

10000/120/2960

RE 5/1 WO

Feb 1945 - Nov

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RE 5/1 WORKS - Maintenance + Repairs TO Military Buildings

Feb. 1945 - Nov. 1946

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Telegrams :
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LAND FORCE CO-ORDINATION, 40 (SIA), 417.

RE 5/1

25 Nov. 46.

Com. Genie Militaire
 5 Terr. Command, Rome.

Subject :- Conversion of Boilers.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from the French Mil. Genl. (Service Coy) asking if certain work, in connection with the conversion of boilers for coal burning, can be undertaken in their barracks in Rome.

2. I have not been informed of the details of the work or the cost of it, but if it comes within the terms of work to be undertaken by you and the cost is not great, I would be glad if you can have it executed, if there is no other objection to this conversion.

3. I understand that work in connection with the heating of barracks etc. is an accepted responsibility of Genie Militaire.

Major
 1000, 1111

Copy to :- G.O. Organize des Services No. 6
 211, 7, 1, Rome.

Internal :- " "

Handwritten:
 Rang up on 9/12 to ask
 for reply. Work has got to be
 sanctioned & we must await
 decision until late tomorrow. Told them to hurry
 on.

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L'OFFICIER DE LIAISON FRANCAIS
AUPRES DU COMMANDEMENT INTERALLIE
DE ROME

503/RAAC

18 November 1946

To : Military Mission for Italian Affairs
Subject : Conversion of boilers

1. Herewith is forwarded the translation of a letter received from the French Command
2. It would be greatly appreciated if necessary action could be taken immediately please.

L. de MAIGRET, Capt.
French Liaison Officer
R.A.A.C.

C. de Lyang *th*

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J. de Lyang
recd
1 Dec 1946*

TRANSLATION

FRENCH MILITARY COMMAND
IN ITALY

Compagnie des Services N° 6
N° 1544/C.S.

18 November 1946

U R G E N T

Capitaine ESPER,
O.C. Compagnie des Services N°6
C.M.F.I. ROME

The impossibility of getting the derv necessary to the working of the boilers operating the central heating of the French Barracks, makes it a necessity to convert these boilers into coal operated ones.

An inspection by the firm which fitted the central heating showed that this conversion could be done without difficulty?

After agreement with the Italian Genio Militare, it would therefore² greatly appreciated if you could contact the M.M.I.A. please, so that the Genio Militare be authorised to start working immediately. (No more than 48 hours would be required for the completion of ~~the~~ works).

Signed : ESPER

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Telephone:
Room 123004 Ext 467

LAND OFFICE SUP-COM, AG (LIMA) 327

RE 2/4

7 Nov 46

Comando en Jefe Milmar (WAF)

Subject: Work at WAF

O.S. 12 Brian Malan in reports that a lot of essential work has yet to be done at the School of Administration and Welfare at WAF. As courses are not in progress at present this is a very suitable time for the work to be got on with.

I understand you have all details of the work required and I would be grateful if you can arrange that it be got on with, so that the very essential items such as heating and interior plumbing be completed before courses are resumed at the School.

Please inform me if there are any reasons why this work cannot be done.

SGO/om

Copy to : O.S. 12 WAF

McKenna
for Brigadier G.S. 1212

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RE 2/1

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.

Ref: I9627/L/137

To : MLIA

Date: 29/8/46

Subject: Turin: Partial reconstruction and repairs
to be carried out to the military W/shops.

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Reply to your RE 2/1 of 12/8/46.

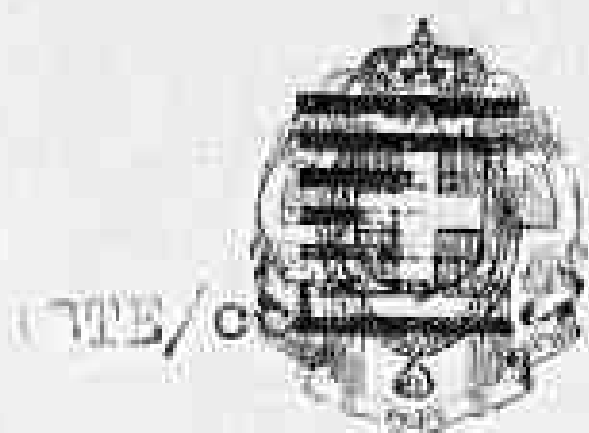
In view of the request made in a/m letter regarding the present situation of the works in question, we would inform you that the list of the work to be carried out (on account of the estimated cost i.e. 14.400.000 lire) has been forwarded to the Council of the State for his opinion in accordance with the law. -

At present the opinion of said high Authority is awaited.

Crivaro.

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Q to see (20/9)



Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Divisione Lavori *Sec. 1^a*
Prot. N. 19627/L/137 Allegati

OGGETTO TORINO : Lavori di parziale ricostruzione
e di ripristino dell'edificio militare

Roma. 29 AGO 1946

RE

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R.C.E.A.

