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OPD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FLORENCE

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REF: OPD / 5

Tel: 1113

21 June 46

Subject : Accommodation - Commissariate Installations

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

1. Reference your 5924/Serv dated 9th June 46 and further to this office even number dated 22nd May 46.
2. Your remarks have been carefully noted and I am glad to see that the difficulty of transporting stores, up and down the flights of stairs, has been overcome by the use of elevators. Your kind consideration given to my observations is greatly appreciated.

We can now look forward to the task of Equipping the Army under this Command, a no mean task, but one, I am sure, which will be executed with every efficiency.

*J. S. [Signature]*  
S/Cdr.  
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Accomodation - Commissariato Installations, 7. T.C.To:- H.Q., 7. Territorial Command.

1. Reference your 5176/Serv. of 15th. May. '46. and further to this office letter ORD/5. of the 9th. May.
2. Your remarks are noted but I really do feel that I must enlarge a little further on my previous observations, as detailed in my above quoted letter.
3. It is agreed that to have the Commissariato Installations completely centralised is an ideal, but I feel in this case that we are sacrificing one ideal for that of a more important one, i.e., we will have an ideal Commissariato on paper but part of that body in actual fact will be impracticable.
4. There are two other very outstanding factors in addition to those I have already mentioned to which I would urge you to give every consideration:
- (a) The Bulk Barrack Stores Depot will find it practically impossible to function with any satisfactory degree of efficiency owing to the fact that to issue or receive stores it will be necessary for them to man-handle them down the flights of stairs, or alternatively, haul them up or lower them by means of ropes. Such a procedure will warrant a lot of time and, considering the nature of the stores concerned, it is anticipated that there are likely to be a few accidents as well as damage being caused to the stores concerned.
  - (b) In the event of a serious fire, say adjacent to the flight of stairs, all the Bulk Barrack Stores for the whole of this Command, held above that point, will be lost. This is no mean point.
5. Once more I would strongly urge that every consideration be given to the observations that I have raised in this case. These observations, weighed in the balance with the factor that it is ideal to hold the whole of the Commissariato Installations at a centralised location, are, I feel sure, of far greater importance. I also, by virtue of my office, have every interest of your Commissariato, at heart and I am keen to assist in every way possible in making this the best and most efficient Department of the Command.

*J. S. ...* S/Cdr.  
 Ordnance Warrant Officer.  
 7. British Liaison Unit.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FLORENCE

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Ref: ~~100~~/010/5

Ref: 1113

Florence, 22 March 1946

Oggetto: Sistemazione - Stabilimenti Commissariato - 7 Comando Terr.le.

A) 7 Comando Militare Territoriale - Firenze.

1. Richiesta Vostra di 7/Scrv. del 15 Maggio 1946, e OMV/S del 9 Maggio 1946, di questo Ufficio.

2. Le Vostra osservazioni sono prese in considerazione, e veramente credo dover esordire ancor piu' le mie precedenti, specificate nella corrispondenza letta.

3. E' stato convenuto che la migliore sistemazione sarebbe avere gli impianti di Commissariato completamente centralizzati, ma mi sembra che in questo caso, sia a sacrificio un ideale per un'altro piu' importante vale a dire avere un Commissariato ideale nella carta, in parte al questo insieme, non' in effetti irrealizzabile.

4. Vi sono altri due punti insoliti in aggiunta a quelli sopra detti e che io vorrei fossero presi in urgente considerazione:

(a) Al Deposito Casomaggio non' praticamente impossibile funzionare con soddisfacente efficienza, in considerazione del fatto che per distribuire e ricevere oggetti, non' necessario trasportarli a mano per le scale, o alternativamente tirarli su e giu' per mezzo di corde. Tale procedimento comporta parecchio tempo, e, considerando la natura degli oggetti, e' prevedibile che probabilmente occorreranno disgrazie e danni causati conseguentemente arrecati a tali usci.

(b) Nell'eventualita' di un grave incendio, per esempio nelle adiacenze della rampa delle scale, tutta la merce per l'intero Comando, qui tenuta, andrebbe perduta. Ma questo non e' il punto principale.

5. Una volta di piu' io vorrei fortemente raccomandare che ogni considerazione sia data alle osservazioni da me collocate in questo caso. Sono sicuro che queste osservazioni, in rapporto col fatto che e' un ideale il tenere tutti gli stabilimenti di Commissariato centralizzati in un'unica localita', sono di gran lunga piu' in ordine.

