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Accommodation - CARs

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From: Ministry of War

Ref: 5/777/Serv.

To : MMIA

Date: 19/7/46

Subject:- return of reserve Officer
Cadets School Bks (PALERMO).

The Palermo Military Terr. HQ has pointed out that two barracks (Rocca and Turba) which the 11th CAR has, are absolutely insufficient to meet actual requirement. Rooms whose normal capacity is about 20 men, accommodate 56 men in double bunks, each touching without any spacing in between them.

The aforesaid HQ whilst reporting this situation, has reported that the CAR could be comfortably accommodated in the Reserve Cadet Officer's School Bks.

A Battalion could be comfortably accommodated there. This Bks is however at present occupied by a P.S. Unit, with a presumed strength of about 200 men. I.e. it is only partially used with a number of men with no more than 6 or 7 to a room.

Steps taken by the Military Authorities for the release of the Bks have been unsuccessful.

We ask your MMIA to examine the possibility of approaching the competent S/C to obtain the release of the Bks which could be put at the disposal of the Palermo Military Territorial HQ.

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Liazzi
Gen.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: PLU/35 A

6 July 1946

Subject : Accommodation 7 C.A.R.

To : M.M.I.A.

Reference your Trg/41/1 dated 29 May 46.

1. On 19 June 46 a reconnaissance of ROVEZZANO barracks . FLORENCE was made in company with Col. CHIANTOTTI (Chief of Staff 7 Terr. Comd). The question of moving one Bn. of 7 C.A.R. into these barracks was discussed.
2. Gen IRE SIMONE, Comd 7 Terr. Comd. has now decided against this move and has recommended to the MINISTRY of WAR that one bn. should move to CADORNA barracks AREZZO.
3. This reasons for this decision are :-
 - (a) that CADORNA barracks are in a better state of repair than ROVEZZANO barracks and can be made ready for occupation in a few weeks,
 - (b) that better facilities exist in AREZZO for the accommodation of married families,
 - (c) that training grounds are more accessible.
4. It is estimated that approximately six weeks work is necessary to prepare ROVEZZANO barracks for occupation at an estimated cost of 70,000,000 (seventy million) lire. In view of the lack of time available and the reasons given in para 3 above the move to AREZZO is considered desirable.

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C. C. MARKES

C.C. MARKES
Lt. Col.
GSO I

*Answer reply to
BAS Wt. a. Solo 1st*

SUBJECT : Accommodation - 7 CAR.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG(MMLA)

TSG/41/1

29 May 46.

TO : 7 DIV.

Ref your BLH/35 A dated 21 May 46.

1. Your suggestions Re Reversano BAs FIORINI is a possible alternative to AREZZO for accommodating a portion of 7 CAR sound reasoning.
2. This HQ has no objections to the plan, and agrees with your suggestions:-
 - (a) to carry out further investigations,
 - (b) to enter into discussion with HQ 7 Terr. Comd.
3. In weighing up the merits of these Barracks over AREZZO, you should give particular attention to the problem of accommodation for married families.
4. A final ruling will be given when the results of your further investigations and discussion with 7 Terr. Comd are known.

MMH/cm

M. W. H.
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Major-General
M. E. I. A.

Internal : G(SD)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU/35 A

Florence, 21 May 1946

Subject : Accommodation C.A.R.

To : M.M.I.A.

MIA letter Ref Trg/44/1 dated 14 May 1946 to Ministry of War
(copy this H.A.) refers.

1. ROVEZZANO Barracks are situated on the AREZZO road on the outskirts of FLORENCE. These barracks are at present occupied by "G" Military Prison. (Br). The O.C. prison states that he will most probably have vacated them by the end of June next.

2. An inspection of these barracks was carried out on 18th May and it is estimated that by using double bunks some 1400 - 1500 Italian recruits could be accommodated. In addition there is a block suitable for offices and another block suitable for an officers Mess. In this latter block are a number of bedrooms which could be utilised for single officers quarters. Class rooms are also available.

3. It is suggested that this location would be more suitable than AREZZO to accommodate one Recruit Bn as it would be directly under the eye of 7 TC and 7 BLU.

4. There is a good parade ground in the barracks itself and being on the outskirts of the town, suitable training areas could probably be found at no great distance from barracks.

5. In addition to the accommodation referred to above there are a number of other large buildings that have been more or less seriously damaged by bombing. It is estimated that if these were repaired the total capacity of the barracks would be 2500-3000 recruits. It is for consideration as to whether at some future date, it would not be advisable to move the Hq. of the CAR and 2 Recruit Bns to Florence, leaving only one Bn. at an outstation.

6. Pending a policy ruling on this subject from Hq. MIA, the matter has not been discussed with 7 T.C. nor is it known if Genl. DE SIMONE has other plans for making use of these

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7. Should the scheme be approved by you in principle, a more detailed inspection will be made, when such matters as the exact amount of accommodation available, water supply etc. will be gone into.

8. General BROWNING discussed this question with Gen. DE SI-MONE during his visit to 7 T.C. H.Q. on 20 May.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major,
DAA & QMG

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