Risposta al Foglio del 12/8/1946
Dir. Sec. N. R.E. 2/1

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In merito alla richiesta circa la situazione attuale dei lavori in oggetto indicati, fatta col foglio sopradistinto, si comunica che il progetto inerente ai lavori di cui trattasi, dato l'ammontare di previste L.14.400.000 (quattordicimilioni-quattrocentomila), è stato trasmesso al Consiglio di Stato, per il parere, a norma di Legge.-

Attualmente si attende il parere di detto Alto consesso, per poter dare corso ai conseguenti provvedimenti.-

p. IL MINISTRO

*Frivara*

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*Plan. Trastevere*  
*Priority 1*

*Marshall*

TRANSLATION

|     |            |
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| IN  | Time 12.00 |
|     | Date 3/8   |
| 74  | Time 11.00 |
| OUT | Date 3/8   |



9/12

Subject:- Comando Militare - Turin

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)  
RE 3/1  
12 August 46

To:- Ministry of War

Reference letter No. 9686 of 27 June 1946 from Comando Militare  
Territoriale di Turin to War Ministry.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of the works referred  
to in the a/g letter being executed.

I would be grateful if you would inform me how the position now stands and  
if the repair works required are being catered for.

It is apparent that no estimates were given in the a/g letter.

J.C. O'NEILL, Major, R.S.,  
for Major General,  
M.H.I.A.

Copy to:- 2 (internal) 2 copies



## TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.  
To : MMIA

Ref: 18950/L/237  
Date: 7/9/46

Subject: Army M.T. Workshops - Bologna.

Reply to letter RE/5/1 of 30/7/46.

With reference to the s/m letter we *would* inform you that for the restoration of the Army M.T. Workshops O.A.R.E. Bologna, this General Directorate has authorised in letter 18082/L/237 the carrying out of the first part of the work costing 5.200.000 (five million two hundred thousand) as from 24/7/46.

The carrying out of other projects, amounting to a total of 33.140.000 (thirty three million one hundred and forty thousand) has been authorised in letter 19207/L/237 dated 26/8/46. -

Crivaro

R.A.G.

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STB, ba

Roma. 31/8/46 1946 19 A

Ministero della Guerra  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Divisione Lavori L. 1°  
Prot. N. 18950/L/237/legale

1a LAND FORCE  
SUB COMMISSION  
(M.M.I.A.) ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del 30/7/46  
Div. L. N. RE 5/1

OGGETTO : Bologna- Officina automobilistica Esercito.-

Con riferimento al foglio sopraindicato si comunica che per il ripristino della sede dell'Officina Automobilistica dell'Esercito O.A.R.E. di Bologna, questa Direzione Generale ha autorizzato l'esecuzione di un primo lotto di lavori di L.5.200.000 (cinquemilioniduecentomila) fin dal 24/7/46, con disp. N° 18082/L/237.

L'esecuzione degli altri lavori progettati, del complessivo ammontare di L.33.140.000 (trentatremilioni centotraguantamila), è stata autorizzata con disp. N° 19207/L/237 del 26/8/46.-

P. IL MINISTRO

Priority 3,  
W.H. Macomber,  
Major

*[Signature]*  
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1145  
Date 9/9  
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0930  
10/9

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RECEIVED  
10/9/46



TO BE TRANSLATED INTO ITALIAN.

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Subject:- O.A.R.E. in 6 Territorial Command

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
RE 5/1  
30 July 46.

To:- Ministry of War,  
(Direzione Generale del Genio)

1. The following letters pertain to the project of rebuilding and repairing the bombed out buildings of the O.A.R.E. at Bologna:-

Genio Militare 6 Territorial Command to M of W No. 3/1651 of 20 Feb 46

O.A.R.E. to M of W No. 7353/SG of 4 July 46.

2. I am informed that considerable effort has been put into clearance and repairing by the O.A.R.E. personnel. On the other hand some hitch has resulted in the work by the Genio Militare not progressing with satisfactory speed.

3. I would be grateful if you can explain the present position regarding this work and if it is possible to have it hastened forward.

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*h.*

J.G. O'FERRAIL, Major, R.E.,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- A.D.M.E. (internal)

: 'Q' (internal). — *copy of* send any reply to this letter to 'Q'.



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OGGETTO: O.A.R.E. del 6 Comando Territoriale.Sottocommissione delle Forze terrestri  
Commissione Alleata

(M.M.I.A.)

