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SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 27 - Period 16 - 23 July

Land Forces Sub Comm. 43,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (4)

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. 43,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/113

Copy to: MMIA IO, att HQ 1 District.

22 July 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present Bds - No. 1 District & 13 Corps. Final lay-out still to be confirmed. Will inform your office later.

(b) Area/Sub Area HQs - No change.

(c) Disposition of IOs - Major CARM-HUNT becomes att'd to MG Austria wef 26 July. Capt HERBERT moves Branch to PADUA and rejoins 228 Div. Major F. THURPP expected c/o 228 Div PADUA. EXACT address of office in PADUA to be signalled later.

(a) Futures - As per last week.

2. ARRIVALS

Rfts from 210 Div received at 806 Transit Camp are :-

2 Wire Recovery Coy	3 oftrs	85 ORs
304 Enger Depot Coy	5 "	158 "
306 "	5 "	175 "
320 CM Service Coy	2 "	159 "

DEPARTURES

Nil.

CHANGES OF LOCATION

HQ 228 Div will have to move into 13 Corps. Capt HERBERT will start to find a new locn near MUSTRE area.

3. VISITS & CONFERENCES

16 July	Capt HERBERT to 201 Sub Area and 5 Terr Comd.
17 "	Major CARM-HUNT to No. 1 District & 228 Div.
18 "	Capt HERBERT to Adv 228 Div and 409 Regt HQ.
19 "	Major CARM-HUNT to 13 Corps.

*Seen Thrupp
May 28/7*

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2. ARRIVALS

Rpts from 210 Div received at 806 Transit Camp are :-

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19 "	Major CARM-HUNT to 13 Corps.
20 "	Capt HERBERT to 5 Corps and DEMIL.
"	Major CARM-HUNT to 5 Terr Comd.
21 "	Major CARM-HUNT to Main 13 Corps and 55 Area.
22 "	Capt HERBERT to 5 Terr Comd.

4. Ref your G/31 dated 4 June. G, A and Q points are
forwarded separately. **6242**

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GEO 2 (C=)

(X)

Peter Herbert Capt

Major,
MILIA LG, Rear Eighth Army.

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C POINTS

1. No further information.
4. No change.
5. As reported before.
6. None as known.
8. Yes.
10. 5 Terr Comd getting nicely into the saddle.
11. **DIDS**, **UDINE** and **NESTRE** will be ready by mid August. Other Depots still occupied by Allies.
15. Col **GARRONE**, 66 Recruiting Commission of 228 Div is now at **PADUA** and may start operating again in that area. Will keep you informed.

Final figures for recruited patriots in this area are as follows :-

FOINMEZZO	15	025
FORDENONE	47	"
SPILLBERGO	20	"
MANIAGO	-	"
S. VITO al T.	12	"
CIVIDALE	12	"
UDINE and environs	28	"
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4 POINTS

1. (a) M.F.R.
 - (b) No enlarging on last week.
 - (c) Count Martiel Centre badly needed under 5 Terr Comd.
 - (d) Italian ofrs would like our acting, Temporary and W/S system.
2. (a) 5 Terr Comd and Adv 228 Div HQ are receiving a large number of requests to go as soldier volunteers to the Far East. No known disposition has been received except for the civilian workers to be shipped under the Navy.
 - (b) Going along smoothly. Latest receipts from 210 Div to 228 Div enumerated in GENERAL report sheet.
 - (c) No trouble this last week.
 - (d) All come under 13 Corps.
 - (e) Odd ex PWs from Germany are finding their way into JUC concentration camps as they will not follow the Evacuation scheme and on foot take Route 54 which follows the ISOM 20 Valley. They don't know the form and when they cross the river they are roped in by Tito's men.
 - (h) The procedure of AMG passes endorsed by TSS and JUC Mission causes a big delay when soldiers ask for leave beyond the MORGAN Line and in the PCIA Enclave, that can only be reached via Jug territory.
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9 POINTS

(a) WPT

(i) Capt HERBERT saw DEMIL at 3 Corps who are ready to send down approx 50 load carriers to 5 Terr Comd. 90 tons of MT spares are being back-loaded to 5 Terr Comd. List will be forwarded when compiled.
~~When back-loaded to 5 Terr Comd, the list will be forwarded when compiled.~~
Once they have reached the WE of their Adm Ppt Coy all other veks will be put into an Italian Veh Holding Park in the area. Site not chosen as yet. The holdings will be reported.

(ii) No large influx.

(b) RATIONS

(i))
(ii)) No shortages.
(iii))

(iv) UDINE and VENICE DIDS will be ready for stocking about mid August.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(i) 35 tons of clothing has been off loaded for 238 Div from the ORGLA at VENICE and should be in the DOLA Sub Depot by now.

(ii) N.P.R.

(iii) No anticipated change.

(d) ACCH AND CALPS

(i)) List of all Italian Military buildings and depots in the
(ii)) UDINE area are to hand and will be reviewed in conjunction with 201 Sub Area and Town Major.

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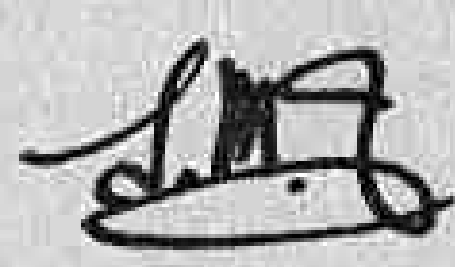
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Please see Appendix 'A' to Carew-Hunt's
Log No. 26 (flagged).

The information about Yugoslav Troops will
I consider have been obtained from 15 Corps, who
will no doubt have passed it to AFHQ. Consequently
I recommend no action by us.

24 Jul 45


Lt Col.
C.S.

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 26 - Period 9 - 16 July

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M B. (4) ✓
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: IMMA LC, att HQ 1 District
ML/112
16 July 45

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present bdy's
- (b) Area/Sub Area HQs } No change.
- (c) Disposition of LOS. No change.
- (d) Futures.

Caps
On or about 25 July 13 District will assume control of all territory in NE Italy now Eighth Army area, and will revert to direct command AFHQ bringing with it the present static layout in this area, i.e., 86 Area VENICE, 55 Area TRIESTE and 201 Sub Area UDINE.

HQ Eighth Army moves to VIENNA at or about the same time.

2. ARRIVALS

- (a) 12 Pack Coy (ex US-IFI) to 806 Transit Camp for disposal as Fnr rfts - str 9 offers 252 ORs.
- (b) 20 dvrs ex ROME for 5 Adm Tpt Coy.
- (c) 291 Td Hosp from FANO to MESTRE.
4 offers 139 dvrs ex 1022 QM Truck Coy are expected to arrive shortly.

DEPARTURES

NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 11 July Gen TOMMASINI visited.
- 12 " To 5 Terr HQ re tpt and recovery of OMI.
- 13 " Conference at Rear Army re handover of territory and certain adm units to 15 Corps.
- 14 " To Vice Comdante 828 Div on general matters.

(c) Disposition of LOS. No change.

(a) Futures.

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- 12 " Conference at Rear Army re handover of territory and certain adm units to 13 Corps.
To Vice Comando 228 Div on general matters.
- 13 " To 5 Terr HQ on routine.
- 14 " To Main 13 Corps and 55 Area re leave, MORGAN line and general security.
- 15 " Lt-Col PENROSE and Major MONICO to HQ 201 Sub Area re action for Sup Depots 5 Terr HQ.

4. Ref your G/31 dated 4 June. G, A and Q points are forwarded separately.

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GSO 2 (A)
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By Lawrence

Major,
MIA IO, Rear Eighth Army.

G POINTS

1. Yugoslav Armed Forces occupy Italian Territory as far WEST as the MORGAN Line whose map references were forwarded to you under my MM/105 dated 8 July 45.
2. It is estimated that the strength of the a/m forces are 13 Divisions and one Arm'd Bde forming 4 JUGOSLAV Army and disposed throughout VENETIA GIULIA EAST of MORGAN Line, FRIULI, ISTRIA and CENTRAL SLOVENIA. There is no sign of thinning out of forces on the SLOVENE LITTORAL though units in SLOVENIA are reported to be moving inland to equalise distribution of strength.

There are two JUGOSLAV Arm'd Bdes, one armed with 52 STUART TKS and 26 Arm'd cars and another with T-34's trained by the RUSSIANS. It is believed that the former of the two is in VENETIA GIULIA.

Arty is in the main of British and Russian origin while small arms are of every nationality.
- 4 JUGOSLAV Army has the reputation of having been one of the few to have fought the Germans on orthodox lines in contrast to Guerilla tactics adopted elsewhere.
- Political Commissars accompany all units down to Coy level.
3. Honourable observation of the MORGAN Line agreement.
4. There will never be ITALIAN troops on the frontier; 517 Gd Bn previously thought to be destined for security control on MORGAN Line is in fact to be employed on R. ISONZO and a few rd blocks on Route 14 in MONFALCONE area.
- 2 US Corps has moved up into AUSTRIA, leaving 13 Corps in control of VENETIA GIULIA. Disposition of arms is as follows :-

HQ 13 Corps	DUMCO	MIRAMARE✓
HQ 91 (US) Div	CORRONS✓	DOBBIJA✓
		HQ 167 Inf Bde
		POLA✓
8. Depends on future strength of ITALIAN Army and whether Pnr units are to be replaced by German 1st Coys and Civ Lab.

