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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293613-23

Ref: MLU/36.

9 Dec. 1946

Subject: Accomodation

To : 7 Territorial Command (Folgore)

Ref. "Folgore" Div letter 3975/Bs Prot. dated 22 Nov.'46

Herewith Copy of 217 Area letter Q 3126 dated 7 Dec'46 for your information.

D.S.L. GIBSON
Major
DA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE

Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/36

2 Dec'46

Subject: Accn

To : HQ. 217 Area

Ref. this HQ. letter BLU/36 dated 26 Nov. 46 and your Q 3826 dated 29 Nov.'46.

Herewith as requested copy translation of letter from "FOLGORE" Division.

B.S.L. GREGSON
Major
MA & CIO

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 29361 S / 25

Ref : BLU/36
26 Nov. 1946

Subject : Accomplation.
To : 217 Area.

M.O. DATA WANTED.

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from H.Q. "FALCONE" Division.

2. I understand that this is a most deserving case and would be grateful if you would forward this letter to the proper authority.

D.S.I. GIBSON
Major,
DAA & QMG
7 B.L.U.

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Copy to :- H.Q. "FALCONE" Div.
(your 3975/M3 Prot. dated 22/11/46 refers).

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293613-23

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REF: BLU/36

24 August 1946

Subject : Demolition of blockhouses

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. The attached letter has been received in this office from the civilian firm of VITALONI GIOVANNI, ARMANIA MASSA.

2. This HQ. is not competent to give the required permission. Will you please take such action as may be necessary through the correct Italian Channels.

D.S.I. GUNSON
Major
MA & CI

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Copy to : Ditta VITALONI GIOVANNI
Via XX Settembre 56
ARMANIA MASSA

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Tele: 293618-20

Ref: BLU/36

1 August 1946

Subject : Notice Boards

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref. your 4209 of 27 July 1946.

2. Notices are returned herewith duly signed by GSO I of this B.L.U.

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K.W. HARRISON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Tele: [illegible]

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Ref: BLU/36

30 July 1946

Subject : Military Hospital - Lechwerk

To : 7 Territorial Command

see 77D

1. Ref. your 7232/Sec/Prot. of 13 July 1946.

2. The attached reply has been received from HQ. F.D.S. and is passed to you for information.

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO IX

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Telephone 293618-23

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Ref: BLU/36

22 July 1946

Subject: Diary and report on tour by S.O.R.E to Engineer Units in Florence Area

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

1. Herewith copy of report for your information.

2. Para 3 (a) of attached report and our BLU/36 dated 9 July'46 refer to accommodation for Engineer Bn. May this HQ. please be notified of any decisions made by you in this matter.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO IX

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/36

13 July 1946

Subject : Ospedale Militare Secondario
Via Cardueci - LIVORNO

To : HQ. P.B.S.

1. The attached letter has been received from 7 Terr. Command.

2. Will you please notify this HQ. of any information you may have regarding the date of the handing back to the Italians of the a/m hospital.

H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 INFANTRY BRIGADE
PLACENTIA

MMP: BLU/36

Florence, 9 July 1946

Subject : Engineer Bn. Polaco Div.

To : H.Q. 7 Territorial Command

Copy to H.M.I.A.

1. Following the visit of Major O'FARRELL D.C.O.R.E. HMIA to SANDICOT 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 SANDICOT Barracks or, alternatively, should be found other accomodation.

3. The W.E. strength of this Bn. is approx 25 Offr and 600 ORs which, together with their large and bulky stores, has need of much greater accomodation than at present allotted.

4. It was suggested that the ideal barracks for the accomodation of this battalion would be the Scuola Applicazione Aeronautica at the Cascine 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
Major
GSO II

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Ref: BLU/36

Tel : 1121

26 June 1946

Subject : Accreditation Roberts Club.

To : Maj. TEDDIAT
7 Bulk Ordnance Stores Depot.

See 70

Ref. your Signal Message No.106 undated.

Herewith Inventory of Furniture as requested.

S/Sgt.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/36

Florence, 20 June 1946

Subject : BOVEZZANO Barracks

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

Herewith plans of BOVEZZANO barracks. These plans were handed over to this HQ. by Commandant "G" Military Prison and are forwarded to you for retention.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/36

14 June 1946

Subject : Accomodation.

To : O.C. Troops FLORENCE.

Ref. telephone conversation KELLY - GREGSON of 13 June'46.

