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Neo-Fascist P.W.

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Sept. - Oct. 1945

lt. Col. Rose. 78379
M.M.I.A.

(copy of memo sent in this connection)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
FLORENCE

APO 650

US ARMY

RCV/jad
11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Return of Funds - Female Neo-Fascist Prisoner Camp, Florence.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) (Attn: Col. Kerr)
APO 394, US Army.

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R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MMIA L.O.
Florence

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Hutting -Laterina Camp Arezzo

1 7 BLU 7 Terr.
Florence HQ 7 Dec.
1945

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 fittings in Camp hutting and permanent buildings

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

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

R. Downing
R. DOWNING
Capt.
7 B.L.U.
Florence

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7th BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE JJ

6th December 1945

Subject: Neo Fascist Girls Camp - Scandicci

TO : Major Van Kirk

FROM : 7 B.L.U.

The above named Camp is now closed and all stores have been returned to appropriate American Units. Conversation Major Van Kirk - Capt. Downing refers.

The Italian screening Commission has released most of the Girls.= Eight have been detained of the Florence Questura.=

The Italian Commanding officer of the Camp was instructed to inform all released Italian prisoners who had been so reclassified as friendly nationals that they should file claims with the Banca d'Italia, producing the receipts issued by American services as evidence. A.F.A letter FA/4.85 of 26 November to HQ M.M.I.A. refers.=

Downing Capt.
R. Downing
Capt.
7 B.L.U.
Florence

Documenti prigioniere.

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MMIA centra
Firenze mento
Donne.
Casellina

Trasmetto, per competenza, documenti
relativi alle sottoindicate prigioniere
di cotesto Campo:

BETTINELLI IRENE - 3 fogli
AMERIGHI ADRIANA - 3 fogli
MAFFEI FLORIDA - 6 fogli
PAOLETTI ALDA - 6 fogli

Una lettera diretta dal Capit. MARTIN
a 9 prigioniere.

Prego accusare ricevuta.

R. Downing Capt.
R. DOWNING
Capt.
MMIA LO
Firenze

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(MMIA) FLORENCE
APO 650

28 November 1945

TO : COMMANDANT LATERINA CAMP AREZZO

Herewith completed receipt for fixed assets
in Laterina Camp.

A second receipt has been passed to 211 Sub.

Area - Florence


R. DOWNING
CAPT.
MMIA LO
FLORENCE

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RD/em

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229 P.O.L. PETROL DUMP RIFREDI

28 Nov. 5

N.M.I.A. FOR NRO FASCIST CAMP

Gasoline 212 Gals. 4 drums 212 Gals.
///// LAST ITEM //////////////////////////////////////

R. DOWNING
CAPT.
MMIA LO
FLORENCE

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Q 5 F 55

Florence

20.11

21 November 1945

MIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MARIA LO
FLORENCE

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Florence

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20 November 1945

WIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MIA Lo
Florence

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Florence

19 November 1945

Q 5 F 55

MIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MARIA Lo
Florence

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22.11

22 November 1945

MIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Period : 23rd - 30th Nov. 1945

Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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Period : 23rd - 30th Nov. 1945

Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MIA Lo
Florence

Q 5 F 55

Florence

14.11

15 November 1945

MMIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoner Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Major Van Kirk
Sr. MIA Lo
Florence

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Florence

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16 November 1945

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. Florence

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Florence

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17 November 1945

MIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Prisoner Camp
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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MIA to
Florence

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Florence

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MMIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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Female Neo Fascist
Prisoner Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
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FLORENCE

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WMIA Det
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.
SR. MILA LO
FLORENCE

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POW's

1. Sr.MMIA CG. 21 Nov.
Lo Terr. 1945
Florence HQ #7

For your information and necessary action.

R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
Sr. MMIA Lo
Florence

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Q 5 F 55

Florence

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MIA Det.
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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R.C. Van Kirk
Majority
FLORENCE

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE W/M.M.I.A.
FLORENCE

DAILY STATE OF NEO-FASCIST FEMALE POW CAMP ON THE

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1945

Actual strength 295

Admitted to the hospital ---
Discharged from the hosp. ---
Other dispositions ---
Present strength 278

NOTE :

At present employed in the Camp No. 3 German POWs.