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		HQ 167 Inf Bde	FOLLA✓

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A POINTS

1. (a) ITALIAN authorities are keen to get recruits and having got them find it hard to sort them out and provide clothing.
- (b) ITALIAN ORS have a very definite realization of the fact that they receive better treatment at the hands of Allied officers, and confidence in their own officers is not 100%.
- (c) Scale of punishment in many cases is out of all proportion to crimes committed. There is still no Military Tribunal in this area; it is urgently required.
- (d) The system of "1945" instituted by MIRA is good, but will not function perfectly until it is accepted by ITALIANS on their own face value throughout their units. In general they have no confidence in one another.
2. (a) Recruiting in UDINE area has now ended. The recruiting party has returned to PAVIA and will work from Main 238 Div HQ.
- (b) Approx 400 US-IFIs have arrived in 238 Div area for incorporation. As yet it is a bit early to make any comments on the change-over.
- (c) Last week there were no complaints from other British units or from 238 Div HQ on the ex co-operators now becoming "bone fide military."
- (d) No trouble anticipated.
- (e) No comments on last week's report.
- (f) Now that operations have finished it will be difficult to justify any different treatment.
- (g) No further comments.
- (h) A certain delay will be caused for all soldiers who wish to go on leave beyond the MORGAN and ROMA lines. Special passes are required through AMG 13 Corps countersigned by JUC Commission. The present point is that neither the JUC Commission has been formed nor passes printed.
- (i) A Court Martial Centre must be set up in this area soonest.

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- (b) Approx 400 US-IRIS have arrived in 228 Div area for incorporation. As yet it is a bit early to make any comments on the change-over.
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9. POINTS

(a) TPT

- (1) 806 Transit Camp has been made up to WE by G(3D) Army. 5 Adm Tpt Coy has now drawn 14 Italian vehs from CEM Dump at CASARSA, so are expected any day from ST this HQ. 5 Corps will inform us when they are going to hand over any Italian vehs. They will drive them down if found in AUSTRIA.
- (ii) Traffic posts are functioning with reps of 5 Terr HQ acting as advisers as to whether the vehs are civil or military.
- (iii) Again, EVP needed in area.

(b) RATIONS

- (i) ST this HQ say they have good stocks for next 10 days.
- (ii) Like wine, good holdings of Italian provided items.
- (iii) No shortage now.
- (iv) A DID is being sought in UDINE. It is unlikely that feeding will start from such a DID (if found) until the middle of Aug.

(c) CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- (i) Shipment arrival awaited any moment at VENICE. Two months wastage will be an enormous help. This has been the big difficulty in the past.
- (ii) Gen TOMASELLI has only a small domestic repair staff working at DOLO Sub Depot. No great production. There is no shortage of sewing eqpt, i.e., cotton, buttons, needles.
- (iii) None anticipated.

(d) ACCN AND CAMPS

- (i) Same as last week. All in Allied hands in UDINE area.
- (ii) None existant.

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Lt. Col. S. H. Ingledew,
Military Mission to Italian Army,
C. M. F.

18 July, 1945.

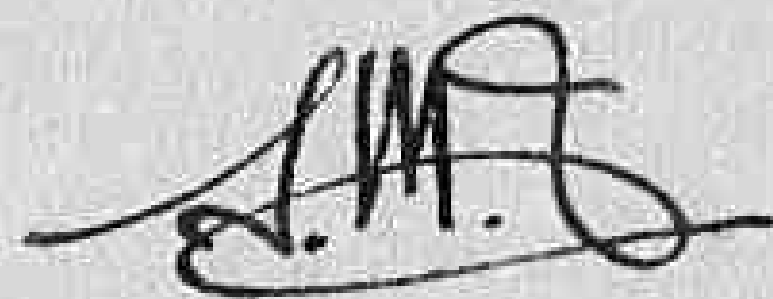
Dear

This is to acknowledge receipt of your MM/112 of 8 July,
being your weekly liaison report no. 25 for period 1 - 8 July.

We think here that it is an extremely good report, and
not only have you done your work well, but you have taken the
trouble to set out the facts clearly on paper to us.

Hope you are keeping fit.

Kindest regards,



Major B.G. Crew Hunt,
M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer,
Rear HQ Eighth Army,
C. M. F.

Copy - 4/31/1 ←

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SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 25 - Period 1 July - 8 July

Good report
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (4)
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/112
8 July 43

Copy to: MMIA IO, att HQ 1 District.

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bdays)
(b) Area/Sub Area HQs) No change.

(c) Disposition of IOs. No change.

(d) Futures.

The day of my moving down to DISTONE is approaching. Capt HERBERT will move to 228 Div about 12 July to arrange my arrival.

(e) Italian officer IO from 228 Div attached 210 Sub Area.

2. ARRIVALS

(a) 806 Transit Camp at CAMPOCROCE H 6168.
Forestry *gvt* arriving COMIGLIANO under comd AFHQ.
317 Gd Bn to control/EAST of VENEZIA GIULIA Line under
GSI(b) Army. movement

(b) U/m ex co-operators have come under comd 228 Div for adm.

Incr HQ 55 Area	TRIESTE
Incr HQ 201 Sub Area	UDINE
Incr HQ 207 Sub Area	VENICE
Incr 210 Sub Area	PADUA
878 Italian A.W. Coy	PADUA
881 Italian A.W. Coy	S. VITO
221 Italian Tipper Coy	
Incr 44 BSD	MESTRE
615 Italian Service Unit	PADUA
1 Italian Navy Coy	MESTRE

DEPARTURES

Nil.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

1 July	To Adv 228 Div HQ UDINE on recruiting of ex partisans.
2 "	To 1 Bn HQ 405 Regt UDINE. Also called on 5 Terr HQ.

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3 "	To 5 Terr HQ. Cancellation of Gen ARMELINI's dinner with Eighth Army Comd.
4 "	To GSI(b) with rep 5 Terr HQ on disbanding ceremony to be held 7 July.
6 "	To 5 Terr HQ on general matters and final arrangements Italia Div ceremony.
7 "	Italia Div was inspected and marched past Brig HOWARD (6 A.G.R.A.) and Gen ARMELINI at 1600 Hrs in the Piazza at UDINE, prior to disbanding.

4. Ref your G/51 dated 4 June, G, A and Q points are forwarded separately. 6233

FILED: 6/21/7
DATE: 14/7

Peter Herbert Capt

Major,
101st Airborne Division

G POINTS

- 1.)
- 2.) No change.
- 3.)

4. 517 Gd Bn will be strung out WEST of MORGAN line for control of movement under GSI(b).

5. 303 US-III Eng Depot Coy under comd 228 Div (UDINE) - as yet unlocated but known to be in UDINE area.

6. None as known.

7. The Par Camp at MESTRE has assumed a very regimental aspect and a marked competitive spirit has sprung up between Coys.

It is hoped to restart the Cookery Course which was suspended at FORLI in June, at 806 Transit Camp site at CAMPOCRUCE H 6168.

8. Yes.

9. No Combat Gps in area.

10. (a) 5 Terr HQ is "in power" but its functions are very limited indeed.

(b) A greater part of barracks and depots are still in Allied hands and are likely to remain so for some time. A site for a DID may be available in the next three weeks.

(c) The HQ will set up a small Staging Billet for offrs and ORs since UDINE has a large traffic of Italian military either going or returning from leave not to mention people going on discharge.

11. 5 Terr HQ has suspended taking over what the commitments mean with the local British area. Rear 5 Terr HQ is now situated with a very small staff at the Palazzo Treves, PADUA.

12. As far as is known there are no more Patriot Bands in this area to be disbanded.

The Italia Div, 8,800 strong, was disbanded on the 7 July in UDINE by Brig EGMARD (6 AGRA) and Gen ARMBLINDI of 5 Terr HQ. Signor PALERIO was present and spoke at length. The Archbishop and the Town Mayor also spoke.

This unit is a highly disciplined force and put on a very ceremonious parade. 99% are old soldiers of every arm and regt of the three services. They were very well armed and presented a fine sight in their assorted uniforms, which were of the Tito army pattern. Arms were all collected by GSI(b) staff.

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Each man received 5,000 lire on account, the remainder of the arrears to be paid later. Each soldier should eventually receive between 20,000 and 48,000 lire.

Politically this unit is very anti-communistic. They have seen what it is and want nothing of it, though there was a Political Commissar amongst them who professed not to be a communist.

This Div will be sent off a third at a time on 12, 15 and 17 July through displaced personnel channels under AG who have a chain of camps already standing. The intention is to send them on leave until they have had their back pay and have been re-classified.

13. Arms have been handed in. Officers were allowed to keep their pistols.

14. Not as known.

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G POINTS - SHEET 2

15. The screening agency set up by 328 Div for enrolling ex Partisans has brought in about 200 rfts for far etc. Some 20-30 have deserted. They are all aged 18 - 20 approx. This body will cease functioning in this area on 15 July. This work could not be done by Territorial HQ since they have no WE for such an agency.

Gen SANTI, head of screening agency of 5 Terr HQ, is empowered only to deal with officers up to Lt.Col. He is working but results are not fully known.

16. Morale of Italian tps working for Allies is pretty good in Army area as much is done for them in the welfare line. There are complaints of lack of soap, cigarettes not arriving to scale, etc.

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A POINTS

1. (a) }
(b) } No enlarging on last week.
(c) }
(d) }
 2. (a) Enlisted patriots have all kinds of anti-discipline ideas but once the deserters have gone they shake down pretty well.
 - (b) There should be little trouble in this. We are expecting 1000 ex Muleteers who I feel certain will prefer Far work.
 - (c) On 1 July and before May, Co-operator Unit OCS presented themselves at 228 Div HQ with a certain amount of interest in their hearts. Capt HERBERT gave them a good talking to explaining all the advantages which made them feel much happier. Some of the units are in a pretty bad shape for clothing, etc. The only advantage they had was a reduced NAAP scale.
- There will be difficulty administering them where found in small pockets attached to Sub Area etc. It is most probable that they will have to be withdrawn. Where they have officers then the difficulty can be overcome.
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9-POINTS

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(i)

More and more ex Italian WD vens are coming to light in various British RVPS. Needless to say, only a very small percentage are runners. It should be possible to fit out 5 Adm Tpt Coy within six weeks. Releases will be signalled.