Anche io, in virta' del mio lavoro, ho ogni interesse per il buon funzionamento del Vostro Commissariato, e sono incline ad aiutarvi in ogni modo possibile, al fine di fare di questo, il migliore ed il piu' efficiente Reparto del Comando.

G. R. S. *G. R. S.*  
S/Obr.  
Ordinance Warrant Officer  
7 British Liaison Unit

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**ORD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT**  
FLORENCE

REF: ORD / 5

Tel: Florence 1113

20 May 1946

Subject : Clothing Equipment and M.T. Depots.

To : Hq. M.M.I.A.

1. Reference this Office letter ORD/5 dated 9th May 1946 para 2. A copy of your Q/002 of 21st Jan'46 has now been obtained.
2. Will you please cancel my a/q letter of 9th May and substitute as follows: -

<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Type of stores held.</u>	<u>Location</u>
Clothing Stores	Clothing	FOTTEZZA da BASSO
Equipment Stores (with Repair Shop)	Equipment	
Arms Stores (with Repair Shop)	Arms	
7 Repair Unit	2nd Line Repairs	FLORENCE
7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	Barrack	PIAZZA 81
7 Repair Shop	Clo. Manufactures and Repairs	SAN PANCRAZIO
7 Salvage Depot	Salvage	FLORENCE
"FOLCORE" Clo. & Equipt. Store	Clo. & Equipt.	COVERGLIANO
"FOLCORE" Ord. Field Park	Mt. Stores	Barracks
"FOLCORE" M.E. Workshops	3rd Line Repairs	FLORENCE
"FOLCORE" M.E. " Platoon		
7 Light Workshop		

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S/OB.  
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FLORENCE

REF: 000/5  
Rel: Florence 1115  
9 May 1946

Subject: Clothing and Equipment Depots

To: HD. M.M.I.A.

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1. In accordance with your 0/002 of 4 May.
2. It is regretted that there appears to be no trace of your 0/002 of 21st Jan. in this office. However the following information is forwarded in the hope that it will be sufficient to cover your requirements.

DEPOT	TYPE OF STORES HELD.	LOCATION	SIZE TONS
Clothing Stores	Clothing Equipment Arms	FONTEZZA da BASSO FLORENCE	784 822 279
Equipment Stores (with a Repair Shop)			
Arms Stores (with a Repair Shop)			
1 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot 7 Repair Shop	Barrack Clothing Manufacture and Repair Salvage	Plazza di San Pancrazio, FLORENCE	150 50
7 Salvage Depot		FLORENCE	50
"Folgore" Clo. & Equipment Stores "Folgore" Ord. Field Park.	Clo. & Equipmt. M.T. Stores	COVERCIANO BRAD FLORENCE	115

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
S/Cdr.  
Ordinance Warrant Officer.

TO: D. M. L. A.

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- 1. In accordance with your 0/002 of 4 May.
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DEPT	TYPE OF STORES INVD.	LOCATION	SIZE TONS
Clothing Stores Equipment Stores (with a Repair Shop) Arms Stores (with a Repair Shop)	Clothing Equipment	FONTELLA	124
	Arms	da BASSO	8.22
		FLORENCE	270
1 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot- 7 Repair Shop 7 Salvage Depot	Barrack Clothing Manufacture and Repairs Salvage	Piazza di San Pancrasio, FLORENCE	150 50 50
	"Polgore" Clo. & Equipment Stores "Polgore" Ord. Field Park.	COVERCIANO BRAC FLORENCE	
"Polgore" ME Workshops " " " Platoon N° 7 Light W/Shop N° 7 Repair Unit	Avenciano Bancastig Florence Fortessa da Basso Florence	3rd line 2nd line	

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*W. S. Attorney Gen.*

*S/Cdr.*  
Ordinance Warrant Officer.

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ORD. 7. British Liaison Unit,  
FLORENCE.

Ref:- ORD/ 5.

Rel:- 1113.

Jun. May '46.

SUBJECT:- Locations - Proposed transfers of Units.

To:- H.Q. 7. Territorial Command.

Info:- OI/c. 7. Repair Shop, (for Inf. Col. Bacceri).

OI/c. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot. (for Inf. Major Troiani).

With reference to the proposed transfer of the under mentioned units from their present locations to Ippolito Nievo, Riferdi.

