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SEAPLANE BASES
FEB. 1945 - AUG. 1946

Ref 133A.

REPORT OF VISIT OF W/O DELMONTE (AIR STAFF MEDIC) AND W/O. MONTGOMERY (RAF) TO THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE WEST.

1. INTRODUCTION

It has been found necessary to increase the Air Staff Medical commitment of the Italian Air Force to cover the German - Italian transport route and the German - U.S. route followed by the German.

2. BASES

The old Italian base in Italy, Italy, was suggested as the most convenient base to cover this area and this base was located with a view to having between four and six squadrons there.

A very thorough examination of the base was carried out by the German and none of the facilities of the base are in working order. In addition there are some 100 tanks under repair on the concrete apron. It was explained that these tanks cannot be moved from the base to other bases owing to the danger of fire.

These tanks are still on the apron and the German staff explained that it would be impossible to allow Italian tankers to enter the station to carry out repairs before these tanks had been repaired. He gave the approximate date for this as the end of November, but explained that this date would be end on the availability of tank transporters and ships.

3. CONCLUSIONS

It is considered that when the Italian are allowed to enter the base at least two months work must be carried out before it will be possible to operate squadrons from this base.

It is therefore recommended that two squadrons be sent to the base at present used by the German staff.

4. ADDITIONAL

As an alternative to the above plan it is proposed to suggest the sending of a detachment (Bido di Roma) in the near future as it is understood that this base will be handed back to the Italian Air Force shortly.

L.B. Ross
W.B. ROYCE W/O

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Planned w/c Drummond to have original document

The old Italian seaplane base in the Bracciano was suggested as the best convenient base to cover this area and this base was investigated with a view to having Italian forces and air squadrons there.

A very thorough demolition schedule had been carried out by the Germans and none of the facilities at the base are in working order. In addition there are some 100 tons of bombs lying on the concrete apron. It was explained that these bombs would be moved from the base to a nearby field and then to a target in the area.

It was stated that the base was not a very good one. However, the base was still in the hands of the Germans and it was suggested that the base be used as a base for the Italian forces. It was also stated that the base was not a very good one and that the base was not a very good one.

3. CONCLUSION

It is considered that after the above plan is approved to enter the base at least two months work must be carried out before it will be possible to operate seaplanes from this base.

It is recommended that two seaplanes be left at the base at present used by the Maritime Courier, these seaplanes to be changed weekly with others from Toronto.

4. ALTERNATIVE

As an alternative to the above plan it is proposed to inspect the seaplane base at Gattia (Lido di Gattia) in the near future as it is understood that this base will be handed back to the Italian Air Force shortly.

L.B. 14/8

W.E. POYCE M/C

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Phoned W.C. Drummond to have original despatch reversed. Ugras di Valle in summer and repair can be effected while the Italian are in occupation. Drummond is taking this up with SAGO.

W.E. POYCE
14/8.

MIN: 5.

Ref Enc 102 A.

To: S.S.O.

I am enclosing a draft letter for your approval,
and a letter to the Navy; do you think it is
worth trying the latter again, merely to get landing facilities
for one seaplane.

A.G. Lucy, F/Lt. 26/6/45.

To T/Lt Lucy

n.b.

Ref MS I have discussed M.S. with the AOE
and it is agreed that Spezia is of little use to
us for A.E. work and the Navy Sub Commission
is not interested so take no further action.

W. N. Bisdée
27/6

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NOTE OF ACTION

Naval Sub Commission Officer phoned Air I and stated that no ports
on the Riviera have yet been swept as commitments have been too heavy
elsewhere.

2. It is intended to sweep Imperia and San Remo simultaneously and
the operation should be completed by the middle of August. This will
be sooner than Genoa.

W.N. Bisdée.

W.N. BISDÉE: W/C

AIR I

MINUTE SHEET.

2nd. June, '45. The following enclosures were removed from AFSC/22/Air and placed on AFSC/47/Air on the instructions of Group Captain Jarmen when the seaplane-base correspondence was separated from that of the airfields.

1.A., 7A, 8A, 18A, 19A, 36A, 37A, 60A, 69A, 70A, 71A, 86A, 87A, 88A, 89A, and 90A.

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S.S.O. *just* Re 91. I feel the answer should be 'No' certainly 'No' as civilians — until the situation clears. We can, of course, permit it by countersignature, but feel the object of the proposed visit could be better done by Allied personnel.

W. N. Bissell
24/6

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TO : A.M.C. throu S.S.O.

One of the Italian Officers concerned with opening of Lake Bracciano has to-day informed me that no obstacles have been met with and that a motor boat has been successfully requisitioned from the Italian Navy. The Air Ministry therefore propose to run the Sardinia Seaplane Service into Bracciano instead of Nisida as soon as the bookings at Naples can be terminated. In effect this means that the first courier seaplane will land at Bracciano on 1st July next.

W.N. Bissell W/C

W/C W.M. BISDEE
AIR I

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18th June 1945

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S.S.O. *W.N.B.* Ref P.2 - bring up the matter at Staff Conf on 22/6. Suggest seaplane continue to be based at Elmas & run once a week to Naples & twice a week to Rome (Bracciano) as from 1st July.

2. Has the refloating of the crane on Bracciano been fixed yet i.e. security release for contractors to work on it & contract by 1 A.M. — End 101st Refn.

W.N.B.
As the S.S.O.

Your Min 3 Para 2. The work on refloating the pontoon has been carried out by the IAF in agreement with O.S. Vigna di Valle. I understand that the job is completed
22 Jun 45.

W.N. Bissell W/C

1. The Italian Navy raises no objection to the establishment of a

British civilian air base of B.O.A.C. at Augusta; to this purpose, and sub-

ject to negotiations which will take place between the British and the Ita-

lian Government, she is willing for part to B.O.A.C. the area of Torrevicchia
situated in and on the attached plan, as well as the buildings and the equip-
ment belonging to the Navy and included in the said area, with the exception
of shed No 18 (see plan) which will be for the greatest part used by the Navy
for the storage and maintenance of observation nets, while the remainder
of the said shed will be left to B.O.A.C. to be used as an electrical work-
shop.

2. The rented area will be surrounded by a wire fence, which will
be provided and set up by B.O.A.C. in order to ensure the negotiation between
the Italian Navy Camp and B.O.A.C. For the lighting out and transportation
of their launches to within their enclosure and vice versa, B.O.A.C. will be
allowed to use, after authorization by the Italian Navy Area Command has
been obtained, the highway (No 26 on the plan) and the gentry cranes owned
by the Navy.

3. B.O.A.C. is authorized to keep in their present position the
w/m masts and cabin (No 39 on the plan), and to have them visited by their
own technical personnel for periodic inspections and maintenance.
The Italian camp Command has the privilege of issuing permanent transit cards
to such personnel for the passage through the Italian Camp.

4. As regards the alighting and mooring of B.O.A.C. aircraft it is
agreed as follows:

(a) B.O.A.C. seaplanes will alight and take off in the area to the
West of the line bearing 161 degrees from Porto Cervo, except naturally in
cases of "force majeure", for which no limited area is prescribed. Sea traf-
fic is unrestricted in the whole part of Augusta, except when there are
B.O.A.C. seaplanes alighting or taking off or flying on the area; in such
occasions all sea traffic in the alighting area will be suspended. Such inter-
ruptions will not exceed an overall maximum of 50 minutes per day. For alight-
ing and taking off by night, B.O.A.C. will use temporary floating flares;
therefore no permanent signals are contemplated for night flying training.
B.O.A.C. is allowed to request to the Italian Navy Area Command that once a
month, during the whole night, sea traffic in the alighting area be forbidden.

(b) For mooring their own aircraft, B.O.A.C. are authorized to anchor
mooring buoys in the water facing their rented area.

(c) For that which is contemplated in (a) and (b) above, and parti-
cularly for the alighting and taking off of the aircraft and relative signals,
further detailed arrangements will be made between the Italian Naval Command
in Sicily and B.O.A.C.

5. Auxiliary electric power. Outside the area leased by B.O.A.C.
the Navy owns an electric generator and transformer for the supply of elec-
tric power to the whole Torrevicchia area.

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for the storage and maintenance of construction tools, while the remainder of the area used will be left to B.O.A.C. to be used as an electrical workshop.

2. The rented area will be surrounded by a wire fence, which will be provided and set up by B.O.A.C. in order to ensure the maximum distance between the Italian Navy Camp and B.O.A.C. For the lifting out and transportation of their launches to within their enclosure and vice versa, B.O.A.C. will be allowed to use, after authorization by the Italian Navy Area Command has been obtained, the slipway (No 28 on the plan) and the gantry crane owned by the Navy.

3. B.O.A.C. is authorized to keep in their present position the 3/2 assets and cabin (No 79 on the plan), and to have them visited by their own technical personnel for periodical inspections and maintenance. The Italian camp Command has the privilege of issuing permanent transit cards to such personnel for the passage through the Italian Camp.

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(c) For that which is contemplated in (a) and (b) above, and particularly for the alighting and taking off of the aircraft and relative signals, further detailed arrangements will be made between the Italian Naval Command in Sicily and B.O.A.C.

5. Auxiliary electric power. Outside the area leased by B.O.A.C. the Navy owns an electric generator and transformer for the supply of electric power to the whole Ferrarechia area in the event of a breakdown in the main supply. B.O.A.C. request to be allowed to operate at their own cost and expenses such installation, for their own requirements, and to supply to the Italian area the needed electric power in the event of a failing of the main supply; or else B.O.A.C. request that the Navy supply their camp with electric power in case of necessity. The installation is situated outside the B.O.A.C. area and it will not be convenient to extend the wire fence to include it, since in such way the main path of access to Ferrarechia would be interrupted; considering moreover that the installation is needed also for the service of the Italian Camp, the Navy considers more convenient to take upon herself the operation of the power plant, and to supply B.O.A.C. in case of failure of the main supply.

6. B.O.A.C. is authorized to keep a wind sock hoisted on ¹⁹⁸ and to provide the latter with a beacon-vastof such characteristic net to create confusion with the local harbour lights. The Italian Navy Command in

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Sicily and B.O.A.C. will define by mutual agreement the said characteristics.

7. B.O.A.C. have pointed out the necessity of repairing and maintaining the breakwater of the port of Augusta, to ensure in every weather sufficient calm in the anchoring area. The Italian Navy, because of her diminished interests in the Augusta area, cannot take the responsibility of the above mentioned repairs and maintenance; therefore the latter should be discussed with the Italian Government. As B.O.A.C. have started their willingness to incur in the maintenance expenses the Ministry of Marine has requested to the Ministry of Public Works an estimate of the expenses of repairs and maintenance and will transmit same to B.O.A.C. when available.

8. As regards the furniture owned by the Navy and existing in the buildings of the leased area, the Navy agrees to lend it to B.O.A.C. until they will be able to replace it with their own. The replacement has already been prearranged.

9. B.O.A.C. undertake from now to keep the rented building and furniture in first class repair, carrying out at their own expenses such work which will be needed for the good maintenance of the grounds, buildings and materials. Rent rates and all detailed clauses concerning the operation of B.O.A.C. at Augusta will be established according to law, by experts of the Italian navy and by B.O.A.C. after the agreements between the two Governments have been defined.

10. A representative of the Italian Air Ministry has attended the meetings which took place for the above mentioned negotiations and he has raised no objections to the agreements reached.

Rome, 18th July 1946.

The Chief of Staff
Italian Ministry of Marine

Annexment.

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Italian Ministry of Marine

Amendment.

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A.G. SAMPUR 8/142.

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From: Headquarters, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
 To: British European Airways Division, B.O.A.C. Rome.
 Date: 22nd. August, 1946.
 Ref: AFSC/47/AIR.

AUGUSTA NAVAL BASE.

Subject to negotiations between the British and Italian Governments, the Italian Navy raises no objections to the establishment of a British Civil Air Base at Augusta.

2. Conferences have been held at this Headquarters on 13th. May, 1st. June, 8th. June and 15th. July 1946, those present were Squadron Leader Salter, D.F.C., R.A.F., Air Forces Sub-Commission; Captain Blackburn, D.S.C., R.N., Naval Sub-Commission; Captain Bottiglieri, Italian Ministry of Marine; Mr. C. Lloyd Evans, B.O.A.C., Augusta; Mr Hayward, B.O.A.C. Rome and Italian Naval Interpreter assisting Captain Bottiglieri.

3. The interim agreement, incorporating all the points raised at these meetings, is enclosed together with a detailed map of Augusta.

4. This interim agreement will be held as binding until the full commercial agreement is negotiated between the two governments.

For information to:-
 M.A.A.C. Secretariat, A.H.Q., Italy.
 British Embassy, Rome.
 American Embassy, Rome.
 Italian Ministry of Marine.
 A.F.C. Taranto.
 Naval Sub Commission.

A. G. Salter
 A.G. SALTER, S/Ldr.,
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 Director, A.F.S.C., A.C.

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 W. C. B. and another in Air Report.*

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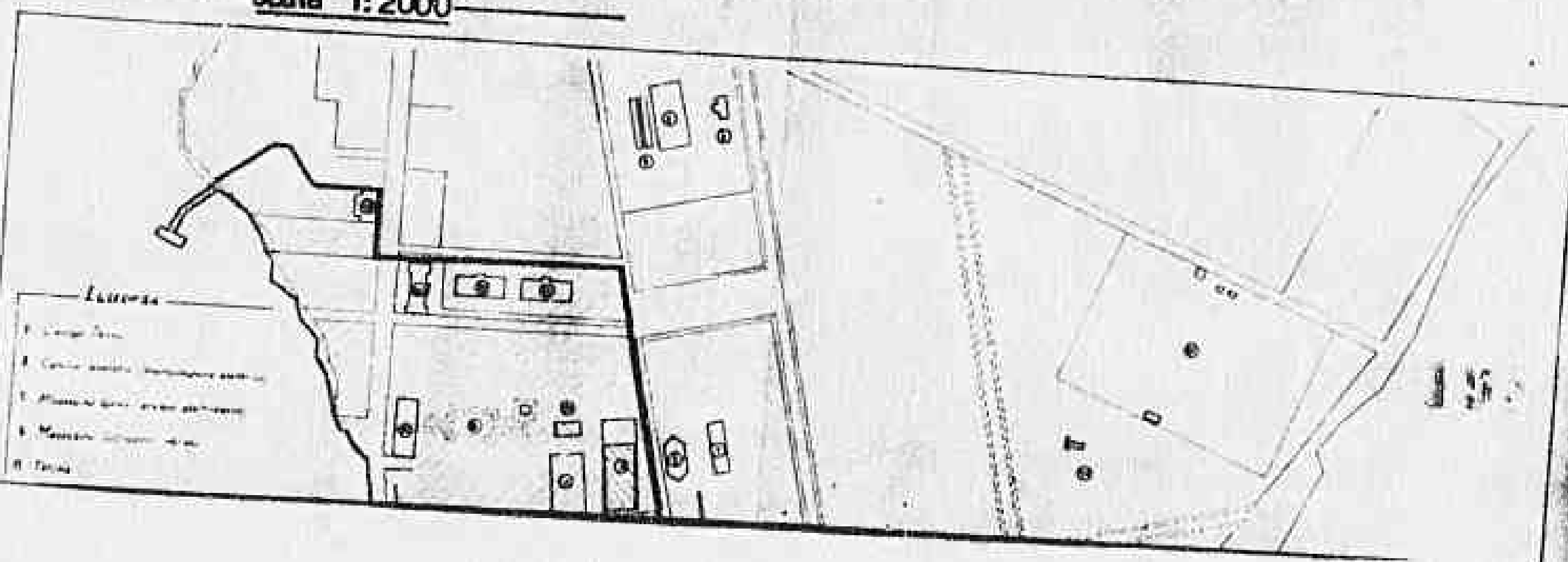
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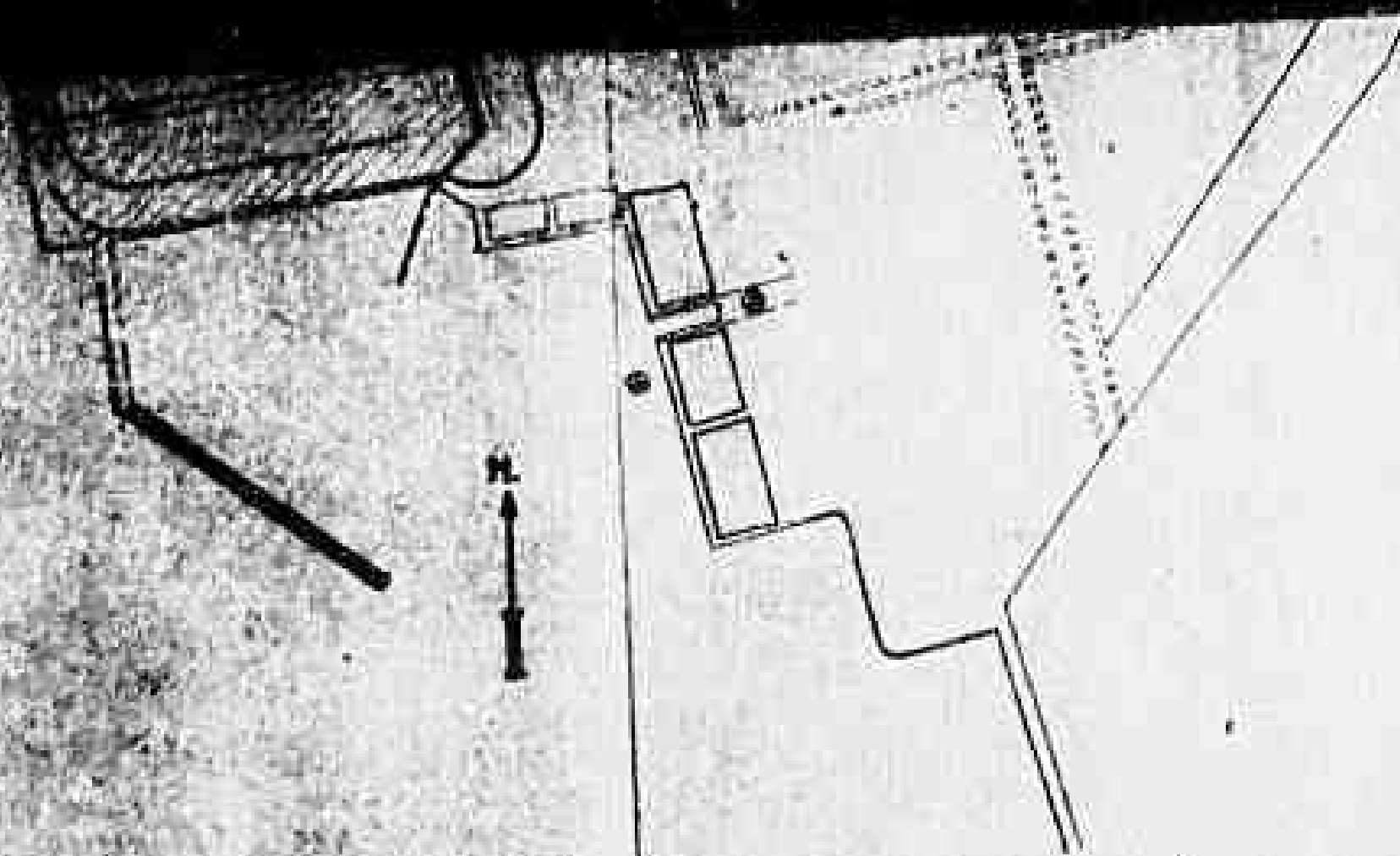
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AUGUSTA - ZONA TERREVECCHIE

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- 1. Lungo Mare
- 2. Caserma
- 3. Alloggio
- 4. Magazzino
- 5. Fucina



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(allegata una planimetria)

STATO MAGGIOR DELLA R. MARINA
RAP. A. D. S. - UFF. B. D.

RIASSUNTO DEGLI ACCORDI INTERVENUTI TRA LA MARINA MILITARE E IL
P.O.I.I. e A.F.S.C. PER LA SISTEMAZIONE DI UNA BASE DI LINEE AEREE
DELLA BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION (B.O.A.C.) AD AUGUSTA.

1. - La Marina Militare non muove opposizione alla sistemazione di una base aerea civile inglese della B.O.A.C. ad Augusta; e per tale sistemazione subordinatamente alle trattative che a tal fine saranno condotte fra il governo italiano e inglese, è disposta a cedere in fitto alla B.O.A.C. la zona di terrevecchie tretteggiate in rosso sulla planimetria allegata, nonché gli immobili ed i mobili di proprietà della Marina in essa zona esistente, ad eccezione del capenone n. 19 (vedi planimetria) che rimane in gran parte alla Marina per la conservazione e manutenzione delle reti da costruzione, mentre la rimanente parte di detto capanzone viene ceduto alla Società per la sistemazione di un'officina elettrica.

2. - La zona che si cede in fitto sarà, a cura e spese della Società recintata con rete metallica, in modo da ottenere la separazione fra i servizi di Marina Augusta e quelli della Società stessa.

Per la messa in secco ed il trasporto delle sue imbarcazioni nel recinto, e viceversa, la Società potrà usufruire - previa richiesta di autorizzazione a Marina Augusta - dello scalo di alaggio (n. 18 della planimetria) e della relativa gru e cingoli di proprietà della Marina.

3. - La Società è autorizzata a mantenere nell'attuale posizione le antenne della sua stazione radiotelegrafica e relativa cabina (n. 29 della planimetria), e a mandarvi proprio personale tecnico per le visite e manutenzioni periodiche degli impianti.

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Il Comando di Marina Augusta, ha facoltà di rilasciare una tessera permanente a tale personale per il transito nella zona della Marina Italiana.

4. - Per l'ammareggio e l'ormeggio dei velivoli della B.O.A.C. rimane convenuto :
 - a)- i velivoli della B.O.A.C. ammareranno edecolleranno nello specchio d'acqua a ponente del rilevamento 161° da Forte Garzia, salvo naturalmente i casi di forze migliori per i quali non si prescrive limite di zona.
 - Le navigazione marittima rimane libera in tutta la rada di Augusta tranne quando vi siano velivoli della B.O.A.C. in ammaraggio, in decollo, o in volo sulla rada, nei quali ca si dovrà essere interrotto ogni traffico marittimo nella zona di ammaraggio e decollo. Tali interruzioni complessivamente non dureranno più di 50 minuti al giorno.
 - Per l'ammareggio o il decollo notturno i velivoli faranno uso di fuochi galleggianti gettati dall'alto e pertanto non sono previste sistemazioni permanenti.
 - Per l'addestramento al volo notturno la Società potrà richiedere a Marina Augusta che una volta al mese la navigazione marittima sia interrotta nella zona di ammaraggio e decollo per un'intera notte;
 - b)- per l'ormeggio dei suoi velivoli la B.O.A.C. è autorizzata ad ancorare appositi gavitelli nelle acque prospicienti la zona che le viene data in cessione;
 - c)- per quanto è detto nel comma a) e b) e in particolare per l'ammareggio e decollo dei velivoli e relative segnalazioni dovranno essere presi ulteriori accordi di dettagli fra Mariscilia e la B.O.A.C.

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5. - Energia elettrica di riserva.

All'esterno delle zone in concessione alla B.O.A.C. la Marina possiede un generatore ed un trasformatore elettrico per la fornitura di energia all'intera zona di Terrevecchio in caso di mancanza delle rete principale.

La B.O.A.C. chiede di poter gestire a sua cura e spese detto impianto generatore, per gli usi della Società, e fornire alla Marina l'energia che le potrà occorrere in caso di mancanza di corrente della rete principale; ovvero la Società chiede che la Marina le fornisca energia prodotta dall'impianto in parola, in caso di necessità.

Trovandosi gli impianti al di fuori delle zone della B.O.A.C. e non essendo conveniente allargare la recinzione metallica per includervi, perché così facendo si interromperebbe la principale strada di accesso a Terrevecchio, e considerando che l'impianto serve anche per i servizi di Marina Augusta, la Marina reputa opportuno assumersi la gestione dell'impianto e fornire energia alla Società in caso di mancanza di corrente della rete principale.

6. -

La B.O.A.C. autorizzata a tenere alzato un pennello mostra vento su Torre Avolo, e a sistemarvi anche un fanale di ceratta ristiche tali da non creare incertezze nei segnalementi marittimi del luogo. Meridocella e la B.O.A.C. tratteranno in merito per definire di comune accordo tali caratteristiche.

7. -

La B.O.A.C. ha fatto presente la necessità di riparare e mantenere la diga forense di Augusta per assicurare con tutti i tempi una sufficiente calma nello specchio d'acqua di ammaggiamento.

La Marina Militare, per i suoi dimiuiti interessi nella zona di Augusta, non può assumersi l'onere per i lavori suddetti; e pertanto l'argomento dovrà essere trattato col Governo Italiano. Poiché la B.O.A.C. ha fatto presente che sarebbe disposta a concorrere alle spese di manutenzione, il Ministero

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della Marina ha chiesto al Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici i preventivi di spesa per i lavori di riparazione e manutenzione, con riserva di renderli noti alla Società, non appena perverranno.