(ii)

Illegal vens are being confiscated and put into British RVPS for our disposal. A great number will never get into the RVPS, i.e., those that were never recovered from the Partisans.

(iii)

Again it must be urged that an EVF should be set up either in the PADUL or UDINE area when there is soon.

(b) RATIONS

(i) No shortage last week.

(ii) Availability of tomato catsup very erratic.

(iii)

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(iv)

None foreseen. MM/102/1 dated 8 July deals with the difficulty in finding soon for depots.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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The 80% holding of boots above scale will help a great deal. The sock demands as yet have never been satisfied. DOLC Sub Depot, operated by 228 Div, is an ideal site.

(ii)

Div manages to repair approx 150 prs of boots a week, when they manage to come by the leather.

(iii)

No anticipated change.

(d) ACCOM

(i)

Same as last week. Ref Depots for supply by 3 Terr HQ see letter mentioned in para (b), sub-para (iv) RATIONS.

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SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 24 - Period 23 - 30 June

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (5)

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

Copy to: MMIA LO, att HQ 1 District.

MM/112
1 July 43

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- (b) Area/Sub Area HQs)
- (c) Disposition of LOS.
- (d) Futures.

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DEPARTURES

NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

23 June: 26 Main Army - GSI(b) re Security and JUGS - A re move

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CONCLUSIONS

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24	"	Visit from Gens TOMASELLI and PAVAN on general matters. Stand down parade in UDIRT of balance patriots FRIULI area.	6228
26	"	To 201 Sub Area re seen for 3 Terr HQ.	
27	"	To 204 Par Coy.	
28	"	To 5 Terr HQ on routine. Gen ARABELLINI accompanied to Army Comd.	
29	"	To 201 Sub Area and 5 Terr HQ re seen.	

4. Ref your G/51 dated 4 June, G. A and C points are forwarded separately.

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DATE: 5/7/

Richard B. Alexander

MAJ. IO, Rear Eighth Army.
Major,

9. POINTS

- 1.) See 55 (Army) Area reports 6 and 7 attached. No further such reports will be published.
- 2.)
- 3.)
4. No change.
- 5.) N.T.R.
- 6.)
7. Gen TOMASELLI hopes soon to inherit a villa at ~~the~~ ^{once} ~~ILDO~~ from CREMONA I.O.G. where he can resume Subalterns' Cadre Courses suspended at TORIN last April.
- 8.) N.T.R.
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(b) All speakers exhorted the Partisans to go home and return to civil employment, some qualifying their exhortation with the reminder that there still remained a number of Fascists to be sought out.

(c) AMG and Civil Labour Units launched special appeals by loudspeaker for volunteers to apply for jobs at Civil Labour Offices: there have been many hundred applicants in UDINE Town for passages to the FAR EAST, though I think that the majority believe they are required to fight when they get there.

(d) I have not yet been notified of the count of arms handed in.

(e) Gen ARBELLINI assured the Army Comd at a recent talk that in his view there will be a strong undercurrent of political propaganda from the GARIBOLDINI, countered by the OSOPRO, and that the partisan bands will remain in potential cliques

Potential cliques

who will divert their mental energy from the science of killing Germans to that of spreading political doctrines, for better or for worse.

(f) The adv pty of "ITALIA" Div (GARIBALDI Assault Bde) was due to arrive 1 July from JUGOSLAVIA at TORRE DI ZULNO H 4594, the remainder of the fm being ferried in under arrangements 13 Corps for next 4/5 days. Gen ARMELLINI is watching the sitn with lively interest and his staff are prepared to make contact with IFALIA Div as soon as possible to fix up their adm from the Italian angle.

STOP PRESS to para 11.

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A POINTS

1. ENROLMENT OF PARTISANS

A report from Lt. Col GARRONE on 26 June gives an appreciation of his difficulties in recruiting patriots; they are briefly :-

- (a) Partisans have by now very largely scattered.
- (b) They are prejudiced against Army discipline.
- (c) They have gone home to rest and are opposed for the moment to returning to a disciplined life.

In spite of the above, Lt. Col GARRONE hopes to enrol 300 men in TOMBERGO and some 50 in SPILIMBERGO. He has been received well by all patriot leaders in spite of their initial prejudice against him.

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- (i) Shortages of 5 Adm Tpt Coy are being made up from local releases of Italian vehs from Allied veh parks. Copies of all relevant releases will be sent to you as they occur. Shortage of dvrs, even from Patriots, soon, etc. are preventing the Tpt Coy from forming quickly. I appreciate releases to Gd Bns from EVPs in BARI, NAPLES and ROMA but stress again the enormous distance and attendant difficulties that collecting personnel have to face. We must have EVPs in I.E. ITALY.

- (ii) M.F.R.
(iii)

(b) RATIONS

Owing to this area being chockfull of Allied units, I am not optimistic about the ability of 5 Territorial HQ to undertake maint w.e.f. 1 Aug 45.

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- (iii) No difficulty.

- (iv) None foreseen.

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I have stressed elsewhere in this report that the soon sign is acute in this area. Until Army Roadhead No.9 moves from UDINE, the Italians can hope to inherit very little of use to them.

(e) WELFARE

Supervision and control of Italian Army Welfare is now being transferred from Army to 86 (Army) Area.

Army are anxious for Col PASSAVANTI to stay as Welfare L.O. and a letter to this effect is being sent to you shortly.

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4 JUDGE COMES

A Court opened on 9 Jun, and passed sentences from 3 to 5 months on six persons found guilty of a "misrouting" incident. Criminal files in the Questura were found to be intact but all political files had been removed.

5 POLICE

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C.P. augmented by British and American tps continued to carry out all police duties in the city of TRIESTE.

The use of locally recruited police (wearing armbands) had to be abandoned owing to the attention on them by the Guardia del Popolo.

6 Guardia del Popolo

The Guardia del Popolo changed its title suddenly overnight on 19/20 Jun to "Difesa Popolare". It comprises:

- (a) Toughs, including criminals released by JUGOSLAVS on 3 May and some lawless elements from ISURIA.

/ (b) Ex

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(b) Ex Garibaldini - several hundred of the more extreme communists or pro SLAVE were transferred prior to the move of the Garibaldini from TRIESTE.

(c) All personnel recently transferred from the JUG army.

Its present policy is undoubtedly anti Allied although stated by its members to be anti Fascist.

Since 12 Jun Difesa Popolare has arrested at least 150 persons in TRIESTE of whom 50 are with their captors in Allied hands. A Guardia arrested by CMP was found to be carrying 9 warrants for arrest of civs. Another "Guardia" carried a list of 20 names of people to be arrested.

In addition there have been several instances of "beating up". Some of the victims were Southern Italians and the probable motive was to cause friction between the Southern Italians and the Triestines. Other victims included people who had associated with the Allies.

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9 18 Jun

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10 ARRESTS AND LOOTING

Among the 150 arrests by the Difesa Popolare were GILL, head of the Italian Red Cross in TRIESTE and his deputy; both were released on the intervention of IIC Area Commissioner.

Other instances of reported looting were probably attributable to unorganised

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Among the 130 arrests by the Difesa Popolare were GILIL, head of the Italian Red Cross in TRIESTE and his deputy; both were released on the intervention of AMG Area Commissioner.

Minor instances of reported looting were probably attributable to unorganised civil gangs.

The Peoples Court invited written denunciations of GILIL, leader of TRIESTE action party and one time candidate for presidency of GIULIANI OIM who took a prominent part in the rising against the Germans in April last.

FBS arrested:

- (a) Gen ESPESHO, war criminal and ex Italian Republican army, together with three of his staff, and
- (b) two Fascists in employment at the Broadcasting Station

11 FOOD

A 100 lb white bread ration of 200 gms per head has been maintained. Vegetables are available by subscription. Allied Allied influences try to induce people from the suburbs to come to the city, thereby upsetting distribution. AMG ration cards are being prepared.

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OGA FILE

- (a) Further reports received confirm that in the majority of important undertakings the JUCE have planted their representative in a position of authority.
- (b) AMG opened the banks on 21 Jun and cancelled the withdrawal limit of 5,000 lire imposed by the JUCE.

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PMB(a) Local Press

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- (i) Impeding adm by AMG.
- (ii) Discouraging the efficiency of AMG.
- (iii) Arranging demonstrations to support present JUG adm.
- (iv) Propaganda stressing that the CL was elected by popular vote
- (v) Spreading rumours, etc.

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- (1) That the Allies provide white bread for TRIESTINES in order to cause themselves with the daughters of the city.
- (2) Threatening an armed rising.
- (3) Threatening a general strike.

[Signature]
Major
General Staff

SECRET

SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 23 - Period 13 - 22 June

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (3)
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: MMIA LG, att HQ 1 District.
MMIA LG, att HQ 228 Div.
MM/112
23 June 45

1. GENERAL

- (a) Present bdays } No change.
(b) Area/Sub Area HQs }
(c) Disposition of ICS
Capt HERBERT is due back from leave 27 June.
Capt FOX reports HQ 231 Div 25 June.
(d) Location of I.C.G.
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approx 25 June.

- (e) Futures (i)
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16 " 292 3d Hosp
16 " 100 Pnr Coy
16 " 213 Pnr Coy
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SUSEGNA G 6497
UDINE
PONTE PRIULA G 6594
PORTO MARGHERA G 6355
" " "
PONTE PRIULA G 6594

Note: above Pnr Coys are all on rly constr, ex BOLOGNA and ten more will shortly be called fwd.

