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Organisation & Accommodation of Italian Army
Workshops & Schools

Dec. 1945 - Jan. 1946

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Secretary*

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Subject:- G.A.R.E. - Bologna.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. S. I. A.) RCM.
S.OO1.
19 January, 1946.

To:- Spr Ministry.

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1. Authority has been obtained for the Italian Army to regain possession of all the buildings in the G.A.R.E. site at Bologna.
2. Approval is given for Italian Army representatives to inspect the accommodation which will be available and to occupy progressively such part of the accommodation as can be released.
3. Every endeavour will be made to terminate Allied activity in the workshops and it is hoped that the entire site will be handed over by the end of April, 1946.
4. Negotiations on this subject with the local Allied S.O. will be carried out by your representative through the agency of 6 D.L.S.

RAC *AB*
F.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. S. I. A.

Copy to:- 6 D.L.S. Bologna (Report required on progress made)

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Subject:- CECCHIGNOLA.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Q.219.
27 December 1945.

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To:- Ministry of War.

1. Reference M.M.I.A. letter Q.219 of 4 Dec 45, authorising you to occupy blocks 1200, 1400, 2000 and 2200 of CECCHIGNOLA barracks until the transaction between O.F.L.C. and the Italian Government has been concluded.
2. You are hereby advised that occupancy of these blocks is authorized under the following conditions:-

- (a) The United States retains full title and ownership of all U.S. property and improvements during the interim period until final disposition is made.
- (b) Custody of the entire portion of the installation (i.e. above quoted barrack blocks) is the responsibility of the Italian Army.
- (c) The Italian Government is under an obligation for the use of U.S. property and/or improvements based upon a fair rental value at the time of occupancy.

(Authority: R.A.A.C. R.E.S. AG 600 of 21 Dec 45)


Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Agenzia Riepochi Alleanzanti Residenti - Italian Government.

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SUBJECT :- Accommodation and Locations

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(L.F.S.C.)
ROFZ
c/Trg/24

7 Jan 46

Ministry of War

1. As a result of discussion between the Director MIA and Gen. CADORNA it can now be said that locations of the undermentioned Schools will be as shown in the lists below :-

(a) Finally Settled	Location
HQ Military Schools	CESANO
Infantry School	CESANO
NCO School	CESANO
Artillery School	BRACCIANO
Signal School	CECCIGNUOLA
Armourers and Gun Fitters School	CECCIGNUOLA
Police School	CESANO
Physical Training School	CESANO
Welfare and Service School	RIBBI
Cooperation School	CIVITAVECCHIA
(b) Temporarily Settled	CIVITAVECCHIA
Engineer School	(later PIENOLATA)

2. Will you please confirm these locations.

3. The location of the remaining Schools under Motorisation will be settled when exact details exist of the Schools to be operated. It is however assumed that CECCIGNUOLA and the Centro Studi in ROFZ will accommodate whatever is decided.

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 (later PIETROLIATA)

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for Major-General.
M. E. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Accommodation Italian Army Workshops, MILANO.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.S.,
M.I.A.,
R.O.E.S.
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5 December 1945 (1)

TO : A.S.S.

1. No. 6 M.F. Repair Unit of the Italian Army is at present located in partially demolished buildings belonging to the Officina Automobilistica Regio Mecanica (O.A.M.E.) at San Vitale, MILANO. The remainder of the extensive premises belonging to O.A.M.E. are occupied by Allied troops, including No. 1 Army Recovery Group and an R.E. Maintenance Unit.

2. C.O.C. 2 District has decided (under the terms of AFHQ Memorandum NO. 48 dated 2 Nov 45) that these buildings cannot be released to the Italian Army until some indefinite date in 1946. The War Ministry, on the other hand, are most anxious to expand No. 6 Repair Unit and establish No. 6 M.F. Spruce Depot in these same buildings for the following reasons:

- (a) The maintenance of their ex-British M.F. and British Warlike stores to be concentrated as far as possible in one 3rd line Workshop.
- (b) To concentrate their ex-British spare parts in one stores depot, conveniently adjacent to the Workshop dealing with British equipment.
- (c) As the ex-British vehicles and the warlike equipment are held exclusively by the Combat Divs, MILANO is the most suitable geographical location.
- (d) The O.A.M.E. at MILANO is potentially the largest and most suitable Italian Army workshop and has always been their main centre for maintenance.
- (e) Some 350 highly skilled civilian employees formerly employed by the War Ministry at O.A.M.E. are available immediately to provide the necessary labour. This labour would not be available elsewhere.
- (f) The War Ministry have already incurred considerable expense in repairing damaged buildings and have worked out in detail their plans for re-establishing the O.A.M.E. as it formerly existed.

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- (a) The maintenance of their ex-British M.T. and British Warlike stores to be concentrated as far as possible in one fire line workshop.
- (b) To concentrate their ex-British spare parts in one stores depot, conveniently adjacent to the workshop dealing with British equipment.
- (c) As the ex-British vehicles and the warlike equipment are held exclusively by the Combat Divs, MILORCA is the most suitable geographical location.
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3. Unless these buildings are issued back to the Italian Army now, it will not be possible to provide adequate maintenance arrangements for the vehicles and equipment of the Italian Army. Even if approval was given to the present maintenance system continuing until the Allied need for accommodation in MILORCA no longer existed, the delay in establishing this urgent Italian Army Workshop would be seriously detrimental to the efficiency of the Italian Army because of the inevitably greater wastage.

4. It is therefore very earnestly requested that you will reconsider this question with a view to providing alternative temporary accommodation for the British units concerned, and so enable the permanent workshops of the Italian Army to be established immediately.

D. Brown
Major General,
M.I.I.A.

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Copy to:- H.O. 2 District,
M.I.I.A.

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