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BILLETING OF ITALIAN TROOP

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BILLETING OF ITALIAN TROOPS

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SUBJECT: Italian Military School - NAPLES

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (AMIA)  
LEQUIL (LECE)  
AG/12  
5 June 44

Army Sub Commission  
ADV HQ (SALERNO)

Ref your ASC/19 dated 29 May 44.

1. In HQ ASC letter ICC 091.711 of 4 May 44 forwarding COMANDO SUPREMO letter 103135/AV Gen INFANTE refers to a Military School at NAPLES.
2. It is not clear whether this is a Civilian School teaching civilian subjects, or a Military School teaching military subjects.
3. There is no authority for the opening of a Military School and no authority exists for it to draw rations.
4. Make full enquiries into the function of this school, and send a detailed report to this HQ.

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Maj Gen,  
Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION,  
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

SUBJECT :- Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania. APC/19/1.  
TO :- Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main H.Q. (AMIA) 29 May 1944.  
LEQUILLÉ (LECCE).

1. Reference your AQ/12 dated 26 April, subject as above.
2. Enclosed herewith is copy of translation of General Infante's answer to the Deputy Chief Commissioner's communication to him of the text of your a/m letter.
3. Attached thereto is Deputy Secretary General's covering memorandum.

*JAC*  
J.A. CAMPBELL,  
Major,  
Army Sub-Commission.

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

1st. Division  
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs.

File No. 102185/AV

Subject: Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania

To: Allied Control Commission,  
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner,  
APO 394.

Reference: DGC 091,711 of 4 May 1944.

My dear commander Stone:

I am pleased to be able to furnish you with the information requested in the letter in reference.

The military school in Naples has been open since the 1st February last, as a normal, civil, intermediate or high-school.

Second and third year high-school courses are conducted, with about forty pupils; the soldiers frequent the school in civilian clothes and as day students.

The Allied authorities have left a few rooms at the disposal of the schools as well as the library and the physics and science laboratories.

The Army Sub-Commission of the ACC was asked as long ago as February last by the Ministry of War to put at the school's disposal the other rooms necessary to completely resume the school's activities.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Adolfo Infante  
Division General. F. G. S.

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In reply refer to:  
DCC 091.711

4 May 1944

Dear General Infante:

With further reference to your letter No. 02338/AV of the 13th of April, a reply has now been received from the Army Sub-Commission at LECCE the substance of which is as follows:

1. Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania falls under two headings:  
(a) Italian troops under Allied Command.  
(b) Italian Administration.
2. The billeting of troops under Allied Command is a responsibility of the Allied Commander concerned and is not a matter for discussion by this Sub-Commission, unless the Italian Command desires to have this Sub-Commission represent any views it may have to the Allied Commanders in those cases where the Italian Command considers the billets allotted to such Italian troops are inadequate in size or otherwise inappropriate.  
The majority of Italian troops in Campania are under direct Allied Command.
3. Accommodations in Campania for Italian troops used for Italian Administration can only be considered when the Combined Chief of Staff has decided on the exact number to be allowed, and this has not been decided as yet. Such troops as are allotted to Campania must be within the total ceiling for the entire Italian Army. Obviously the required number will not reach a figure as mentioned by General Infante. Therefore any discussion on this matter is out of place until the decision of the Combined Chief of Staff is received and implemented by

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Instructions from the Allied Commander in Chief, who is also the Commander in Chief of the entire Italian Army.

4. Information is requested with reference to the "Military School" mentioned by General Infante. No such school is authorized."

I should be glad to have your reply to the question raised in sub paragraph 4 above.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante  
Deputy Chief of the General Staff  
Comando Supremo

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ARMY S.C. - V  
Adv. HQ

SUBJECT: Billeting      Troops in Campania Province

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main Hq (AMIA)  
LEQUILLE (LECCO)  
AQ/12

APR 44

To Lt Col Quinsmith  
Adv Hq, Army Sub Comm, ACC  
Salerno

Copy to Ministry of War  
Chief of Staff S.M.R.E., 10 Naples

Reference your QS 267 of 18 April with inclosure of letter from General Infante.

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Maj. Gen.,  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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In reply refer to:  
DCC 091.711

19 April 1944

Subject: Billeting of Troops in the Campania  
Province.

Dear General Infante:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the above  
subject, No. 02338/AV dated 13 April 1944.

I am arranging to represent the facts you quote in re-  
gard to difficulties of accommodation of Italian troops in  
Campania Province to Army Sub-Commission at Lecce.

I will communicate with you further on this subject as  
soon as I get a reply from Major General L. Browning, who  
as you know, has just taken over command of the Sub-Commis-  
sion from Brigadier Duchesne.

I understand General Browning is shortly coming to  
Salerno with the intention of visiting the Comando Supremo.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,  
Deputy Chief of the General Staff,  
Comando Supremo

*Army Sub-Com*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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18 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ. (MIA)  
LEQUIL (LECCE).

The attached letter from the Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Comando Supremo to HQ. A.C.C. is forwarded for your remarks in order that a reply may be put up from the Deputy Chief Commissioner to General INFANTE.