(b) DEPARTURES

20 June 4th 4 Pnr Coy To FORLI from UDINE to rejoin parent unit.

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Met 228 Div Screening Det re enrolment of local patriots. To HQ 55 Area re sitn in TRINSTE.

4. Ref your G/31 dated 4 June, G, A and Q Points are forwarded separately.

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MMIA-G

FILE C/31/1

DATE 27/1

B. G. A. E. W. T. R. U. N. T.

MAJ. LO. Rear Eighth Army.

6 POINTS

(i))
(ii))
(iii))
(iv))
See copies of 55 (Army) Area Reports Nos. 1 - 5 attached.

There are no Italian tps on the Morgan Line.
Rough disposition of Allied tps is as follows :-

Right - 13 Corps with elts 56 Div in POLA.
Left - 2 U.S. Corps.
Inter corps bdy R. VIFACCO.

(v) No change.

(vi) No change.

(vii) No change.

(viii) No change.

(ix) No change.

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Lt automatics & SMGs	150.	Revolvers (aged)	23.
MMGs and IMGs	321.	AAA guns	3.

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(xiv) As yet, none: though naturally few are anxious to carry out disarming of their bands and lose their own authority.

(xv) 228 Div Screening Agency (Lt.Col GARRONE and Capt RIZZA) continue to maintain contact with Patriot HQ, local dignitaries and AMG. They are well liked and are putting their stuff across wisely: we hope to produce a few recruits on 25 June and watch them roll in after that date.

- (xvi) No change. GCU UDINE is stated to have 300 volunteers for JAPAN. Italian Regular Offrs are anxious to see an Italian Token Force in TRIESTE but I have explained that it is naturally impossible.
- (xvii) GSI(b) Army ordered two SIM officers to quit the area and return to VENICE on 15 June: they were employed on counter-intelligence vis a vis the JUGS.
- (xviii) FIU MAAP are anxious for a Lt LAURI I.I.F. to be allowed to work in TRIESTE, but this will certainly NOT be permitted.
- (xviii) At the risk of being liquidated, I hope to tour the MORGAN Line shortly. In the meanwhile I recommend those interested to read W.O.W.I.R. No. 94 of 6 June which gives a good background for an appreciation of the JUGS territorial claims.

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4 POINTS

ABSORPTION OF CO-OPERATORS

I have called for details of these from DISTONE for infm: only four are employed in Army on painting for ADLWS.

Co-operators will find a big difference in conditions of service when they revert to Italian Army administration: it will be interesting to see how many stay with the colours.

ACCEPTANCE OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY BY ITALIAN STAFFS

This would be possible if Italian Q had more to do at their disposal: in 228 Div and 5 Territorial HQ the initiative to get busy is very evident but they have to turn to us for help.

I would say that we can set an example as far as paper work is concerned by cancelling as soon as possible many aspects of our control over the Italian Army - the longer it remains, the harder it will be to do without it.

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9 POINTS

(a) Tpt

(i) No change.

(ii) 5 x 3-ton - doubtful runners - were released to 5 Territorial HQ on 20 June to form nucleus of 5 Adm Tpt Coy. I have told them to get into touch with Territorial HQ BOLZANO re rep and rec facilities.

(iii) N.T.R.

(b) Rations

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Appendix "A" to MILA 10 Rear Eighth
Army letter MIL/112 dated 23 June 45

OSOPEO PARTISAN ORDER OF BATTLE

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Central HQ	UDINE	20
Sabotage Bn	UDINE	40
1 Division HQ	UDINE	23
2 Bde	UDINE	759
4 Bde	SPILIMBERGO	663
5 Bde	MANIAGO	594
2 Division HQ	CASTIONS	20
10 Bde	UDINE	216
11 Bde	S. MARIA LA LUNGA	321
12 Bde	S. GIORGIO DI NOGARA	216
13 Bde	RIVIGNANO	424
3 Division HQ	UDINE	20
1 Bde	REANA DEL ROJAIO	440
6 Bde	TARCENTO	279
7 Bde	CIVIDALE	276
4 Division HQ	PORDENONE	15
14 Bde	S. VITO AL TAGLIAMENTO	409
15 Bde	PORDENONE	279
16 Bde (Girardini)	CAMPO DI PIETRE	
5 Division HQ	TOCCHETTO	20
2 Bde	PAL. PICCOLO	179
8 Bde	GENOVA	286
9 Bde	VILLA SANTINA	830
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PORDENONE

S. VITO AL TAGLIAMENTO

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CAMPO DI PIERRE

TOMEZZO

PAL. PICCOLO

GEMONA

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BULIA

NOTTA DI LIVENZO

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Appendix "B" to MIA 10 Rear Eighth
Army letter MIA/112 dated 24 June 45

DEAR CITIZENS OF UDINE

Today you have had our visiting card. The powerful Tito
Air Force has displayed its avenging strength upon your town.

In co-operation with our victorious formations, of whom
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S E C R E T

SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 22 - Period 22 May to 12 June 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (3)

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

Copy to: MMIA LO, att HQ 1 District.
MMIA LO, att HQ 228 Div.

MM/112
13 June 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bdys)
(b) Area/Sub Area HQ) No change.
(c) Disposition of LOs)

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3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

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29 "	-	To 86 Area re sites for Sub Depot and Transit Camps.
30 "	-	Capt Fox to conference on Disposal of Captured Enemy Vehicles.
30 "	-	Capt Fox reced site in UDINE for Canteen.
30 "	-	To 61 Pnr Gp and 210 Sub Area re accn and general matters re Italian Pnr MESTRE.
1 June	-	To Rear 5 Corps and 2/405 Pnr Regt. 6214
3 "	-	Opening of Italian ORs Hostel, LIDO DI VENEZIA .
4 "	-	Capt Fox toured Italian Arty Depots in UDINE Province
5 "	-	To 127 Sal Unit VILLA VINCENNA and 55 Area TRISTE re recovered Italian arms and eqpt. and political situation.

FILE 6/31/1
DATE 12/6

6 June - To 201 Sub Area re Guarding of Italian Depots.
 To GSI(I) and (Ib), G(SD) Main Army re JUGO-SLAVS
 and Disbandment of units.
 7 " - To GSI(CI) and (Ib) re Patriots and JUGO-SLAVS.
 Col Noakes arrived.
 9 " - Toured Italian Welfare Installations VENICE with
 Col Noakes.
 10 " - To DISTONE and 228 Div with Col Noakes.
 12 " - To 5 Territorial Comd re payment of pensions;
 G(Ops) re est of 5 Terr Comd.
 Capt Fox to 55 Area and 217 Pnr Coy.

4. Ref your letter G/51 dated 4 June, G, A and v points are
 forwarded separately.

Bglawston

Major,
 MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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By Lawton

Major,
MILA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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G POINTS

(i) & (ii)

Until yesterday, 11 June, approx one Corps JUGOSLAV tps were conc round TRIESTE and NW to GORIZIA excl. Odd bands were and still are located in hills; all JUGOSLAV posns were firmly intermingled with our own tps. Yesterday withdrawal to EAST of new line of demarcation began.

(iii)

Without carrying out espionage upon Allied Armies, it is hard to say what their intentions are. From personal observation on 5 and 12 June it seems clear that the JUGOSLAVS were intent upon holding what ground they had captured, maintaining their influence over racially SLAV territory, infiltrating their agents and Political Commissars into Italian territory and Patriot Bands and generally standing firm until their superiors found a way of withdrawing without loss of face.

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There are NO Italian tps on the frontier; for disposition of Allied tps, see AFHQ Sitreps and Combined Weekly Intelligence Summaries.

(v)

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(vi)

None, to my knowledge.

(vii)

In CREMONA, good.
In Pnr Units, very fair owing to better control now so many coys are conc.
In scattered units, moderate to non-existent.

(viii)

Most certainly, yes.

(ix)

Only applies to CREMONA in our case. The BIU have a greater knowledge than I have.

(x)
(xi)

No. See your letter SD/34 dated 11 June and my MM/129 dated 5 June refer.

(xii)

See Appx A.

(xiii)

Disbandment is taking place on following programme.

12 June PORDENONE.	13 June SPILLIMBERGO.
15 June TOLMEZZO.	20 June UDINE incl many from TRIESTE.

Reports have come in to the effect that SLAV leaders are

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Ref MM/112
13 June 48
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- (xi) Most certainly, yes.
- (xii) Only applies to CREMONA in our case. The BLU have a greater knowledge than I have.
- (xiii) No. See your letter SD/54 dated 11 June and my ME/129 dated 5 June refer.
- (xiv) See Appx A.
- (xv) Disbandment is taking place on following programme.
- 12 June PORDENONE. 13 June SPILIMBERGO.
- 15 June FOLMEZZO. 20 June UDINE incl many from TRIESTE.

Reports have come in to the effect that SLIV leaders are encouraging the burial of arms and premature surrender to confuse the Allied programme of disbandment; also, that large numbers of weapons over a period of time have been shipped from small NW Adriatic coastal villages to RAVENNA for concealment.

During past 48 hrs, movement from WEST to EAST to avoid disbandment has been negligible.

A few GARIBOLDINI have spread anti-Allied propaganda, but results remain to be seen. Details F-821.2

When allowed into the Army Area to do their work, I think they would be useful. 228 Div have had to form their own screening agency to deal with recruiting in the absence of any other.

