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CONTAINS PAPERS

FROM MARCH 44

TO JUNE 44

CATALOGUE

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Organization of A.C.C.
Memo DATES 2-11-43.

1/ AFHQ ADM. No 74, DATES 2-11-43, re establishment of

A.C.C. its functions etc.

2/ Staff memo. 10. Nov. 1943. co-ordination of 2678th

Regt DCS and British Division HQ. AALGAC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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ACC/14012/2/2/PS.

13 June 1944.

SUBJECT : GG.FF. Barracks in Sicily.

TO : R.P.S.O., Region I (thru' RG).

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With reference to correspondence your R1/671/OPS/BJH dated 25/3/44 and 21/4/44, reply has now been received from the Naval Sub-Commission, in which it is stated that it is regretted that there is no possibility at present of returning any portion of the Barracks at Catania to the GG.FF.

BRP/lg.

PAUL G. KIRK, 3362
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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File No.
S16/NSCALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial 10.

6 June 1944.

From: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Guardia di Finanza Barracks at Catania - Return of.

1. With reference to your letter ACC/14012/2/PS of 28 April 1944, an investigation has been made to determine whether the barracks at Catania or a portion thereof, which were formerly occupied by the Guardia di Finanza may be returned to that organization.

2. It is regretted that there is no possibility at present of returning any portion of the barracks to the Guardia di Finanza.


H. W. ZIRCOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
NAVREP NSC-Salerno.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

17 May 1944.

ACC/14012/2/PS

SUBJECT: Barracks GERT, Sicily.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

Further to this office letter ACC/14012/2/2/PS dated 28 April with report on the above subject. Could reply be expedited please.

BRP/t

A. E. Young
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Barracks OGFF

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Rear HQ AGC APO 394

Ref your AGC/14012/2/PS dated 28 April 1944.

1. The barracks originally occupied by Guardia di Finanza in SYRACUSE are at present occupied by British units and may not be available for some time.
2. It is appreciated that it would be to advantage to have them billeted near the port, and every endeavor will be made to find suitable accommodation within easy reach of the Harbour.

C.M.F.
12 May 44
HNC/BO

Col i/c Adm
No. 1 District.

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From: P. S. Sub-Com., AGC Salerno.

17 May 1944.

To : RPSO Region I.

The above reply to representations made by this Sub-Commission for returns of OGFF barracks in Sicily is forwarded for your information, reference your letters 1/671/CMS/BJH dated 25/3/44 and 21/4/44.

No reply has yet been received respecting OGFF barracks occupied by the Navy.

A. B. Young
A. B. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

Copy to CG OGFF.

SUBJECT:- Barracks - GG.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14012/223

SUBJECT : Barracks - GG.FF.

28 April 1944

TO : G.O.C. No 1 District.

1. Forwarded are copies of reports, regarding the occupation of GG.FF Barracks in Sicily.
2. The view expressed by the Regional Public Safety Officer in Sicily is fully endorsed by this Sub-Commission.
3. Can it please be stated whether the Barracks at Siracusa can be returned to the Royal Finance Guards at an early date.

A. B. YOUNG
Colonel,
Deputy Chief,
Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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28 April 1944

ACC/14012/2/PS

SUBJECT : Barracks - GG.PP.

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TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. Forwarded are copies of reports, regarding the occupation of GG.PP Barracks in Sicily. *4B/C*
2. The view expressed by the Regional Public Safety Officer in Sicily is fully endorsed by this Sub-Commission. *4B*
2. It is requested that representations be made for the early return of the Finance Guards Barracks at Catania now occupied by the Royal Navy.

PAW/hgd

A. E. YOUNG
Colonel,
Deputy Chief,
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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FILE : RPS 014. 1.

R1/671/CPS/BJH.
21/4/44.

SUBJECT : R. Guardia di Finanza,
Barracks Accomodation.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394. (ACC/14012/2/PS).

THRU : Channels.

Reference Memorandum ACC/14012/2/PS dated 3rd April, 1944.

1. As regards Siracusa, the Guardia Di Finanza Barracks are occupied by Port Detachment, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and any enquiry should be made regarding this building to No 1 District, Catania.
2. In this case, although the Guardia di Finanza are accomodated in a suitable building, it is suggested it is too far from the Port and that the Barracks should therefore be returned to its former organization.
3. The Barracks of the Guardia di Finanza stationed at Catania are in occupation by units of the British Royal Navy. Communications on this subject should be addressed to the Naval Officer in Charge, Catania.

For the Regional Commissioner:

RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.P.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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RI/671/4/CPS/EJH.
25/3/44.

FILE : RPS 014. 1.
SUBJECT : Guardia di Finanza- Barracks
Accommodation.
TO : Chief Public Safety Division,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
THRU : Secretary General.

1. At a recent Conference of Public Safety Officers in this Region attention was drawn to the fact that in two instances the Guardia di Finanza are not functioning altogether efficiently by reason of the fact that they are deprived of the use of their former Barracks.

2. The cases referred to and the circumstances attendant upon each are as follows :-

(a) Catania.

In October 1943 it was reported by Colonel Biondi, The Officer Commanding the Guardia di Finanza in Sicily, that there were difficulties regarding the barracks at Catania. These had been requisitioned by the British Marines, and it had not been possible to obtain restitution. In December it was reported that the Marines were not utilising the whole of the premises, that information had been received that the R. Harbour Office was being established in the barracks and it was asked that this should not be permitted, but that the Finance Guards should be allowed to return to the vacant accommodation instead of being distributed in different places in the town.

The SCAO of Catania was asked to take steps to secure, if possible, the return of the barracks, or at least the unoccupied portion of them, to the Guardia di Finanza, but in January it was stated that the premises were occupied by N.C.I.C. and his staff, the Capitaneria di Porto, the R.A.F., and the Ministry of War Transport, and that there was not a vacant room in the building. Further, there was no suitable alternative accommodation in the vicinity of the Port, which has been extensively damaged, and it seemed unlikely that the barracks will be available for the use of the Guardia di Finanza for some time.

There the matter is, the Finance Guards being housed in different parts of the town in quite inadequate accommodation with a consequent loss of efficiency and prestige.

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In December the Finance Guards were lodged in one large building, which was the best accommodation which could be found, and are so housed at the present time.

3. Whilst it is appreciated that Military requirements must be the first consideration, it was the opinion of representatives at the Conference that as efforts made locally to secure the restoration of these barracks to the Guardia di Finanza had been without success, the matter should be reported to Headquarters with a view to approaches being made to the Military Authorities at a higher level.

4. It is quite apparent that the work of the Guardia di Finanza is of considerable importance at these two large Ports in Sicily, and they are not likely to regain their prestige or efficiency whilst accommodated elsewhere than in the premises which were formerly their Headquarters.

By order of Lt. Colonel A. N. HANCOCK, Regional Commissioner:

RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.F.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

FILE : RPS 014.1.

RL/67L/CPS/BJH.
21/4/44.

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R. A. Snook

RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
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Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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AGG/14012/2/ FS.

3 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of MG. WT Barracks.
TO : RPSG Region 3.1.

1. Reference is made to your letter AGG 014 dated 25 March 1944, regarding the barracks of the Finance Guards at Catania and Siracusa.
2. Please supply full details of the units occupying these barracks with sufficient information to indicate the superior Military Headquarters with which this Sub-Commission should communicate.

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PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

21 MAR 1944

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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FILE : RPS 014.1. RL/671/4/CPS/BJH.
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R. Russell A. Snook
Major
Lt. Colonel, C.M.P.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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