOVA. 3 Company to PORTO SANTO-
ELPIDIO (MACERATA). Move of 152 Coy Artieri to
MONTE SILVANO (PESCARA). Move of 1003 G.T. Coy to
points just north and south of R. TRIGNO. Move of 68
Rfts Bn from LEBBA to ORTONA. Main H.Q. 209 Div to
CHIETI. Delegazione 'A' from VASTO to CHIETI.
- (b) Arrival of 62 Autoreparto Pesante, routed to CHIETI
for CIL.
- (c) Discussion with MMIA LO Polcorps re. changing situation.
Conference with Major HALL, DADME, Generals Di STEFANIS
and PROPERZI re. workshops and repair organisation.
Emphasis on their getting MT supplies through their
normal channels. Discussion re. new siting of Tappas.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Considerable confusion because lack of authoritative
statement as to what units of 209 Div are under the
command of Polcorps.
- (f) Postal facilities laid on between ORTONA and VASTO.
Re-fuelling and re-direction of units in transit for
CIL.
Due to moves, transfer of WD vehicles allotted to
Italian units to other British coys.
Enquiries re. the now urgent problem of rfts.
Numerous police complaints re. ignoring of traffic
regulations. Area complaints re. hygiene and sanitation.
Arrangements for transport of amn from TORINO di
SANGRO to PADDINGTON.
Serious incident at CHIETI - Indian captain attacked
by Italian parachutists, when in company of Italian girl.
Passes, permits and check on soldiers being discharged.
General advice and information to Area and British
employing units

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To Army Sub Commission
Ma in H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area
2.7.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No 8.

- (a) Move of 6 Coy/I20 Regt from Vasto to Vairano.
- (b) Arrival of 100 men 501 Btg to do guard duty at Vasto for 370 P.O.W. Camp. I2 Disinfestation Section attached to 68 Rfts and signals sent for further destination.
- (c) Discussion with O.C. 66 Pioneer Group re. new Italian Pioneer Regt. Problem of rfts slow in arriving.
- (d) Inspection of sbandati camp at Termoli. Only 200 had reported. Difficulties of tpt. Suggestion that the ca carabinieri accelerate collection of sbandati. Reported that Mountain School, Sepino, being neglected in administration. Italian Offer sent to regularise pay, rations and general administration.
- (e) Nil.
- (f) Leave question settled - none north of line Pescara - Popoli. Substitutes to arrive before men discharged. Recce of new site for 68 Rfts Btg. Old site needed for 3 C.R.U. training. Assistance with water problem. On info supplied, M.T. spares to value of 150,000 lire, requisitioned by and for Italian military. Several police cases including one stabbing by Italian soldier and numerous speeding and driving complaints. Parachutist police patrol dropped as no parachutists left in town. Arrangements for Italian Military Authorities to clothe battle casualties discharged from hospital. General liaison between Area and 209 Div and Delegazione. Train transport arranged for Italian units. Patrol reserve established for Maia 209 Div. Compilation of Order of Battle. Disbandment of 308 Autereparte stopped as M.M.I.A. had recommended to AAI that it be built up. Passes and permits for Italian Military

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
25.6.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.7.

- (a) Move of Bn H.Q. I/54I to Vasto Marina. Arrangement for O.C. to be responsible for the Italian units there and for stragglers at the station.
Comando Tappa established at Ortona to cope with flow of military from liberated territories. Train transport laid on.
- (b) Arrival of Italian Disinfestation section at Casa I-bordino. Unexpected and destination not known. Attached to 68 Rfts Bn.
- (c) Liaison with 66 Pioneer Group replacing 87 Pnr Group.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Still need for Italian units coming up to know their command and destination. Otherwise awkward problems arise.
- (f) 3 Coy/9 Mitr Btg being taken away from 370 P.O.W. camp for 410 Italian Pnr Regt. Arrangement for emergency substitution until relief arrives, by 7 Coy/120 Regt.
- Expansion of Area leads to many leave problems. D.P.M. 2 Dist: informed me rule still in force for no leave in Army areas. Comdt 370 P.O.W. Camp received signal Rear Polcorps 'no objection for Italian military personnel going on leave Polcorps area if self contained for food'. Signal being sent for clarification.
- Officer found falsifying entry on 'foglio di viaggio'.
- Discussion with Area re. Italian rest camp at Vasto Marina. Difficulties with change over of corps. Suggestion that it be apart from the Polish rest camp to avoid possible disturbances.
- Expansion of medical stores depot at Vasto.
- Arrangements for obtaining camp equipment for 209 Div from Area.
- Passes, permits and general liaison with Area re. Italian units under their command. Liaison with Delegazione 'A' S.M.R.E.

