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PRACTICE BOMBING, ISLANDS
FEB. - JULY 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

TOP SECRET

13 July 1944.

Ref/305/16/CA.

SUBJECT: Exercise at PONZA.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

1. Attached paraphrase of signal from AMHQ is forwarded for your information.
2. Will you please arrange that any inhabitants who are on PONZA or LARIONE are warned of the practice. You will have to get in touch with Seventh Army and I suggest you do this through Major Friend Jones, ACC LO at HQ. AAI.

G. W. I. SHIPP

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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[Handwritten signature and initials]
1/12

C. A. B

Immediate BA

IVWarn Regain IV who shouldSee
Feb 11

Send someone out to learn

the few islands have first

ascertained what the practice

will consist of. ~~what is recommended~~

Report progress

MM 13/7

Bug bust

Assume you
will follow up
with 7th
Army to get
messy info in
time to civil
population
Tus

TOP SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION'S JUL 1944

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: AFHQ ADV OF FOR FAIRMAN, CLARK OR STONE OF G-3 AF. ACTION SEVENTH ARMY TO FOR INFO
AAI, ITC, SUS MATOUSE, ACC MAIN, MAF SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 35
FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHS CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET
REFERENCE No: EX 71002 PRECEDENCE: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 11/1943 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FROOT

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① TO FAIRMAN, CLARK OR STONE: SEVENTH ARMY IN CABLE AX 12366 OF 9 JULY TO FREEDOM ALGIERS
INFO TO AAI, ITC, AND AFHQ RPT AFHQ FOR CHANANAN REQUEST PERMISSION TO HOLD EXERCISE FOR
SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE ON 20 TO 21 JULY ON PONZA AND ZANNONE ISLANDS OF HERTINE RPT PONTINE
GROUP 20 MILES SW CAP CIRCEO, ITALY. LIVE AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE USED. DETAILS IN LETTER
FORWARDED TO ALGIERS. SEVENTH ARMY STATES ARMY AND NAVY CONCUR EXERCISE IS SUITABLE.
SUBJECT TO YOUR OBTAINING LIKE APPROVAL FROM ADMIRAL HEWITT, CINC MED NAPLES, AND
OF MAF, CASERTA, EXERCISE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE HERE. SUCH FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS AS
NECESSARY WILL ISSUE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL THIS HEADQUARTERS OF LETTER REFERRED TO IN REFERENCE C
CABLE 411 AS CONTAINING DETAILS. PARA G2 G3, G5 MAF REAR RPT REAR REAR, LIAISON, AND
NAVY REPRESENTATIVE HERE/HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. G4 MOVE AND TN HAS NOT BEGUN.

REPORT PROGRESS, INCLUDING SEVENTH ARMY AS INFORMATION ADDRESSE.

TO SEVENTH ARMY: REQUEST YOU INFORM CORP ACC OF DETAILS AND COORDINATE WITH THEM

INsofar AS CIVIL POPULATION CONCERNED

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CABLE #11 AS CONTAINING DETAILS. PARA G2 G3, G5 MIAF REAR RPT REAR, LIAISON, AND
NAVY REPRESENTATIVE HERE/HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. G4 MOVE AND TN HAS NOT BEGUN.

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT JULY 12/1114

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Raf/305/14/CA

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Aerial Training on the Island of Dino.

TO : R.C. Region VII

1. Reference is made to your RVII/R/90 dated 7 May and 15 May 1944.
2. This matter was referred to A.A.I. through liaison. The Liaison Officer, M.A.A.F., is making inquiry. If identification of the formation can be determined, an investigation will be conducted.
3. In the event of any further incidents, definite identification should be secured. Information should include time and date, type of plane, and where possible, markings, estimated altitude, and estimated weight of the bombs.

for M.A.A.F.
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

p.a.
[Signature]

Refer to AAI L.O.
for any further developments
Next visit

8/10/44
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18 MAY Recd

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CHAB (for Ex Com) 13

HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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File Ref: RVII/R/90

Date: 15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Aerial Training- Dino.

TO: Executive Commissioner
Allied Control Commissioner.

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The attached letter is forwarded to you in continuance
of a similar communication forwarded under cover of
this office letter ref RVII/R/90 dated 7th May 1944.

8. *[Signature]*

ROBT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel F.A. U.S. Army
Regional Commissioner.

