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MIA IO
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Rear HQ FIFTH ARMY
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7 Mar 45

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Sunday
Feb 25
(i) Routine duties
(ii) 51 Muleteers Rfts to XXI Pack Group
28 Labour Rfts to Pioneer Group

Monday
Feb 26
(i) Major BOBBS arrived from ROME with practice ALMO for Pioneer Coys.
(ii) Clothing Conference with 'Q' Brit Iner
(iii) 29 Rfts to XXI Pack Group

Tuesday
Feb 27
(i) Routine Duties
(ii) 30 Drivers Rfts to 1000 G.T. Coy

Wednesday
Feb 28th
(i) Conference on Formation of new Italian Service Units. Reps. of all branches and MIA IO.
(ii) THRUFP arrived from EIGHTH ARMY

Thursday
Mar 1
(i) Routine Duties

Friday
Mar 2
(i) Routine Duties

Saturday
Mar 3
(i) Routine Duties

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Capt.,
MIA IO,
British Increment,
FIFTH ARMY.

Monday
Feb 26
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(i) Major BONES arrived from ROME with practice AMMO for Pioneer Coys.
(ii) Clothing Conference with 'Q' Brit Iner
(iii) 29 Rfts to XXI Pack Group

Tuesday
Feb 27
(i) Routine Duties
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(ii) THURUP arrived from EIGHTH Army

Thursday
Mar 1
(i) Routine Duties

Friday
Mar 2
(i) Routine Duties

Saturday
Mar 3
(i) Routine Duties

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Capt.,
MAIA IO,
British Increment,
FIFTH Army.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 12

Sunday (i) Discussed Medical procedure for Gruppi with ADMS, Br Incr.
Feb 18 (ii) Visit from Major HODGE with ref Forestry Coys.
(iii)

Monday (i) Routine duties
Feb 19

Tuesday (i) Discussed petrol for Guard Regt with 59 Area.
Feb 20 (ii) Arranged for enlargement of AREZZO Transit Camp.
(iii) 20 Muleteers to XXI Pack Group

Wednesday (i) Went to SIENA to meet Major GREGSON. Discussed needs of
Feb 21 Guards Regt with G.II and Commander 59 Area.

Thursday (i) Maj GREGSON visited this HQ from SIENA.
Feb 22 (ii) Capt THURPP paid liaison visit from EIGHTH Army.
(iii)

Friday (i) Maj GREGSON returned to ROME.
Feb 23 (ii) Capt THURPP returned to EIGHTH Army.

Saturday (i) Routine duties
Feb 24

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MMIA IO
British Increment 'A' Branch
Rear HQ FIFTH Army
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21 Feb 45

MMIA HQ

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- Sunday (i) 55 Rfts to Pioneer Group
Feb 11 (ii) Routine duties.
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- Monday (i) 60 Rfts to Pioneer Group
Feb 12 (ii) Routine Duties
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- Tuesday (i) 30 Rfts to Pioneer Group
Feb 13 (ii) Routine Duties.
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- Wednesday (i) 101 Rfts to Pioneers
Feb 14 (ii) 64 Rfts to XXI Pack Group
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- Thursday (i) Major EGERTON visiting this HQ from LEGNANO Group
Feb 15 (ii) Lt. TREVELYAN reported for duty as Asst. MMIA IO. Brit Inc.
(iii) 60 Rfts to Pioneer Group
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- Friday (i) Visited 231 Div with Brig. MATTHEWS, Commander 59 Area
Feb 16 (ii) and his DAQMG to discuss Guards Regiment.
(iii) 29 Rfts to Pioneer Group
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- Saturday (i) Capt. HUNT UMI inspected IO's vehicle.
(ii) Routine duties.
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Capt.,
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
FIFTH Army.