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Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
18.6.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.6.

- (a) 502 Btg H.Q. moved from Torrebruna to Lebba. Move of 2 and 3 coys I/54I from Cupello to Vasto Marina.
(b) Arrival of 3 offrs and 100 men of 50I Guard Btg to do guard duty at Termoli and Vasto. No warning of their arrival and sent mistakenly to Lebba.

(c) Liaison between Col Jung and 50 General hospital, where Italians have 100 beds. Measures for improvement in their discipline and habits. Also request for trained orderlies.

Meeting General di Stefanis - Area Commander re. general matters

- (d) Inspection of 29 coy Minatori. Very satisfactory, practically every man employed on specialist work.

3 coy, 9 Mitr: Btg doing guard duty at 370 P.O.W. Camp, working satisfactorily. Much assistance given by British O.C.

Complaint that 2I Coy, Artieri, not working hard enough. Matter being taken up.

- (e) Nil.

(f) Transport arrangements for despatch of sbandati at Termoli as reinforcements for 209 Division. Their routine accelerated.

Adoption of scheme for Italian military to draw their own POL instead of getting a chit from me each time.

Transport arrangements for sbandati coming back from liberated areas to reorganisation camp at Foggia.

Establishment of large billet in Vasto as Transit Camp for such sbandati as stay for interrogation.

General liaison with Italian L of C H.Q. Storage space acquired.

Liaison with Area re. new Italian units now under their command.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
II.6.44.
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Subject. - Weekly Liaison Log. No 5.

(a) Movement of 2I coy Artieri from Carunchio area to Lebba. Permission obtained for move of 50I Btg H.Q. from Torrebruna to Termoli.

(b) Departure of 9I6 (ex I80) Artieri coy from Termoli to Bovino.

Establishment of Amn dump near Vasto with 25 A.A.D. Storage for Italian medical supplies established with 7 Adv Medical supplies, Vasto. Now functioning.

Billeting for L of C H.Q. of General de Stefanis. Assistance with details.

(c) Conference with Col Tuzi and 2I C.R.E. for further details for mine clearing. Arrangements made for formation of three platoons, two to come from I63 Coy Artieri.

(d) Inspection again of I80 Coy Artieri prior to its departure. List obtained of equipment necessary for buiding up of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.

(e) Nil.

(f) General organisation of camp at Termoli for sbandati. Water problem solved and most of necessary stores have arrived. Ready to start work.

Security incidents caused by wire cutting repeated by I Batteria motrista Nembo, near Lebba.

Several police incidents concerning disorderly behaviour in Vasto by paracadutisti and their propagating of stories that they would cut hair of Italian girls seen with British troops. C.M.P. one night menaced by a group with arms; Request that Vasto be put out of bounds to them, and no arms carried in town except when on duty.

New proposals to Area for Italian units drawing POL. Arrangements with Italian DID as Area now extended, Passes and permits.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
4.6.44.

Subject - Weekly Liaison Log. No 4.

