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Administrative Section HQ. ACC. APN 394.

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TO : HQ and HQ Section HQ. ACC. APN 394.

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[Signature]
STANOGUE,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO.394

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11 February, 1944.

Subject : Fire Fighting Equipment.

To : Commanding General, AFHQ (for Military Government Section).

Reference HQC 384.51 of 27 December, 1943.

1. Attached is the estimate of requirements covering the whole of Italy and showing priority, location and type of appliances. Explanatory notes are given with the estimate.
2. In view of the existing shortage of Italian appliances and the poor condition of most of those at present in service, it is requested that very early delivery should be made in the case of the items marked priority 1. This is all the more urgent in face of pending operations, following which Fire Fighting appliances will be required in Rome and elsewhere as soon as possible, none being available at present.

For the Commanding General:

STANBATE,
Vice-President,
Administrative Section.

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estimate of Fire Fighting appliances required.
Explanatory notes.

Copy to: RC + MG Sections

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LOCATION	TYPE OF RISK	MEDIUM HAZARD	HAZARD LEVEL (1-5)	Counted on Tanker	Remarks
1. DUTCH	PORT	2	4	-	
1. BERING	PORT	1	2	1	
1. ALASKA	PORT	-	1	2	
1. ALABAMA	PORT	-	2	1	
2. TEXAS	PORT	-	1	1	
1. CALIFORNIA	PORT	-	1	1	
1. OREGON	PORT	-	1	1	
1. WASHINGTON	PORT	-	1	1	
1. IDAHO	PORT	4	1	1	
1. MONTANA	PORT	4	1	1	
1. WYOMING	PORT	-	1	1	
1. NEVADA	PORT	-	2	2	
1. ARIZONA	PORT	-	2	2	
1. UTAH	PORT	-	2	2	
1. COLORADO	PORT	-	2	2	
1. NEBRASKA	PORT	2	2	2	
1. KANSAS	PORT	2	2	2	
1. MISSOURI	PORT	2	2	2	
1. ILLINOIS	PORT	2	2	2	
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1. OHIO	PORT	2	2	2	
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PRIORITY	LOCATION	Type of Risk	MEDIUM TRAILER PUMPS	TANKER VEHICLES (Large)	LIGHT PUMPS MOUNTED ON TANKER	REMARKS
2	LEGNORNI	Port	2	4	1	
2	FLORENCE	Rail Center	2	4	2	
2	PISA	" "	0	2	2	
2	BOLOGNA	" " & Ind'y	1	4	2	
2	FERRARA	" "	0	2	2	
2	GENOVA	Port	6	6	6	
2	MODENA	Rail Center	0	1	1	
2	CREMONA	" "	0	1	1	
2	PADUA	" "	0	2	2	
2	VERONA	Oil	2	1	1	(Foam Appliance should be considered)
2	TRIESTE	Port	2	2	2	
2	TREVISO	Rail Center	0	2	2	
2	UDINE	" "	0	1	1	
2	VIGONZA	" "	0	1	2	
2	VERONA	" "	1	2	2	
2	BOZZANO	" "	0	2	2	
2	TRENTO	" "	0	2	2	
2	TURIN	" " & Ind'y	4	6	4	
2	MILAN	" " "	6	12	6	
2	PIACENZA	" "	0	2	2	
2	ALBIGNANO	" "	0	2	2	
2	POLA	Port	1	2	1	
2	PIRELLA	" "	2	4	1	

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

11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Fire Fighting Appliances.

WORKS ON DEDUCTION

1. Since the preparation of previous estimates of the appliances needed to cover the various parts of Italy, further information has come to hand to the effect that the Germans have transferred many of the Italian fire appliances together with the younger firemen, to Germany.
2. Enemy action in Italy has not materialized to the extent at first envisaged, and it is considered possible further to reduce the estimated number of appliances for this region.
3. Some shortening is considered advisable in the number of appliances asked for in the case of GENOA, MILAN, TRIESTE & VENICE in the light of Para. 1.
4. The formation of Allied dumps and stock piles etc. has created risks for which it is considered that cover should be provided in areas which would have otherwise been not considered.
5. It is intended that as the advance progresses northward, some of the appliances shall be moved from the south to more northerly locations as required.
6. This estimate is considered to be an APPROXIMATE MINIMUM of bare essentials, and in no case would it cover the full consequences of a large scale air attack. It is not thought possible to provide for such an emergency.
7. In previous estimates it was proposed to ask for only one type of Trailer Pump - the medium. Since then it has been found in practice that in many cases this appliance is not suitable for the following reasons.
 - (a) The low volume and pressure in most of the Italian hydrant would not meet the requirement of the medium T.P.
 - (b) The fire risk in Italy is comparatively low and most fires do not spread beyond the room in which they originate.
 - (c) The narrowness of many of the streets would render the operation of the M.T.P. difficult and also its passage.
 - (d) There would be great difficulty in finding suitable towing vehicles for the M.T.P.
 - (e) A smaller area is required for the L.T.P.
8. Under the circumstances the supply of both L.T.P. or M.T.P. is recommended

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9. Water tankers are essential in all Italian Cities and are used by the Italian Fire Service. In many cases these tankers are either out of commission or will have been removed or destroyed by the enemy.