1. It is confirmed that 7 T.C. will mount a guard on ROVEZZANO Barracks as from 0900 hrs. 15th June and take over these barracks from this time.

2. You have agreed that the two water pumps will not be dismantled until 7 T.C. have had a chance to inspect the water installation and of stating if they are prepared to purchase the pumps, if they are for sale.

3. The foregoing has been discussed and agreed with O.C. G Military prison.

4. Copy of de-requisition notice will be forwarded to this H.Q. in due course.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major,
DAA & QMG

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Copy to :- 7 Territorial Command.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/Sec T

Florence, 29 May 1946

Subject : Bakery Florence

To : 7 Territorial Command

- Sec 61.

Herewith copy of MMIA letter Q. 216 dated 25 May 1946, for your information.

D.St. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
FLORENCE.

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REF: HAA/36

30 April'46

Subject : Water Installation at "SCARUGLIA" Barracks.

To : Engineers HQ.
7 Territorial Command.

Ref. 7 Territorial Command letter 4689/Serv.Prot dated 26 April'46.

Will you please report to this HQ what action is now being taken on this matter.

D.S.L. GREGSON.
Major.
DAA & QMG.

Copy To: HQ. 7 Territorial Command.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE.

(55)

REF: BLU/36

28 April'46

Subject : Barrack Accommodation.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

1. This memorandum is forwarded in respect of the points raised and agreed at the interview between General De SIMONE and Majors GREGSON and GREENHOUGH on 27 April'46.

(a) Major GREGSON informed General De SIMONE that HQ. BELA had received information from the Min of War, that CASCINE barracks would not be allocated to 7 T.C.

(b) It was agreed that BALDISSERA barracks would be vacated by 7th Ind.Regt, and the whole of these barracks would be handed over to the CCRR.

(c) That the approximate date of the hand-over would be 5 May.

D.S.L.GREGSON.
Major.
DAA & QMG.

Copy to : M.M.I.A. (Tele conversation Col PIDSLEY - GREGSON of 26 and 27 April refer.)
Internal - CCRR.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/36

Florence 27 April 1946

Subject : CC.RR. Mob. Bn. FLORENCE

To : M.M.I.A.

Further to this office letter BLU/36 of 8 April 1946 and signal BLU/36 of 12 April 1946.

1. A decision is still awaited as to release of Air Force School, CASCINE for use of 7 Territorial Command.

2. Owing to return of Italian Army Units to this Area the Commander 7 Territorial Command has had to examine position of BALDISSERA Barracks with intention of depriving CC. R. Mob. Bn. of part of their present accommodation there.

3. In view of imminent return of members of CC.RR. Mob. Bn. at present on detachment, the above, if carried out, will only serve to deteriorate the present unsatisfactory situation of the Bn.

4. On Wed 24 April 46 Major GREENHOUGH CC.RR. L.O. discussed the position with General DE SIMONE. The latter is desirous of releasing the whole of BALDISSERA Bks for CC.RR. use, but lack of accommodation in this Area renders it impossible to transfer the elements of 7 Ind. Regt. ([redacted]., one Bn, and elements of one other Bn) who are at present sharing the Bks. with the CC.RR. Mob. Bn.

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5. The General suggested that if the Military CASERMA del GENIO, Via della Scala, FLORENCE was returned to the military this would solve the problem.

6. For the past 12 months the above barracks have been used as a refugee centre. It is controlled by the Ministry of Assistenza Post Bellica - ROME. The Regional and Provincial Office is at FLORENCE. Director is Lt. Col. MANZINI, Italian Air Force.

7. At present there are 2432 Italian refugees in the barracks, the majority, 2123, are from N.AFRICA or GREECE.

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The Director states that 1000 of these will be sent to their homes in the immediate future.

8. General DE SIMONE is making a further application to the Minister of War, for the release of the Air Force School CASCINE, to

(a) Transfer refugees there and so release the CASERMA del CENTO,
or (b) Accommodate 7 Ind. Regt.

9. It has been requested by Comd 7 T.C. & is recommended by this HQ. that AMMA give all possible assistance in enabling 7 T.C. to have the use of the Air Force School, CASCINE, as soon as possible.

C.C. Markes

C.C. MARKES
Lt. Col.
G S O I

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: KLU/36

Florence, 23 April 1946

Subject : SCAMBICCI Elio.

