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Weekly Liaison Log L.O. Co. Increment
5th Army

MARCH - JUNE 1945

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 28.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
c/o British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163.

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17th. June, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Sunday
10 Jun

- (i) Gen RONCA arrived from ROME to visit FOLGORE. Called on Gen CARLETON and Col CHEVASSE, Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff, Fifth Army. Discussed discipline of FOLGORE and the delicacy of it's task.
- (ii) Discussed rft situation with ADL.
- (iii) Visit from Capt GANSERT (UMI) re the UMI units to be established with Gruppi.

Monday
11 Jun

- (i) Arranged for Mil HQ BOLZANO to draw POL from FOLGORE instead of CIP BOLOGNA (Only an interim measure).
 - (ii) ADMS Brit Inc talked to me about Evac Hosps at CAPPAGGIOLO and their probable employment with AC.
 - (iii) Asked G(SD) to call forward 417 I.P.L. Regt from BONGO to BOLOGNA.
 - (iv) Lt Col HOWARD arrived. Conference on Gruppi problems. (Minutes to Lt Col HOWARD).
- Present: G(SD), AAG, AQMS, MMIA LO Brit Inc, G1 of FOLGORE, FRIULI, LEGMANO, G1 XV Army Group, Lt Col HOWARD MMIA.

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- (ii) Finally obtained authority for issue of 100 new suits of KB to offrs of 231 Div HQ - to be counted against ration cards.

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(i) Brit Inc will hand over all responsibilities to 1 and 2 Districts on 23 June.

(ii) ADMS asked about future of 964 Pa Hosp. I suggested it remain in present location until we knew what was to become of 231 Div.

(iii) Complained to 231 Div of slackness of Italians in saluting Allied officers.

Saturday
16 Jun

(i) Asked 'A' for more tpt for 805 Transit Camp also for better sign-posting in BOLOGNA.

(ii) Bush nets now being moved from DADOS Dump into 231 Sezione Sussistenza.

(iii) Brig GIMORE DDST talked to me about the slackness of 2 GP Coy. (I wrote MMIA).

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Saturday (iv) Discussed Italian Military law with ADL, also
16 Jun changes in locations of Pioneer Coys.

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Capt.
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 27.

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Rear HQ Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163.

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10th. June, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

- Sunday 3 June (1) NEWTON returns to HQ Five Army from ROME.
- Monday 4 June (1) Visited 231 Div at LONATO.
(ii) Discussed rifts with ADL, Brit Inc.
- Tuesday 5 June (i) Labour Brit Inc wanted to "pack" 10 Pioneer Coys from other Coys. G.O.C. 231 Div does not agree, so until the promised 1,000 rifts arrive, 15 depleted Coys will be used.
(ii) Discussed Postal Services for Italian Army with DADAPS (Gave him Col. CURTIES views).
(iii) THRUPP reported to 1 District.
- Wednesday 6 June (1) Visited DOLO (on instructions of Col. SIMMONS during my visit to ROME). 228 Div have a Clothing Depot there and I was assured by HERBERT that he was looking into the question of the looting of Italian Army clothing by civilians and partisans.
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(ii) Brig GILMAN asked me about future of co-operators. I told him they were to be drafted into the Italian Army - which would lower their morale still further.
(iii) Discussed 212 G.T. Column with DADST.
(iv) Cigarettes are in short supply and have been for about ten days. DIDs have only been able to issue five per man. ST assures me the position will improve next week.
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Saturday 9 June
 (i) Q Conference. Suggested that FOIGORE and FRIULI pass to I District.
 (ii) FOIGORE is to move from BOLZANO to BRESSANONE.
 (iii) Q confirmed that non-availability chits would not be issued to enable purchases to be made except to replace commodities not available on the ration scale.
 (iv) Col. CHEVASSE, Deputy Chief of Staff, flew to BOLZANO to relieve Gen. MORIGI of command of the FOIGORE. Gen. MICHELIS takes over command.

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 Capt.
 MMIA 10,
 British Increment, Fifth Army.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 26.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army.
Phone: Lightning 163.
510/3/G.
3rd. June, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Sunday (1) Q conference.
27 May (ii) Discussed mail for 231 Div with DADAPS, Brit Inc.
(iii) W.E. 231 Div, discussed with A, Brit Inc.

Monday (1) Tried to get to UDINE for liaison visit to CAREW
28 May HUNT. Vehicle died at VICENZA.
(ii) Visit from Lt TABONE, Maltese officer put by A
Branch, Brit Inc into 805 Transit Camp.