RE 5/1

30 Luglio 1946Al Ministero delle Guerra  
(Direzione Generale del Genio)

1. Le seguenti lettere riguardano il progetto di ricostruzione e riparazione degli edifici dell'O.A.R.E. di Bologna, danneggiati dai bombardamenti :-
  - Lettera del 6 Comando Territoriale - Genio Militare diretta al Ministero della Guerra N° 3/1651 datata 20 Febbraio 1946
  - Lettera dell'O.A.R.E. diretta al Ministero della Guerra N° 7353/SG del 4 Luglio 1946.
2. Mi risulta che un grande sforzo è stato fatto dal personale dell'O.A.R.E. per la rimozione delle macerie e per la riparazione. D'altro canto vi è un qualche arresto del lavoro da parte del Genio Militare, il che non lo fa certo progredire con una andatura soddisfacente.
3. Sarei grato se voi poteste darmi chiarimenti circa il presente stato dei lavori e, se è possibile, affrettarli.

*A* J.G. O'Ferrall,  
Maggiore del Genio Reale  
per il Maggiore Generale  
Missione Militare per l'Eser. It

Copia all' A.D.M.E. (Interna)



Subject:- Mestre : Vittorio Emanuele Barracks

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
RE 2/1  
26 July 46.

To:- Ministry of War.

1. Ref your 17046/I/133 of 22 July 46.
2. The request for a part of the exterior of the a/m barracks to be painted at the cost of 103,578 lire does not appear justifiable as an essential maintenance and repair.
3. Unless further details to prove the case for the work coming within the agreed category of essential works this H.Q. is not prepared to recommend that the work be carried out.

J.C. O'NEILL, Major, R.E.,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

No. 9.  
Copy to:- O.C., 5 B.L.U., Udine - for information

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## TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.  
To : MMIA

Ref: I7646/L/133  
Date: 22/7/46

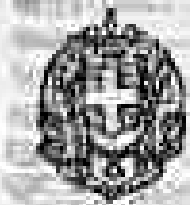
Subject: M E S T R E: Vittorio Emanuele Barracks. -

Udine Military Engineer HQ has informed us that HQ 867 R.E. C.M.F. in letter V/120 dated the 22nd June 1946, has requested ~~that~~, as soon as possible, the painting of a part of the outside of the a/n Barracks at a cost of 103.578 lire.

This work not being essential, <sup>3974</sup> we report the matter to your HQ asking for your opinion.

sgd. Illegible.





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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Divisione Lavori Sez. I<sup>a</sup>  
 Prot. NI 7645/1/13 Allegati  
 Risposta al f.º del  
 Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: M. I. S. T. H. E. : Caserma Vittorio Emanuele

Roma, 22 10 1946 194 - A

Al LA A.C. LAND FORCES  
 SUB COMMISSION  
 M. M. I. A.

R O M A

*Q.*

Il Comando Genio Militare di UDINE ha comunicato che il Comando 86 Area H. Q. NE GEN con foglio n.º 7/130 in data 22 giugno u.s. ha richiesto l'esecuzione, al più presto possibile, di lavori di tinteggiatura esterna di una parte della Caserma in oggetto per l'importo di lire 103.573 =

Prestandosi di lavori non aventi specifico carattere di manutenzione, bensì di abbellimento, se ne riferisce a questo Comando, con preghiera di far conoscere le proprie decisioni circa l'accoglimento o meno della richiesta in parola.

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*L. Riva*  
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BRITISH MISSION UNIT  
FLORENCE

COPY

So RE II

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REF: BLU/35 A

12 July 1946

Subject: Accommodation - 7 C.A.R.To : C.A.R.I.A.Copy 7 Territorial Command

G/TRG/41/1

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1. Ref. this HQ letter of even ref dated 6 July 1946.
2. G.S.O.I and G.S.O.II of this EBU on 11 July '46 made a through inspection of CADOCCA Barracks ARB220, where one Bn. of the C.A.R. will be accommodated for the next recruits course. The Command Engineer representative (Major VERGILIO) and the works contractor were both present.
3. This barracks has recently been vacated by one Bn. of the NWMO Regt. (now concentrated at PISTOIA) and it was only to be expected that the essential water, lighting etc plants were already functioning.
4. Certain parts of this barracks remain considerably war-damaged, and the general appearance of the buildings, parade-square and surroundings is some what "blitzed" and untidy.
5. Now, however, there is quite an army of workmen, masons etc hard at work building, plastering, painting, plumbing and generally tidying up the barracks. Major VERGILIO (who superintended so successfully similar work at the SIENA C.A.R.) is confident that all the necessary works now in hand will be completed by the target date 26 July (and it would appear even to a layman that he has good reason for his confidence).
6. a) Accommodation for one Bn. and services is adequate. The rooms are tiled, spacious and clean; and all windows are glazed.
- b) Kitchens are now being fitted with new cooking-stoves and will adequately cater for the required numbers.
- c) Dining-hall. one spacious and bright dining hall will hold all the personnel.
- d) Latrines and ablutions are numerous, up to date, clean and in working order.

