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TACC AIR MISSION FORCES SUB COMMISSION

FROM HQ NAAF 191049A

TO FCWIT, DISTHIEL, - INFO ACC AIA MISSION

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REQUEST THE AREA OUTLINED BY THE FOLLOWING
COORDINATES BE CLEARED AND REQUISITIONED
FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION CMA
AIR MISSION FOR THE USE OF

ITALIAN AIR FORCE AS A PRACTICE BOMBING AND
AIR FIRING RANGE COLON NAM SEVEN FIVE
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 WILL ALSO BE MADE BY SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT
 AT APPROXIMATELY THREE SIX MISSIONS PER WEEK WILL BE MADE
 DEPENDING UPON THE WEATHER

IF NEW SUBJECT FURTHER REQUEST GROUND APPROVAL
 FOR LOW FLYING AREA FOR SAME UNIT ONA
 SAME AIRCRAFT ONA AS OUTLINED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES
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BT 151049A

SENT NR 4 19 1446 JAN AR K

REC'D 13 4 V.M. AT 15:1450A AR



LRKE V LGJP NR 57/21 ROUTINE

T - ACC AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

FROM FONAM (12) 210905A

TO NOIC NAPLES

INFO MAAF DISTRICT 3

ACC AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

RESTRICTED (IMPORTANT TO NOIC NAPLES)

GR -- BT

MAAF 19 1049A JAN REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR

PRACTICE BOMBING RANGES IS BEING PASSED TO YOU

(2) REQUEST YOU REPLY A DIRECT STATING WHETHER THER ARE
ANY NAVAL OBJECTIONS.

BT 210905A

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RECD AT 1625 ON 21 A AAA AR

Air Forces s/c

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9 Jan. 1945.

Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome,
G.M.F.

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Dear Mr.

When I was last with you, you will remember that I went to MAAF in connection with the bombing range for Guado.

They were sympathetic but asked that we should conform to the procedure in their Ops Instr No: 89 of which I attach a copy.

Could you please get Pocock to answer these questions and arrange with the Local Area for the inspection.

I think he should get on to this as soon as he can as the A.V.M has been asking about it, perhaps to speed things up he could visit MAAF Air Safety Branch, whom I saw and they would be able to fix it all in one visit. Can you keep me informed of how it goes.

I was sorry to hear you had not been fit hope you have got over it now, you probably know that the A.V.M has also been sick but he hopes to return shortly.

Be seeing you,

Yours

W.L.M.

Wing Commander W.L.Minter,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
Naples.

Do/AFSC/2/17/A/R.

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ISA advised
Jan 15 - Baw

FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, NAPLES.
TO : Headquarters, No 214 Group,
R.A.F., C.M.F.
DATE : 21/10/44
REF / ASC/EQ/5/4

DEMANDS FORMS 603 FOR AMMUNITION.

Further to this Commission's letter of even reference dated 4th October, it is requested that authority be given for the issue of 10 lb practice bombs, quantity 100, as per attached demand.

142m
H.S. Shears
for (H.S. Shears)
Flight Lieutenant,
Air Vice-Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ACC NAPLES

OCT 8 1220 HRS

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PRIORITY

351 M.A., R.A.F., B.N.A.F. (R) A.F.S.C. BARI

CONFIDENTIAL (.) OUR REFERENCE QUEEN EIGHT TWO DATED OCTOBER EIGHT (.)
REQUEST HOLD FOR FLYING OFFICER WATKINS (.) PARAM TO THREE FIVE ONE
MAINTENANCE UNIT ROYAL AIR FORCE BRITISH NORTH AFRICAN FORCES REPEAT
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION BARI FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION NAPLES
PARAM (.) WILL YOU BE DESPATCHING ANY BOMB CONTAINERS AND SAFETY
EQUIPMENT (.) REQUEST DETAILS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT YOU WILL BE
FORWARDING SO THAT I CAN GET TO WORK THIS END (.) SHEARS (.)

H.S. Shears

(H.S. Shears)

Flight Lieut. R.A.F.

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MAILED 10/10/54

TO : AIR FORCE AIR-OPERATION, BUREAU (AIR 4/10. 10/10/54).

FROM : AIR FORCE AIR-OPERATION, BUREAU.

 COTTONWOOD 1.12 AIR OUT 2 (.) COTTONWOOD AIR FORCE

AND APPROVED FOR THE BUREAU HEADS COTTONWOOD BUREAU OF AIR FORCE

AND ONLY FROM COTTONWOOD 10.00.00 BUREAU

RECEIVED BY AIR 10/10/54

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

TO : H.O.L.C. RATE AREA COMINT. (FOR NAME TRIGG).

