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BOMBARDMENT RANGE, ALLIED NAVIES
APR. - NOV. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478201

Ref: 336/30/00/cos.

4 November 44

SUBJECT: Camerota Bombardment Range.

TO : R.C. Southern Region.

1. Attached is copy of letter dated 27 October 44 from Office of Flag Officer, Northern area.
2. Will you please inform all concerned.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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at NAPLES. 27th October, 1944.

Mr. FOMAN 373.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copies to:-
The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean
The Naval Officer in Charge, Naples Area
The Provincial Commissioner, Salerno Province
The Officer Commanding, No. 2 Bombardment Unit)

GANDHOTA BOMBARDMENT RANGE

Further to Flag Officer, Western Italy's No. POWIT 373 of 24th August, 1944, it has now been decided that the Bombardment Range at Camerota is no longer required by the Allied Navies, and no further practices will be arranged there.

2. Your co-operation over the provision of this range, on which the Air and Confire support programs for the recent invasion of the South of France was rehearsed, has been much appreciated.

S. Hammerly Marlon
FOR ROSAN AUNTIAL

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250. *Agave latifolia*

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HEADQUARTERS
IED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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REF : 336/28/CA

28 August 44

SUBJECT : Range Allied Navies.

TO : Region III.

Concrete Bombardment Range

Reference your R/2084 of 25 July 44, there is
forwarded to you copy letter received from the Office of Flag
Officer, Western Italy, dated 24 August 44.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
Naples.

27th August, 1944.

No. POWIT 373.
CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (R.C. & M.S. Section).
(Copy to:- Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area).

27 AUG Recd

CAMEROTA BOMBARDMENT RANGE

With reference to your letter No. 336/25/CA of 31st July, it is not possible to state at this time for how long the Range at Camerota will be required.

2. Approximately ten days of shooting have occurred to date and further programmes are being arranged.

3. While anxious to save unnecessary disturbance to the inhabitants of Lontinocosa it is pointed out that it is by no means uncommon for a ship's opening rounds to fall 2000 yards or more from the point intended. In view of this Lontinocosa is automatically in the danger zone if practices are carried out on this range, which is already the minimum acceptable size.

4. You will be kept informed of the Royal Navy's intentions for this range. To some extent they depend on circumstances outside the control of this sub-command or even of the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS
27 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

for REAR ADMIRAL. 28929

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

Phone No.
478808

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REF : 336/26/GA

12 August 44

SUBJECT : Bombardment Range.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
(for Commander Butler)

1. With reference to Major Reakes call today there is sent to you copy of a letter addressed to The Flag Officer at Naples. The letter concerns a Firing Range which has been used once by the Allied Navies. It is desired to have a village (LANTISCOUSA) excluded from the danger area. If this was done then it would save the evacuation of 800 inhabitants when the range is in use.

2. As Commander Butler may be going to Naples next week it would be obliging if he would raise the matter with The Flag Officer and get his view.

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NORMAN E. FINE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.G. SECTION
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Ref 336/25/QA

31st July 1944

SUBJECT: Bombardment Range

TO : Office of Flag Officer
Western Italy
Naples

1. Reference is made to your letter Powit of 21st April 1944.
2. A report was asked for from Region III as to operations on the range. This report has now come to hand and states that firing practice has only taken place once in approximately two months.
3. May we be informed please if it is intended to keep this area as a range for some time because if this is so, it would help considerably if the small part of Lentiscosa could be placed outside the danger area. It is a small place on the western boundary of the danger area containing approximately 800 inhabitants who require to be evacuated when the range is being used.

W. G. P. Over
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

see 27

*Saw Harry S.C. today
12/8 - See fol 26 - Major Reches.
Kind red from Harry S.C.
What is the answer.*

*Copy to
Region III*

El 9/8

*B/W
10/8*

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Col Shipper

Col Fiske asked
for a report on the
Range for Allied Navies.
Report is shown at
Folio 21-23.