Tuesday (1) Q conference. AAG raised point of unilateral action
29 May on the part of 1 Dist - with special reference to
BOURNE'S signal to MMIA about 805 Transit Camp!
(ii) Spoke to senior N.C.O.s of an Italian Co-operator
Workshops employed by Brit Inc in an endeavour to
make them work.
(iii) Discussed rft requirements with IAB, Brit Inc.

Wednesday NEWTON to ROME by air.
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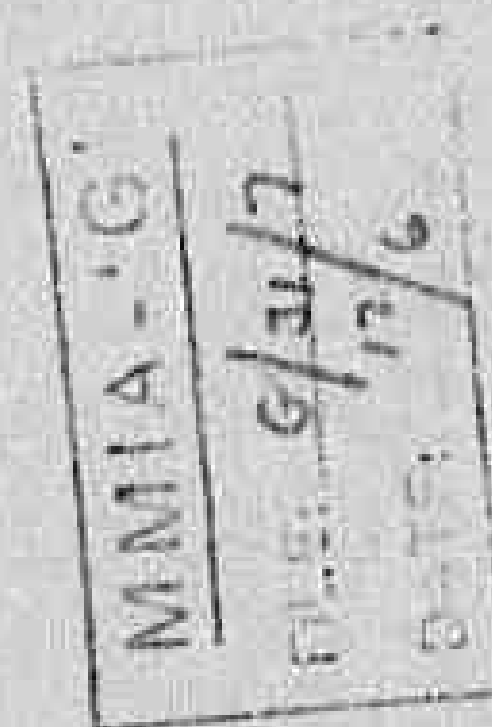
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Capt.
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 25.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning 163. *2nd- 9/31/7*
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27th. May, 1945. *Q*

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Sunday 20 May (i) Q conference - role of Folgore and Friuli discussed.
(ii) Discussed W.E. of 231 Div HQ with 'A'.
(iii) Investigated position of bush nets for 231 Div.

Monday 21 May (i) Q conference.
(ii) Discussed method of allotting canteen rations between various categories of Five Army Itis.
(iii) Gen. NANKEI once more broached the subject of sets of new K.D. for offrs of his HQ.

Tuesday 22 May (i) Q conference.
(ii) Discussed canteen rations with VAN KIRK. Explained system of allocation to Q Brit Inc.
(iii) Met Col. CHEVASSE, new Deputy Chief of Staff to replace Brig JONES.
(iv) Assisted at briefing of Folgore for new operational role.
(v) Pointed out to D/CS that I thought it was possible that AFHQ, on receipt of Armies' intimation that the additional combat scale was to be discontinued, might bring scale down again to original one (i.e. 12 ozs flour etc).

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(ii) Arranged telephone communication for 231 Div.
(iii) Discussed second set of K.D. for 21 Pack Group.

Thursday 24 May (i) Informed Brit Inc of decision of Min of War to grant danger pay for soldiers employed on work on SERRAVALLE tunnel.

Friday 25 May (i) Discussed return of Grade 2 K.D. from 1 Gd Regt since they are now category 2.
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- (ii) Discussed question of canteen rations for FOLGORE and FRIULI now under command.
- (iii) Discussed Rft Transit Camp at Bologna. (Brit Inc resent interference of 1 District).

Saturday 26 May

- (i) Discussed 805 Transit Camp with A.A.G.
- (ii) Asked VAN KIRK to give 231 Div one of the two mobile canteens now operated by 210 Div.
- (iii) Discussed desertion in Pioneer Coys with Lt. Col. VEDRENNE, new A.D.L., Brit Inc.

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Capt.
MMIA IO,
British Increment Fifth Army.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 24.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/O British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army.

Phone: Lightning Rear 163.
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20th. May 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Sunday (1) NEWTON attended 'Q' conference.
13 May (ii) Gen. NANNI visited HQ to speak to Brig JONES who is leaving shortly.

Monday (i) 231 Div opened at new location IONATO.
14 May (ii) NEWTON visited IONATO from VERONA.
(iii) THRUPP arrived from FLORENCE where he had been staying with 231 Div awaiting their move.
(iv) Major EDWARDS, ROME, arrived Brit Incr, VERONA.

Tuesday (i) 'Q' conference Brit Incr.
15 May (ii) Discussed move of 805 Transit camp with 'A'
(iii) NEWTON visited Div at IONATO. 231 Div occupies the Castle and the new schools.