8. - Per quanto riguarda il mobilio della Marina esistente negli edifici della zona in cessione, la Marina acconsente a darlo in fitto alla Società fin quando la Società stessa non sarà in grado di sostituirlo con mobilio di sua proprietà. La sostituzione è stata già disposta.
9. - Le Società si impegna sin da ora a mantenere gli immobili e i mobili che le saranno dati in fitto in perfetto stato di manutenzione, eseguendo a sue spese quei lavori che potranno essere necessari per la buona conservazione del terreno, degli edifici e dei materiali.
- I canoni di fitto e tutte le clausole di re taglio riguardanti l'esercizio della Società in agosto, saranno stabiliti a termine di legge degli esperti della Marina Militare e della Società B.O.S.C. dopo che saranno definiti gli accordi fra i due Governi.
10. - Alle riunioni che sono state tenute per le innanzi esperte trattative, ha partecipato anche un delegato dell'Aeronautica italiana che non mosse obiezioni agli accordi raggiunti.

Roma 18 Luglio 1946

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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SHED 19 sarà interamente sotto il controllo della B.O.A.C. Questo è stato confermato dal Capo di Stato Maggiore Ministero della Marina 22 Agosto, 1946.

A.C. SALTER, SRM.

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S.S., B.O.A.C., Augusta.

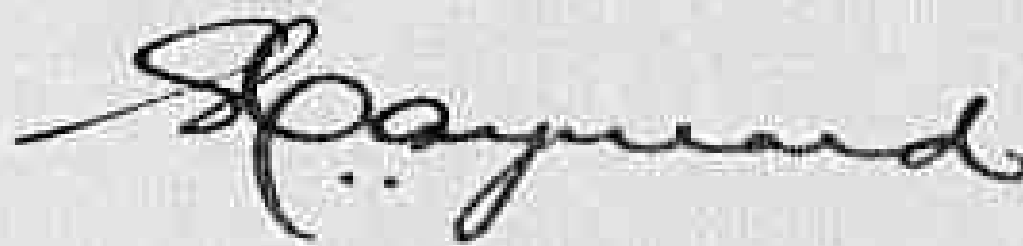
Dear Salter,

With reference to my letter I.N.701/A.8 of the 13th August I have received the following telegram from Lloyd Evans, Augusta:

"DRAFT AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY EXCEPT SHED 19 MUST BE OUR FULL CONTROL BUT NAVY ALLOWED PERIODICAL USE OF DIPPING TANK STOP ENDEAVOURING ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN COMMANDER MESSINA - LLOYD EVANS"

2. As soon as these few points have been agreed with the Italian Navy, I should be glad if you would let me have three copies of this provisional agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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with Italian C. of A.
Ministry of Marine

that B.O.A.C. can
have full control of
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S/L Salter,
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Dear Salter,

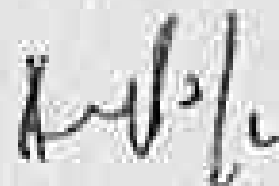
Further to my letter I.N.615/A.8 of the 29th July I confirm having asked Lloyd Evans by telegram for his comments on the draft agreement.

2. I have subsequently received a private note from him which no doubt will be amplified in his official reply, but in the interim his remarks will be of interest to you:

"A quick reference to the Draft Agreement, which arrived here to-day - the statement that we were willing to "concur" in the matter of the cost of the breakwater repairs is hardly accurate; what I said was that I was willing to explore the possibility of a half share of the maintenance costs necessary to prevent further deterioration'. With reference to the question of the submarine nets, Bottiglieri asked me for the occasional use of the tank in which they are immersed to remove rust and corrosion - not for storage space which is impossible, and in fact the nets are even now being moved out to the Italian section. I agreed to the use of the tank only, say once every 6 months or so.

"We have settled the question of the power station locally - we have moved the engine, which is British, to our camp, they will keep the transformers, - so neither party can cheat the other! The rest is in order."

Yours sincerely,

188Handwritten initials, possibly "H/S/L".

BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS Division of
BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATIONc/o Ala Italiana S.A.
15 Piazza San Fernando
Phone : 486752
R o m e .c.c. Manager, Home Stations,
B.O.A.C., London
S/S, B.O.A.C., Augusta.

T.M.615/A.8

29th July, 1946.

S/L Salter,
c/o Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MILAN.

Dear Salter,

Very many thanks for copies of the Italian and English texts of the draft interim agreement between the Italian Navy and the A.F.S.C. which I have studied against the minutes of the last meeting attended by Lloyd-Evans.

2. In the main it appears satisfactory although I notice that the Italian Navy have taken upon themselves to be responsible for the auxiliary lighting and power plants which they state are owned by the 'Navy' although Lloyd Evans specifically mentions in his minutes of the 5th July that the installation is British, having been constructed by H.M. Royal Navy.

3. As you will see I am sending a copy of the draft to S/S Augusta for his immediate comments which I shall pass on to you when received.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond

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1 Attachment (for Manager, Home Stations, and S.S. Augusta)

BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS DIVISION of
BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATIONc/o Ala Italiana S.A.
15, Piazza San Bernardo
Phone: 1,807/82
Rome.

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19th July, 1946.

I.A.55/A.S

S/L Salter,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Dear Salter,

I have just had a telephone call from Lloyd-Evans, Augusta who has asked me if you can assist him in connection with travel arrangements of his Italian staff who have their homes in Rome.

2. Until recently these staff travelled under R.A.F. warrants but with the evacuation of the R.A.F. this facility is no longer available. Special permits, which are difficult to obtain, are apparently now required and he enquires if perhaps the R.A.F. could assist by issuing warrants on repayment or giving him some official authority which has the same persuasiveness as the former warrants.

3. Anything you can do or are able to suggest will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

See 195A and
194A full details
S/c
Raymond

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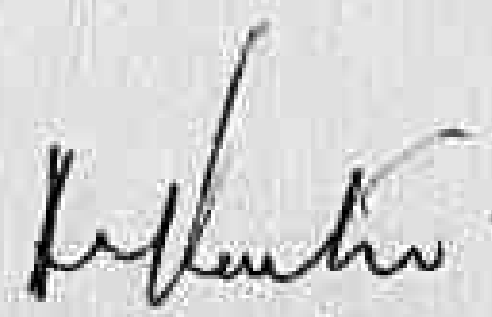
From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : Mr. Lloyd Evans - B.E.A.D. - B.O.A.C. AUGUSTA.
Date : 23rd July, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/47/AIR.

ISSUING OF SPECIAL PERMITS FOR ITALIAN STAFF

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Authority is given to Mr. Lloyd Evans to issue special permits on behalf of this Sub-Commission to the Italian Staff at Augusta who have to travel to Rome.

This authority covers the issue of warrants on repayment and Mr. Lloyd Evans should make arrangements with the Italian authority on this matter.


A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

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Dear Hayward,

I have spoken to the British Embassy about the travel arrangements for the Italian Staff at Augusta.

2. I suggested we gave Lloyd Evans permission to issue warrants to the Italian Staff on repayment; they agreed. So I am enclosing the necessary authority from us, for onward transmission to Lloyd Evans at Augusta.

3. Hope this arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

Yours sincerely,



A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

AFSC/47/AIR.
23rd July, 1946.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 12th July 1946.

Ref : AFSC/47/Air.

ROAD TO SEAPLANE BASE--VICINA DI VALLE.

Owing to the fact that ambulances carrying rescued personnel may have to travel over this road, it is suggested that minor repairs be carried out to improve the surface.

F. REID F/LT
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Minutes of Meeting held at the Allied Commission
1100 hrs, 5th July 1946.

Present:- Captain Blackburn, D.S.C., R.N. (Naval Sub-Commission)
Captain Bottiglieri (Italian Ministry of Marine)
S/Ldr. Salter, R.A.F. (Allied Air Forces Sub-Commission)
Mr. C. Lloyd-Evans (B.O.A.C. Augusta)
Italian Naval Interpreter (assisting Capt. Bottiglieri)

1. Meeting opened by Mr. Lloyd Evans, who stated that the decisions reached at the previous meeting on 8th June represented an extremely workable proposition. We (B.O.A.C.) were in complete agreement with the proposals advanced by Captain Bottiglieri, with only minor modifications.

2. Captain Bottiglieri then desired to know our reaction to each of the points raised in his memorandum of 8th June, and the meeting proceeded to deal with these in rotation:-

- (1) Demarcation of B.O.A.C. Camp:- agreed by Mr. Lloyd-Evans with the added proviso that B.O.A.C. retain full control of the auxiliary lighting and power plants; this installation lay just outside of the demarcation line - agreed by Capt. Bottiglieri that line be redrawn to include the two buildings concerned. (The installation is British, having been constructed by H.M. Royal Navy, and would be extremely difficult to move) Mr. Lloyd-Evans stated that certain essential points in the Italian Camp could remain connected to the standby plant, to serve in the event of the main supply breaking down. This offer was accepted with thanks by Captain Bottiglieri.
- (2) Fence, dividing the two Camps:- Captain Bottiglieri asked if B.O.A.C. were agreeable to meeting the cost of this. Mr. Lloyd-Evans stated that the entire works and cost of same would be borne by the British Authorities, and that Wing Commander Wilkins, of Civil Engineers Dept., AMWD Malta, was to start work immediately after clearance was given. The fence would be of unscalable barbed wire, eventually to be overgrown by bushes and shrubs.
- (3) Gantry Crane on Shipway Apron:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans asked if B.O.A.C. could be granted facilities to use this crane to haul launches out for periodical inspection. For this purpose, a gate would be provided in the fence, to allow the craft to be rolled to our own workshops, thus leaving the apron free. This was agreed by Captain Bottiglieri, who asked in turn that the submarine net testing tanks, built into the intended B.O.A.C. workshops, might be made available to Italian Navy on the rare occasions they were needed. This was agreed to in turn by Mr. Lloyd-Evans.
- (4) Location of W/T Station:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans asked that the W/T Transmitter Cabin and Masts be allowed to remain in their present site. He stated that efforts had been made to relocate these on the proposed B.O.A.C. territory, but that interference with the receivers in "Navy House" was too great. Captain Bottiglieri agreed that the present

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set-up could remain permanently, and Mr. Lloyd-Evans undertook to ensure that the staff visiting the cabin for maintenance purposes etc., would cause no interference or embarrassment to the Italian naval operations.

Sign to note

- (5) Italian Naval W/T Station Punta Santa Croce:- Arising out of (4) above, Mr. Lloyd-Evans asked if Captain Bottiglieri would explore the possibility of B.O.A.C. using the high power naval station, which has direct communication with H.M. Admiralty London, daily, and which, therefore, could act not only as aircraft guard, but effect point-to-point link Cairo-Augusta-U.K. The use would be on a repayment basis, but would undoubtedly save a great deal of money to Air Ministry in the immediate future, as otherwise a high power W/T Station would need to be maintained at Augusta, for B.O.A.C. use only. Captain Bottiglieri thought the plan a good one, and promised to investigate.
- (6) Use of Torre Avolo:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans informed Captain Bottiglieri that we should only ask for the continuation of the existing facilities for a mast to display a windsock, a red obstruction light, and perhaps a W/T beacon-aerial.
- (7) Use of Furniture:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans asked that we be permitted to retain all the Italian naval equipment in the buildings, same to be replaced when possible (12 months?) and returned to Navy in first class condition. Captain Bottiglieri agreed.
- (8) Navigation Restrictions - Alighting Area:- Captain Bottiglieri, thinking that our night flare path buoys were a permanent moored trot, asked if these could be moved across the harbour westward, to widen the channel. On explaining that the flare floats were taken up after use, the point was waived.
- (9) Tennis Courts etc.:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans stated that B.O.A.C. would build their own tennis court, inside their own Camp, thus leaving the existing court free for Italian Navy, the original owners.
- (10) Small Houses opposite "Nelson":- Captain Bottiglieri informed Mr. Lloyd-Evans that the land and houses were not military property, and advised early negotiations for their lease.

3. Agreement having been reached on all points, Captain Bottiglieri announced that he was representing the Italian Ministry of Marine, and was unable to deal with the commercial aspect of the lease etc. He asked the meeting if any target date had been fixed, or contemplated, for the RAF withdrawal. S/Ldr Salter stated that RAF would like to pull out now, but could not until B.O.A.C. interests were secure, and the civilian staff provided to maintain the essential services now undertaken by RAF. Proposed by Mr. Lloyd-Evans, seconded by S/Ldr Salter and agreed by Captain Bottiglieri, that Italian Ministry of Marine should draw up an interim agreement, incorporating all the points raised at the two meetings, and that this interim agreement should be held as binding until the full commercial agreement was negotiated between the two Governments. Carried nem.con.

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4. Breakwater Repairs: - Captain Bottiglieri, when asked by Mr. Lloyd-Evans to incorporate a clause covering breakwater repair and maintenance stated that the estimated cost of fully restoring the breakwater has been established to be between 2 and 3 hundred million Lire, i.e. £220,000 - £330,000 Sterling, and that Ministry of Public Works could not meet this expenditure. After the initial cost, yearly maintenance would cost approximately £2,000 - £3,000 Sterling. Mr. Lloyd-Evans stated that it would be satisfactory if the maintenance scheme only was undertaken, in order that the breakwater would not further deteriorate, and offered to explore the possibility of British Air Ministry meeting (say) half cost. Carried nem.con. Captain Blackburn then withdrew, asking that to save delay in concluding negotiations, the Naval Sub-Commission should merely be kept informed of developments, and not asked to play an active part. This was deemed politic, as otherwise the U.S. Naval Authorities in Washington would become involved. Agreed, copies of all information to be sent to Flag Officer, British Naval Liaison, and S/Ldr Salter said he would act accordingly.

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5. Meteorological Services:- Mr. Lloyd-Evans asked Captain Bottiglieri if it would be possible to form an Italian Met. Unit at Augusta to replace the existing RAF Unit. S/Ldr Salter stated that plans were now being discussed to install air met. forecasting units (Italian) at Pantelleria and Catania, and he would arrange for Augusta to be included in the plan.

6. Captain Bottiglieri asked how many British nationals would be ultimately employed by B.O.A.C. Augusta. Mr. Lloyd-Evans stated the figure to be about fourteen. The policy was to employ as many Italian nationals as possible, and there would be no great displacement of local labour on the withdrawal of RAF.

Meeting closed at 1400 hours L.S.T.

any met. station on Pant. is for reporting only. There will be no f/c facilities.
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Good.
Suggested and copy of final agreement to NAAFC for information
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June 8th, 1946.

NOTE.

Discreet
Copies have been sent to London, B. Embassy, Augusta & B.O.A.C. London
the final agreement will be signed next week
8/7/46.

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TO ... AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
FROM ... AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, DETACHMENT, R.A.F. TARANTO.
DATE ... 19TH JUL, 1946.
REF ... 100/1/ORG.

VENICE FREIGHT SEAPLANE BASE.

The attached information regarding the above mentioned Seaplane Base is forwarded in accordance with the instructions received from the Target Section ANQ RAF Italy. Letter ANQI/52062/INT dated May 21st refers.



[Signature]
WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
DETACHMENT TARANTO.

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Inclosures 2.

TREPORTI (VEIC) TEMPORARY SEALANE BASE.Geographical Position

-- 45° 27' 20" N.
12° 26' 15" E.

Local Position and Landmarks

-- The Sealane Base is situated on the East bank of the Treporti Canal, distant 3.500 mts. due NORTH of the Light House of RUPA SABBIONI. Facing the Base, on the west bank of the canal, is the island of S. TRASSIO.

Obstructions

(a) Air

(b) Water

-- ALL.
-- The East bank is marked by a number of Piles. Proceeding to the Base from seaward the BLACK BUOY marking the EASTERN EXTENSION of the shoals of TRASSIO island must be taken to PORT.

Lighting Area(a) General Description

-- The landing area comprises all the Canal starting from the mouth of PORTO LIDO up to the branching off the Burano and S. Felice Canals. The above mentioned zone is divided in two parts:

-- The Lighting area of the Sealane Base extends for about 700 mts. along the centre of the Treporti Canal starting from the mouth of the Forcelio Canal.

-- The remaining area comprises the remainder of the Canal up to the mouth of the PORTO LIDO.

(b) Dimensions of area
Minimum Depth

-- Sealane Base lighting area - 700 x 400 mts.
Remaining area 2200 x 400.
Minimum Depth - 0.6 mts. in vicinity of banks of the Canal.

(c) Lighting Lanes
Length & Direction

-- All the area is useful for lighting along lanes bearing 35° and 215°.

(d) Buoyage & Boundary
Markings

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(e) Surface Conditions
Swell, etc.

-- Normally ideal, occasional short sea works up with a strong NW wind against flood tide.

(f) Range of Tide

-- Maximum 1 Metre.

(g) Tidal streams
& Currents

-- An approximate tide set of 2 knots on flood and ebb.

(h) Possibility of

-- Occasional damage, floating 7000 trucks

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Restrictions
(a) Air
(b) Water

- :- NIL.
- :- The East bank is marked by a number of Files.
- :- Proceeding to the Base from seaward the BLACK BUOY marking the EASTERN EXTENSION of the shoals of KALAO Island must be taken to PORT.

Lighting Area

(a) General Description

- :- The landing area comprises all the Canal starting from the mouth of BURC DICO up to the branching off the Burano and P. Pelice Canals. The above mentioned zone is divided in two parts:
- :- The Lighting area of the Beaplane Base extends for about 700 mts. along the centre of the Tregortti Canal starting from the mouth of the Fornelio Canal.
- :- The remaining area comprises the remainder of the Canal up to the mouth of the BURC DICO.
- :- Beaplane Base lighting area - 700 x 400 mts. Remaining area 2200 x 400.
- :- Minimum Depth - 0.8. mts. in vicinity of banks of the Canal.
- :- All the area is useful for alighting along lanes bearing 350 and 2150.

(a) Dimensions of area
& Minimum Depth

(c) Alighting Lanes
Length & Direction

(d) Buoyage & Boundary
Markings

(e) Surface Conditions
Swell, etc.

(f) Range of Tide

(g) Tidal streams
& Currents

(h) Possibility of
Floating Hazards

(i) Special Remarks

Lighting Area

(a) Location of Area

- :- In immediate vicinity of Beaplane Base 4 conical steel buoys in line distant 100 metres from bank.

- :- Normally ideal, occasional short net works up with a strong NE wind against flood tide.

- :- Maximum 1 Metre.

- :- An approximate tide set of 2 knots on flood and ebb.

- :- Occasional damage, floating 7 m's trunks etc. after winter storms only.

- :- Wind against tide may cause several Aircraft to override buoys with consequent damage to hulls and floats. No "Short Wave" rubber buoys available.

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(b) Description of Area, Shelter, etc. :- Shelter none.

(c) Depth of Water :- ~~Variable~~ Average 8-10 metres in fair way.

(d) Nature of Bottom :- Sand and weed.

(e) Moorings :- Steel cortical with 2 wire strands for securing.

(f) Special Remarks :- Ample swinging room and depth of water for "towing" in vicinity of buoys.

Facilities

(a) Radio aids :- For W/I facilities the Seaplane Base rely on the C.A.V. of Venezia Lido to which they have a telephone link.

(b) Night Lighting :- NIL.

(c) Fuel & Oil Storage :- There are no fixed depots but P.C.M. is available in DUMS.

(d) Slipways :- NIL.

(e) Jetties, Quays, & Cranes :- There is a small basin in which the H.S.L. is moored. Fitted with ring bolts it can accommodate 1 floatplane in case of emergency.

(f) Launches :- No. 1 H.S.L.
No. 2 Tow motor boats.
No. 3 Motor Boats.

(g) Warehouses, Workshops, etc. :- NIL.

(h) Administrative Buildings :- Inside the Base there is a Military Port used by the detachment as Office Stores, W/shops and living quarters.

(i) Domestic Accommodation :-

(k) Telephone and Telegraph :- The Seaplane Base has a tie-line with the C.A.V. at Venezia Lido and with Venice (town) on the Urban line.

(l) Water :- Drinking water is available.

(m) Ammunition storage :- NIL.

Access

(a) Road :- TRIVISO, - PADUA and VENICE.

(b) Rail :- NIL.

(c) Water :- Seaplane Base Motor Boats, Barge and Ferry Boat service to Lido and Venice.

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- (f) Launches
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No. 2 Tow motor boats.
No. 3 Motor Boats.
- (g) Hangers, Workshops, etc
- :- NIL.
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- (l) Ammunition storage
- :- NIL.
- ROADS
- (a) Road
- :- TRIVISO, - PADUA and VENICE.
- (b) Rail
- :- NIL.
- (c) Water
- :- Seaplane Base Motor Boats, Barge and Ferry boat service to Lido and Venice.
- Meteorological Information
- :- Obtainable from Mediterranean Pilot. No copies available in this Unit.
- Remarks
- :- an ideal alighting area for all types of flying boats and float-planes. Used as a temporary base by a detachment of I.A.F. A-24 Aircraft pending the derecognition by the Allies of their permanent seaplane Base at ST. ANDREA.

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[Signature]
25/6/46

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To, CINCNAV, (R) FOLL, O.S. 15, NOIC TRIESTE.

From,

RPO VENICE.

Your 221217Z May. Allied Navies Experimental Station SAN ANDREA
 VENICE handed over to Italian Navy at 0930 Sunday 23rd June.

2210955Z June.

Ref. Not held.

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Augusta

Conference on Saturday 1st June.

Captain Blackburn

9.11 Marine

Mr Hayward.

The Hokeni Minister of Marine has agreed to B.O.A.C. retaining Augusta providing two of the buildings at present occupied by the B.O.A.C. are changed.

Mr Evans has been to London and is returning to Rome this week. The whole matter should be cleared up very shortly.

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AUGUSTA

Buildings at present occupied by RAF and which we wish to retain are:-

- (a) The former Royal ^{Italian} Naval Officers' mess, (now known as "Nelson"), which has been equipped and decorated to serve as a Terminal Building and Restaurant.
- (b) The former R.I.N. Senior Officers married quarters (now called "Rodney"), completely redecorated to comprise 26 rooms for crews and passengers.
- (c) The former R.I.N. Officers flats, now "Matapan" and "Taranto", each accomodating crews and passengers in 24 rooms each block.
- (d) The former R.I.N. Officers quarters, now called "Anson" and "Blake", to accomodate a maximum of 10 married families, 5 single staff and a combined junior crew/staff mess.
- (e) The present accomodation in the administration building, "Navy House". This building contains flying control, signals meteorological and navigation briefing rooms teleprinter etc. on the first floor, plus offices on the ground floor. The Italian Navy occupy one wing on the first floor.
- (f) Stores and (g) workshop accomodation to our requirments. We can release more than half the space already occupied by RAF.
- (h) A small bungalow which is required to house our chief clerk (Italian).
- (i) Full access at all times to the Apron, docks and crane, to allow our operations to function unhindered as at present.

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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

c/o Ala Italiana S.A.
15, Piazza S. Bernardo
Phone : 480782
R o m e

I.N.261/A.8

24th May 1946

23rd May, 1946

Dear Salter,

*Handed plan and
copy of this letter to
Capt Blackburn*

With reference to our meeting of this morning with Capt. Blackburn, R.N. and representatives of the Italian Ministry of Marine, as promised I enclose herewith a plan of the naval base at Augusta on which I have named the buildings and facilities which my Corporation would like to retain on the basis of a commercial lease. These are as follows:

- (a) The former Royal Italian Naval Officers' mess, (now known as "Nelson"), which has been equipped and decorated to serve as a Terminal Building and Restaurant.
- (b) The former R.I.N. Senior Officers married quarters, (now called "Rodney"), completely redecorated to comprise 26 rooms for crews and passengers.
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This building contains flying control, signals, meteorological and navigation briefing rooms, teleprinter etc. on the first floor, plus offices on the ground floor. The Italian Navy occupy one wing on the first floor.

(f) Stores and (g) workshop accommodation to our requirements. We can release more than half the space already occupied by RAF.

(h) A small bungalow which is required to house our chief clerk (Italian).

(k) Full access at all times to the Apron, docks and crane, to allow our operations to function unhindered at present.

2. If the above is acceptable to the Ministry of Marine, then the residue of the buildings, marked in red, would be available for their use.

3. I am sending you two copies of this letter, one of which Captain Blackburn, R.N. may wish to keep for easy reference.

4. Will you please return the enclosed plan when it has served its purpose.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure: 1 plan

S/L Salter
A.F.S.C.
Allied Commission, Rome

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION - and for Info. to : H.B.C. - A.C.
Date: 17th May 1946
Ref.: 8781/2

Subject: Augusta - Vandone Barracks and adjoining district

Enclosed is the information about the Vandone Barracks of Augusta, asked for of the officer who represented this Ministry at the meeting on Monday 13th May at 3 o'clock at the Air Force Sub Commission.