FROM : AIR FORCE SVD-COMMISSION, DML.

CONFIDENTIAL A.S SEP 29 (.) HAVE YOU RECEIVED BY A.945

OF 741 SEP REQUESTING US OF SOME TEND FOR DOING RATES (.)

IF YOU DO NOT CONTROL RATES CAN YOU TELL ME WHO DOES =

SO BE ENCIPHERED IN SET BY W/T.

P.M. DEPT. C/CAPE.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

200...29/1030.A.....
EXCPT...ROUTINE...

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INVEST. & ADV. FUNDING CORP. (INVEST. FUNDING CORP.)

GOVERNMENTAL. A.B. SEP 22 (.) HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE A. 245
OF THE NEW IMPROVED NEWS OF WHICH I HAVE THE PRINTING RATE (.)
DO YOU DO THE CHANGE, HAVE YOU THE THE NEW AND SO ON =

20-575 INFORMATION IN NEW NY 10/5.

D. J. DEWITT, S/Capt.
AND JOHN WATKINS,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

TIME... 22/1030.0
INVERT... Row TIME...

7/11/18

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OUTSIDE OUTRICH.

TO : H.Q. A.A.P., C.E.P. (H) AIR FORCE SUP-OF-REASON
HAWES.

FROM : AIR FORCE SUP-OF-REASON, HAWES.

CONFIDENTIAL A.7 REF 29 (.) REQUEST PERMISSION TO USE
BUTTER ISLAND 40 MILES 50 MILES NORTH 13 MILES OF HAWES EAST
FOR JETTY ENGINE TRAINING OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE INSTRUCTORS (.)
ADMINISTRATIVE AND YOU INFORM US YOUR PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED.

TO BE RETURNED TO HAWES IN 1/2.

P.L. HAWES, C/DEPT.
AIR VICE HAWES,
AIR OFFICE OF HAWES.

T.O.C. 24/0750.A.

PRIORITY...ROUTINE.....

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

TO : N.O.I.C. ROME AREA COMMAND (FOR MAJOR TRIGG)
 FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, BARI.

SECRET. A.943 7th SEPT. (.)

ITALIAN AIR FORCE WISH TO USE BOMBING RANGE POTTE ISLAND
 40 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH 13 DEGREES 06 MINUTES EAST PREVIOUSLY
 DAILY UP TO 09:00 HOURS (.) REQUEST YOU REPEAT ANSWER TO I.A.F.
 VESUVIUS =

TO BE RECAPTURED IF ABSENT BY W/T.

F.M. DERRY, C/CAPT.
 AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T.O.O. 07/1700.B.
 PRIORITY.....

17/AIR

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, NAPLES.

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, BARI.

CONFIDENTIAL A 917 26 AUGUST (.)

REFERENCE OUR SIGNAL A.908 OF 23RD AUGUST HEREWITH REPEAT OF MESSAGE
RECEIVED FROM M.A.C.A.P. (.) BEGINS (.) TO 62 FTR WING (R) ACC BARI
FOR AIR SUB-COMMISSION (R) MAAP (.) A.59 25 AUGUST (.) REFERENCE
IN SIGNAL A.41 23RD AUGUST NOT (R) NOT TO SECOND AND THIRD
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR USE OF DOBBING RANGE AS FOLLOWS
62ND FTR WING TO USE ON EVEN DATES AND ITALIAN AIR FORCE TO USE ON
ODD DATES (.) THIS AGREES MAAP 1223920 DATED 21ST AUGUST MAAP
ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS IF RANGE CAN BE USED FOR
AIR TO GROUND GUNFIRE (.) END (.) REQUEST YOU INFORM WING COMMANDER
THORPSON VESUVIUS =

To be encyphered if sent by R/T.

F.M. DUFFY, G/CAF.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T.O.O. 241745Z

PRIORITY. IMPERATIVE.

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TO : A.F.S.C. NAPLES.
(For W/G MINTER)
FROM : O.C. R.A.F. Vesuvius.

Rome
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25/8/44.

In accordance to instructions contained in A.F.S.C. signal A908 of 23/8 I have arranged with G/Capt Thompson of M.A.C.A.F. that the range allotted to A.C.S. at Grazzanise for use of the I.A.F. will be used by us on odd dates in each month and by 62 Fighter Wing on even dates. I have passed this instruction to O.C. 4th Stormo I.A.F. The range is in my opinion unsuitable for use by the Baltimore Aircraft by reason of the small danger area ~~with~~ which would limit the height of practice bombing below what is required. I have therefore undertaken to try and arrange for the I.A.F. to use the range at So. la Botte (40°50' N, 13°00'E.) which is assigned to MASAF.