Wednesday (i) Discussed question of desertion and leave with IAB.
16 May (ii) Discussed ration supplies for Div with S/T - mainly a question of nearest possible D.I.D.

Thursday (1) Brit Incr moved to Lake GARDA - area SALO - CARDONE.
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Friday (1) 'Q' conference. Arrival of FRIULI and POIGORE discussed.
18 May (ii) Driver Royds left for four days holiday on Lake COMO.
(Babb and Tomley will go in their turn).

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(b) Question of Italian Military saluting Allied officers. I pointed out that in 231 Div this was done.

(ii) Discussed rations for Italian Military Hosps with Major

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(iii) Gen. KANNEI visited ADMS ref 964 Field Hosp. It will move up here when more is known of the locations of dependent troops.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

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8th. April, 1945.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Sunday Apr 1	(i) Capt McIntyre, O.C. 697 Art Wks Coy, came to discuss internal discipline of 46 Itl Incr.	
	(ii) Discussed with Labour the distribution of extra rfts.	
	(iii) Discussed withdrawal of blankets from 231 Div for summer.	231 Div want each man to keep 1 comforter. 'Q' Brit Incr agrees.
Monday Apr 2	(i) Discussed rpt of 2 G.T.Coy with S/T.	They are very angry at the unsatisfactory state in which this unit came under their command.
	(ii) Checked on items of hosp diet with S/T and Surgeon Office Liaison Offr.	
	(iii) Received authority from 5 Army for 231 Div to requisition 2 M/Cs.	
	(iv) Discussed with 'Q' the instruction issued by him on the issue of K.D. to RHITIS.	This was almost identical with the MMIA instruction.
	(v) Complaints from 231 about state of K.D.	
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(ii) Discussed Ammiglioramento razione with Italian Liaison Officer and Delegazione 'T'

(iii) Arranged drawing of rations by new units arriving for 7 Territorial HQ.

(iv) Attended rail bid conference and obtained 20 tons for tpt of bush nets for 231 Div.

(v) Discussed welfare for co-operators with Rome and Florence Command.

My signal 510/9 of 3 April.

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- Tuesday (vi) Discussed K.D. clothing with MMIA
Apr 3 8 Army.
- (vii) Complaint from Labour re condition of rfts recently arrived. My 5LO/2/A of 4 April refers.
- (viii) 102 Pnr rfts despatched to units.
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- Wednesday (i) Thrupp introduced to Branches of
Apr 4 Brit Incr.
- (ii) Visit by DADOS Brit Incr to 231 Div Clothing Depot to inspect K. D. clothing. My 5LO/2/Q of 5 April refers.
- (iii) Met Italian O.C., 2 G.T.Coy and discussed his problems. Newton spent several hours trying to solve the problem of the dispersion of 2 G.T. Coy vehicles..!
- (iv) Thrupp met 231 Div Staff.
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- (ii) Discussed rfts for 39 Group with O.C. Group. This Group is now under command 1 Dist.
- (iii) Explored various avenues to get interpreters for 2 G.T. Coy. Finally transferred three temporarily for XXI Pack Group.
- (iv) Discussion with Maj Pinfold (LEGNANO) about soap, cigarettes, etc.
- (v) Disposed of health propaganda leaflets to S.GALLO Hospital.
- (vi) Discussed "danger pay" with 21 Beach Group and 'A' Brit Incr.
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(ii) Discussed Adm cmd of 470, 522, 576 and 866 Fd Hospitals with Brit Incr and 231 Div.

(iii) Still enquiring about bringing forward remainder of tpt for 2 G.T.Coy.

(iv) Arranged with REME, Brit Incr, for repair of British vehicles with 2 Rly Engr Group.

(v) Notified of allocation of tpt for 513 and 522 Gd Bns.

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Saturday (i) Discussed the non-availability of ('Q' MIA informed).
Apr 7 an adequate supply of tent pieces
with Labour.

(ii) Discussed canteen rations with
Labour.

(iii) 110 Pnr rfts distributed to units.

(iv) 342 mixed rfts arrived at 231 Div
Rft Depot from AREZZO.

