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Accommodation

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Feb. - MAR. 1945

SUBJECT:-

Contractors Work

28 MAY 1945

'H' BTI IRTC ICP

Ref: BTI/Q.1/220

23 May 1945

Comd.,
'P' BLU IRTC ICP

1. While the new contractor is a great improvement on the old the work of putting in doors and windows is still very slow.

2. It is also hoped that

- (i) The square in No.1 Regiment might be repaired
and (ii) a square be built in front of No.2 Regiment.

3. A proper standard of drill will not be reached until this work is carried out.

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Major GSO.II
Inf Training

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SUBJECT:-

Double BedsIN RTO IOPDA & UNC
Comandante, Scuola Artieri

THI RFL INTO IOP

Ref: BTL/2.1/217

23 May 1945

1. Double beds have been stacked in the GEFIO BARRACKS for many weeks awaiting the arrival of a detachment of the Hygiene Section to fumigate them.

2. May this matter be hastened please.

JCR/aaJ

Major RE
SOME

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SUBJECT :- Physical Training.

23/6/45
23 MAY Recd

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. P.

Ref HTU/G.11/390

23 May 45.

Comando Scuola CAC PIO.

SO. RE 'H' HTI IHTC ICF
Maj SWINERTON 'H' HTI IHTC ICF.

1. There is a strong request for good PT Instructors at the Genio Barracks at BRACCIANO. It is hoped that in about ten days time the British PT Team will be available on their return from VITERBO, and suitable PT Courses will then be arranged for instructors at BRACCIANO.

2. In the meantime, as there are no British Instructors available will you please arrange for one or two good NCOs from the recent course held to assist in PT Training at BRACCIANO.

HMK/raw

Maj
GS

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P...I...L...E.

SUBJECT:-

Office accommodationStaff Captain
'F' HLU

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTL/Q.1/215

22 May 1945

May attention please be given to the offices of the British Training Increment in that there are a number of doors either without handles or with the handles loose, windows which require repair or panes fitting and all electric light holders requiring bulbs.

These offices have now been five months awaiting completion in this respect.

WLP/asj


Major GSO.II
Inf Training

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P...I...L...E.