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British Increment,
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MZLA HQ

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 10

Sunday Feb 4	(1) (2)	With Brig Jones to visit Gen MARTEL. Col NOAKES called meeting of L.Os at FLORENCE. Present: Lt-Col MURPHY, Maj VAN KIRK, Maj GARNW-MUNZ, Capt BOURNE. <i>Capt. Newton</i>
Monday Feb 5	(3) (4) (1) (2)	Col NOAKES discussed general situation with Brig Jones. 41 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group Col NOAKES visited various Departments, British Increment. Col NOAKES visited COG 231 Div and inspected the Clothing Depot.
Tuesday Feb 6	(3) (1) (2)	(a) 478 Rfts arrived at Div Depot FLORENCE. (b) 19 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group. Col NOAKES left FLORENCE to visit 8 Army.
Wednesday Feb 7	(1) (2)	Visit from Lt MATHEWS, B.L.O. at AREZZO Transit Camp. 119 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group.
Thursday Feb 8	(1) (2)	Discussed allocation policy for Pioneer Rfts with ADL, Er Incre. 60 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 39 Gr.
Friday Feb 9	(1) (2) (3)	Col NOAKES and Newton visited Brig Mathews, Comd 59 Area to discuss policy for Cd Bus at SIENA. Newton discussed Welfare with Brig Mathews and Lt-Col NICCOLIS, P.C. FLORENCE.
Saturday Feb 10	(1)	Routine duties.

Present: Lt-Col MORTIMER, Maj VAN LIRY, Maj GARDNER-HUNT,
Capt BOURNE, Capt Newton
Col MOATES discussed general situation with Brig Jones.
Lt Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group
Col MOATES visited various Departments, British Increment.
Col MOATES visited GCC 231 Div and inspected the Clothing
Depot.

(3)(e) 478 Rfts arrived at Div Depot FLORENCE.
(b) 12 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group.
(1) Col MOATES left FLORENCE to visit 8 Army.
(2)

Tuesday
Feb 6

(1) Visit from Lt MATHews, B.L.O. at AMEZZO Transit Camp.
(2) 119 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group.

Wednesday
Feb 7

(1) Discussed allocation policy for Pioneer Rfts with ADL,
Er Incre.
(2) 60 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 39 Gr.

Thursday
Feb 8

(1) Col MOATES and Newton visited Brig Mathews, Comd 59 Area
to discuss policy for Gd Bns at SIENA.
(2) Newton discussed Welfare with Brig Mathews and Lt-Col
NICOLIS, P.O. FLORENCE.
(3)

Friday
Feb 9

(1) Routine duties.

Saturday
Feb 10

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a.m. Newton
Capt.,
MIA I.O.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Rear HQ Fifth Army,
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To: MMIA HQ.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 9.

SUNDAY
JAN 28

1. Arrangements for 500 volunteers with Delegations etc.
2. 40 Bfts to 1000 G.T. Coy.

MONDAY
JAN 29

1. 50 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy.
2. Routine Duties.

TUESDAY
JAN 30

1. 57 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy.
2. Routine Duties.

WEDNESDAY
JAN 31

1. Clothing Conference at 231 Div.
2. 60 Pioneer Bfts to 2 Pioneer Group
3. 25 Muleteer Bfts to XXI Pack Group

THURSDAY
FEB 1

1. Brigadier E.M. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff (British) Fifth Army, visited 231 Div with Newton. Inspected HQ and Clothing Depot.
2. 36 Muleteer Bfts to XXI Pack Group.

FRIDAY
FEB 2.

1. 122 Pioneer Bfts to 39 Group and 2 Group
2. Routine Duties.

SATURDAY
FEB 3

1. G II 2 Dist visited this office to discuss administration of Guards Regt at SIENA
2. Col. F.J. Hoakes arrived in FLORENCE from ROME.
3. 60 Pioneer Bfts to 55 Group.

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A. M. Newton
Capt.

SUNDAY
JAN 28

1. Arrangements for 500 volunteers with Delegations etc.
2. 40 Efts to 1000 G.I. Coy.

MONDAY
JAN 29

1. 50 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy.
2. Routine Duties.

TUESDAY
JAN 30

1. 57 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy.
2. Routine Duties.