To : 7 Territorial Command

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Herewith copy of MMIA letter Q 216 dated 16 April 1946, for your information.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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TO MMIA		
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BLU/36 (.) [redacted] (.) CONVERSATION FIDSLEY-HARRIS OF CC APRIL REFERS (.)

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FOLLOWING IS COPY OF SIGNAL SENT 10 APRIL BY 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND TO MINISTRY OF WAR (.) QUOTE (.) 7 INFANTRY BDGT CC.RR. MOBILE BN ARE BILLETTED AT BALDISSERA BARRACKS (.) 7 BLU URGES THE SOLUTION TO MOVE OUT 7 INFANTRY BDGT AND LEAVE CC.RR. MOBILE BN ALONE IN THE VIEW TO AVOID THE COHABITATION OF BOTH UNITS(.) BALDISSERA IS THE ONLY HABITABLE BKS TOWN CENTER OF FLORENCE AND THEREFORE INDISPENSABLE FOR 7 INFANTRY BDGT BARRACKS WHICH IS EMPLOYED ON GUARD DUTY FOR ALL GARRISON (.) IT IS SUGGESTED TO TRANSFER CC.RR. MOBILE BN TO AIR FORCE SCHOOL (CASCINE) OCCUPYING BALDISSERA FOR THE ARMY (.) CHIEF OF STAFF (.) UNQUOTE

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D.S.I. [redacted]
Major
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BLU/36 (.) [redacted] (.) CONVERSATION PIDSILY-BARNES OF 08 APRIL REGRS (.)

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D.S.L. GRUSON
Major
DMA & CE

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/36

Florence, 10 April 1946

Subject : ROBERTSON CLUB

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Will you please state what is the present position in regards to 7 T.C. taking over the above premises.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Urgent

REF: BLU/36

Florence, 8 April 1946

Subject : SCANDICCI BARRACKS

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Enclosed is copy of the "Handing over Report" of the above barracks for information and necessary action.

2. Your special attention is invited to General Remarks para's A & B from which you will realise how important it is that these paras should be complied with.

3. As arranged between Col. CHIARIOTTI and Major GREGSON no troops, other than the necessary guard, will be moved into these barracks pending a decision from the Ministry of War as to the transference of 1st Bn. 7th Ind. Regt. from BALDISSERA Barracks.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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Copy M.M.I.A with copy report. (Ref para 3. Conversation Col. PIDSLEY-Lt. Col. MARKES of 8th April refers.)

Internal GSO II
CC.RR.

C.F.

Crd. . Brithish Liaison Unit,
FLORENCE.

Ref:- CRD/6.

Tel= 1113.

5th. April '46.

Subject:- Accomodation - Taking-over of SCANDICCI Barracks.

To:- D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 7. B.L.U.

In accordance with the Instructions contained in your BLU/36. dated 4th.April ' 46. Herewith Report of my inspection of Scandicci Barracks during the 'hand-over' to 7 Territorial Command. at 0900 hours on 5th. April 46.

1. Representatives Present.

Col. Chiariotti.	-	A/Chief of Staff, 7 Terr. Command.
Col. Di Martino.	-	Chief of Staff, Folgore.
Capt. K.Marshall (USA)	-	Auxillary Troops Command, U.S.A.
S/Cdr.Patheyjohns.J.E.	-	Ordnance Warrant Officer, 7 B.L.U.

2. Accommodation.

Type.	-	Barracks.
Storage - Covered.	-	Satisfactory.
Uncovered.	-	Not a great deal available.
Living.	-	Excellent.
Offices.	-	Excellent.

3. Security.

Perimeter Wall.	-	Surrounds 90% of the area. In good condition and surmounted by barbed wire.
Windows and Doors.	-	Generally good with minor repairs necessary.
Entrances.	-	In need of Repairs.

4. Sanitation.

Drains.	-	Good.
Ablutions.	-	Good.
Showers.	-	Satisfactory.
Latrines.	-	Satisfactory. Contract for emptying of the Cess Pits necessary.

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5. Water Supply.

Self contained Pumping and Purifying Station in situ, in perfect working order. Will accommodate 10,000 men. (se remarks at "A" & "B")

6. Electricity Supply.

Self contained Power Plant in excellent working order.
(Remarks at "A" & "B").

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7. Cooking & Dining Facilities. Ample and hygienic.

8. Vehicle Parks. Not ample. Bad in Winter owing to lack of 'hard standing'.

9. Parade Grounds. Only sufficient for small parades.

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10. GENERAL REMARKS.