The range appears
to have been used only
once in two months.
Shall I state the
questions raised
at paras 11 & 12 up

11 with the naval people
at Naples. (Folio 7)
I feel that the Navy
will wish to continue
the range. Col Fiske
will wish to see report.
J.F.H.

27/7. Yes pl. take up
with Col Fiske.

Do they contemplate
using it further?
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31st July 1944

Colonel Shipp

Re: Bombardment Range

I spoke to Colonel Fiske and he suggested that I write to the Naval Authorities asking them if they intended to keep this area as a range. I have written this letter and mentioned a small place which the Provincial Commissioner would like excluded from the danger area. Only the Naval Authorities can say whether this can be done or not.

Will you please sign the letter.

This has been re-typed - will you please sign
pleases maj.

Put in "For Chief Commissioner"

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

27 JUL Recd

R/2084

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Range-Allied Navies

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
R. C. and M. G. Section

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Reference your Ref/336/17/CA dated 17 June 1944.

1. The attached copy of a report from the Provincial Commissioner, Salerno gives you the information which was asked for.

2. Particular attention is called to paragraphs 11 and 12, and it is requested that this matter may be cleared up with the competent Naval authorities.

For the Regional Commissioner:



Alex H. White

ALEX H. WHITE
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer

AMW/jjf

Incl.

As above

100-200-100
24/7/44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE.

Subject: Range Allied Navies

19 July 1944.

To : H.Q., Region 3.

ACC/S/37.

1. Reference letter 336/17/CA, dated 17th June 1944 from the Deputy Executive Commissioner ACC.RC & MG. Section addressed to you with a copy to me and my letter ACC/S/37 dated 6th July 44.

I am now in position to render a report as far as the civilian situation was affected.

2. The plans had to be changed slightly as the original arrangement was that firing would only take place for one day at a time and people could therefore return to their homes at night.

3. The practice was carried out by the U.S. Navy and not British Navy with whom the original arrangements had been made. New contacts had therefore to be made and the situation reviewed in the light of the new plans prepared.

4. The new plans involved the evacuation of all people from both the danger area and the firing area for a duration of approximately 4 days i.e. from midnight 9/10 July to midnight 13/14 July.

5. This meant a small refugee problem affecting approximately a thousand people but as ample warning was given there was no great difficulties although the Sindaco of Camerota was inclined to take a very gloomy view of the whole matter.

6. As ample warning was given I was able to visit Camerota myself on the 7 July accompanied by Lt. Brivio Italian Liaison Section HQ. 94 Sub-Area, and discuss the situation with the Sindaco and the Italian Officer i/c 80th Mounted Squad stationed at Camerota for purpose of the Naval Bombardment. 284

7. Arising out of the conference with the Sindaco the only real problems were:

(a) No transportation for the moving of the aged, the sick and the very young.

(b) The food problem caused by moving 1000 people from one district to another.

(c) Lack of accomodation.

(d) the somewhat dazed state of the rather mediocre Sindaco.

8. I therefore made the following arrangements in order to meet the above problems:

(a) A U.T.C. vehicle was placed at the disposal of the Sindaco and Signorina Fusco from the 9th July until the 14th July.

(b) Extra food in the way of tinned milk and soup etc. was sent for distribution to those requiring it.

(c) Signorina Fusco and Italian lady employed by this office for dealing with refugee problems, was sent to Camerota to help in distributing food and looking after the evacuated in general.

(d) An officer from the 9th July to 10th July was sent to Camerota to give a forceful helpful hand to the Sindaco and to liaison with the American troops connected with the practice bombardment.

9. The above arrangements proved quite adequate, no casualties occurred, very little damage was done and up to date there has been no request for recompensation, with the exception of the fishermen who were unable to fish for four days. This is being investigated.