WEDNESDAY
JAN 31

1. Clothing Conference at 231 Div.
2. 60 Pioneer Efts to 2 Pioneer Group
3. 25 Muleteer Efts to XII Pack Group

THURSDAY
FEB 1

1. Brigadier E.N.M. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff (British) Fifth Army, visited 231 Div with Newton. Inspected HQ and Clothing Depot.
2. 36 Muleteer Efts to XII Pack Group.

FRIDAY
FEB 2.

1. 122 Pioneer Efts to 39 Group and 2 Group
2. Routine Duties.

SATURDAY
FEB 3

1. G II 2 Dist visited this office to discuss administration of Guards Regt at SIENA
2. Col. F.J. Hoakes arrived in FLORENCE from ROME.
3. 60 Pioneer Efts to 55 Group.

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MHIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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29 Jan 45

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MGIA HQ

Sunday
Jan 21
1. Discussed admin. of 519 Gls. Bn. with 2 Dist
2. Routine Duties.

what decision?

Monday
Jan 22
1. Routine Duties.

Tuesday
Jan 23
1. Lt-Col. Percival arrived from ROME.
2. Routine Duties.

Wednesday
Jan 24
1. Routine Duties

Thursday
Jan 25
1. Visited 964 Pd. Hosp at SIGMA with ADMS, Br Inor and
Directore di Sanita, 231 Div.
2. Routine Duties

any conclusion?
ambulance
where from

Friday
Jan 26
1. 405 Reinforcements arrived at 231 Div. Depot FLORENCE.
2. Routine Duties.

Saturday
Jan 27
1. Discussed voluntary enlistment scheme with rep. of
Delegazine 'T'
2. 239 Reinforcements arrived at 231 Div. Depot FLORENCE

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where from

a.m. newton

Capt.
MGIA IO.,
British Increment
Fifth Army.

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British Increment
Fifth Army
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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 7

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MIA L.O.

Sunday Jan 14	(i) Visited 231 Div HQ with DA & QMG, Brit Increment. (ii) Routine duties.
Monday Jan 15	(i) Routine duties.
Tuesday Jan 16	(i) 7 Muleteer Reinforcements sent to XXI Pack Group. (ii) Routine duties.
Wednesday Jan 17	(i) Discussed Welfare with Del. 'T' Welfare Officer. (ii) 17 Labour reinforcements sent to Pioneer Groups. (iii) Routine duties.
Thursday Jan 18	(i) Routine duties.
Friday Jan 19	(i) Clothing conference with 'Q' Branch, Brit Increment. (ii) Routine duties.
Saturday Jan 20	(i) Routine duties.

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Capt.,
MIA L.O.,
British Increment

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(ii) Routine duties.

Monday
Jan 15
(i) Routine duties.

Tuesday
Jan 16
(i) 7 Muleteer Reinforcements sent to XXI Pack Group.
(ii) Routine duties.

Wednesday
Jan 17
(i) Discussed Welfare with Del. 'T' Welfare Officer.
(ii) 17 Labour reinforcements sent to Pioneer Groups.
(iii) Routine duties.

Thursday
Jan 18
(i) Routine duties.

Friday
Jan 19
(i) Clothing conference with 'Q' Branch, Brit Increment.
(ii) Routine duties.

Saturday
Jan 20
(i) Routine duties.

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Capt.,
MIA L.O.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Rear HQ Fifth Army
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MMIA HQ

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— what results?

Sunday (i) Discussed leave for reinforcements from Blakans with AAC & Staff
Jan 7 (ii) 25 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div. Depot.

Monday (i) Welfare discussion with Labour Branch and 231 Div. Welfare Officer.
Jan 8 (ii) 23 Pioneer Rfts. allocated from Div. Depot.

Tuesday (i) Routine Activities
Jan 9

Wednesday (i) 25 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div Depot.
Jan 10 (ii) Routine activities

Thursday (i) Clothing conference at 231 Div.
Jan 11 (ii) 22 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div. Depot.

