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SUBJECT :- Regina Elena Barracks.

Territorial HQ
NAPLES
2/2625/2

17 June 46

10 BLU
TORRE DEL GRECO

Ref your 10 AG dated 7 June 46.

1. This HQ in agreement with Maj. MANGANO, O.C. CC.RR Mobile Bn. is doing its best to carry out the repairs required to allow a first and immediate occupation of the Regina Elena barracks.

These repairs being :-

- refitting of electric light installation;
- refitting of metallic cookers;
- overall of latrines and hydraulic installation;

for a comprehensive expense of 67.000 Lire have in great part been done and will be completed to-day 17 June.

2. For the other repairs, reported by you in your letter referred to, Engineer HQ has been asked to do a reconnaissance to establish the expenses necessary and to ask the Ministry of War to finance it.

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Chief of Staff.

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Chief of Staff.

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Major Livio to see

10 AG

15/11/46

20 JUN 1946

SUBJECT:- Inspections - OCRR Barracks.

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55802 NAPLES.
10 AG.

7 June 46

10 Territorial HQ.,
NAPLES.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC,
(MILA) ROME. (2 copies)
OC Mobile Bn OC.RR.

RECINA ELENA Barracks.

1. The above barracks were inspected by Major LIMBERT (OC.RR. LO) and Major FRINSLOO (DAA & QMR) on 5 May 46.

2. Despite promises made there was no sign of repairs having commenced.

3. This barracks is urgently required by the OC.RR and it is recommended that it be given priority.

4. The Barracks are in a very dirty state but can readily be made habitable by a thorough renovation.

5. May this HQ please be informed if the repair has been approved and the proposed date of completion.

6. A brief outline of the work envisaged by the British Liaison officers is submitted for your consideration.

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CMF
HROP/egm.

Major,
GS.

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BARRACK INSPECTION REPORT

<u>Men's</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Location -	REGINA ELENA Hqs	General - Needs to be distempered, disinfected and lights fitted overall.
Unit in occupation -	NAPIES.	
Strength -	MOBILE IN CO. RE	
OC -	300 approx	
Speeding Quarters	Magliore MANGANARO	
Men's -	8 rooms of 30 each = 240	Racks over beds to be repaired.
WCOs -	6 " " 4 each = 24 Total 264	
<u>Mess Rooms</u>		
Men's -	Seat approx 200	Should be flyproofed. Should be partitioned off from Men's Mess. Frame work for this is in position.
WCOs -	Seat approx 36	
<u>Cookhouse</u>		
	Size ample.	Needs thorough overhaul. Water to be fitted in kitchen.
	Plant out of use for considerable time.	
<u>Ablutions</u>	Sufficient plant available if repaired.	Fit taps, check drains. About 30 taps required.
<u>Shower's</u>	5 in situ.	Should be increased to 10
<u>Latrines</u>		
	6 W/Os in main block. Should be utilised at night only.	Needs repair to drains.
	20 seater box latrine for day use.	Needs overhaul. All cracks to be filled. Steps to be fitted which will ensure the lids close automatically.
<u>Offices</u>		4 seater latrine for WCOs ² and 1 seater latrine for officers should be installed.
	General	Need repair to doors, windows.
<u>Stores</u>		Roof over stairs to be made safe.
	Company and Unit	Shelving and racks to be left in situ.
	Food	Needs cleaning and fly proofing.
	M.T.	-
<u>Workshops</u>		Construct outdoor platform
	WT - Pit available	

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<u>Stores</u>	Company and Unit	Need repair to doors, windows. Roof over stairs to be made safe.
Food		Shelving and racks to be left in situ.
M.T.		Needs cleaning and fly proofing.
<u>Workshops</u>	MT - Pit available	Construct outdoor platform with drains for washing down vehicles.
<u>Vehicle Park</u>	Sufficient, hard standing.	
<u>Petrol Point</u>	Hand Pump from barrels. Area barbed-wired off.	
<u>Petrol Storage</u>	Barrels stacked in courtyard	Install fire-fighting equipment. System not recommended. Effort should be made to install Petrol Pump or to have one nearby.