10. There are a few unexploded shells left in the area and I have asked the U.S. Navy to have these removed.

11. Could I be informed if it is still proposed to keep this area as a range area and if so what will be the frequency of the practices. **263**

It appears rather unnecessary to keep a squad of Italian soldiers in the area for practices which up to date have only taken place once in approximately two months. In this connection I attach a copy of a report which I asked the Italian Lieutenant commanding the 80th Mounted Squad to submit.

12. If it is intended to keep this area as a practice range it would help considerably if the fraction of LENTISCOSA could be placed outside the danger area. It is a small place on the West boundary of the danger

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area and contains approximately 800 of the 1000 inhabitants who have
got to be evacuated.

(s) H.P.P. Robertson
Lt. Colonel
P.C., Salerno Province

16th July 44.

Copy, translated.

80th Mounted Squad - Camerota.

Subject: Firing practise in the area of Camerota.

To : Italian Liaison Section HQ 94 Sub-Area.

Following the verbal request of Lt. Col. Robertson, I herewith send you a summary of the tasks accomplished during the recent firing exercise (10th - 13th of July) in Camerota area.

(a) The detachment had the letters of R. Prefecture, Salerno, and the directions of the Commune of Camerota delivered to the Communes and Hamlets of Licusati, Lentiscosa, Celle Bulgheria, Torre Orsain and S. Giovanni a Piro.

(b) The detachment, with troops and vehicles of the Allied Forces, cleared Lentiscosa and transported aged and sick people, women and children.

(c) The clearance of security zone.

(d) The detachment sent supplies by horses to S. Giovanni a Piro (extra food given by ACC).

(e) They arranged the return of evacuees to Lentiscosa, at the end of the firing.

(f) They are now searching in the firing area for unexploded shells and are erecting signs to indicate their positions.

With reference to the above, and the need for our detachment to remain here or not, I suggest:

(1) If frequent firing exercises take place, it would be convenient for us to remain on the spot. 261

(2) If few firing practises occur, the detachment could be removed. If so, the Commune of Camerota will need a lorry at his disposal 2 days before the firing commences. At the same time, it would be necessary to send 1 NCO and 4 men there as reinforcement to local carbineers.

I don't think it is expedient to reduce the detachment to 1 NCO and 4 men, because so few men in a place far from supply centers and military HQ would be most unsatisfactory in every way.

Sgd. ??????????
Lt. Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

R/ 4282

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Range - Allied Navies.

TO : Deputy Executive Com.
Hq., A.C.C.

1. Reference your 336/17/CA dated 17 June 1944 attached is relative report from Provincial Commissioner Salerno.Prov.

For the Regional Commissioner:

[Signature]

A.H. WHITE,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Officer.

AHJ/vv

*One trip
The En Com action for report
in the range. Folio 18
reports that range is
being used but no report will be made
at what date when range is used.*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE

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Subject: Range - Allied Navies.

To : HQ., Region 3.

ACC/S/37.

Reference letter 336/17/CA dated 17th June 44
from HQ., ACC., addressed to you.

Up to the present the Range in question has not
been used but it is understood that it will be used shortly
by the U.S. Navy.

A report will be rendered to you when the results
of the bombardment are to hand.

/s/ H.P.P. Robertsen

Lt. Colonel
P.C., Salerno Province

6th July 1944

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

Ref/336/17/GA

17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Range - Allied Navies.

TO : R.G. Region III.

1. Reference your R/4059 of 25 May 44, the Executive Commissioner would be glad to receive a report, at your convenience, on the operations of the range.

2. Copy of this letter is enclosed for P.C. Salerno.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

DA/JR

6/14/44
Bill with 258

1/12/44

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Mason Dr. W. to

Capt Newfield
rang 1-55 pm
765. Let you
know they have
rec'd. in writing
from the Navy
agreement to
everything suggested
by Cal Robertson
(re Submarine
naval bombardment)

M 765.

Put on file and

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26 MAY Recd

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

24th May, 1944.

