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FORM #13-A

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CRYPTO *L. K. Clark*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Refer to: AMG/184.5/AD.

11 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Additional Officers for Civil Defense.

TO: Commanding General, A.M.H.Q., M.S.S.

1. In continuation of this office letter number as above dated 11 December 1943, (your MSG-184.51 dated 19 November 1943 refers), the report of HQ, 15 Army Group AMG, is as follows:-

"Reference AMG/184.51/AD dated 2 December 1943.

Para.3(a). No specialist officers assigned to fire and Civil Defense.

(b). There is one such specialist officer with H.Q. Region IV, Major MONTAGUE (British) at present employed in General Public Safety duties.

(c). It is considered that Civil Defense duties can be adequately handled by C.A.F.O.'s. of A.M.G. with Armies; but the addition of a Specialist Officer to each Region, as soon as Regional H.Q. moves up, is necessary.

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(Sgd). R.J.F. THORNE-THORNE,
Colonel, Chief Staff Officer."

2. The delay in transmission owing to the letter quoted above having been addressed to A.P.O. 512 Palermo, is regretted.

for *Ch. R. Spowford* 24/41
CHARLES R. SPOWFOED,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D.C.S.A.O.

Subject:-

Additional Officers for Civil Defence.

ADM HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.I.P.

Ref. ADM/401/30.
14 December 43.

HQ. AG,
Admin. Directorate,
A.P.O. 512, Palermo.

Reference ADM/384.51/AD dated 2 Dec 43, -

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R.J.F. THORPE-THORPE,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512.

Refer to: AMG/384.5/AD.

13 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Additional Officers for Civil Defense.

TO: Commanding General, A.P.H.C., M.O.S.

1. In compliance with letter, your headquarters, file NOS-384.51, dated 19 November 1943, the following report is submitted covering AM and ACC:

(a) The number of specialist officers assigned for Fire and Civil Defense duties with AM, AMG/ACC -- 5. Of these, one is expected to be transferred to a combat unit.

(b) Number of specialist officers assigned (as known) to Regions for Fire and Civil Defense duties.

Region I	-	1
Region II	-	1
Region III	-	
Region IV	-	1
Region V	-	1
Region VI	-	
Region VII	-	1
Region IX	-	1
Region X	-	
Region XI	-	
Region XII	-	

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2. It is considered that in some of the Regions of North-ern Italy, the inclusion of more than one large city may call for the provision of more than one Regional H.C. officer (Civil Defense and Fire). These additional officers to be assigned when and where the necessity arises. Definite allocation to Region X, XI, and XII is at present impossible as the boundaries are not known in this H.C.

3. In view of the fact that the Fire Service is a permanent one whilst the Civil Defense is a temporary one which would lapse entirely in the event of cessation of hostilities, it is requested that specialist officers assigned in future should be primarily Fire officers with a knowledge of Civil Defense.

4. H.C., A.M.O., 15 Army Group have been asked to make a report on the subject covering their area. When this is received it will be transmitted to A.P.H.C., M.O.S.

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For the Commanding General:

L. WILLIAMS M. SPOFFORD,
Jr., COLONEL, C.E.C.
Agent for Field Notes

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

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29 November, 1943.

SUBJECT : Fire Fighting Equipment.

TO : HQ. AMG., 15 Army Group.

Reference your AMG/401/18 dated 23 November, 1943.

Cable Cite FARGO 769 dated 20 November, 1943 was addressed to you for information only, an original copy being sent direct to AFHQ in reply to their 6437 Q(Maint) dated 28 October, 1943.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD

COLONEL B.S.C.

Deputy Chief of Staff. (O&S.I.)