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MIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.,
c/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

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1st. April, 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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- Sunday
Mar 25
- (i) Spoke with Brig MATTHEWS, Commander 59 Area re progress of 1st Gd Regt at SIENA. He seems satisfied with the 'Q' side.
 - (ii) Met commanders of various Pioneer Gps at 231 Div H.Q.
 - (iii) Brig GILMAN DDST Brit Incr went to 231 Div to see Gen NANNI. Discussed XXI Pack Group.
 - (iv) Visited 231 Div canteen with DDST and Pioneer Gp commanders and heard their orchestra. This orchestra of 231 Div broadcast from FLORENCE.
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- (iv) Discussed the disbandment of 46 increment to 697 Art Wks Coy with 231 Div. The C/S wants the best of these for rfts for 231 Div. RE.
- (v) 876 rfts arrived at AREZZO for 231 Div and 150 each for LIGNANO and FOLGORE.
- (vi) 125 Pioneer rfts went out to Groups. 685
- (vii) Ford sent into workshop for overhaul. Meantime I keep the Dodge. This was agreed with Capt CRAIG.

MMIA - 'G'

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Tuesday
Mar 27

- (i) Took Brig THURBURN (Q/AE AFHQ) to see Gen NANNEI. Discussed Italian Officers Shop, K.D. for BRITIS, tentage. dyed battledress. He said he would try to help the Div with it's great mess tin problem.
- (ii) Partisan officer - speaking very good English - applied for employment with Allies. I referred him to G-4 Liaison, Five Army. I believe he has now been militarised and absorbed by 210 Div.
- (iii) Gen NANNEI outlined to me some friction between Allied and Italian commanders of 7 Pack Mule Coy. I discussed the matter with Brig GILMAN, DDST. The matter has been dealt with satisfactorily.
- (iv) Discussed policy for distribution of extra rfts with 'A' and 'Lab' here. My 5LO/2/A of 29th. March refers.
- (v) 570 rfts arrived at AREZZO. We have now over 1,600 between AREZZO Camp and 231 Div Depot FLORENCE. Phoned Maj STANTON to tell him we needed no more bodies for some time.

Wednesday
Mar 28

- (i) Told C/S that responsibility for allocating and housing superfluous rfts would be Italian. My 5LO/2/A of 29th. March.
- (ii) 231 Div expressed it's complete dissatisfaction with the way that Brit Incr had failed to spend the 15 lire a day. I informed Brit Incr and ROME. MMIA. 'Q' Brit Incr letter 167 Q of 6 March. (Copy sent by me to MMIA).
- (iii) Transferred 40 BRITIS rfts to 4 Coy 522 Gd Bn after consulting Major STANTON. My 5LO/9/G of 29th. March.
- (iv) Spoke to CAREW HUNT re new leave line. Inter Army permission not affected.

Thursday
Mar 29

- (i) Visit from Capt McINTOSH, O.C. 697 Art Wks Coy, re disbandment of 46 Increment.

- (iv) Discussed policy for distribution of extra rfts with 'A' and 'Lab' here. My 5LO/2/A of 29th. March refers.
- (v) 570 rfts arrived at AREZZO. We have now over 1,600 between AREZZO Camp and 231 Div Depot FLORENCE. Phoned Maj STANTON to tell him we needed no more bodies for some time.

Wednesday (i) Told C/S that responsibility for allocating and housing superfluous rfts would be Italian. My 5LO/2/A of 29th. March.

- (ii) 231 Div expressed it's complete dissatisfaction with the way that Brit Incr had failed to spend the 15 lire a day. I informed Brit Incr and ROME. 'Q' Brit Incr letter 167 Q of 6 March. (Copy sent by me to MAIA).

- (iii) Transferred 40 BRITIS rfts to 4 Coy 522 Gd Bn after consulting Major STANTON. My 5LO/9/G of 29th. March.

- (iv) Spoke to CAREW HUNT re new leave line. Inter Army permission not affected.

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- (ii) Discussed Italian Army disciplinary action with reps of 75 S.I.B.

- (iii) Asked to explore possibility of importing Greek girls married to BRITIS..!!

- (iv) Gruppi rfts are being sent to FLORENCE from AREZZO. This was put right.

- (v) Tpt for Gd Bns. This need is really very urgent.

- (vi) Gruppi transit personnel ordered to quit 210 Depot. No place for them at 231 Div.

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There is no room in 231 Div Depot for Combat rfts.

My 5LO/5/Q of 29th. March

Q /2/12/22 of 23 Mar. I am making a small transit camp (unofficial) for Gruppi personnel at Fort Belvedere.

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Thursday (vii)

'A' exploring the possibility of W.V.S. for BRITIS with Five Army. I do not think it worth the trouble - in view of the Italian female mentality.

(viii) 75 Pioneer rfts allotted to Groups.

Friday
Mar 30

(i) Visit from Capt HILLS, O.C. 3 Adv Med Depot, ref arrival of rep from 'T' Adv Med Depot.