No. FOWIT 373.
THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

BOMBARDMENT RANGE - SALERNO

With reference to your R/3063 of 18th May, 1944 it is anticipated that the arrangements proposed by the Provincial Commissioner will prove entirely satisfactory, and they meet with my approval.

REAR ADMIRAL

R/4059 1st Ind MFN/bb
Hq, REGION 3, ACC, Apo 394, U.S. Army, 25 May 1944

TO: Provincial Commissioner Salerno Prov.

Forwarded for information.

For the Regional Commissioner:

MAURICE F. NEUFELD
Captain, QMC,
Asst Executive Officer

c/c. To Major W. Driffeld-White

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BO 15/6 re with
any report

Col. Drake

HEADQUARTERS
25 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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This is a satisfactory
termination to the
negotiations.
Should we call for report
in say, one month.

Yes. Let's see how
it works. This
is well done - 2

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Capt Newfield has
got R.C. agreement
will take up with
Navy & get
approval of plans.

When approved
will inform Lt Col
Robertson P. C. Salerno
with copy to us.

~~PA~~
16/5

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No report up to 1900

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Spoke Capt Newfield again. He
says all is agreed & is
waiting for written agreement.
Plans to commence at 3.
days notice. Will ring again
16/5

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336 15 MAY Recd

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE

14:5:44

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Dear Mr. White

Herewith my official letter
addressed to Regime 3 / 46, copy to you.
With respect to my recommendations
regarding the proposed Naval Bombardment
Range.

I have asked the bearer of this letter
to deliver it direct to you. 255

I have been endeavoring to ring up
Lieut Taylor R. N. to ask him to postpone the
commencement of the range coming into use

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until the 19 May so as to give us an
opportunity to get the matter properly tied up,
but I have been unable to connect with him.
Perhaps you can get in touch with him.
I would be grateful if you could let me
have a reply to my recommendations as soon as
possible.

Yours etc.

H A A Bherhine

My telephone number is Peterloo 2611.

24 25 MAY Recd

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE

Subject :- Bombardment Range for Allied Navies

ACC/8/7.

To :- Headquarters, Region 2.

1. Reference above subject and my conversation with Major Driffield White A.O.C. and Lieut. Taylor R.N. yesterday afternoon 12th May 1944.

For easy reference I attach herewith copies of two letters emanating from H.Q., 94 Sub-Area (239/9 dated 7th May and 73 G dated 8th May) 11

2. Since the receipt of these letters I have visited the area under consideration and talked to the Sindaco of Camerota which is the Comune most affected. The other Communes concerned are Calle Bulgaris and San Giovanni a Piro.

I have come to the following conclusions :-

(a) Although there are very few people actually living in the range area (outlined in blue on map), there are many people living in Camerota and other villages who own and have land under cultivation in the range area.

(b) The number of animals grazing on the range area runs into thousands.

(c) If nobody is permitted to enter the range area for an indefinite period, the loss in grain and other vegetables will be considerable. In fact it is probable that three to four thousand people who in the ordinary course of events depend on their supply of grain from local resources, would have to be issued with a ration card for their ration of flour.

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1. Reference above subject and my conversation with Major Griffith White A.C.C. and Lieut. Taylor R.N. yesterday afternoon 12th May 1944.

For easy reference I attach herewith copies of two letters emanating from H.C., 94 Sub-area (239/0) dated 7th May and 73 0 dated 8th May.

2. Since the receipt of these letters I have visited the area under consideration and talked to the Sindaco of Camerota which is the Comune most affected. The other Communes concerned are Celle Bulgarie and San Giovanni e Piero.

3. I have come to the following conclusions :-

(a) Although there are very few people actually living in the range area (outlined in blue on map), there are many people living in Camerota and other villages who own and have land under cultivation in the range area.

(b) The number of animals grazing on the range area runs into thousands.

