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opened June 4, 1945 - Closed Oct. 18 1945

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SUBJECT: Innocenti Factory

HQ No 2 District, CMF

1802/Q2 18 Oct 45.

MCIA

Ref your 12/15 dated 12 Oct.

The complaints made by Messrs Innocenti in the letter quoted by the War Ministry have now been investigated, to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

Colonel,
DA & MG.

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Subject:- Innocenti Factory, Milan.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCME.

9/12/15

23 October, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

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Reference your 34816/TL dated 3 October 45.

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Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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TO 1861A TO HQ ITALY

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REF DISTO SIGNAL 03/868 OF 12 SEP 1947 TO YOU (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MIA

TO : DISTWO

INFO : MIA LO MILAN, GHO, CAP

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REF VISIT OF GENERAL WARD TO MIA 15 OCT (.) MIA AND MINISTRY OF
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SUBJECT : Occupation by British Units of premises in the Buildings
G2, G3 and the Shell Factory Innocenti at Milano Lambrate

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E

9/12/45

11 October 1945

TO : H.Q. 2 District

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Ref. the attached letter from the Ministry of War.

It is not clear whether the material in question is the property
of the Ministry of War.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

JL/ra

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C O P Y

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref : 50846/ML.

TO : M.M.L.A.

Date : 3/10/45

SUBJECT : Occupation by British Units of premises in the Buildings G.2, G.3 and the Shell Factory Innocenti at Milano Lambrate

1. The buildings G2 and G3 Innocenti at Milano Lambrate are included in the group of buildings listed in letter No. 202759 dated the 31/1/45 from Ministry of War cabinet addressed to you, and built by the Civil Industry for, and at the expense of, the Military Administration.

Next to these buildings is the shell factory belonging to the Innocenti firm.

2. A copy of letter No. 1/1260 dated 3/9/45, forwarded by the Innocenti firm of Milano to R.Q. 59 Area Milano was also forwarded to us for information, copy of which is enclosed.

3. The firm pointed out verbally that the furniture is continuously being removed in large quantities, and that the premises have not been rationally occupied, so that the three entrances to the three factories with the general services for the workers, are no longer available, and causing the use by the firm of distant premises thus worsening their position with no apparent advantage for those who occupy a/w premises.

4. We beg you to interest the offices concerned so that the matter may be settled.

Units which have occupied the premises in the three buildings are:

741 Inf. Troops 4/3 R.E.M.E.
72 Coy. R.A.S.O. (S&F)

Innocenti Firm.

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A copy of letter No. 1/1280 dated 5/3/45, forwarded by the Innocenti Firm of Milano to R.Q. 59 Area Milano was also forwarded to us for information, copy of which is enclosed.

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744 Inf. Troops #/3 R.S.M.E.
72 Coy. R.A.S.C. (S & T)
545 Coy. R.A.S.C. (S & T)
Electrical and Mechanical R.E.

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MESSAGE FORM

Q/12/15

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FROM : MBIA
TO : DISTWO
INFO : MBIA 10 MILAN
REF : 4.638

DATE/TIME
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INFORMED BY MINISTRY OF WAR THAT INDIAN TROOPS RECENTLY OCCUPIED OFFICINA
AUTOMOBILISTICA R.S. AT PIACENZA (.) THIS IS URGENTLY NEEDED BY ITALIAN
ARMY TO WHOM IT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS (.) NIGHT M.T. REORGANISATION OF
ITALIAN ARMY REQUIRES ALL POSSIBLE ARMY WORKSHOPS (.) PLEASE INFORM ME
LATEST SITUATION

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SOC GENERALE PER L'INDUSTRIA METALLURGICA E MECCANICA

MILANO

H.Q. 59 AREA

MILANO - Corso Venezia, 32

Copy to:

H.Q. Hr. 2 DISTRICT, MONZA
 H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME
 ALLIED COMMISSION, INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION, MILAN
 H.Q. A.M.G. LOMBARDY REGION - MILAN (To the attention of Major SELBY)

Pr.
I/1280

3.9.1945

Gentlemen:

With reference to our previous verbal communications we beg to inform you that no favourable result followed the visit of the Officers of the A.M.G. Industry Division to our Works provoked by you, since the occupation of our Factories affected by the Allied Troops has greatly developed. We enclose herewith a plan, on which we have indicated with different colours the areas occupied by each Company.

