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FIRE & CIVIL DEFENSE  
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Subject:- Fire  
To:- Executive Commissioner  
H.Q. A.C.C.

ADV H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY  
Ref:- LA/2  
8 Sept 1944

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1. Ref this Headquarters' letter of even number dated 5 Sep 44.
2. A copy of what is believed to be the final report on the fire at ROCCASTRADA is herewith forwarded.
3. It will be noted that the fire consumed an area of 4,250 acres, and caused damage estimated at L,549,000 lire.

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Spoke to Regt. B. B. B.  
P.C. G. G. G. & Regt. B. B. B.  
personnel took all possible  
steps to prevent fire  
no further action will  
be taken

HEADQUARTERS  
1078 1000  
A.C.C.

*W. J. J. J.*  
Major,  
A.C.C. L.O.

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ITALY/UNION  
ARMED PARTISAN GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

FILE : R-VIII/88/10.1. 7 September 1944.  
SUBJECT : Wood Fire in Grosseto Province.  
TO : Region Commissioner, HQ. AM, Region VIII.

1. On the afternoon of 1 September 1944 a fire broke out on a wood farm at BAGNULO, Comune of Civitella Marittima, Province of Grosseto, the property of Casse Riparato di Provincia Lombarde - Milano.  
2. Despite the intervention of some CC.RR., local wooden and later officers of Region VIII, by which the fire was checked, the high winds carried upon and spread the fire in very short time. I visited the scene on the evening of 2 September 1944, on receipt of the information, when the fire was going well in all directions and about 25 sq-kilometres were then affected.

3. A very heavy rainstorm during the night however subdued the flames and the situation seemed well under control, but the sun and high wind the following day set the whole thing going again.

4. Regional Headquarters and Provincial officers attended as also did the Grosseto Fire Brigade. Local residents were also ordered in to assist the wooden and firemen, but they were most pathetic about the whole business and they contributed but little to quelling the conflagration.

5. A variable and strong wind aggravated the situation and the fire eventually spread through the heather and undergrowth and damaged the following properties:

- 1) LA TENUTA BAGNULO:  
2500 acres of scrub, coppice and small trees damaged or destroyed. Owned by Casse Riparato di Provincia Lombarde - Milano.  
Est. damage - Lire 3,000,000  
PROPERTY OF SYDNEY SPANGLI: Firewood, raw wood cork and charcoal, to value of Lire 99,300.  
PROPERTY MARVELLI LADERS: Coppice and forest trees - 300,000.  
Estimated damage Lire 300,000.

- 2) LA TENUTA S. ANTONIO:  
PROPERTY OF COFFI-FUSZIANI, Carlo: Coppice and forest trees - 325 acres, estimated damage Lire 320,000.

3) LA TENUTA MONTEFRANCESCO AND MADIA ARDENNESA:

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- 1) IN TAVOLA BAGRIOLO:  
2500 acres of scrub, coppice and small trees damaged or destroyed. Owned by Casale Risparmio di Provinciale Lombardo - Milano.  
Est. damage - Lire 5,000,000  
Property of Ettore S. ANGI: Firewood, raw wood cork and charcoal, to value of Lire 99,500.  
Property Mariella LAURIS: Coppice and forest trees - 300 <sup>acres</sup> <sub>232</sub>.  
Estimated damage Lire 300,000.

- 11) IN ABETTA S. ANICCHIO:  
Property of CON-FINELLAM, Carlo: Coppice and forest trees - 325 acres, estimated damage Lire 320,000.

- 111) IN ABETTA MONTFRANTINO AND BADIA ARDENNESECA:  
Property of Luigi BABELLA: 750 acres of coppice and forest trees. Estimated damage 700,000.  
27) Other small owners between MONTFRANTINO AND S. ANICCHIO: 375 acres. Estimated damage Lire 130,000.

6. The values given appear to be inflated for insurance purposes.

7. There were no casualties, injury to animals or damage to buildings or crops, etc. The cause of the fire is unknown but these fires are almost an annual event and was probably due to the carelessness of some individual discarding a lighted match or cigarette. It could also have been caused by the action of the sun.



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8. Thorough inquiry was made of many persons, but this revealed no evidence of subversive activity. Inquiry is being continued by CC, RR, at the scene where the fire broke out. Motives of insurance claims are always possible.

9. During the fire a considerable quantity of mines, grenades and small arm ammunition abandoned by troops exploded in various places and did much to discourage possible would-be helpers.

10. All the above mentioned causes are insured against fires. No valuable timber was destroyed.

11. The fire was finally extinguished by 12 noon on 6 September 1944.

12. 30 firemen of the Cuzco Station remained in CIVITALLA MARITIMA for the time being as a precautionary measure.

AMR/ea

(Signed) A. V. ROWLESON,  
Lieut. Colonel, G. I.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 P.C.
- 1 P.C. Sub-Commission, ACC
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Subject:- Fire  
To:- Executive Commissioner  
Headquarters  
A.C.C.

AJW H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY  
Ref:- LA  
7 Sept 1944

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Ref this Headquarters letter LA/2 dated 5 Sept 1944.

Attached Cipher Message was received at 2040 hrs on  
6 Sept 44.

*AWC/dm*

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Major,  
A.C.C. I.G.

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IMPORTANT  
BR. CIPHER MESSAGE  
IN

FOLIO: 30782  
6TH SEP 44. 39

FROM :- AMG REGION 8  
TO :- A.C.C. HQ FOR LUSH INFO:- AMG L.O. ADV A.A.I.  
ORIG NO:- 22/14

TOO: 1730/06  
TOR: 1815/06

BRUSH FIRES N.E. OF ROCCA STRADA EXTINGUISHED AT 1200 HOURS TODAY.

A.C.C.(L.O.)

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SMC(ADV): 1910/06  
T.T : 1915/06 /J

IMPORTANT  
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**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION**  
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC HQ FOR LUSH INFO AMG LO ADV 441  
FROM: AMG REG 8  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 91/06  
CLASSIFICATION: NONE  
PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT  
REFERENCE No: 22/14  
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 061730Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 7 SEP Recd

*HC AM informed by phone*

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BROSH FIRES N E OF ROCCASTRADA EXTINGUISHED AS AT 1200 HRS TODAY.