(c) If nobody is permitted to enter the range area for an indefinite period, the loss in grain and other vegetables will be considerable. In fact it is probable that three to four thousand people who in the ordinary course of events depend on their supply of grain from local resources, would have to be issued with a ration card for their ration of flour.

(d) From conversations with Major Napier, Naval Bombardment representative and Lieut Taylor R.N., it would appear that bombardment practice will only take place at the most, about once in every seven days, and there will be ample notice of firing.

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4. From the above conclusions i put forward the following recommendations :-

(2) That all people living in the range area be permanently evacuated to the neighbouring villages.

(b) That people living in the danger area (outlined in red on the map) need not be evacuated except as in (c) below.

(c) That it be made clear to the people in both the range areas and danger areas (outlined in red on the map) that both these areas must be completely evacuated whenever notice of action is given as given in the 'Danger Areas' 'Evacuation' is given.

(d) That in the range area the only property to be requisitioned be actual living accommodation and not land or sheds etc.

(e) That people be permitted to enter the range area on days on which firing does not take place in order to cultivate their land and take care of their animals.

(X) That the Sindaco of Camerota be instructed that he must make adequate arrangements for warning the people and that the mounted patrol be stationed in para. 3 of 94 Sub-area letter No. 238/4, be used for this purpose.

(c) That the people be informed that these new arrangements are being made for their benefit and that responsibility can be held for second.

(h) That damage to property or animals be reported immediately through the Sindaco concerned so that indemnification can be considered.

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permanently evacuated to the neighbouring villages.

(b) That people living in the danger area (outlined in red on the map) need not be evacuated except as in (c) below.

(c) That it be made clear to the people in both the range area and danger area (outlined in red on the map) that both these areas must be completely evacuated whenever notice of firing is given and to remain evacuated until notice of 'Cease Firing' is given.

(d) That in the range area the only property to be requisitioned be actual living accommodation and not land or sheds etc.

(e) That people be permitted to enter the range area on days on which firing does not take place in order to cultivate their land and take care of their animals.

(f) That the Sindaco of Camarota be instructed that he must make adequate arrangements for warning the people and that the mounted patrol as mentioned in para. 3 of 94 Sub-area letter No. 239/4, be used for this purpose.

(g) That the people be informed that these new arrangements are being made for their benefit and that no responsibility can be held for accidents or loss of life.

(h) That damage to property or animals be reported immediately through the Sindaco concerned so that indemnification can be considered.

Apprentice

14th May 1944.

Lieut-Colonel,
P.C., Salerno Province.

Copy to :- Headquarters, 94 Sub Area.

Copy to :- Major Driffield White in accordance with our conversation on 12th May. ✓

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Subject:- Ranges

C O P Y 15 MAY 44 Recd

94 Sub Area
Phone 2716
239/Q

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7 May 44

Italian Liaison Sec
94 Sub Area

P.O. Salerno
235 Town Major (with copy plan)
Claims & Hirings (with copy plan)
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1. The area near CAMEROTA shown edged with blue on the enclosed plan is required as soon as possible for a naval bombardment range. Please arrange, therefore, for it to be requisitioned and for the people living there to be moved out of the area.
2. In addition, the area shown edged with red on the plan will require to be closed as a safety precaution on days when firing is in progress. Please make any necessary arrangements with regard to this.
3. Application is being made through the Military Sub Commission ACC for a mounted patrol to assist in clearing the area before firing takes place.

T O S .1599... B
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Signed ?????????????? 251
DAA & QMG
(C.W. HURLEY)

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COPY

15 MAY 44

Subject:- Naval Bombardment Range

CONFIDENTIAL

94 Sub Area
Phone : 2964
73 G

8 May 44

'G' 3 District

PC. Salerno
Italian Liaison Sec.

Ref att copy POWIT letter No 373 of 21 Apr and Map ITALY
1/50000 Sheet 209 II.