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- (xv) cont. I consider 5 Territorial HQ will be fully in the saddle, (except for VENEZIA GIULIA), by end of June if DISTONE allow the personnel into their area.
- (xvi) (a) Would be higher if the political sitn were clarified and the older classes could get home.
- (b) As above. Considerable resentment felt at not having access to KD etc amongst IPI-IMI (less Gd Bns) working for Army.
- (xvii) There are rumoured to be two SIM agents in UDINE, but I have no details yet as to their activities. Italian personnel who have infiltrated into TRIESTE, against orders, have either been turned back by the Allies or imprisoned/liquidated by the JUGOSLAVS.
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PARTISAN ORDER OF BATTLE

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROX STRENGTH</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
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<u>GARIBALDI</u>			
Central HQ	UDINE	12	
Carnia Div HQ	TOINEZZO	10	
Val But Bde	PALUZZA	366	
Carnia Bde	VILLA SANTINA	311	
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Sozzi Bde	SPILLBERGO	316	
Udine Div HQ	UDINE	16	
Bortolotti Bde	UDINE	293	
Udine Bde	UDINE	9	
Zorzini Bde	PRADAMANO	385	
Modotti Bde	POZZUOLO	199	
Foschiani Bde	MORTEGLIANO	198	
Sinistra Tagliamento Div HQ	RIVIGNANO	14	
Calligaris Bde	CODROIPO	189	
Marcuzzi Bde	LATISANA	397	
S. Pellico Bde	S. DANIELE	187	
Tantamot Bde	CERVIGNANO	187	
Picelli Div HQ	UDINE	20	
Picelli Bde	UDINE	430	
2nd Picelli Bde	TARCENTO	708	
Natisone Bde	UDINE	500	
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Nino Bixio Bde	SUSEGANA	222
I. Nieve Bde	MANFICO	150
Garibaldi Div HQ	S. DONA di PIAVE	?
Russo Bde	PORTOGRUARO	?
Pellegrini Bde	S. STINO	?
Pieve Bde	S. DONA	?
Mino Nannetti Div	VITTORIO VENETO	?
Cacciatori delle	ODERZO	400
Pianura Bde	GARARINI	150
Ciro Menotti Bde	COLLE UMBERTO	90
CACCIATORI delle	VALDOBRODINE	120
Alpi Bde	CISON di VALMARENO	150
Mezzini Bde	VITTORIO VENETO	?
Tollot Bde		
Cairolì Bde		

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Frattelli Bandiera Bde	FUOS DEL PAGO	?	
<u>GARIBALDI TPS WEST OF R. ISONZO who are</u> <u>openly under JUG Command</u>			
Leo Scaglierini	CIVIDALE	118	u/c Monfalcone
Garibaldi Matisone Div	GRADO	45	Russians
Stalin Bn	UDINE	35	
SAP Bde	GRADISCA	120	
GAP Bde	CERVIGNANO	212	

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4 POINTS

1. SCREENING FOR RECRUITMENT

5 Territorial HQ has no screening agency for recruitment - only one for vetting officers. During the present recruiting of Patriots, 228 Div has had to form its own (with provisional authy from SPAMAGGIORE). Things would be easier if there were an agency on the spot.

Local Patriots are tired: genuine ones have mostly returned to till the soil and these who now parade as such are of fairly new vintage. We are not starting to recruit before 22 June in UDINE Province.

The appt of Gen CADOREA should do a lot to fuse Patriots and the Army in a common cause.

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- (b) A remoulding on Allied lines of a judicial system that has always been quite foreign to our own.

One is dealing here with the root of a nation's character, a judicial system that has been corrupt for centuries.

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4. MOVEMENT OF LEAVE PERSONNEL

Until adequate Italian MT is forthcoming and rely bns reconstructed across R. FO, this will continue to be a problem. Allied tpt in this area is very rarely available and men on leave have to rely largely on hitch-hiking.

5. PROMOTION ETC OF OFFICERS

In all these problems one is strongly biased by equivalent systems in one's own Army.

I consider the radical weaknesses in the Italian Corps of Officers are :-

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- (b) Low rate of pay.
- (c) Promotion largely on time basis.
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3 & 4 POINTS

(a) TRANSPORT

(i)

In general, units u/c Eighth Army have been well catered for; the position when Eighth Army ceases to look after their units will be another story, and many vehs used by ITALIAN units are still on charge to widely scattered British units, too distant for regular maint.

Jeeps are to be called in at some future date but with the exception of Cremona Group few units are effected. Load carriers are always in demand but there are few, if any, units below W.E. The distances which now have to be covered make a heavy strain on the slender resources of most service units.

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Wine has been difficult to obtain since units crossed R.P.O but now, owing to sea tpt being available, it is hoped that this shortage will be remedied.

(iii)

Soap has been found lacking at times but this is a small problem which can always be put right from this end.

(iv)

The latest cut in cigarettes is naturally not popular but supplies are received to scale.

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Sup pts have changed constantly during the last 6 weeks. At the moment, further changes are not contemplated but when Eighth Army finally moves out of Italy will inevitably be changes.

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(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(i) Clothing is generally satisfactory. If boot repairing tools could be issued it is felt that many units could undertake much of their own boot maintenance. Grindery is usually obtainable either from Ord or from recovered material.

(ii) & (iii) Inspections are being made of all Italian Army Depots located in this area. Information on any items located which are of special interest will be forwarded to MILA without delay.

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(f) POST

Letters from and to FMs 16, 64 and 217 are cleared through British APOs and flown southward. Any delay in delivery is still beyond the scope of Army.

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S E C R E T

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

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(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (3)

Copy to:
MMIA LO, att HQ 228 Div.

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23 May 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bays.

- (i) Rear Army - incl to 8 Army R. BRENTA - route 11 - FUSINA G 6349 (w.e.f. 22 May).
- (ii) Inter Army - no change but extended NORTH of LONGERONE to R. PLAVE incl to S. STEFANO B 8874 thence T. PADOLLA incl to B 8678 thence up 88 Northing to AUSTRIAN Frontier.

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I regret having to ask Gen. TOMASELLI to split his HQ but for many reasons it must be so for the moment.

(e) Locn and emp of Combat Gps.

- (i) CREMONA I.C.G. - ADRIA M 4709 - moves shortly to a posn astride route 14 SOUTH of UDINE u/c 13 Corps in an op role.
 (ii) TRIULI I.C.G.) u/c 5 Army - conc w.e.f. 22 May in area
 FOLGORE I.C.G.) bounded by VERONA - MANTOVA - LEGNAGO.
 (iii) MANTOVA I.C.G. - passed to comd ARHQ w.e.f. 14 May.

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(F) Futures.

- (i) Main and Rear HQ Eighth Army are at TRICESIMO C 3734 where they are likely to remain for 2 or 3 weeks.
- (ii) 15 Army Gp have recommended to AFHQ that 228 Div should continue to remain u/c Eighth Army until the latter HQ passes from ITALY: 228 Div should then adm Italian tps NE ITALY.
- (iii) Army Rhead No.9 opens UDINE 26 May.

2. ARRIVALS.

No new arrivals - only mov has been that of units under op comd Eighth Army re-entering Army Area from DISTONE.

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5. WELFARE

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(i) MONACO for ofirs - 7 days leave - vacancies, 20
CREMONA and 20 to 228 Div. **6203**

(ii) VITTORIA for ORs - day leave - cinema attached.

(iii) GUARDA MARE, LIDO DI VENEZIA - for ORs.

(b) Canteens.

(i) Those at IMOLA, CESENA and RAVENNA have closed

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- (ii) 209 Div are taking over those opened by 226 Div at FERRARA and VERRI.
 - (iii) 226 Div will continue to admin the Canteen at FERRARA although in 1 District Area, and is opening a further one at MESTRE.
 - (iv) An office Hotel is being opened shortly at the Albergo MODERNO, PADOVA.
 - (c) The distribution of LA PATRIA has temporarily broken down in common with other allied newspapers printed in FLORENCE. Eighth Army News is now printed in VENICE which means that NO facilities exist to bring publications from FLORENCE. I strongly recommend that arrangements be made to print LA PATRIA (NA Edition) not further SOUTH than PADOVA.
6. FPI
- (a) Capt HERBERT is now preparing a review with 226 Div of the apt sign which appears pretty gloomy in view of the fact that the Div are still based on No. 1 Repair Unit at FLORENCE which is now virtually inaccessible.
 - (b) Equally, vehs released from EVPS in ROMA, BARI or NAPLES are extremely hard to collect as movement SOUTH is almost at a standstill; it must be remembered that Div HQ is now some 90 miles NORTH of RH.
 - (c) Italian army vehs in the hands of Partisans cannot yet be touched as the Partisans in most areas have NOT yet been disbanded and have an op role.
7. PARTISANS
- (a) In VENEZIA GIULIA there are two bands still under arms.
 - (i) The OSOPPO - Christian Democrats - wear green scarves and have done extremely good work. They are moderate in outlook and pleasant to deal with.
 - (ii) The CARINIANI - in the main Communists - wear red scarves - broke adrift in the winter 44/45 from the CADORNA org and joined TITO's 9th SLOVENE Corps to whom they still owe allegiance. This band have absorbed many of TITO's partisans who have changed uniform. TITO is also alleged to have sent chosen men to join their ranks and keep them on the right lines.
 - (iii) The old JUGOSLAV irregulars who live on the land, have overrun their objective and are slow in returning to within their own frontiers.

(a) Capt HERBERT is now preparing a review with 228 Div of the apt sign which appears pretty gloomy in view of the fact that the Div are still based on No. 1 Repair Unit at FIDRENCE which is now virtually inaccessible.

(b) Equally, vehs released from EVPs in ROME, BARI or NAPLES are extremely hard to collect as movement SOUTH is almost at a standstill; it must be remembered that Div HQ is now some 90 miles NORTH of RH.

(c) Italian army vehs in the hands of Partisans cannot yet be touched as the Partisans in most areas have NOT yet been disbanded and have an op role.