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A. MARGARELLA
Captain, M.C.
Ital. Liaison

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE W/M.I.A.
F L O R E N C E

DAILY STATE OF NEO-FASCIST FEMALE CAMP POWs ON THE

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Other dispositions	---
Present strength	278

NOTE :

At present employed in the Camp No. 3 German POWs.

A. Mazzarella
A. MAZZARELLA
Captain, M.C.
Ital. Liaison

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RCV/em

Italian POWs

1 Sr MMIA CG. Nov.12
Lo Terr. 1945
FlorenceHQ 7

The attached cases are entirely of
Italian concern and in which the Allied
authorities are not interested.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MMIA Lo
Florence

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE W/M.M.I.A.
F L O R E N C E

DAILY STATE OF NEO-FASCIST FEMALE POW CAMP ON THE
SUNDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1945.

Actual strength 295

Admitted to the hospital	2
Discharged from the hosp.	---
Other dispositions	---
Present strength	278.

Admitted to the hosp.: CANTINI BICE
ROSSI CLARA.

NOTE :
At present employed in the Camp No.3 German POWs.

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A. M. ARZELLA
Captain, M.C.
Ital. Liaison

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE W/M.M.I.A.
F L O R E N C E

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DAILY STATE OF NEO-FASCIST FEMALE POW CAMP ON THE
SATURDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1945.

Actual strength 295.

Admitted to the hospital	---
Discharged from the hosp.	---
Other Dispositions	---
Present strength	280

NOTE :

At present employed in the Camp, No.3 German POWs.

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A. MAZZARELLA
Captain, M.C.
Ital. Liaison

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229 P.O.L. Petrol Dump Rifredi

M.M.I.A

Gasoline 212 gals. 4 drums 212 gals.
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R.C. Van Kirk
Major, USA
Florence

Q 5 P 55

Florence

9 Nov.

10 November 1945

AFHQ
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
Florence

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R.C. Van Kirk
Majoria Inf.
Florence

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Prisoners Camp
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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

Q 5 P 55

Florence

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MMIA
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
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Female Neo Fascist

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R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MIA Co.
Florence

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Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
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R.O. Van Kirk
Major Inf.
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8 November

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M.M.I.A.
Female Neo Fascist
Prisoners Camp
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Female Neo Fascist Prisoners Camp

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(Signature)
R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.
SP-5 Florence

ITALIAN LIAISON W/M.M.I.A.
F L O R E N C EDAILY STATE OF NEO-FASCIST FEMALE POW CAMP ON THE
THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 1945.

Actual strength 295

Admitted to the hospital	3
Discharged from the hosp.	---
Other dispositions	---
Present strength	280

Admitted to the hospital : QUAGLIA ANNA
CARINI MARIA
GALLO ANNA

NOTE :

At present employed in the Camp No. 4 German POWs.

A. Mazzarella
A. MAZZARELLA
Captain, M.C.
Ital. Liaison728⁵⁵

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Neo Fascist Prisoners Female Camp - Florence

1 Sr. MMIA C.G. 8 Nov.
Lo Terr. 1945
Florence HQ
#7

In accordance with instructions from my HQ
you are authorized to appoint a screening agency
with authority to release the girls at the camp
who should be released or paroled.


R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MMIA LO
Florence

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5 L 50 P.W.E. AREZZO 8 November

for the period 11th - 21st Nov 1945

P	MIA Neo Fascist P.W. Prisoners War	-	14000
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			16500

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Neo Fascist P.W.
Prisoners War

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Alan Kirk
R.C. Van Kirk
Major Inf.,
Strategic

229 P.O.L. Petrol Dump Rifredi

M.M.I.A. For
Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

GASOLINE, 212 gals. 4 drums 212 gals.
//////LAST ITEM//////

725

5th 5, Nov.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Withdrawal of Am. Equipment -- Scandicci Neo-Fascist Girls Camp.