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FILE19A

Subject :- Visits by Generals on board ships carrying POWs.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
10 AG

6 Mar 46

HQ. Territorial Command
NAPLES

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Reference your 4/897/SR dated 22 Feb 46 attached is IMIA letter A 240 dated 4 March 46.

It is hoped that the position is now clarified.

MMY/bb

MMY
Lt-Col.
GS.

3067

Subject : Visits by Generals on board ships carrying P.O.W.s 18A

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R C H E.
Tel: 489081 Ext:380.

A 240

4 March 46.

To : 10 B.L.U. 15A

Ref your letter 10 AG dated 26 Feb.46.

1. We took up your request with I.P.W. Dept. and were informed that a procedure has already been laid down for Italian Generals wishing to visit ships carrying P.W.
2. General Romano will prepare passes for senior officers such as General and Colonels, and then submit them to Lt.Col. Broderich U.S. Post Pass Officer for signature.
3. It is pointed out that only a very limited number of passes will be issued. Such things as brass bands etc. will have to remain on the quay.

SA 19A

for B. Wilcox, Capt.
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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10 AG

5 MAR 1946

FILE17ASubject :- Pass.10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
10 AG

28 Feb 46

Hq. U.S. Air Force Depot
Corso Malta, 30 NAPLES

May a pass be given to a representative of the UFFICIO STACCATO LIQUIDAZIONI of the War Ministry to visit the INDUSTRIE MECCANICHE MERIDIONALI factory located in CORSO MALTA No. 30, NAPLES.

Reasons stated :-

1. 2200 Kgs. of copper were lent by the Military administration before September 1943 to the factory for war production.
2. The UFFICIO STACCATO LIQUIDAZIONI must make sure that the copper is still held at the factory.

It would be appreciated if the pass could be sent to this Office.

CAF
MED/bbLt-Col.
GS.

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16A

Subject :- Pass.10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
10 AG

24 Feb 46

Q Branch P.B.S., Naples.

Territorial Hq., Naples.

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Y.A. May
Lt-Col.
GS.

CMF
KMD/bb

1st Ind.

RGS/WGK/mp

HEADQUARTERS, 61ST QM BASE DEPOT (SOUTH), A.P.O. 782, U.S. Army, 25 February 1946
TO : 10TH British Liaison Unit, Commanding Officer.

1. Quartermaster Pensouth has no property at INDUSTRIE MECCANICHE MERIDIONALI Factory under his jurisdiction.

2. Suggest letter in question be forwarded to Hq U.S. Air Force Depot #2 located in Corso Malta # 30, Naples.

See 17A

See 13A

W.G. Kaeser
W. G. KAESER
Major Inf.
Adm. Officer.

27 FEB 1946

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FILE15A

Subject :- Visit by Generals on board
ships carrying P.O.W.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 53623 NAPLES
10 AG

26 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm., AC.,
AMIA, ROME

HQ. Territorial Command, Naples.

12A

1. Ref. attached translation of letter No. 4/857/S.R. dated 22 Feb 46 from HQ. Territorial Command, Naples.
2. May permission please be sought for Italian Officers to visit the P.O.W. on board incoming ships.

CMF
MAD/bb

M.M.J.
Lt-Col.
CS.

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Subject :- Pass.

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Tel. 15744 NAPLES
10 AG

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It would be appreciated if the pass could be sent to this office.

CMF
MMD/bb

Law
Lt-Col.
GS.

11 A r/ps

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REF FOLIO 37A FILE 150A4

12A

Subject :- Visit by Generals on board
ships carrying p.o.w.

HQ Territorial Command, NAPLES.
4/897/S.R.
22 Feb 46

10 BLU

As your Command knows, the next month there will arrive into Naples harbour, with greater frequency than in the past, ships carrying Italian p.o.w.

Among the relief measures taken on behalf of our returning prisoners, one of these which appear to be most appreciated is the visit paid by a high-ranking Officer (usually a General) to the incoming ships, intended to bring the greeting of the mother Country to our connationals. Very often the visit is paid by the Commanding Officer of the Territory, Generale Romano, who fulfils this duty.

While in the past the Allied Authorities of the Harbour, and the Commanding Officer of the ships evinced no difficulties in granting our Military personnel permission to board the ships, in the past two months said permission has been given only fitfully.