*Memo:
Ask Major D.J. what has
been done about this.*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

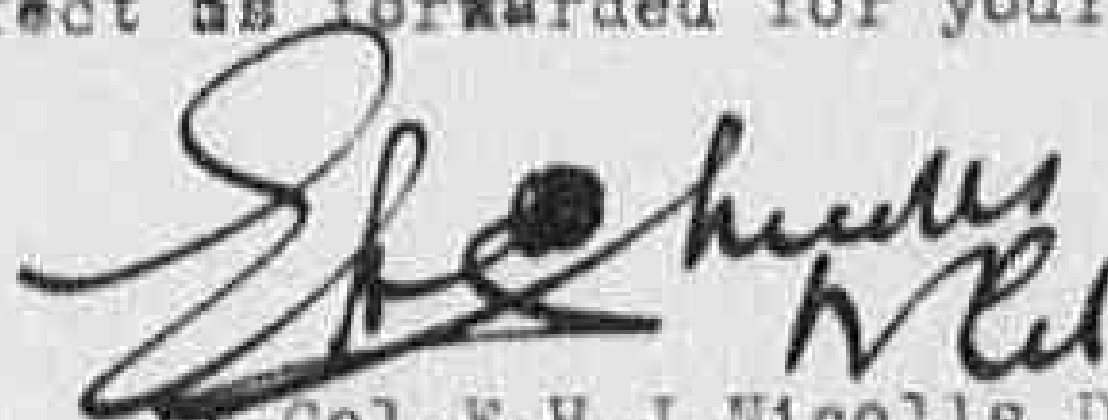
Ref: Cs/28

SUBJECT: Island of Dino

10 May 1944.

TO: Region 7, CATANZARO

The attached letter from the Prefect is forwarded for your information.



Lt. Col. E.H.J. Nicolls D.S.O., M.C.
Prov. Commissioner Cosenza Prov.

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To: Allied Control Commission-- Cosenza

For the determination of the competent ~~command~~ headquarters and ~~for~~ with request of communicating what you have succeeded to do, I send you the following letter of the Commissario Prefettizio of the commune Praia a Mare:

" It has already been a few months since there ~~has~~ been target training made by ~~the~~ Allied planes whose objective is the Island of "Dino" a little distant from the coast and from an inhabited locality called Piuze. Often bombs fall near the coast and sometimes has happened that they have fallen near this locality.

It seems that this training has harmed fishing which ~~has~~ been the only alimentary source of this commune and now ~~in~~ almost does not almost exist. I notify Your Excellency as I make myself the interpreter of the apprehension and bad humor of this population.

The Prefect,

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Regia Prefettura di Cosenza

Di. Gio. R. 604

Addi 21 = 4 = 44
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Risposta a nota N.

del 10

OGGETTO: Esercitazioni aeree
sull'isola DINO

Allegati N.

Alla Commissione Allesta di Controllo
Cosenza

Per le determinazioni dei Comandi competenti e con preghiera di cortesi comunicazioni su quanto sarà riuscito possibile di fare, comunico la seguente lettera del Commissario prefettizio del Comune di Praia a Mare:

" Da alcuni mesi in questo comune vengono eseguite esercitazioni di tiro da parte di apparecchi alleati aventi per obiettivo l'isola " Dino " poco distante dalla riva e da una località abitata denominata Fiuzzo. Spesso però le bombe cadono nei pressi della riva ed è avvenuto che alcune sono cadute pure poco distante dall'abitata. Pare infine che le dette esercitazioni hanno nociuto moltissimo alla pesca, che già costituiva l'unica risorsa alimentare di questo comune ed ora si è resa pressoché inesistente. Segnalo quanto sopra a V.E. rendendomi così interprete delle vive apprensioni e del profondo malumore di questa popolazione. "

Il Prefetto

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Almon

LO Col Caproni LO MTHF in meeting as
mgt. if probable identity of the females
involved can be determined from the location
described an investigation will be made
to see if further evidence supports identity
should be released. Index report

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch.

Ref/305/17/CA.

11 May 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: A.C.C. Liaison Division, A.A.I.

1. The Regional Commissioner, Region 2 has forwarded, for appropriate action, a copy of a message from the Prefect at Praia e Mare, Island of Dino, as follows:

"Following my letter of April 21 N.604, I send you the following telegram of the Commissario Prefettizio at Praia e Mare:

"Following yesterday's telegram, this population still terrorized by the falling of a bomb into the town, begs Your Excellency to intervene at the Allied Command in order to stop training on this island DINO."

The Prefect"

2. This subject conveyed orally by telephone to Captain Oden today.

3. Please handle this matter and report by informal indorsement hereon.

ACB
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Asst. Director
Civil Affairs Branch

ACB/eah.

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First Ind.

Ref. /305/17/CA.
13 May 44.

A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Lt.Col. Campbell, Liaison Officer, MAAF is making an enquiry. If probable identification of the formation involved can be determined from the location, an investigation will be made. In the event of further incidents, definite identification should be secured. A further report will follow.

