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6/31/16 Liaison Leg (LO. Bolzano - Maj. Byatt)
Sept. - Nov. 1945

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Report.

H.Q. MMIA (4)

Copy to:-

MMIA N.W. ITALY MILAN.

MMIA LO Bolzano
Boz/L/1
19 Nov. 35.

Herewith summary of events for period 12 Nov -18 Nov.45.:

The main activity for this week was the organization and supervision of the withdrawal of CEM as authorized by AFHQ from 2 ~~existing~~ CEM Depot (W.MD SC AC) Merano. Some 100 truck loads of miscellaneous items were removed from the dump and were stored in the CCRR bks. pending an inventory being made.

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Copy to:

MMIA LO N.W. Italy
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Liaison Officer
N° IV Terr. HQ. (Bolzano)
Boz/L/1
14. November 1945.

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Visit received from ADMS Lt. Col. YAGGER, Medical situation discussed in particular reference to Merano dump.

Lt. FRANCHINI arrives from Austria. Situation and requirements discussed. Arrangements made for further drivers, clothing and equipment with Terr. HQ. 6835

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Further discussion held with No 1 CEM Gp on It. stocks held. Arrangements made for temporary blocking of such material and lists submitted to 2 District for release. (See letter Boz/Q/1 of 7 Nov.)

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Conference held in Terr. HQ. on accm needs in Bolzano town and North prior to conference on 8. Nov.

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8. Conference in 60 Sub Area to discuss all accm in Bolzano and North.

It. Army needs were granted satisfactorily. In view of Terr. HQ. being responsible for frontier control and taking over certain commitments from Folgore, it was decided that 514 Gd. Bu would be destined for VARNA (Bressanone area).

9. Supervize withdrawal of APHQ allotment of CEM from ALCOM dumps (W.M.D.S.C.);

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HQ MMIA ROME

Copy to:- Senior MMIA LO
N.W. ITALY.

Liaison Officer
N° IV Terr. HQ (Bolzano)
Boz/L/1
5. Nov. 1945.

Herewith is summary of main activities for period
15 October - 4 November.

Oct.
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Meeting held with advance reps from 60 Sub. Area to discuss accommodation of 60 Sub Area in Bolzano. 60 Sub Area to commence functioning in Bolzano w.e.f. 17. Oct.

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It. Army needs were carefully considered and satisfactory solution to both Terr. HQ. and Town Major was reached. Accommodation for It. Army needs in Verona area will be available at approx 1. Nov. when present occupied bldgs. should have been vacated.

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31. Arrive Bolzano.
- Nov. 1. Contact G2 60 Sub Area for recent events in Bolzano and general picture.
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Meet Col. Purves O.C. Sub Area.
Gen. Heidemann arrives from 2 District. Discussion held on medical supplies in Merano. Gen. Heidemann made it quite clear that he was not going to release any medical supplies to It. Army without G.H.Q. authority. Release of essential medical supply needs would be taken into consideration by DMS 2 Dist. This decision regarded as a set-back by Gen. Negroni.

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Nov.
2.

Visit from Capt. Cave (Ord. 217 Area) and discussion held on It. Army ammo. The following was decided and arranged:- Lists of It. Army dumps in Belsano area to be maintained by It. Army were supplied and all It. Army ammo in the Area will be moved into these dumps by Capt. Cave under his arrangements, similarly all German and foreign ammo will be moved from these dumps.

Capt. Cave is proceeding to 2 Bist. and will endeavour to obtain policy ruling on such ammo and extent to which It. Army can maintain and/or destroy.

3.

Accommodation of 514 Gd. Bn. discussed. Decision was made that 514 should be accommodated in Bressanone area in order to be on spot for such guard reliefs from Folgore as necessary. 53 BLU approached as to whether accm. can be made available.

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Liaison Officer
N° IV Terr. HQ. (Bolzano)
Boz/L/1
15. Oct. 45

HQ. MMIA R O M E

Copy to:- Senior MMIA LO

M.W. Italy MILAN.

Herewith is summary of main activities for week ending
15. Oct. 45.

Oct.
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Informed of explosion of ammo dump in Trento area.
Arranged for It. Bomb Disposal Squad to look into it
mediately.

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Received visit from Capt. CAVE (I. o.o. 217 Area).
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moved by German truck Coys to established It. dumps.
Arranged for locations of It. dumps with Arty Dto.