SUBJECT:- Work required in Nos 1 and 2 Regiments

'H' BTI LTG ICF

Ref: DTL/Q.1/224

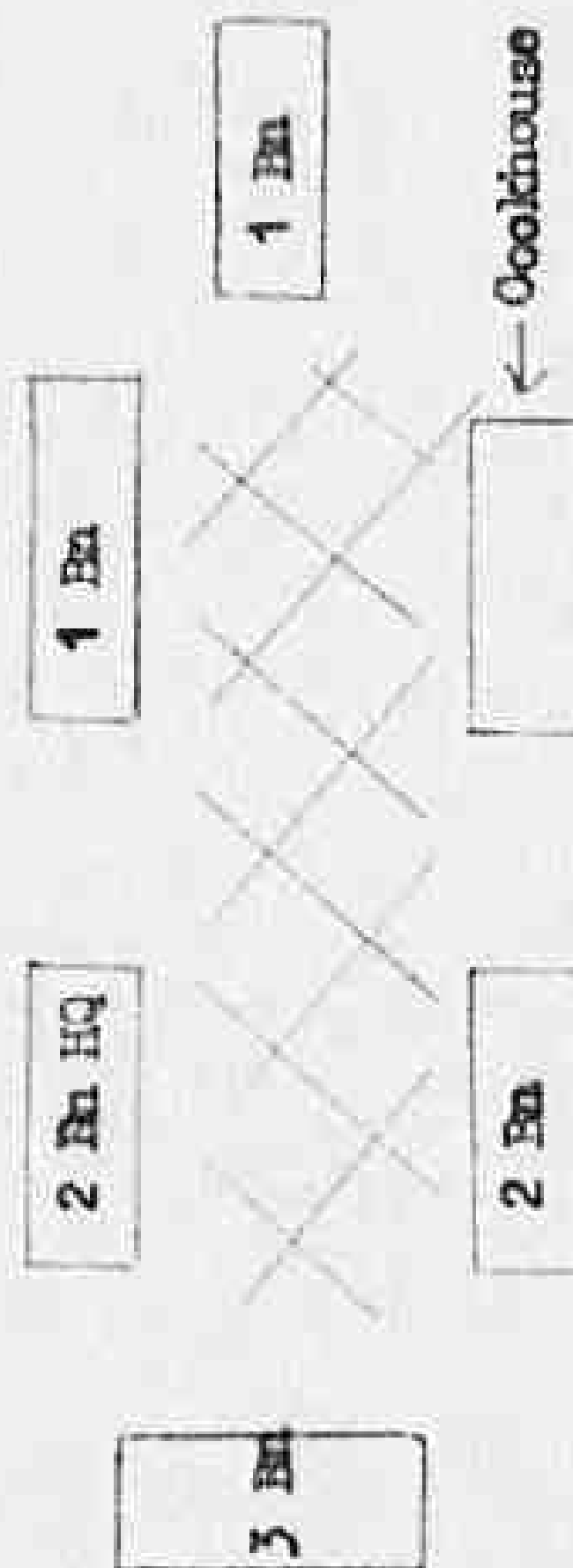
25 May 1945

DAA & QMG

'H' LTG ICF

1. The following work is required in No.1 Regiment:-

- (1) To re-surface the square. All that is required here is a steam roller and a little tar.



- (ii) To repair the roads in No.1 Regimental area.
 (iii) To repair the road between No.1 Regiment and No.2 Regiment in the camp.

2. No.2 Regiment:-

- (1) To build a square in front of the PETTING and the Officers' Mess.

- (ii) To tidy up the front of the PETTING.

HQ Coy

Officers' Mess

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← Cockhouse

2. No.2 Payment:-

No.2 Receipt:-

- 3298



Major GSO, II
Inf Training

Wichita

SUBJECT: - BRACCIANO - Caserma Funzionale

- 4 MAY Recd

116
 11/184
 'F' BLU INFO ICP
 Ref AQ/3/481

3 May 45

General Officer Commanding RTC ICP

Copy to :- Ufficio Lavori Genio Militare
 (Per Generale COATALLERZA)

1. Attached is a copy of a report by Captain GOULD SAEC., on the Barracks of the Genio Regiment at BRACCIANO.
2. This report indicates that a proper plan of work has either NOT been worked out or else NOT adhered to.
3. The question of properly constructed latrines and ablutions has been stressed time and time again by the writer and every other Officer who has been to the Caserma Funzionale, but apparently the work on latrines and ablutions is very low down on the priorities and NO action has been taken. This should have first priority.
4. My DAA & QM has personally spoken to Generale COATALLERZA, Ten. Col. PISCARO, Maggiore BUCCI and members of the RTC ICP Staff pointing out the disgraceful state of the Cookhouse and strongly recommending that this should be properly cleaned and tiled and laid out. This was agreed to by all concerned but NO action of any sort has taken place. It is amazing that respectable senior officers of the Genio Regiment should allow their assistants to be fed from such a revolting cookhouse and make NO effort to improve it especially when so much work is being put in on the Regiment's Officers Mess.

5. I recommend in the strongest possible way that the priorities set up in Capt GOULD's report be adopted immediately and

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Lieut+Col

Internal

Major J.C. BLAMAND SARGO
 Major J.W. SWINERTON RSC
 Captain GOULD SARGO
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 Float

Report on Work Progress at
 the Signal School and the
 Training Center

Description

The Training Center consists of six main buildings and three ancillary buildings. The main buildings, for reference are: -

1. Signal School.
2. Officers' Mess.
3. Signal School living accommodation.
4. " " "
5. Engineer School. " "
6. " " "

The ancillary buildings are:-

- (a) Main cook-house, ablutions and latrines.
- (b) Guard House.
- (c) Administrative Headquarters.

