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Welfare Reinforcement + Training Camp

Jan. - May 1945

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 3367/Ord/1.

Date: 12 May '45.

From : Ministry of War

To : M.I.A. Reply to S.G./13/43. - 10/3/45

SUBJECT : Military Band for Cesano

The a/m Band has been functioning with the
Pisani Div., W.I., (C.I.G.F.I.C. w.e.f. 5th inst.

This band has been formed as laid down in para 1
of the letter, in reply to which, this is written.

(Gergio Lincini)

Original A/346.

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TRANSLATION.

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2-5-45

29 April '45

Ministry of War
Directorate of Welfare.

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

03390/B.3.

Subject: Request for glass for Rest Rooms.

It has been ascertained by inspection that the Rest Rooms at Cesano Camp completely lack glass.

This has been brought to the notice of the Directorate of Works (R.E.) of Rome Territorial Command, who state that they unable to help in any way, as glass is controlled by the Allied Authorities, and what little is available on the market is most expensive.

The material required is no more than an accessory to work already effected to render the Rest Rooms as comfortable as possible, and to make them healthy and attractive to the troops: these questions are of the highest importance from the point of view of "welfare".

It is therefore requested that MMIA will take up the matter with the competent authority in order that the necessary glass for the work in question may be released: an estimate made by the Directorate of Works (R.E.) places the quantity required at about 2,000 sq.ms.

/S G.C. TAMASSIA
Brigadier.

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Divisione

Int. N. 03390/35 Allegati

Se.

Risposta al Foglio del

Dir. Gen.

N. 29

Richiesta vetri per luoghi di ritrovo.-

OGGETTO

Al LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

APRILE 1945

Da un sopralluogo effettuato al Centro Addestramento FF.II.di combattimento di Cesano è stato constatato che i locali di ritrovo per i militari del Centro sono completamente sforniti di vetri.-

E' stata interessata al riguardo la Direzione Lavori del Genio del Comando Territoriale di Roma, la quale ha fatto presente che non può in alcun modo aderire alla richiesta per il fatto che tutto il quantitativo dei vetri è bloccato dalle autorità alleate e che quel poco disponibile sul mercato raggiunge prezzi altissimi.-

Il materiale che necessiterebbe non è che un accessorio ai lavori già predisposti per poter dare ai locali di ritrovo il massimo comfort, in modo da renderli sani e ben accettati ai militari; questo ne tutta che riveste la più alta importanza del punto di vista del "benessere".-

Prego pertanto codesta Ufficio di voler interessare quello competente affinché vengano concessi i vetri occorrenti per i lavori in questione, tenendo presente che, secondo un preventivo fatto dalla Direzione Lavori del Genio, il fabbisogno è di circa 2000 mq.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
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(G.C. Tamassia)

Luigi Tamassia

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SUBJECT : RTC. ICF.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
S/G/29/47
16 Mar'45.

Director Military Training,
A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference DMT/127/21/MT.2. of 9 Mar.
2. It is correct that sports gear is not issued to the Italian army by British Army Welfare Services.
3. The Italian Director of Welfare is endeavouring to provide sports gear for the RTC.ICF as he is for other formations and units. The difficulties are scarcity of goods on the market and excessive prices. Three footballs have been issued to RTC ICG, in addition to the two provided by you.
4. The welfare officer at RTC ICG has been given the necessary information and instructions to construct a sports ground and to provide jumping pits, vaulting horses etc, in short - to improvise.

M. P. Siley
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Internal:-A.D.A.W.S.

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SUBJECT: Military Band for CESANO.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)10 5/6/29/43
March 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: "F" HLG, RTC IOT.

Reference your letter 01722 of 5 March 1945.

1. The proposal contained in the above letter, of forming a band at CESANO, is agreed, with the following provisions:-

- (a) that it consist of not over 20 men.
- (b) that the Italian military personnel be obtained only from the present BRI-IMI personnel.
- (c) that the WE/TO at CESANO not be altered.
- (d) that the musical instruments be furnished from sources available to the Italian Army.

2. Please advise this Mission of the action taken. It is hoped that the proposed band will be organized and functioning in the very near future.

W. Paddy

Major General
M.M.I.A.INTERNAL:
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SUBJECT: Welfare HQ HQ.

A.D.A.H.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) ROME.
WHL/X.
Mar'45.

Ministry of War
Directorate of Welfare.

1. Reference this HQ A/27 of 26 Feb. para 3.
2. Will you please forward a progress report.

Lt. Col.
A.D.A.H.S.

Internal - "A".

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SUBJECT: 1 CG RTC Cesano

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.W.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/X.
6 Mar '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato.