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 06 17 30 B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

*MC AM informed by phone*

BRUSH FIRES N E OF ROCCASTRADA EXTINGUISHED AS AT 1200 HRS TODAY.

*W.D.* ~~*7/19*~~

ACC HIST

*W.D.*

*See file for*

*7 SEP 1944*

*A.S.S.*

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

RECEIVED  
R VIII/22/14/8.

5th September, 1944.  
6 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Fires in vicinity NE of ROCCASTRADA.

TO : P.C. GROSSETO.

1. The Executive Commissioner, Hq. ACC has directed that the following instructions be transmitted to you for compliance:

"Every able bodied man from the towns and villages in the vicinity of the fire must be ordered out to fight the fire to keep it within its present limits".

The Executive Commissioner further states that he desires a report on the situation daily and that he be informed the moment the fire is completely extinguished.

2. It is desired that you give this matter your personal attention with a view to having the fire extinguished at the earliest practical moment.

WD

*Robert G. Kirkwood* 227  
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,  
Colonel, FA, US Army  
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to:  
ACC Liaison Officer, AAI,  
Exec. Comd. Hq. ACC.  
Reg. Pub. Safety Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
16 SEP 1944  
A. C. C.

*[Signature]*  
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Subject:- F  
To:- Executive Commissioner  
Headquarters, A.C.C.  
From:- A.C.C. Liaison  
Adv H.Q. A.A.I.

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Ref:- LA/2

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CAB

5 Sept 1944 6 SEP Recd

1. Ref this Headquarters letter of even number dated 3 Sept 44, and telephone conversation today (Brigadier Lush - Major Cuninghame).
2. Further reports, which have been received regarding the fire in the ROCCASTRADA area, are forwarded for information.
3. The A.C.C. Liaison Officer at this Headquarters saw the Regional Commissioner this morning and conveyed to him your instructions. As a result, the Regional Commissioner ordered the Provincial Commissioner GROSSETO, to take immediate steps on the lines of your instructions. A copy of his letter has been sent to you under his RVIII/22/14/8 of even date.
4. The C.A.C. at this Headquarters has been informed of the position, and of the action now taken for extinguishing this fire.
5. Any further reports will be forwarded in due course.

*W.D.*

*AW Cuninghame*

AWC/dm

Major,  
A.C.C. L.O.

Encl.

HEADQUARTERS  
6 SEP 44  
A.C.C.

The report at 35 is two days old and we have had no word since so I don't think we need worry.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

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RVIII/22/15/3

4th Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Fires.

TO: AOC Lalaon Officer, A.A.I.

1. Yesterday, Sunday afternoon, I personally visited the site of the fires which are burning in the ROCASTRADA area. The fires are all in the area ROCASTRADA IL BELAGAIO - CIVITELLA. There are six or eight different fires.

2. All the fires were not visited at close hand but those which were visited were burning in brush with occasional trees and not in valuable forest land. The most inflammable part of the brush, and there is a good deal of it, is of the cedar family and from three to four feet high. This part of the brush burns very rapidly and makes a very hot fire.

3. The fire is not being controlled in the sense of being extinguished; but the inhabitants are protecting property of value to them. For example, there is a large pile of charcoal near BACHULO and the inhabitants cut the growth around it and dug up a patch sufficient to protect this pile of charcoal effectively. They are doing similar work around their property they wish to keep from burning. The inhabitants are not particularly distressed over the fire. They have not asked for help and then seem satisfied with the steps they are taking. These fires occur every year in this part of CROCCINO; but this year the fires are more extensive than they have been since 1922, according to the Maresciallo of CIVITELLA MARITI.

4. I proceeded to CROCCINO City and directed the Provincial Commissioner to send an Officer to the fire area today to determine the exact areas being burned over; the nature of the growth they are on; what property, if any, is in danger; whether or not the inhabitants have sufficient means of protecting their property and also what assistance, if any, they need.

5. I am also sending the Regional Police Officer to make a similar report and to observe the effectiveness of the means employed to protect property of value.

6. At this time, because of the nature of the area being burned over - mostly brush and sparsely inhabited - I do not feel justified in asking for troops to assist in extinguishing the fires.

7. I have sent one of the Regional Public Works Officers to request a bullocker from 5 Army with a view to turning over the ground in the direction which the fire is moving to curb it, and to encircle some of the smaller fires and limit their spread.



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6. At this time, because of the nature of the area being burned over—mostly brush and sparsely inhabited—I do not feel justified in asking for troops to assist in extinguishing the fires.

7. I have sent one of the Regional Public Works Officers to request a bulldozer from 5 Army with a view to turning over the ground in the direction which the fire is moving to curb it, and to encircle some of the smaller fires and limit their spread.

8. If it should be necessary to request troops, the troops would need bull dozers to assist them. The troops could curb the fires by bull dozer and "back-firing". Without bull dozers the troops would need large numbers of axes and shovels to be of any use in fighting the fires.

9. Yesterday afternoon, the fire, while burning fiercely, was doing no damage to valuable timber and farm-land. It was burning brush and scrub growth. A further report will be made later today.

(Signed) ROBT. C. KINGSFORD,  
Colonel, FA, US Army  
Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE,

GROSSETO.

4th September 1944.

REF: GR/PS/21

SUBJECT: FOREST FIRE.

To:- Regional Commissioner.

1. With reference to the Forest Fire at

Civitella Marittima.

2. On 2nd September the Fire Brigade Personnel of Grosseto were despatched to the scene in order to control the fire, which was mainly confined to brush wood and small trees. No large timber, of timber suitable for Military Purpose was destroyed. The P.C. was not aware of the situation not being present at the time the Fire Brigade was dispatched.

3. The Brigade remained at Civitella Marittima for seven hours and then left as the fire appeared to be under control. No further information was received from the Sindaco of Civitella asking for assistance.

4. On receiving further information from the P.C. the Tenente in charge of the Brigade was sent off again to the fire with 30 men on 4th September, with instructions to remain there until the fire had completely burnt out or was extinguished.

5. No casualties have been reported so far and the fire continues assaisted by the wind, despite all efforts to the contrary.

6. A report will be submitted when it is extinguished. These forest fires are quite a usual happening in this Province and this one has caused no undue alarm on the part of the Italian Officials.