In particular :

- it has been forbidden to board any British Ship.
- such prohibition has been extended to the U.S. Air-Craft carriers "Randolph", "Bataan", "Langley" etc.
- for the merchant Navy the permission has been granted, sometimes, and sometimes not. lately it was denied for the ships "Daniel Huger" (12/2) "Alcoa Patriot" (14/2) "Agwi Prince" (15/2) "Marine Carp" (16/2).

This question possesses, for the welfare service connected with the return of the prisoners, a very great importance of a moral character, and it is thought that it should be defined. Therefore we request that you please take necessary action with Allied Authorities so as to obtain a permission for the Italian Officers who go to meet the prisoners of war, to board the ships transporting said prisoners.

(Signed) E. GIORDANO, Col.
Chief of Staff

See 19A

See 15A

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10 A4
22 FEB 1946

REF FOLIO 36A FILE 50AS11A

Subject :- Pass.

Terr. HQ. NAPLES

2/621/2

13/2/46

10 BLU

1. The Naples UFFICIO STACCATO LIQUIDAZIONI of War Ministry must make sure if 2,200 Kgs. of copper are still held at the INDUSTRIE MECCANICHE MERIDIONALI factory located in CORSO MALTA N.30 NAPLES.
2. The copper was lent by the military administration before September 1943 to the factory for war production.
3. The INDUSTRIE MECCANICHE MERIDIONALI factory is requisitioned by the American Army and occupied by units of the Air Force (AAFMST).
4. It would be appreciated if authority could be given to the UFFICIO STACCATO LIQUIDAZIONI to send an appointee to the a/n factory for the necessary enquiries.

(Sgd) V. DONATO, Lt-Col.
Vice Chief of Staff.

see 13A

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10 AS

22 FEB 1946

REF FOLIO 12A FILE 10 AS

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COMPLAINTS

SUBJECT :- Complaints - Italian Units.

Terr HQ NAPLES

2/6026/2

18 Dec 45

10 BLU

Reference your letter dated 3 Dec 45.

1. This HQ has contacted :-

- Engineers HQ to carry out the repairs mentioned in para (d).
- HQ 714 Group for what is mentioned in paras (a), (b), & (c).

2.

It is pointed out that as far as clothing and rations are concerned nothing can be done by this HQ directly, as clothing and rations are supplied by Allied sources. Much more can be done by you, and therefore your attention is called to the fact that the major complaints for rations is due to the lack of beans (replaced with dehydrated vegetables not acceptable to the soldiers) and reduction of fresh fruit and vegetables issued on a basis of 113 and 213 grammes instead of 213 and 350 grammes as laid down by the War Department for ITI-ITI units.

(SGD) E. GIORDANO Col
Chief of Staff

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11 BRITISH LIASON UNIT.
PALERMO, SICILY.

2A REH/CC.

SECRET

Subject:- Report on Liason Tour of "SABAUDA" Units.
File. PAL/G/j.

To. Headquarters M.I.I.A.
ROME.

30 Nov. 45.

I have just completed a 4 day tour of various Units of the "SABAUDA" Division, with General BERARDI - Commander Military Territorial N.C., Palermo, and have the following observations to make.

1. (a) We first visited the 45th Infantry Regt. at Catania.
- (b) The Regimental Commander, Col DECARLI appeared to be an efficient and capable Officer, and was very keen to get his men trained in British methods, as quickly as possible.
- (c) He had already started the training of his Officers and Senior N.C.O's who are to be his Futures Instructors, and whilst we were present, we saw them being instructed in Map-Reading and Deployment.
- (d) We also saw some Volunteer Recruits - aged approx. 18 or 19 years, who were in their second week of Basic Training.

Points Arising.

On the whole this Unit seemed very keen to get themselves trained, and despite lack of British weapons and directives.

The standard of turn-out of the Unit left much to be desired, owing to the shortage of decent Uniforms, and boots.

In many cases the Volunteers were without Boots at all. The Unit Officers had used their initiative in making wooden models of British Weapons, and the production of large diagrams.

General BERARDI seemed quite satisfied with what we saw, and I feel that he had cause to be.