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- e) Baths. There is an efficient hot-water plant which provides centrally for the adequate number of modern, tiled shower-baths.
- f) Men's Canteen with bar counter and water laid on, is being prepared; also necessary store-room.
- g) Messes, Officers' and N.C.O.'s when complete will provide most suitable accommodation including separate kitchens. These occupy a floor of the H block of the bks.
- h) WA Offices are adequate, and are on the second floor of the H block.
- i) Officers' sleeping quarters are adequate, and on the top floor of H block.
- j) Classrooms. An adequate number of indoor classrooms are being constructed by bricking-up in sections the ground-floors of two of the men's barrack blocks. Two tiered lecture rooms already exist.
- k) Garages. An 'F' Shelter is under construction and will be adequate to hold the required number of vehicles at one side of the central parade ground.
- l) Parade ground is now being cleared of rubble and debris, and will then be levelled.
- m) M.I. Room, Sick Bay
- n) Cox etc Offices and stores
- o) Men's Recreation, Reading Rooms.

Although the eventual allotment of accommodation is not yet decided there exists adequate accommodation to provide for all the above.

7. Married Families. No provision at present but authority is awaited from H. of W. to start repairs on another Barracks in AREZZO (not visited on 11 July) which should eventually provide for a considerable number of families.

Copy to: G (Trg)

NOTE II

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C.E. HARTES  
Lt. Col.  
GSO I



7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FLORENCE

SORE

RECEIVED 12 JUL 1946  
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REF: BUJ/36

Florence, 9 July 1946

Subject : Engineer Bn. Folgore Div.

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

Copy to M.M.I.A.

1. Following the visit of Major O'FARRELL S.O.R.E. M.M.I.A. to SCARDIOCI Barracks on 6 July 46 a conference was held at this HQ.
2. Major O'FARRELL strongly recommended that the Engineer Bn. be allowed considerably more space at SCARDIOCI Barracks or, alternatively, should be found other accommodation.
3. The W.E. strength of this Bn. is approx 23 Officers and 600 ORs which, together with their large and bulky stores, has need of much greater accommodation than at present allotted.
4. It was suggested that the ideal barracks for the accommodation of this battalion would be the Scuola Applicazioni Aeronautica at the Caserma FLORENCE, it is believed that this barracks is at present only partially occupied.
5. Will you please inform this HQ. of any action you may take in this matter.

*H.W. Hamilton*  
H.W. HAMILTON  
Major  
GSO II

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SUBJECT:-- School of Motorisation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 473207  
ST/142

17 June 46.

S.M.R.N.

Copy to:- 12 BUU (ref your M/6/5/1726 of  
14 June 46.)

1. The progress of the present driving course which started on May 16th has been considerably interfered with due to the state of alarm which prevailed during the election period. Of the 2439 recruits undergoing tuition 280 were removed on May 28th for guard duties in Rome and only 180 have been returned. Petrol supplies to the School were curtailed to meet any emergency and in consequence practical training was suspended for some days, the deficit however has now been made up.

2. The standard of discipline is still unsatisfactory due to lack of Regimental Officers (see my report of 24th May) and although the Commandant has requested another ten officers only two have arrived. Far too many recruits are going sick on frivolous excuses in order to be excused duty.

3. A large number of the Italian vehicles supplied are very old and nearly 50% are permanently off the road. In view of the fact that most of the Allied vehicles are of different manufacture the acquisition of spares is made more difficult and Col. NIGRI suggested that efforts be made to try and standardise the makes used. A list of the various types is being prepared and this department will endeavour to effect exchanges with other Italian units.

4. The RE work progresses slowly on the cookhouse and it would appear that this will be completed towards the end of this month.

5. The canteen continues to flourish and now shows a profit of 14,000 lire and it is proposed to expend this on the purchase of an automatic bacon slicer and macaroni making machine.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Col. NIGRI is still worried about the lack of discipline which was further undermined by communist propaganda before and during the election campaign but he considers that this state of affairs could be overcome with more regimental officers under command. In spite of the interference referred to in para 1 the instruction according to syllabus is being maintained.

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CTB/gmc

*Richard*  
Lt. Col. RASG.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

INTERNAL:- S.O.R.E. ←



SUBJECT: School of Motorisation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
37/1021/P

S.M.R.E.

24 May 1966.

Copy to:- 12 PMJ.

ADST and DAUST visited the School of Motorisation on May 23rd and following points are brought to your notice.

PERSONNEL.

1. (a) The first driving course started on May 16th with 2130 recruits which is 539 more than was expected. The commandant of the School however is confident that this number can be trained especially as a considerable number of this intake are able to drive already and will be 'passed out' in far under the scheduled 12 weeks.  
The recruits are an average lot but appear very keen to absorb as much mechanical knowledge as possible and have in mind the fact that this knowledge will be useful to them later in civilian life.

- (b) The School generally is short of regimental officers and it is strongly advised that this shortage be rectified to preserve discipline so necessary among young soldiers. WOs are also in short supply and the Commandant considers that a further 60 are required.