7. Copy of report from P.C. is attached for information.

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(Signed) W.A. MOYSE, Major  
for Lt. Col.  
R.A.B. HAMILTON  
P.C. Grosseto.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
CROSSETO PROVINCE

Ref: CM/PO/20

4 September 1944

Subject: Forest Fire.

To: P.C. CROSSETO PROVINCE.

On 1 September 1944 the undergrowth of the woods 2 Kls east of Rocostreda caught fire and burned for three days. As there are no large or valuable trees in this part of the woods no real loss was involved. The Command officials were interviewed by the P.C. who reported the fire was extinguished by 4th September, no animals, houses or crops suffered damage, but about 450 acres of brushwood was destroyed.

At Rocostreda, fire broke out in the woods 2 Kls north of Civitella on 1st September 1944, about 600 acres were involved but up to 10,00 hrs 4th September no real damage was caused. The Carabinieri Crosetto Fire Brigade, and about 100 civilians had helped to keep it under control. At 12.00 hrs on the 4th September it flared up again, civilian help was recalled and 30 firemen from Crosetto were sent to the scene to assist. As these woods have been on fire several times before, there are no large trees, or dense forest involved.

The wind is constantly changing direction and when it blows the flames back to the area already burnt, the fire goes out.

(signed) E.M.L. HENDERSON, CAPT. R.T.B.  
P.O. CROSSETO PROVINCE.



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east of Roccastrada, fire broke out in this part of the woods in 1944. There are no large or valuable trees in this part of the woods as far as I know. The Command officials were interviewed by the P.O. who reported the fire was extinguished by 4th September, no animals, houses or crops suffered damage, but about 450 acres of brushwood was destroyed.

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(Signed) P.M. L. HENNING, CAPT. R.T.P.  
P.O. GIOVANNI FIORETTI.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

HWILL/22/14/4. 5th September, 1944.

SUBJECT: ROCCASTRADA Area Fire.

To: AGO Liaison Officer, A.A.I.

1. Attached is a sketch showing the area which has been burned over by the fires A.B. of ROCCASTRADA. The areas in red were still burning yesterday and the shaded area has been burned over during the present fires.
2. A more detailed investigation of the fire area confirms the fact that no valuable timber has been destroyed. The local population is still apathetic as regards the fire. It is probable that some firewood which had been cut, some cork which had been piled, and a small amount of charcoal has been burned by the fires but nothing else of value has been reported as destroyed.
3. The local Sindaco is of the opinion that the fire will burn itself out very soon.
4. The situation as of yesterday afternoon does not warrant a request for troops to extinguish the fire. National firemen (Italian) from GROSSERO have been sent to the scene of the fire with instructions to continue work to limit the spread of the fire until it is extinguished. (See report submitted late 4. Sep).

(Signed) Robt. G. KIRKWOOD  
Colonel, FA, US Army,  
Regional Commissioner.

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Regional Commissioner.

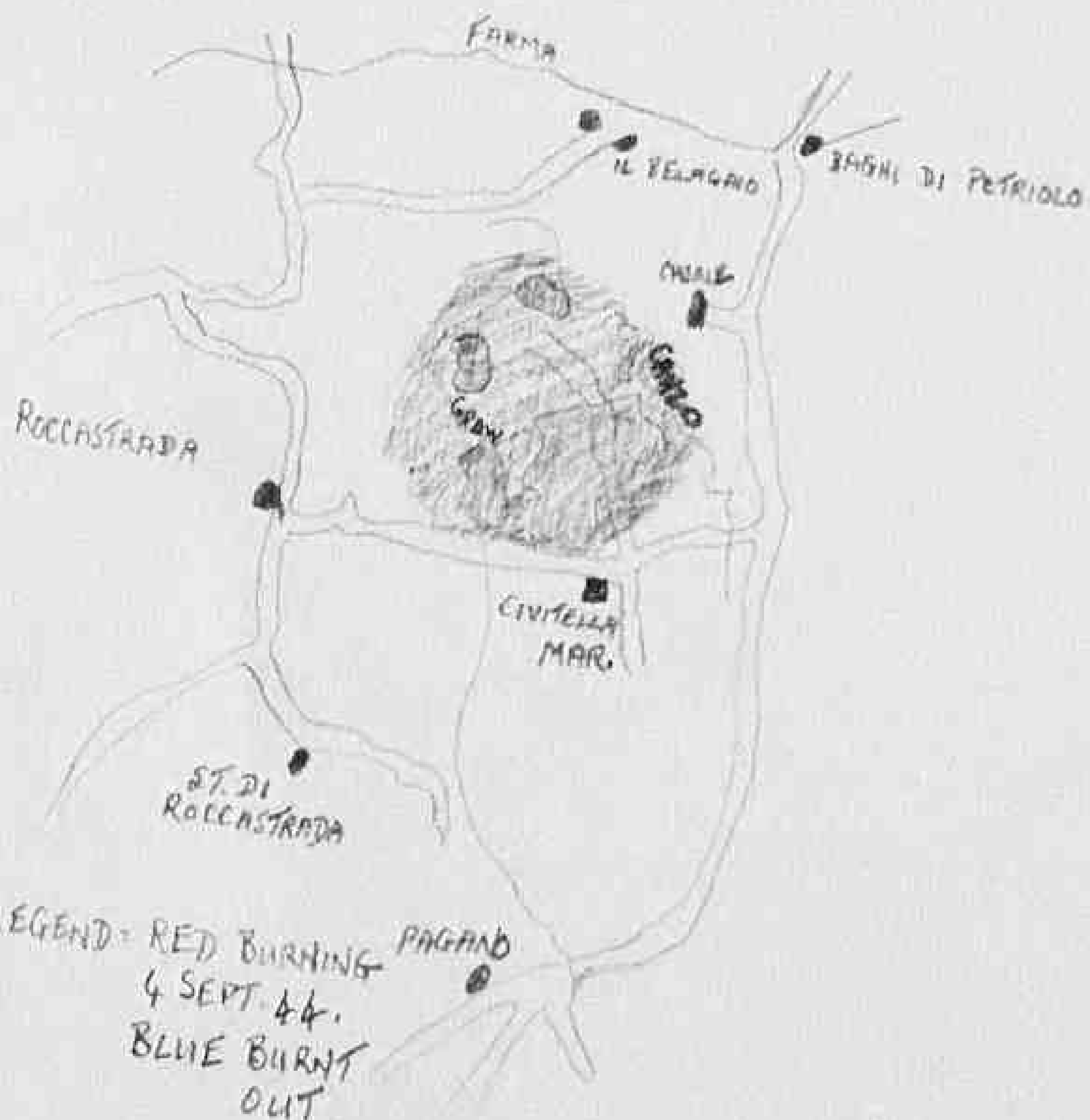
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Subject:- Fire  
To:- Executive Commissioner  
A. C.  
From:- A.C.C. Liaison  
Adv H.Q. A.A.I.