- 7. Clothing & Equipment Stores.
- 7. Repair Shop.
- 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

2. I have carried out a close inspection of the proposed new sites at Riferdi and discussed the various aspects of the move with Col. Bacceri, of the 7. Repair Shop, and Major Troiani, of 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot. From these discussions and inspection it was unanimously agreed that:-

(a) The allotment of rooms, as set aside for Col. Bacceri, were insufficient to meet his future requirements.

(b) The rooms allotted to Major Troiani, although adequate in space, were not practical for the type of Store he will be called upon to maintain.

3. In order to alleviate this position I, together with Major Troiani, inspected another location, the M.G. Casermetaggio at via Pierluigi da Palestina. This was recently vacated by the British Engineers, and, I am given to understand, is now held by 7. T.C. AS a result of this inspection I most certainly consider that this new location would be far more suitable for the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot. It has a greater number of independent rooms which would permit the necessary segregation of the various types of Stores and promotes greater security for the attractive Stores. A great point in favour also is that this building was, in the past, used as a Bulk Barrack

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100. 7-Territorial Command.

Info:-  
O/c. 7. Repair Shop. (for Inf. Col. Succeri).  
O/c. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot. (for Inf. Major Troiani).

With reference to the proposed transfer of the under mentioned units from their present locations to Ippolito Nievo, Riffredi.

- 7. Clothing & Equipment Stores.
- 7. Repair Shop.
- 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

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(a) The allotment of rooms, as set aside for Col. Succeri, were insufficient to meet his future requirements.

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4. I view of the above remarks and observations I would most strongly recommend that the Mag. Cassermaggio at via Pierluigi da Palestrina be allocated to the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot and that the four rooms set aside for them at Riffredi be placed at the disposal of Col. Bucceri who is most certainly in need of them in his plans for the future Manufacture and Repair Centre.



J. A. A. Anthony

S/Cdr.  
Ordnance Warrant Officer, R.A.O.C.

7. British Liaison Unit.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

All Units in the Territorial Command down to Bns. or equivalent, as at 1/2/46.

UNIT	ORD. SURV. MAP-SHEET	LOCATION	CATEGORY	MAP REFERENCE
716 Adm. Regiment. 7 'SAN GALLO' HOSPITAL. 122 MONTEOLIVETO PRINC. TERR. HOSPITAL. 7. REPAIR UNIT. 7th. INFANTRY REGT. H.Q. 1st. Bn. (ex 500 Guard Bn.) 2nd. " (ex 511 Guard Bn.) 701. REFUGEE CENTRE. FOLGORE INFANTRY DIVISION. NEMBO INFANTRY REGT. H.Q. CENTRAL SCHOOL. H.Q. 3rd. BRIGADE. H.Q. MOB. BTN. GROUP. FLORENCE LEGION, H.Q. FLORENCE LEGION, - EXTERNAL GROUP. FLORENCE LEGION, - INTERIOR GROUP.		FLORENCE.	BRT-ITI ITI-ITI " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
28. G.M. SERVICE BDN. 702 REFUGEE CENTRE LEGORN LEGION, H.Q. LEGORN LEGION, - LIVORNO GROUP.		LIVORNO.	US-ITI ITI-ITI " " " "	
184 Arty Regt. No.3. 25PDR. BATTY. " " " No.6. 40M/L.A.A. BTV. FLORENCE LEGION, - PISTOIA GROUP.		PISTOIA.	ITI-ITI " " " "	
NEMBO REGT. 1st. INFY. Bn. " " 2nd. " " 515 FIELD HOSPITAL. FLORENCE LEGION, - AREZZO GROUP.		AREZZO.	ITI-ITI " " " "	
187 TERRITORIAL MIL. HOSPITAL 184 ARMY REGT. No.2. 25Pdr. Batty. " " " No.4. 25Pdr. Batty. LEGORN LEGION, - LUCCA GROUP.		LUCCA.	ITI-ITI " " " "	
ARIBALDI INFANTRY REGT. H.Q. " " " 1st. BN. " " " 3rd. BN. 34. SUPPLY COY.		CITTA CASTELLO	ITI-ITI " " " "	
34. ARMY REGT. H.Q. FOLGORE. " " " No.5. 17Pdr. Bty. A/T. 7 FIELD HOSPITAL.		MONTECATINI.	ITI-ITI " " " "	8000
GRENCE LEGION, - SIENA GROUP. 2. TERRITORIAL TRNG. CENTRE. (C.A.R.)		SIENA.	ITI-ITI " "	
RIBALDI INFANTRY REGT. No.2. BN. 1 MEDICAL SECTION.		PERUGIA.	ITI-ITI " "	