CHIEF OF CABINET

JLP/P.
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Information on the "Vandons" Barracks of Augusta and adjoining district

1. Work is in progress for the complete repair of the barrack buildings which will be completed this month. The building will be habitable in the 1st ten days of June.
2. The accumulator-charging shop is in 1st class condition.
3. The pier and quays are in good condition.
4. The hauling-up slips are in bad condition and would have to be repaired before they could be used.
5. In the immediate vicinity of the barracks is a building built as a sick-bay, which is in very good condition and is being used for accommodation.

Rome, 15th May 1946.

JLP/P.
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry.
Date : 20th March, 1946.
Ref : AFSC/47/Air.

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S. ANDREA SEAPLANE BASE (VENICE)

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1. In reply to your letter 201158/od.2/1061/Coll. dated 15th March 1946 please refer to the second paragraph of our letter of even reference dated 12th February 1946.
2. The question of establishing the Italian Air Force's right to reoccupy any part of S. Andrea on its being derequisitioned is one that should be taken up between the Italian Air Ministry and Italian Ministry of Marine. From the date of our above quoted letter it will be observed that a reasonable period of warning was given to allow for this matter being settled before complete evacuation by the Royal Navy took place.
3. This Sub Commission does not wish to interfere in Italian interministerial affairs, and will do so only if the circumstances of an interministerial deadlock are reported to it. Will you therefore endeavour in the first place to settle this matter with the other Ministry concerned without invoking our support.
4. The contents of your above quoted letter are being passed to the Navy Sub Commission for information.

WNB

W.M. BIDDLE, W/Cdr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

Copy to: Navy Sub Commission.

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From : I.A.F. Stato Maggiore.
To : A.F.S.C., Rome.
Date : 15th March, 1946.
Ref : 201158/od.2/1061/Coll.

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S.ANDREA SEAPLANE BASE (VENICE).

With reference to your letters AFSC/47/Air dated 12th Feb. 1946 and AFSC/47/Air dated 28th Feb. 1946.

2. From our knowledge it results that:

(a) On the 2/8/23 the above mentioned seaplane base was handed over by the R.Navy to the I.A.F. Undersecretariat.

(b) The relative inventories (two volumes and five drawings) were given to the I.A.F. by the Technical Fiscal Office of Venice, technical organ of the Ministry of Finance.

3. From the above it is clear that the S.Andrea Seaplane base is the property of the I.A.F.

4. We therefore request your Sub Commission to take steps in order that, when the Experimental Station of the Allied Navies evacuates the Seaplane Base in question, it be returned directly to the I.A.F., the legitimate proprietors.

The Chief of Staff.

translated by J. Bevacqua.



LF/VV

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
II° REPARTO - ORDINAMENTO
Sezione Ordinamento

Roma, li 15 MAR 1946

ALL' A. F. S. C.

R O M A

Prot. NV 201158/ed. 2

- Tramite Ufficio Collegamento -

1061 Call.

OGGETTO: Base Idrovolanti - Sant'Andrea - Venezia.-

e per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA

R O M A

- 1.) - Si fa riferimento ai fogli AFSC/47/AIR in data 12 febbraio 1946 e AFSC/47/AIR in data 28 febbraio 1946, che si allegano in copia per l'Ente cui la presente è diretta per conoscenza.-
- 2.) - Dai dati in possesso di questo Stato Maggiore risulta che:
 - a) In data 2.8.1923 l'idroscalo in oggetto veniva consegnato dal Genio Militare della R.M. al Sottosegretariato per l'Aeronautica.
 - b) I relativi inventari, composti di due volumi e cinque disegni, furono dati all'Aeronautica dall'Ufficio Tecnico Erariale di Venezia, organo tecnico del Ministero delle Finanze.
- 3.) - Da quanto sopra risulta chiara la proprietà da parte della R. Aeronautica dell'Idroscalo di Sant'Andrea.-
- 4.) - Si prega pertanto codesta A.F.S.C. di voler interessare l'ente competente, affinché, quando la Stazione Sperimentale delle Marine Alleate evacuerà l'idroscalo in argomento, lo stesso venga restituito direttamente alla R. Aeronautica legittima proprietaria.-



CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

d'ordine

CAPO DEL II REPARTO

Col. A. A. A. (Mancini Amedeo)

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FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION 141330
IN C/O 8TH BRITISH ARMY DIVISION POSTAL UNIT CMF
TO AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION SOME
INFO AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION MILAN
GRAB BT

AFSC/60 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)
INFORMATION REQUESTED AS TO FUTURE OF SAINT ANK// ANDREA
VENICE (.) COMMANDER CRAB OF ALLIED NAVIES
EXPERIMENTAL UNIT INFORMS THIS OFFICE THAT SAINT ANDREA
MUST BE HANDLED OVER TO ITALIAN NAVY (.) I.A. F. INTERESTED
IN THIS ISLAND AS BASE FOR SEAPLANES NOW AT TREPORI (.)
NAVIES EXPERIMENTAL UNIT WIVI// MOVING SHORTLY

BT 141330
SENT NR 15 RJ RR H
RCD CB 1154 AR TUX

Letter being despatched by 1800 14/3
N 14/147



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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.

TO : TARANTO DETACHMENT.

UNCLASSIFIED A.399// T.O.O. 071720 MARCH 1946//
FOR CLIFT FROM BISDEE POSITION ~~SEN~~ ANDREA IS THAT ITALIAN
NAVY CLAIM ENTIRE BASE AS NAVY PROPERTY SEAPLANE PORTION
HAVING BEEN LOANED TO I.A.F.// THEY WISH RE OCCUPY ENTIRE
BASE BEFORE CONSIDERING RENEWING LOAN// MATTER NOW RESTS
WITH I.A.M. WHO HAVE BEEN INFORMED BUT HAVE NOT YET REQUESTED
OUR SUPPORT IN CONTESTING NAVAL CLAIM//

W.N. Bndee w/ior.

W.M. BISDEE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

PRIORITY : ROUTINE

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LRKB V MERM NR 24
FROM AIR FORCES SUB COM TARANTO
TO AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION ROME
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ATTENTION W/ CDR BISDEE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS RE OCCUPATION OF
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Air Force

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry.
Date : 28th February, 1946
Ref : AFAC/47/Air.

S.ANDREA SEAPLANE BASE (VENICE).

Further to our letter of even reference dated 12th February 1946 the following text of a signal from Navy Sub Commission to Senior Royal Naval Officer, Venice, is passed to you for information.

Quote IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THE PORT AND SEAPLANE STATION AT S.ANDREA IS THE PROPERTY OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE. ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE WITH THE LOCAL NAVAL ITALIAN AUTHORITY FOR TURNOVER TO THE ITALIAN NAVY ON EVACUATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE ALLIED NAVIES EXPERIMENTAL STATION. THEREAFTER ANY QUESTION OF TRANSFER TO THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE WILL BE A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN MINISTRIES CONCERNED.

(2) REQUEST YOU WILL REPORT INTENDED DATE OF TRANSFER AS SOON AS A REASONABLE FORECAST CAN BE MADE. Unquote.

WMB

W.M. BISDEE, W/Cdr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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(Revised—June, 1944)

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C IN NAV MED. WOLF
FROM...NAV SUB COM.

not to be UNCLASSIFIED

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
 To : Italian Air Ministry.
 Date : 12th February, 1946.
 Ref : ATTC/47/Air.

S. ANDREA SEAPLANE BASE (VENICE).

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Reference is made to your letter 100511 op/19 C/602/Coli. dated 11th February 1946. On contacting the Naval Sub Commission it has been ascertained that the Italian Ministry of Marine claims that the whole of S. Andrea base is Ministry of Marine property, a part of which was lent to the Air Ministry for the purpose of establishing a flying boat base. On the evacuation of the base by the Royal Navy (which should be completed some time next month) the Italian Navy wish to establish their rights to the entire base, though it is believed that they would not dispute the question of the I.A.P. occupying part of it on loan.

2. If the actual ownership of any part of the base is disputed by the Air Ministry it is suggested that the matter be taken up in the first place with the Ministry of Marine direct, this Sub Commission being kept informed of negotiations.

3. It is suggested that from the point of view of the Air Sea Rescue Detachment at Venice, Tre Porti is a more useful base than S. Andrea because the lighting area is considerably less restricted. However it is realized that it will be to the advantage of the Seaplane Wing to re-establish a properly equipped seaplane maintenance base in N.E. Italy, and it is therefore hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made for the reoccupation of part of S. Andrea by the I.A.P.

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W.M. BIRD, W/CDR 2
 Air Vice-Marshal.

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S. ANDREA BEARPLANE BASE (VENICE).

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W.M. BIDDLE, W/colld
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 Director,
 Air Forces Sub Commission.

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FROM : STATO MAGGIORE, R.A.
(Operation & Training Section)

TO : A.F.S.C., AC. ROME.

DATE : 11th February, 1946.

REF. : 100511op/13c/602/ Coll.

S. ANDREA SEAPLANE BASE (VENEZIA).

1. The Air Unit Command has informed this R.A. that they have heard that the Seaplane Base of S. Andrea at Venezia Lido has been derequisitioned.
2. If the above information corresponds to be true, we ask the A.F.S.C., AC. to inform this Stato Maggiore immediately, and to give authorization to the Sezione Idro Di Soccorso, actually located at Tre Porti, to occupy it.
3. The a/m Sezione was, infact, only temporarily located at Tre Porti, until the liberation of the a/m Seaplane Base .

*Harry Smith 11/2
to the file
Kenny Ltd*

NOT 12/2

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Transalted by Virginia Lembo.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

1° REPARTO

1ª Sezione Operativa - Addebiamento

Roma li _____
11 FEB 1948

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ALL'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

ALLIED COMMISSION

= R O M A =

Prot. 10544/13 e 602 Col.

OGGETTO: Idroscalo S.Andrea (Venezia).=

- 1.- Il Comando Unità Aerea ha informato questo Stato Maggiore che corrono voci circa la derequisizione dell'Idroscalo di S.Andrea a Venezia Lido.=
- 2.- Qualora la notizia di cui sopra dovesse rispondere a verità, si prega codesta A.F.S.C./AC. informare tempestivamente questo S.M. ed autorizzarne l'occupazione da parte della Sezione Idro di Soccorso attualmente dislocata a Tre Ponti.=
- 3.- La dislocazione a Tre Ponti della Sezione predetta era, infatti, considerata provvisoria, in attesa della liberazione dell'Idroscalo in oggetto.=



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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LRKB V MERM NR 58 P P
FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMM TARANTO 031115
TO AIR FORCES SUB COMM A C RAF ROME
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FOR BISDEE FROM CLIFT YOUR A233. FEB. NOTED WITH SATISFACTION
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME.
 TO : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, TARANTO.
 (c/o H.Q. 54 P.T.C.)

UNCLASSIFIED A. 233 T.O.O. 103001 FEB. 1946 (.)
 FOR CLIFT FROM BISDEE ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY STATE VICINA DI VALLE
 WILL BE OCCUPYABLE BY FIFTEENTH FEBRUARY (.) NAVY EXPECT I.A.F.
 SECTION OF S. ANDREA WILL BE COMPLETELY EVACUATED BY END OF MARCH (.)
 AWAITING YOUR COMMENTS ON LOVERS REPORT (.)

PRIORITY : IMPORTANT

h. n. B.

W.M. BISDEE, W/CDR,
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
 DIRECTOR,
 Air Forces Sub-Commission.

*Will consult Clift as 2. IAA have no seaplane expert up here to be called either
 ref to Taranto*
 S.S.O. You might ask him I.A.M. whether this wish to move from *WAFB 4/2*
 Taranto to S. Andrea (better Venice). Personally I think Taranto is
 better as there is very little sea room off S. Andrea & a quick get
 away for ASR is essential. *JRB 1/2. WAFB 1/2*
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CINC MED (R) COMNAVW SENIOR US LIESON OFFICER NOIC TRIESTE
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RNO VENICE
261131A Jan

IMPORTANT RESTRICTED

- Following for Lt. Cdr. Crabbe ENVR(1).
An appreciation of the situation at San Andrea on my return from Haifa shows that it is impossible to close the station by 31 st Jan.
2. A minimum of 30 days will be required to complete servicing and to box six torpedoes required by Royal and US Navies. This work must be done in the workshop situated in the Air Force section of the island.
3. Ref. FOIL 241500. Lists of equipment and machinery are being prepared and sent. After dispatch of torpedoes it is estimated that further 30 days will be required to complete withdrawal from Air Force premises and to close down Port San Andrea living quarters, offices and de-compression site.
4. Instructions are requested if Port S. Andrea is to be handed over separately to Royal Italian Navy.
5. Instructions are requested as to disposal of Italian personnel.

--261131A Jan

Dia: 1-4, 13, 15-17, 25 NEC(L) 2 H/M Air Forces 3/C.
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FOR INFORMATION

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RNO VENICE
261131A Jan

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(Revision - June 1949)

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- Following for Lt. Cdr. Crabbe DNR(1).
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J.T.T.

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
c/o A.M.G., Naples Commune.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 2nd January, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/N/24/AIR.

MOTOR BOAT FOR USE AT NISIDA.

1. The motor boat previously in use at Nisida for ^{Service} ~~use~~ with seaplanes is now under repair, and it is understood will shortly be transferred to Genoa by order of the Air Ministry.
2. During December no seaplane exercises have taken place with Italian Naval Units owing to unavailability of motor boats which is now presenting a serious situation. Our letter of even reference dated 22nd December 1945 presented the position with regard to motor boats held by Pensouth Ordnance. There is no doubt that if we insist on recovering one or both of these boats immediately they will be handed over stripped of engine and equipment to such an extent as to render them useless at least for some time to come.
3. Under these circumstances may the matter be taken up with the Italian Air Ministry with a view to supplying at least one boat for use at Nisida.

Waiting information on boats from Col. Adriano
11/1 cpl
OK 1/2
(L.G. Watkins)
Flight Lieutenant, Commanding
Air Forces Sub Commission
Naples Detachment



Boat will not be moved.
on 14/1 cpl

Information from Col. Adriano
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
c/o A.M.G., Naples Commune.
Date : 15th January, 1946.
Ref : AFSC/47/Air.

MOTOR BOAT FOR USE AT NISIDA 162A

Your letter of 2nd January 1946, reference AFSC/N/24/Air refers.

2. The Italian Air Ministry informs us that the motor boat at Nisida will not be transferred.

gj
H.J. SASS
Major, Air Corps,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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AUGUSTA NAVAL BASE.

TORREVECOCHIA.

Buildings and facilities British Overseas Airways would like to retain on the basis of a Commercial Lease.

Conference held on Monday 13th May, 1946, at A.P.E.C., Rome.

S/Ldr. Salter presided, present W/C Clift, Mr. Hayward B.A.O.C., P/Lt. Anderson and representative from the Italian Air Force and Italian Navy.

1. The Italian Air Force was not interested in the discussion
2. The Italian Navy offered alternative accommodation at Caserma Vandone Barracks a former Submarine base. Their objections to B.A.O.C. occupying the present base would be forwarded through the Naval Sub Commission in a weeks time.
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Progress to date
Katherine

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Orig. Do you want me to come with action on this matter. I'll keep you informed e.g. at weekly conferences. /Katherine

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME
TO : F/LT. JONES, R.A.F. LIAISON OFFICER, C.A.V. VENICE
DATE : 20TH JUNE 1946
REF : AFSC/47/AIR

TRANSFER OF SEAPLANE WING TO ST. ANDREA

183A

Reference is made to our letter AFSC/47/AIR dated 8th June 1946.

2. The Italian Ministry of Marine are now in complete accordance with the Air Ministry on this subject and as soon as the base has been finally handed over by the Royal Navy instructions will be forthcoming on the proposed transfer of the Seaplane Detachment.

F. REED, F/LT
FOR AIR VICE-MARSHAL
DIRECTOR R.A.F.C.

Copies to : - I.A.M.
W/C Clift, O.C. Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Taranto Detachment
c/o GH 52 Sub Area C.M.F.

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Not into Air Report for June 1946
Good work
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TO AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, RAF ROME

FROM AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION DETACHMENT OF TARANTO

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UNCLASSIFIED. YOUR 646B DATED 12/6 CONCUR.?

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AIR FORCES SUBCOMMISSION, A.C., ROME

1205 12th JUNE 1946

WING COMMANDER CLIFT, OFFICER COMMANDING, TARANTO DETACHMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

180A
SIX FOUR SIX BAKER PD ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY WANT AUTHORITY TO
COMMENCE WORK ON SEAPLANE BASE AT AUGUSTA PD REQUEST YOUR
CONCURRENCE

REF : AFSC/47/AIR ✓

ROUTINE

ORGANISATION, A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME

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S/LDR A.G. SALTER

F/LT. 151 J.E. HOSIER

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: E/LR. Jones, R.A.F. Liaison Officer CAV VENICE.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. MILAN.

Date: 8th June, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/47/AIR.

TRANSFER OF ITALIAN SEAPLANE WING
TO SANT'ANDREA.

181A

Reference is made to your letter A.S. dated 30th May 1946 addressed
To A.F.S.C. Milan.

2. The Naval Sub-Commission here confirm that the base must be handed over
to the Italian Navy. A conference is being arranged here to bring pressure to
bear on the Ministry of Marine to renew their loan of part or the whole of the base
to the Regia Aeronautica and you will be informed of the results of this conference
in due course.

R. REED,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Copy to: A.H.Q. Italy. (Att. E/L. Bennett)
" " I.A.M.
" " W/C. Clift O.C. Air Forces Sub-Commission TARANTO Detachment
c/o H.Q. 52 Sub-Area C.M.F.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROMA.
To : Stato Maggiore,
Italian Air Ministry.
Date : 15th June, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/17/AIR.

ITALIAN AIR SEA RESCUE BASE AUGUSTA

180A.

Reference your letter 102571/2089/Coll, dated 3rd June, 1946.

2. Permission is granted for the Italian Air Sea Rescue Base to be stationed at Augusta.
3. This Sub-Commission to be informed when the necessary arrangements have been completed to commence Air Sea ^{Rescue} operations there.

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Note for Air Report June 1946
10/24/6.

Signature

A. G. SAHNER, 3/LOR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

From: F/Lt. J.K. Jones, R.A.F. Liaison, C.A.V. Venice.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission; Milan.
General Raffaelli, Comando 2° Z.A.T., Regia Aeronautica, Padova.
(copies to: - Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy. (attention S/Lt. Derrett)).

Date: 30th May 1946.

Ref : A.S.

TRANSFER OF ITALIAN SEAPLANE WING TO SANT'ANDREA

Reference is made to the letter from A.F.S.C., A.C., Milan ref.

ATSC/H/27/Air dated 20th May 1946, on the above subject.

2. A visit was made yesterday to the British Naval detachment at Sant'Andrea, and the following information was obtained from the detachment's commander Lt.-Com. Crabb:-

The R.N. have been instructed to hand over the base at Sant'Andrea to the Italian Navy on the 15th June 1946.

Lt.-Com. Crabb states that there is a large quantity of Naval equipment which will have to be moved after that date.

3. It is presumed that authority will be forthcoming to allow the Regia Aeronautica to take over this base instead of the Regia Marina.

4. If such authority is granted, it is requested that Lt.-Com. Crabb may be informed, through his higher formation, as he is at present bound by instructions to hand over Sant'Andrea to the Regia Marina.

Jack K. Jones.

F/Lt.
(JACK K. JONES)
R.A.F. Liaison, Office
C.A.V. VENICE.

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Letter written to F/Lt Jones Copy 182 F.
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From : I.A.P. Stato Maggiore.
To : A.F.S.C., Rome.
Date : 3rd June, 1946.
Ref : 102573/2089/Coll.

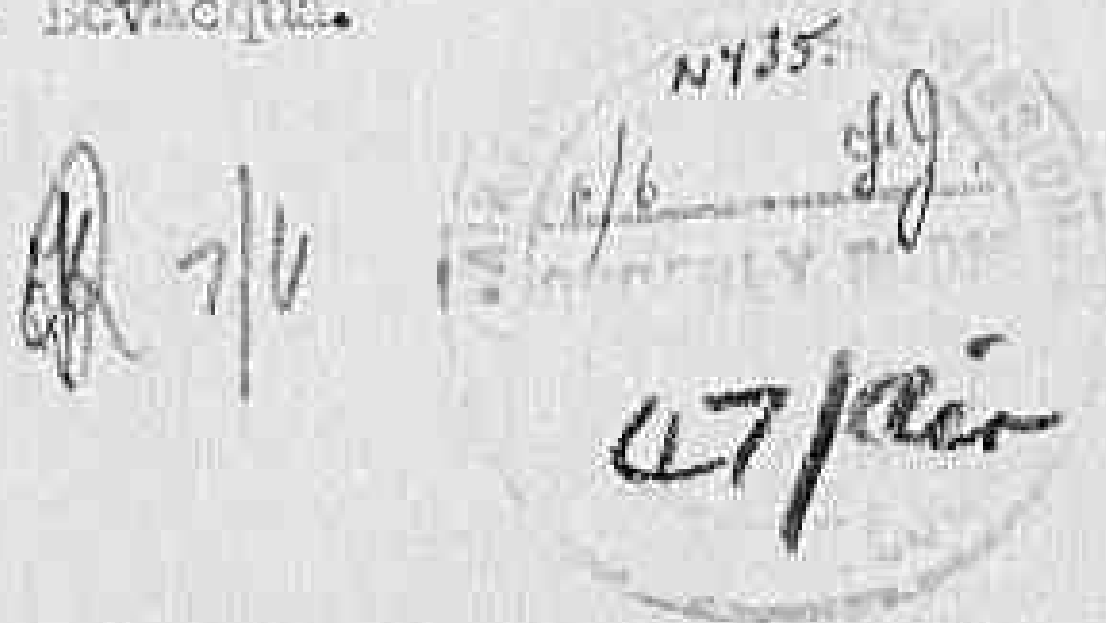
COMPLETION OF THE ORGANISATION FOR A/C RESCUE

In order to complete the Italian Air Rescue Services, this Stato Maggiore, in accordance with the views expressed during a meeting with the A.F.S.C. representatives, interested the Unita' Aerea for the study of the most opportune location of the Seaplane Rescue Sections in Sicily.

2. From the results it appears that the Augusta Seaplane Base is the most suitable, as well for its location as for the plants efficiency.
3. It appears that the work for the taking over of this base should be of a month duration.
4. When the base will be put into efficiency the Air Rescue Center for Sicily could start working.
5. We are awaiting for the communications that this A.F.S.C. will give on this matter, and, if our plan is approved, we will start the work immediately.

The Chief of Staff.

translated by J. Bevaqua.



Gu/G.

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
1° GRUPPO AEREO
2a Sezione Aerea, Ufficio Aereo

Roma, li 23.11.1946

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
e p.c. AL COMANDO UNITA' AEREA

= SEDE =
= BARI =

Prot.n° 102573/c 2089 coll.

OGGETTO: Completamento Organizzazione del Soccorso Aereo.--

- 1) Allo scopo di completare la rete italiana dei Servizi Soccorso, questo Stato Maggiore, in accordo con le vedute espresse in sede di riunione con i rappresentanti di codesta A.F.S.C., ha interessato l'Unità Aerea per lo studio della dislocazione più opportuna delle Sezioni Idro Soccorso in Sicilia.
- 2) Dalle risultanze emerse, appare che la Base Idro di Augusta é quella più idonea, per dislocazione ed efficienza di impianti.
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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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IL SOCCORSO DI STATO MAGGIORE

OGGETTO: Completamento Organizzazione del Soccorso Aereo.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

IL SOCCORSO DI STATO MAGGIORE

DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

Col. P. L. de Ruggieri

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179A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Toronto.
Date : 24th May, 1946.
Ref : AFSC/47/Air.

VENICE/TREPONTI SEAPLANE BASE

The attached letter and form from A.H.Q. Italy are forwarded for action by your detachment.

2. Will you please return same to this Headquarters when completed?

A. Hart
A. HART, F/Lt,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

Enclosure.

FILE

AUGUSTA

178A.

METHODS. There are two main propositions:-

- (1) To call Augusta an Italian staging post, with signals, S/T Navigational aids, meteorology and security to be undertaken by Italian Government. BOAC to occupy the buildings specified above, and to have complete control of these, but to handle visiting aircraft of any nationality on the approved list.
- (2) To take over the operational functions completely; this would entail an extensive manning by Air Ministry (or BOAC) of signals, wireless, meteorological and refuelling sections.

Method "(1)" is recommended as the most economical, and it is probable that Italian Government would regard it more favourably than method "(2)".

BOAC would undertake, if method (1) is adopted, to offer employment to Italian nationals on fair, reasonable terms and to restrict to a minimum the advent of contract staff from England.

Food will be shipped to the base from U.K. There will be no undue strain on local supplies as only the fresh food already in good supply in the markets would be needed.

Refuelling would be continued by C.I.P. from Napta. Shell Company are arranging continuity of supplies.

It must be clearly understood that the building we wish to lease must remain intact. No furniture or fittings to be removed by Italian Navy.