RCV/ebf

Sr Ufficio 1 Nov
MMIA LO Servizio 1945
Florence

1. The following American equipment is located
at the Scandicci Neo-Fascist Girls Camp:

- 4 Can, 32 gal. w/c
- 4 Can, 24 gal. w/c
- 10 Water Can, 5 gal.
- 1 Range Field, complete
- 1 Case, waterheater, w/fireunit
- 1 Fire extinguisher
- 4 Knives, butcher
- 1 Steel, butcher
- 1 Canopener, mech.
- 1 Pump, air
- 1 Turner, cake
- 1 Skimmer
- 4 Ladle soup
- 2 Dippers, 1 qt.
- 2 Spoon, basting
- 2 Fork, two-prong
- 1 Cot, canvas, folding

2. I have orders from my HQ to withdraw this equipment from the Camp and turn it in. Will you therefore prepare yourself to replace this equipment with Italian equipment between now and the 15th of November for I shall withdraw the American equipment listed above at that time.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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229 Petrol Report Rifeedi

M.M.I.A. -- Florence

Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, FLORENCE

1st 5 Nov.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
SR MIA LO
Florence

Gasoline, 159 gals (3 drums)

139 gals.

159 gals.

Oil, Grade -- #30

3 gals.

/////////Last Item/////////

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1st 5 Nov.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
SR MIA LO
Florence

Q-B-F-60

M.M.I.A. Det. for
Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

Gasoline, 4 drums or 212 gals. 4 drums 212 gals
/////Last item/////

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27 5, Oct.

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R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MIA LO
Florence

Q-8-F-60

2691 M.M.I.A. Co., Florence
for Prisoner of War Camp, Florence.

Gasoline, 3 drums.....159 gals...

159 gals

/////////Last Item////////////////////////////////////

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22 5 Oct.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMIA)

FLORENCE

APO 722x 650

US ARMY

Subject: Equipment for Coltano PW Enclosure.

RCV/ebf

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr LMIA LO Terr HQ Florence #4	C.G. HQ	4 Oct. 1945	Request that the following equipment be made available to Lt. Apostoli for use at the Coltano PW Enclosure.
	<u>ITEMS</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Bucket, GP, iron, 14-qt.			103
	Can, corr., nest., galv., w/cover 10-gal.			89
	Can, corr., nest., galv., w/cover 16-gal.			144
	Can, corr., nest., galv., w/cover 24-gal.			133
	Can, corr., nest., galv., w/cover 32-gal.			77
	Cleaver, meat			18
	Dipper, 2-qt.			48
	Fork, meat, 2-prong			35
	Grinder, meat, large			8
	Kit, barber			2
	Knife, butter			9
	Ladle, soup, 21" handle			21
	Machine, computing, listing, non-pot. hand-operated			2
	Machine, duplicating, No. 90			1
	Opener, can, mechanical			20
	Pot, stock, w/cover, 15-gal.			145
	Pot, stock, w/cover, 20-gal.			50
	Range, field, M 1937, Pack "A"			14
	Range, field, M 1937, Pack "B"			39
	Spoon, basing, 15			30
	Steel, butcher			8
	Tent, shelterhalf, confiscated			4,000
	Tent, storage cw/pins & poles			16
	Typewriter, standard			18
	Typewriter, long carriage, 18"			3
	Chlorinator, gas, W & T wall type, M-MP, Nos. 4955; 4952; 4951			3
	Cylinder, chlorine, liquid, 20-lb			6
	Electricians Equip. set No. 1, Topo. Bn.			2
	Extinguisher, fire CTC 1-qt. cap.			37
	Extinguisher, fire, carbon, tetrachloride, 1-gal.			46
	Extinguisher, fire, carbon, dioxide, 15-lb.			39
	Generator set, port., diesel eng. driv. Skid-mtd. 30Kw			
	127-220 volt, 3 phase, 50 cycle, Nos. 23763; 23745			2
	Heater, water, steel, nat. dft. coal burning type, 11.600GPH			
	250.000 BTU/P/H/			2
	Pump, deep, well, gas eng.			4

cc: LMIA LO Terr. HQ #4 ✓

R.C. Van Kirk
 R.C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Inf.,
 Sr LMIA LO
 Florence

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)
FLORENCE

APO 650

US ARMY

RCV/jad
11 October 1945

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R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MIA L.O.
Florence

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Equipment for Coltano Fascist Prisoner Camp

Sr MMIA 11 Oct
MMIA LO Attn: 1945
Capt
Ward

Reference Capt. Ward's visit to this HQ and Apostoli's trip North to locate equipment. Attached is a copy of the list of items Apostoli was able to locate. The reason that he was unable to get more of the requested items is that the Guard Bns have already been equipped from the stocks that were turned in by 210 Division. Arrangements have been made to get the available items delivered. The Italian Territorial HQs has been advised that the remainder of the necessary items will have to come from other sources.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MMIA L.O.
Florence

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TRANSMISSION

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE W/M.I.A.
Florence

Prot. n. 141/12

Oct. 18, 1945

Subject : Equipment for Coltano Pris. Camp,

To : Territorial Hq. Florence.