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3 Sept 44

1. Attached herewith are copies of the reports of the fire which occurred on 2 Sept 44 in the vicinity of ROCCA STRADA. These reports are from Regional Commissioner, Region VIII, and Lt.Col.A.W. ROWLERSON who went down at 2200 hrs on 2 Sept 44 to investigate on the spot.
2. If any further report is received from the Regional Commissioner, following upon his visit today, this will be forwarded.
3. Map References-- Italy Road Map - 1,200,000.  
 CIVITELLA MARITIMO-- Sheet 13 - E7883  
 PAGANICO -- Sheet 15 - E7280  
 MONTORSAIO -- Sheet 15 - E7685
4. Copies of the reports have been passed to C.A.O. at this Headquarters.

*AW [Signature]*

Major,  
A.C.C. L.O

AWC/dm

HEADQUARTERS  
A.C.C.

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H.Q. REGION VIII A.C.C.  
APO 394

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3 Sept 44

Memoandum to A.C.C.I.C. with A.A.I.

1. Upon being informed about 2100 hrs 2 Sept 44 that H.Q. A.A.I. desired report on forest fire near ROCCERADA, I sent Lt. Col. ROWLERSON, Public Safety Officer, together with Lt. Col. SMALLWOOD and Maj. SALTER to investigate and report.

2. Col. ROWLERSON returned at 0430 hrs today and reports as follows: -

The fire started in wooded area near CIVITELLE MARITIMA. Spread by high wind to PAGANICO and MONTORSAIO. Villagers tried to curb the fire by digging trenches; but the high winds made their efforts ineffective.

There was no evidence of sabotage.

The Carabinieri were told to organize additional fire fighting crews if the rain was not effective in putting out the fire.

The Regional Commissioner himself is going to the area this morning to see that what can be done is done.

(Signed) Robt. S. Kirkwood, Col.  
Regional Commissioner.

3 Sept 44

WOODLAND FIRE - ROCCASERADA AREA

Commenced on 2.9.44 in wooded area near CIVITELLE MARITIMA.

Cause unknown, believed by lighted cigarette and or effect of sun. Glass rubbish. No subversive activity. Said to be an annual event in this area.

High wind carried sparks to area South of PAGANICO and vicinity MONTORSAIO.

About 25 sq kilometres affected. Tree and shrub.

Villagers attempted to check by digging etc.. High wind too much for this effort.

Heavy rains should by now have quelled fire.

Reg. Commissioner visiting 3.9.44.



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(Signed) Robt. S. Kirkwood, Col.  
Regional Commissioner.

3 Sept 44

WOODLAND FIRE- BOCCASCIADA AREA

Commenced on 2.5.44 in wooded area near CIVITELLA MARITTIMA.

Cause unknown, believed by lighted cigarette and or effect of sun. 2.30 PM  
rubbish. No subversive activity. Said to be an annual event in this area.

High wind carried sparks to area South of PAGANICO and vicinity MONTORCAIO.

About 25 sq kilometres affected. Tree and shrub.

Villagers attempted to check by digging etc.. High wind too much for  
this effort.

Heavy rains should by now have quelled fire.

Reg. Commissioner visiting 3.9.44.

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(Signed) A. F. BOWLERSON, Lt. Col.  
R.P.S.O. VIII.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND  
AFO 794, US ARMY

EC 15100  
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18 July 1944

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 2

*McCarthy Major Penetration  
PT See Ent. 10.10.44  
One warning 1 9 Unit  
Duty pulled  
U 17/7*

F.A.D. MEASURES: U.S. AND BRITISH UNITS

1. The Standard of Blackout within the City of Rome leaves much to be desired.
2. It is evident that a sense of false security has been allowed to become prevalent, possibly because this area contains the City of Rome; a city respected by the Allied Air-Forces but a respect that CANNOT now be guaranteed, in view of the increasing pressure of the Allied nations against Germany.
3. In view of the possible reactions of the enemy to our present efforts, it is vital to recover the sense of duty and of war. Units, no matter how small are responsible for their own protection.
4. To improve the standard of protective alertness a Practice Air Raid warning will be held on Wednesday 26, July from 2230 - 2300 hrs: the commencement of a series and of a drive to ensure complete protection.
5. Warning will be given over Civil Sirens as follows:
  - a. "Alert". Six blasts at intervals of 15 seconds.
  - b. "All Clear". Continuous blast for 2 minutes.
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b. Lights on vehicles will be immediately EXTINGUISHED except **2918** those vehicles authorized on PAD duties.
8. During this Practice and the subsequent series, Civilian Services, i.e. Fire Brigades and Ambulances, will be exercised.
9. Officers, Commanding Units will co-operate and ensure that their own

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3. In view of the possible reactions of the enemy to our present efforts, it is vital to recover the sense of duty and of war. Units, no matter how small are responsible for their own protection.

4. To improve the standard of protective alertness a Practice Air Raid warning will be held on Wednesday 26, July from 2230 - 2300 hrs: the commencement of a series and of a drive to ensure complete protection.

5. Warning will be given over Civil Sirens as follows:

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10. All ranks will be reminded that there is need for an alert PAD posture, and the feeling that the war is as good as won and far away from them, eradicated.

By Command of Major General JOHNSON:

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ROBERT A. DODDEN,  
Lt Colonel, GSC  
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APO 374

ACC/14501/PS

26th June, 1944

SUBJECT : Civil Defence.

TO : RPSO (thru' RC) Regs. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII.  
CPS (thru' SCAOs) 5th and 8th Army.

