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ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSIVE AIR DEFENSE (PAD) FOR THIS BASE SECTION

1. An organization for Passive Air Defense (PAD) within this Base Section will be established in accordance with the following instructions.

2. PAD Control Centers will be established in such cities, ports and other sectors as may be designated by the Commanding General, Fifth Army Base Section.

3. Communication:

a. The PAD Staff Officer of this Headquarters will be responsible for coordination of PAD activities with related military branches and for inspection of PAD operation and training in subordinate commands.

b. A PAD Controller will be designated for each PAD Control Center and will provide necessary assistance to unit commanders whose resources are inadequate to deal with the effects of air raids. PAD Controller (American or British) will have priority over any emergency details available to unit commanders and will be responsible for:

(1) Dispatching heavy rescue details when required.

(2) Informing proper army and civilian services of incidents.

(3) Dispatching light rescue details when needed to the aid of other units.

c. Unit commanders will train and furnish light rescue and incendiary bomb details and will be responsible within their unit areas for:

(1) Reporting all incidents to PAD Control Center.

(2) Rescue of trapped casualties where light rescue details are adequate.

(3) Control of incendiary bombs.

4. Training:

Fire watcher and incendiary bomb detail training will be conducted as a part of PAD training. This training will include: (1) use of stirrup pumps, pump cans, sand and extinguishers; (2) location of emergency water supply; and (3) study of incendiaries and their applications. PAD officers and Fire Marshal will check progress of training in PAD procedures.

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5. Operations:

a. AIR RAID WARNING: Signal will be six (6) blasts of sirens (ship's siren for the present). If this signal is inaudible, guns firing or bombs dropping will be the only indication of an air attack. ALL CLEAR signal will be one (1) long blast of sirens.

b. FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING: Provided incendiary bomb details are unable to deal with a fire, unit commander will call for assistance from the nearest army fire service station. Fire watcher and incendiary bomb detail instructions: See Appendix "A", attached.

c. RESCUE WORK:

(1) One (1) light rescue detail consisting of one (1) NCO and five (5) men will be detailed by all units of fifty (50) or more personnel. Companies of 150 or more men will be required to supply two such details. These details will confine their work to extrication of trapped men and will not attempt demolition work. They will not stand by unless bombs are dropped. Equipment of each detail will be as follows:

3 picks
3 shovels
1 stretcher
1 truck (if available)

(2) Corps of Engineers will arrange for heavy rescue details with appropriate equipment and will be dispatched by PAD Controller.

d. MEDICAL AID: Casualties trapped under debris will be reported to PAD Controller. If ambulances or rescue details are required, the PAD Controller will dispatch same to scene of incident.

e. BOMB DISPOSAL: Unexploded bombs will be reported to PAD Control Center

f. DEMOLITIONS: Structures requiring demolition will be reported to PAD Control Center.

g. TRAFFIC CONTROL: Blocked traffic lanes will be reported to PAD Control Center.

i. REPORTS: All reports to PAD Control Center will be as complete as possible with regard to exact location (map ref), time of incident, and will include name, rank and organization of reporting agent.

6. PAD Organization in the City of Naples:

a. The PAD Staff Officer, this Headquarters, will perform the duties of PAD Controller for the City of Naples.

b. PAD Control Center is located at British Town Major's office, Via Tarsia 36, map ref: 20.7-49.6, town plan of Naples, 1:10,000. This is near Piazza Dante.

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c. MEDICAL AID POSTS are located as follows:

(1) Front of Port Office, map ref: 21.6-48.6, town plan of Naples, 1:10,000.

(2) 5th General Dispensary, Piazza Medaglie D'Oro, map ref: 19.4-49.6, town plan of Naples, 1:10,000 (Ground floor of large apartment building on square.)

(3) 95th Evacuation Hospital, Grand Hospital of March 23rd, map ref: 16.6-51.6, town plan of Naples, 1:10,000.

(4) 110th Station Hospital, Ospedale Militare Trinita (near Corso Vittorio Emanuele), map ref: 20.7-49.4, town plan of Naples, 1:10,000.

d. U. S. A. FIRE STATIONS:

(1) R. Scuola Technica Carmeriale Salvatore Rosa, Piazza Del Gesu Nuova, map ref: 21.17-49.55.