- (c) A number of officers and NCOs now on the strength of the School have little experience of this kind of work and are proving entirely unsuitable and it is therefore suggested that they are changed immediately for others more used to the training of recruits. The present policy of sending them on leave pending a transfer is a slow one and retards the progress of the School.

2. (a) Considerable strides have been made in the K work and the only urgent outstanding item is the renovation of the cookhouse. At the present time a number of outside 'soya' stores are in use but the cooking for over two thousand men is a great strain on them.
- (b) More attention should be taken in the meat store to safeguard the meat from flies and as the weather gets hotter it will become serious unless some sort of fly-proof netting is provided, and the store kept well disinfected.

M.F. A further 20 Italian vehicles are expected this week.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The keenness of Col. NIGMI and his staff was most encouraging and a great deal of work has been accomplished to make this school a success. The welfare of the trainees has been well looked after and an excellent canteen is in operation. The billets were clean and tidy and fully equipped with beds and bedding.

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*W. M. W. W. W.*

*W. M. W. W. W.*

CTB/gmo

1st Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADMT, Land Forces Sub COM. AG. (INDIA).

INTERNAL:- S.O.P.R.



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Subject:- Victoria Francisco Pavezca - MISRE

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.S.I.A.)  
RS 2/1  
23 May 46.

To:- Ministry of War

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter from this HQ addressed to  
5 U.I.U., from which it will be seen that no action need yet be taken  
in respect of M.S.I.A. letter reference RS 2/1 dated 20 May 46.

  
R.N.J. KIRKLAND, Major, R.A.,  
for Major General,  
M.S.I.A.

ENCLOSURE - copy 2 223 dated 21 May 46.

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Subject: Construction of a Road1st Lt. Corps, 2nd Corps, 1st  
(1st Lt. Corps)

11 May 65

To: 1-2-3-4-5

1. Attached are copies of letters from 364 Corps Section 1st Lt. Corps and the Ministry of War which refer to a request by the 1st Lt. Corps for the construction of a road along the inside perimeter of the 1st Lt. Corps.

2. Please take up with 1st Lt. Corps and confirm necessity for the work.

3. Also it should be explained to 1st Lt. Corps that this is not a construction work and the War Ministry therefore are not prepared to accept responsibility for payment or for construction.

4. If the work is considered essential a request for approval should be made to JFM by 1st Lt. Corps. This request will then be transmitted to the War Ministry by this JFM.

A. J. J. J. J., Major,  
for Major General,  
1st Lt. Corps.

Copy 101- 1st Lt. Corps II ✓

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M. I. A.)

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20. May 45

TO THE Ministry of War

1. It is understood that 5a Divisions Lower & Sarvini Genda are undertaking the construction of roads inside the above mentioned barracks and are employing a civilian contractor for this work.

2. It seems that the progress of the work is being impeded by lack of Ministry of War approval.

5. Accordingly, it will be much appreciated if approval of this project be given as soon as possible.

Only for U.S. Branch (Mexico)

Near H.Q. 13 Corps.

(your Wks/24 of 14 day refers)

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Subject :- VITTORIO EMANUELO Bks - MESTRE.

CE Branch (Works)  
Rear HQ 13 Corps  
Tel :- 29321  
Ref :- Wks/2244

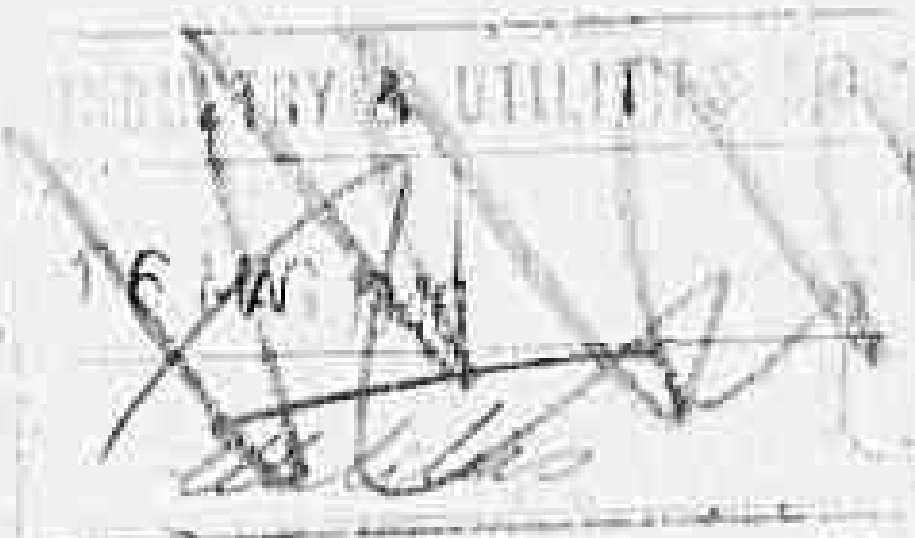
14 May 46

To :- H.Q.,  
Allied Commission,  
ROME.