(A) It is of the utmost importance that ably qualified Engineers be pl placed in charge of the Water and Electricity Supply Units. These units are of American manufacture and absolutely essential to the accommodation.

(B) Strict supervision in the correct maintenance of the Water and Electricity Supply Units is urged. The availability of SPARES for this equipment is NIL and not likely to improve.

(C) The 'hand-over' was carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

J. B. [illegible] Lieut.

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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D.S.L. GRIGSON
Major
IRA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

URGENT

REF: BLU/36

Florence, 4 April 1946

Subject : SCANDICCI Barracks

To : 7 Territorial Command (By hand)

1. It has been arranged with P.B.S. that the above barracks will be handed over to 7 T.C. on Friday 5 May 1946 at 0900 hrs.

2. Your representatives should meet 7 BLU ordnance representative (Mr. PATHERJOHNS) at 7 BLU office at 0830 hrs to morrow April 5th, when the whole party will proceed to SCANDICCI barracks to take over from the P.B.S. representative, Capt. MARSHALL.

3. Your representatives should include a Senior Officer, empowered to sign for the valuable stores that will be left in these barracks, pending their disposal by P.B.S.

4. A guard should be detailed by you and this guard should be ready to mount, immediately the hand over is complete; possibly at approximately 1200 hrs April 5th.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE

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REF: HLU/3.5

Florence, 1. April 1946

To : Officer Commanding 334 (SCANDICCI Barracks.)

As arranged with Col. MOCK of FBS by telephone this morning, please permit Genl DE SIMONE and/or his representative to inspect the above premises.

D.S.L. CRUICKSON
Major
DA & QMG

1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT C.M.F.
Date 11/4/46

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/36

Florence, 5 March 1946

Subject : Accommodation - Robertson Club. Loc 33.12.

To : 211 Sub Area

1. Information has been received from 7 Territorial Command that they are both willing and anxious to take over the above premises.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

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Copy: 7 Territorial Command (Your 2060 Serv/ dated 1st March refers)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: 211/26

Florence, 7 March 1946

Subject : CIVILIANS BARRACKS

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Subsequent to the handover of Cavendish Barracks, authority has now been granted by Florence Command (211 Sub Area) for the decquisitioned of the s/n barracks. (211 Sub Area Q.200/9. dtd 26 Feb. refers).

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R. [illegible]
Major
7 BLU

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~~(COMMAND BARRACKS) SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED P M 25 FEB~~

B.S.L. [illegible]
Major
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Major
7 INF

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ORD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ORD/6

Florence, 25 Feb. 1946

Subject : Accommodation (Coverciano Barracks)-Report on Hand-over

In accordance with 7 BLU letter BLU/36 dated 20 Feb. 1946.

Herewith report of my inspection of COVERCIANO Barracks during "hand over" to 7 Territorial Command at 10.30 hours on 25 Feb.1946.

1. Representatives Present

- Col. FARONATO - 7 Territorial Command
- Maj. CALLOTTA - Engineers Officer
- Maj. TROLANI - Supply Officer
- Capt.PALLA - 7 Territorial Command
- S/Cdr PATHEYJOHNS - O.W.O. 7 B.L.U.
- PTE O' CONNELL - Rep. Town Major

2. Accommodation

Type	- Barracks
Storage	
covered	- Ample and Satisfactory.
uncovered	- Satisfactory.
Living	- Good.

3. Security

Perimeter wall	- Satisfactory.
Windows & Dors	- Generally in need of minor repairs.
Entrances	- Bad state.

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4. Sanitation.

Drains	- Good
Lavatories	- Very Good
Ablutions	- Very Good
Showers	- Very Good

See folder 1620.282K.22

5. Water Supply - Satisfactory

6. Electricity - Satisfactory

Fittings - minor repairs required.

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7.	Cooking Facilities.	- Good.
	Stoves	- In working order.
8.	Dining Facilities	- Good.
9.	Offices	- Ample and Satisfactory.
10.	Vehicle Parks	- Hard Standing . Satisfactory.
11.	Parade Ground.	- Ample.
12.	Canteen Cinema Theatre	- Available if required. Good.

13. GENERAL REMARKS

An excellent Barracks with fluid possibilities.
The handing-over was executed to satisfaction of all concerned.