1. Reference A/27 of 26 Feb. — 8A
2. As welfare planning for the summer months is now under consideration you will no doubt be issuing a directive and service orders to your welfare officers at Cesano.
3. The attached notes compiled as a result of visits to and reports on the training depots by officers of this HQ are forwarded for your information, and such action as you may consider necessary.
4. It is appreciated that welfare stores are in short supply but much can be done with those stores that are available through the initiative of the unit welfare officer.


Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
M.W.I.A.

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Notes for Welfare 100 PPD.

1. General. The camps are in isolated positions and are not close to the amenities provided by a large town; it therefore follows that the soldier must rely to a great extent for his relaxation and entertainment on the amenities provided within the training centre organisation. The situation has however its advantages in that the camp is well sited for the development of sports.

2. Bathing. A reconnaissance should now be made to ascertain the best place for a bathing beach. The prime consideration should be to select a place, either on lake Bracciano or Martignano as close as possible to the camps. Once selected arrangements can be made in advance for such details as the erection of diving boards and the provision of boats (for the use of bathing picquets).

3. In many ways the welfare of the soldier can be combined with the training of the soldier.

As examples:-

(1) The provision of a miniature rifle range.

Such a 30 yard range is easy to erect and provided it conforms to the necessary safety requirements can provide recreation for the soldier during his off duty hours through the organisation of competitions, pool shoots etc.

(11) Cross Country runs. The country is admirably suited to such sport.

4. Sports. The situation of the camp is ideally suited to the organisation of athletics. With the labour available it will be possible to construct with little expenditure and material an admirable sports stadium.

Such a stadium sited within the camp limits and based on a 400 metre running track could well include amongst other things:-

- (a) jumping pits for long and high jump.
- (b) a football ground.
- (c) a basket ball pitch.
- (d) 100 metres sprinting track.
- (e) tug of war pitch.

5. Entertainments.

A perfectly good theatre is available in addition to 5552 balls suitable as cinema: with a little ingenuity seating can be improvised from local material.

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6. The welfare officer while responsible to the commander for the welfare of the troops in camp should represent to him the need for appointing at once from those on his staff a sports officer, a entertainments officer, and an officer i/c bathing.

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 as ~~the~~ ^{was} left for inspection.
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 month.

Sports Equipment: (a) In possession that are at footballs,
 Attained through exhibit, and that of "Beach" has
 other equipment (any not exists and improvement is
 very different. ? Barlet Ball. ? Bel a spoli local going.

(b) Gymnastic equipment: this is most and available
 material for making it on the spot is difficult to view by
 in view of many other high priority tasks calling for
 whatever material is available. 2nd priority by next winter.

Writers ~~although~~ ^{they} will have some 5551
 two weeks in fact, in the camp. Take up with Thomson
Cinema There is not operating in this area with a
 or accommodations

good projection toward apparatus
 also, shows are given each night and film changed
 once a week. Radio supply American films, which
 as the most popular. The seats in this hall are
 supplied from broken pieces and something better
 is required. A new screen is also wanted.
 How many shows a day? three or four

A second house has been earmarked for a cinema, but this is nothing but the talk. **What** when will it be operating?

A second cinema projector has been obtained and is in London waiting for attention & it is reported that SRE brought this at £ 800,000. It is intended to install this in the theatre (the cinema) giving it a dual purpose, and a screen is also required.

OK. - Henry.

With a satisfactory results has been set up, although the seating again is improvised; the stage lighting and dressing rooms are all quite well done. Seating is for 400. A microphone is required. How many a night.

A concert party has been giving shows nightly and finished 11th night. It was hoped to get a military show which had been booked (under Dr. Arnold).

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Canteens 6 as called canteens exist and are operating. They are very small and in reality are five little shops. There are wine, hats, shoes, brass, and limited quantities of cooking paper. They cannot be closed as other than temporary. 5550

Large canteens are in the process of preparation on the basis of two per regiment. There will have waiting room, and games room, in addition to the shop. Any writing or reading room anywhere? If not set them.

Temp papers
2000 copies of 'La Patria' are received each day, and 2500 have been requested. The paper has been very well received, and there are no complaints.

~~to distribute to the men~~ OK

1. Distribution is effected through company officers and is
disapproved.
2. "Ladies" does not seem to be needed very regularly;
this is probably due to their own fault; as they have
agreed to collect to themselves.

3. Enquiries amongst the ladies revealed that they did, in
fact, see the Ladies every day, & at least had no
objection to it. They are quite satisfied with it.

W. H. D.

Genl. ~~From~~ The impression received
by Capt. was that Zouave, the western officer,
is conversations. Ludwigshafen Capt. R. G. G.
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24 Mar.