10. It is recommended that when the M.P.T. is asked for it be mounted on the Tanker. The Dodge 2 ton tanker (A50 gallon) would be a suitable vehicle and has room for the pump at the back.

If the Dodge Tanker is not suitable it is preferable that a larger tank rather than a smaller one - say 500 - 1000 gallons be provided with suitable addition to carry the light pump.

Failing the tankers, the light M.P.T.'s should be mounted in a 1 1/2 ton truck fitted with a 500 gal tank.

The crew would either ride the appliance or travel in an ordinary car.

The crews would be trained by Army Fire Service personnel in the use of the appliances.

All tankers should be fitted with towing hook.

11. In the larger ports and cities provision should be made for a few M.P.T.'s the tankers to act as towing vehicles.

12. Each Pump medium or light should be complete with appurtenances and should also have the following extras.

500 ft. extra 2 1/2" hose

1 each adaptors	70 mm (Italian pattern)	Female	- 2 1/2"	male*
	70 mm	"	"	male - 2 1/2"
	65 mm	"	"	female - 2 1/2"
	65 mm	"	"	male - 2 1/2"
	70 mm	"	"	male - 3"
				female**
2 adaptors	65mm	"	"	male - 3"
				female**

* Standard Inst. coupling

** Standard Screw suction coupling

These adaptors will enable our appliances to work from the Italian Hydrants and also will facilitate the interchange of hose.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

11 February 1944.

ACC/14502/HS

SUBJECT: Reserve Fire-fighting Force, for HOME.

TO : Admin. Section.

Suggest following reply:-

"1. In view of the importance of BARI as a military port and of the depleted number of fire fighting appliances there it is not considered possible to provide a second reserve detachment from this source.

The Italian Government is being approached with a view to some form of mobile reserve being provided from existing fire brigades in Regions I and II where conditions are more stabilized. This is being dealt with as a matter of urgency and the result will be communicated to you."

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS 5 ARMY

Public Safety Div.,
Rear Echelon
4 February 1944

TO: Chief of Public Safety - Rome Planning.

I believe that we may find on arrival in Rome all fire appliances have been removed or destroyed by the enemy. The latest reports encourage this belief, and we may find that the reserve Fire Fighting unit which I propose to get into Rome at an early date may be insufficient.

I desire therefore to recommend that a second reserve force be organized and held ready to move in at the discretion of Public Safety A.C. and handed over to me in Rome.

From what I saw in the way of fire fighting equipment in BARI I consider that such a team could be organized there and sent to NAPLES to stand by.

This second team should prepare to move by road and be sent off without waiting for any signal from A.M.G. Rome. They should carry with them 7 days rations and I desire also to recommend that they take in 4 dozen hurricane lamps and oil. The lamps will be required for the common use of Public Safety.

May I request please that you will forward this recommendation to Headquarters A.C.C. - A.C.M.F. where I know it will receive full consideration by the Public Safety Division.

M.P. LOTHIAN,
Major
Supt. Civil Defence, Fire Fighting
for Rome.

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H/Q. A.C.M.F. (thro' Gen. Hume)

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1. We are taking into Rome some 10 vehicles (and equipment for firefighting -- loaned from Naples Divn.
 2. In case of a serious emergency it would be helpful if we could fall back upon a reserve fire-fighting Force from BARI - it would not move from BARI until required.
- Approval asked please.

J.B. POLLOCK
Chief Public Safety

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

11 February 1944.

ACC/14502/RS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

AMG/14502/1/P3

November 19, 1943

SUBJECT : Conditions in Fire Services

TO : Administrative Directorate

1. Herewith, for your information, are reports, with enclosures, dated Nov. 5, and Nov. 11, 1943, regarding the above subject received by me from an Officer of the Fire and Civil Defence Sub-Division of the AMGOT Public Safety Division.

2. The enclosures to the report dated 5 Nov. indicate the disparity between living conditions of the personnel in 1941 and 1943.

3. It is realized that the meagre food supply is not peculiar to the Fire Service in particular, but is rather representative of the situation generally pertaining in Sicily.

4. The reports are forwarded because they point out the amount of food upon which the personnel now subsist, and the consequences with which might with reasonable certainty be expected to follow if the situation is not remedied in the immediate future.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK,
Col., Inf.,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

*Return of the reports when they have served
your purpose would be appreciated*

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