The bulk of the work consists of:-

- (i) Replastering all doors and windows.
- (ii) Replastering and redecorating all buildings.
- (iii) Repair and refitting all ablutions and latrines.
- (iv) Cleaning all drains.
- (v) Replacement of electrical fittings.
- (vi) Reprovisioning to fit in a school and Officers' Mess.

Each building will be dealt with separately giving details of work already completed and work still required to be done.

1. SIGNAL SCHOOL

A considerable amount of work has already been done on this building. The original layout has been changed completely necessitating a considerable amount of work. This work is now practically completed. Doors and windows still remain to be fitted. Repainting is in progress. Electrical fittings and wiring have been installed. No work has been done on the latrines or ablutions.

2. OFFICERS' MESS

Work on this building is very advanced. It would appear that this building has had priority. All that now remains to be done is for the windows to be fitted and the doors to be replaced.

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3. Engineer School.

The auxiliary buildings are:-

- (a) Main engine-room, distribution and latrines.
- (b) Guard Room.
- (c) Administrative Headquarters.

The bulk of the work consists of:-

- (i) Replacing all doors and windows.
- (ii) Replastering and redecorating all buildings.
- (iii) Repair and refitting all buildings and latrines.
- (iv) Cleaning all drains.
- (v) Replacement of electrical fittings.
- (vi) Renovations to 4 new School and Officers' Mess.

Each building will be dealt with separately giving details of work already completed and work still required to be done.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

A considerable amount of work has already been done to this building. The original layout has been changed completely necessitating a considerable amount of work. This work is now practically completed. Doors and windows still remain to be fitted. Repairs in the property. Essential electrical fittings have been installed. No work has been done on the latrines or ablutions.

2. OFFICERS' MESS

Work on this building is very advanced. It would appear that this building has had priority. All that now remains to be done is for the windows to be glazed and a small amount of redecoration. Very little effort has been made to repair the latrines and ablutions. These are still not usable.

- 3.
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ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION

These buildings have not been touched. All doors and windows require replacement or repair. The walls are badly pitted and require replastering and repainting. Latrines and ablutions are not usable and no attempt has been made to get them into working order.

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Sheet 2.5. ENGINEER LIVING ACCOMMODATION

The bulk of this building has been replastered and repaired. Racks have been installed above the sleeping bunks. Doors and windows still require fitting. No attempt has been made to repair the latrines and ablutions which are not working.

6. ENGINEER LIVING ACCOMMODATION

One wing of this building is at present unoccupied. Workmen are busy replastering and repairing the walls. It would appear that work at present is being made to repair the ablutions and latrines not working at present.

(3) MAIN COOK-HOUSE, ABUTIONS AND LATRINES

The main cookhouse is in a disrepair state. The original layout provided for four (4) big built-in cooking ranges. These ranges are still in the building but unused. The main centre top-plates of each range are missing. Replacement of these - even the use of mild steel plates - should bring the ranges back into commission again. The cooking is being done at present by means of old boiler stoves and floor fires arranged around the walls of the building. This building requires renovation, cleaning and the stoves repaired.

Ablutions and Latrines

No attempt has been made to bring these into working order again. All taps are missing. The wash housing and showers all require fittings. The latrines all require disterns. A fair amount of retelling is necessary. This building - at the time of our visit - was being used by the cooks as a vegetable preparation room.

(5) and (6) GUARD ROOM AND ARMORY

These buildings were originally single stories. The building of the second storey is half completed. This work has stopped. The original storey requires doors, windows and reinforcement.

General

The water supply for the camp comes from a concrete ⁸²⁹⁵ situated just outside the camp fence. The water is then piped - 2 No. - into the camp. The mains and the draw-off points have been completed. The drainage appears to be satisfactory.

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Abolition and Latrines

No attempt has been made to bring these into working order again. All taps are missing. The wash basins and showers all require fixings. The latrines all require plaster. A fair amount of retelling is necessary. This building - at the time of our visit - was being used by the cooks as a vegetable preparation room.

(b) and (c) QUARTER ROOM AND ADMIN HQ.