The substance of the letter has been passed to Army Sub-Commission L.O. for CAMPANIA for information only.

In my own opinion there is little doubt that the Italian Army in CAMPANIA, especially in the NAPLES area, are badly off for accommodation particularly when the question of further arrivals from SARDINIA is considered.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)  
Army Sub-Commission  
Advanced HeadquartersCopy to:  
Army Sub-Comm. L.O., Naples.  
(for information).

Incl. as above.

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PM 151, 13 April 1944

The Supreme Command  
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs

Ref. No. ; 02338/AV

SUBJECT: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.

TO : Allied Control Commission, Att. Capt. Ellery Stone, APO 304.

My dear Captain Stone,

1. Among the measures that should be taken in order to obtain more efficiency from the Italian forces in face of the increasing Allied demands, the problem of their billeting in Campania is one that should be taken into serious consideration.

The solution of this problem does not only concern the better efficiency of units, but also the more even functioning of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, field hospitals, which are indispensable to the smooth working of units in the field.

This Command deems it necessary therefore to present the problem in its present phase with suggestions as to its solution by the Allied authorities.

2. The exigencies of billeting of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, and hospitals in Campania were faced by the Allied authorities sometime ago when last September they occupied totally all barracks still inhabitable and all buildings adaptable to billeting.

The Allied Commands (5th Army, AFHQ, PBS) have shown that they understood the importance of the problem, but in reality only the problem of billeting these units in Campania, which are being directly used by the Allies, has been solved.

For all the requirements of a territorial character the above Commands have provided for differently in the conviction that these questions are not intimately connected with their needs.

Lately however the PBS has shown better understanding. The solution of the problem has not however been faced squarely as demanded by the exigencies of the situation and in the common interest of the Allies and of ourselves.

3. At the present moment Italian troops possess in Naples:

The Palazzo Salerno, where are stationed the Command of the Campania Forces and nearly all offices and sections belonging to it; a few modest "locales" next to the Giregie Erosleo, the Paisiello, and feminine schools, occupied respectively by the Military Police 3400 and MP office 120; by the sanitary company and by the administrative office of the Naples garrison; by the Naples Military hospital.

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 e Transit Camp occupies a few private premises in Via Morghen 31 which holds approx. 150 men. The 10th Motor Group occupies a few premises at "Large Ferrandino, Chiaia (holds approx. 60 men). The 31 Infantry and 10 Artillery are housed in insufficient premises of the S. Martino museum. The Naples military garrison occupies the only room of the Garrison Officers Club at Pizzofalcone.

In S. Maria Capua Vetere:

The 10th Engineers regiment depot occupy an exiguous portion of that regiment's own barracks.

In Salerno, Benevento, Avoras, Avellino, Caserta, Nola, commands of garrisons and depots possess a few small rooms hardly sufficient for their office space.

4. In order to insure that normal working of garrisons and depots in accordance with the exigencies determined by enlisting, recruiting, the recovery of stragglers, etc. it is necessary that each garrison in Naples, Avallion, Benevento, Avaras, Salerno, Nola and Caserta be able to possess premises to hold at least 300 to 500 men and that the following depots: the 31st Infantry (Naples), 10th Artillery AA (Naples), 10th Artillery df. (Caserta), 15th Inf (Salerno), 39th Inf (Caserta), 12th Artillery (Nola), might also be able to possess living space for 300 to 400 men to be equipped, for discharge, or who are apt to war conditions, etc.

Furthermore the Naples Transit Command should be able to dispose of a "locale" to hold at least 1000 men which is, in general, the number of soldiers to be billeted.

Lately the Allied authorities have granted us a bombed building which was once the seat of the "Ischirogona" works and which once repaired will hold approx. 1500 men. It was intended to place the Transit camp in this building and also the 31st Infantry depot, but in these last few days following the arrival of the 121 division the Allied Command has occupied this building in part and making it impossible to arrange for the Transit Camp, as the work is being delayed.

However if the "Ischirogona" building were returned totally to the Italian Armed Forces the problem of the transit camp and of the 31st Inf. Regt. would then be solved.

5. So that if we consider the problem of housing the Transit Camp and 31st Inf. Regt in the "Ischirogona" building, the following exigencies will still have to be met.

In Naples:

Premises for the 10th Motorised Group, for the military garrison and for the 10th Artillery Regt (a total of about 1200 to 1500 men).

In Salerno:

Premises for the garrison and 15th Inf Depot (Approx. 600-1000 men) 2.3

In Caserta:

Premises for the garrison and 39th Inf and 10th Artillery Depots (about 1000 to 1500 men).

In Nola:

Premises for the garrison and 12th Artillery Depot (about 800-1000 men).

In Benevento, Aversa and Avellino, premises in each locality for about 100 to 150 men.

To above exigencies it will be necessary to add a few modest rooms of the "annunziatelle" in Naples for the exigencies of the Military School.

If necessary this command will be able to furnish detailed information regarding the above suggestions by putting at the disposal of the competent Allied Organs a few officers of the Campania Armed Forces.

This Command trusts that the Allied Commission will examine this billeting problem in order to give it a satisfactory solution.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante  
Deputy Chief of General Staff

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