(ii) Talk with APM about thefts by members of LEGNANO and FOLGORE Gruppi.

(iii) ADMS discussed with me R.E. services for 866 Fd Hosp.

(iv) Cleared up misunderstanding about the Rest Camp at CASTELFRANCO.

My 5LO/7/Q of 30th. March.

(v) Discussed discipline with DAQMG 52 BLU.

(vi) Discussed situation of tyres and spares with 35 C.R.E. (Works).

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(ii) 'Q' asked about producing an instruction on issue of K.D. clothing to BRITIS.

(iii) Discussed blanket withdrawal for summer.

231 Div want to leave each man with one comforter. I agree.

(iv) S/T raised question of interpreter for No. 2 G.T. Coy moving under command.

I spoke Maj DOBBS/ none available.

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My 510/7/Q of 30th. March.

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Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log, No. 16.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

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25th. March, 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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Sunday
Mar 18

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- (ii) Arranged for 150 pioneers rfts to go to 39 Pioneer Gp u/c 2 Dist. My 5LO/2/Q of 21st March.
- (iii) Was approached by Commissariate 231 Div re underwear for hot weather.
- (iv) 224 Rfts arrived at 231 Rft Depot from MEZZO.

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Mar 19

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- (ii) Saw "Q" about rifle oil from Allied sources. Each employing formation releases to BRITI units under command.
- (iii) Discussed tpt for 513 Gd Bn with APM. He undertook to bring it before Brit. Incr. at tomorrow's conference.
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Mar 20

- (i) Spoke to small groups of Partisans. They don't want to join the Army because they want to go home as soon as their town is freed.
- (ii) Major Papineau and Major Edwards visited this office. Visited Delegazione 'T' and discussed M.T. repair facilities and POL.
- (iii) Discussed rations for Italian canteen with AAG and Q.
- (iv) Discussed soap and cigarettes for Gruppi with S/T.
- Q letter to MMIA HQ refers. My 5LO/7/5/Q of 26 Mar.
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Tuesday (v) Discussed tpt for Gd Coys.
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(vi) Capt. Thrupp arrived on liaison visit.

Wednesday (i) Capt. Thrupp left for 8 Army.
Mar 21

(ii) O.C. 4 Pack Tpt Coy enquired about EFI for Pack Group on same scale as for Combat Groups.

(iii) Discussed tpt of 231 Div and repair facilities with Maj. Papineau and Maj. Edwards.

(iv) DADOS discussed issue of British B.D. to Pack Tpt Coy.

(v) Discussed distribution of disinfectants with Italian L.O. Surgeons Office.

I pointed out that this was and would be entirely unofficial

Thursday (i) Discussed canteen supplies with Q -
Mar 22 with ref to leave percentage.

I warned him his letter 285/1 Q of 20 Mar might be premature.

(ii) Discussed scale of EFI itmes General throughout Italian Army. - Nil..!

(iii) Interpreted for AFM during taking of evidence of a USITI accused of stealing.

(iv) General NANNETI very concerned at the non-arrival of Caps PS for 231 Div.

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(vi) Arranged appointments for visit of Senior MMIA LO projected for 29 Mar.

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Mar 23

(i) Discussed cigarettes with S/T.

(ii) DADOS enquired about Mobile Baths with the Gruppi.

(iii) Spoke to L.O. 1 Dist about collection of blankets from his Depot.

(iv) Tpt for 512 Gd Bn again discussed with AFM and Q.

(v) 106 Pioneer rfts despatched to Pioneer Group.

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Saturday
Mar 24

(i) Discussed disposal of Rly Engr
Rfts with MOV 15 Army Group. (Lt.
Col. Wheeler).

(ii) Made preliminary arrangements
for collecting caps from Bari.

Later cancelled by
message from Major
Taylor saying they
were despatched by
rail.

(iii) Checking up on Mobile Bath Units
with Gruppi.

(iv) 15 Muleteers to XXI Pack Gp.

(v) 75 Pioneers to Pioneer Group.

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 15.

MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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18th March, 45.