S/ Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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7 BRITISH ARMY UNIT
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[illegible], 20 Feb. 1946

Subject : [illegible] (COVERCLAD Bermuda)

To : 7 Secretarial Command (By hand)

1. At a conference held at 211 Sub. Area this morning it was agreed that the above increase could be handed over to 7 Secretarial Command on Monday 25 Feb.

2. Your representatives should meet the Area Major at the main entrance to the Camp at 10-30 hrs on the 25th.

3. 6/Maj Mackenzie of 7 Sec will also be present at the hand over.

4. Organisation should be supported to 6 Pax.

[signature]

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7 Sec

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Copy: [illegible]
211 Sub Area
S/Cdr Pulsey/Johns

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7. British Liaison Unit.
FLORENCE.

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Subject:- ACCOMMODATION.

Ref:- BLU/36.

Florence 20th. Feb. 46.

A conference was held at "Q" Branch, Florence Command on 20th. Feb: 46.

1. The subject of the conference was the taking over of the 54 Rest Camp (COVERCIANO BARRACKS).

2. Two clear days have been given for the removal of British Beds etc. from the Camp under arrangements by A!D!C!S! Florence Comd. and Polish authorities.

3. The Camp will be taken over by 7. BIL.U. on MONDAY 25th. FEB. Representatives will meet the Town Major at 10.30 hours at the Main entrance to that Camp.

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.
7. B.L.U. Representative
(PATHEYJOHNS.J.E.)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/36
Florence, 18 Feb. 1946

Subject : Accomodation

To : 211 Sub. Area

Ref. is made to MMLA signal Q 821 dated 16 Feb. (copy to you) and to conversation GUERSON - DICK of 18 Feb.

1. It is confirmed that 7 Territorial Command wish to take over 54 Rest Camp (COVERCIANO Barracks) as soon as convenient to you.

2. If you will give me a day or two's notice as to when you wish the hand over to take place, I will arrange for the appropriate personnel of 7 Territorial Command to be present.

D.S.L. GUERSON
Major
7 BLU

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Copy: 7 Territorial Command (Conversation Col. CHIARIOTTI - Maj. GUERSON of 18 Feb. refers)

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Spoke Capt Penniman Q. 2 i/c 2nd Echelon will hold matter for Command reach a decision

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref : BLU/36

18 Feb. 1946

Subject : Accommodation. ROBERTSON CLUB. Florence.

To : 7th Territorial Command.

See 33/34

1. There is some possibility that the above building may be offered to 7th Terr.Comd. for such use as they think fit.

2. In the event of the building being offered to ydu, will you, please, state whether you would wish to take it over or not.

Spoke Col. Jeramy Col Chamotti. They would like Robertson Club but must make sure we can run it!

D.S.L. GRESSON
Maj. 7th B.I.U.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 20

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FROM (A) Originator: ~~7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT~~ For Action. | Date-Time of Origin: 16 Feb 1946 | Office Date Stamp

TO ~~MMIA~~ (W) For Information (INFO) | Message Instructions. | GR

Originator's No.

~~BLU 36 (.) REF THIS HQ SIGNAL BLU/36 OF 11 (.) REQUEST INFORMATION OF~~

~~ACTION TAKEN BY YOU~~ regarding 7 Territorial Comd taking over COVERCIANO

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

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Major
7 BLU

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7th BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/36

Florence, 14 Feb. 1946

Subject : Electrical Installations Laterina Camp

To : Q Branch 211 Sub Area

Subsequent to your query of 5 Dec. 1945 Italian authorities confirm that the a/m camp was handed over to 7 Ital. Terr. Command without electrical installations. All such fittings have since been made by the Italian Army and therefore did not appear on the original inventory.

R.DOWNING
Major
7 BLU

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TO [redacted]

(W) For Information (INFO)

[redacted] (.) 61 AREA (.) RQ. MAIN 2 0/RELOCTN

RQ. 26 BLU ATT 2 PLOORS (.) 211 SUB AREA (.) 7 [redacted]. ORIGIN

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

[redacted] REF BLU/36 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

RELOCTN SIGNAL (REF G 5443 DATED 07 FEB) RECEIVED BY 211 SUB AREA FROM

DIVISION (.) CAMS (.) REF TEXT NO 155 C OF 12 JAN RELOCTN DIAGONAL ROAD 2

MAP PLOTTED (.) (1) HIGHER HQS IN GRID U 8 INTELLIGENCE AREA (12 CADDIES)

TO BE ORDERED TO RELOCATE (.) PLOTTED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY DIRECTING SUB

AND RELOCTNS (.) (2) 54 MAINT CAMP TO BE RELOCATED AND ORDERED TO MEET

FOR ITALIAN TROOPS (.) UNKNOWN (.) REASON FOR MOVE AT CURRENT HQRS

ACCEPTING 54 MAINT CAMP (CORRIGIANO) OF MEMO 7 [redacted]. ORIGIN(.)