Mr Hayward
London 480782.

Italian Ministry of Marine
Interpreter
360251 ex 491.

He once is made to his teenage conversion between
youthful, and adult, troubles on 7th January 1946.

2. It is confirmed that the Italian Air Force has made serviceable the airplane and installed the engine in order that a sea plane could be flown from the island under the auspices of the Air Force and the Italian.

3. In order that this base may be made fully serviceable it is necessary that certain damaged buildings be repaired. An estimate for this work, presented by the Comodoro Antonio del Puerto and recommended by yourself, has been disapproved in Rome.

4. It is understood, however, that there is a possibility of:-
a) the original estimate being accepted

or

b) a modified estimate for a smaller repair programme being accepted, provided that representations are made through the correct channels.

5. It would be much appreciated if you would furnish this office with particulars of the work and the reasons for its non-acceptance, together with your suggestions for an acceptable course of action, in order that a decision may be taken on the matter without undue loss of time.

2/1/20

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~~for J. J. Jackson, W.O.,
Commanding
1st Regt~~

Copies to Air Force Sub Commission, Rome
 Comando Nucleo 1 T.A.V.



168A

U/C
TO. RNO GENOA (R) CINC MED. AIR FORCES S/C. FROM. FOIL(25).

AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION has instructed local Italian Air Force Command to arrange with you return of craft to Italians.

- (2) My 151303A and your 171720A refer.
- (3) Report by signal when transfer has been effected.

.... 201221A/DEC

Ref. 1) A/P S/C requests release of R 31 & R 32.

2) R31 & R 32 can be released forthwith.

T/P P/L TOD 12:7 P.R. 20/12.
Dist. 0-5, 13, 15, 16, 25, log. 1 H/M A/P S/C for Major SAS3.
1 T/P Genoa.

*copy to AFSC/Genoa
c/s 21/12*



FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE : 20TH DECEMBER 1945
REF. : AFSC/47/AIR

MOTORBOATS FOR THE GENOA SEAPLANE BASE.

Your letter 228827/Re/6208 Coll of 17 November 1945 refers.

2. If the Officer in charge at the Genoa Seaplane Base contacts the British Royal Navy Headquarters at Genoa, the two boats, R - 31 and R - 32, will be returned to the I.A.F. immediately.

Copy to AFSC Toronto

G. J. SASS
R. J. SASS
MAJOR AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Good
inform AFSC Toronto
pl.

21/12
Copy 7 letters sent
21/12 gfl

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FOIL (R) C IN C MED AIR FORCES S/C

RNO GENOA

UNCLASSIFIED

157 A
YOUR 151303A. THESE BOATS HAVE BEEN IN USE BY M.W.T. THEY ARE
AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE FORTHWITH.

.....171720A DECEMBER.....

REF...RETURN OF MOTOR BOATS R31 AND R32 TO ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

DIST...O-5 13 16 25 1 S/M AIR FORCE S/C 1 T/P GENOA LOC.

T/P

P/L

TOR...2350

RCR

17/12



157 A

RNO TAVIA (R) C IN C MED AIR FORCES S/C

FOIL(25)

UNCLASSIFIED

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION AT HQAC HAS REQUESTED EARLY RETURN OF
MOTOR BOATS R31 AND R32 TO THE ITALIAN AIR FORCES.
2. REPORT BY SIGNAL DUTIES UPON WHICH THESE BOATS ARE EMPLOYED
AND EARLIEST DATE WHEN THEY CAN BE RELEASED.

.....151303A DECEMBER.....

DIST...O-5 13 16 25 LOG. 1 H/M AIR FORCES S/C.

T/P

P/L

TOD...1830

RCB



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156A

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
TO : NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
DATE : 7 December 1945.
REF : AFSC/47/Air.

MOTORBOATS R-31 & R-32

154A

A request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry for the return of their two towing motorboats, R.31 and R.32, now in use by the British Royal Navy at Genoa.

2. These boats will be used by the Italian Air Force Seaplane Bases at Genoa and Spezia.

3. As there is an urgent need for the IAF to establish these bases for Air Sea Rescue work and for the Rome-Genoa courier line, it is requested that favorable consideration be given for the return of these boats to the Italian Air Force.

W44/12

cp8
E. J. SASS
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHALL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

TRANSLATION

From : I.A.F. "Stato Maggiore", ROME.
To : A.F.S.C., A.C. ROME.
Date : 19th November, 1945.
Ref. : 27991/op. 9/5/6214 Coll.

AIR LINE BETWEEN ROME (BRACCIANO) AND GENOVA (SAMPIERDARENA)

The Genova Seaplane Base can be considered ready to receive and assist the seaplanes if a 24 hours warning is given to the Base for the first flight.

Reference to the decisions taken by you at the meeting on the 26th October, 1945, and W/Cdr. Clift's direct interest in the matter, we are awaiting to be informed of the date the air line will come into effect and the programme for the new Military Air Courier Service.

SSO

Show to W/Cdr. Clift on his arrival and after our meeting on 26/11, we should reply to their letter.

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo.

23/11

CMT 1/2

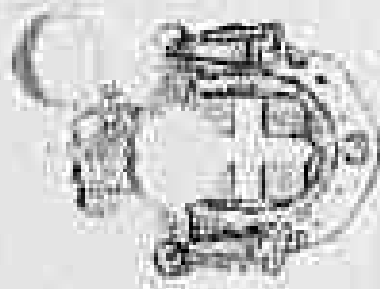
CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF



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Roma 11, 19 NOV. 1945/55A

STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

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ALLIED COMMISSION

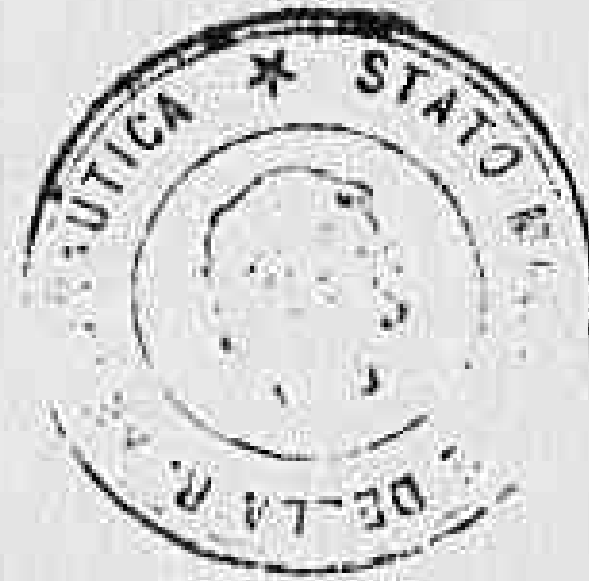
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Prot. no 27491/op. 2/5/6213 call

OGGETTO: Collegamento aereo Roma (Bracciano) Genova (Sampierdarena).--

L'allestimento della Base Liro di Genova è stata ultimata nel senso che la Base è pronta a ricevere e a dare assistenza agli aerei con un preavviso di 24 ore per il primo volo.--

Con riferimento a quanto comunicato sulle decisioni di massima nella riunione di codesta A.T.S.C. in data 26 Ottobre u.s. e l'intervento diretto del W/C CLIFF, questo Stato Maggiore resta in attesa di comunicazioni al riguardo circa la data d'inizio della linea ed il programma del nuovo servizio aereo di Corriere Militare.--



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Rennerstein

154A
(61)

FROM : MINISTERO DELL' AERONAUTICA.
 TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.
 DATE : 17TH NOVEMBER, 1945.
 REF. : 228327/Re/62030611.

MOTORBOATS FOR THE GENOVA SEAPLANE BASE.

This Ministry would like to use the Genova Seaplane Base as soon as possible, for the landing of Genova - Bracciano Air Line Aircraft.

At least one motorboat is required by the Seaplane Base.

As we are short of motorboats and not in a position to supply any, we beg you to try and obtain from the British Royal Navy the restitution of the two towing motorboats of 8,50 mt. serviceable, target R.31 and R.32, still in their possession.

*I AM will give us location of these boats before
 a request is sent to Naval Sub-Commission
 of 3/12*

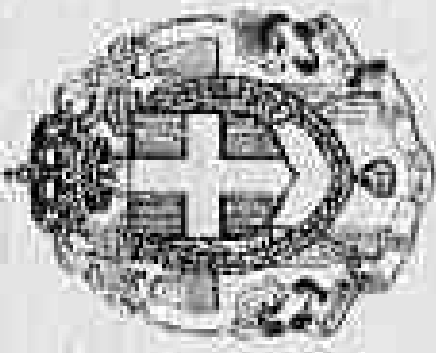
Boats are at Genoa of 7/12 WJ 2/11

IL DIRETTORE
 (COMANDANTE PILOTA - EMPORIUM PELLACCI)

Translated by : Virginia Lembo.

Copy to AFSC Toronto





Ministero dell'Armamento

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
UFFICIO LEGGE E REGIO

DIREZIONE DEI SERVIZI

Sez. Ufficio Ric

22882 + 176/176
2208 C.U.

OCCETTO Motoscafi per base Idro Genova, =

Proposta al f. V. del

= R O M A =

Al LA A.F.S.C. - A.C. R O M A

Tramite Ufficio Collegamento

Cabinetto del Ministro

Mod 126*

Roma, 17 MAR 1946 19 A

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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Questo Ministero si trova nella necessità di allestire con la massima urgenza la base Idro di Genova per lo scalo della linea aerea Genova - Bracciano e per i servizi di tale base é indispensabile disporre almeno di un motoscafo.

Poiché si é impossibilitati a sopperire a tale necessità, data l'assoluta mancanza di natanti motorizzati, si prega codesta A.F.S.C. perché voglia interessare la Royal Navy di Genova per la restituzione alla R.A. dei due motoscafi rimorchiatori da m. 8,50 - efficienti - targetti R. 31 ed R. 32, tuttora impiegati dalla suddetta Royal Navy.

IL DIRETTORE
(Colonnello Pilota - Ettore PELLACCI)

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB - COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
TO : MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE
Att: SECRETARIAT.
DATE : 19th NOVEMBER 1945
REF : AFSC/47/AIR.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE SEAPLANE BASE AT VENICE

Your letter MAAC/4214/ALS of 10th November 1945 refers.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission received a signal from RNO Venice, sent on 18th November 1945, stating the former Italian Seaplane Base is at present being used by the Allied Navies Experimental Station. Nothing is said about the Allied Navies vacating this Base in the near future, so no move of the Italian Seaplane Base is possible at present.

OS
EDWARD J. SASS
Major, Air Corps
AIR VICE MARSHALL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Off 2/1

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U/C

TO. FOIL (R) AIR FORCES SUBCOMMISSION A.C. FROM. RNO VENICE.

151 A
Your 161655. Former Italian Seaplane Base at present being used by
Allied Navies Experimental Station.

180951A NOV.-----

Ref. Establishment of Italian Seaplane Detachment at Venice.

E/P F/S FOR 1924 P.R. 18/11.

Dist. 0-5, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25, 102, N.S.C.1. AIR FORCE S/O 1.1



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RNO VENICE (R) AIR FORCES S.C. A.C.

FO 12 (2)
161655A NOV.

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1. AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. WISH TO FACILITATE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITALIAN SEAPLANE DETACHMENT IN THE FORMER ITALIAN BASE AT VENICE.
2. REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER FORMER ITALIAN SEAPLANE BASE IS BEING USED IN ANY WAY FOR R.N. (R) R.N. PURPOSES.

161655A NOV.

DIST. 0-5, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25, N.S.Q. (1) AIR FORCES S/C

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission.
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date :- 10th November, 1945.

Ref. :- MAAC/4214/ALS.

Information has been received from the Officer Commanding Aircraft Safety Centre, Northern Italy, that representations have been made to you and the Royal Navy by the Italian Air Force, to move the CAMT Seaplane Detachment from its present location at Triporti to the former seaplane base at Venice, which has been or is occupied by the Royal Navy. It is believed that the latter have, or are about to vacate this site.

2. Air Headquarters, Italy, has no objection to the detachment moving to the new location providing the communication facilities are satisfactory.

3. May this Secretariat please be advised as to what the exact position is ?

(Signature)

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The,

Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.



*file copy on 47/Air**149A*

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : HQ. M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT CASERTA
DATE : 20TH OCT. 1945
REF. : AFSC/48/1/AIR

AIR SEA RESCUE COMMITMENTS, I.A.F.

15 A

Reference is made to para 10 of MEDME Memorandum under Ref. HQ.MAAF/5551/AIR dated 9th July 1945 and to this Sub Commission's comments in letter to HQ. MAAF under Ref. AFSC/48/1/AIR dated 20th July 1945. Reference is also made to HQ. RAF MEDME signal A 59 dated 6th August proposing to establish a Cent Air Sea Rescue Detachment at Lake Bracciano. *17 A*

2. Now that the Seaplane Base at Vigon di Valle is being handed back to the Italian Air Force, it will shortly be possible to base an Air Sea Rescue Detachment at that base and assume responsibility for Air Sea Rescue in the Gulf of Genoa and Tyrrhenian Sea.
3. It is also felt that Allied Air Sea Rescue commitment could be further lightened by allowing Italian crews to man some of the High Speed launches in this theatre.
4. Policy direction in these matters is awaited.

W.N. Bisdée d'ora

W.M. BISDEE CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to : A.F.S.C. TARANTO

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.
TO : MAJOR MC INNES, BRITISH DETACHMENT - NO. 1
TRAINING EST., RAC.
DATE : 16TH OCTOBER 1945.

47/air

INTRODUCTION

This letter is to introduce Major Gastone Valentini from the Italian Air Ministry who has been granted permission from this Sub-Commission to make a complete reconnaissance of the facilities at Bracciano Seaplane Base.

2. Any assistance or information you can give to facilitate Major Valentini's mission will be greatly appreciated by this Sub-Commission.


WILLIAM D. LEE,
Brigadier General, USA,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

147A

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

12/19/03(Wr)

12 October 1945

SUBJECT: Restricted Area: Vigna Di Valle

TO : Real Estate

1. RAAC Ops Memo No. 4 dated 6 Aug 1944 on the subject of the RAC Security Area of Vigna Di Valle is hereby rescinded.

2. In accordance with instructions issued by Commander British Troops Rome at morning conference on 13 Oct please arrange to de-requisition the area on move of 1 Trg Est RAC and 300 Pnd Col Bqn.

3. These units are expected to move about 25 - 30 Oct 45.

4. The area of Vigna Di Valle has now been handed over to Air Forces Sub Commission, AC under same authority which raised the restriction, i.e. CHQ, CHQ 6247/5/Q(Maint) dated 11 Oct 45.

E. Sedgwick
E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

Copy: Air Forces Sub Commission, AC
1 Trg Est, RAC
80 Gloucestershire Regt.
68 Claims & Hirings.
G-2 RAAC
War Diary (2).

SSA

Good. has spoken with letter on AGR to RAAC
14/10
J2M 14/10

19/10



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SUBJECT: Restricted Area -
VICHA DI VALLE

GM: CMP

6247/3/(aint)

TEL: FREEDOM 392

11 Oct 45

TO : Home Area Allied Command

Not to us

Reference your 18/139/63(R) of 1 Oct 45.

The restricted area (RA) of VICHA DI VALLE, is no longer required for special RAO training and therefore, this area may now be released for use by the Air Force Sub Commission (AC) and restrictions raised.

[Signature]

I.D. FORBETH, Major,
for Major General,
MIA.

DDP/MSR

Copy to: G (Tg)
G (AD)
Claims & Hiring
Air Force Sub Commission (AC)

Jan 10/10



A.O.R. } This involves telephone request
D.D. } and draft letter 126 Am
sending Major Forbeth out to

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FOIL

QSH

NCSO BARI
071043B

64 UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HOME.
 BEGINS :- PLANE BASES VENICE AND BRACCIANO OPERATED BY I.A.P. FOR
 ALLIED PURPOSES. WOULD APPRECIATE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION 061558Z.

071043B SENT ...

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TOR 1310 LAG

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! any action required
please?

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NCSO BARI.N.S.C. ROME.
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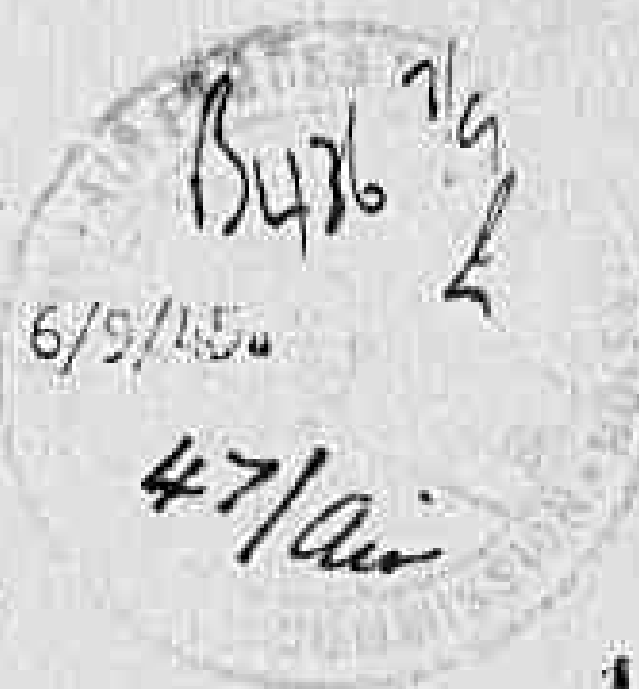
PLANE BASES VENICE AND BRACCIANO OPERATED BY IAF FOR ALLIED
PURPOSES.
WOULD APPRECIATE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

061538B. SEPT.

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T.P. P.L.

T.O.D. 1500/6. C.J.



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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.ROME
TO : I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE
DATE : 5TH SEPTEMBER 1945
REF. : AFSC/47/AIR

RESTRICTIONS AT THE LAKE BRACCIANO SEAPLANE BASE.

138A

Reference is made to your letter 26945/OP6/4599 COLL
of 17 August 1945.

2. Your letter was submitted to R.A.A.C. and their
approval is enclosed.



G.J. SASS
MAJOR AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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142A

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

REQ: 1471

RGP/Wc
3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Restrictions at the Lake Bracciano Seaplane Base.

TO : Allied Commission
Air Forces Sub-Comm.
APO 394 US Army

139A

1. Reference your AFSO/47/ATR dated 30 August 1945.
2. This Command has no objection to "No transit" notices being displayed as shown on the inclosed plan.

Copy to: G-3, RAAC
238 Town Major, RAACR.C. PETRE, Major
Real Estate Officer

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47/dec

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FROM : STATO MAGGIORE. I.A.F. ROME.
TO : AIR FORCES SUP COMMISSION. ALLIED COMMISSION. ROME.
DATE : 31st AUGUST 1945.
REF. : 27106/CP. 6-4/4855 Coll.

COURIER SERVICE WITH SEAPLANES + LAKE BRACCIANO.

Further to verbal arrangements with M/Odr. BISCEI, we would like to inform you that we have issued instructions for the repair of the Barracks and Jetty at Trevignano, in order to make it possible for Military Air Courier Service Seaplanes to land there.

2. We have made the above arrangements because with the approach of winter, frequent Northern winds will make it impossible to take off and land on the Southern part of Lake Bracciano and it will be necessary to land at Trevignano near the sea shore.

(s) for CHIEF OF STAFF,
Lt.Col. E. SAVI.



STATO MAGGIORE R.AERONAUTICA
1° Repart

Roma, 11 31 AGO 1945

All'Air Forces Sub Commission - A.C.

R O M A

Prot.n. 24106 /OP.6-4

OGGETTO: Corriere aereo con velivoli idro - Lago di Bracciano.

1. Seguito accordi verbali con il W/Cdr BESDEE, si comunica che sono state impartite disposizioni per il riattamento della Baracca e pontile di Trevignano, allo scopo di dare la possibilità di eventuale scalo ai velivoli idro del servizio di corriere aereo militare.
2. Quanto sopra perché con l'approssimarsi della stagione invernale sono frequenti le giornate di vento di tramontana per cui è impossibile partire ed amarrare sul lato sud del Lago di Bracciano ed è necessario effettuare lo scalo a Trevignano, situato a ridosso della costa.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

IL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE

FROM : A. F. SU COMM (ROME).
TO : MED ME (A.L.S.)

1400
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UNCLASSIFIED ./ A. 617 ./ 29 AUGUST 45 ./

136A

CANCEL LAST SENTENCE OF MY A. 591 DATED 20 AUGUST ./

SEAPLANE BASE AT VENICE WILL NOT BE CONNECTED TO AIRCRAFT

SAFETY CENTRE BOLOGNA TILL MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER ./

W. N. Bodi W/C
W. M. BODER W/CDR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL.
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

700 291410B
Priority : Routine.

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139A

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : R.A.A.C. Attention Real Estate Section
DATE : 30TH AUGUST 1945
REF. : AFSC/47/AIR

RESTRICTIONS AT THE LAKE BRACCIANO SEAPLANE BASE

Enclosed is a copy of a letter and map from the Italian Air Ministry.

2. An approval to this plan is requested.

gs
A.J.SASS
MAJOR AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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(1)

FROM : I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 17/8/45
REF. : 26945/CP 6/4599 COLL

RESTRICTIONS AT THE LAKE BRACCIANO SEAPLANE BASE

As you are aware the seaplane Base for the Rome-Cagliari air line was built at Lake Bracciano in an area which is not the property of the Italian Air Force.

3. It is necessary to control the transit of persons in the seaplane base area as well as floating craft and persons in the part of the Lake reserved to the seaplane base. We have taken the matter up with the Mayor of Bracciano

3. Will you please inform us if you have ^{any} objections to our placing notices, "NO TRANSIT", duly stamped and signed by the Allied Authorities, shown in red circles on the attached diagram.

CHIEF OF STAFF
COL. REMONDINO

Ans II

Take up with R.A.A.C.

23/8. Was

T. by SGT. GUMBO



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my plan
16/8/45my plan
16/8/45

STATO MAGGIORE R AERONAUTICA
1^a Sezione Operativa

Roma, 17 APR 1945

All'Air Forces Sub Commission -
Allied Commission

R O M A

Prot. n. 26947/26948 all.

OGGETTO: Lago di Bracciano - Servitù nella zona della Base Aerea.

1. Come é noto la Base Aerea per lo scalo della linea ROMA-CAGLIA-
RI é stata costruita in una località, sul lago di Bracciano,
che non é proprietà dell'Aeronautica.

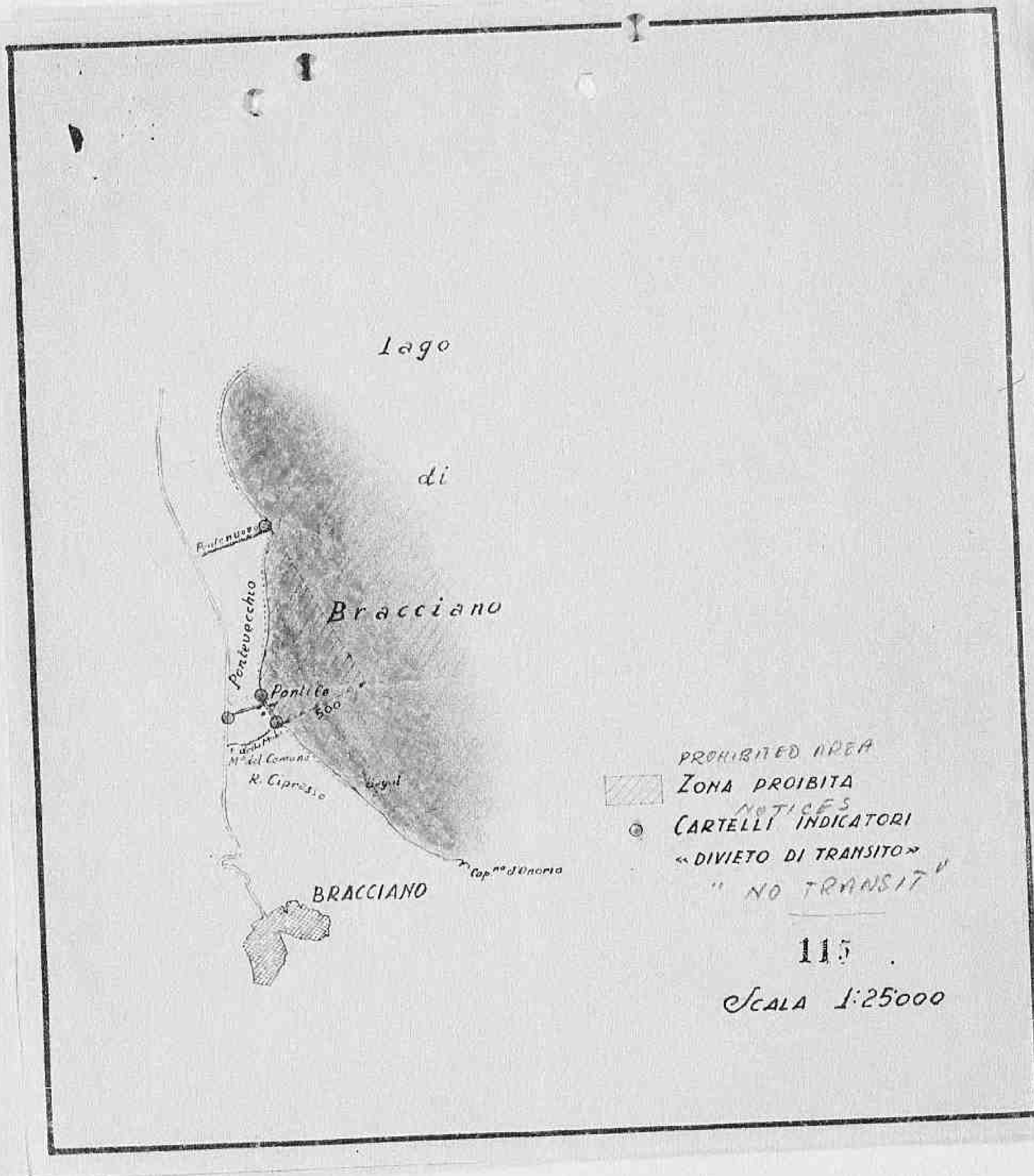
2. E' necessario disciplinare sia il transito di persone nella
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Bracciano, per raggiungere tale scopo.