As you can see from this plan, it has been impossible for us to have the entrances and the zones of circulation well disciplined, so that a position of serious indiscipline has been created due to the promiscuity of military and our workers and it was also impossible

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The occupation of the various Workshops is done in a very indisciplined way without notice and everybody occupies all that he judges useful for himself, in many cases simply following the initiative of single men of the troops. In one of the Workshops they cut 32 columns of a cable-way with the oxydric flame, without notice; in another Workshop basins containing chemical products were emptied and were used as lavatories for the troops; another room was opened, the passage having been forced through a window and the scientific equipment therein located was partially destroyed; the lenses of a microscope have been

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Figure 14-2

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letter	tel	3.9.45	pid	H.Q.	59	Area	Milan

removed; electric motors and remote controls have been destroyed or removed.

In many cases they forced tool-chests containing tools and devices

belonging to the workers and the contents were removed.

We had asked to avoid to take women into the Factory but in vain. Their
replied to us that Officers and Seniors are entitled to take women. And so we
must also bear the humiliation of a manifestation of prostitution in our factory,
which causes a great disappointment in the working mass.

We had planned to make some removals and changes in our plant during the month of August and in order to facilitate this programme we had suspended during this period a considerable number of workers, who had to resume their work at the beginning of September. Due to the occupation of the Workshops it has been impossible not only to realise this programme, but also the general conditions have been made worse, with the result that the standstill caused by the said occupation puts off our economical crisis which causes us a loss of a million

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We feel confident that you will kindly go into the matter and help us to solve the serious position in which our Company has been put.

Yours respectfully,

I n n o c e n t i S. G.

Encl.

Subject: Recruitment of General "Blue".

1st Foreign Sub Commission A.C.
(M. T. I. A.)
9/10/15
7 September, 1945.

Date:

Ministry of War.

The attached correspondence, passed to us from the
Civil Affairs Section A.C., is forwarded for your decision.

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H.A. 100120 Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. T. I. A.

Copy to:-

H.A. 100120 Lt. Col.
For Civil Affairs Section (over inter-office memo dated 14 Sep 45 Refers).

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P. PREFETTURA DI BRESCIA

N. di prot. 1755 Div. Brescia 3rd August 1945

Risposta a nota N. Subject : Requisition of "Caserma Papa".
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TO WAR MINISTRY
General Engineering Direction
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and copy to

III COMMAND TERRITORIAL ARMY
Uff.Territ. and Aff.Vari
P.M. 226

TO A. M. G.
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TO MILITARY DEFENSE COMMAND
B R E S C I A 307

This office, owing to request of Italian Compa-
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TO A. M. G.

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This office, owing to request of Italian Company Ernesto Breda and after agreements with local Military Government, requisitioned with decree dated 9th June 1945 in favour of the Company the Caserma "Papa", situated in Brescia, locality Ponte Grotte, in order to effectuate the transfer of its establishments and machineries of said factory and the work reprise, considering that the residence of the factory had been whole destroyed by the air raid of 6th April 1.m.

The machinery has been saved in part as it was evacuated in two Communes of the Province by civil production factories which has been cleared.

Factory Breda has actually about 3.500 dependants

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FROM : M.F.I.A.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO : M.F.I.A. L.O. XXXXXXXXXXXX MILAN

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REF NO. Q.598

UNCLASSIFIED (.) UNDERSTAND DURING I-TYPE DAILY MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION
 WORKING P.A.V.T.A. AND THIS SUBJECT ON 3 AUGUST BY M.O.H.I.D. (.)
 WAS ADVISED FOR REPAIRS TO THE NECESSITY OBTAIN THE NECESSARY FOR SIGNAL
 WORK (.) REPORT PRESENT POSITIVE AND LEADERS GROUPING DURING
 THE FORMATION

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R. PREFETTURA DI BRESCIA

N. di prot. _____ Div. _____

Brescia, _____

Risposta a nota N. _____

OGGETTO: _____

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and it is easy to understand how much it is necessary it may dispose of said barrack in order to assure the workings to its own workmen.

Therefore I beg this Ministry to confirm the requisition decree dated on 9th of June 1945 n. 1735 of which copy is herewith enclosed.