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11.

Visit CEM Group personnel on question of materials of It. origin in CEM dumps. It appears that all CEM has been frozen pending on allotment instruction being issued by AFHQ.

Further discussion on maintenance of ammo dumps with Arty. Dto.

Lt. Col. Egerton arrives from Milan. Discussion on present situation.

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Accompagny Lt. Col. Egerton to see Lt. Col. Ashmore. Local situation and future of It. Army discussed. Meeting Lt. Col. Egerton and Gen. Negroni to discuss problems and future hand over of It. Army.

13.

Visit 50 and 53 BLU's to discuss problems and future of It. Army. Principal problem in both cases was the question of petrol and oils from CIP under new scheme. This is not running smoothly as both availability and payment question did not appear to have been tied up. This has since been arranged and it is hoped to continue. CIF Bolzano still have no availability of lubricants.

14.

Lt. Col. Egerton leaves for UDLME. Informed by Lt. Col. Ashmore that 60 Sub. Area are now moving into Bolzano.

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Liaison Officer
No IV Terr. HQ. (Bolzano)
Boz/L/1
8 October 1945.

H.Q. MMIA R O M E

Copy to:- Senior MMIA LO.
N.W. ITALY MILAN

Herewith is summary of main activities for
week ending 7 Oct. 45.

Oct.
1.

Accompanied Gen. Negrone (G.O.C. No IV Terr.
HQ) on inspection of Trento area for accommodation.
Present also were O.C. Trento Distretto and Gen.
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Following bks were visited. Chiarle Bks occupied
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When this is confirmed Trento accommodation will
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 a) release of this bldg. be obtained from Town Major,
 b) necessary repairs be carried out.
 Distretto HQ. Located in requisitioned bldg. in town and most unsuitable.
 16 Repairs Unit. Located in bombed bks but suitable when repairs will be completed.

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 DATE: 1/12/10

Concerie Rosa. This now occupied by AMG Recovery Section and essentially required for 1 Mob. Park.
CEM Veh. Dump. Large number of It. Army vehs. are in this dump. Authority was later obtained from Brig. Haigh (DDOS 2 District) for removal by It. Recovery Units and release to It. Army.
Verona Ration Depot. This is in suitable accm. and is well kept. Essential that use be given of railway siding to allow trains to bring sups. direct into dept.

Verona accm. is very bad and needs clearing up. All military bks. are being used by Town Major for Allied accm. and release of at least one is essential.

I will be spending a few days in Verona to try and settle this as soon as time permits.

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3.

Visit 53 BLU on request to discuss supply problems.
1) Lack of P.O.L. supplies at CIP. This later settled by direct contact with CIP Bolzano.

2) Supply of Hosp. Misc. and Dis. No allotment.

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Many points have since been settled and the accommodation question is gradually being solved. Gen. Heydeman's visit has cleared a rather delicate point regarding this area and things should work more smoothly now.

It is hoped that quite a large amount of stores and clothing will be obtained from CEM dumps and am now working on this. Quantities will be reported as and when released.

2 District regard this area as being most important and are helping the Terr. HQ. out in every possible way.

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Liaison Officer
N° IV Terr.HQ.(Bolzano)
Box/L/1

1st. Oct. 1945.

H.Q. MNIA ROME

Copy to:- Sen. LO.

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Herewith is summary of main activities for week ending 30 Sept.45.

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Informed Gen. Negrone of results of Milan visit and that the main problems were being submitted to HQ MNIA and 2 District.

Was informed by Gen. Negrone that the Terr. HQ would provide a firing squad for the execution of a German, found guilty of murder, on the morning of 24 Sept.

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Attended meeting with Lt.Col. Thompson (A.M.G.) and Major Edwards to discuss question of It. military vehicles in possession of civilians. Arrangements made by Major Edwards with local Prefettura and Terr. HQ. were agreed upon. A.M.G. have no knowledge of the AFHQ instruction governing this and a copy is being given to them. Held meeting with Col. Luca, O.C. Bolzano CC.RR. Legion and discussed question of mobile squad, clothing and tpt.

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The CC.RR in this area need and deserve some help.

25.

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It was requested by 50 BLU that FOLGORE w/shops be ordered to leave Trento as accmr was required.

