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DETER OFFICE MINUTE

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To :- ADST.

Reference Office Instr. 106 of 16 Nov.

Attached draft is submitted in respect of SAT (T) events
for inclusion in War Diary for November.

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30 Nov 45


Capt.
for D.A.D.T.

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SUMMARY OF SET

5th.

Letter to M of War requesting details of all Italian Army vehicles returned by the Allies to the Italian Army in Leghorn and Naples. M of War recommended to have 5,000 empty barrels left in Sardinia for Army use and 5,000 shipped to the mainland.

6th.

Requests for Anti-freeze received from Combat Groups, AFHQ Pet Sec asked for release.

7th.

S.M.R.E. asked to have No 4 Admin Tpt Coy inspected and reported on.

9th.

450 vehicles released from P.B.S. Leghorn to the Italian Army. P.O.L. obtained from AFHQ Pet Sec to move them from Leghorn to Florence.

13th.

Letter to S.M.R.E. on economy in the use of P.O.L.
42 Italian Army vehicles issued to Romo Mobile Bn OC. RR.
Authority from AFHQ Pet Sec received to draw all remains of P.O.L. left over from October allotment this month, S.M.R.E. advised.

14th.

ADST inspects No 4 Terr Admin Tpt Coy at Bolzano and 4 Amb Car Section Letter to S.M.R.E. advising return of two detached platoons of 3 OT Coy to the unit at Genoa.
December requirements of P.O.L. for the III Army submitted to AFHQ Pet Sec.

15th.

Supplementary allotment of P.O.L. for Cecano authorised by AFHQ Pet Sec.

16th.

Supplementary allocation of P.O.L. made to No 4 Terr Cmd for moving spare MT parts from Kotshach to Bolzano.
S.M.R.E. advised to order return of 2 vehicles on loan to civilian firm to No 10 Admin Tpt Coy.

17th.

ADST spoke to DDST GHQ about shortage of oils in N, Italy - obtained release of oils from British stocks on loan to CIP at Venice.

19th.

ADST attended conference at M of War in regard to motorisation. 3422

20th.

Final supplementary allotment of P.O.L. for November received from AFHQ Pet Sec December sub-allocation of P.O.L. to formations sent out.

23th.

Conference with Lt.Col. ALEXANDRI (SURE) with regard to vehicle allocations, S.M.R.E. to have control of No 1 Special Transport Coy in future.

24th.

ADST attended training conference.

28th.

Capt CRAIG to report to 3 BLU Milan for temporary duty while Capt. WILTSHIRE on L.I.A.P.

30th.

12 vehicles issued to Leggio Mobile Bn. CCAR
ADST's conference with Lt.Col. Horan in interim settlements.

INTER OFFICE MEMO

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To : ADST.

SUBJECT :- Monthly Liaison Letter.

1. Ref 9/31 of 14 Sept 45 the following draft points in connection with SE(T) points are submitted :-

(a) P.O.L. Allocations for the month of November were on a similar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient.

Owing to shortage of lubricants in C.I.P. depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources.

Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of P.O.L. and the allotment for December is slightly higher.

As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the S.M.R.E. Allocation will be made by S.M.R.E. to Territorial Commands and not by this Office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by BUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited.

The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory.

MR-III and US-III Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied Sources.

(b) Transport.

Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples E.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into E.V.P.s has been noticeable.

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26 Nov 45

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for D.A.D.T.

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.9).

S&T MMIA LO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office
GENOA
STG/26
10 November 1945

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A., ROME

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (for S&T) ←
Senior MMIA LO North Italy

Herewith S&T Liaison Report for weekending 10 Nov 45.

Appendix "A" : Supplies
Appendix "B" : Transport & P.O.L.

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S&T MMIA LO.,
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13. MAJOR GE's CAR

The car allotted to this officer is very unreliable mechanically and requires new tyres. Considering the distances involved in his Liaison duties it is requested that Ministry of War be asked to provide a replacement.

14. OFFICE TRANSPORT

E.L.R. certificate for Standard has been forwarded to Rome and a replacement is urgently required. See this office letter GEN/2/D dated 6 Nov 45.

15. Major Ge visited this office on 8 Nov 45 to co-ordinate outstanding work.

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8. AFHQ Pet Sec have made a considerable reduction in the quantities of P.O.L. allocated for November basing their figures on $1\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$ gals per day per motor-cycle, car, and load-carrier respectively instead of the previous basis of 1, $3\frac{1}{2}$, and 6. It is anticipated that difficulty will be experienced in operating satisfactorily on this allotment, and the question of obtaining an increased allotment has been taken up by this HQ with HQ CMF.

9. S.T. PERSONNEL.

Capt. A.L. GARY resumed duty with this HQ on 24 Oct. on return from LILOP. Orders were received posting Capt. A.H. SIMPSON to A.C. AUSTRIA whence he will proceed on the 3rd November.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Draft instructions were received from GHQ,CMF. ordering the transfer of the Combat Divisions to III-III category w.e.f. 15 November. Efforts were made to discuss what provision had been made, for the transfer of vehicles to cover "wastage", and whether vehicle spares would be handed over in block, or demanded from Allied sources on repayment as required. Precise rulings on these points have not yet been given.

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