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(Bulloni)



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(Bulloni)

Buddy

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To the AMG -Brescia Province-
From the Prefect of Brescia

1. The Military Presidio Command writes:
2. Reference to dispositions of Ministry Ban A.III/30098/D dated 18 January 1945 =sent to you with note n.156 of 19/7/45 = and in relation of the HQ.A.M.G. Memorial, enclosed in copy, I beg that, the n°1735 decree of requisition of the Barracks "Papa" be withdrawn and the Barricks be given back to the Military Administration which needs it for Military purpose.
3. As the requisition of the Barracks "Papa" =for transfer of the Breda Firm Machinery (which had its own building completely destroyed for air bombardment) took place through accords with this A.M.G., we beg for kind instructions so to acknowledge the above mentioned Command.

Signed Balloni, the Prefect

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Accommodation.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
N.W. Italy,
MILAN.

8/12/5 Phone: MILAN 13989.

NWI/7/Q.

11th. August, 1945.

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

Two urgent accommodation problems have arisen in

1.
MILAN.

(a) Caserna TEULIE, Corso Italia, MILAN.

The above barracks are in good condition and modern. They are occupied by 1,000 - 1,800 (varies) Security Agents, many of whom are fresh recruits. A Bn of LEGNANO occupies, temporarily only, the GARIBALDI Barracks MILAN which are considerably damaged and old fashioned. It is the intention to move the whole Regt of LEGNANO into MILAN. 59^A require accommodation, and first had designs upon MERCANTI Barracks, where 3 Autieri Repair Works are now located. This proposal was dropped, when they were told the position, and a request made for alternative Italian Military property to be put at their disposal.

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AM I correct in affirming that it is now for 59 Area to decide, whether Security Agents stay or not, or is further M.M.I.A. action required? If further M.M.I.A. action is required, may this please be taken by HQ, M.M.I.A.

It is worth noting that there are THREE CC RR Barracks in MILAN, and also a good Barracks, the MONTE BELLO, is held by A.M.G. for repatriates.

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(b) Caserma CARROCCIO, via PAGANO, MILAN.

At Appx 'A' att. is forwarded a plan of these and adjacent Barracks.

This cluster of Barracks contains:-

- (a) Italian Distribution Depot, Caserma BESOZZI.
- (b) An entirely destroyed Barracks, Caserma, MAJNONI.
- (c) 3 Arty Depot, Sect of Art, where a large amount of rifles and equipment has been taken, Caserma CARROCCIO.
- (d) Mil District, 27 Arty Depot, 3 Gd Coy (Terr), Caserma MAGENTA.

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I have examined the Barracks. They are full, mostly of rifles, machine guns, saddlery and equipment, well stacked and ordered. It is a very well run Depot, with offices and civilian employees. The Italians are not anxious to move, though 59 Area would provide all tpt if necessary.

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Terr HQ are prepared, if they receive an order, to make available the courtyard, and accommodation for 40 men and would prefer this to complete evacuation. Personally I feel complete evacuation or nothing, as the Barracks are too much one piece to share, with one gate only, and too many "souvenirs" for British soldiers.

The Caserma MAGENTA, is in two blocks, both larger than the Caserma CARROCIO, and it should be possible to move everything into one or other of these blocks, particularly as one already contains 27 Arty Depot, and I propose that solution.

2. The crux of the question of para 1 (b) is not so much what should be done, but who should give the order. 2 District maintain they have the right to give this order and I should be glad of guidance on this point. Has any directive come from A.F.H.Q. amending the order that "occupied Italian Army Barracks will only be requisitioned on authority of A.F.H.Q." I presume the G.C.C. 2 District has not the powers of an operational commander in the Field.

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If the G.O.C. 2 District has these powers, then I would be the normal transmitter of such orders to Terr HQ.

If he has NOT these powers, I know that I cannot give these orders, except from HQ, M.M.I.A. direct.

3. The decision on the Caserma CARROCIO is of considerable urgency, as it is intended to move a medidum Regt R.A. into MILAN prior to 15 Aug, which is a Bank Holiday, and some trouble is anticipated from the workers. I should be grateful for an early reply, if possible by signal.

g/sud

Major,
Sr MMIA LC,
N.W. Italy.