- (a) Transfer of 6/407 Regt from first location in San Salvo to site by Trigno river.
- (b) This unit arrived in 60 Sub Area with strength of 5 officers and 173 men.
68 Rft Btg to arrive at Lebba, which is in 60 Sub Area, has been made responsibility of 5 Corps.
- (c) Discussion of general points with Area and Lt Col Moriarty.
Liaison between Col Tuzi and 2I C.R.E. re clearing of Trigno minefields.
Discussion concerning Italian military and their powers of requisition in the Area.
- (d) Detailed inspection of I80 Lavoratori Coy prior to its move and reorganisation. Separate report sent.
- (e) Arrival of 6/407 with insufficient tentage. Other units are not yet fully equipped with tents. At present temporary loan from British units which may be withdrawn any time.
- (f) Further billeting at Termoli and recce of Termoli Staging Area to cope with call up of 1500 sbandati. General arrangements laid on.
Discussion with D.A.P.M. re obtaining more 'movieri' as detachment from Bers 447 Btg so successful.
Owing to moves, vehs on charge to Brit: units and allotted to Italians transferred to charge of other Brit: units. Complaints of poor maintenance by Italians.
Passes, permits, chits for POL.
Police incident - Italian officer living at home and found in possession of W.D. property.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
28.5.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No 3.

(a) Nil.

(b) Nil.

(c) Criticism by D.C.R.E. that I63 Art Coy was not very good discussed with Raggupamento Genio. Arranged for strengthening of coy with more experienced officers.

(d) Inspection with C.O. 87 Pioneer Group of Italian engineering units at Cupello, Furci, Carunchio and Torrebuna. General arrangements good, some latrine criticism. Arranged with A.M.C.U. for provision of more squat latrines. Obtained from 700 A.W. Coy the use of a vehicle for 502 Bn.H.Q. Discussed bread problem. Unit draws every four days. By the fourth day, bread has dropped in weight from 300 gms to 270 gms. No facilities for local baking, must draw from Vasto.

Inspection of 7 Coy, I20 Regt with Area Commander. Latrines and billets satisfactory. Guard inspected and rifles found dirty. Officer unshaven and revolver dirty. Laid on oil and four by two from local unit. Reported facts to Rear IFHQ.

Special report rendered to M.M.I.A. on state and efficiency of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.

(e) Nil.

(f) Sanza obtained from San Severo and bread crisis at Termoli averted.

List of deserters communicated to P.L.C.O. resulted in capture of deserter seeking work as a civilian.

Liaison between Army Post Office and Italian military Post Office.

Two vehicles obtained from I21 Rd Cons Coy and handed over to 447 Bn. They were Italian military vehicles.

Arrangements for conveyance by rail of unwanted carts of 541 Regt back to Bari.

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Several police incidents.
Football matches between Italian and British teams.
Various enquiries from Area. Passes, permits and
chits for POL etc.

Discussion with D.A.P.M. re provision of an m/c for
Italian Traffic Control section officer. Present method of
hitch-hiking is unsatisfactory.

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Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
21 May.44.
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Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.2.

(a). 4 coy, I/54I has moved to Ortona, leaving det: of 15 men at San Salvo to finish work. H.Q. I/515 has moved to Lanviano. H.Q. I/54I to move to Cupello, billets having been obtained.

(b). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy at Termoli.

(c). In conjunction with O.C. 87 Pnr Gp, a new pro-forma drawn up for weekly return in detail of strength of Italian units under his command.

(d). Inspection of Transit Camp, Termoli. I63 Coy Artieri - attention needed to latrines and burning of tins. I80 Coy Lavoratori Artieri - very orderly and clean. O.C. very satisfied that his men are doing specialist jobs as distinct from work on road. Another 3 tonner to be at disposition of Transit Camp asked for and obtained from Area. Water Tanker to make more trips. D.C.R.E. to see about an incinerator. Farm animals in Camp area to be penned in.

Inspection of 7 Coy, I20 Regg, Vasto Marina. Billets clean, latrines very good (British construction). O.C. complained of drunken nearby British soldiers molesting his guards at night, attempting to remove rifles. Area informed of this for action.

(e). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy with insufficient tentage.