M.I.A. HQ notifies you that the following equipment
is available and can be withdrawn :

1) At the Centro Recupero - Arsenale - Verona.

Water cans, alum. 15 liters	6
" " " 6 "	9
Thermos cans, 10 "	24
Water canteens, galvanized, tin, 20 liters	13
Barber's scissors	1
Openers	13
Buckets, iron, galv.	5
Shelter-halves	100
Sticks, steel	200

2) At the 6th Brig. Hq. (via Saravazzi - Modena)

Carpenter's kit	4
Officers' tents (Unit Comm)	5
Long forks	15
Skimmers	35
Buckets, iron, 20 liters	22
" " " " " " " " " " " "	20
Water, cans 15 liters	27
Cookers	100
Field Rations, compl. 250 rations	2
Soup kettles, 250 rations	2
Pack barrels (25 liters)	30

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Lt. APOSTOLI

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Laterina Camp

Sr CG 11 Oct .
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
Florence #7

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. MMIA LO.
Florence

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xxxx 650

Prisoners in Coltano Camp, Pisa

Sr CG 8 Oct
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
Florence #7

For your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO
Florence

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

FLORENCE

APO 782

US ARMY

Subject: Equipment of Laterina Concentration Camp.

REF NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	Italian Sr. LO MMIA Florence IO cc Florence		Oct. 1st, 45	Alledged translation of letter, for your information and action. <i>Lt. A. de Martino</i> Lt. A. de Martino
2	Sr MMIA LO Florence	OC Laterina Camp	4 Oct. 1945	Forwarded recommending approval of Colonel Piccinini's request. If you elect, the items mentioned could be charged to the Italian Government, or loaned preferably, put on a shipping ticket, and a charge made if the items mentioned are British property. <i>listing</i> <i>or loaned to the Italian Army</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Inf., Sr MMIA LO Florence

C-8-F-60

4 October

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2691 H.M.I.A. Co. Florence
Fascio Nec-Fascist Prisoners Camp,
Florence

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MIA IO
Florence

Gasoline,	2 drums	100 gals.
Grass	25 lbs	25 lbs.
//////Last Item//////		

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Equipment for Coltano PW Enclosure.

RCV/ebf

Sr C.G. 4 Oct.
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
Florence # 6

Request that the following equipment be
made available to Lt. Apostoli for use at the
Coltano PW Enclosure.

ITEMS	AMOUNT
Bucket, GP, iron, 14-qt.	103
Can, corr., nest., galv, w/cover 10-gal.	89
Can, corr., nest., galv, w/cover 16-gal.	144
Can, corr., nest., galv, w/cover 24-gal.	133
Can, corr., nest., galv, w/cover 32-gal.	77
Cleaver, meat	18
Dipper, 2-qt.	48
Fork, meat, 2-prong	35
Grinder, meat, large	8
Kit, barber	2
Knife, butter	9
Ladle, soup, 21" handle	21
Machine, computing, listing, non-pot. hand-operated	2
Machine, duplicating, No. 90	1
Opener, can, mechanical	20
Pot, stock, w/cover, 15-gal.	145
Pot, stock, w/cover, 20-gal.	50
Range, field, M 1937, Pack "A"	14
Range, field, M 1937, Pack "B"	39
Spoon, basing, 15	30
Steel, butcher	8
Tent, shelterhalf, confiscated	4,000
Tent, storage cw/pins & poles	16
Typewriter, standard	18
Typewriter, long carriage, 18"	3
Chlorinator, gas, W & T wall type, M-MP, Nos. 4955; 4952; 4951	3
Cylinder, chlorine, liquid, 20-lb	6
Electricians Equip. set No. 1, Topo. Bn.	2
Extinguisher, fire CTC 1-qt. cap.	37
Extinguisher, fire, carbon, tetrachloride, 1-gal.	46
Extinguisher, fire, carbon, dioxide, 15-lb	39
Generator set, port., diesel eng. driv. Skid-mtd. 30Kw	2712
127-220 volt, 3 phase, 50 cycle, Nos. 23763; 23745	
Heater, water, steel, nat. dft. coal, burning type 11.600GPH	2
250.000 BTU/P/H/	4
Pump, deep, well, gas eng.	

cc: MMIA LO Bologna

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC

MMIA

FLORENCE APO 650 US ARMY

25 Sept. 45

SUBJECT: Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence.