7. PARTISANS

(e) In VENEZIA GIULIA there are two Bands still under arms.

(i) The OSOPPO - Christian Democrats - wear green scarves and have done extremely good work. They are moderate in outlook and pleasant to deal with.

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(iii) The odd JUGOSLAV irregulars who live on the land, have overrun their objective and are slow in returning to within their own frontiers.

(b) All three above categories are well provided with German and Italian ppt, weapons and eqpt. They are said to make full use of all Italian Army eqpt that they find and break into the remaining stores to equip themselves further.

(c) As the general policy is for the moment one of ⁶²⁰²laissez-faire pending a high level decision on the attitude to be adopted towards Marshal TITO, I can do very little to recover this property for the Italian Army.

Moreover, 5 Territorial Command, whose job it would normally be, can equally do nothing EAST of R. PIAVE as their scope is extremely limited and they are here on sufferance.

(d) We can do little more than persuade G(ops) to put Partisan Guards on those depots we know of and make mental calculations of the quantity of material that will revert to the Italian Army as soon as the Partisans are properly disbanded.

8. COMMS WITH ROME

(a) The following Air Transport Schedule is operative v.e.f. today; passengers are reminded that personal weapons will be carried at all times within Eighth Army Area.

Flight 307

ROME dep 1140
CAMPO FORMIDO arr 1545

Flight 308

CAMPO FORMIDO dep 0810
ROME arr 1215

(b) All times quoted are local.

B. G. A. A. A. A.

Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Afternote

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SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 20. Period 30 Apr - 6 May.

S E C R E T

Land Forces Sub Comm. 40,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. 40,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to:
MMIA LO, Rear 5 Corps.
MMIA LO, Rear 26 BLU.

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8 May 45

1. GENERAL

(a) Present bdays.

- (i) Rear Army - R. PO to Inter Army bdy.
- (ii) Inter Army - LONGARONE B6943 - R. PIAVE incl to 8 Army - PONTE DELL'ALPI B6753 excl - route 51 incl to VISMADELLO B 7082 - route 15 incl to TREVISO - route 53 excl to CITTADELLA G2775 - thence SSN to G1859 - thence SOUTH to rly at G1856 thence rly excl to P9639 - SOUTH to R. PO incl, GENESILLI and CALTO P9304 excl.

(b) Disposition of Area/Sub Area HQs.

- (i) 86 (Army) Area VENICE - responsible for all territory between R. PO and R. BRENTA, for VENICE and for 8 Army RHead MESTRE.
- (ii) 210 Sub Area FORLI - standing by to take over VENICE from 86 (Army) Area.
- (iii) 201 Sub Area FERRARA - fwd bdy is R. ADIGE - responsible for FERRARA under direction and adm comd DISTONE, op comd 8 Army. Standing by for UDINE.
- (iv) 55 Area standing by for Port Duties TRIESTE, by courtesy of Marshal TITO.

(c) Disposition of MMIA LOs.

- (i) At Rear Eighth Army: - OAREM-HUMP and CARRUK, the latter until I can find a way to set him across to 52 BLU. An Italian LO from 228 Div is also with us for liaison backward.
- (ii) At Rear 5 Corps: - FOX - responsible for Army Area to R. PO incl - will presently leave 5 Corps and be attached to convenient HQ in PADOVA.
- (iii) At Rear 26 BLU (POLCORPS): - HERBERT - responsible for tying up loose ends with Main HQ DISTONE (FORLI) and 228 Div (CESMA). The bulk of 228 Div is now in and likely to remain in DISTONE. HERBERT will attach himself to Main HQ DISTONE on leaving 26 BLU.

(d) Disposition of HQ 228 Div.

- (i) Rear Army - R. PO to Inter Army bdy.
- (ii) Inter Army - LONGARONE B6943 - R. PLAVE incl to 8 Army - PONTE DELL'ALPI B6733 excl - route 51 incl to VISNADELLO B 7082 - route 16 incl to TREVISO - route 53 excl to CITRADELLA G2775 - thence SSW to G1859 - thence SOUTH to rly at G1856 thence rly excl to F9689 - SOUTH to R. PO incl, GEMESELLI and CALTO F9304 excl.

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(d) Disposition of HQ 228 Div.

- (i) Adv HQ ROVIGO.
- (ii) Main HQ CESENA.
- (iii) Rear HQ PESARO.

Accn in PADOVA is now being received by FOX for Main HQ 228 Div in case it is practicable to move up. Eighth Army have put a ban on all but urgent maint traffic NORTH of R. PO and NO tpt is yet available to lift up HQ 228 Div. Future plans for the emp of ITALIAN tps in NE ITALY are still vague, but it seems clear that the bulk of tps will remain SOUTH of R. PO.

(e) Loan and emp of Combat Gps.

- (i) CREMONA ICG - ADRIA M 4709.
- (ii) TRIULI ICG - D0224 M 1132.
- (iii) FOLGORE ICG - M 2327.

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No firm decision...

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No firm decision yet made on future emp of the Gruppi; for the moment it is certain they will remain where they are under op comd Eighth Army, adm comd DISTONE.

(f) Futures

- (i) Polcorps and 10 Corps remain in Army res pending disposal.
- (ii) Main and Rear Hq Eighth Army join 9 May at G6262. Next move for both probably to UDINE where I shall accompany them and stay temporarily after they cross to AUSTRIA.
- (iii) Rear Army bdy is likely to bound as follows :-
R. PO - R. ADIGE - R. PIAVE, Traffic is strictly controlled and checks into Army are more easily held at river brs.
- (iv) Eighth Army RdHead opens MESTRE G6257 9 May. Army RH remains PAVENZA till further notice.

3. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

517 Line Sec

FERRARA u/c Eighth Army Sigs.

(b) Rfts - NIL.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

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|-------|---|--|
| 1 May | - | To G(Ops), G(SD) and 144 Main Army re patriots, leave and futures. |
| 2 " | - | Step up to MONTE SANTO. |
| 3 " | - | Rear HQ to MONTE SANTO. |
| 4 " | - | Gen. TOMASELLI visited. |
| | - | To FERRARA Soldiers' Club. |
| | - | OC Brit Cdre, 252 Pz Gp visited on routine business. |
| 5 " | - | To 162 and 134 Pz Coys. |
| | - | Welfare Conference with Col PASSAVANTI and Welfare Army. |

4. SUPS

- (a) 7,120,000 MILIT and 800,000 COMMUNE cigarettes have arrived at 6 Bsd and were ready for collection w.e.f. 5 May.

- (b) Maint of all tps Eighth Army SOUTH of R. BRENTA will be carried by 8 and 10 Ind Divs w.e.f. 9 May as under :-

- (i) 8 Ind Div - units between R. BRENTA and R. PO - Sup and Pet pts in both PADOVA and RICCANO.
- (ii) 10 Ind Div - units between R. PO and route 9 - Sup and Pet pts in both racecourse FERRARA and 27 DIA VIGARANO M 0286.

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517 Line Sec

FERRARA u/c Eighth Army Sigs.

(b) Rpts - MIL.

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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIP

- (a) KD is authorised to be worn w.e.f. today 8 May.

- (b) Capt HERBERT will contact HQ 228 Div to find out deficiencies of KD in 228 Div Sub Depot due to despatch of certain bales of BD in lieu. **6199**

- (c) Ord Rear Army has ordered 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD to consign 15,000 Bushnets to 228 Div Sub Depot, and also released 400 flit guns to them from 4 OBD, FLORENCE.

6. COURSES

- (a) Subalterns Course at 806 Transit Camp has been temporarily suspended owing to difficulty of comm.

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(b) School of Cookery, FORLI - Courses continue, but direction of School has been handed over to PISTONE.

(c) Hygiene Courses: CC, 11 Pd HVS Sec has reported briefly as follows on 12 courses held during Apr.

(1)

	<u>Allotted</u>	<u>Attended</u>
CREMONA	136	114
FRIULI	96	89
FOLGORE	-	4
228 Div	32	8
	264	215

(ii) Great majority of students showed intelligent interest and it was considered that the course was well worth giving.

(iii) Special praise due to the interpreters, Major INCISA, Lt. BROTTI and Sgt GALLORINI. Lt. BROTTI (unit NOT stated but presumably a doctor) was outstanding in his ability to lecture, interpret and in his general enthusiasm.

7. WELFARE

(a) Col PASSAVANTI now lives with Welfare, Rear Army and will so remain until Army crosses to AUSTRIA.

(b) Reccees are now being made of an Offrs and ORs Leave Hotel for Italian tps in VENICE.

(c) The sudden move upset the distribution of LA PATRIA but we have been in contact with 4(Pubs) and the new delivery should be satisfactory.

(d) (i) Tps may now go on leave as far as R. PO and EAST of line PAVIA - LA SPEZIA, both towns incl.
(ii) Recce parties from Gruppi and 228 Div of a limited size and number may now visit towns up to line VENICE - PADOVA - VICENZA - VERONA - BRESCIA - MILANO - TORINO - GENOVA, all towns incl, to enquire into safety and health of families. I am happy about the ability of Gruppi to do this but feel that 228 Div will find it more difficult owing to limitations of tpt. Pnr Coys are already making use of the scheme; 228 Div must pool their problems with the Gruppi.

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(b) I have put a request to GSI(b) for similar authority for the components of 5 Territorial HQ (UDINE), but think that there may be some delay: VENEZIA GIULIA is certainly "out" for the time being.

9. PARTISANS AND PATRIOTS

(a) G(ops) have informed AFHQ that it is undesirable to induct 28 Garibaldi Bde and LIBERO's Band into the Army as Recce Bns and have requested cancellation of the application.

(b) The next problem is to achieve satisfactory disposal of the MAIELLA and F Recce Sqn whose task is over and who would form restless elements in a peacetime Army.