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SUBJECT: Welfare - RTO ICF.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROSE.

4/27.

26 Feb'45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Copy to:- RHU RTO ICF. (your 2/1/1 of 26 Feb refers).
" " A.D.A.T.S. MIA/

1. Attached are extracts from a letter reporting on Welfare needs for the Reinforcement Training Depot.
2. It is suggested that you do your utmost to meet the requirements of this depot training, as it does, the reinforcements for the fighting troops in the Combat Groups.
3. Please notify this HQ of the amounts of Welfare stores supplied against these requirements.
4. It is considered that your planning should be on the basis of a strength figure of 12,000 with a monthly turnover of 2,000.
5. The above will mean that the entitlement to "La Patria" and "Italia" will be 1,500 copies.

W.P. Parley.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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WELFARE - RTC ICF.

1. The position in regard to the issue of Welfare goods to the RTC ICF remains unsatisfactory. It is most essential that O i/c Welfare at the RTC be given every help in obtaining material for the furtherance of Welfare amenities at this Centre.

2. The Welfare goods so far issued are :-

(a) Pacchi Dono	- 1500	
(b) Footballs	- 2	(1 more promised)
(c) Cinema projector (35mm)	- 1	
(d) Italia	- 300	Copies per week.
(e) "Live" Entertainment - first show 20 Feb '45. One performance every evening from 1500hrs to 1730hrs at C-2 ANO only.		

3. It is requested that the Ministero della Guerra be approached and asked to make every effort to produce the following :-

(a) Pacchi Dono

This would mean :- (one per new recruit entering RTC ICF.)

1. An immediate issue of	- 10,500
11. A monthly issue of	- 3,000 (starting 1 Mar.)
(b) Footballs	- 24

This would only give one each to the RTC ICF HQ, 3 Regt HQ's 9 Bns, CC.RR. 7 Schools, and four footballs as "reserve". It is appreciated that footballs are in extremely short supply, but Football is a popular game in the Italian Army and it is requested that the most energetic steps be taken to produce footballs.

(d) Bocce.

- 13 Sets.

There should be no difficulty in manufacturing Bocche Balls even if the most suitable wood is not available in occupied Italy - they could be made with a softer wood as a temporary measure.

(d) Gym Sets.

Parallel Bars	- 9
Horizontal	- 6
Vaulting Horses	- 12
Spring Boards	- 20

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(e) Tag - o - War Ropes

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(f) Basket Ball Balls

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Spring Boards - 20

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(e) Tug - o - War Ropes

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(f) Basket Ball balls

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Basket Ball is second in popularity only to Football.

(g) Wireless. No wireless set has yet been received. It is suggested that at least 6 wireless sets be made available. This would only give one wireless set per

HQ RTC.

No 1 Regt.

No 2 Regt.

No 3 Regt. less 7Bn (in separate Barracks).

7 Bn.

D & M School / Mechanics School.

(2)

(g) It is again appreciated that wireless sets are scarce but they are available at a price (30-50,000 Lire) in Rome or alternately could they not be requisitioned? Many houses in Rome have 2 or more which they cannot (or should not) use owing to the electricity rationing.

Loud speakers will be set up by HTC personnel.

(h) Cinema. One projector (35mm) is in operation at No 1 Regt and films are changed every week. It is requested that two more projectors (35mm) are made available immediately. This would enable No 2 Regt to have a cinema and the theatre to be adapted for use as a cinema. There is no problem in obtaining films for entertainment.

(j) Canteens are being organized on the basis of at least one per Regt. It is requested that an issue against payment of extra:-
 1 Flour
 11 Margarine
 111 Dried Fruit
 1V Sugar
 V Coffee
 be made for making cakes and hot drinks. Other goods are obtainable from local purchase. It is requested that Toilet Articles such as :- Toilet Soap
 Shaving Soap
 Tooth Paste etc etc.

either be made available from NN. FI stocks or that the Ministero della Guerra be asked to make contracts for the supply of these goods at a reasonable price.

(k) Newspapers.

1 Italia May the allotment to the RTO be increased to 2,000 per week?

11 Patria. It is requested that 2,000 copies per day be allotted to this Centre.

(l) Books and Periodicals - Libraries are needed badly - they should be at least on Bn level. Every effort is being made to obtain books - but results are so far disappointing.

(m) Italian Red Cross. Ref MIA letter HQ/11 of 13 Dec 44. May the Ministero della Guerra be asked to have a detachment of the Italian Red Cross permanently established at RTO to help and advise Italian troops as laid down in your letter?