TO : Commanding Officer,
Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence.

1. Reference MMIA letter G/6 of 20 September 1945.
2. You are instructed not to allow any Allied officers or soldiers to enter your Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp without first contacting this office for a pass and if I think the request is proper I will ask you to admit them.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence.

RCV/ebf

Sr C.G. 4 Oct.
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
Florence #7

1. Reference MMIA letter G/6 of 20 September 1945.
2. Request you issue Permanent Passes for admittance to the Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence, for the following MMIA personnel:

T/4 Steve Kovacs	36341904
T/5 R.E. Webster	38711315

3. Attached is a copy of my instruction to the Commanding Officer of the Camp as to Allied Personnel being admitted.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Coltano PW Enclosure.

RCV/ebf

Sr	C.G.	2 Oct
MMIA IO Terr HQ		1945
Florence	# 7	

For your information and compliance.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA IO
Florence

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Italian Women in Casellina Concentration Camp

1	Ital	Sr	2 Oct	Ref. att. translation of letter
	LO	MIA LO	1945	from C.O. of P.O.W. "Casellina".
		Florence		For necessary action.

A Maszarella
Capt. M.C.

2	Sr	MIA LO	2 Oct
	MIA LO	PES	1945
	Florence	Leghorn	

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MIA LO
Florence

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29 Sept 1945

MIA Det
Female Neo-Fascists Prisoners Camp, FlorenceR.C. VAN FIER
Major, Inf
Sr. (MIA) 10
Florence

Gas line, 106 gals

2 drums

2 drums

////////////////////////////////////Last Item////////////////////////////////////

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Q5135

26 September 1949

MMIA Det.

Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

150
Gasoline, 200 gals.3
Drums3
Drums

Last item

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Q5V55

26 September 1945

MMIA Det.
Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA IO
Florence

150
Gasoline, 200 gals.
3 Drums
3 Drums
Last item

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Q5F55

MMIA Det.

Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

Gasoline, 50 gals.

1 Drum

1 Drum

/////////////////Last Item/////////////////

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Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence.

RCV/ebf

Sr Rec. 25 Sept
MMIA IO Comm. 1945
Florence # 21
Vicenza

Reference MMIA letter G/6 of 20 September 1945.

Request you make available immediately to the
Commanding Officer of the Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners
Camp, Florence, 1 Italian Military truck.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA IO
Florence

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC

MMIA

FLORENCE APO 650 US ARMY

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cc: C.G. Terr. HQ #7

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence.

RCV/ebf

Sr C.G. 25 Sept
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
Florence #7

1. Reference MMIA letter G/6 of 20 September 1945.
2. Request you issue Permanent Passes for admittance to the Female Neo-Fascist Prisoners Camp, Florence, for the following MMIA personnel:

Major R.C. Van Kirk	0-191127
T/Sgt. J.A. Di Marco	42052941
S/Sgt. E/B. Fick	16109065
T/5 E.F. Wilcutts	42081848
T/5 A.A. Villani	33358496
Pfc. O.L. Weaver	34925455

3. Attached is a copy of my instruction to the Commanding Officer of the Camp as to Allied Personnel being admitted.

cc: Commanding Officer,
Female Neo-Fascist
Prisoners Camp,
Florence.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Rations for Neo-Fascist Prisoners, Female, Florence Camp.

REV/ebf

Sr Lt. 24 Sept
 MMIA LO James 1945
 Florence Depot
 05756

1. Reference telephone conversation ~~James~~
 Van Kirk of 24 September 1945 and MMIA letter
 G/6 of 20 September 1945.

2. The following is an excerpt from my orders;

Rations

a. The ration of the prisoners is as follows:

US Army Items

Flour or biscuit	8-4/5 oz
Canned meat	3-3/5 oz
Dry vegetables	1-3/5 oz (P/B/L)
Sugar	1-1/5 oz
Milk powder	1/2 oz
Coffee	4/5 oz
Cheese	1/8 oz

Italian Items

Fresh vegetables	3 oz
Fresh fruit	4 oz
Salt	3/8 oz
Olive Oil	1 oz

About 2,000 calories

b. The US Army portion of the ration will be drawn from US Army sources until 1 December 1945, by Major Van Kirk, on the basis of the strength present in the camp.