3. Si prega dare il nullaosta perché dei cartelli indicatori bi-
lingue con la dicitura: "Divieto di transito" siano colloca-
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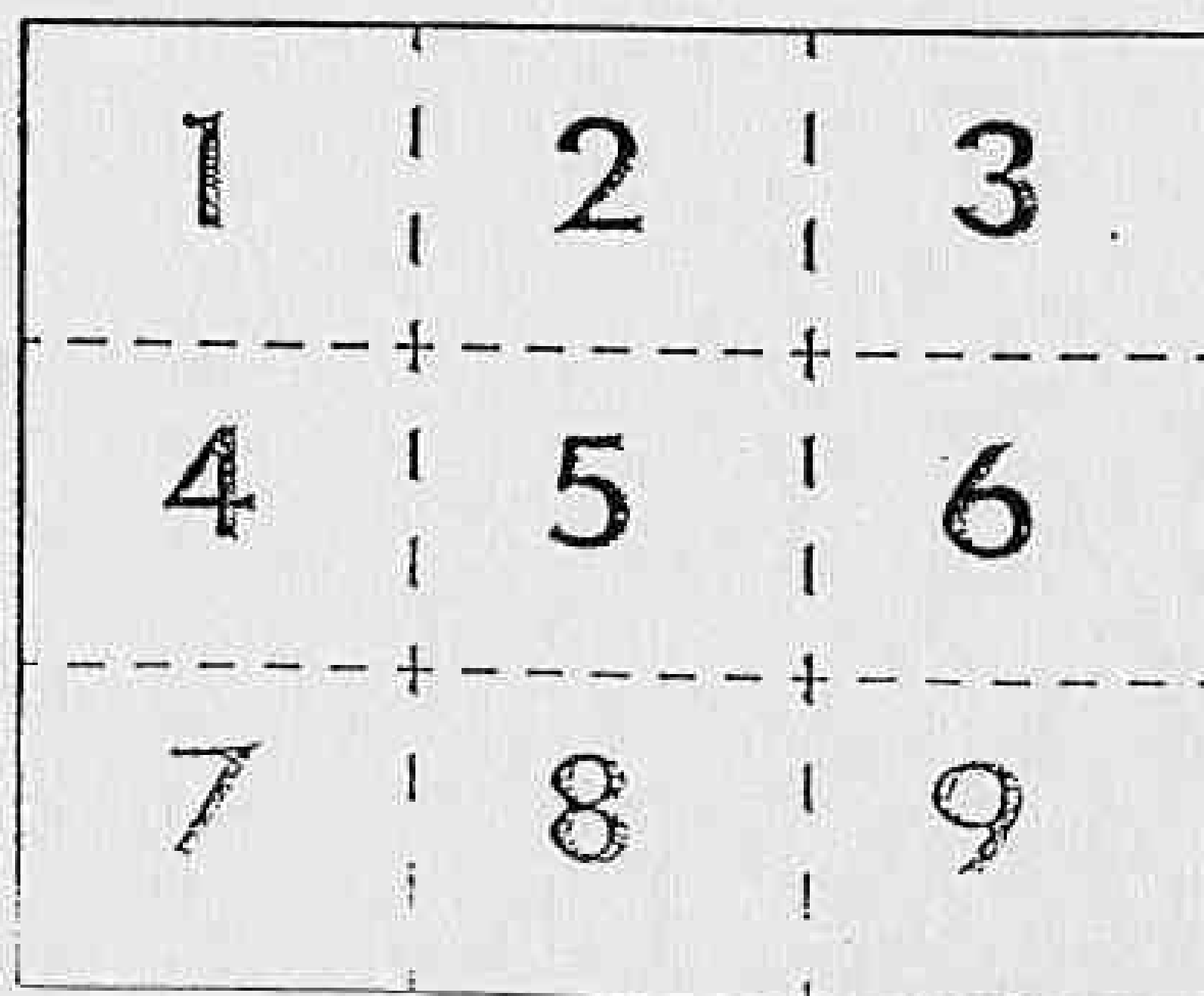
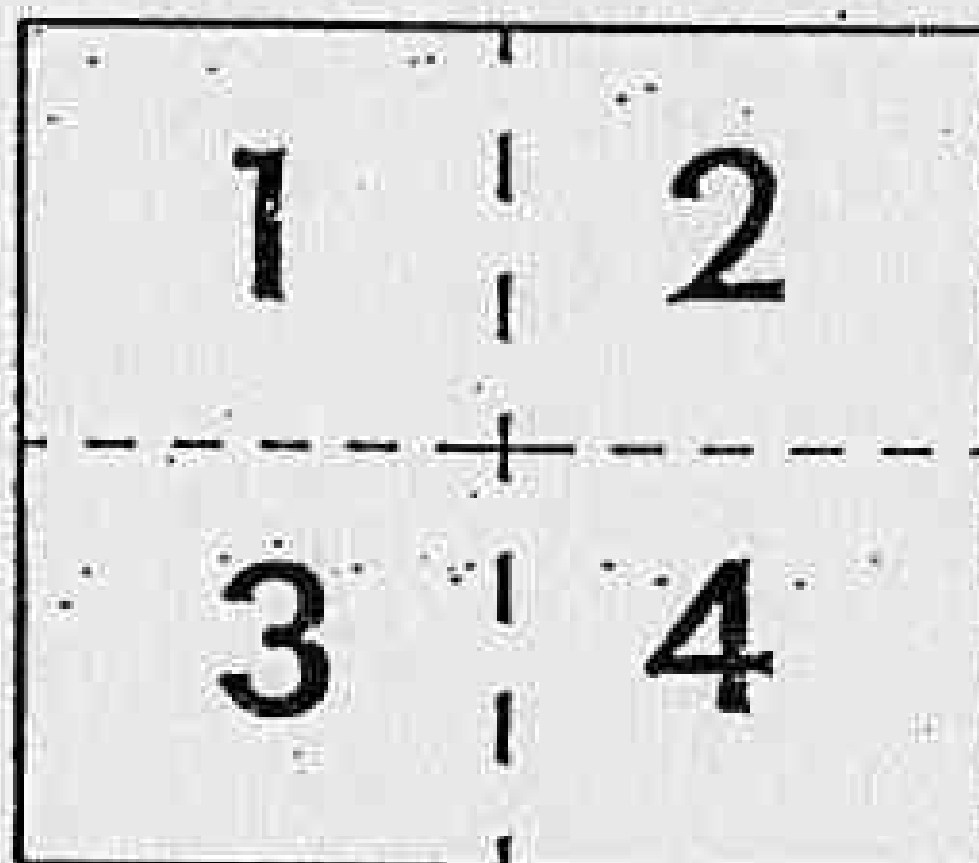
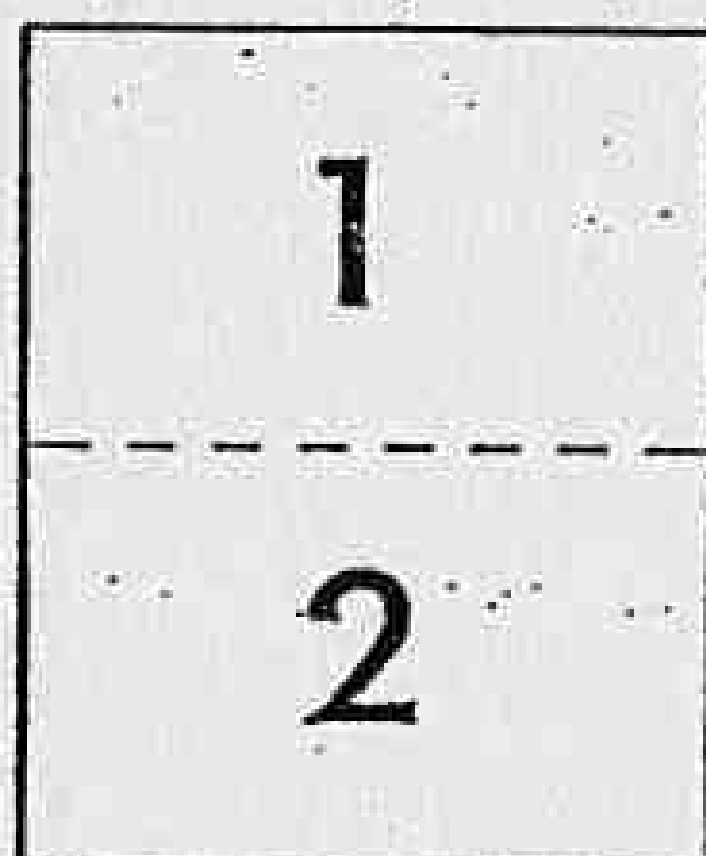
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PORTO DI LIDO



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ZONA DELLA MARINA

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| 4: " " " " | } EX ALA LITTORIA |
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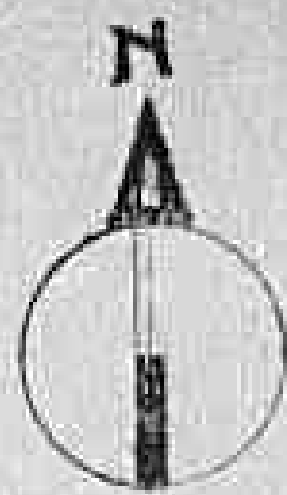
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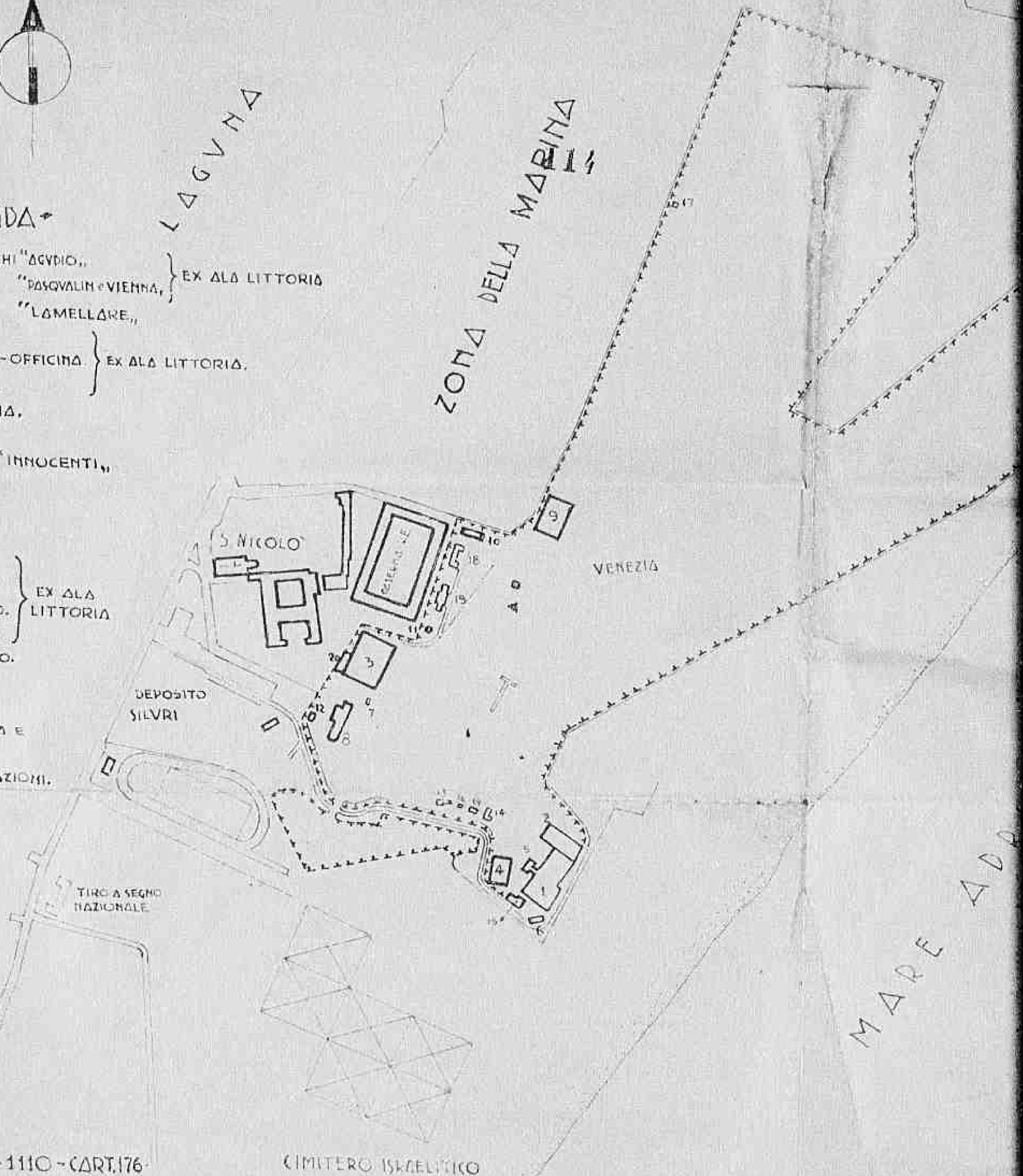
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- 12: PORTINERIA.
- 13: SALA D'ASPETTO. }
- 14: RISTORANTE. } EX ALA LITTORIA
- 15: REPARTO TERMICO. }
- 16: DIREZIONE RETE. }
- 17: RADIOGONIMETRO.
- 18: STAZIONE R.T.
- 19: ALLOGGI.
- 20: CENTRALE ELETTRICA E CASA CUSTODE.
- 21: ANTENNA SEGNALAZIONI.
- 22: AEROFARO
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 734 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

18/136/63(Br)

25 August 1945

SUBJECT: BRACCIANO Security Area

TO: HQ Allied Commission
Attention: Agricultural Sub-Commission

Not to us

1. In ref to your AGO/508.8 dated 13 Aug addressed 1 Training Establishment RAC, subject entry into the Security Area of VIGNA DI VALLI and vicinity.
2. AFM have hitherto replied to this Headquarters previous enquiries on the subject to the effect that it was most unlikely that any modification to existing Security or boundaries could be considered prior to 30 Nov 45.
3. Commander British Troops Rome will shortly be visiting AFM and will include this subject on his agenda, meanwhile no action can be taken to permit entry into this area.
4. In due course, it is hoped that a satisfactory conclusion may be forthcoming and further advice will be forwarded.

E. Sedgwick

M. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,

for Commander British Troops Rome.

Copy: 300 Pwd Bely Sqn RAAC (your FDS/128/41 of 22 Aug refers)
Air Forces Sub-Commission AG (attention of Wing-Comm)
Dissem; recent conversation with G-3 (Br) refers).

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : A.F. SUB COMM (ROME).
TO : MED. ME.
(R) A.F. SUB COMM DET. (TARANTO)

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A. 591 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) 20th AUG. 1945 (.)
YOUR A. 948 DATED 18 AUGUST (.) CONSIDER SMALL DETACHMENT CAN BE
OPERATED AND MAINTAINED AT BRACCIANO WITHIN A WEEK OF EVACUATION
OF VIGNA DI VALLE BY R.A.C. (.) CONFIRMED THAT CANT SEAPLANE
DETACHMENT WILL BE OPERATIONAL VENICE AREA ABOUT AUG. 26 (.)

W.N. Bisdée W/c.
W.M. BISDEE W/CDR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T.O.O.

PRIORITY : ROUTINE.

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FROM MEDME 131319B

TO A F SUB COMMISSION ROME

OR BT

A 543 UNCLASSIFIED 13 AUGUST 1945



YOUR A 532 AUGUST 15 REFERS (.) REPORT MADE BY THIS HQ IN
COLLABORATION WITH ONE OF YOUR STAFF OFFICERS FORWARDED UNDER
REFERENCE HQ/MEDME/S.44/1/AIR DATED AUGUST 9TH INDICATES THAT BASE
AT VIGNA DI VALLE WILL NOT BE FIT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SEAPLANES
FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS AFTER R A C EVACUATE (.) PARA 2 (.)
EXTENSIVE WORK WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
NECESSARY DOMESTIC AND OPERATIONS ROOM BUILDINGS (.) REQUEST
THEREFORE YOU STATE YOUR LATEST VIEWS ON THE MATERIAL SITUATION
REVEALED IN ABOVE REFERENCED REPORT (.) PARA 3 (.) REQUEST CONFIRM-
ATION THAT CANT SEAPLANE DETACHMENT WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN
VENICE AREA ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 26TH (.)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM: A.F. SUB COM(ROME)
TO: R.A.F. MEDME, CASERTA.

A. 582 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) 15TH. AUG., 1945 (.)
ATTENTION WING COMMANDER STURGIS (.) IMPRACTICABLE BASE
AIR SEA RESCUE FLYING BOATS WEST COAST ITALY UNTIL
VIGNA DI VALLE AVAILABLE (.) SUGGEST YOU CONTACT A.I.S.
AND PRESS FOR EXPEDITION OF RELEASE OF VIGNA DI VALLE BY
R.A.C.

T.O.O. 151440Z.
PRIORITY: Routine.

W.M. Bisdell
W.M. BISDELL, WING COMMANDER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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TO AFSC ROME

FROM HQ SMC VENE 061031B

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A.59. 6TH AUGUST 1945 CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS FUTURE OF LAKE ~~BRACCIANO~~ BRACCIANO (.) PROPOSAL IS TO DASH
FROM MAXIMUM SIX CAN AIRSEA RESCUE PLANTS ON ~~BRACCIANO~~ BRACCIANO (.)
DETAILED COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF THIS HEADQUARTERS AND MAJOR MEMBERS OF
ROYAL ARMORED CORPS COMING TO INSPECT SITES (.) WILL LAND AT ROME/
LETTORIE APPROXIMATELY 0930 HOURS WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST (.) CAN YOU
MEET THESE TWO OFFICERS WITH TRANSPORT AND DETAIL OFFICER
ACQUAINTED WITH I.A.F. REQUIREMENTS RE BRACCIANO TO ACCOMPANY THEM (.)
BT 061031B

*After inspection project found
impractical report follows.*

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 DATE 10/10/2001 BY 60322 UCBAW/STW

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 Training Section

236/1

25 July 1945

SUBJECT: Restricted Area - L. BRACCIANO

TO : RAAC

128A

Reference your RAAC/18/33/G-3(Br) dated 20 July 45.

It is regretted that the restrictions imposed on the use of Lake
BRACCIANO cannot be withdrawn as yet.

It is unlikely that these restrictions can be modified or withdrawn
before 30 Nov 45.

(signed): H.M. FINDLATER,
Major,
G-3 Training (Br).

Copy to: HQ RAC
G-2 AFHQ
1 Trg Est RAC

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/35/G3(Br)

26 July 1945

SUBJECT: Restricted Area - Lake BRACCIANO

TO : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC

The above is forwarded for information.



E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

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S.S.O.

Col Stapleford (MAAF) is going back to AFHQ on their 'rounds' in
a pretty big way! I saw him on 28/7.

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IMPV V LBAB NR 45.

T. A.F. SUB- COMM. ROME.

FROM A.F. SUB- COMM DET. TARANTO.

TO A.F. SUB- COMM ROME.

U/C BT.

YOUR A.436 17/7. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SUFFICIENT.

ONE(R) ONE OFFICER ONE(R) ONE N C O PROCEEDED BY SEA 23/7.

AIRMENT FOLLOW ~~FM~~ FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

BT 251004

TOB 1450/25 T16B

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From :- Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica.
1^a Sezione Operazioni.

:- Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. Rome .

Ref. :- 26532/OP.4/4099Coll.

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A.S.R. SEAPLANE SECTION
S. NICOLA VERANO.

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Reference Signal dated 12th. July 1945.

Air Sea Rescue Seaplane Section of S. Nicola
Verano returned to Brindisi on the 14th. July 1945.

(SGD)

Il Capo Di Stato
Maggiore

T. by Sgt. Albertini. 23/7.

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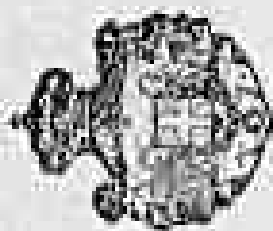
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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

1^a Sezione Operazioni Roma li 194

Prot. N. 26532/op 4 Alleg. Risposta al foglio N. del

OCCETTO: Sezione Idrosoccorso S. Nicola Varano.

Al A.E.S.C./A.S.

ROMA

Riferimento tele del 12 luglio 1945.

2. Si comunica che in data 14 luglio c.a. la Sezione Idrosoccorso di S. Nicola Varano è rientrata a Brindisi.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE



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1^ Sezione Operazioni Roma li 194

Prot. N. 26532/20p 4/1099 Cl. Risposta al foglio N. del

OCCETTO: Sezione Idrosoccorso S. Nicola Varano.

Al A.T.S.C./A.C. ROMA

Ritiramento tele del 12 luglio 1945.
2. Si comunica che in data 14 luglio c.a. la Sezione
Idrosoccorso di S. Nicola Varano e rientrata a
Brindisi.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Rezzani



128A
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ROME AIRA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 704 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/133/G3(Br)

20 July 1945

SUBJECT: RAC Restricted Area - BRACCIANO

TO : AFHQ (G-3)
-----*Not to us
see 97A*

1. Reference para 5 of your 236/1 dated 22 May 45, subject as above.
2. As the period of six weeks has now elapsed, please state whether this area can now be released, as the Italian Air Force are renewing their demand for this to be done.

*see 127A**Alms*

ALBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commander.

Copy to: HQ RAC, AFHQ
Air Forces Sub Commission, AC
1 Training Establishment RAC
G-2, RAAC.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.

To : H.Q. M.A.A.F.
(Copy to R.A.A.C.).

Date : 18th July 1945

Ref. : AFSC/47/AIR.

BRACCIANO LAKE. SEAPLANE BASE

Reference is made to your letter MAAF/4200/ALS, dated 24 May 1945 in which you state that Allied Force Headquarters have agreed that Lake Bracciano is no longer required as a training area and that six weeks would elapse before the R.A.C. establishment would be closed down and the area evacuated.

2. This decision is not known at Headquarters No 1 Training Establishment R.A.C. who in fact are working on a programme which may not be completed until November.

3. Allied Force Headquarters should be asked to clarify the position as we have had no notification of the change of policy and are ready to take over Vigna di Valle as the terminus of our Seaplane Courier Service, and also as a base for our Air Sea Rescue commitments in the Gulf of Genoa.


SENIOR STAFF OFFICER,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.S. 1320e.
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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., IS AUTHORIZING WORKING PARTY APPROXIMATELY 20 RATINGS AND 2 OFFICERS TO PROCEED TARANTO TO VENICE ETA ABOUT 20 JULY TO PREPARE FACILITIES FOR SEAPLANE BASE. REQUEST NOIC VENICE BE AUTHORIZED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RATINGS AND TO SUPPLY 2 SUITABLE MOTOR LAUNCHES IF AVAILABLE. EXPECT WORK WILL BE COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 15 DAYS.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 19th July 1945
Ref : AFSC/47/AIR

I.A.F. SEAPLANE BASE VENICE

Referring to conversations with Colonel Remandino on 18 July 1945, Wing Commander Clift has surveyed the Port of Venice and permission has been granted to use Difese S.Nicola, as a seaplane base.

2. Preliminary work will require party of approximately two officers and twenty men to prepare accommodation, moorings and other facilities.

3. The Naval Sub Commission Rome have signalled the Naval Officer in Charge Venice to give every assistance, to provide temporary accommodation and to place two suitable motor boats at the disposal of the working party.

4. It is requested that personnel be posted North for this work and preparations made to base the Lake Verano seaplanes at Venice when it is completed.


L.E. JARMAN G/C,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From: A.F. SUB-COMM (ROME)

To: A.F. SUB-COMM (TARANTO) 54 P.T.C. PLEASE PASS.

