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LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/422/7/CA.

22 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Low Flying Aircraft.

TO : R.C. Region II.

1. Reference your A/36 of 8 May 1944, this further complaint has been brought to notice of Air Force Sub-Commission, who reply as follows :

"2. Orders already exist prohibiting I.A.F. fighter pilots from flying within two miles radius of Lecce town, and the attention of all I.A.F. pilots has again been drawn to this order.

3. In order that disciplinary action may be taken against pilots who fly low over Lecce in future, it would be appreciated if information could be passed as quickly as possible by 'phone to Group Captain Russell, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, I.A.F. Lecce Airfield, stating (a) time, (b) type of aircraft and markings, (c) any other details likely to help to identify the culprit."

2. Representations have also been made to the Italian Air Ministry and it is hoped consequently that no further breaches of flying discipline will be committed by the Italian Air Force over Lecce.

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NORMAN E. FINKS,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, NAPLES.
TO: R.C. AND M.G. SECTION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, H.Q.

DATE: 21st MAY, 1944.

REF: ASC/5

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FLYING DISCIPLINE - I.A.F.

Reference your 422/2/CA of 12th May, 44 and 422/3/CA of 20th May, 44, attached please find copy of letter written by Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, to the Italian Air Ministry under date of 16th May, 1944.

2. It is hoped that consequent upon the Air Vice-Marshal's letter no further breaches of flying discipline will be committed by the Italian Air Force over Lecce.

3. The above-mentioned letter of the Air Vice-Marshal has only today been received from the Headquarters of this Sub-Commission at Bari, hence the slight delay in replying to your 422/2/CA of 12 May.

W.L. Minter
(W.L. Minter)
Wing Commander,
Air Vice-Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM:- AIR LECCE SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:- HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
R.C. & M.G. SECTION,
A.P.O. 394.

DATE:- 18th May 1944.

REF:- AFSC/23/AIR.

FLYING DISCIPLINE - I.A.F.

Regarding your 422/2/CA dated 7^{May} 12th ~~April~~ 1944 enclosing
A.C.C. Region 2 letter reference A/56 dated 8th May 1944.

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from flying within two miles radius of Lecce town, and the
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Airfield, stating (a) time, (b) type of aircraft and markings,
(c) any other details likely to help to identify the culprit.



Copy:-
Group Captain Russell, Lecce.
General Piacentini.

R. Eccles
R.Y. ECCLES, GROUP CAPTAIN,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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(To Italian Air Ministry)

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FLYING DISCIPLINE- I.A.F.

Regarding Headquarters Allied Control Commission (Lecce) letter PCL/122 dated 26th April 1944, forwarded to you on 28th April, in which complaints were made that the practice of dangerous low flying over Lecce town by I.A.F. fighter pilots was on the increase, a further complaint has been received from Headquarters A.C.C. Region 2 in their letter reference A/56 dated 8th May 1944, copy attached.

2. On the 28th April an assurance was given that immediate action would be taken prohibiting I.A.F. fighter pilots to fly within 2 miles of Lecce town, and that disciplinary action would be taken against any future offenders.

3. Will you please state what action was taken to put a stop to this breach of flying discipline, and what further action you propose to take in this matter.

(Signed) W.A.Bowen-Buscarlet.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission.
Ref: 23/ATR
16th May 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

R.C. & M.G. Section.

Ref: 422/3/CA.

20th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Low Flying Aircraft.

TO : Air Sub-Commission.

I refer to my letter Ref: 422/2/CA of
12th May 1944 and shall be glad to know if you are
yet in a position to reply thereto.

Capt. H. Baker

NORMAN H. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

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

Ref/422/2/CA

may
12 ~~April~~ 1944

SUBJECT: Low Flying Aircraft.

TO : Air Sub-Commission.

1. Reference attached copy letter from Region Commissioner Region II.
2. Would you please let me have your comments.

Harner Cable
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: - Low Flying Aircraft

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

The practice of aircraft flying dangerously low over the town of LECCE is on the increase.

The main delinquents are pilots of the Italian Air Forces flying single seater planes.

May the necessary action be taken to stop this practice.



John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

Copy to: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI.

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