1. Attached is copy of memorandum on Civil Defence Prepared by P.A.D. Section AFHQ (G-5) in amplification of operation Memorandum no. 58 of 7 June, "Passive Air Defence, Civil Defence, and Fire Defence", in which the responsibilities of the ACC in respect of these matters is prescribed.
2. The degree of importance placed on the services as listed in the memorandum will be governed by the prevailing circumstances, Military and geographical.
3. The items - Casualties, Decontamination, Rest Centers, Mortuary and Information, should be considered in close collaboration with Public Health and Welfare officers.
4. Report and Control Centers will be fixed in conjunction with the Military P.A.D. Officers.
5. The bomb reconnaissance aspect calls for the co-operation of the Civil Police agencies, the Military Bomb Disposal Squads and in some cases, of the Italian Military Authorities.
6. Public Safety Officers of ACC will conform as closely as possible with the terms of the Memorandum thus placing civil agencies in full support of the Military Commander.

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

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enc: As in para I above.

Copy to: RC & MG Sec (your 334.25.C4 ✓  
of 19 June refers)  
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MEMORANDUM

CIVIL DEFENCE

1 June, 1944.

Civil Defence covers arrangements made and action taken by local civil authorities to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack, delayed action mines, long range artillery fire or Naval bombardment on the civil population and installations required to serve their needs. Civil Defence will be a military necessity in those areas where the failure of Civil Defence will impede or hinder military operations. Areas and their responsibilities are classified as follows:

a) CLASS "A" AREAS.

- (1) Definition: Areas of military importance immediately in rear of Army or Task Force Area, and on the lines of Communications in Communication Zones, including, bases, ports and vital centers where organized P.A.D. is a military necessity.
- (2) Responsibility - Military Commander. The Chief Civil Affairs officer for the provision of the maximum available civil assistance.

b) CLASS "B" AREAS.

- (1) Definition - Areas on the Lines of Communication in Communications Zones where unit P.A.D. will normally be sufficient for military needs, but in which the failure of the local Civil Defence organization is likely to hamper military operations.
- (2) Responsibility - Same as in Class "A" Areas.

c) CLASS "C" AREAS

- (1) Definition. Areas in which a breakdown of the local Civil Defence arrangements cannot interfere with military operations.
- (2) Responsibility. - Military Commander, through the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

The officer in charge of Civil Affairs in any area is responsible to the military commander for reactivation of Civil Defence and will ensure that Civil Defence is organized: 216

- a. To ensure such cooperation with P.A.D. as may be required.
- b. To deal with Civil problems arising from air, ground or naval action in order to prevent their impeding military operations.

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The Civil Defence services for which Civil Affairs will be responsible to the military commander are as follows:

- Wardens.
- Report and Control Centers.
- Rescue.
- Casualties, including cleaning.
- Decontamination, including, food, clothing and streets.
- Gas Identification.
- Message Services.
- Rest Centers.
- Bomb Reconnaissance.
- Mortuary.
- Information.
- Incident Control.

NOTE FOR INFORMATION.

PAD (Passive Air Defence) covers measures taken by the commander to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack and similar attack on military personnel stores, and equipment in order that the dislocation of normal operational functions of a base is reduced to a minimum. It includes measures for reporting air raid or similar damage and for pooling of all available resources to combat such damage. Although the two organizations are separate, arrangements are made for mutual reinforcement between PAD and Civil Defence.



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19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Defences.

TO *J*: Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)  
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Attached copy letter from AFHQ, reference G-5  
384.51 dated 16 June 1944 is forwarded to you for com-  
ments and any action you consider necessary.

See 26-27

*NRE*  
NORMAN E. FISH  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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16 June 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Defence

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

1. The attached memorandum on Civil Defence is forwarded in amplification of details contained in AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 58 of 7 June, "Passive Air Defence, Civil Defence, and Fire Defence" in which the responsibilities of the Allied Control Commission in respect of these matters is prescribed.

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2. You will no doubt wish to issue a directive on Civil Defence. The attached memorandum, which has been prepared by the Passive Air Defence and Civil Defence Section at this Headquarters, may be of assistance for this purpose.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



*D. G. Walker*

D. G. WALKER  
Major

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Incl: as above

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NOTE FOR INFORMATION:

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ACC/14501/PS

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: Fire and Civil Defence - Policy

TO : Executive Commissioner R.C. & M.G. Section A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to Operation Memorandum 58 A.F.H.Q. dated 7 June.
2. Enclosed is a copy of the instructions sent to the Public Safety Officers in A.M.G. and A.C.C.
3. This instruction will ensure that the provision of the Memorandum referred to above will be met as far as the Civilian resources will allow.

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*R. Stansgate*  
Jr. STANSGATE,  
VP Adm Sec.

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15 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Fire and Civil Defence - Policy

TO : R.P.S.O. (thro' RC), Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, C.P.S. (thro' S.C.A.O.) 5th and 8th Army

1. Reference is made to Operation Memorandum 58 A.F.H.Q. dated 7 June.

Should a copy of above not be in possession of your H.Q. it may be seen at the H.Q. of the military in each Region or Army.

2. The memorandum defines the responsibility of the Military Commanders and the Civil Affairs officers in connection with Fire and Civil Defence.

3. It is requested that the R.P.S.O. and/or Fire Officers in each Province effect a close liaison with the Fire and P.A.D. Officers of the Military Commands. This will ensure that the requirements of the Military Commander are met as far as is possible under the existing circumstances.

It will also ensure that the full resources of the Civilian Fire and C.D. Services are used to their maximum in the common war effort.

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

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SUBJECT:- AMHQ Operation Memorandum No. 58 - Amendment No. 1.

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Headquarters,  
Allied Armies in Italy.

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Herewith copies as above of Amendment No. 1 dated 10 June 44 to AMHQ Operation Memorandum No. 58.

Please acknowledge receipt on attached form.

*ack'd*

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*[Signature]*  
Lieut-General,  
Chief of General Staff

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10 June 1944

AMENDMENT NO. 1

to

OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO. 58

DATED 7 JUNE 1944

1. Delete Paragraph 10 and substitute:

10. Air Raid Warning

The installation, maintenance and operation of the air raid warning system is the responsibility of the Military Commander. The Air Defense Commander is solely responsible for ordering the sounding of the air raid warning.

By command of General WILSON:

J. G. H. GAILLARD,  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL MOORE,  
Major General, G.S.C.,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

6 June 1944.

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SUBJECT: Fire Service for CHIETI Province.

TO : Ministry of Interior - Anti-Fire Service.

Ref. 7/2241/III<sup>o</sup>/2 dated 16 May 1944.