B. J. Caruthers

MAIELLA IO, Rear Eighth Army.
Major,

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SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 19. Period 15 - 29 Apr 45.

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Liaison Officer,
Lend Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.).
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E. (2)

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30 Apr 45

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DATE: 3/5.

1. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

40 Water Engr Coy.

(b) Rpts

BR-IMI

15 Apr - 29 Apr Nil

2. MOVES

In conformity with present ops.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

- 15 Apr To 274 Armd Delivery Sqn and det 1051 TR Bn.
- 16 " Recce of site in FORLI for 58 and 806 Transit Camps.
- 17 " To 44C, Main Army re discipline and demobilisation.
- 18 " To Rear 10 Corps - A, Q and Capt HERBERT on general matters.
- 19 " To 50 B.I.U.
- 20 " With Col PASSAVANTI to Brig A/Q Army re Welfare.
- 21 " Anti-Malaria Conference.
- 22 " Col MOAKES and Capt BOURNE arrived.
- 23 " With Col MOAKES to 226 Div Sub Depot.
- 24 " Capt GROVES-RAINS arrived.
- 25 " With RAINS to CSI, G(SD) and A Main Army - Rear 50 BDU.
- 26 " To 158 and 243 Pnr Coys.
- 28 " To 210 Sub Area and 58 Transit Camp.

4. SUPS

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15 Apr - 29 Apr Mil

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Situation was partly relieved by the fact that 228 Div had kept up their sleeves 16 quintals of tobacco on replacement for FOLGORZ who had already drawn from 251 Div before arriving under adm comd Eighth Army: this tobacco has now been distributed.

5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

ID is still in course of distribution; owing to so many units having moved far forward, this is slower than anticipated.

I am bidding 30 Apr for 64 tons (12 tpd) period 14 - 20 May to backload winter clothing to GIORDANO.

Such net situation was set back by non-availability from AFHQ depots for transfer into Italian depots at Base. To date stocks in Army area are not sufficient to meet indents from BR-ITI service tps. Q and OS Army are dealing.

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CSO 2 (SO)	X	X
CSO 2 (W)	X	X
CSO 2 (S)	X	X
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CSO 2 (W)	X	X
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CSO 2 (S)	X	X

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Date for changing into KD has NOT yet been published by 86 (Army) Area.

6. COURSES

- (a) Subalterns Cadre Course at 806 Transit Camp. Designed largely for Junior Pl ofrs - Scope: 7 days for 30 ofrs - unit adm, hygiene, man management, etc. First course v.e.f. 23 Apr.
- (b) School of Cookery at 806 Transit Camp. Designed to teach cookhouse hygiene, improvisation of eqpt, org of cookhouse, best use of ration commodities. Length of courses, 14 days; vacancies 4 to each ICG and 8 to 228 Div incl Adm Tail Units. First course v.e.f. 29 Apr.

7. WELFARE

- Canteens at PESARO and RIMINI have been closed; staff and eqpt transferred to IMOLA and FERRARA, both of which are now open.
- A Mobile Canteen, converted by ST Army, is in service with each Combat Gp.
- A Bathing Beach and Rest-house for Italian tps is almost completed at GERVIA, and can now house up to 20 visitors.

8. GENERAL

HQ 228 Div will move with Rear Army during first week of May to a tented site SOUTH of FERRARA. Gen PIVAN will move his Vice Comendo from PESARO to CESTINA where main Div Sub Depot will remain to be at Railhead until (a) winter clothing is backloaded and (b) Railhead opens further NORTH.

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Major,
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SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 16 - Period 15 Mar - 14 Apr.

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

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15 Apr 45

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

1. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

301 Pnr Coy
3 Rly Engr Coy
831 S/L Pl
1000 G.T. Coy
133 Pnr Coy
134 Pnr Coy

TALENZA
RIMINI
FORLI
SAN GIOVANNI R 9684 - AME duties.
RIMINI) A/Malaria control.
RAVENNA)

(b) Rfts

17 Mar
20 "
24 "
27 "
30 "
31 "
1 Apr
4 "
7 "
11 "
12 "
14 "

BR-ITI

169 ex TRANI
2 ex ORVIETO
125 ex TRANI
525 ex ORVIETO
3 ex ORVIETO
10 ex ORVIETO

195 ex TRANI
522 ex FOSSOMBRONE
36 ex FOSSOMBRONE
308 ex FOSSOMBRONE

ITI-ITI

136 ex AFRAGOLA

69 ex AFRAGOLA
129 ex AFRAGOLA

2. MOVES

Owing to very numerous moves and the change of Army and Corps bays, it is not worth chronicling moves made during last 30 days. Full details of present locns are in 228 Div ORBAT now in course of production by the Div.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

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17 " With Col. NOAKES to HQ 228 Div, Convalescent Home VERRUCCHIO. Lt.Col. HOWARD arrived.

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20 " Recce Bns.
21 " To HQ 405 Pnr Regt, 228 Div Offrs Transit Hotel,
22 " 92 Fd Hosp.
23 " Conference by DDST on sups in general for Italian units.
24 " To 5 Corps Main and Rear, 51 BLU, CREMONA
25 " 93 Cam Pl.
26 " Escorted Gen. TOMASELLI to lunch with Army Comd.
27 " Bi-lingual Hygiene Exhibition.
28 " Miss MILESI arrived.
29 " To PESARO - Rear HQ 228 Div, HQ 3 Beach Gp, 228 Div
30 " Canteen, Pesaro, 58 and 806 Transit Camps.
31 " to 263 T.S.S. re Italian Security.
to 164 Pnr Coy.

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2 Apr Lt. Col. INGLEDEN arrived. To G(8D) Main Army with him.
 3 " Welfare conference with ADAMS Eighth Army and Col.
 PASSAVANTI, 228 Div. To Main 5 Corps, 51 BLU and
 CREMONA I.J.G.
 5 " First anniversary of formation of 228 Div.
 6 " Capt. COOPER, Med MMIA arrived.
 9 " Capt. CAZEAUX arrived from ROME.
 10 " With CAZEAUX to 51 BLU, CREMONA and 5 Corps.
 11 " Major TOMLIN, Catering Adviser MMIA arrived.
 12 " Capt. FOX arrived from ROME.
 13 " With Major TOMLIN to see 1 Reparto Trasporti.
 14 " Eighth Army Italian WVS arrived from FLORENCE.
 Capt FOX is No 13 Reg Canteen Co.

4. SUPS

As a result of a conference instigated by Brig. DIVERS, DDST Army, and held at HQ 228 Div on 20 Mar with Gen. TOMASELLI and reps of all BLUs and ICCs present, the local sups situation has been very largely clarified. Main points settled were :-

- (a) Italian firms to give 7 days notice to ST Army re desired proportion between flour and pasta to be drawn.
- (b) Variety of both meat and fish would be issued whenever possible.
- (c) Salt would be stabilised at 14 grs per head plus 10 grs per head for units drawing flour in lieu of bread. Proportion laid down by M.of W. could not be adhered to in Army Area.
- (d) Soap was in DIDS in sufficient quantity to allow full issue of 400 grs per head monthly.
- (e) Disinfectants to be issued weekly on British scale.
- (f) 228 Div already receiving maximum possible allotment fresh vegetables from Local Resources Section and distributing through Div Depot, CESSANA.
- (g) Until it was possible to spend 20 lire a head daily on local purchase of fruit, vegetables, etc. ST Army would give all possible help in varying the ration scale to make it more interesting and palatable.

A School of Cookery is shortly being opened at FORLI under arrangements A.O.A. Army to cater for 7 day courses for 20 students - proportion of 8 students to 228 Div and 6 to each Gruppo. Major TOMLIN discussed this during his recent visit and is fully in the picture.

5. CLOTHING AND FOOT

- (a) As was suspected, the KD from TRATTAMAGGIORE was not in 100% good condition and 2,000

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- (a) Italian fms to give 7 days notice to ST Army re desired proportion between flour and pasta to be drawn.
- (b) Variety of both meat and fish would be issued whenever possible.
- (c) Salt would be stabilised at 14 grs per head plus 10 grs per head for units drawing flour in lieu of bread. Proportion laid down by M.O.F.W. could not be adhered to in Army Area.
- (d) Soap was in DIDs in sufficient quantity to allow full issue of 400 grs per head monthly.
- (e) Disinfectants to be issued weekly on British scale.
- (f) 228 Div already receiving maximum possible allotment fresh vegetables from Local Resources Section and distributing through Div Depot, GSEMA.
- (g) Until it was possible to spend 20 lire a head daily on local purchase of fruit, vegetables, etc. ST Army would give all possible help in varying the ration scale to make it more interesting and palatable.

A School of Cookery is shortly being opened at FORLI under arrangements A.O.A. Army to cater for 7 day courses for 20 students - proportion of 8 students to 228 Div and 6 to each Gruppo. Major TOMLIN discussed this during his recent visit and is fully in the picture.

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- (a) Rfts from AFRAGOLA and TRANI still arrive, labelled as BR-ITIs. This seems wrong, and I would like confirmation that BR-ITIs will arrive from ORVIETO only in future.
- (b) I am grateful for the adoption of the system of giving serial numbers to groups of rfts. I am sure it will help a great deal in checking numbers and identity of new arrivals.

(c) Recce of FORLI is being made today with a view to getting 58 and 806 Transit Camps forward from PESARO as soon as possible.

7. WELFARE

Col. PASSAVANTI, now fully in the saddle as Co-ordinator of Italian Army Welfare, is in liaison with all Italian HQ in the Army Area.

Albergo Centrale, RAVENNA, is being made available by 5 Corps this week as officers club.