These buildings were originally single storied. The building of the second storey is half completed. This work has stopped. The original storey requires doors, windows and redecorating.

GENERAL

The water supply for the camp comes from a concrete **3295** situated just outside the camp fence. The water is then piped - 2 No 3" mains - into the camp. The mains and the draw-off points have been completed. The drainage appears to be satisfactory.

REMARKS

The buildings are all habitable and could be brought up to a very high standard. The general layout of the camp and building is excellent. A great deal of work has been done to date. At a conservative estimate it will take another two months to complete the work already undertaken. The work to date has been of a fairly high standard. The only criticism to be offered is that the emphasis of the work has been wrong. Too much labour and material has been used in getting the Officers' Mess completed, while no attempt has been made to provide cooking, lavatory and ablution facilities for the men.

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Sheet 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the existing priorities be changed forthwith and that the following be adopted:-

- (1) Main ablutions and latrines
- (2) Cook-house. (New)
- (3) Latrines and ablutions - Men's living quarters.
- (4) Latrines and ablutions for Officers.
- (5) Latrines and ablutions for Signals school.
- (6) Completion of signals school.
- (7) Completion of Men's living quarters.
- (8) Completion of Officers' Mess.
- (9) Remaining work.

Note:

The latrines in use at present are neither fly-proof nor of the deep-lough variety. Unless something is done to eliminate these during the next fortnight a plague of flies will result.

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4/11 Camp. 100/103, 103.
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SUBJECT:-

F...I...L...E.
Accommodation Stores.DAA & SIGQ1
"H" BTI INFO ICM
Ref: BTI/C.1/41

20 March 1945

Herewith please find various requirements.

WLP/asj.

WLP
Major, GS011,
Inf Training.

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C...O...P...Y.

Estimate of accommodation stores required for Misto Bn
Camp.

Tables, 6 ft.	20
Forms, 6 ft.	14
Chairs.	42
Latrine buckets.	6
Tubs, oval.	6

19 March 1945.

(Sgd) F. LEAHY, Major.

3252

SUBJECT:- Schools - S.I.V.A. - Accommodation.

DAA & QMG

The progress of the contractors at present employed repairing the accommodation to hold the schools is so slow owing to shortage of material that I feel it will most certainly not be ready for April 2 and April 8 the dates forecasted for the opening of SIVA.

I am most keen that the J.I. Wing should start on April 2 and have allotted accommodation which should make this possible. The greatest urgency now is for the following equipment which has already been sought through Italian sources without result:-

Tables.	35
Chairs.	120
Plates, cups, knives, forks, spoons and table ware for 80 officers.	
Camp Kitchen for two messes - I suggest two Sayer stoves to each mess.	
Blackboards.	3
Marquee.	1 (to serve as an officers mess).

19.5.45.

(Sgd) E. HESTINGTON, Major,
GSO.II, Schools.

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Subject: - Schools - S.I.V.A. Accommodation

To: D.A.A. & M.C.

G.B.U.

The progress of the contractors at present employed repairing the accommodation to hold the schools is so slow owing to shortage of materials that I feel it will most certainly not be ready for Sep. 2 and Sep 8 the dates forecasted for the opening of S.M.

I am most keen that the T.L. day should start on Sep. 2 and have allotted accommodation which should make this possible. The greatest urgency now is for the following equipment which has already been sought through Italian sources without result:-
Tables 35 - Chairs 120 - plates, cups knives forks spoons and table ware for 80 officers
Camp kitchens for two messes - I suggest six Sayer flares to each mess - 3 black boards - 1 Marquee to serve as an officers mess.

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C. Huntington
Major

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 serve as an officers mess.

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Huntington Maps
 G.II Schools.

19. 3. 45

Subject:- Accommodation, BRACCLANO.

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Commanding B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

The barrack block at BRACCLANO allotted for accommodation of Signal School personnel (apart from the Signal School proper, which it is NOT intended should provide any sleeping accommodation) is now holding O.R.'s and offices of 3 Regt for whom there appears to be no alternative accommodation.