The low flying area remains unchanged and I have also requested the sanction of the use of a Gunnery practice area in the Gulf of Salerno.

R. Thomson.
W/Cdr.

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

TO:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, R.A.F. HAINES
 FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, R.A.F. BARI.

CONFIDENTIAL

A. 903 23RD. AUGUST, 1944 (.)

URGENT REPEAT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS (.) BEGINS
 TO ACC BARI FOR AIR SUB COMMISSION (R) MACAF (BY HAND) (.) FROM HAINES
 REF IX 23920 (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR WING COMMANDER THOMPSON C O ITALIAN
 AIR FORCES CONVERSION FLIGHT VESUVIUS AIRFIELD TO CONTACT GROUP CAPTAIN
 THOMPSON HEADQUARTERS MACAF CONCERNING ONE OF LOW FLYING AND BOMBING AREA
 REFERRED TO IN THIS HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION NUMBER FIVE SEVEN
 OF JULY ONE FIVE AND THIS HEADQUARTERS SIGNAL MICE XRAY TWO SEVEN ZERO TWO
 FOUR OF AUGUST FOUR ED THIS HEADQUARTERS TO BE INFORMED ON ARRANGEMENTS
 MADE (.) ENDS (.)

TO BE ENCRYPTED IF SENT BY V/T

R.Y. ESCLES C/GEN.
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T.O.O. 231009B.

PRIORITY..URGENT.....

TO ACC DAFI PER AIR SUB COMMISSION (R) MACAF (BY HAND) (.) FROM ENKOR
 REF EX 28920 (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR WING COMMANDER THOMPSON C O ITALIAN
 AIR FORCES COMMISSION FLIGHT VESUVIUS AIRFIELD TO CONTACT GROUP CAPTAIN
 THOMPSON HEADQUARTERS MACAF COMMUNING USE OF LOW FLYING AND BOMBING AREA
 REFERRED TO IN THIS HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION NUMBER FIVE SEVEN
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 HAVE (.) ENDS (.)

TO BE RECYCLED IF SENT BY A/T

R. Y. Eccles
 R. Y. ECCLES C/O P.F.,
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T.O.O. 231009B.

PRIORITY..IMPDETANT.....

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
Office of the Director of Operations

ACT-CEW-466

APD 840, U.S. Army
22 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force, Bombing Range.

TO : Air Officer Commanding, Mediterranean Allied
Coastal Air Force, APD 525, U.S. Army.

Allied Control Commission (Air Section).

1. At the present time the bombing range located at 41°04'N, 14°07'E is assigned to the Allied Control Commission for use of the Italian Conversion Flight.

2. Wing Commander Shore of the Italian Air Force requested this transfer to be made from the original assignment to M.A.C.A.F. as the M.A.C.A.F. assignment was only a temporary arrangement until a more direct allocation could be made to the Italian Air Force.

3. Due to the current operational requirements of both M.A.C.A.F. and I.A.F., and with the heavy use now being made of all ranges, it is desired that the Allied Control Commission make arrangements with the I.A.F. to inform this Headquarters if the Italian Conversion Flight can limit their use of the subject range to Sundays, Wednesday and Friday of each week and let M.A.C.A.F. units use the range on the alternate days.

By command of the Air Commander-in-Chief:

Copy sent to Port of Naples.

17/AR

John S. Mills
for Col A.C.
C.P. CABELL,
Brigadier General, USA.,
Director of Operations
and Intelligence.

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CONFIDENTIAL

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, BARI.

FROM : Commando Units 'Aeron'
(Attention of Col. F. AMORE).

DATE : 2nd August, 1944.

REF : AFSS/17/AIR.

Air Cooperation

The Headquarters, 25 A.A. Brigade at Bari report that the CANTINI aircraft which cooperate with them by towing targets are in serious need of major overhaul, having done approximately 200 hours each, instead of the normal 176 hours. The Headquarters understands that it is advisable to ground all the aircraft for a week so that these overhauls are carried out, and the Brigadier has expressed his willingness to disperse with the aircraft from Saturday, 5th August until Monday, 14th August for this purpose.

2. At the same time, he has pointed out that the CANTINI are frequently used for flights to BARI, BRINDISI, etc., and that if they are so used during the period 5th August to 14th August, the whole purpose of the grounding of the aircraft will have been defeated.

3. Will you kindly give the matter your consideration and inform me as to whether you decide to discontinue the Air Cooperation for one week for the purpose of aircraft overhaul? I will then inform Headquarters, 25th A.A. Brigade.

P.M. DUFFY

P.M. DUFFY, G/CAF.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

cc- Headquarters, 25 A.A. Brigade, C.M.F.

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