1. Further to our ACC/14519/PS dated 22 May in reply to the above quoted letter.

The AFG officers concerned have indicated that they would be pleased to have the assistance of your Anti-Fire Dept. in the re-organisation of the Chieti Fire Service.

2. It is suggested that at an early date one of your officers should visit our Regional Public Safety Officer in Region V and draw up plans together with him.

3. This HQ will be pleased to arrange passes etc. for your officer on request.

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

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- HQ Region V (for ~~RFCO~~ through R.C.);
- R.C. & H.C. Section (for information). ✓

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Headquarters,  
Allied Armies in Italy.

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Herewith copies as above of A.F.H.Q. Operation Memorandum No.58 dated  
7 June 44.

Please acknowledge receipt on attached form.

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Lieut-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM )

NUMBER 58 )

PASSIVE AIR DEFENSE, CIVIL DEFENSE, AND FIRE DEFENSE

1. OBJECT

a. This memorandum supersedes Operation Memoranda Numbers 40 and 44 and Training Memorandum Number 51, which are hereby rescinded.

b. The object of this memorandum is to define the responsibility of commanders for the control of Passive Air Defense, Civil Defense, and Fire Defense.

2. DEFINITION

a. Passive Air Defense (PAD) measures cover all passive action which is required to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack, delay-action mines, long-range artillery fire or accidental explosions. It is a military responsibility. PAD includes measures for:

- (1) Reporting air raid or similar damage;
- (2) Pooling of all available resources to combat such damage;
- (3) In British formations, reporting the presence of, and dealing with the effects of gas where necessary. In U.S. formations PAD responsibility is limited to the provision of arrangements for reporting gas incidents to the Chemical Officer.

b. Civil Defense (CD) covers arrangements made and action taken by local civil authorities to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack, delay-action mines, long-range artillery fire or naval bombardment on the civil population and installations required to serve their needs. Civil Defense will be a military necessity in those areas where the failure of the Civil Defense will impede or hinder military operations. Classification of areas is detailed in paragraph 6.

c. Fire Defense is the prevention or extinction of all fires which may be caused by hostile attack or other means. Fire Defense is carried out by Army Fire Service (U.S. Engineer Fire Fighting Units or British Army Fire Service) assisted, when necessary, by other arms and services and by civilian fire services.

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3. RESPONSIBILITY.

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a. Military commanders will be responsible for PAD, Civil Defense, and Fire Defense measures, including planning, in areas under their immediate control.

b. The Military Commander is responsible for the coordination of PAD, Civil Defense, and Fire Defense with the appropriate Naval and/or Air authorities if present.

c. When an Air Force or Naval Commander has also been designated as the Military Commander, their responsibilities will include those specified above for the military commander.

c. It is the responsibility of the Allied Military Government, Allied Military Liaison, Allied Control Administration, or such other Allied organization as has been established to deal with civil affairs, to provide such Civil Defense measures as are required by the military. Hereafter in this paper such organizations will be referred to collectively as "Civil Affairs".

4. ORGANIZATION.

a. Army, Task Force, Base, District and Sub-Area Headquarters should employ full time PAD Staffs. It is the responsibility of these commanders to request that PAD personnel be included on their War Establishment as

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required. U.S. manning tables and tables of organization do not include personnel specifically for PAD. It is, however, within the responsibility of U.S. Commanders at their discretion to provide personnel for full time PAD work. Full time PAD personnel, when appointed, form the PAD Section of the headquarters, which should work under G-3 (G-Ops).

b. In formations where a special PAD Staff is not authorized, Commanders are responsible that personnel are detailed to carry out necessary PAD work in addition to their other duties.

c. (1) Normally, a Fire Officer will be appointed on the Staffs of Lines of Communications, Communication Zones, Base, Base Sub-Area and Base Section Headquarters.

(2) In every port and town of military importance, all available fire defense agencies, both static and mobile, whenever engaged in fire fighting will be brought under a unified operational control which will normally be the Army Fire Service Officer (British) or Fire Officer (U.S. or RAF).

(3) If called in to assist in extinguishing a fire in a Naval or Merchant vessel, the Army Fire Service Officer in charge will consult with the Commanding Officer or Master as to the steps to be taken and will take charge of the firefighting operations, subject to the control of ship's stability by the Commanding Officer or Master.

(4) Should the fire reach such proportions that the safety of installations or other ships is also endangered, then the Naval Officer in charge, or his representative is responsible for issuing the necessary instructions.

**5. FUNCTIONS**

a. PAD Staff Officers are responsible for advising the Military Commander on all matters pertaining to PAD Planning, Operations and Training, and for coordination with Civil Defense.

b. The Chief Civil Affairs Officer is responsible to the Military Commander for the reactivation of Civil Defense organizations, for their coordination with PAD, and for the provision of required equipment, subject to such equipment being available and within the limits of transportation allotted by the military to the Civil Affairs.

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**6. CLASSIFICATION OF AREAS AND DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**



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#### 6. CLASSIFICATION OF AREAS AND DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Army, Task Force, District or Base Section Commanders (in Lines of Communication or Communications Zones) will classify areas within their commands. The following is the basis for the classification of areas, together with the designation of responsibility for PAD and CD measures:

- a. Army or Task Force Areas
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- (2) Responsibility - Military Commander.
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7. AIR FORCE

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8. NAVY

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(2) Unit training and training of part time personnel will be supervised or conducted by the PAD Staff Officer concerned.

10. AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM

The Air Raid Warning System is the responsibility of the Military Commander, who will consult with the Air Defense Commander.

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11. BOMB DISPOSAL

Policy as regards the disposal of an unexploded bomb is covered in Operation Memorandum Number 32.

12. AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

During amphibious operations, whenever there is an appreciable delay in the establishment of a Base Section or Base Area, a PAD officer from the Base Section or Base Area should be attached to the Beach Group (or similar U.S. organization). If, however, it is planned that a Beach Group is to operate for a period on its own, a PAD officer should be attached or assigned.

13. ADVICE ON PAD AND CIVIL DEFENSE

The PAD and CD Advisor, AFHQ, will be responsible for giving advice as necessary on all matters of PAD and Civil Defense, working through the Assistant

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Chief of Staff, G-3, and normal military channels with regard to military matters, including French Army, and through Civil Affairs with regard to civil matters.