IF IN ACCORDANCE PLANS SIGNAL ACCEPTANCE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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D.S.I. [redacted]

Major

7 [redacted]

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7 MIXED LIAISON UNIT.

FLORENCE.

NMF: MEM/ 36

Florence 6 Feb'46

Subject : 7T Mixed Hqtrs in FLORENCE.

To : 7 Territorial Command.

1. Information has been received from HQ,MMLA that the Min of War wish to take over these Mixed Hqtrs.

2. You should receive this information from the Min of War within the next 24 hours.

3. In the meantime will you please arrange to take over and guard these hqtrs on behalf of the Min of War, pending definite instructions from them to you.

4. As the hqtrs are widely dispersed and consequently difficult to guard, it is suggested that all movable fittings etc be moved and stored in some safe place, pending instructions from Min of War.

5. Your representative should meet the Ordnance representative of this HQ and that of the handing over authority, at HQ FLORENCE COMMAND at 13,45 hrs tomorrow 7th Feb 1946.

D.A.L. GIBSON.
Major.
7 MXU.

Copies To : HQ.,MMLA (Tel conversation Col CHRIS-JOHNSON of 6 Feb refers.)

211 Sub Area. (Conversations DIX-GIBSON and JOHNS of 6 Feb refer.)

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FLORENCE COMMAND

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Office of origin 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT Date 4 FEB 1946

Classification UNCLASSIFIED (Restricted - Confidential - Secret) Telephone 1622 (Originating officer)

Precedence ~~ROUTINE~~ Important (Deferred - Routine - Priority - Operational Priority - Urgent)

To : HQ MMIA

REP BRI/36

REQUEST YOU PASS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE FOR COMMISSIONED BARRACKS LAKE 54 REST CAMP CLEARANCE TO BE REFERRED TO 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND (.) BRITISH AREA CODE 211 SUB AREA SUPPORTED (.) TELEPHONE CONVERSATION GILMORE - GRIGSON OF 30 JAN REFERS

D.S.L. GRIGSON
Major
7 BLU

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/36

Florence, 2 Feb. 1946

Subject : Barbed wire for Laterina Camp

To : Directorate Works R.E.
7 Territorial HQ.

Your request for barbed wire has been passed to appropriate Allied authority. Total stocks held in Florence are only 4 tons. Your demand is for 8 tons. and this therefore cannot be met.

If you, however, can provide information of the location of any Allied dumps of wire, suitable for your requirements, every effort will be made to make this available for Laterina Camp.

R.DOWNING
Major
7 BLU

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF:-BLU/36

Florence, 25 Jan. 1946

Subject : 57 Nissen Huts in Florence

To : 7 Territorial Command

Ref. previous visit of Lt. Col. CHIARIOTTI and Major DOWNING to the Nissen Huts in question.

1. Will you please take up immediately with the Ministry of War, as to whether they require these huts or not.

2. Information has been received from 211 Sub Area that these huts may be dismantled and moved to locations decided upon by Ministry of War.

D.J.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

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Copy: MMIA (conversation Lt. Col. CURTIS - Major GREGSON of 25 Jan. refers)
211 SUB AREA (your G 24 dated 25 Jan and conversations GREGSON - RANSON & DOWNING - RANSON refer.)

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7th B.L.U. FLORENCE

RD/em

7th Dec.1945

Subject: Hutting-Laterina Camp Arezzo.

To: 7th Terrirorial Hq. FLORENCE

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Reference hutting at Laterina Camp and other Allied property for which an inventory was signed by an officer of the a/n Camp, Florence Command now state that Allied property at this Camp included:

(a) 3 phase circuit for electrical supply
(b) All internal wiring and fitting in Camp hutting and permanents buildings.

These assets if still left in situ must be included in the original inventory.

Please report to 7 B.L.U. soonest if in fact these assets are still intact.

Sgd. R.DOWNING
Capt.
7th B.L.U.
Florence

A TRUE COPY

H. Agostini Amorini

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