A. 436 T.O.O. 171730Z JULY (.)

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING IS COPY OF SIGNAL FROM NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION TO N.O.I.C. VENICE (.) "A.F.S.C. IS AUTHORIZING WORKING PARTY APPROXIMATELY 20 RATINGS AND 2 OFFICERS TO PROCEED TARANTO TO VENICE E.T.A. ABOUT 20 JULY TO PREPARE FACILITIES FOR SEAPLANE BASE (.) REQUEST PARTY BE AFFORDED EVERY ASSISTANCE (.) TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BE PROVIDED FOR RATINGS AND TWO SUITABLE MOTOR BOATS SUPPLIED (.) EXPECT WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY 15 DAYS (.) "

REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION TO MOVE WORKING PARTY TO VENICE (.) SIGNAL THIS HEADQUARTERS IF NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AUTHORISED ARE SUFFICIENT FOR THE WORK (.)


L.E. JARMAN G/CAPT.,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

PRIORITY IMPORTANT.

NAVY MESSAGE.

For use in
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Originator's Instructions
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Groups, etc.)

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TO:

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(R) FOTALI, TARANTO

NOIC ANCONA

FROM:

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COPY TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.

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To: Air Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

From: W/Cdr CLIMT, Air Forces Sub-Comm. Detachment, TARANTO.

Date, 11th July, 1945.

SEAPLANE FACILITIES VENICE & TRIESTE.

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter A/SC/47/AIR dated 14th June, I proceeded by air to Venice on July 4th and carried out an extensive survey of this port and later of the Seaplane Bases at Monfalcone and Trieste, returning Taranto on July 8th. An abortive effort was also made to visit PORTO ROSE Seaplane Base but Yugo Slav cooperation was not forthcoming!

VENICE.

The Seaplane Base at St. ANDREA is requisitioned by the Royal Navy for special experiments and the Canal is heavily guarded. A cork buoy was laid in the entrance of the Canal and with Special permission from the N.O. 1/c the aircraft was moored here. I was allowed ashore on the island and found that all hangars and installations had been demolished, and one slipway only remains intact. However, at the far end of the Canal, Workshops, living quarters, etc., appear to be intact. I was not allowed access to this part although accompanied by S.O.I. to N.O. 1/c Venice. As the tenure of this island was anticipated to be a long term policy, a reconce was made for other possible locations for a S.P.B.

A very suitable place was found at DIFESA S. NICOLO an Italian Naval Establishment on the LIDO. NORTH. (See chart No. 1442 Adriatic Sea, Venice). Moorings could be laid clear of the fairway: coast is very "steep to", landing pier, Boat House and Watch Tower all to hand. Buildings include large barrack Block with galley. One floor alone can accommodate 200 men. Lacks running water and light, but former is available in garden.

Two small villas now occupied by Italian Navy as offices, could be utilized as living quarters and a mess for Italian Air Force Officers. Present Office Staff without difficulty, can be moved to vacant and adjacent Villa, originally used by 2nd-in-Command but now empty. Buoys would have to be laid, and Colonel Count de Robilan, Officer Commanding, the Presidio, Venice., estimated that all requisite work could be carried out by local contract in 15 days. In fact, this site has unlimited possibilities as a Seaplane Base.

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However, if there is a possibility of the Royal Navy releasing St. Andrea in the near future, it would be far more economical to carry out sufficient repairs to this Italian Air Force property, even if personnel were temporarily housed in tents.

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marine craft is a difficult problem in Venice. Ala Littoria were found to possess one boat with engine removed, but with pressure brought to bear on the Inland Water Transport, I was reliably informed that sufficient marine craft could be made available for the needs of the Detachment. The N.O.I.C. Venice, was most helpful and placed every possible facility at my disposal, including wardroom accommodation, and was car to proceed to Trieste and return. The same courtesy was received from N.O.I.C. Trieste and his staff.

MONFALCONE. - Visited on July, 5th. - The Cantieri are a complete shambles and very little appears to be in progress, to clean up the mess. A certain amount of Cant Spares was seen in some half-damaged "godowns"; but a visit to the assistant manager elicited the fact that certain Allied Officers had already made inventories of the remaining spares, so no further action was taken. There is little or nothing left of the small Seaplane station attached to the works, the Slip is also damaged.

PRIESTE PORT. - July, 6/7th. - This small Seaplane Base, which was the property of the Ala Littoria, is practically intact, except for machinery removed from the shops. The hangar, roof, floor, and offices are complete, even the slipway has only one small portion damaged, which could be easily repaired. The whole property is requisitioned by the New Zealand Forces, who house all their armoured vehicles, A.T. etc., within the hangar and on the apron.

PORTO ROSE. - An effort to pass the Inter Allied Blockade on the Pola Road, was not possible, as traffic is only permitted through in convoy once a day by the Yugo-Slavs. However, it was reliably learnt from the coxswain of a motor boat; ex Ala Littoria, now employed by the Allies at the Seaplane Base, Porto Trieste, that he was present when the Germans blew demolition charges and the locals looted what remained.


V.H. CLIFT, Wing Commander,
Air Forces Sub-Comm. Detach.,
Allied Commission, TARANTO.

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and return. The same courtesy was received from N.O.I.C. Trieste and his staff.

MONTALCONE. - Visited on July, 6th. - The Cantieri are a complete shambles and very little appears to be in progress, to clean up the mess. A certain amount of Cant Spares was seen in some half-damaged "godowns"; but a visit to the assistant Manager elicited the fact that certain Allied Officers had already made inventories of the remaining spares, so no further action was taken. There is little or nothing left of the small Seaplane station attached to the works, the Slip is also damaged.

TRIESTE PORT. - July, 6/7th. - This small Seaplane Base, which was the property of the Ala Littoria, is practically intact, except for machinery removed from the shops. The hangar, roof, floor, and offices are complete, even the slipway has only one small portion damaged, which could be easily repaired. The whole property is requisitioned by the New Zealand Forces, who house all their armoured vehicles, A.T. etc., within the hangar and on the apron.

PORTO ROSE. - An effort to pass the Inter Allied Blockade on the Pola Road, was not possible, as traffic is only permitted through in convoy once a day by the Yugo-Slavs. However, it was reliably learnt from the coxswain of a motor boat; ex Ala Littoria, now employed by the Allies at the Seaplane Base, Porto Trieste, that he was present when the Germans blew demolition charges and the locals looted what remained.


V.H. CLIFT, Wing Commander,
Air Forces Sub-Comm. Detach.,
Allied Commission, TARANTO.

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July 16/7

MWPS V LBAB NR 23.

T ROME.

FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMM TARANTO.
TO AIR FORCES SUB COMM ROME.

BT.

AI 57 15/7.

CONFIDENTIAL. REFERENCE YOUR A145 TOO 141530E
JULY ESSENTIAL DESPATCH WORKING PARTY FROM TARANTO
TO PREPARE FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION. MOORINGS
MS// MUST BE LAID. TELEPHONE AND W/T
COMMUNICATIONS SURVEYED BY C.S.O. SUGGEST
COLONEL DEROBILAN COMMANDING PRESIDIO VENICE BE INSTRUCTED
TO COMMENCE REQUISITE WORKS
SERVICES FORTHWITH AND REQUEST TO NOIC FOR REQUISITION
FROM E.W.T. TWO (R) TWO SUITABLE MOTOR BOATS E.T.C. 15(R) 15
DAYS VIDE MY REPORT POSTED 11/7.

BT 151055E.

TOD 1256/15 T2 AR K
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IN NR 417/E

WPS V LEAB NR 36

T ROME

FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMM TARNTO

TO MACAF

INFO HAAF 302 ATRCH AIR FORCES SUB COMM ROME ✓

IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL BT

WITH EFFECT MIDNIGHT JULY 15TH LAKE VARENG REDUCED TO CARE AND
MAINTENANCE BASIS. ASR AIRCRAFT DETACHMENT WITHDRAWN TO
BRINDISI PENDING OPENING SEAPLANE BASE VENICE.

BT 151455E

TOB 151752/7 TS 21K

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMM. (ROME)

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMM. TARANTO (R) M.A.A.F.

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CONFIDENTIAL /./ A.425 /./ T.O.O. 141530 JULY 1945 /./

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL TOO 130957B IS THERE ANY OBJECTION
TO MOVING SEAPLANE DETACHMENT TO VENICE FORTHWITH /./
SUGGEST ONE SEAPLANE PROCEED ON RECONNAISSANCE IMMEDIATELY /./
WITHDRAWAL OF LAKE MARENGO DETACHMENT TO BRINDISI TO CONTINUE
AS ORDERED /./

PRIORITY : IMPORTANT

W.M. Bisdee W/C

AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

T A. F. SUB - COMM DET. TARANTO.
EUST.

MMPS V LEAD NR 943.
T AND ADDSD A.F. SUB - COMM RME.
FROM A F SUB - COMM DET TARANTO.
IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL.

BT.

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF SIGNAL FROM HOIC VENICE TO FOTALI
BEGINS FOLLOWING FOR WING COMMANDER CLIFT. ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE
ON LIDO ISLAND IN ITALIAN NAVAL COMPOUND. ~~REFERENCE~~ REFERENCE
MAAF 051808B WHEN MAY AIRCRAFT BE EXPECTED. TOC 121013E JULY ENDS

BT 130957E.

TOD 1424/1520/13 T2 BEE
TOR.NR943. 131520..JB.AR.K.



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NAVAL SUB COMMISSION A. C.

FROM HQ MAAF 121528B

TO A. F. SUB COMMISSION ROME, (R) H.A. A. F.,
SECTION, CMF, INFO. (R) A. F. SUB COMMISSION TARANTO, 54 T. S. E.
PASS, (R) NAVAL SUB COMMISSION, A. C.

A.767 CONFIDENTIAL 7TH JULY 1945

YOUR A.490 JULY 10 REFERS(.)

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 10.30 OURS 12TH JULY,
MOVEMENT OF SEAPLANES AT LAKE VARANO MAY BE MADE FORTHWITH(.)

WILL YOU PLEASE ACTION(.)

JMD R

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION ROME (1) TOTAL.

HOTEL GENOA.

111410Z JULY.

UNCLASSIFIED.

YOUR 111141Z JULY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS INSIDE HARBOUR.
 IN HIS 101250 JULY C IN C INDICATES INTENTION TO ENTER APPROACH
 CHANNEL FROM STANARD COMMENCING MID-AUGUST.
 WILL REQUEST YOUR TO SPARE AN OFFICER TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT AT
 A LATER DATE.

(San Rocco
Harbour)

111410Z JULY.

RMT. STANARD SERVICE.

DIST. 3, 7, 7A, 9, 9A.

T.P.

P.L.

T.O.R. 1829/11.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394NSC/2922
12 July 1945

From; Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Suitable Landing and Take-off Areas for Seaplanes.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of FOTALI Rome Message 222200 B May 1945. — B
(B) Copy of NOIC Leghorn Message 291511 B May 1945. — C
(C) Copy of Office of the Naval Officer in Charge, — D
Leghorn Letter No. 220/10 of 25th June 1945,
With Attached Overlay. — E

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith
for information.

H. S. J. Butler
H. S. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: POTALI ROME.

TO:

NOIC ANCONA NOIC VENICE NOIC LEGHORN

(R) FORAM POTALI C IN C MED,

RESTRICTED.

IN ORDER TO INITIATE SERVICE OF ITALIAN SEAPLANES FOR USE OF ALLIED COMMISSION AND ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL AS APPROVED BY C IN C MED'S 171235 B MAY NOT TO ADDRESSEES, AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION REQUESTS FOLLOWING DETAILS OF FACILITIES AT ANCONA, VENICE, AND LEGHORN.

1. AVAILABLE ALIGHTING AREA. 2. IS THERE A SEAPLANE TENDER WITH LOW FREEBOARD AND CAPABLE OF TOWING A SEAPLANE AND SECURING IT TO A BUOY.
3. IS THERE A SUITABLE BUOY. 4. ARE PETROL OIL AND A REFUELLING BOAT AVAILABLE. 5. IS ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE FOR 5 ITALIAN OFFICERS AND 10 OTHER RANKS. 6. WHEN CAN PORTS ACCEPT A SEAPLANE TO MAKE TRIAL LANDING AND CONCLUDE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

222200 B MAY.

DIS. 3.9.10. A.F.S/C.

O.L.T.P. TOB 0950/23

23/5/45.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: TOTALI ROSE (R) C IN C MED. PONAM. TOTALI
FROM: NOIC LEGHORN.
NOIC ANCOBA NOIC VERNICE.

RESTRICTED.

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1. OFF SOUTH WEST HARBOUR ENTRANCE
 2. 3. 4. & 5 YES.
 6. AS FROM 1st JUNE

291511 B MAY.

REF. AIR FORCE S/C REQUEST.
DIS. 3.9.10.11. (THIS REFERS TO 222200 MAY)

T.P. P.L. TOR A.M.30

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Office of the Naval Officer in Charge
LEGHORN.

25th June, 1945.

No. 220/10.

THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Copies to: The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer, Western Italy.)

SUITABLE LANDING AND TAKE-OFF AREAS FOR SEAPLANES.

Further to my signal T.O.C. 291511B May, the attached Overlay is forwarded for your information indicating the positions of seaplane moorings laid for fair weather and foul weather.

2. Arrangements can be made for seaplanes to land either:

(a) Outside the Breakwaters to taxi to, or be taken in tow to their moorings,

(b) Inside the Breakwaters in the waters of the Avamporto.

3. It is essential in view of movements of shipping in the Port that times of arrival and departure should be signalled in advance addressed to Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

4. A landing signal will be flown from both the Harbour Signal Station and from Admiralty Berthing Officer's Control Tower at the end of the Molo Mediceo.

Red Flag - Landing not permitted.
Green Flag - Permission to land.

5. Weather permitting it will always be desirable that aircraft land to seaward of the Breakwaters.

6. The system of fuelling would of necessity be by hand from small drums as no specially constructed fuelling tender is available.

7. As per Overlay:

- A. Fairweather Berth
- B. Foul weather Berth
- C. Harbour Signal Station
- D. Admiralty Berthing Officer's Control Tower.

/s/ R. Mc.Q. MacKenzie

CAPTAIN

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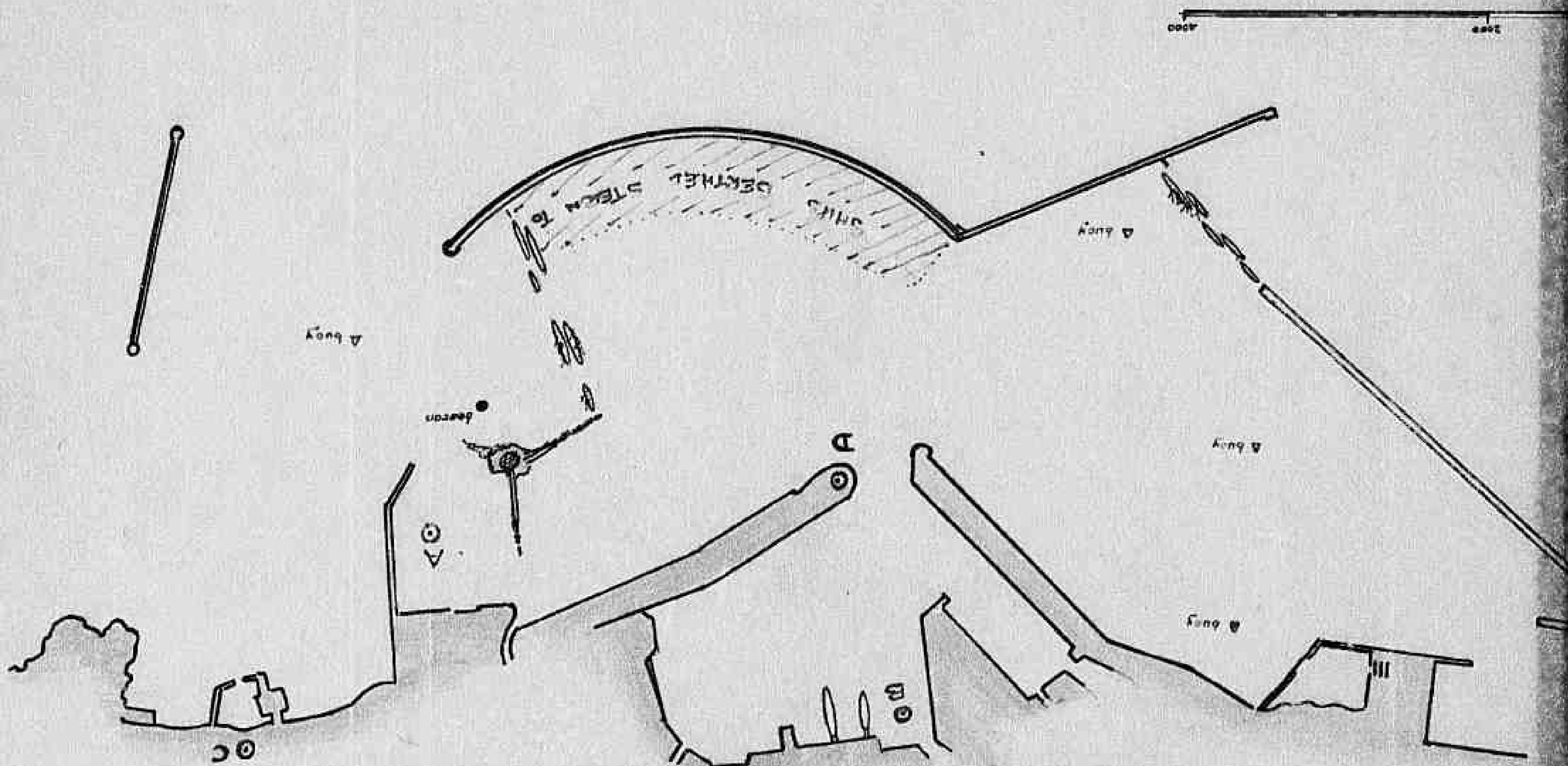
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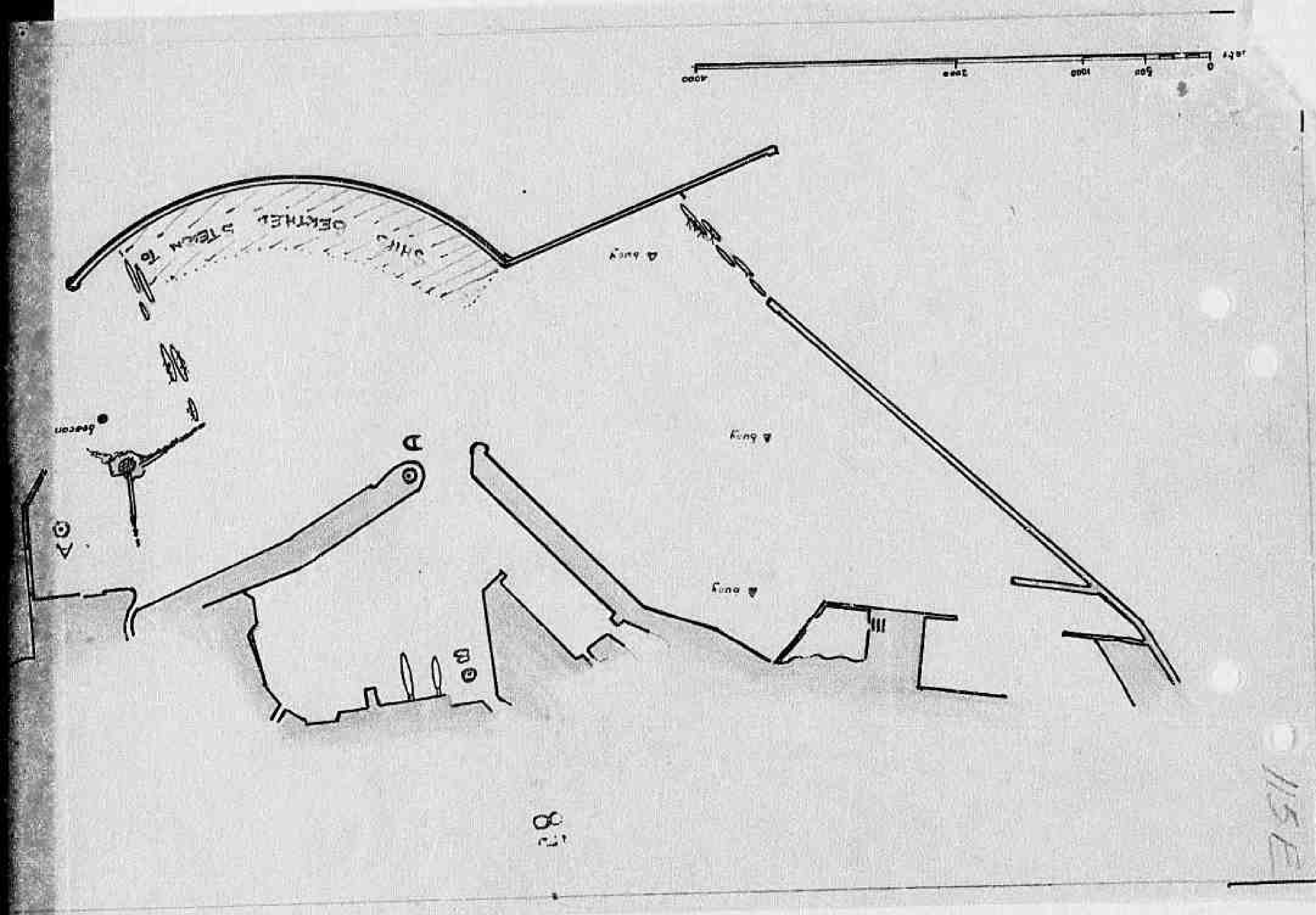


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FROM ILO FOTALL.

TO HQ MAAP

INFO MACAF AIRFORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME

IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL 12/7 BT.

OWING UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES IMPOSSIBLE TRANSFER ITALIAN ASH
~~REMARKS~~ AIRCRAFT FROM VARESE VAANO TO VENICE IMMEDIATELY. ARRANGEMENTS
MADE TO RETURN DETACHMENT TO BRINDISI 15 TH JULY YOUR 051808D.

REFERS.

BT...110915.

CCN ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

TOD 1300.T6.B

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 T AF SUB COMMISSION ROME
 FROM HQ MAAF 121528 B
 TO AF SUB COMMISSION ROME (R) MAAF ALLIED LIAISON DIRECT CMF
 INFO (R) AF SUB COMMISSION TARANTO 54 PTC PSE PA S
 (R) NAVAL SUB COMMISSION AC
 A767 CONFIDENTIAL
 YOUR A400 JULY 10 REFERS .
 CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 1030 HOURS 12TH JULY
 MOVEMENT OF SEAPLANES AT LAKE VARANO MAY BE MADE
 FORTHWITH . WILL YOU PLEASE ACTION .
 BT ENT VD B 2

RECD NR 18/12 AT 12/1855 B SSS // AA A AR KKK

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : A. F. SUB. COMM (ROME).

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY (R) A. F. SUB COMM DET TARANTO

A 409

TOO

12 JULY 1945

UNCLASSIFIED. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SEAPLANE
DETACHMENT AT LAKE VARANO TO BRINDISI FORTHWITH AND INFORM THIS
SUB COMMISSION WHEN COMPLETION OF MOVE ANTICIPATED.

W B Bisdie w/cdr

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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(S) W. B. BISDEE w/cdr
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

INCOMING MESSAGE.

FROM: - A.F. SUB-COMM (ROME)

TO: - M.A.A.F. ALLIED LIAISON SECTION, C.M.F.
(R) A.F. SUB-COMM (TARANTO) 54 P.T.C. PLEASE PASS.
(R) NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, A.O. (BY HAND.)

UNCLASSIFIED (.) A. 400 T.O.O. 101450A. JULY (.)

VING COMMANDER CLIFF REPORTS THAT THE SURVIVOR OF VICTOR REVEALS ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SEAPLANE BASES (A) ST. ANDREA, THE POST WAR CIVIL AND MILITARY BASE PARTLY DESTROYED AND RECONSTRUCTED BY R.N. (.)

(B) DIPESA, ST NICOLA LIDO (.) ADDRESSING BASE ONLY WITH NO FACILITIES, OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN NAVY (.)

PARA 2 (.) N.O.I.C. VICE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERED 81 ALTERNATIVE, BUT ST. ANDREA CONSIDERED THE ONLY PRACTICAL CHOICE IF LANDING AREAS, USE OF SLIPWAY, SMALL WORKSHOP ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR PERSONNEL ARE GRANTED BY R.N. (.)

PARA 3. (.) AS YOUR NEGOTIATION FOR THESE FACILITIES MAY TAKE TIME MAY WE HAVE YOUR DECISION ON THE MOVES OF THE TWO SEAPLANES AT LANS VARIO TO BRINDISI (.)