701. REFUGEE CENTRE.						
FOLGORE INFANTRY DIVISION.						
MEMBO INFANTRY REGT. H.Q.						
CENTRAL SCHOOL.						
H.Q. 3rd. BRIGADE.						
H.Q. MOB. BTH. GROUP.						
FLORENCE LEGION. H.Q.						
FLORENCE LEGION. - EXTERNAL GROUP.						
FLORENCE LEGION. - INTERIOR GROUP.						
✓28. Q.M. SERVICE BTH.						
702 REFUGEE CENTRE						
LEGHORN LEGION. H.Q.						
LEGHORN LEGION. - LIVORNO GROUP.						
184 Arty Regt. No.3. 25PDR. BATTY.						
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FLORENCE LEGION. - FISTOIA GROUP.						
MEMBO REGT. 1st. INFY. Bn.						
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516 FIELD HOSPITAL.						
FLORENCE LEGION. - AREZZO GROUP.						
183 TERRITORIAL MIL. HOSPITAL						
184 ARTY REGT. No.2. 25Pdr. Batty.						
" " " No.4. 25Pdr. Batty.						
LEGHORN LEGION. - LUCCA GROUP.						
ARIBALDI INFANTRY REGT. H.Q.						
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34. ARTY. REGT. H.Q. FOLGORE.						
" " " No.5. 17Pdr. Bty. A/TX.						
7 FIELD HOSPITAL.						
CRENCE LEGION. - SIENA GROUP.						
2. TERRITORIAL TRNG. CENTRE. (S.A.R.)						
RIBALDI INFY. REGT. No.2. BN.						
4 MEDICAL SECTION.						
PROVISIONAL GEN. H.Q.						
INFY. REGT. 3rd. BN (ex 512 Guard Bn)						
60 INFY. REGT. No.3. BN.						
ART. REGT. No.1. 25.PDR. BTH.						
ENGR. BN. "FOLGORE".						
10TH LEGION. - GROSSETO GROUP.						
10TH LEGION. - AFUANIA GROUP.						

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TERRITORIAL COMMAND - COMPOSITION.

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1.	"VOLCORE" INFANTRY DIVISION.				ITI-ITI
2.	"NEBEC" INFANTRY REGIMENT.	1st. Battalion.			"
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4.		3rd. "			"
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6.	"GARIBOLDI" INF. REGIMENT.	1st. Battalion.			"
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8.		3rd. "			"
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10.	134. ARTILLERY REGIMENT T.	1st. 25. PDR. BATTY.			"
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12.		3rd. "			"
13.		4th. "			"
14.		5th. 17. PDR. A/TK. BATTY.			"
15.		6th. 40. M/M. A.A. BATTY.			"
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17.	184. V.O. ENGINEER BN.				"
18.	184. MEDICAL SECTION.				"
19.	184. SUPPLY COMPANY.				"
20.	516. FIELD HOSPITAL.				"
21.	517. FIELD HOSPITAL.				"
22.	76th. INFANTRY REGIMENT.				ITI-ITI
23.		1st. BN. (ex 509 Guard Bn).			"
24.		2nd. BN. (ex 511 " " )			"
25.		3rd. BN. (ex 512 " " )			"
26.	716. ADM. REGIMENT.				BR-ITI.
27.	H.Q. No. 3. BRIGADE.				ITI-ITI.
28.	H.Q. MOBILE BNS. GROUP.				"
29.	FLORENCE LEGION.				"
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37.		GROUP LIVORNO.	)		"
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42.	PROVISIONAL GEN. H.Q.				US-ITI.
43.	28. Q.M. SERVICE BN.				US-ITI.
44.	CENTRAL SCHOOL.				ITI-ITI.
45.	No. 7. SAN GILO HOSPITAL.				ITI-ITI.
46.	No. 122. MONTOLIVETO MILITARY TERRITORIAL HOSPITAL.				ITI-ITI.
47.	No. 183. MILITARY TERRITORIAL HOSPITAL.				ITI-ITI.
48.	No. 7. REPAIR UNIT.				ITI-ITI.

15.	184. H.Q. ENGINEER BDN.			
16.	184. MEDICAL SECTION.			
17.	184. SUPPLY COMPANY.			
18.	516. FIELD HOSPITAL.			
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