Copy to :- DW, GHQ CMF  
77 CRE (Works)

1. Construction of Rds inside the a/m barracks has been undertaken by the GENIO MILITARE, who are employing a civilian Contractor.
2. The scheme is understood to be beyond the powers of approval of the local Genio Militare, who are refering the project to the Genio Militare in ROME.
3. From a military point of view, may suitable hastening action please be taken with the Genio Militare ROME, in order to get the scheme approved as soon as possible.

JCB/VD



*[Signature]*  
Brigadier  
Chief Engineer

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REPORT :- Inspection of M.T. Units.

BT/1021/G

1st APR 46

Land Forces Sub Item A.C. ( MIA )

ROME

Tel : Rome 439031 Ext 526

To :- S.M.P.M., Ufficio Automobili.

Copy to :- 11 P.O.M.

On 30 M.T. Coy (Ostania) was inspected by Major SHIRAZI of 11 MIA on the 20th March, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary :-

1. The actual number of vehicles held was stated to be 52 and only 38 of these had been taken on charge; this state of affairs requires clarifying and some explanation should be forthcoming.
2. Some vehicles had Targa numbers at the rear but not in front. Targa numbers should be clearly visible at each end of the vehicle.
3. Daily Park system was not being carried out, the reason given for this was that the handbook "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (wheeled)" had not yet been received in spite of the fact that these handbooks had been indented for by 11 Territorial Command. It is thought that they should be an automatic distribution with ABs 442 and 406.
4. There was no evidence of theoretical or practical Fire Precautions of any kind being in existence and the P.O.M. store was situated in close proximity to the cookhouse.
5. Inspections of vehicles in AB 406 were not being properly carried out.
6. There was no Unit Welfare.
7. Sleeping quarters were said to be overcrowded.
8. The latrines were in a very bad state and were thought to be unhygienic and inadequate, and there was rubbish lying about under the ablution benches.
9. The Engineers were engaged on converting a number of outhouse building into garages and workshops. Outstanding work to be done as planned by the O.C., but for which he cannot obtain additional labour and material to that which is authorised at present is as follows:-

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- a) Construction of new Kitchen, present one being a very unsatisfactory improvisation owing to an open wood fire being used for which an adequate chimney cannot be provided.
- b) Construction of new latrines.
- c) Construction of more adequate ablutions.
- d) Construction of Fire Point.
- e) Fitting up a work dining room.

All these points are considered to be essential and should be expedited as soon as possible.

In connection with paras 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 we would draw your attention to our letter SE/1001 dated 19th March.

It was further pointed out by Major STREZEM that in his opinion the faults found during his inspection were not entirely due to the D.C. who had initiated works to improve both the transport and domestic efficiency of his unit, but to a great extent by lack of interest or supervision from above.

ALS/ag



  
Lt. Col. ADAM,  
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (H.M.I.A.)

Internal :- S.G.P.S. 

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Palermo, Sicily.  
Tel. 11393

27 March 46.

Subject: Engineer works -  
Italian Units

File : PAL/2/1

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

1. Following numerous inspections of units in this Territorial Command it has generally been observed that the state of domestic facilities (i.e. cookhouses, stores, latrines, baths etc.) is very unsatisfactory.

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4. It is suggested that the Ministry of War should obtain an estimation of the minimum sum (in addition to present grant of 2,000,000 lira) required by Terr. Commands to complete outstanding engineer works and that a further grant be made in proportion.

5. It is also noted that many civilian organisations such as Labour Offices, refugees, displaced persons etc. are occupying ex-military barracks. It is suggested that Ministry of War make a review of all such civilian occupied army accommodation in Terr. Commands with a view to accommodating all units as far as possible in army owned property thereby not wasting expenditure on temporarily occupied civil property.

SES/IV  
C.H.F.



S.E. SNEYTON,  
Major,  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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RE 2/1

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SUBJECT :- School of Motorisation - CECCHIGNOLA.

ST/1705

25th Mar 46Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. ( MMIA )  
ROME  
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526To :- S.O.R.E.

Copies to :- G. (Training)

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ROME

12 HLU for S.T.

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1. Further to this branch letter of 14 Mar it is understood that the engineer work on the premises to be utilised for the training of Officers, NCO's and recruits in driving and maintenance has still not yet commenced.
2. As you will appreciate and has already been indicated in previous correspondence, this matter is <sup>one</sup> of extreme urgency. Owing to the delay on the part of the Italian authorities it would now seem doubtful whether even the essential works will be completed prior to the first intakes unless a major degree of improvisation is resorted to.

MPHD/ag

*Lt. Col. ADST.,*  
Land Forces Sub Commission AC(MMIA).