2. (a) The second Regiment we visited, was the 16th Arty. Regt stationed in Syracuse - commanded by Col LEONARDI.
- (b) Here, we first saw a squad of about 30 Officers and Senior N.C.O's being instructed in the lay-out of a Platoon

Position in defence, some small Squads of Senior N.C.O's receiving instruction in Topography, and some more Volunteer Recruit Squads in their first week of Basic Training.

Points Arising.

This Unit was also very keen to get themselves trained as quickly as possible on British lines.

The standard of turn-out of this was reasonable good, and effort had been made to keep the men as smart as possible, again, despite the lack of good Uniforms and Boots.

The Unit Officers had made some very good full-scale models of the P.I.A.T. and the 2" mortar.

(b) The Regimental Commander, and was very keen to get his an efficient and capable Officer, as quickly as possible.

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Points Arising.

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The Unit Officers had made some very good full-scale models of the P.I.A.T. and the 2" Mortar.

The standard of Instruction here, was not very good, owing to the lack of suitable pamphlets and diagrams of British Methods.

Both General BERARDI and myself were quite satisfied with what we saw.

3. (a) The third Regiment we visited was the 2nd Battalion, 145th Infantry Regt. The Regt being commanded by Col. SALERNO, and the Bn by Lt. Col. LEONARDI.

(b) At this Bn we saw about 8 rather "scruffy" Officers having instruction in Map-Reading and Deployment, 2 V.O.'s having instruction in Map-Reading, and 5 O.R.'s "playing" with an 80mm Mortar, about which, the obviously new nothing.

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(c) I got the impression that this whole Unit was rather "bogus", from the Commanding Officer downwards, and that the odd diagram we saw, and a very new "Sand-Table" that we saw, had all been hurriedly put-together, the night before.

(d) The Unit Commander gave as his reasons for the lack of personnel present, the excuse that most of his men were away on various Guard-Duties. This I was inclined to doubt, as at one stage I counted at least thirty-five (35) men just "wandering-about" or leaning out of windows.

Points Arising.

The Unit Commanders', and particularly the Bn Comdr., Lt. Col. LLOYD obviously lacked initiative, and the latter was absolutely incapable of commanding the Battalion, and showed very little interest in getting his men trained.

The standard of turn-out was very poor, particularly in the case of the Officers.

General BERARDI was very dissatisfied with this Unit, and immediately "sacked" the Bn. Comdr., and severely cautioned the Regimental Commander. I was in complete agreement with the General.

CONCLUSION.

(1) On the whole I was satisfied with what I saw during the Tour, but it is essential that, (a) these Units, and indeed all the Units in this Command are supplied with Allied Material for Training purposes, including weapons, and Training Manuals and Diagrams on a large scale, as soon as possible.

(b) that a suitable Uniform, that is a Uniform be decided upon, and issued to Units.

(c) that supplies of Boots are made available immediately.

(2) Could "G" Training please supply me with as much material in the way of Training Pamphlets and Diagrams, either in Italian or English, as early as possible, in order that we may prepare as many "precis" as possible for distribution to the various Units for instructional purposes.

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M. J. Murphy

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M. J. Spence
G.S.O.II.,
11 B.L.U., Palermo.

Distribution. Terr. H.Q. Palermo. (2) ✓
10 B.L.U. Naples. (1) ✓
File PAL/G/3.

Subject :- Complaints - Italian Units. *Lib*

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10 BLU
Tel No 53623
NAPLES
10 AG

3 Dec 45

HQ. Territorial Command, NAPLES.

1. Complaints have been received from the officer i/c British Base Army Post Office (Piazza Garibaldi NAPLES) that the Italian unit (the 15th Reparto Italiano per concentramento postale) attached to them has many complaints, and that as a result morale is suffering.
2. Amongst others the following points were mentioned:-
 - (a) There is a deficiency of boots in the unit amounting to 50% and repeated indents are not met.
 - (b) They complain that their rations are short, of bad quality and that no beans are issued.
 - (c) The unit has not been equally treated with other units of a similar nature with regard to extra pay.
 - (d) The latrine and water systems in their billets are clogged and repeated requests for engineer assistance have not been answered.
3. May an inspection of this unit be carried out, any grievances righted, and a report of action taken be sent to this HQ.

CMF.
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[Signature]
Lt-Col.
for GS.

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