(2) 19 Nuovo Foggio Reale (this street is a continuation of Via Casanova), map ref: 20.35-50.05. (AG 353 BGSCT)

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APPENDIX "A"

FIRE WATCHER AND INCENDIARY BOMB DETAIL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fire watchers will be provided by companies and similar units at Headquarters, ports, dumps, depots, and bivouac areas. (To be located at points where they can see or hear bombs land.)

Fire watchers (preferably working in pairs, one to serve as a runner) will immediately call incendiary bomb details, (see below) when bombs fall.

a. Fire watchers will be designated on a duty roster.

b. Equipment: a whistle.

2. Incendiary Bomb Details will be provided by companies and similar units. Each incendiary bomb detail will consist of three (3) men, one being designated as leader. A group, consisting of six (6) details, will be in charge of a NCO. These details will be designated by duty roster and will not stand by until called for.

Proposed distribution of incendiary bomb details:

Up to 6,000 sq. ft. roof or ground area	1 detail
6,000 sq. ft to 20,000 sq. ft.	2 details
20,000 sq. ft. to 50,000 sq. ft.	3 details
50,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft.	4 details
for each additional 50,000 sq. ft.	1 detail

When called by the fire watcher, these details will immediately report to their fire points (see distribution above) and operate as needed, using fire-fighting equipment available, such as stirrup pumps, sand and extinguishers. Stirrup pumps being available, details will operate as follows: One man to handle the hose, one to operate the pump and the third to carry water. Fire points will be established for each incendiary bomb detail. Recommended equipment for each fire point will be as follows:

1 stirrup pump
2 pails or cans of water
1 hand axe or light crow bar
Additional convenient water supply
Sand or dirt in boxes or piles
Shovel
Normal fire extinguishers authorized.

3. When fires occur beyond the scope of the incendiary bomb detail, the army fire service will be called immediately.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782

15 October 1943.

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DEFENSE OF UNIT AREAS

1. In view of the fact that installations in this Base Section are within easy access of the enemy by ground and by air, plans will be initiated and made effective without delay to insure adequate defense of unit areas against harrassing attacks by enemy airborne or parachute troops, raiders, saboteurs, and other enemy groups attempting operations within the Base Section area.

2. Interior guards will be maintained day and night to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering areas, bivouacs, dumps and office buildings. Special attention will be given to the establishment of an effective system for the prevention of sabotage.

3. Unit commanders will be held responsible for the proper defense of their respective assigned areas and installations, utilizing such troops and weapons as are at their disposal. Defensive positions will be prepared, to include a simple trench system and the use of wire or other obstacles. All positions must be tactically sound with an all-around defense prepared of areas, dumps or bivouacs. Contact will be maintained with adjacent units within areas. Unit command posts will be established with runners and messengers trained and organized. Medical personnel, when available, will locate and operate first-aid stations. Occupation of defense posts must be rehearsed by all personnel in order that they may understand their responsibilities and functions and be capable of occupying positions during either the day or night.

4. Individual slit trenches, dug-outs or shelters will be made available for the use of personnel in the vicinity of dumps, bivouacs and office buildings, in order to provide protection in case of an air raid.

5. Dispersion of motor vehicles in parks and supplies in dumps will be maintained commensurate with the available space. Camouflage will be utilized to the fullest possible extent by the use of camouflage nets or natural or artificial cover. Where cut foliage is used for camouflage purposes, it will be replaced and changed daily. Every effort will be made to prevent enemy terrestial or aerial observation of bivouacs, motor parks and dumps.

6. All plans will include provisions for the establishment and maintenance, by telephone or runner, for communication with S-3 at these Headquarters. Appropriate information will be reported without delay.

7. Service Section Chiefs and separate unit commanders will submit to S-3, not later than 19 October 1943, an overlay or sketch with map references and locations showing the exact tactical dispositions for the defense of their areas.

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8. Map References:

a. Units or installations located within the City of Naples, Town Plan of Naples, 1/10,000.

b. Units or installations located outside the city limits of Naples, Italy, 1/100,000.

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1. Reference paragraph 1, "Wearing of the Uniform", Circular No. 1, Headquarters, Fifth Army Base Section, dated 14 October 1943, the following information is furnished units of this Command:

The rear boundaries of the X Corps, Fifth Army, as of 15 October 1943, is a general line extending from the south coast at coordinates N-033553 east along road to Ogliano; thence northeast along road through Casandrino to Calvano; thence north along Highway #87 to road junction, coordinates N-272662; thence northeast along road to Maddaloni; thence east and north along Highway #7 to Benevento. (AG 353 ECOCT)

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