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(a) The arrival of Capt. FOX and Capt. CASEAUX is greatly appreciated. Capt. FOX is going to 5 Corps on 17 Apr, while Capt. CASEAUX remains at Army HQ.

(b) 13 Corps and FOLGORE I.C.G. have now passed to u/c Eighth Army and the Rear Army bdy wef 14 Apr pulled up to the road (all incl Army) CERVIA - CESENA - MERCATO SARACENO - rd June 3777 - thence NORTH to GALEATA - ROCCA SAN CASCIANO - thence route 67 to PONTASIEVE and Inter Army bdy. I am now enquiring from A and GSI(b) whether the new bdy is operative from the point of view of leave and demobilisation; it is almost certain to be.

(c) In the near future I hope to liaise with MMIA LOS at both 5 Army Brit Incr and 1 District. List of units of 228 Div now in 1 District is attached at Appx "A".

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MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.
Major.

APPENDIX "A"

UNITS UNDER OP AND ADM COMD 1 DISTRICT EX EIGHTH ARMY

124 Italian Fd Bky.

UNITS REMAINING UNDER OP COMD EIGHTH ARMY AND PASSING
TO ADM COMD 1 DISTRICT

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232	Italian Fd Hosp	✓
291	" " "	✓
429	" " "	✓
519	" " "	✓
133	Italian X-Ray Unit	✓
'S'	Italian Adv Dep Med Stores	✓
290	Italian Med Coy	✓
RHQ 409	Italian Pnr Regt	✓
HQ 1/409	" " "	✓
HQ 1/410	" " "	✓
157	Italian Pnr Coy	✓
58	Italian Transit Camp (MESARO)	✓
806	" " "	✓

COMANDO 15° GRUPPO ARMATE

AI SOLDATI DEL 15° GRUPPO ARMATE

Il 15° Gruppo Armate sta per riprendere l'offensiva con l'obiettivo di distruggere le forze tedesche che ci stanno di fronte.

Lo scorso anno la Quinta e l'Ottava Armata, che compongono il 15° Gruppo Armate, conquistarono Roma e respinsero il nemico a nord oltre la Linea Gotica e la loro avanzata fu arrestata soltanto da un sistema di ostacoli di montagne e di corsi d'acqua combinato con la stagione invernale. L'attuale periodo di relativa inattività e' ora giunto alla fine.

Mai come ora ci si e' presentata l'opportunità di inferire un colpo decisivo. Con il nemico già indebolito da recenti, poderosi colpi su altri fronti la scossa che esso riceverà da un attacco in forze su questo fronte avrà molta importanza per accelerare la sua sconfitta e quindi per risparmiare vite umane e anticipare il giorno della vittoria su tutti i nostri nemici. E' quindi estremamente importante che ciascuno dedichi tutto se' stesso al successo di questa nuova offensiva. Ognuno, qualunque sia il suo lavoro, deve oggi prodigarsi fino all'estremo nella esecuzione di queste operazioni in modo che al nemico sia negato ogni più piccolo possibile vantaggio e sia sfruttata ogni possibilità per schiacciarlo definitivamente. Tutti devono mettere oggi a profitto la passata esperienza, il loro ingegno, il materiale e finalmente il coraggio necessario per condurre la lotta fino in fondo qualunque siano le difficoltà che potranno incontrarsi lungo la via che conduce alla completa vittoria. E' mia viva speranza che questa sia l'ultima grande offensiva da condurre dal 15° Gruppo Armate. Che ciò sia o non sia dipende da noi. Se sferreremo il nostro attacco con il massimo impeto e con persistente veemenza fino a costringere il nemico a ritirarsi, arrendersi o morire, la vostra e la mia speranza, che non vi sia cioè necessità di ulteriori operazioni, si sarà avverata.

Perciò io faccio appello a voi perché dimostriate ora, come in passato la piena misura della vostra devozione alla patria e alla causa degli alleati in modo che possiamo giovarci interamente delle possibilità offerteci dal momento. Nessuno può sapere di quale portata siano queste possibilità o a quale successo ci possano condurre se sapremo sfruttarle al massimo.

Colpiteli dunque con tutto ciò che avete e con l'aiuto di Dio otterremo una decisiva e forse definitiva vittoria.

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Generale, SUA
Comandante

Aprile 1945

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MESSAGGIO SPECIALE dal COMANDANTE L'ARMATA

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Insieme procederemo fino alla vittoria finale.

Fortuna a voi tutti.

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R. L. McCreery

Comando dell'Ottava Armata
Aprile, 1945.

Tenente Generale.
Comandante l'Ottava Armata.

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LOCATIONS (continued)

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BRISIGHELLA to FANO.
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RICCIONE to 5 Army Area.
MISANO to VICCHIO.
PESARO to 5 Corps Area.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

No. 785020

Unit	Area	Duties
252 Pack Tpt Gp	Polcorps area	Malaria Control
266 Pack Coy	"	"
267 " "	"	"
268 " "	"	"
269 " "	"	"
1 G.T. Coy	CESENA	"
133 I. Pioneer Coy	RIMINI	"
134 I.	FANO	"

(b) Rfts

2 Mar	-	358 Pnr rfts ex AFRAGOLA.	
3/4 Mar	-	20 Miso stragglers ex AFRAGOLA.	Out of 240 to
3 Mar	-	59 Pnr rfts ex AFRAGOLA.	
4 Mar	-	440 ex SALERNO.	
9 Mar	-	40 ex TRANI.	
9 Mar	-	60 ex AFRAGOLA.	
10 Mar	-	149 ex FOSSOMBRONE.	
11 Mar	-	11 ex TRANI.	
12 Mar	-	8 ex AFRAGOLA.	

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2. MOVES

156	I.P. Coy.	FAENZA to S. PANCRAZIO (later RAVENNA)
203	" "	DIGOMANO to FAENZA.
207	" "	ROCCA S. GASCIANO to BRISIGHELLA.
208	" "	" " FAENZA.
209	" "	BRISIGHELLA to S. BENEDETTO.
211	" "	CATTOLICA to VISERRA.
HQ	I Bn/405 Pnr Regt.	MELDOLA to RAVENNA.
201	I.P. Coy.	BRISIGHELLA to FANO.
HQ	513 Gd Bn.	RIMINI to VICCHIO
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2	" "	MISANO to VICCHIO.
3	" "	PESARO to 5 Corps Area.

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

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1 Mar - Conference with G(Ops) on future emp of partisans.
Miss MILES I arrived and was introduced to Med.
2 Mar - To AAG re Italian discipline, rfts and welfare.
3 Mar - To 26 BLU at Main and Rear Polcorps.
4 Mar - Conference with DA & QMG and ADAMS Army re welfare.
To Convalescent Home, VILLA DI VERRUCCHIO.
5 Mar - To 1001 GT Coy on general adm.
To 1 ARG re 1051 Tk Bn.
7 - 9 Mar - Crew-Hunt to 5 Army Br Incr on interchange of ideas,
to bring back Lt. Col di BLASI, and to see 5 Army
Italian Welfare.
11 Mar - Conference on Welfare with DA & QMG Army and Gen.
TAMASSIA.
13 Mar - To 806 Transit Camp to make physical check of rfts
and investigate unrest.
Comd Nucleo VI Comando Territoriale visited re
expansion of his staff.
To Nucleo I re news of FOLGORE.

/14 Mar

14 Mar

14 Mar - Conference on Welfare with Gen. TAMASSIA, ADAMS,
Lt. Col di BIASI and Col. PASSAQUANTI of 228 Div.

4. SUPS

- (a) Q are still trying to obtain authy from AFHQ for extra 10 grammes of salt for bakeries. Authy received through MMIA is not considered sufficient for them to take action on.
- (b) In the Army area extra 8 oz of olive oil and mnts are not being issued in view of the "Alexander increment" having been extended to 1 Apr. I have explained that an additional 8 oz oil will make the difference between one and two hot meals daily and the subject is being re-opened.
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(f) OC. British Cadre, 252 Pack Tpt Gp recently up from FOSSOMBRONE, has made it clear that his Coys received a poor allotment of clothing and scant attention from 209 Div; they are reported to be in need of towels, socks, new boots and other articles. In view of the well stocked position of 228 Div Depot and the further quantities of clothing shortly to arrive, no difficulty is anticipated in providing these (except, perhaps, most important items - socks wool); I feel, however, that it would be more satisfactory if units alerted for ops, who have to march forward into the operational area were properly fitted out before departure from the training camp.

The question of the Adm responsibility of FOSSOMBRONE has been raised on several occasions recently. May all concerned be informed that 209 Div is fully responsible for this Centre?

6. RFTS

- (a) The fortnightly Rft demand system which started on 10 Mar has given 228 Div considerable trouble, not from the point of view of collecting information which they should have in any case, but from the aspect of having to produce yet another periodical return whose dimensions are astronomical. Tremendous clerical energy is involved and together with the other returns which they have to produce tends to make a small staff relapse in the business of producing paper rather than get out into the country and visit units.

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(b) Routine Welfare shows, concerts, etc. carry on as before.

8. DISCIPLINE

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(a) Four officers of the FRIULI incl two CC.PP. are accused of black market activity and illegal disposal of WD rations. SIB now investigating.

DEFINITELY ECONOMIC.

(b) Considerable indignation in Allied HQ was evident when a soldier of the FRIULI was sentenced to only 32 months detn on being found guilty of throwing a bomb at an Allied soldier.

- (o) Reports from CMP on Traffic offences and from FSS on illegal movement in forward areas continue to arrive in normal numbers.
- (d) A clash between Italians of 806 Transit Camp and Indians on 12 Mar resulted in one killed on either side and the wounding of two CMP.
- (e) Full details of above will be forwarded in monthly Security Reports.

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