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SUBJECT :- Welfare.

BLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MIA) RCE.
Ref 9/1/1

23 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA) ✓

1. The position in regard to the issue of Welfare goods to the RTC ICF remains unsatisfactory. It is most essential that O i/c Welfare at the RTC be given every help in obtaining material for the furtherance of Welfare amenities at this Centre. At present, the Welfare Branch at the Ministero della Guerra has only given slender help.

2. The RTC has now a strength of over 12,000 with an intake of approx 2,500 for the remainder of Feb - 4,000 for March and thereafter, it is hoped, 3,000 per month.

3. The Welfare goods so far issued are :-

(a)	Pacchi Dono	-	1500
(b)	Footballs	-	2 (1 more promised)
(c)	Cinema projector (35 mm)	-	1
(d)	Italia	-	500 copies per week
(e)	"Live" Entertainments - first show 20 Feb 45. One performance every evening from 1500 hrs to 1730 hrs at CESATO only.	-	

4. It is requested that the Ministero della Guerra be approached and asked to make every effort to produce the following :-

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This would mean :-

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This would only give one each to the RTC ICF HQ, 3 Regt HQ's 9 Bns, CC.RR, 7 Schools, and four footballs as "reserve". It is appreciated that footballs are in extremely short supply,

at the RTC be given every help in obtaining material for the furtherance of Welfare amenities at this Centre. At present, the Welfare Branch at the Ministero della Guerra has only given slender help.

2. The RTC has now a strength of over 12,000 with an intake of approx 2,500 for the remainder of Feb - 4,000 for March and thereafter, it is hoped, 3,000 per month.

3. The Welfare goods so far issued are :-

(a)	Pacchi Dono	-	1500
(b)	Footballs	-	2 (1 more promised)
(c)	Cinema projector (35 mm)	-	1
(d)	Italia	-	500 copies per week
(e)	"Live" Entertainments - first show 20 Feb 45. One performance every evening from 1500 hrs to 1730 hrs at CESAMO only.	-	

4. It is requested that the Ministero della Guerra be approached and asked to make every effort to produce the following :-

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(c) BOCCE. 12 Sets.

There should be no difficulty in manufacturing Bocche Balls - even if the most suitable wood is not available in occupied Italy - they could be made with a softer wood as a temporary measure.

(a)	<u>Gym Sets.</u>		
	Parallel Bars	-	9
	Horizontal Bars	-	6
	Vaulting Horses	-	12
	Spring Boards	-	20

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- (e) Tug - o - War Ropes - 12
- (f) Basket Ball balls - 12
Basket Ball is second in popularity only to Football.
- (g) Wireless. No wireless set has yet been received. It is suggested that at least 6 wireless sets be made available. This would only give one wireless set per

HQ RTC
No 1 Regt
No 2 Regt
No 3 Regt less 7 Bn (in separate Barracks).
7 Bn.
D & M School / Mechanics School.

It is again appreciated that wireless sets are scarce - but they are available at a price (30 - 50,000 Lire) in ROME or alternately could they not be requisitioned? Many houses in ROME have 2 or more which they cannot (or should not) use owing to the electricity rationing.

Loud speakers will be set up by RTC personnel.

- (h) Cinema. One projector (35 mm) is in operation at No 1 Regt and films are changed every week.

It is requested that two more projectors (35 mm) are made available immediately. This would enable No 2 Regt to have a cinema and the theatre to be adapted for use as a cinema. There is no problem in obtaining films for entertainment.

- (j) Canteens. are being organised on the basis of at least one per Regt.
It is requested that an issue against payment of extra

- I Flour
- II Margarine
- III Dried Fruit
- IV Sugar
- V Coffee

be made for making cakes and hot drinks. Other goods are are obtainable from local purchase. It is requested that

Toilet Articles such as :-

Toilet Soap
Shaving Soap
Tooth Paste etc etc

either be made available from NAATI stocks or that the Ministero della Guerra be asked to make contracts for the supply of these goods at a reasonable price.

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Newspapers

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II

Patria It is requested that 2,000 copies per day be allotted to this Centre.

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Books and Periodicals

Libraries are needed badly - they should be at least on Bn level. Every effort is being made to obtain books - but results are so far disappointing.

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Italian Red Cross. Ref MIA Letter AQ/11 of 13 Dec 44. May the Ministero della Guerra be asked to have a detachment of the Italian Red Cross permanently established at RTC to help and advise Italian tps as laid down in your letter?

