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Request for Billets

RCV/jad

Sr Billeting 23 Aug
MMIA LO Officer 1945
or
Town
Major
Florence

Request that a suitable villa be requisitioned
and made available for 3 Italian officers and 15
enlisted men who are to be employed at the MMIA Head-
quarters in Florence.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

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Accommodation - German Surrendered Personnel.

Sr CO 23 Aug
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
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For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Military Geographic Institute - Florence

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	G-4	12 May 1945	Forwarded recommending approval of request contained in basic communication. <div style="text-align: right;"> <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army </div>
2	G-4 Rear	G-2	10 May 1945	Insofar as G-4 matters are concerned there is no objection to approval of request. FOR THE AC OF S, G-4: <div style="text-align: right;"> /s/ R.E. Bittner for /t/ G.H. REVELLE, JR. Major, Inf Acting Executive Off. </div>
3	G-2 (CI)	MMIA LO		No objection on the part of G-2. <div style="text-align: right;"> for /s/ T.S. Green, Capt /t/ ARTHUR R. BLOM, Lt. Col. Inf., Asst. A.C. of S., G-2 </div>
4	Sr MMIA LO	Italian 14 May Terr HQ 1945 #7 Florence		Ind. #2 for your information and necessary action. <div style="text-align: right;"> R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army </div>

Military Geographic Institute - Florence

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 12 May
MMIA 1945
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Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION SLIP

HEADQUARTERS

~~1. R. KIRK~~ ~~GENERAL DEPOT~~ ~~NO. 1~~~~NO. 528x~~~~US ARMY~~

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

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(Date of Basic Letter)

File No. _____

SUBJECT: Caserma Umberto 1

RGV/jad

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No.	Date	From	To	
	16 Apr 1945	Sr 356IA LO	C.O. 918 Sig Co	<p>1. Reference telephone conversation Elliott-Van Kirk, subject: Caserma Umberto 1.</p> <p>2. Your attention is invited to copy of letter I am this day forwarding to the CG Territorial HQ #7.</p> <p>3. It is suggested that your occupancy of this building would appear to be a violation of the following directives:</p> <p>a. A.A.I. letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 1 July 1944 of which the following are extracts:</p> <p>"Cases have occurred (particularly in ROME and other occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed.</p> <p>In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces, or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Force, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this HQ.</p> <p>The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorized to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected".</p> <p>b. S.A.E. Instructions, Fifth Army, Section R-1113, Dated 7 December 1944 provide in part:</p> <p>"2. Restricted premises as listed below are reserved for special purposes (e.g. civilian rehabilitation, Army Service shops, manufacturing for military use, etc.,) and will not be considered by the Army Engineer (Real Estate) for general occupancy without special investigation:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>n. Installations belonging to the Italian Armed Forces."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MIA) L.O., 5th Army</p>

Billets

RCV/jad

Sr Billeting
MMIA LO Officer 24 Apr
Florence 1945
Command

In conformity with your request, have had the Italians prepare a list of premises they want to occupy in Florence and the purposes for which they expect to use each of the properties.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Request for Villa

RCV/jad

Sr Billet- 18 Apr
MMIA LO ing 1945
Officer
Florence
Comd

1. Request that a villa or pensione completely equipped be made available to Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MMIA) in Florence which should be suitable accommodation for a Major General (B), Colonels (A & B) and other field officers. Have been instructed by my HQ to find suitable quarters in order that MMIA officers when in Florence on business may always be sure of billets and a common headquarters.

2. There should be at least 3 guest rooms suitable for field officers and 4 rooms for officers of field and company grade located permanently in Florence. EM and ORs and some Italian soldiers and cooks will also be billeted there for it is contemplated that a mess will be established.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Caserma Umberto 1

RCV/jad

Sr C.O. 16 Apr
MMIA LO 915 1945
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R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
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Caserma Umberto - Via Roma, Pisa

RCV/jad

Sr CG 16 Apr
MMIA LO Terr 1945
HQ #7

1. Reference your M.2230/Serv di prot of 11 Apr 1945.
2. Have been unsuccessful in complying with your request to obtain possession of a part of the above named Caserma for you. It will be necessary that you make other arrangements for the location of the dump you refer to.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Request for Approval of Italian Clothing and Repair Installations.

RCV/jad

DD. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	G-4	14 Apr 1945	<p>Request approval for installing Italian clothing and repair installations in the following premises:</p> <p>Fratelli MASI, Via Giovanni Fattori 2. Ente CECHI, Via Carlo Parenti 35 (Office in Via Filonacci 11) Ditta TESCOSA, Via Iacopo da Diaceto 20.</p> <p>These premises are now unoccupied and not in use. No billeting problem is involved since Italian civilians will be employed.</p> <p><i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army</p>
	G-4 Rev	G-4	14 Apr	Recommend Approval w/alter
	G-4	G-4 Rev	15 Apr	approved mll

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Billets for Italian Officers.

RCV/jad

Sr Billeting 4 Apr
PMA Officer 1945
LO Florence

1. Reference telephone conversation Kastl-Van Kirk.

2. It is desired that requests for billets for Italian Officers be processed in the same manner as Allied Officers. At the present time the hotel Corona d'Italia in Florence is being operated exclusively for Italian officers of all categories but this must be discontinued at once for they are all eating American rations whether they are US-Itis, Br-Itis or Iti-Itis. A separate mess must be established for the Br-Itis in order to properly account for the rations to the British and American governments. It is requested therefore, that as soon as possible a separate hotel or pensione be made available for the Br-Iti officers in this area.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (PMA) L.O.,
5th Army

Accommodations - Delegation T

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAG 27 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

Reference your signal 9 13 of 26 Feb 1945.

Have investigated possible quarters for Delegation T and find that the most suitable location to be the former Italian Corps HQ, Comando di Corpo d'Armata, Palazzo di Santa Caterina, address, Piazza San Marco, Florence. Premises are now occupied by MAAF but have registered my request with P.M. Section, Florence Command, and as soon as MAAF moves forward, Delegation "T" will move in. There are no other quarters now available.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: Delegation "T"

Accommodations

RCV/jad

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Copy of attached signal for your information. See
copy of my report to my HQ.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
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