A visit to Trento area showed that Folgore have left their w/shops there and a small rear admin party.

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Sept. 26.

Meeting with Gen. Negroni on results of visit to 50 BLU. The question of Gen. Negroni issuing orders to Friuli Gp was proved incorrect. As a result of Gen. Browning's visit to Bolzano area in early Sept., it had apparently been decided that Gen. Negroni should start getting into picture for his eventual command over Combat Gps in his area. A letter was consequently sent out by Gen. Negroni, which stated clearly was purely informative, on suggestions for locations of Gp. units for internal security tasks and necessary patrols safe guarding It. Army interest and vulnerable points. This was not to be taken as going against present instructions from 2 District.

This was communicated to 50 BLU and cleared up. Arranged with Billetting Section of Bolzano City Command (U.S. and due to leave) that, until such time as the Command ceased to function, any allotment of It. Military accommodation to units in Bolzano area should first be discussed with Terr. HQ and myself.

This was agreed and we are now working in close co-operation. Discuss question of It. Army stores in CEM dumps with Eng. Sec. (this was later put up to 217 Area Comdo.)

Meeting with A.M.G. to discuss hand over of captured mules and horses to M. of W. and Agriculture. Question straightened out and 68 Fl'd Rgt requirements met. in agreement with Vet. Recovery Sec (M of W) and local Agriculture rep.

Informed by Lt. Col. Thompson (AMG) of incident between himself and Folgore tps in Siusi. The tps in questions had behaved scandalously and had threatened Col. Thompson. It appears that inhabitants of Siusi are terrified of behaviour of Folgore tps in the area. The matter was reported to 53 BLU. Tour Bolzano area with Terr HQ rep to note use and allocation of accommodation. This is satisfactory and will improve as soon as Mignione Bks are available.

27. Meeting with Lt. Col. Ashmore who informed me that the Area Cmdr, Brig. Tennant, was going to visit Bolzano area and would see Gen. Negroni on 29 Sept.

Straightened out question of 68 Fl'd Rgt. requirements of horses (captured enemy) and arranged that M. of W. should ^{new} receipt. 68 Fl'd would undertake to feed such animals. Discussed latest instructions from 217 Area on Internal Security for Br tps in Bolzano area.

Met Major Kennemur (U.S.) of War Materials Sub. Comm. A.C.(C.E.M.) who controls 3 dumps in Bolzano area and arranged to visit dumps

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Discussions with Terr. Command staff preparatory to Area Comdos visit.

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b) Ammo Dumps - arranged that It. Army technical specialist would accompany Ord. specialists in CEM dumps for classification and examination.

c) Removal of necessary It. Army material and stores from CEM dumps.

Brig. Tennant agreed to help in all these matters.

The Bolzano situation is gradually clearing up and difficulties are slowly being cleared.

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Difficulty is that Gen. Negroni must be careful so as not to interfere with operational role of Combat Gps.

(c) Int. Sec. Bde. - Bde H.Q. is now forming and is nearly completed at VERONA (O.C. Col. FERMI).

Ultimate location to be TRENTO.

Only Gd Bn under command is 505 located as follows:

H.Q. Bolzano - 2 coys Bolzano - 1 coy Trento - 1 coy Verona.

On arrival of second Bn, this will be placed at Verona and coys of 505 withdrawn from Trento and Verona to Bolzano.

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Arty - Main problem is that of being allowed to clear and sort out ammo dumps scattered all over area and explode dangerous ammo. This is a constant danger to civilians and tps. For the moment dumps are being guarded by Allied tps. Essential that no of dumps be reduced.

Policy regarding It. Army fixed installations as to whether these can be recovered or destroyed.

Release of machinery from Merano and Stilves (Vipiteno) dumps.

20. Leave for Milan.

21. Discuss main problems with Lt. Col. Egerton and give Bolzano picture.

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(iv) That AFHQ authority be given for the release of such It.Army property as is essentially required from Captured Enemy dumps. This could be checked by me and bear my signature as confirmation.

(v) That the ammunition question be settled. In Bolzano area already one child has been killed and one seriously injured by playing around with stray ammo.

(vi) That winter clothing be treated as urgent.

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H.Q. MMIA ROME

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 c/o 68 Fld Arty Regt (RA)
 c/o 217 Area (BOLOGNA)

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Signed: 217 Area for 68 Army Regt for 6819

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