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GAMMELL,  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief of Staff.

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*Gammell, J. A. H.*

DANIEL NOCE,  
Major General, G.S.C.,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
APO 394

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Ref/381/M/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Requests for Emergency Services.

TO : HQ. P.B.S.

1. Reference your AG 384.5 BPPAD of 28 April 44.
2. It is understood that the Regional Fire & C.D. Officer, Reg. III, has now contacted your P.A.D. controller (Capt. Arn) on this matter.
3. The Civil Defense Control Room, Reg. III, had direct telephone connection with P.A.D. Control Room, P.B.S. All calls for emergency service that cannot be handled by Reg. III are referred direct to PAD Controller, P.B.S.
4. Instructions covering this arrangement have been issued to the personnel of Reg. III.
5. It is thought that any other calls being made to P.B.S. units are probably made by Military personnel as neither the civilians nor general AMG personnel are acquainted with the location or telephone numbers of these units.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APC 394

May 21, 1944

SUBJECT : Requests for Emergency Services  
TO : RC & MG Section.

Ref. 381/8/CA dated 2 May.

1. Further to our AGC/14501/3/23 dated 8 May, we enclose copy of remarks by Region III in reply to our contacts. It is hoped that the steps taken by Region will prove satisfactory.

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

Copy to: Region III HQ  
HQ. P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL OF ISSION  
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17 May 1944

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SUBJECT : Requests for Emergency Services.

TO : RC & MF Section HQ ACC.

1. Reference to letter ACC/14501/3/PS dated 8 May 1944, from Public Safety Sub-Commission.
2. Regional Fire & Civil Defence Officer, contacted in person Captain Arn the PAD Controller for PBS in regards to requests for Emergency Services in case of Air Raids.
3. The Civil Defence Control Room of Region 3, has direct telephone connection with the PAD Control Room of PBS. All calls for emergency service that cannot be handled by Region 3 are referred direct to the PAD Controller of PBS. This arrangement has been made previous to the recent air raids and has been functioning satisfactorily.
4. Regional instructions have been issued to the personnel of Region 3 thru the Daily Bulletin.

For the Regional Commissioner:

NEIL C. BAUER  
1st Lieut. QMG  
Adjutant

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3. The Civil Defence Bureau of Region 3 telephone connection with the RAD Control Room of EBS. All calls for emergency service that cannot be handled by Region 3 are referred direct to the RAD Controller of EBS. This arrangement has been made previous to the recent air raids and has been functioning satisfactorily.

4. Regional instructions have been issued to the personnel of Region 3 thru the Daily Bulletin.

For the Regional Commissioner:

NEIL G. BARRER  
1st Lieut. QMC  
Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
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Ref/381/11/CA

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Requests for Emergency Services.

TO : R.C. Region III (ATT. Capt. Brandigan)

1. Reference to letter ACO/11501/3/PS dated 7 May 1944 and 8 May 1944 from Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2. Will you please say what arrangements have been made with P.A.D. Controller P.B.S. and if any Regional instructions have been issued.

Capt. N Baker

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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8 May 1944.

ACC/14501/3/PS

SUBJECT: Requests for Emergency Services.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC.

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
10 MAY 1944  
A. C. C.

1. Ref. 381/8/CA dated 2 May and AG 384.5 BPPAD dated 28 April 44.
2. Attached is copy of our letter to Region III for information.
3. The Regional Fire & C.D. Officer Region III has had experience of similar conditions in PALERMO and his views and proposals will doubtless be of value to the P.A.D. controller.
4. It is thought that any calls being made to P.B.S. units are probably made by Military personnel since neither the civilians nor general AMG personnel are acquainted with the location or telephone numbers of those units.
5. No doubt the Regional Fire & C.D. officer will suggest direct telephone lines between the Civil Control Center and P.B.S. Control Center. This is most important and should be regarded as urgent.

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

Copy to Region III (for attention of Capt. Brannigan).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

7 May 1944.

ACC/14501/3/PS

SUBJECT: Civil Defense Services at Naples.

TO : R.O. Region III (for attention of Capt. Brannigan).

1. Attached are copies of Ref/381/8/OA dated 2 May 1944 from R.O. & M.O. Section and AG 334.5 dated 28 April 1944 from HQ P.B.S.
2. This matter has been discussed with Regional Fire & Civil Defense Officer Region III. It is understood that he will get in touch with the P.A.D. Controller P.B.S. and will assist in the co-ordination of the Services by the Controller and issue any necessary Regional instruction.

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

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

Ref/381/B/CA.

2 May 1944

SUBJECT: P.A.D. Request for Emergency Services.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Com.

1. Attached is copy of AG 381.5 HPPAD dated 28 April 1944 from HQ. P.B.S.
2. This matter should be taken up with R.C. Region III and it is suggested that general instructions should be framed to cover all similar cases.

*[Signature]*  
REEMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

AG 384.5 BPPAD

28 April 1944

Subject: Requests for Emergency Services

To : Chief Commissioner  
Allied Control Commission  
APO 394, U.S. Army

1. Numerous requests during and following air raids for immediate dispatch of ambulances, bomb disposal and engineering details are being made to Peninsular Base Section units supplying same. Usually when such services are dispatched on such requests similar services are already at the scene and calling of additional aid has not been justified.
2. To avoid undue calls on any Peninsular Base Section installation and also unwarranted wastage of services, it is necessary that all requests for emergency services due to disaster emergencies or air raids be made to Passive Air Defense (PAD) Control Center. Telephone numbers are 12109, 12053, and 51020.
3. It is requested that your officers and any installations under your control be properly informed regarding the necessity of requesting emergency services through our PAD Control Center.

For the Commanding General:

*L.F. Michel*  
L. F. MICHEL  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Adjutant General

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*Make copy of this*  
*It will go to P.S. Est. Com*  
*for action regarding*  
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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

AGC/14502/PS

25 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Fire & CD Organizations.

TO : ~~RPSO's Regions III and V.~~  
Chiefs of Public Safety 5th and 8th Armies.

1 Attached is a copy of a memorandum relating to the merging of Fire and CD organizations in territory controlled by the Italian Government.

2 Local conditions may not make it possible or desirable to extend the re-organization to AMG territory. If, however, you desire to carry out a merger on the lines indicated in the memorandum, you will no doubt obtain the Regional Commissioner's instructions and notify this Sub Commission of what is being done.