Friday (i) Routine activities
Jan 12

Saturday (i) Discussed Patriots with Gen. BERICA.
Jan 13 (ii) Routine activities.

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British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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MMIA LO
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MMIA HQ

Burke
Sunday (i) Major FIELDMAN visited this HQ from Borgo S. Lorenzo
Dec 31 (ii) 33 Reinforcements sent to 55 Pioneer Group

Monday (i) First general allocation of clothing to all Units.
Jan 1

Burke
Tuesday (i) Visited 231 Div HQ with Brigadier NAPIER, DA & QMG, AFHQ.
Jan 2 (ii) 19 Reinforcements to XXI Pack Group

Wednesday Routine Duties
Jan 3

Thursday Routine Duties
Jan 4

Friday (i) Conference with AIMS & ADL British Increment about the
Jan 5 high wastage rate through trivial illnesses.

Saturday Routine Duties
Jan 6

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Capt,
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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MMA HQ,
British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
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Weekly Liaison Log No 4

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MMA HQ

Sunday
Dec 24

(i) Newton attended service for Italian troops with Gen NANNI.

Monday
Dec 25

(i) Newton, Gen Nanni and Welfare Officer attended reception for Italian soldiers from the front.

Tuesday
Dec 26

(i) 22 Muleteer rfts to AX1 Pack Group.

Wednesday
Dec 27

(i) Newton to MMA HQ Rome.
(ii) 25 Muleteers to XX1 Pack Group.
60 Pioneer rfts to 402 Labour Regt.

Thursday
Dec 28

(i) Newton at MMA HQ Rome.
(ii) Herbert admitted to hospital Borgo S Lorenzo.
(iii) 26 Muleteers rfts to XX1 Pack Group.
60 Pioneer rfts to 410 and 417 Labour Regts.

Friday
Dec 29

(i) Newton returned to Florence.
(ii) 25 Muleteers to XX1 Pack Group.
41 Pioneer rfts to various Labour Coys.

Saturday
Dec 30

(i) Herbert evacuated to hospital, Naples.
(ii) 25 Muleteer rfts to XX1 Pack Group.

A.M. Newton
Capt.

Monday
Dec 25

(i) Newton, Gen Nannei and Welfare Officer attended reception for Italian soldiers from the front.

Tuesday
Dec 26

(i) 22 Muleteer rfts to XX1 Pack Group.

Wednesday
Dec 27

(i) Newton to MIA HQ Rome.
(ii) 25 Muleteers to XX1 Pack Group.
60 Pioneer rfts to 402 Labour Regt.

Thursday
Dec 28

(i) Newton at MIA HQ Rome.
(ii) Herbert admitted to hospital Borgo S Lorenzo.
(iii) 26 Muleteers rfts to XX1 Pack Group.
60 Pioneer rfts to 410 and 417 Labour Regts.

Friday
Dec 29

(i) Newton returned to Florence.
(ii) 25 Muleteers to XX1 Pack Group.
41 Pioneers rfts to various Labour Coys.

Saturday
Dec 30

(i) Herbert evacuated to hospital, Naples.
(ii) 25 Muleteer rfts to XX1 Pack Group.

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Capt,
MIA IO,
British Increment Fifth Army,

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ADIA H.Q.

(1) sent party of drivers and guards to Hayles to collect vehicles and clothing.

(ii) 100 Rfts to Pioneer groups

Sunday
Dec 17

(1) Visited 231 Div Transit Camp for reinforcements.

(ii) Ration situation discussed with BAW, British Increment.

(iii) 50 Reinforcements to XM Pack Group.

Monday
Dec 18

(1) Visited PWD to arrange reserve of rations for rfts passing through.

(ii) 25 Rfts to XM Pack Group.

Tuesday
Dec 19

(1) To Borgo S. Lorenzo

(a) Arranged transfer of salvage for use of 231 Div.

(b) Visited Pioneer Coy with Gen Harnei.