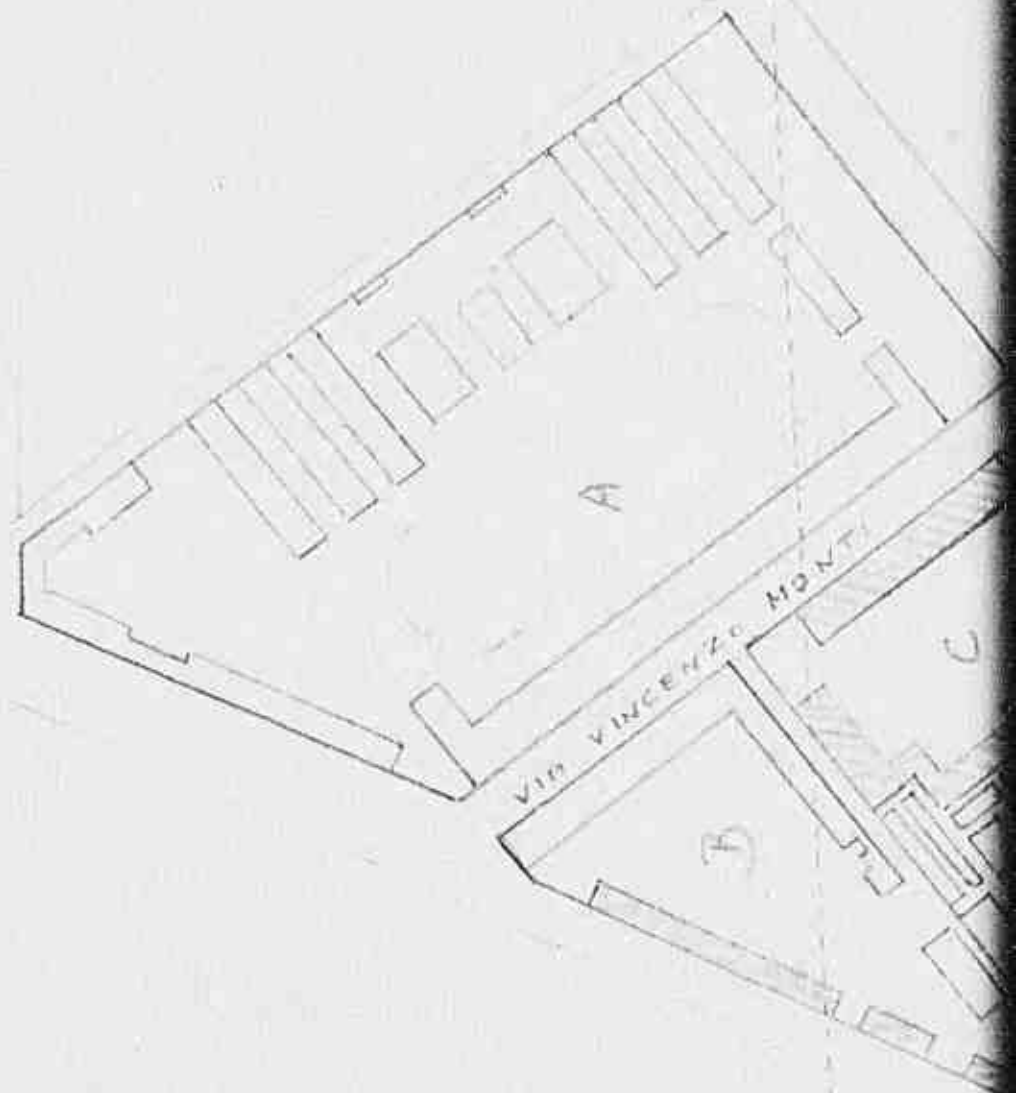
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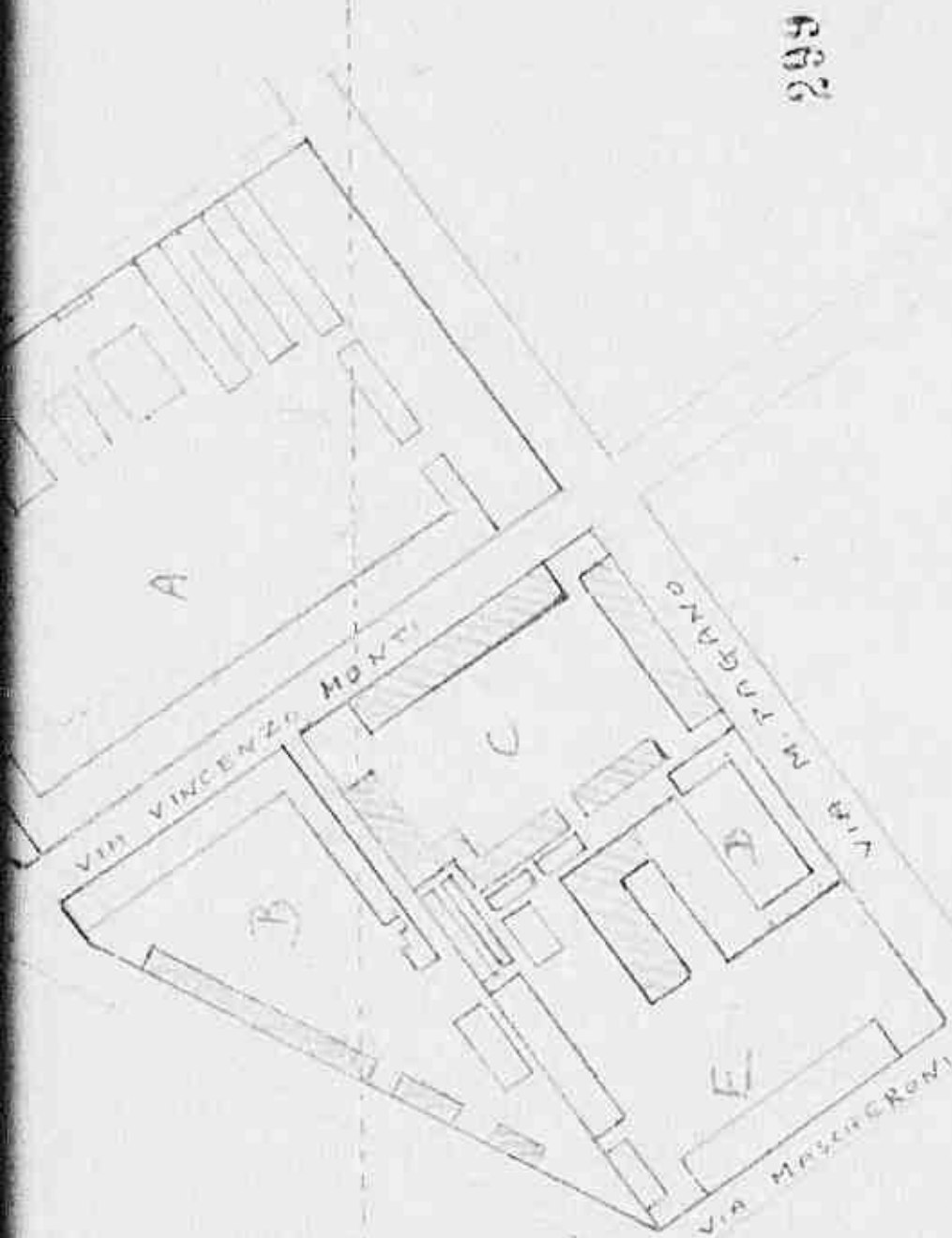
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N.W. Italy.