HEADQUARTERS  
27 APR 1944  
A. C. C.

*Paul G. Kirk*  
PAUL G. KIRK, Major  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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15 April 1944

Subject: Fire and an organization.

To: Regional Public Safety Officers I, II, III, VI and VII.

1. The Minister of Interior with the approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission has decided to put the whole of the CD services in unassisted Italy under the command of the Commandant of the Fire Brigades and reduce the number of CD personnel, officers and men, at present employed.

2. The prefects of the various provinces in Italian controlled Italy are being instructed by the Minister of the Interior to effect the proposed merger and reduction of staff. They are also being advised to contact and be guided by CD officers.

3. Under the terms of operational memorandum no 40 ARS, equip and CD in occupied enemy territory and territory of "belli-gerent Powers" all areas are classified "A", "B", "C" or "D".

a) In "A" class areas (such as Bari, Frosinone, Salerno, Taranto and Palermo) where the responsibility lies with the area commander, it is for him to decide how far the fusion and reduction of personnel may proceed. Prefects will ascertain his views through the appropriate CD officer and arrange to carry them out.

b) In "B" class areas where CD officers are responsible for the supervision of the services in conjunction with the Military Commanders, the re-organization will be carried out.

c) In any "C" class areas the re-organization will be dis-solved altogether.

4. It is hoped that this re-organization will result in a greater efficiency and economy and that all officers will be

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1. The interests of the various provinces in Italian controlled Italy are being instructed by the Minister of the Interior to effect the proposed changes and reduction of staff. They are also being advised to contact and be guided by local officials.

2. Under the terms of operational agreements ... and on occupied enemy territory and territory of ... parent power all areas are classified "A", "B" or "C".

a) In the class areas (such as Bari, Brindisi, Salerno, Taranto and Palermo) where the responsibility lies with the area commander, it is for him to decide on for the fusion and reduction of personnel any proposal. Proposals will ascertain his views through the appropriate ... officer and arrange to carry them out.

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c) In any "D" class areas the re-organization will be discussed altogether.

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Copies to 1 ARMO Reg. V and Chief's Public Safety 540 and 68th ...

*W. W. ...*  
Lt Col. ...  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Public Safety  
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HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: A.A. Fire at Friendly Planes

TO : Lt. Col. Charles Poletti  
Regional Commissioner  
Region 3, Allied Control Commission  
APO 834, U. S. Army

1. Captain A. W. MacDougall, Fire and Civil Defense officer of Naples Province, has requested that information be given you concerning sporadic A.A. fire at friendly planes.

2. Naples is in an IAZ (Inner Artillery Zone). Any aircraft, friendly or otherwise, flying over an IAZ between certain hours will be fired upon. An exception to this is crippled aircraft with which NFCA (Naples Fighter Control Area) is able to maintain radio contact. When radio contact can be maintained, NFCA can request withholding of A.A. fire for a short interval during which time the affected plane may be guided through the IAZ.

3. Some planes returning from a mission may either be crippled, and unable to give proper identification, or be over the IAZ without their knowledge.

4. NFCA orders a red alert only upon the approach of unidentified planes. When A.A. fire is heard in the absence of an "Air Raid Warning Red", it can be presumed that any planes overhead, or approaching, have been identified by NFCA as friendly ones.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
APO 394

Ref/381/5/CA.

29 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Air Raid Alarm.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. Reference your letter of 27 March on the above subject.

2. Your request has been complied with.

NORMAN H. WILKES  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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Ref/381/A/CA.

29 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Air Raid Alarm.

TO : CG, P.B.S. (for CO Anti-Aircraft Defenses).

1. We wish to advise that two direct telephone lines have been installed between the gun operations room and the air raid alarm room in the Prefectura Building, these being one way lines only. Operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the alarm room. If an alert is given by the gun operations room to the alarm room, 36 sirens will go into immediate operation.

2. It is requested that when the gun operations room receives its notice from the Radar equipment and alerts the anti aircraft batteries the air raid alarm room be also alerted.

HORMAN K. WISSE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394, U. S. Army

27 March 1944

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[Signature]

SUBJECT: Air raid alarm Naples City.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A. C. C. Hqs.

1. We now have 32 sirens operating in the city and we have obtained wire to connect 16 more.

2. However, I find no written agreement with P. B. S. for notification of our central air raid alarm room which we have set up here in the Prefettura Building. It would be appreciated if you could effectuate the arrangement with P.B.S. and advise us.

3. Attached is letter from the Assistant Provincial Commissioner stationed in Naples City.

*Charles Poletti*  
CHARLES POLETTI  
Lt. Colonel  
Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
PROVINCE OF NAPLES  
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File No. NCA/305

26 March 1944

Subject: Air raid alarms - Sirens.

To: Lt Col. Poletti, Regional Commissioner.

1. I wish to call your attention to the fact that proper notice has of late not been given by the gun operations room to our operatives in the Prefettura Building in order to sound the alarm over the sirens to the City of an air raid. The first notice that both military personnel and the civilian population have had is the firing of the anti-aircraft guns. This has resulted in considerable panic among the civilians, and may have disastrous results unless the situation is corrected.

2. With Lt Col. Hensley, T.C.U., I checked the siren system in the Prefettura Building yesterday to ascertain where the fault lies. We found that the siren system is in proper working condition, and that the reason no alarm had been sounded was because of the fact that no alert was given our Italian operators by the gun operations room.

3. For your information Lt Col. Hensley has installed two direct lines between the gun operations room and our air raid alarm room in the Prefettura Building, the lines being one way only, that is from the gun operations room to our air raid alarm room. Our operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If an alert is given by the gun operations room to our air raid alarm room, our operator has merely to throw a switch which puts all 36 sirens into immediate operation.



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4. May I suggest that this matter be called to the immediate attention of the Commanding General F.B.S., or the Commander of the Anti Aircraft Defenses in this area, so that when the gun operations room receive its notice from the Radar equipment which is located out in the countryside, that when they alert the anti aircraft batteries they also alert our air raid alarm room.

For the Provincial Commissioner.

*Harry G. Hershenson*

HARRY G. HERSHENSON,  
Major. A.U.S.  
A.P.C. NAPLES CITY.

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For the Provincial Commissioner.

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A.F.C. NAPLES CITY.

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