Wednesday
Dec 20

(ii) 25 Rfts to XM Pack Group.

(1) Discussed welfare with Magg Greco, Italian Welfare Officer, Fifth Army.

(ii) Checked clothing issues from 231 Div Depot.

(iii) 25 Rfts to XM Pack Group.

Thursday
Dec 21

(1) Discussed hospital evacuations with AMB, British Increment, and Col Ferri of Delegazione 'H'.

(ii) Arranged sanitary course for representatives of forward Italian units.

Friday
Dec 22

(iii) 50 Rfts to XM Pack Group.

(1) Herbert visited this H.Q.

(ii) Arranged rft absorption programme with AMB.

(iii) 25 Rfts to XM Pack Group.

50 Rfts to Pioneer Groups.

Saturday
Dec 23

(ii) 105 Rfts to Pioneer Group

Monday
Dec 18
(i) Visited 231 Div Transit Camp for reinforcements.
(ii) Ration situation discussed with DAINI, British Increment.
(iii) 50 Reinforcements to XM1 Pack Group.

Tuesday
Dec 19
(i) Visited DID to arrange reserve of rations for rfts passing through.
(ii) 25 Rfts to XM1 Pack Group.

Wednesday
Dec 20
(i) To Borgo S. Lorenzo
(a) arranged transfer of salvage for use of 231 Div.
(b) visited Pioneer Coy with Gen Nenni.
(ii) 25 Rfts to XM1 Pack Group.

Thursday
Dec 21
(i) Discussed welfare with Maggi Greco, Italian Welfare Officer, Fifth Army.
(ii) Checked clothing issues from 231 Div Depot.
(iii) 25 Rfts to XM1 Pack Group.

Friday
Dec 22
(i) Discussed hospital evacuations with AIMS, British Increment, and Col Ferri of Delegazione 'M'.
(ii) Arranged sanitary course for representatives of forward Italian units.
(iii) 50 Rfts to XM1 Pack Group.

Saturday
Dec 23
(i) Herbert visited this H.Q.
(ii) Arranged rft absorption programme with A.I.
(iii) 25 Rfts to XM1 Pack Group.
50 Rfts to Pioneer Groups.

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A. M. Newbery Capt,
A.I. L.O.
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Weekly Liaison Log No. 2.

MEMA HQ

- Sunday, Dec 10
 - (1) Obtained some Allied transport temporarily from S/P here for 231
 - (2) Major Haggie arrived from Rome.
- Monday, Dec 11
 - (1) Conference - Major Haggie, ADVS & MOUS Sr. Increment, and Capt. Newton. Main point of discussion - Distribution of Medical supplies.
 - (2) Visit to 231 Div. where Major Haggie discussed various points with Col. FERRE, Direzione Sanita.
- Tuesday, Dec 12.
 - (1) Major Haggie returned to Rome.
 - (2) Capt Herbert visited HQ from 13 Corps.
 - (3) Reviewed Patriot situation with Capt. Cicogna, Italian Liaison Officer Fifth Army.
- Wednesday Dec 13
 - (1) Interview with Gen CERREA, Delegazione 'M' on Patriots - (see NY 510/G of Dec 13)
 - (2) Conference with Col. Rich, DA & QMG British Increment, on the clothing situation for BRITIS (see NY 510/2/G Dec 15).
- Thursday, Dec 14
 - (1) Visited General HARMEL at 231 Div HQ and discussed take-over from 240 Div.
- Friday, Dec 15
 - (1) Conference with DA & QMG on clothing.
 - (2) Lt. Col. Percival arrived from Rome for Liaison with S/P here.
- Saturday Dec 16
 - (1) 231 Div assumed administrative command of all BRITIS Fifth Army from 240 Div (See translation of Gen. Harnel's letter to Fifth Army, App 'A').
 - (2) Conference - Lt. Col. Percival, ADVS British Increment, Capt Newton, Col. Ferri, Direzione Sanita on distribution of Medical Supplies.
 - (3) Lt. Col. Percival visited 231 Div HQ with Capt Newton.
 - (4) Telephone and Signal communications arranged for 231 Div with S.O.R. Sigs.