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SUBJECT :- Repairs - School of Motorisation.

ST/1705

14 Mar 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. ( MMIA )  
ROME  
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.O.R.E.

Copies to :- 12 BLU.  
G. Training.  
REME.

1. Attached is a schedule showing repair work outstanding to buildings etc intended for use of the School of Motorisation at CECCHIGNOLA. The estimated cost of repairs is stated to be in the region of 100.000.000 Lire.
2. It is understood that the Commandant of the School has submitted through Italian channels details of repairs required to the Headquarter Buildings of the School.
3. As you are aware Engineer work has not yet been commenced. The matter is apparently still under discussion between Italian Engineer Inspectorate, Ministry of War Training Branch and the Commandant of the School. The stage for detailed preparation of schedules of repairs etc by the Italian Engineer authorities has presumably not been reached.
4. From a recent inspection of the premises it would appear imperative that special steps should be taken to ensure that the works are put in hand without further delay if the accomodation is to be in a reasonable state of repair by the required date.

MPHD/ag

*Lt. Col. ADST.*  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. ( M.M.I.A. ).

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C O P YSUBJECT :- School of Motorisation - R.E. Repairs.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel : ROME 66319)  
Ref : ST/1/1188

12 Mar 46.

TO :- A.D.S.T.  
M.M.I.A.

The following R.E. work is outstanding at present at the School of Motorisation CECCHIGNOLA.

(A) D. & M Wing. (Lot 700).

- (i) Electric Lighting
- (ii) Water supply and fixtures.
- (iii) Cookhouses (2 for 1000 O.Rs., 1 for 150 Officers and 1 for 150 N.C.Os.
- (iv) Partitions in two sheds to be used as classrooms.
- (v) Enlargement of Ablutions.
- (vi) Building of Latrines.
- (vii) Whitewashing of Dormitories.
- (viii) Flooring of Shed 708.
- (ix) Boiler for Shower Baths.
- (x) Repairs to roofs and doors and windows.

(B) Cadet Officers and Pot. N.C.O's Company (Lot 1100).

- (i) Electric Lighting.
- (ii) Water Supply and Fixtures.
- (iii) Officers Shower Baths.
- (iv) Partitions to be built in Infirmary.
- (v) Cookhouse for 150.
- (vi) Partitions in 2 sheds for use as classrooms.
- (vii) Building of Latrines and Ablutions.
- (viii) Boiler for Shower Baths.
- (ix) Repairs to Doors and Windows etc.

(C) HQ and H.Q. Platoon (Lot 900).

- (i) Electric Lighting.
- (ii) Water Supply and Fixtures.
- (iii) Cookhouse for 200.
- (iv) Building of Latrines and Ablutions.
- (v) Repairs to Doors and Windows etc.

(D) M.T. Company. (Lot 800).

- (i) Electric Lighting.
- (ii) Water Supply and Fixtures.
- (iii) Repairs to doors and windows and construction of new windows and doors.



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- (iv) Cookhouse for 500.
- (v) Building of 2 Latrines.

- (E) In addition to above the fencing of the "Lots" is necessary and the repair of such fences where they exist.



Subject :- School of Motorisation - Cecchiola.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.O.

(M.M.I.A.) ROME

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/ Mar. 46.

D.A.D.M.E.,

12, B.U.

It is understood that no engineer work has yet begun on the Repair Training Centre of the above and in view of the short time remaining before recruits begin to arrive this is alarming.

Will you please inform me urgently of the cost of this work and the date when it was submitted to the Italian engineer authorities, when the matter will be taken up here? Your report should of course cover the cost of installing the necessary machine tools for training purposes in addition to the more normal type of engineering work.

cc/ir

Copy to :

C (irg) - can you please bring pressure to bear.

S.T. - it is understood that the D & M School is not greatly affected.

S.C.M.E.

Lt. Col.

A.D.M.E.

M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: No 11 Territorial Admin. Tpt. Coy.  
(11 Co. Trans. Admin.)

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)  
E 2/1.  
26 Feb 46.

TO: Ministry of War.

1. It is reported by 11 B.I.U. that the subject unit at Palermo are without adequate bathing facilities, in that there is no bath available for the use of the personnel concerned, and that the shower baths have been out of order for a very considerable time.

2. Since the hygiene of a unit is so important it is requested that, with the minimum of delay, the necessary engineer works be undertaken.

  
R.N.J. HILLIARD, Major,  
S.O.R.E.,  
M.H.I.A.

Copy to: E & T.

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SUBJECT: No. 2 Increment Military Bakery - Genova.

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

RE 2/1

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TO: Ministry of War.

1. A recent report from 1 SSB states that there are still many urgent outstanding repairs necessary at No. 2 Increment Military Bakery Genova.
2. Particularly urgent and necessary are the repairs to the roof, since in the event of heavy rain, food stocks are liable to be destroyed.
3. Accordingly, it is requested that steps be taken to expedite the repairs in question.