Italian units in this and Corps area with W.D. vehicles allotted to them have been moving these vehicles among themselves without reference to the British unit on whose charge they are. Italian Forces H.Q. has been instructed accordingly.

(f) Italian military in Termoli had made arrangements with local baker for bread from their issue flour. He has now run out of fuel - senza d'ulivo. I approached local AMG but informed that supply insufficient for civilian needs. Saw Field Bakery who suggested use of wood - costly and inconvenient. Now investigating possibilities of 'sanza' from San Severo.

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meanwhile biscuits being issued.

Billeting for extension of D.I.D. in Vasto.

New W.D. 3 tonner obtained for I/54I who were without a vehicle.

Visit to DAF and British military units to endeavour to obtain return of Italian military vehicles to Raggrupamento motorizzato. Assisted ten: Spinelli to secure the return of tyres taken without authority from Italian M.T. dump at Casalbordino.

Travel passes, permits and chits daily. Comando Tappa at Termoli at fault in type of pass issued by them.

Detachment of 60 men arranged at request of 87 Pnr Gp for special job; but was later cancelled by 2 District.

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To Army Sub Commission,
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)

M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
14 May.44.
JB/D.I.

Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.1.

- (a). 2 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 7/5/44. 3 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 11/5/44. 4 coy I/54I instructed to prepare for move to Ortona. Details obtained for Q.5 Corps for move of H.Q. I/515 to Lanciano.
- (b). Arrival of H.Q. and two coys 556 Btg, from Vairano, at Vasto. Unexpected. No E.T.A. received. Arrived late evening and out of food. Put them in Vasto staging area and acquainted them with local Italian D.I.D. Corrected several details in the signal instructions of O.C. tpt coln. In this triple change round, the two coys taken from 60 Sub Area were 200 strong. They were to be replaced by two coys from 5 Corps only 118 strong. Area diverted both to replace coy at Cupello for MCOU work and did not replace coy taken from Poggio.
- (c). Discussion with DDL of 2 District re the taking of 50 men from 447 Btg for traffic control duties in the Area. They had been taken by Area without previous agreement with 87 Pnr Gp. This due to fault of D.A.P.M. Impossible to replace them in 447 Btg because a Bersaglieri unit and no uniforms available locally for drafting of sbandati. Suggestion that civilians be used to replace them in roadwork.
Discussion of Italian military labour with new C.O. 87 Pnr Gp.
- (d). Inspection of 2I coy Artieri at Carunchio. Billets and cook-house clean. Latrines appalling. Instructions given for correct construction of same. 90% of unit out at work.
Inspection of 29 coy Minatori re use of Italian m/t and discrepancy in working party numbers. New morning parade system laid on.
- (e). Repercussions of move of I coy I/54I to Cancellio Arnone which took place a day late. Instructions given to Rear IFHQ for the move were referred by them to Main IFHQ and then back to the coy too late for move at time stated. Now it is

arranged that in such cases Rear IFHQ acts on own initiative. Area has published order to control moves of Italian coys from 60 Sub Area to Corps area. They and M.M.I.A. L.O. to be notified by signal of such moves. Impossible otherwise to control locations.

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General liaison activities.

Enquiry into discrepancy between ration and working strengths of Italian units at San Salvo.

Arrangement for use of Ensa theatre for entertainment of Italian troops locally by Italian military concert party.

Billeting for store accommodation and military post office at Vasto.

Location enquiries for redirection of Italian military personnel.

Several police enquiries involving Italian military.

Travel passes, leave passes, and petrol chits. One case of permit for entry into Corps area improperly granted by Comando Tappa, Vasto.

Investigation into complaint by General Properzi that facilities for Mass were not accorded to an Italian unit. Due to misapprehension and misguided persistency of chaplain.

Journeys for spare M.T. parts and arrangements for obtaining of small quantity of flux. Usually 50% of Italian military transport is off the road because unable to get small but essential spares. They are not to be found from local resources. Friendly liaison with British unit sometimes produces material to which legally they are not entitled.

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