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- (2) Major Heggie arrived from Rome.
- Monday, Dec 11
 - (1) Conference - Major Heggie, ADMS & ADMS Br. Increment, and Capt. Newton. Main point of discussion - Distribution of medical supplies.
 - (2) Visit to 231 Div. where Major Heggie discussed various points with Col. FERRI, Direzione Sanita.
- Tuesday, Dec 12.
 - (1) Major Heggie returned to Rome.
 - (2) Capt Herbert visited HQ from 13 Corps.
 - (3) Reviewed Patriot situation with Capt. Cicogna, Italian Liaison Officer Fifth Army.
- Wednesday Dec 13
 - (1) Interview with Gen CERREA, Delegazione IT on Patriots - (see W 510/G of Dec 13)
 - (2) Conference with Col. Rich, DA & QMG British Increment, on the clothing situation for BRITIS (see W 510/2/3 Dec 15).
- Thursday, Dec 14
 - (1) Visited General MANDEI at 231 Div HQ and discussed take-over from 210 Div.
- Friday, Dec 15
 - (1) Conference with DA & QMG on clothing.
 - (2) Lt. Col. Percival arrived from Rome for Liaison with S/F here.
- Saturday Dec 16
 - (1) 231 Div assumed administrative command of all BRITIS Fifth Army from 210 Div (See translation of Gen. Hanneil's letter to Fifth Army, APP 'A').
 - (2) Conference - Lt. Col. Percival, ADMS British Increment, Capt Newton, Col. Ferri, Direzione Sanita on distribution of Medical Supplies.
 - (3) Lt. Col. Percival visited 231 Div HQ with Capt Newton.
 - (4) Telephone and Signal communications arranged for 231 Div with S.O.R. Sigs.

a.m. Newton
 Capt,
 MIA I.O.
 British Increment,
 Fifth Army.

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Appendix 'A'

Translation of Gen. Mammi's letter to Fifth Army on assuming administrative command of BRUNS, Fifth Army.

December 14th.

Following the agreement between this HQ and 210 Div HQ, at 00.00 hrs 15/16 December 44, all Italian Troops dependent on the British formations of Fifth Army (list attached) will pass under the administrative command of this HQ

Location: Caserma Costa San Giorgio, FIORENZE.

I am pleased to have this opportunity of offering to the brave allies of the Fifth Army my greetings and those of my Command, with the assurance that the 231 Divisions will be proud and happy to help in the stern and glorious task of the combatant units, and to give its utmost to drive out the German oppressor.

(Signed) General Commanding.

(MARIO MAMMI)

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(MARIO MANFREDI)

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WEEKLY LAISON LOG No 1.

MMIA LO

British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
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11 Dec 44

Sunday Dec 3.

Rome.

Monday Dec 4.

Conference in Rome.

Tuesday Dec 5.

Reported Br Incr Fifth Army at 20 00 hrs and took over from Capt Bird.

Wednesday Dec 6.

- (i) Met G.O.C. Br Incr Fifth Army and G.O.C. 231 Italian Div and Staff.
- (ii) Visited 231 Div HQ (and Clothing Depot, which is already able to function).
- (iii) Met Gen Ceriga and officers of Delegazione 'T'

Thursday Dec 7.

- (i) Herbert came in to discuss clothing indents submitted by 13 Corps.
- (ii) Arranged tpt to fetch clothing from Livorno.

Friday Dec 8.

Discussed Patriots with D.A.M.G. Br Incr Fifth Army, whose views clash with the policy as given to MMIA LO MMIA HQ.

Saturday Dec 9.

- (i) Conference with Brigadier and his staff, re clothing for all types of Bri - It is working with Br Incr 5 Army
- (ii) Discussed Welfare and Rfts with G.1. Friuli B.L.V.

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no action
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a.m. newton
Capt,
MMIA. LO.

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