R.H.J. HART, Major,  
S.O.R.E.  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: S & T.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.F.C.

File : SR/208

Date : 31 Jan 46

SUBJECT : Italian Supply Depots.TO : Engineers. 

1. On a recent inspection of Italian Supply Depots in Southern Italy it was noted that considerable engineer work was outstanding.

2. The following are an indication of the nature of these works.

Italian Military Bakery - BARI. Whitewashing.

Food Distribution Depot - BRUNISI. Latrines required repairs.

Food Distribution Depot - NAPLES. Repairs to a number of windows and whitewashing of a number of stores including coolhouse in particular.

Dulk Food Depot - NAPLES. Some roof repairs - also whitewashing of stores.

There were also a number of repairs required in the Bulk and Distribution Depots in BARI but in view of the fact that there is a possibility that these Depots may be transferred to another site no specific details are included here.

3. The above information is forwarded as an indication of the difficulty experienced in securing completion of such works and with a view to seeing whether prompter action cannot be taken by the Italian Engineer Services.



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LEHD/gmc

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*The above is for -*  
Lt. Col.  
A.D.S.T.

SUBJECT : FROSINONE Camp - Anti-Malaria Measures.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM AC (MMIA)

RE 2/1

20 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference letter 6/2019/Serv di prot of  
12 Apr 45. It has not been found possible to obtain  
the use of an excavator or bulldozer for work on the  
drainage of land near FROSINONE Camp.

A British Malaria Control Unit is visiting  
this Camp in the near future and will advise on the  
anti-malarial measures necessary.

*Robertson  
Raj*

*hr*

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

*Copy to - A  
Med.*

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Automobilismo

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N. 6/29/4 /Serv. di prot.-

OGGETTO: Lotta antimalarica.-

P.N. 3800, 11/4 aprile 1945

~~13/4~~ **SORE**  
**R O M A**

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)

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Il Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma ha chiesto di assegnare - per una settimana - al Centro Addestramento Complementi di Frosinone una escavatrice necessaria per impedire che l'acqua stagni nelle immediate adiacenze degli accampamenti del Centro stesso.

In considerazione:

- a)- dell'approssimarsi della stagione malarica;
- b)- che presso gli enti dipendenti non esistono mezzi di cui sopra,

si prega voler intercedere presso le competenti autorità alleate, affinché per il periodo suindicato venga concessa al Centro in parola l'escavatrice richiesta.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
- Giorgio Liuzzi -  
*Glizetti*

Q2

Ref. the attached request:  
 3 District will not send in accounts  
 as all machines are employed further south  
 If this is an essential work we should  
 have to get AFHQ to intervene and instruct  
 3 District to move a machine there  
 To get AFHQ to do this we should  
 have to get med. and eng. expert  
 advice and recommendation.

RB G. P. L. P. H. P.

ADM/S

Anti malaria Frodoone

Pl speak to RE Co. no  
 Arab Express for the bulldozer? RRR

17 Apr

Q2.

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 get on with the many more practical jobs first e.g. ~~house~~  
 but less spectacular work first. e.g. ordinary cleaning ~~drainage~~ 3350



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AB Capt. May

16 Apr

ADMS

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17 Apr

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 but less spectacular work first. e.g. ordinary clearing drainage,  
 3950  
 nothing etc. A British MCV will shortly reach this  
 camp to cover it completely with D.D.T. O consider we do not  
 like any further action program. WSN 18/4.

to II RE

Mammal latrine! They have hundreds of  
 men doing nothing RRR Q.2.

17 Apr

TRANSLATION.Subject:- Works - AFRAGOLA CAMP.

Com. Genio Mil. NAPOLI.  
CG/773/L  
2 Feb.

MMIA LO 3 District.

Copy: COMITER Napoli.  
HQ 227 Div.

Ref your 3DLO/37 of 26 Jan.

Herewith details of works so far carried out  
at AFRAGOLA Camp:-

1. First draft of 50 under comd Lieut. DI RENZO have moved to AFRAGOLA.
2. The necessary quantity of barbed wire and pickets have been moved to the camp.
3. Lt. veh SPA RE 134605 has been drawn.
4. Wiring has commenced, drainage of the cook-house yard and the digging of drains throughout the camp has been started.

(sd.) ?  
Brig. CE.

Subject:- AFRAGOLA CAMP.

3DLO/37  
3 Feb 45.

Major COPPLESTON,  
MMIA, Rome.

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3DIO/37  
3 Feb 45.

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MMIA, Rome.

Above is passed to you for your information.

The permanent allotment of 3 vehs will not be available until about 6 Feb 45.

The British Cadre under Major ADAMSON takes over duties w.e.f. noon 4 Feb.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
MMIA LO,

3 District.