PARA 4. (.) FAILURE TO ARRANGE A SUFFICIENT BASE AT VENICE MAY NECESSITATE A REVISION IN THE AIR SEA RESCUE ORGANISATION FOR THE ADRIATIC (.)

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PRIORITY IMPARTANT.

L.E. JARMAN C/CAPT.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Notes

Commence in 2nd half - making
a formal visit to these to
inspect and visit signal station
~~Headquarters~~

St. Andrew

Peace time commercial and 1. A. P. Seaplane
base equipped with all aids for handling machines
slipways, hangars, engineering shops

St. Michael's

No facilities except a few buoys.

Admiral Warrent

He does not think that the Navy would be
vacating position for some time. The only
person who could give any idea of a date would
be C. C. West

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MMPS V LEAD NR 781
-T- A F S C ROME.

FROM I L O FOTALI 091030B JULY.
TO A F S C ROME.
IMPORTANT RESTRICTED BT

SURVEY ~~VENICE~~ VENICE REVEALS ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SEA PLANE BASES.
ST. ANDREA PARTIALLY DESTROYED AND REQUISITIONED BY R.N.
IF THIS REQUISITION IS LONG TERM POLICY ONLY ALTERNATIVE REQUISITION
SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES FROM ITALIAN NAVY
WHICH EXIST AT DIFESA ST. NICOLO LIDO.
NOIC VENICE INVESTIGATING THIS POSSIBILITY. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

BT 091030B JULYM
SENT NR 1 781 09/1420/7 T4. AR VA
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SUB-COMMISSION
A C HQ

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IN NR 2441

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LOOSE MINUTENAVAL SUB COMMISSION

Ref. AFSC/47/AIR

1. The Regional Commissioner at Esperia has asked that a Seaplane Service be run to serve the A.C. and Italian Government in this province. The A.O.C. is prepared to consider the request if San Remo is available for landing, since Genoa is closed indefinitely by mines.

2. Would you ascertain whether San Remo was mined, and if so, whether it has since been swept and whether it is now available.

7th July 1945

WNB
W.M. BISHOP W/O
AIR I

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TO NOIC VENICE (R) AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME, ITALIAN
LIAISON OFFICER F.O.T.A.L.I. MACAF

FROM HQ MAAF 051800R

CR--BT

A750 CONFIDENTIAL 5TH JULY 1945

REQUEST NOIC VENICE PASS TEXT TO WING COMMANDER CLIFT

REQUEST YOU INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS EARLIEST DATE WHEN ITALIAN
SEAPLANE BASE AT VENICE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMODATE LAKE VARANO

DETACHMENT. AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM LATTER

LOCATION BY JULY 10, ON ACCOUNT OF MALARIAL MOSQUITOS, BUT THIS DATE

CAN BE POSTPONED UP TO 7 DAYS IF VENICE BASE WILL BE READY WITHIN

THAT TIME, OTHERWISE VARANO AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED

BACK TO BRINDISI PENDING AVIALABILITY OF VENICE

BT 051800R

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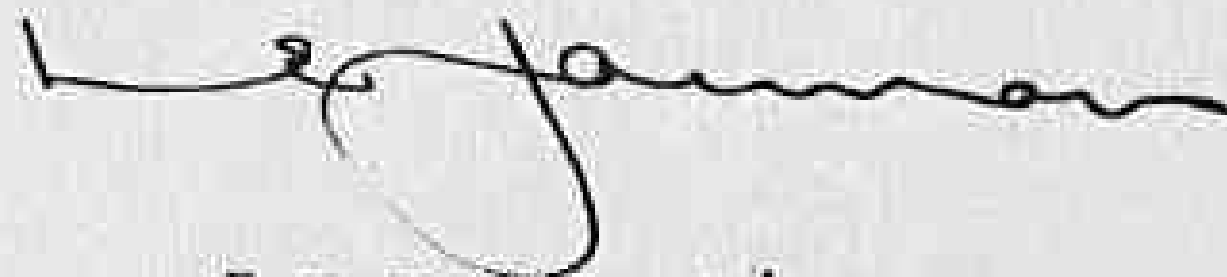
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FROM: AIR FORCE COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.
TO : M.A.A.F. (Attention A.L.S.)
DATE: 25th June, 1945.
REF : AFEC/47/Air.

AIR SEA RESCUE CONFERENCE AT M.A.A.F.

The Air Officer Commanding has enquired when the minutes of the conference on Air Sea Rescue held at M.A.A.F., will be ready for distribution.

2. A knowledge of the scale of effort required from the I.A.F. would assist this Headquarters in the planning and distribution of flying effort.



L.E. JARMAN, C/CAPT.
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE : 23rd JUNE 1945
REF. : AFSC/47/AIR

BRACCIANO LAKE - RESTRICTED AREA

Confirmation has now been received from M.A.A.F. that A.F.H.Q. have agreed to I.A.F. Seaplanes using Lake Bracciano subject to the following restrictions:

- a) Italian aircraft will not taxi South of a line Bracciano across Lake Bracciano - Northern edge of Lake Martignano.
- b) Italian aircraft will not fly over the Lake South of the line in (a) above.

2. You are requested to ensure that these restriction are observed by all concerned when the Seaplane Service to Lake Bracciano commences and until such time as these restrictions can be withdrawn.

W.M. Bisdée W/c
W.M. BISDEE W/C
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to :

A.F.S.C. Representative Taranto

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters MAF CTF.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 20th. June. 1945.

Ref:- MAF/4200/ALS.

Bracciano Lake - Seaplane Base.

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1. Further to this Headquarters letter MAF/4200/ALS dated 21st. May, 1945, it is requested that the Italian Air Force be informed that the following restrictions have been placed on their use of Lake Bracciano.

- (a) Italian aircraft will not taxi South of a line Bracciano - across Lake Bracciano - Northern edge of Lake Martignano.
- (b) Italian aircraft will not fly over the Lake South of the line in (a) above.

- inf 24/6

b Conway &

(C. CONWAY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF. MCME.

for

0299 2/6/45

47/AIR

SECRET 103A

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/131/G3(Br)

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Security Area - Lake BRACCIANO

TO : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC

1. Further to the meeting attended by Wing Comd Bisdee at HQ 1 Trg Est RAC on 1 June 1945.
2. Copy of AFHQ letter 236/1 dated 15 June 45, in reply to this Headquarters' RAAC/18/25/G3(Br) dated 4 June (copy sent to you), is forwarded herewith for information.

B.V. Wood Capt.
B.V. WOOD,
Capt.
for G-3 (British).

Copy to: G-2

Encl

my 29/6

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 DIVISION

15 June 45

File No : 236/1

SUBJECT : Security Area - Lake BRACCIANO

TO : HC, RAAC

Ref your RAAC/18/25/G3(Br) dated 4 June 45.

The proposed restrictions outlined in para 4 of the above quoted letter are approved.

A letter to this effect has been addressed to HC MAAF who have been requested to inform the Italian Air Force of these restrictions.

(signed): ??????Major,
for : G.L. EBERLE,
Brigadier General U.S. Army
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3Copy to: HC RAC AFHQ
No. 1 Trg Est RAC
G-2 AFHQ**SECRET**

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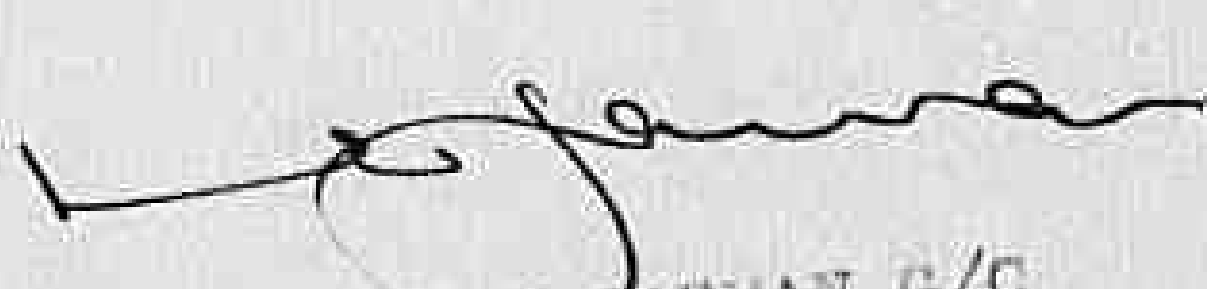
FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. TARANTO
DATE : 14TH JUNE 1945
REF. : AFSC/47/AIR

SEAPLANE FACILITIES AT VENICE
AND TRIESTE.

The Air Officer Commanding has asked that you investigate the seaplane facilities at Venice and Trieste.

2. We have approached the Naval Sub Commission for this information but they are reluctant to give any definite ruling and would prefer to have the ports checked by a seaplane expert.

3. Please make your own arrangements for the inspection and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.


L.E. ARMAN G/C
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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SUBJECT: Accommodation, Italian Air Force, Lake Bracciano.

Ref/F19/188

TO: G-3 (British)
R.A.A.C.

1. Reference your RAAC/18/26/G3(Br) of 4 June 45.
2. The floating crane is at present pulled up on the beach near our location. It is available for collection immediately.

Field
6 June 45(Sgd) IAN M. McLENNAN, Major
Commanding No. 1 Training Establishment, RAC.

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ROIE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO W6. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/124 /G3(Br)

6 June 1945

TO: Air Forces Sub Commission AC

Forwarded for information.

E. SEDGWICK,
Major G3,
G-3 (British).

Handwritten notes:

47/Air
We saw the floating crane today with the Remington & Co. He will
get local control to reflect his work when you have obtained security clearance.
10/6

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10 Training Team R.A.
(for Italian Forces)
C.M.F.

4/100 6 June 1945

G-3 (British)
Rome Area Allied Command

Ref your RAAC/18/28/G3(Br) dated 4 June 45.

It is confirmed that the villa at present occupied by the Interpreters attached to this Unit will be available for occupation by Italian Air Force personnel on the 14th of this month.

(Sgd) ALLAN. F. GRANT,
Major R.A.
Field. Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A. (for Italian Forces)

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/128/G3(Br)

8 June 1945

TG: Air Forces Sub Commission AC ✓

Passed for necessary action.

E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).



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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

Date: 4th June, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/4/AIR

DIRECTIVE ON REOPENING LAKE BRACCIANO

FOR USE BY I.A.F. SEAPLANES.

1. Information

- a) An agreement has been reached with the British Army Authorities in the LAKE BRACCIANO area that, subject to A.F.H.Q. approval, the Lake may be used by I.A.F. Seaplanes provided they observe certain restrictions regarding the area to be used.
- b) The continuance of this privilege will depend on the strict observance of these restrictions until such time as certain Army Units evacuate the Southern shores of the Lake.
- c) It may be anticipated that the period from now until this takes place will be up to three months, and that therefore the I.A.F. will, if they so desire, be able to reoccupy their former seaplane base at VIGNA DI VALLE.
- d) Meanwhile a reconnaissance has been made of the former civilian seaplane base North of RAGNI.

2. Intention

To arrange for the use of LAKE BRACCIANO by I.A.F. Seaplanes.

3. Execution

- a) The re-establishment of the I.A.F. on LAKE BRACCIANO is to be carried out in three phases. Phase 1, which may be commenced as soon as possible, consists of establishing a Staging Post to enable I.A.F. Seaplanes to stop at a point near Rome for off and on loading passengers and freight.

(2)

Phase 2 commences when the temporary base at BAGNI has been built up to accommodate a detachment of seaplanes commensurate with the accommodation available there. Phase three will commence with the reoccupation of VIGNA DI VALLE.

b) Steps should be taken to enable Phase 1 to commence as soon as possible. These are visualised as the laying of one or more moorings, the provision of a motor dinghy, the establishment of a petrol dump, and the requisitioning and occupation of such part of the former civilian seaplane base as may be considered necessary.

4. Accommodation

Arrangements are being made for the British Army to evacuate the Villa next to the base as soon as possible. Normal requisitioning action should then be taken by the I.A.F. Any problem in this connection may be settled with Major GRANT, No. 10 Trng. Establishment, BAGNI.

5. Moorings

Any assistance required from Allied Units may be sought through the A.F.S.C. Efforts will be made to obtain the use of the pontoon and crane believed to be at VIGNA DI VALLE.

6. You are requested to keep this Headquarters fully informed as to your progress in arranging seaplane facilities on LAKE BRACCIANO.

W.M. Bisdée

For W.M. Bisdée, W/Cdr.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

DISTRIBUTION:

Italian Air Ministry (3)
Air Forces Sub-Commission, TARANTO
Major Grant, 10 Trng. Team R.A.
No. 1 Trng. Establishment R.A.C.
Dep. Comd. Rome Area H.Q.
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
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4th Ind to Ltr Hq MAAF, MAAF/S.44/AIR, 28 March 1945,
subject: Seaplane Base for IAF

AG 686.9/610 ENG-0

4th Ind

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HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 29 May 1945

THRU: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, APO 650

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Air Forces Sub Commission

1. The portion of the Tiber River requested for a seaplane base by the Italian Air Force in paragraph 2 of their letter dated 18 March 1945 is being used as a training site for American troops and cannot be released at the present time.

2. Permission has been obtained from the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean for the use of the Gulf of Pozzuoli as a seaplane landing area. Lake Patria may be used as an alternate landing area if weather conditions prevent landings on the Gulf of Pozzuoli.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCMAUNEY:

1 Incl
n/c

Albert H. Karp
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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091.711 (HQMAAF/S.44/AIR) 5th Ind. (ACT-PAC-ejs)
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
APO 650, U. S. ARMY 5 JUN 1945

To: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394 U.S. Army.
FOR: Air forces Sub Commission.

Attention is invited to preceeding indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Roy A. Lange
ROY A. LANGE
Major, A. C.
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

1 Incl: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
AFHQ 450

MAAF/S.A./AIR.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : AFHQ (G-3)

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OPS	_____	ORG (A)	☒
WR	_____	ORG (B)	_____
AIR	_____	TRG	_____
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Seaplane Base for IAF

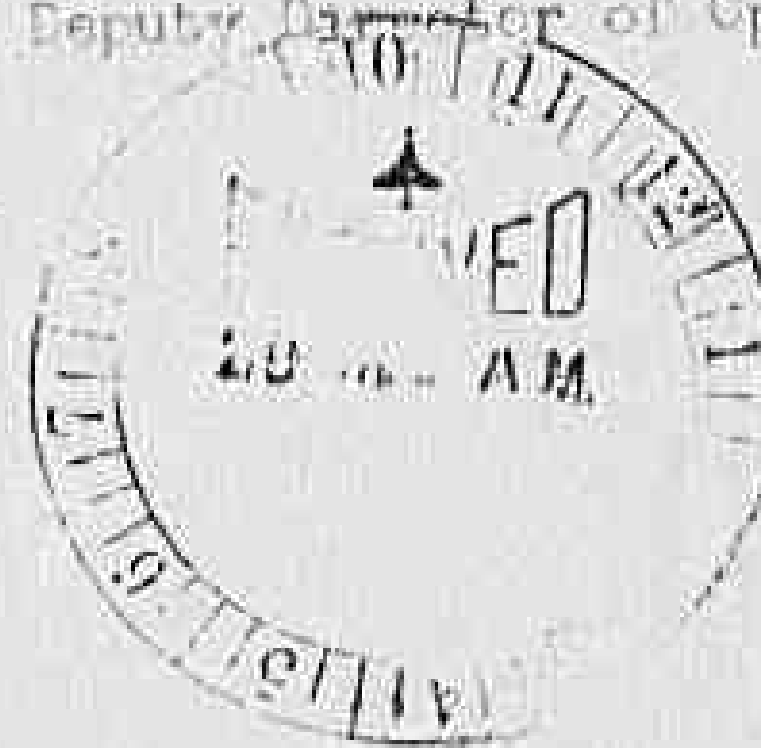
1. Attached is copy of a letter received from the Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.

2. As the Italians complied so readily with your recent request to vacate the Lake Bracciano area, it is recommended that every effort be made to meet this request.

1 Incl:

Incl 1 - Ltr fr Stato Maggiore, IAF
to AF Sub-Com. Rome dtd 18
Mar 45, 'Seaplane Base For
Military Air Courier'.

J. T. Panhurst
J. T. PANHURST,
Air Commodore,
Deputy Director of Operations.



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TRANSLATION

From: Stato Maggiore, I.A.F.
To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
Date: 18th March, 1945
Ref.: 25536/Cp/2300/Coli

SEAPLANE BASE FOR MILITARY AIR COUNTRIES

On the 16th inst. we visited the Southern part of the TIBER with a view to finding a suitable place for a Seaplane Base for the link-up with SARDINIA.

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3. This stretch of the river, roughly 1,500 metres, is at present being used by the Allied Pontoon Units for Bridge-building training of Mobile Units.

4. If the Pontoon Units have no objection, we request that you take the matter up, and find out whether it would be possible for the Training Units to use a stretch further up-river instead of the present stretch.

5. As Lake BRACCANO cannot be used, the TIBER river-mouth is the only other suitable place as a Seaplane Base for ROME. It would be of great value for the Seaplane link-up between ROME and SARDINIA.

6. With reference to para 4 above. If this proves impossible, we request that you grant us the use of MISIPA (NAPLES) as a landing place for the Seaplane link-up between NAPLES and SARDINIA, and the authority to land on Lake PATRUA if weather conditions prevent landings at MISIPA, which is very rare during the summer season.

Signed: Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 18 April 1945

TO: Commanding Generals:

Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, APO 49
Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, IN TURN

1. Reference is made to basic communication and attached inclosure, which are self-explanatory.

2. Your concurrence and/or comments are requested.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

*R. H. Frese*R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General1 Incl
n/c

AG 686.9 (RCGCT)

2d Ind.

Hq, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, APO 49,
U. S. Army, 24 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, does not concur as it urgently requires the area referred to in basic communication for training purposes. Requisition was approved by Real Estate Section RAAC, and subject area is allocated to the Engineer School Detachment, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, as a training site for "wet" Bailey Bridging.

2. Other sites tentatively selected prior to occupation of the present one had to be relinquished for the following reasons:

a. Site No. 1, located on the Tiber some four miles NE of Cecchignola was impractical for use because of restrictions imposed by barge traffic on the river.

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1st Ind. AG-686.9 (RCGCT)
dtu 24 April 1945, Cont'd.

b. Site No. 2, located just downstream from the entrance of the navigation canal was abandoned for the same reason as No. 1.

3. The present site was requisitioned by this command when British units vacated the area, and was occupied by the Engineer School Detachment, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, on or about 1 April 1945. A great deal of work has been done in development of this site, clearing and construction.

4. If required to vacate the present site, the Engineer School Detachment, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, would be seriously hampered in its training activities, especially since no other suitable location is available within a reasonable distance of the School.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



N. O. THOMAS
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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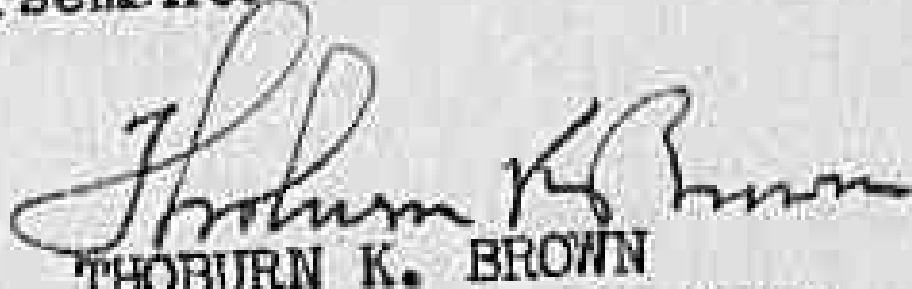
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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 29 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

I concur in the statements contained in 2nd Indorsement.


THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

1 Incl.
n/c.

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AG 510 3rd Ind. TKB/rw
HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S.Army, 29 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S.Army.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

N. O. THOMAS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 18 April 1945

TO: Commanding Generals:
Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, APO 49
Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, IN TURN

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General1 Incl
n/c

2nd Ind.

AG 686.9 (REGCT)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
APO 650

ACT/PES/ebw

28 March 1945.

MAAF/S.44/AIR

MEMORANDUM:

TO : AFHQ (G-3)

Seaplane Base for IAF

1. Attached is copy of a letter received from the Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.

2. As the Italians complied so readily with your recent request to vacate the Lake Braccaino area, it is recommended that every effort be made to meet this request.

L.T. PANKHURST,
Air Commodore,
Deputy Director of Operations.

1 Incl:

Incl 1 - Ltr fr Stato Maggiore, IAF
to AF Sub-Comm, Rome dtd 18
Mar 45, 'Seaplane Base For
Military Air Courier'.

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TRANSLATION

From: Stato Maggiore, I.A.F.
To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.
Date: 18th March, 1945.
Ref.: 25536/Op/2300 coll

SEAPLANE BASE FOR MILITARY AIR-COURIER

On the 16th inst. we visited the Southern part of the TIBER with a view to finding a suitable place for a Seaplane Base for the link-up with SARDINIA.

2. We think that the only suitable part of the river is that which flows approximately from the river-mouth (corresponding to 00° 13' meridian west of Mt.MARIO) to the first island in the river (corresponding to 00° 11' 50" meridian west of MONTE MARIO).

3. This stretch of the river, roughly 1,600 metres, is at present being used by the Allied Pontoon units for Bridge-building training of Mobile Units.

4. If the Pontoon Units have no objection, we request that you take the matter up; and find out whether it would be possible for the Training Units to use a stretch further up-river instead of the present stretch.

5. As Lake BRACCAINO cannot be used, the TIBER river-mouth is the only other suitable place as a Seaplane Base for ROME. It would be of great value for the Seaplane link-up between ROME and SARDINIA.

6. With reference to para 4 above. If this proves impossible, we request that you grant us the use of NISIDA (NAPLES) as a landing place for the Seaplane link-up between NAPLES and SARDINIA, and the authority to land on Lake Patria if weather conditions prevent landings at NISIDA, which is very rare during the summer season.

Signed: Chief of Staff.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

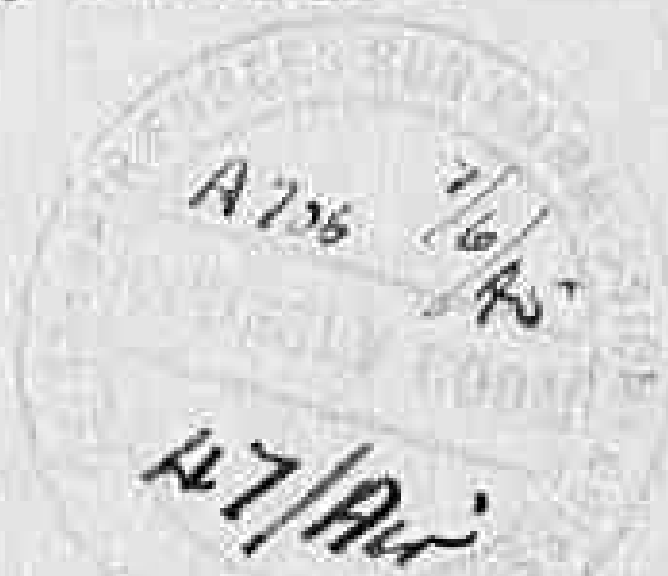
4 June 1946

RAAC/18/25 /G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Security Area - Lake BRACCIANO

TO: AFHQ (G-3 Division),
APO 612 US Army*Not to us*

1. In further ref to your 236/1 of 22 May, subject as above.
2. Accommodation has been arranged for Italian Air Staging Post (Italian Air Force), by the Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, at FAGNI on Lake Bracciano.
3. It is expected that flying will take place in the immediate future over this area, and that aircraft will use the Northern part of Lake Bracciano.
4. In accordance with para 6 of your above-quoted letter, the following measures to maintain the security of the RAC Training Area are proposed, and have been agreed with Air Forces Sub Commission:-
 - (a) That Italian aircraft will not taxi South of line BRACCIANO - across Lake BRACCIANO - Northern edge of Lake MARTIGNANO.
 - (b) That Italian aircraft will not fly over the zone as given in sub-para (a) above.
5. May approval for the implementation of these measures be forthcoming as soon as possible, and notification forwarded to all concerned.



Alban
ALBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commander,

Copy: Air Forces Sub Commission AC (conversation Wing Comdr B14338
- G-3 (Br) of 4 Jun refers)
HQ RAC, AFHQ
1 Training Establishment RAC
G-2 Rome Area.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. G.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date*: 4th. June, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4200/ALS.

Seaplane Base - River Tiber.

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1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/22/AIR dated 20th. April, 1945.
2. Information has been received from A.F.H. that the Bridge Building Training Unit now located on the River Tiber will continue in effect.
3. It is not considered desirable that the location of this unit should be moved.

Conroy S.

(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
for Chief of Staff/RAF.ROME.

*Provisions allowed
Op. 1st July.*

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Taranto
c/o 54 P.T.C., R.A.F.
Date : 6th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/47/AIR

SEAPLANE BASE - S. NICOLA VARANO

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The Italian Air Ministry have applied to transfer the seaplane base at S. Nicola Varano to Taranto, owing to difficulties with malaria experienced there.