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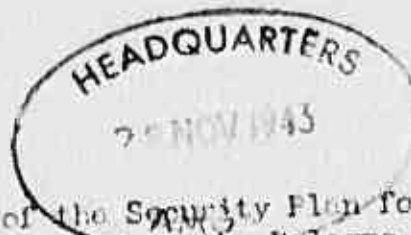
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AG 371.2 (IBSGC)

SUBJECT: Security Plan for Palermo Area

TO : See Distribution



1. Transmitted herewith is one copy of the Security Plan for Palermo Area. This plan supersedes the plan issued by the Palermo Military Area. (Destroy old plan by burning).
2. This plan goes into effect at 0800 hrs on 27 November 1943.
3. Units leaving the Palermo Area shall hand in their copies of the Security Plan to the Operations & Security Division of this Headquarters.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. G. Hoyt
E. G. HOYT,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst Adj General. 717

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ISLAND BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 550

26 Nov 1943

SECURITY PLAN FOR PALERMO AREA

REF. MAP - TOWN PLAN OF PALIRMO.

1. MISSION. The purpose of this plan is to provide protection to military personnel, equipment and supplies in the event of an emergency, such as an amphibian landing, attack by parachutists and civil disorders.
2. RESPONSIBILITY. No. 1 District is responsible for the ground defense and general security of the whole of Sicily, including the Island Base Section Area. In the event of civil disorders, it is the responsibility of the Carabinieri to maintain law and order. If they are unable to deal with the situation, then the military may be called to restore control. Troops will be withdrawn when the civil administration has regained control.
3. CONTROL. The Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, will command all troops, including the 119th Infantry Brigade, 46th Infantry Regiment of the Sabauda Division and all American Troops, except those used to guard Seventh Army Headquarters Installations.
4. COMMUNICATIONS. In the event of an alert or warning order, each unit included in the plan will immediately send a messenger mounted in a jeep or on a motorcycle to their respective assembly area. The following units will send a liaison officer and a messenger to Headquarters, Island Base Section (Map Ref. B 439-467) upon an alert or warning order. The commanding officers of the units listed below will command all troops assembling in their respective areas and all unit messengers will report to them.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY AREA</u>	<u>MAP REF.</u>
43rd Ordnance Bn	Artillery Barracks	B 438500
528th QM Bn	Race Track (Favorita Park)	B 425507
339th Ordnance Co	Ordnance Depot #1	B 420468
206th Signal Co	Signal Depot	B 423453
175th Engr Regt	Mondello Staging Area	B 400550
119th Inf. Brigade	#8 Via Catania	B 433480

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 HQ, IBS, SECURITY PLAN FOR PALERMO AREA - Cont'd - dated 26 Nov 43

5. NOTIFICATION. In the event of an alert, the following will be notified immediately:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Seventh Army Headquarters	Chief of Staff	Cadet 105
	Duty Officer (at nights)	Cadet 155
Air Corps	Major Coles, Exec	Owl North
	Sector Operations Room	Gin Fizz
Navy	Commander Rebel, Exec	Navy
34th F.A. Brigade	Lt. Col. Persons, S-3	Chipmunk
Island Base Section	Commanding Officer,	Clover 5 or 6
" " "	Colonel R. Sears	
" " "	P.A. D. Operator (who	Clover Green
" " "	will control the sound-	
" " "	ing of sirens)	
" " "	Provost Marshal,	Clover 27
" " "	Lt. Col. J.J. Shy	
" " "	Dispatcher	Clover 35

The IBS Dispatcher shall notify the Motor Pool and call ten (10) C & R vehicles or jeeps to IBS Headquarters for use during the emergency.

6. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS. Troops in the number listed in the column entitled "Initial Force", will be moved to and held in readiness at the assembly area listed opposite the name of the unit, upon the sounding of an alert or upon receiving orders to do so. In no event will starting the movement to the assembly area be delayed more than 30 minutes after the alert or designated time for starting the movement. The "Reserve Force" will be alerted, but will not move from their bivouac area until ordered to do so by the assembly area commander or higher authority.