3. Attached is a daily telegram for one days rations. These rations should only be drawn by American Army personnel.

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R.C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Inf.,
 Sr MMIA LO
 Florence

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Rations for Neo-Fascist Prisoners, Female, Florence Camp.

RCV/ebf

Sr C5L51 4 Oct.
MMIA LO 1945
Florence

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R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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Italian Women P.O.W. Camp, Florence

RGV/ebf

Sr MIA 21 Sept
MIA LC 1945
Florence Att.
Col.
Kerr

1. Reference attached report of inspection by Captain Mazzarella.

2. I'll have the Italians remedy as many of the deficiencies as possible as soon as they take over.

3. When Colonels Kerr and Rose were here they obtained the names of 3 American Soldiers to supervise the American side of this camp but before the MTOUSA order was issued the men whose names they got were moved out. I can't get PBS or anyone else to tell me where there are any more available men. Suggest that G-1 MTOUSA should tell PBS to make 3 available to us.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MIA LC
Florence

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Italian Women P.O.W. Camp, Florence.

RCV/ebf

Sr
MMIA LO
Florence

MMIA
Att
Col.
Kerr

21 Sept
1945

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R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN WOMEN P.O.W. CAMP

1. U. S. unit in charge of P.O.W. Camp.
88th Division, 350th Regt., 2nd Bn.
Commanding Officer, Lt. Bell

It is understood that the U.S. unit will be relieved in a very short time. No information about who is going to take over the camp.

2. Location: S. QUIRICO, 2 miles west of Florence on Highway 67.

3. Strength: Women P.O.W.'s number 294.
Women P.O.W. Commanding Officer - one (1)
Name: Signora Casuzzi, Teresa, Vva ARDISSONE
Interpreter: (Not official) - one (1)
Name: Signora Villa, Alice

4. Origin: Formed from different P.O.W. Camps of Northern Italy.

5. State of Clothing: Very bad.
Further information will be available in a few days.

6. Plumbing and Sanitation: Plumbing under reparation. No drinking water in camp. Sanitation fair.

7. Cooking Equipment: One stove - gasoline cabinet unit. U.S. property.
Two Pit stoves (gasoline). Three German P.O.W.'s in charge
Advise replacing gas stoves with coal or wood stoves as gas is dangerous when handled by women.

8. Food: Not sufficient. Two meals per day. First at 9:30 am consisting of coffee and bread. Second at 4:30 pm consisting of soup and accessories. P.O.W.'s would prefer three (3) meals a day as in former camp.

9. Discipline: Very good.

10. State of training and morale: No training. Morale very bad. Many P.O.W. idle. Would all like to work or get any kind of job. No news from home. No chaplain has ever visited camp. All ask to see a chaplain and have at least one service per week. Many P.O.W. claim should be liberated as they presented themselves to local authorities and were told would be released after eight days. Never were interrogated.

11. It is understood that camp is a permanent one. (?)

12. General remarks (Appearance, fitness, keenness): Camp is fit and kept very clean.

13. Vehicles: One jeep, one jeep trailer, one water tank U.S. property.

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14. Health Condition: The hygienic situation is fairly satisfactory. Medical inspections have been made by a German Officer in a superficial and irregular way.

A few of the women should be admitted to a hospital immediately because of heart, chest, liver-diseases and appendicitis. Five of the women are pregnant and about ten are affected with V.D., chiefly syphilis. Many of them have already treated for some time. Some of them have not menstrated for some months which in my opinion is caused from lack of proper food (no fresh vegetables or fruits and probably not enough meat).

It is suggested that a thorough inspection be made in order to prevent the spreading of communicable diseases probably dormant.

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15. Medical Supplies. Some American supplies are available in the dispensary. The listing of 3 months requirements will be ready in a few days.

20 September 1945

A. MAZZARELLA
Captain, MC
Italian Liaison Officer
MIA, Florence

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