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Box 'A' to
NW 1/77/Q dated 11 Aug 45.





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TOWN PLAN OF
MILAN 1:10,000
MR 225650.

SCALE OF ENLARGEMENT
1:3,300

LEGEND

- A. CASERMA MONTEBELLO
B. CASERMA BESOZZI
C. CASERMA MANTOVANI
D. CASERMA CARROCCIO
E. CASERMA MAGENTA



DESTROYED BY AIR BOMBARDMENT.

Q 12/15 (8)

M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.B. MILANO

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M.M.I.A. L.O. TURIN
60 SUB AREA FOR M.M.I.A. L.O.

Q.432

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RESTRICTED

REFERENCE Q.33(.) HOSPITALS AUTHORIZED 1 PRINCIPAL MILITARY
HOSPITAL TURIN 400 BEDS, 120 TERRITORIAL MILITARY HOSPITAL
GENOA 100 BEDS, 3 PRINCIPAL MILITARY HOSPITAL MILAN 600 BEDS,
171 TERRITORIAL MILITARY HOSPITAL BRESCIA 400 BEDS

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FROM MILA

TO MILA 10 MILAN

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REFER Q 31 OF 9 JUL (.) MAJOR CUNLIFFE REPRESENTING
COL FINEK CONTACTING YOU TO OBTAIN EITHER GEORGE FIVE
VILLA OR SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE (.) FINEK CLAIM HOLDING GOOD
ON VIA CRESPI

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Subject:- Italian Military hospitals in Northern Italy.