The target date for the move of the Signal School from NUXERA to BRACCLANO remains at 31 MAR, and good progress is being made in building repairs and alterations.

The question of alternative barrack accommodation for 3 Regt personnel occupying the building allotted to Sign personnel u.e.f. 31 MAR is pressing, as when the Signal School arrives at BRACCLANO, sleeping accommodation will be required there for about 460 more O.R.'s.

11 MAR 45

R.H. Thomas
Capt. R. Signals,
S.O. R. Sigs., R.T.I., R.T.C., 13289

Copy to S.O. R. Signals, MIA.
" S.O.R.E., R.T.I., R.T.C., I.C.F. ✓

DAA & QMF.

ACCOMMODATION AT GENIO BARRACKS, BRACOLANO.

1. Each block should hold 300 men.
2. Total accommodation is therefore:

Mixed Block.	300.
Sigs Block.	300.
Engrs Block.	300.
TOTAL.	<u>900.</u>

3. Actual accommodation is however:

Mixed Block.	Misto.	359.
Sigs Block.	Arty.	262.
	Mech Coy.	128.
		390.
Engrs Block.	Engrs.	148.
	Sigs.	267.
		415.
Engrs School.	Engrs.	324.
Scabies cases.	40.	364.
TOTAL.		<u>1528.</u>

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JUN/feb.Major R.S.
3000 BTI KFC ICF.

SUBJECT: Accommodation at BRACCIANO

Q1

BTU BTC ICF.
Ref BTC/1/1

16 Feb 45.

DAA & QAC.

The following is required to make a Villa, taken over by me in BRACCIANO habitable for 1 officer and 4 Sgts. The possibility of expansion has been allowed for.

1 Cook (Italians state they can provide)
1 Cook Assistant Italian.
1 Batman

Accommodation Stores.

Bowls Washing	4
Chairs Folding Flat	3
Lamps Hurricane	4
Stoves Oil Heating	2
Axes Hand	1
Howls Hand	1
Buckets 13in	1
Containers Water 5Gall	2
Dishes Baking	1
Dishes Meat	1
Forks Cook	1
Knives, Cook	1
Knives, Butcher	1
Kettles, oval, tea	2
Ladle, Soup	1
Machins, mincing	1
Pans frying	1
Pots, cooking	1
Spoons stirring	1
Tins Cake	1
Washing Tub	1

*Take equipment to
No 3 Regt.
Camp to inform
me what he can
provide ex Blystock*

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May 1 m/c and 1 vehicle (preferably a load carrier) also be attached. This vehicle could be one of my daily three.

Team 1 Bde

Chairs Folding Flat
 Lamps Hurricane
 Stoves Oil Heating
 Axes Hand
 Bowls Hand
 Buckets 13in
 Containers Water 5Gall
 Dishes Baking
 Dishes Meat
 Forks Cook
 Knives, Cook
 Knives, Butcher
 Kettles, oval, tea
 Ladle, Soup
 Machine, mincing
 Pans frying
 Pots, cooking
 Spoons stirring
 Tins Cake
 Washing Tub

3207

May 1 m/c and 1 vehicle (preferably a load carrier) also be
 attached. This vehicle could be one of my daily three.

I have two m/cs - see Head Body
 of them & get one.

JCS/TAW

OK.

Major

J. BLAYLAND

SUBJECT :- Reception Regiments RTC ICF.

British Training Unit RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MIA) RMR.
Ref RTC/3/2

Feb 45.

CRE 104 Wks.

1. A tented camp to accommodate 3,000 is being formed as a Reception Regiment between BRACCIANO and MARZIANA. May the following accommodation stores be provided at earliest possible as the camp will start to receive men in approximately 1 week.

Cooking Shelters	1000 sq ft.
Wash-up Benches	30
Ablution Benches	60
Incinerators	2
Latrine Seats	150
Urinals	250 ft.
Hessian 6ft wide	500 ft.

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JCB/raw

J.C. MAXLAND RE
Major.

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