<u>Assembly Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Initial Force</u>	<u>Reserve Force</u>	<u>Total Force</u>
Ordnance Depot	63d Chemical Co (Depot)	0	50	50
" "	339th Ord Co (MTS)	50	50	100
" "	201st Ord Co (Depot)	50	50	100
Artillery Bks	3rd Ord Co (MM)	50	50	100
" "	9th Ord Co (MM)	60	40	100
" "	3408th Ord Co (MM)	50	50	100
" "	396th Port Bn	200	150	350
Race Track	78th Ord Co (Depot)	40	40	80
" "	255th QM Bn (Serv) (Cld)	100	100	200
" "	301st QM Bn, Co "C" (Sterl)	50	50	100
" "	305th QM Co (Rhd) (Cld)	0	30	30
" "	246th QM Bn (Serv)	200	100	300
" "	55th QM Bn (Trk)	100	200	300

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HQ, IBS, SECURITY PLAN FOR PALERMO AREA - Cont'd - 26 Nov 43

<u>Assembly Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Initial Force</u>	<u>Reserve Force</u>	<u>Total Force</u>
Signal Depot	232nd QM Co (Salv Coll)	50	50	100
" "	206th Signal Co (Depot)	50	50	100
" "	177th Sig Rep Co, 3 Dets	0	0	0
Unit Bivouac	Hq & Hq Co, Island Base Sec.	100	50	150
" "	184th QM Co (Dep Sup)	0	50	50
" "	498th QM Co (Ldy) (Cld)	50	50	100
" "	549th QM Co (Ldy) (Cld)	100	80	180
Airport	54th QM Bn (Trk)	100	200	300
Staging Area #3	175th Engr Regt	400	100	500
Artillery Bks	3405th Ord Co (MM)	50	50	100
TOTAL IBS TROOPS		1850	1640	3490
#8 Via Catania	119th Infantry Brigade (Br)	100	100	200
Staging Area #3	46th Inf Regt, Sabauda Div (I)	300	200	500
TOTAL TROOPS		2250	1940	4190

Seventh Army units will protect Seventh Army Installations. Headquarters, Seventh Army will be contacted for any assistance necessary.

7. SPECIAL UNITS. Eight (8) light tanks and twenty four (24) half tracks will be combat loaded and manned by the 83rd Ord Co (HM) upon call from the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.

8. ALERT SIGNAL. The Alert Signal will be an undulating note sounded on the air raid sirens or notification to assembly area commanders by telephone or by messenger. (The undulating note will be produced by turning the electric current to the sirens off and on at short intervals, depending on the characteristics of each siren).

9. AMMUNITION. All units will have full TDA allowance of ammunition on hand, ready for any emergency. Ammunition may be obtained at the Ordnance Base Depot near Piazza Olivuzza (Map Ref. B 422468). The use of grenades, gas and smoke against civilians is prohibited.

10. MEDICAL. First Aid Stations are located at: Map Ref.
1. 10th P of E Dispensary, 404 Via Roma (old #52) 438474
 2. Navy Dispensary, 19 Via Florestano Pepe 433480
 3. Navy Dispensary, Via Aquasanta, 1 block N. of Via Cantieri 446490
 4. 56th Medical - Mondello Staging Area
 5. Between Red Cross Rec. & Bank of Italy on Via Cavour between Via Roma and Via Maqueda 438472
- Hospitals are located at:
1. 34th Station Hospital) Corner Via Dei Vesperi 441453
 2. 59th Evac Hospital) & Via Filiciana 415550
 3. 56th Medical Bn - Mondello Staging Area

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HQ, IES, SECURITY PLAN FOR PALERMO AREA, dated 26 Nov 43 - Cont'd

11. UNIFORM: The following uniform will be worn by American Troops:

Wool O.D. Uniform
Steel helmet and liner
Leggings
Canteen (filled)
Web belt
First Aid Pack

NOTE: Officers will
carry carbines or wear
side arms.

British and Italian Soldiers will wear the uniforms prescribed by
their commanding officers.
Troops will be armed with basic weapons.

R. Sears
R. SEARS
Colonel, Ordnance
Commanding

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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27 November 1943

MGS-324.51

SUBJECT: Additional Officers for Civilian Defense.