Sunday Mar 11	(i) Met new Vice Commander 231 Div - Gen. RICCA. (ii) Discussed 'amigliamento razionale' with S/T. (iii) 100 reinforcements to Pioneer Labour Group.
Monday Mar 12	(i) Lt. TREVELYAN reported back to MMIA ROME. (ii) Cigarette situation reviewed with S/T. (iii) 96 Muleteers Rfts to XXI Pack Group - 40 Pioneers to 55 Group. (iv) Arrival at AREZZO for 231 Div. - 117 Pioneer Rfts, 62 Muleteer Rfts, 165 Forestry Rfts;
Tuesday Mar 13	(i) Discussed admin of Guard Coys with AFM, Brit Incr. (ii) Arranged onward journey of 866 Fd Hosp from AREZZO. (iii) Special allocation of clothing for Rfts for 1st Guards Regt: who, according to 59 Area, arrived at AREZZO in deplorable condition.
Wednesday Mar 14	(i) Gen NANNI brought Gen RICCA to meet officers of Brit Incr, G.O.C. 231 once more raised the point about the inconveniences arising from dyed battle dress. Brig JONES agreed. (ii) Col NOAKES arrived. Discussed - clothing, tpt, cigarettes, soap, etc. (iii) Monthly POL panic from Delegazione 'T' (iv) Capt HORLICK reported for duty. (v) Rations refused to Pioneer Rest Camp, CASTELFRONCO - through use of wrong title.
Thursday Mar 15	(i) Visited 46 Increment to 697 Art Wks Coy - at work on bridging. (ii) Col NOAKES and HORLICK visited 13 Corps and FOLGORE. (iii) Discussed disciplinary powers of Italian officers with AFM. (iv) Visit from ALMS 13 Corps re retention of Italian Medical Officer. (v) Discussed issues to ITI-ITI from DID's with Staff Capt Q; FLORENCE Command. (vi) Arranged visit Lightning with Brig JONES, D/CS Five

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(vi) Arranged visit LEGNANO with Brig JONES, D/CS Five Army.
(vii) Arrived at AREZZO for 231 Div: 337 Forestry and Pioneer Rfts.

**Friday
Mar 16**

(i) Col NOAKES and NEWTON discussed various points - chiefly cigarettes issue - with 'Q' Brit Incr -
(ii) Col NOAKES left for 8 Army.
(iii) Capt HORLICK introduced to Staff Officers of all departments, Brit Incr.
(iv) MMIA ROME signalled Capt HORLICK to report to 847 Regt: tomorrow.
(v) S/T not yet convinced that they must issue 10 free cigarettes.
(v) 50 Pioneers sent to Pioneer Group from Div Depot.

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Saturday (i) Capt HORLICK reported MMIA ROME.
Mar 17 (ii) C.O. and Coy Comdrs 513 Gd Regt visited Capt NEWTON
(iii) re tpt for their administration.
191 Pioneer Rfts to Pioneer Group.
27 Muleteer Rfts to XXI Pack Group.

(For four complete days of this week, this detachment was entirely without a vehicle, owing to it's being in use to take officers to and from ROME).

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British Increment,
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Rear H.Q. Fifth Army, Q
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Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

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13th March 45.

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(M.M.I.A.) ROMS.

Sunday
Mar 4
(i) TREVELLAIN to S. GIOVANNI to receive vehicles for 805
Transit Camp.
(ii) NEWTON to 231 to review clothing situation.
(iii) Two battalions arrived at AREZZO to be used as rfts.

Monday
Mar 5
(i) Gen. BROCKING, Col. PUSLEY arrived in FLORENCE.
Met MIA L.O. Brit Incr
(ii) 381 Muleteers brought from CARVERO by Brit Incr road rpt.
(iii) 25 Muleteer rfts to XXI Pack Group.

Tuesday
Mar 6
(i) Gen. BROCKING met G.O.C. 231 Div for first time.
(ii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 39 Pioneer Group.

Wednesday
Mar 7
(i) Maj. CAREW-HUNT arrived on liaison visit, bringing Cdmn.
BABB for duty as clerk, MIA L.O. Brit Incr.
(ii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 2 Pioneer Group.

Thursday
Mar 8
(i) Discussed common problems with Maj. CAREW-HUNT.
(ii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 55 Pioneer Group.

Friday
Mar 9
(i) Maj. CAREW-HUNT returned to 8 Army.
(ii) Gen. TAMASSIA, Ital Welfare, arrived at Brit Incr.
Conference - AAG(PS) 15 Army Group, AAG, DAG, Welfare,
Maj. GREGG, Capt. NEWTON.
(iii) Contacted 59 Area ref Gd Bus at SIENA.
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Saturday
Mar 10
(i) THEVELYAN attended Brit Incr conference on Malaria.
(ii) NEWTON discussed supplies with Q and S and 231 Div.
(iii) 100 Pioneer rfts to 46 Group.

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