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

Q/12/15

14 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 1/10005/San dated 6 June 45.

It is the view of the Allied Authorities that the present needs of hospital accommodation in Milan necessitates the temporary occupation of the Military Hospital Via Baggio.

This hospital is in excess of the present needs of the Italian Army whose requirements have been met by the allocation of the Bande Nera Hospital.

The arrangements were agreed between local representatives of civil and military authorities and include the adequate safeguarding of Italian medical equipment.

The Ministry may instruct their representative to set aside rooms for the safe storage of movable equipment and may, in agreement with local Allied Officers, select the rooms most suitable for this purpose.

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

Copy: M.M.I.A. L.O. Major Van Kirk.
Major Bird

Medical

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From: M. of W.

To: NMIA.

Subject: Italian Military hospitals in Northern Italy.

Translation.

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R. / 10005/San.

6/6/45.

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- 1) On a recent round of inspection, and based on information received in the past, it has been possible to ascertain, that over and above the military hospitals of Ancona and Bologna, those of Verona, Genova, and Padova, have also been destroyed, or ~~xxxxx~~ seriously damaged by bombing.

These hospitals have been evacuated for other improvised premises, and nearly all of the equipment has been destroyed, or taken away by the Germans.

- 2) The only main Military hospital to remain in full efficiency, in Northern Italy, is the Milan Military Hospital - Baggio. In this hospital there is a large quantity of portable medical materials, and fixtures, of considerable value.

- 3) ^{requested} We have been informed that No 2 District has ~~the~~ Milan Terr., H., ^{to} for the handing over ~~the~~ the Military Hospital of Milan - Baggio, in order that a Terr., Military Hospital (British) approx., 500 beds, may be established. The British Hospital would not use the medical materials of the Italian hospital: the said materials would be listed, and replaced by British materials.

- 4) It must be borne in mind that all the best military hospital (Italian) in central and southern Italy, and in regions spared from the havoc of war (Bari, Palermo, Naples, Caserta, Rome.) Have been occupied by Military hospitals, or Allied Units. As a result of this, huge quantities of materials have ~~either~~ been destroyed or lost; little of this has been replaced up to the moment. The requisitioning and occupation carried out by the Allies, has not been done in harmony with the letter and spirit of the Geneva Convention, and this has created grave difficulties for the Italian Military Medical Service.

- 5) In our opinion there are in Milan, numerous other buildings that could be used for the establishing of the British Military Hospital. Should the Italian Military hospital be transferred to other premises, it would be forced to leave behind on the spot, fixtures, which will effect seriously the functioning of same.

In Milan as elsewhere, in order to take care of Italian Military patients, we would be forced to an emergency solution, detrimental to the medical services.

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Also m/17/2342
m/17/2348/attached

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m/17/2357

5.1 Italy is now faced with the grave problem of repatriating over two million ex POWs, and as is noted, among the prisoners returning from Germany especially, there is a large number of sick cases, the majority being T.B. The ex POW sick cases, repatriated, must as is known, be admitted to C.R.I. Hospitals, on civilian rations, or admitted into civilian hospitals. Bearing in mind the inter-dependant strict link up between the various hospital sectors, the requisitioning of the Military hospital ^{of Reggio} would result in aggravating the general hospital situation, already bad as a result of destruction, and the war.

6.1 In view of the fact that the operational necessities of the war have ceased, we are of the opinion that No 2 District could ensure adequately, the functioning of the proper medical service without touching the Milan Military hospital, and we request that this hospital remains under Italian jurisdiction.

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We have faith in the understanding of the MMIA, and in the spirit of solidarity that exists in the medical field, which has always been their policy, and which ~~we~~ ^{we} deem necessary in the relations between countries.

GD.

[Handwritten signature]

(F. Caldarola)

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Signal

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From: AMIA
To: MMIA LO DISTWO
Info: DEES DISTWO

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MILITARY HOSPITAL MILAN HAS RECEIVED ORDERS TO EVACUATE
PATIENTS WITHIN 4 DAYS (.) MINISTRY OF WAR REQUEST THIS
BE EXTENDED TO TEN DAYS (.) CONTACT LOCAL COMMANDS AND
ARRANGE LAIR OF EVACUATION SUITABLE TO ALL

Precedence DISPATCH

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Authenticated

W. C. Haggie

Lt-Col