Callahan
Major,

10 MAY Recd 305
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HEADQUARTERS REGION I
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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RGE/ttg.

Ref: RVII/R/90.

7th May, 1944.

Subject: Complaints - Aerial Training on the island DINO.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Ho. Allied Control Commission. 13-15

The attached complaint is forwarded for such action as will appear appropriate. you will

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA US Army
Regional Commissioner.

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Subject: Aerir Training on the island DINO

Very urgent

To: A.C.D. Cosenza

Following my letter of April 21 N.604, I send you the following telegram of the Commissario Prefettizio at Praia a Mare:

"Following yesterday's telegram, this population still terrorized by the falling of a bomb into the town, begs Your Excellency to intervene at the Allied Command in order to stop training on this island DINO."

The Prefect

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

Ref: Cs/28

SUBJECT: bombardments of Island of Dino

25. April 1944.

TO: Hq. Region 2, MATERA

The attached letter from the Prefect is forwarded for your information and possible action.

E. H. J. Nicolls
Lt. Col. E. H. J. Nicolls
P.C. Cosenza Province

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Regia Prefettura di Cosenza

Div. Gab. N. 504/I

Add. 25 = 4 = 19 44

Risposta a nota N.

del 19

OCCETTO: Esercitazioni aeree
sull'isola DINO

Allegati N.

Urgentissima

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Cosenza

A seguito della mia lettera del 21 corrente N. 504, comunico per le opportune disposizioni il seguente telegramma del Commissario Prefettizio di Praia a Mare:

" Seguito telegramma ieri questa popolazione tuttora terrorizzata caduta bombe pieno spavento su plica V.E. intervenire Comando Alleato onde fare cessare esercitazioni su questa isola DINO " -

Il Prefetto

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PATMA 1770

PATMA

7 March 1964

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ROUTINE

MARCHING XV AFSC (ACTION) DISTRO FOR AOC REGION TWO (INFO)

USE OF ISLAND OF PANGLOSS AS HIGH LEVEL BOMBING RANGE NOT OPERATED TO
PROVIDING ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AGAINST POSSIBLE LOSING IN ERROR OF OTHER
RELAYS IN TRIMITE GROUP PD PAREN TO MARCHING XV AFSC (ACTION) DISTRO FOR AOC
REGION TWO (INFO) FROM PATMA SIGNED MAGNOLIAN PAREN CITE PATMA ONE SEVEN SEVEN
AND PD PROVIDE YOU HAVE CONFIRMED LATEST AVAILABLE REPORT THAT ISLAND IS
UNDEVELOPED

PA

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L.T. MCHIST, Jr.
2/Lieut. ADJ.
Adjutant.

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RECEIVED AT

PENTAGONAL BAKE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

4 MARCH 44

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ROUTINE

OF MESSAGE TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HAPLES

SIGNED MANNING, CG IV AFSC

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NONE

TJ4-A2-G



PERMISSION IS REQUESTED BY 15TH AIR FORCE TO USE ISLAND OF PIAXOSA AS HIGH LEVEL
BOMBING RANGE. TWO DISTRICT HAS NO OBJECTION AND POTALI HAS SIGNALLIED YOU THERE IS NO
BRITISH OR ITALIAN NAVAL OBJECTION.

PRE DISTRIBUTION:

Action: 34 AGC

Info : G-2

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G.O.

ACG DISTRIBUTION:

Action: Air Forces

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File

Float

DEP. CC.

SSE 4 ELBA.

about 12 miles.

25 miles from Corsica

no info on population.

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or who occupies it

? French.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/305/2/CA.

10 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Practice Bombing of Isle di Dino le Grotte.

TO : H.Q. XII Air Force Service Command, APO 650.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum 680.42 dated
8 February 1944 relative to the above subject.

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NORMAN E. WISKE.
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
XII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 650

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680.42

8 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Practice Bombing of Isle di Dino le Grotte.

TO : D.C.C.A.O., Allied Military Government, APO 394.

1. This is to confirm telephone conversation of 5 February between Colonel Spofford and W/O Braun, Engineer Section of this Headquarters. It was stated that the practice bombing of the Isle di Dino le Grotte would cease for one (1) day on 15 February 1944 in order to allow Allied Military Government Region 2 Officials to gain access to the island. Colonel Spofford agreed to notify Allied Military Government Region 2 of this date.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

For the Commanding Officer:

Recorded S-7239

Ralph G. Krupp
RALPH G. KRUPP
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

*12/10/44
Please
acknowledge
CD*

*Lt Col MacLafferty was
informed verbally by
me on 5 Feb. 44*

Stallard

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