1. It was agreed at this H.Q. on 5 May between P.C. Salerno, Naval Bombardment rep (Major HANSON) and Sub Area Comd to adopt for this purpose the area shown on the map in preference to that defined at para 4 of POWIT letter.
2. This HQ was further requested to make the following arrangements in this connection, to be complete if possible by May 15:-
 - (a) area outlined in blue to be requisitioned and permanently cleared of inhabitants.
This is being done by the ITALIAN Liaison Sec att this HQ in cooperation with PC SALERNO.
 - (b) add area outlined in red not to be requisitioned but to be cleared for firing days as required.
It is anticipated that 48 hours notice of firing will be given.
3. In order to implement para 2 (b) above, it will be necessary to employ a force of approx 1 ofr 15 OR's of ITALIAN mounted personnel to be stationed in the CAMEROTA T1759 Area.
4. May representation please be made to Army Sub-Commission ACC for the release of these personnel

TOS ... 0920..B
WE

Signed ?????????????? Col.
Comd.
(R. MOULD-GRAHAM)

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Col. Robinson

Prov. Com. Subnet

- Situation
1. Navy will fire 10 full night
 2. Approx 150 people in area
 3. BUT land is cultivated & crop will mean loss of sustenance for 4000 people
 4. Also means moving 7000 animals
 5. Land is being requisitioned & plan followed
- Possible solution suggested by Col. Robinson
1. Request Navy give permission for people to work land on alternate days of week so that crop may be saved.
 2. Further request no one be moved except upon 24 hrs notice, which would allow time to be done.

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Interviewed Lt Taylor RM
& LIA Ricketts

Letter to send Achen
here for agreement
by telephone if possible
vs. instructions

[Signature]

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3/s. Maj Hanson (Lynson, I think) ^{from the above per.}
 will see Col Robinson today at
 14:00 about this. 7

Shy ✓ 6/15/68
 Patrick
 E. J.

II

Capt Bundeffe

Do you know whether any
 report of the above meeting is expected
 or has been received.

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Maj. Dwyer

Spoke to Fisher who says nothing further has
 been heard so presumably the meeting was successful

11415 pa.

Lt Taylor R.R. Navy 32
 Maj. Hanson R.R. " "

Confidential

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This requires

① Map with areas delineated as in para 4 with inside line shown as in para 5.

② Letter to Reg III with copy for Salerno P.C. stating project asking for estimate of no. to be evac. suggesting how re-accommodation can be effected.

③ Letter to Refugee Prov. for assistance if necessary - Contact Region III

④ Lie up with Italian Govt.

⑤ Notice to inhabitants.

⑥ P.R.O. to get necessary but not too much publicity + propaganda as in para 8.

IV

All fixed

See 7. pa.

21 30/4

II

Information Div

Please provide map as in ① above.

H. J. White

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URGENT

L. C. Liff

Shall we go ahead with this without argument or shall we wait. Reg III + Reg IV to suggest alternative plan

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No. 573.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, ITALY.

(Copy to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.)

BOMBARDMENT RANGE FOR ALLIED NAVIES

Instructions have been received from the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Theatre to obtain a stretch of country in the Naples area suitable for use as a Bombardment Range for Warships.

2. The requirements for such a range are:-

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Office of Flag Officer,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/305/9/CA.

21 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Civilians.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward copy of minutes written by the Chief Commissioner and Executive Commissioner regarding the Naval and Military authorities requirements for a Naval Bombardment and Street Fighting area.

AJB/RAC.

A.J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Exec. Com.

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Chief Commissioner

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You may want this for your meeting with Capt Stone.

A meeting has been arranged at 2:30 today in Col Poletti's office between

C-in-C med's reps
(2 RA officers)

Col Robertson, SCAO Salerno Province
to arrange for the details of the evacuation.

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note sent to cc
by FI Com 13/4

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G.H.M. N.L.C. AAI

ACTION: S.O(G)

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