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A study of Welfare as it affects RTC ICF brings out forcibly that there seems to be little understanding of the proper way to tackle this problem. Much apparent effort brings little or no result. It is appreciated that there is little "jam" in Italy today - but it is felt that a good deal that could be done for the Italian troops is neglected owing to disinterestedness. Would it not be possible to get the newspapers to run something on the lines of a "help the Soldiers" week in ROME for the Combat Troops

L.H. Mack

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FILE "RA"
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RA Training Depot - Ft. Army - now in Naples area moving
to Grazzano in circa two months time. Col. RA. Dugan
- is endeavoring to organize a RA Fund - X
civilian run - donations of money books etc.
Object - to boost morale & bring welfare to soldiers
on a RA-corps basis - the soldiers to feel the
civilians are interested in them - the civilians
to be made to feel they are helping the gallant
fighting soldier. Dugan will keep us informed
of progress

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SUBJECT: Cesano Camp.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(H.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/R/11
24 Jan. 45.

Spec. Sup. WHIA.

Copy to- AQ. WHIA.

1. Reference WEL/R/8 dated 22 Jan.
2. Lt. Col. Zingone is now temporarily attached to the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre, Cesano, to assist in Welfare organization during the initial stages.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

A.D.A.M.G.
 C/O Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
 (A.D.I.A.) ROMA.
 W/R/S.
 22 Jan. 45.

Ministry of War,
Ufficio - Assistenza e Denegazione del Soldato.
 Copy - Spec Section A.D.I.A.
 W/R. A.D.I.A.

1. Ref conversation Lt.Col. Angeloni - ADAMS.
2. It is suggested that, as a temporary measure, either Major Angeloni or Capt. Bonatti be attached to the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre at Casano to aid on the subject of welfare during the initial period.
3. If this is agreed please state when the attachment will commence and for what period it will last.

[Signature]
 Lt:Col.

A.D.A.M.G.

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SUBJ CT: Visit to I.C.G. Reinforcement Centre.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Com.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROMA.
WEL/R/6.

24 Jan. 47.

Spec. Sec. M.M.I.A.

Copy: A/Q.M.M.I.A.

1. On 20 Jan I took Col. Micalotti and Lt. Col. Angeloni to visit the I.C.G. Reinforcement Centre at Cesano. As a result of the visit and a conference with the Italian Commander these representatives of Italian Welfare have arranged to provide the following amenities for the camp.

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(ii) The camp will be sent 3 footballs; also a supply of small indoor games.

(iii) 2,000 parcels, in the nature of our 'glory bags', containing soap, razor blades, writing paper etc will be issued.

(iv) A concert party will be provided when the camp has erected an improvised stage (this is to be done on 23 Jan) this party will give two shows a day and will make sufficient visits for all men in camp to see the show.

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(vi) The local price of wine is 60 - 70 lire a litre. It was suggested that buying should be done further afield e.g. cars visiting Rome could be used for this purpose.

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A.D.A.F.S.

Cesano Camp.

Training direction for Italian
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Remo. Colonel Rao. (DMT)

B.L.U. Cesano

Lt Col. L.O. Major

S.C. DADOS. DABST.

DABM.E. 1 Lt (Camp Comm.)

16 O.Rs.

DMT's Training Section

2 Majors 2 Captains 12 NCOs.

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Campo di Cesano

Gioielli: primi accordi col Col. Muraldi per
che mette a disposizione 500
copie della Bibbia.

Il Col. Micalletti ha suggerito al
Capo di S.M. che giornalmente
l'Anticano che vive a Roma
acquisti un numero sufficiente
di altri giornali.

Sports.

Il Col. Micalletti ha promesso
l'invio di 3 palloni di foot
ball.

Giochi.
Small games

Idem invia giochi di
dama, carte etc.

Parchi. Idem.

Idem. invia 2000 parchi
dama.

Cigarette extractions. Idem ha suggerito
che provvedano all'acquisto
di invia di un mezzo a
Bari e Lecce per acquisto di
cigarette di caduti e paga-
mento.

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Cinema

fini famiglia

Radiodue apparecchi di cui uno
munto di alta parlante con
fini dotazione.TestoSuggerito a parte da Col. Micaletti
che provvedano alla costruzione
di un palazzetto (sia pure
moderatamente) - non appena
provato il Col. Micaletti provveda
alla cura del complesso.CanzoneAdattare appronto locale o locale
per tale scopo - appronto a 1/2
autocarro in Stato del Sud
per il governo come vino, ananas
e altri.Il Col. Micaletti inoltre ha conferito col
fig. G. Comandante circa:

- paglio di giacitura e suo consumo.
- un eventuale cura del Choro di Tapiro
e regione vicinaria.
- assegnazione di fondi per spese
personali e di rappresentanza.

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