TO : HQ AMG ACC

There is attached copy of a report by AMG 15 Army Group on the above subject. This is for your use, in the event that you have not received a copy of the report directly, in connection with the preparation of the study requested in memorandum of 19 November from this office.

Henry Parkman
for J. C. HOLMES

Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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as above.

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Subject: Additional Officers for Civil Defence.

AMG HQ.
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

Ref. AMG/400/18.
25 November 43.

To: A.F.H.Q.
Military Government Section.

Reference MGS 384.51 dated 18 Nov 43.

Additional officers for Civilian Defence (A.R.P.) are not required with A.M.G. Armies and 15 Army Group. Work of this nature has been handled by C.A.P.Os and it is considered they can continue to deal with it. In arriving at the establishment required for A.M.G. Public Safety Division, Civil Defence (A.R.P.-Fire Fighting) was taken into consideration. One Staff Officer at A.M.G. HQ. 15 Army Group will deal with Civil Defence affairs in addition to the other tasks assigned to him.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE
Colonel, Chief Staff Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

19 November 1943

MGS-384.51

SUBJECT: Additional Officers For Civilian Defense

TO : HQ, AMG (ACC) ✓
HQ, AMG, 15th Army Group

1. Inquiry has been made of the MGS as to whether additional officers for civilian defense (Air Raid Protection Officers) are needed in this Theatre. It is the function of the MGS to make such estimates and of the P.A.D. and C.D. Sec. to provide Passive Air Defense staff officers for military commanders.

2. It is directed that the Public Safety Sub-Commission of ACC prepare, on the basis of information obtained both from AMG (ACC) and AMG 15th Army Group, a report on the number and adequacy of personnel previously provided or utilized on a part time or full time basis, and on the future needs for personnel for this function. It should be understood that this does not imply that any additional personnel for military government beyond the current strength will be authorized.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. C. Holmes".

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Administrative Directorate
APO 512

2 December, 1943

In reply refer to: ASG/384.51/AD

SUBJECT: Additional Officers for Civil Defence.

TO : H.Q., A.M.G., 15 Army Group.

1. Reference A.M.G. MSG - 384.51 dated 19 November 1943 and addressed to H.Q., A.M.G., (A.M.G.) and to H.Q. A.M.G., 15 Army Grp.

2. In para. 2 of the above letter the Public Safety Sub-Commission is directed to prepare a report on the number and adequacy of personnel engaged in Civil Defence.

3. It is requested that information be given on the following points as regards the 15 Army Group ASG Officers:-

- (a) The number of specialist Officers originally assigned to Fire and Civil Defence duties.
- (b) The number of specialist officers at present performing such duties.
- (c) The number of additional specialist officers considered necessary by H.Q., A.M.G., 15 Army Group for such duties.

For the Commanding General:

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for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel C.R.C.,
D.C. of S (O. & L.)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Administrative Directorate
APO 512

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1 December 1943

AMH/384.5/AD

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service Organization

TO : Commanding General, A.M.H.G.,
(Military Government Section)

1. Reference your letter, AMH-384.5 subject as above, dated 19 November, 1943.

2. A copy of publication "Vademecum del Vigile del Fuoco" is being forwarded to your headquarters under separate cover.

For the Commanding General:

E. H. CRITCH,
Lt. Col.,
per Admin. Director

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Military Government Section

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Incl.
as above.

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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Military Government Section

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MGS-384.51

19 November 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service Organisation

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission (AMG), CMP
HQ AMG 15 Army Group

1. The Ministry of Home Security is anxious to have copies of an Italian Fire Manual entitled:

"Vademecum del Vigile del Fuoco"
published by
Soc. Fotigrafico F. Salvati.

2. Please endeavor to obtain a few copies of this publication. If any are located they should be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible.

[Signature]
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.

Copy to:
Civil Defence Section.-
Your 747 of 17 Nov. refers.

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