2. Your views regarding the transfer would be appreciated.


F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Taranto,
o/o 54 P.T.C. , R.A.F.
Date : 6th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/47/AIR

SEAPLANE BASE - TRIESTE

In reply to your letter ILO/125/Org of the 1st June it is regretted that permission cannot at present be given to the proposed visit to the Seaplane Base, Trieste, by the Italian Officers mentioned therein.

2. Owing to the present state of affairs there, it is felt that an initial survey could be more easily dealt with by Allied Officers, but this does not preclude the possibility of a visit at a future date.

3. It must be noted that the Foglio di Viaggio covers only personnel in uniform, and not in civilian clothes.

Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 1/6/45
REF. : 26113/OP 5/3273 COLL

S.NICOLA VARANO SEAPLANE BASE

and f.i. to : COMANDO UNITA' AEREA PARI

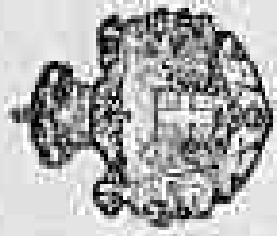
Due to the end of hostilities and to the fact that the seaplane base at S.Nicola Varano during the summer is a malarious area, we request you to authorise us, if you have no objections, the transfer of the seaplane base to Taranto.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE



T. by E. Gasparini

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

1^a Sezione Operazioni li 28/10/1941 194

Prot. N. 2.641/2.124 i Alleg. 3273 C.R. Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Sezione Idro S. Nicola Varano.

AL AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION / A.C.

ROMA

e; per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO UNITA' AEREA

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In relazione alla cessazione delle ostilità ed al fatto che la sede di S. Nicola Varano nel periodo estivo è infestata da malaria, si prega cedere A.D.S.C./A.C. voler autorizzare, ove non esistano motivi contrari, il rientro della Sezione Idro ivi dislocata alla sua sede normale di Taranto.



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT NO. 1 TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT
RAC, VIGNA DI VALLE, ON FRIDAY 1 JUNE 1945, 1000 HRS

Present:	Wing Comm S. BROWN	Air Forces Sub Commission AG
	Major GILBERT	1st SLU
	Major GRANT	OSO, II 10 Training Team RA
	Major McINNES	1 Training Establishment RAC
	Lieut JOHNSON	1 Training Establishment RAC
	Major BRIDGEMAN	RAF (British), RAAC

1. Information

Following visit of Air Vice Marshal MCDONNELL, Air Forces Sub Commission AG, to Dep Comm Base Area Allied Command, on 31 May, meeting was called to examine accommodation problem and area required by Italian Air Force, in the vicinity of LASE GRACIANO.

2. Points dealt with at Meeting.

G-3 (British) RAAC opened meeting with outline of reasons for conference. These are as follows:-

- (a) Proposals called for in matter of accommodation for Italian Air Force in or near GRACIANO.
- (b) Bounds and limitations: RAC Restricted Area and Security measures in force.

3. Accommodation.

- (a) This was taken first. Wing Comm Bridges stated accommodation required as soon as possible for approx

10 Officers)
40 R A F) Italian Air Force

This det would, for the purpose of the meeting, constitute an Italian Air Staging Force. Not envisaged that a 4th or 5th would be likely to appear at this juncture.

- (b) Proposal was: Covered accommodation for preference with slipway and/or jetties in vicinity. Consideration to tented camp not overlooked.



4. Majors Goff and Grant then examined the present accommodation situation in BRACCIANO and vicinity. Result of the discussion was that a "recco" would follow conclusion of meeting, on proposals made.

5. Security: Restricted Area.

This angle was then discussed. Major McInnes, RAC, Lieut Johnson and G-3 (British) gave Wing Comd Bisdorff the current policy laid down by AFHC on Security together with details of limitations and boundary at present in operation.

6. Following measures, it was agreed, would be proposed in due course, both by Rome Area Allied Command and Air Forces Sub Commission, for approval by AFHC:-

- (a) Italian aircraft will not taxi South of line BRACCIANO - across LAKE BRACCIANO - North edge of LAKE MARTIGNANO.
- (b) Italian aircraft will not fly over zone given in sub para (a) at heights below 1,000 ft.
- (c) Such flights over this zone would be carried out ONLY if wind changes affected take-off and landings North of demarcation line.

7. Recco.

Meeting adjourned and Wing Comd Bisdorff, Major Grant and G-3 (British) then proceeded to examine following suggested accommodation:-

- (a) House on coast at 491.919. House empty and closed. Name of agent taken by Wing Comd Bisdorff. Estimated would accommodate 20-25 personnel. Tentative accommodation in close vicinity possible.
- (b) Disused aircraft hanger on coast at 493.915 with good slipway. Would be suitable for Seagull Post routine.
- (c) House in close proximity at present occupied by Interpreters of 10 Training Team RA. Major Grant stated that this could be made available in about 10 days and satisfactory alternative arrangements made for his staff. Again tentage would be necessary. Estimated would accommodate approx 20-25 personnel.

8. Boats.

Party then visited boat factory at 496.912, name of which is Laborati Allestimenti Nautici. Wing Comd Bisdorff examined stocks available for suitable type required by Italian Air Force.

Conclusions.

9. Wing Comd Bisdoo stated that he thought accommodation visited would be suitable and that preference might be given to house as given in para 7 (c) adjoining aircraft hangar.

10. Balance of personnel in tents and small camp erected in vicinity also favourably viewed.

11. Requisitioning, labour, signals, and other domestic matters would be taken up and arranged through Italian sources.

12. Wing Comd Bisdoo stated that further advice would be notified on the result of the meeting and record of this morning to Dep Comd, Rome Area Allied Command, after Air Forces Sub Commission have pronounced on the matter. In any case, RAAC would be informed of future moves in respect of this subject.



E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,

Rome Area Allied Command.

1 Jun 45.

Copy: Wing Comd Bisdoo, Air Forces Sub Commission AC ✓
Major Gelardi, 1st BLU
Major Grant, 10 Training Team RA
Major McInnes, 1 Training Establishment RAC
Lieut Johnson, 1 Training Establishment RAC
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AA & CMC
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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission Detachment, TARANTO,
C/o. No. 54 P.T.C., R.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
(For attention by S/Ldr. Bradshaw).

Date:- 1st June, 1945.

Ref:- ILO/125/Org.

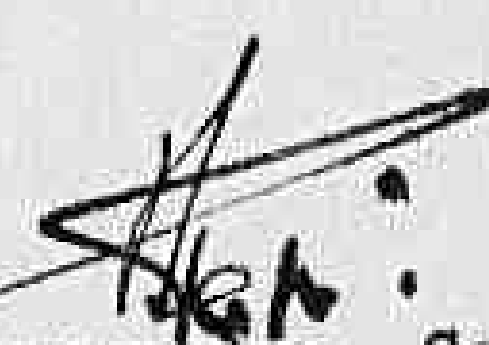
Seaplane Base, Trieste. B.

The attached request from the Officer Commanding the Italian Seaplane Wing to send two Officers to make a preliminary inspection of the Seaplane Base at Trieste is forwarded for favourable consideration. The advance information thus obtained would be invaluable for planning future commitments.

2. If authorised, passages can be arranged from Taranto in an Allied warship.

C.831 4/6/45

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Wing Commander, Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Detachment, Taranto.

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I think that the answer will be no, as Trieste is out of bounds to Italian. Let me know if this is correct. 4/6

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(c)RAGGRUPPAMENTO IDROVOLANTI
TARANTO

30/5/45

WING COMMANDER CLIFT

I.L.O. TOTALI C/O 54 P.T.C.

REF. 106

TARANTO

In view of eventual arrangements of transport for Allied Authorities to be effected by Cant Z 506 to Trieste this Command would like to send one Pilot Officer and one Observer Officer as technicians to make a preliminary inspection of the Seaplane Base at Trieste. These Officers might go in an Allied warship.

In order to avoid inconvenient with Jugoslave Authorities the a/m Officers should travel in civilian dress.

IL COMANDANTE
T.COL. MARIO CORSINI

T. by E. Gasparini

RACCRUPPAMENTO IL COVOLANTI
TARANTO

Taranto 30 maggio 1945

Wing Commander CLIFF

I.I.G. TOTALI C/O 54 P.E.C.

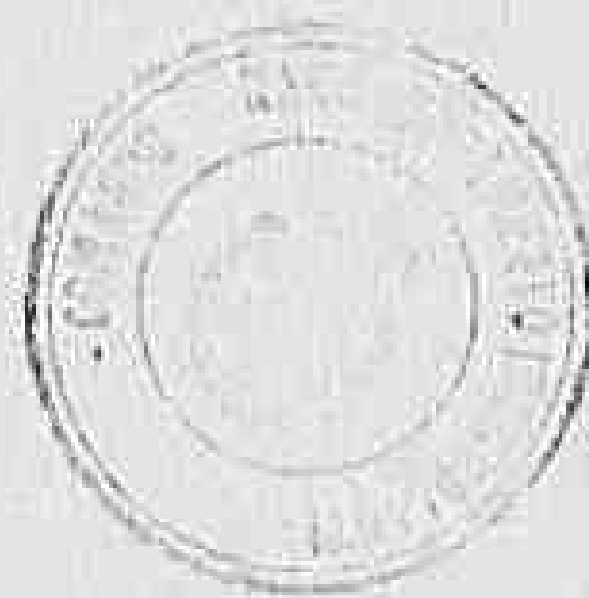
Prot. 106 RP

: TARANTO :

In previsione di eventuali trasporti di personalità Alleste da effettuarsi con i Cant Z. 506 a Trieste, questo Comando propone d'inviare con qualche mezzo navale Alleste un Ufficiale Pilota ed un Ufficiale Osservatore in qualità di tecnici per verificare lo stato di efficienza degli impianti aeroportuali dell'Aeroporto di Trieste situato nel porto.

Per evitare eventuali inconvenienti con le Autorità Jugoslave i suddetti Ufficiali partirebbero in abiti civili.

IL COMANDANTE
(Ten.Col. Pilota - Mario Corsini)



Mario Corsini

REPORT ON RESULTS OF VISIT BY W/COR P 9
TO LAKE BRACCIANO IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING
A FLYING BOAT STAGING POST ON THE LAKE

1 JUN 45

1. Meeting with Army Authorities at H.Q. No 1 Army Est R.A.C. The results of this meeting were as follows:-

- (a) It was agreed that I.A.F. Seaplanes might use the Lake provided that an order was issued to the Italians and rigidly adhered to that they should not taxi or fly south of a line joining BRACCIANO to the northern end of lake MARIIGNANO. This restriction is a perfectly reasonable one from the point of view of operating seaplanes.
- (b) The old F.B. base north of BAGNI was considered the most suitable place to establish the I.A.F. pending the evacuation by the R.A.C. of the southern shore of the lake which is likely to take up to three months in view of the work programme on hand. When this is evacuated it will be open to the I.A.F. to build for the extensive installations in this area which was previously their main base on the lake.

2. Visit to former base at BAGNI. This consists of an ~~ex~~ undamaged slipway and adjoining quayside with depth of water to take a dinghy but probably not a refuelled alongside. At the back of the slipway is a large hangar full of junk. Adjoining the hangar there

is considerable storage and workshop accommodation, and some further accommodation where the construction has not been completed. There are several rooms more or less suitable for living accommodation. There is some workshop (carpenters) being used at present with electric power from a dynamo. The various people using the storage and workshops were as far as could be ascertained civilians without any rights there.

3. Living Accommodation. There is a house adjacent to the slipway that is at present inhabited by six army interpreters and their six batmen. The army officer in charge offered to arrange for this to be evacuated if necessary. There is also another unoccupied house of about the same size quarters of a mile beyond.

4. ^{Moorings} ~~Buoys~~. There are none at present. This will be one of the first necessities for the base, though aircraft may anchor or use metal buoys further along by the pier at BAHNI immediately.

5. Boats. No trace could be found of a seaplane tender on the lake, though the R.A.C. have a fast though unreliable motor boat which they use as a safety boat for their own operations. There is a factory between the slipway and the pier at BAHNI which is turning out various kind of motor boat for the Navy of suitable type for dinghies and runabouts.

6. B.O.A.C. Refueler. This was inspected. It appears far too large and heavy and probably too deep to attempt to transfer it to CAIRO.

From: Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.I.L.F.
 To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date: 24th. May, 1945.

Ref: 13AF/4200/ALS.

SECRET

Bracciano Lake - Seaplane Base.

1. With reference to your letter 1350/22/AFR dated 3rd. May, 1945, this matter has been referred to Allied Force Headquarters who have agreed that Lake Bracciano is no longer required as a training area, but, for the reasons which follow, only restricted use of the lake may be given to the Italian Air Force for the time being.
2. Salvage, repair and testing of secret equipment is being carried out at Lake Bracciano prior to despatch. The work is urgent and nothing must be permitted to cause delay. It is anticipated that this work will be completed within six weeks when the R.A.C. establishment will be closed down and the area evacuated.
3. Accordingly, it is confirmed that until such time as the R.A.C. establishment is closed down, the prohibition on the use of the lake by the Italians may be modified to permit:-
 - (a) Italians to fly over the lake.
 - (b) Italians to use the lake providing entry to the lake is prohibited.
4. You are requested, therefore, to contact the Area Commander in Rome and work subject to his restrictions.
5. It must be made quite clear to the Italian authorities that the speedy repair of the equipment referred to has unquestioned priority, and that the modifications outlined in para. 4. do not permit them to intrude into the secret area.

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(P. W. R.),

Flight Lieutenant,

for

Air Vice-Marshal,

Chief of Staff/RAF Med 42

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(P. W. W.),

Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF New 42

AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

2nd March, 1945.

ANSC/22/AIR.

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter just received from Headquarters M.A.A.F. which rescinds the permission given for the Seaplane Courier Service to use LAKE BRACCIANO.

2. It is much regretted that I have to forward you this information, and I must request that you will comply with paragraph 3 and let us know when all Italian personnel and equipment have been removed.

3. I should be interested to know whether you propose to continue with plans for the Seaplane Courier Service from TARANTO via VISTA to ELMAS, and from TARANTO to NAPLES.

W.A.D.
W.A.D. BOWEN-EUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

H.E. General M. Aimeo Cat,
Chief of Air Staff,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

Min in File Containing Directive on opening Seaplane Base at
A.O.C. Bracciano S.S.G. L. Bracciano.

One of the ^{Italian} officers concerned with opening up
Lake Bracciano has today informed me that no
obstacles have been met with, and that a motor boat has
been successfully requisitioned by from the Italian Navy.
They ^{are therefore} propose to run the Sardinian Seaplane
service into Bracciano instead of Nisida as soon
as the bookings at Naples can be terminated. In effect
this means that the first ~~regular~~ ^{regular} courier seaplane will
land at Bracciano on 1st July next.

Letter

Type look up
fileJohn Ruffell
officer

From: A.F.S.C. Rome

To: Italian Air Ministry

Date: 16 June 45

Ref: 251/P2 (Courses for officers)

TOXADITION OF ~~ITALIAN~~ ^{RAF} GENERAL SERVICE SCHOOL.

1. Further to directive on the opening of a General Service School for the I.A.F. dated 2/1/45 it is desired to remove any possible misunderstanding of the terms employed in the Appendices containing prepared outline syllabi. It should be clearly understood that ^{when} references to study of RAF manuals occur, the intention is for the I.A.F. to use their own equivalent publication. RAF manuals cannot be made available for I.A.F. Training.
2. An explanation of certain terms ^{employed} in the above mentioned Appendices is set out below.

(a) P.T. = Physical Training

(b) Org & Admin = Organization and Administration

(c) Orderly Officer, Sgt only: Officer of H.Q. responsible for kitchen services
Additional duties: ~~2/1/45~~ 2/1/45

(d) Guard Report: = Document recording activity of a guard during hours of duty

(e) P.S.I. = President of Service Institute, the latter being the person in charge and the former being the officer responsible for the funds raised

(f) S.S.O. = Station Standing Order; S.R.O. = Station Rules Order; P.O.R. =

Personal Occurrence Report; A.D.O. = Air Ministry Order.

(g) I.R. = King's Regulations, the principle manual governing all aspects of the service.

(h) Manual of Air Force Law, 1944

for my signature

1st July - The Ites are making arrangements to
run the Nisida service into Bracciano as
from 1st July.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F. A.L.S.
DATE: 25TH MAY, 1945.
REF: AFSC/27/AIR.

MISIDA SEAPLANE BASE.

Attached herewith is a copy of H.Q. M.A.A.F. letter MAAF/1606/CRC agreeing in principle to the release of the above-mentioned Seaplane Base to the Italian Air Force, together with a copy of a letter from Peninsular Base Section, APO.782, releasing premises at MISIDA; also attached are copies of signals from the Naval Authorities stating that they have no objection to the use of MISIDA by the Italian Air Force.

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2. This correspondence is forwarded at the request of SQUADRON LEADER CONROY of your Headquarters.

W.S.
I.E. BROUKE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F. A.L.S.

DATE: 29TH MAY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/27/AIR.

NISIDA SEAPLANE BASE.

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I.E. BROUPE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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C. IN C. MED (R) NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
ROME.

FORAM,

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 171235B PARA 3 NO OBJECTION TO THE USE OF NISIDA.
2. MY 011225A NOVEMBER GIVES DETAILS.

REF. AIR FORCE S/C REQUEST. =181103B. MAY.

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P.L.

T.O.R. 158/18.

18/5/45.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME (R) FOMAM FOTALI

C IN C MED.

CONFIDENTIAL.

YOUR 101758 MAY. NO OBJECTION BY C IN C MED. TO OPERATION OF THIS SERVICE AT
SPERZA ANCONA AND VENICE.
2. FULL DETAILS OF LANDING AREAS AND SHORE FACILITIES AT LEGHORN AND GENOA
ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THESE PORTS CAN BE INCLUDED.
3. SIMILAR DETAILS FOR ALL PORTS CONCERNED ARE ALSO REQUESTED.
4. I.A.P. HAS ALSO REQUESTED USE OF NISIDA AS SEAPLANE BASE FOR LINK UP
WITH SARDINIA. NO OBJECTION BY C IN C MED. FOMAM IS REQUESTED TO COMMENT.
5. REQUEST NAVY SUB COMM. ROME CONTINUE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FOMAM AND FOTALI.
KEEPING C IN C MED. INFORMED.

171235 B MAY.

DIS. 3.9.10. (REF. AIR FORCE S/C REQUEST)

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. G.M.F.

To:- Air Force Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

Date:- 5th. May, 1945.

Ref:- MAF/4200/ALS.



Seaplane Base for I.A.F.

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1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/22/AIR dated 20th. April, 1945.
2. It is agreed that the south side of the Tiber, as outlined in your letter under reference, may be used as a Seaplane Base for the I.A.F.
3. It is understood from the A.C.C. A.F.S.C., that the Pontoon Unit is no longer operating on this stretch, in which case there should be no complications.

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(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
for Chief of Staff/RAF. MedME.

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Para 3 is not correct.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE: 5TH MAY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/22/AIR.

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With reference to the establishing of a Seaplane Base near ROME, it is requested that you will take immediate steps to establish a small Seaplane Base at the mouth of the Tiber (OSTIA.) It is unlikely that LAKE BRACCIANO will be released for this purpose in the immediate future. However, it is hoped that eventually you will be permitted to re-open your Base on LAKE BRACCIANO, therefore the Base near OSTIA should be established on a temporary basis.

2. It is requested that you will inform me when you expect to be able to complete arrangements for operating Seaplanes from the OSTIA Base, in order that planning for the extension of the Seaplane Courier Service may be facilitated.

not sent

I.E. BRIDLE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copy:
H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
Allied Liaison Section.

Held up because SpA Conway informed Major Base that we can not have better because an American bridge team will arrive. Sent Major Base a note stating that Major Base to contact MAFB investigation on the spot. SpA for unit to be moved to Po River because better seaplane base urgently required. MAFB contacted with above information a daily phone call is being made to SpA for daily information. SpA 6/2

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

DATE: 3RD MAY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/22/AIR.

TOP SECRET.

BRACCIANO LAKE -- SEAPLANE BASE.

In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy and the urgent requirement to establish a Seaplane Base near ROME in order to allow of the extension of the courier service, it is requested that further consideration may be given to allow the Italian Air Force to re-establish itself on LAKE BRACCIANO.

2. The history of this alighting area is that we asked for it to be requisitioned for the Italian Air Force last February and this was approved by H.Q. Peninsular Base Section, but rescinded shortly afterwards by H.Q. M.A.A.F. (H.Q. MAAF/S.44/1/AIR of 1st March 1945,) because the Lake was being used for research and development purposes for Tactical Weapons of the British Army, and was considered highly undesirable to have Italian aircraft and personnel flying in the area. Consequently the work and progress on the base at the Lake was suspended, and Italian personnel and equipment were evacuated.

3. The only alternative Base near ROME is the mouth of the Tiber which is unsatisfactory as it is, in effect, a one-way strip, and accommodation is not immediately available.

4. If it is impractical to allow the Italian Air Force to use the Base on LAKE BRACCIANO immediately, it is requested that you will inform me when it is likely that it would be available; in this event it is suggested that the C.G. No.1 Training Establishment, R.A.S.C., be asked to inform this Sub-Commission direct, if and when they are to pull out.

[Signature]
I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

*Spoke Col. Staphord & S/C Conway at MAAF on
4/5/45. See End 70^A for action.
PDS 5/6.*

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
To: H.Q. M.A.A.F.
Date: 26th April, 1945
Ref.: AFSC/22/AIR

SEAPLANE BASE FOR I.A.F.

The original request from the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff was forwarded to you on 24th March, 1945. We have been informed that this had not been received by H.Q. M.A.A.F. We, therefore, enclose a second copy for your attention and early action.

It is not known whether the Pontoon training units mentioned could be moved to another location, but possibly the training will cease at an early date, making the location available to the I.A.F.



E.J. SASS,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
For AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, NAPLES.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME. ✓

Date:- 22nd March, 1945.

Ref :- AFSC/N/22/AIR.



NISIDA / LAGO DI PATRIA, Near Naples.

1. It is understood that there is a possibility that Nisida may be used as a seaplane base for Air Sea Rescue and other purposes.
2. Should this come about it would assist matters if Lago di Patria could be used as an emergency landing water when the wind or sea render landing at Nisida a dangerous or impractical proposition.
3. A visit was accordingly made to Lago di Patria to-day by Lt. Col. Dentice and the undersigned to see whether any Allied Units were in occupation of either Lake itself or the ground around the Lake.
4. There is nothing on the Lake and there are no Allied or other Units on that part of the ground which would be required.
5. There are two A.M.F.S. fairly near, but the Officer Commanding stated that it would not affect their work in any way were seaplanes to use the Lake.
6. There is also an American Ordnance Depot (No. 481) right at the very extremity of the Lake. The Commanding Officer of this Unit was absent, but it is so far away from any scene of seaplane activity that it is thought it could not be affected in any way.
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8. Lago di Patria was originally a seaplane base of the I.A.F., and one of the buildings on the land is practically intact, so that very little expense would be incurred to put it ship-shape.

9. May authority therefore be given, please, to use Lago di Patria for the purpose set forth above.

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

Copy to:-

A.F.S.C., A.C., Bari.
W/Cdr. Clift, Taranto.

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
To: H.Q. M.A.A.F.
Date: 24th March, 1945
Ref: AFSC/22/AIR

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E.J. SASS,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
For AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From : Stato Maggiore I.A.F.
 To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 Date : 10th March 1945
 Ref : 25536/op/2300/Coll

SEAPLANE BASE FOR MILITARY AIR COURTES

On the 16th inst we have visited the south part of the Tiber in order to find a place suitable for seaplane base for the link-up with Sardinia.

2. We think that the only suitable part of the river is which flows approximately from the river-month (corresponding to 00°13'00" meridian west of Mt. Mario) to the first island in the river (corresponding to 00°11'50" meridian west of Mt. Mario).
3. This spot of the river, roughly 1.600 mtrs, is at present being used by Allied Pontoon Units for the training of mobile Units to erect bridges.
4. If the Pontoon Units have no objections we request you to take the matter up and see if it is possible to use for the training, a spot of the river up-stream instead of the a/m spot.
5. This would be of great importance for the seaplane link-up between Roma and Sardinia. If it will not be possible to land on Lake Bracciano, this spot at the river-month of the Tiber is the only suitable place as a seaplane base for Rome.
6. Referring to para 4, if this is not possible, we request you to grant us to use Nisida (Naples) as a landing place for the seaplane link-up between Naples and Sardinia and the authority to land on Lake Patria if the weather prevent the landing at Nisida which during the summer season is very rare.

The Chief of Staff

translated by Elena Gasparini



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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

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Risposta al foglio N. *1280* del

Prot. N. 25536 *1280* *18 MAR 1942* Alleg.

OGGETTO: *1280* *18 MAR 1942* *194*

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1. In data 16 corr. è stato effettuato un sopralluogo lungo la parte inferiore del Tevere allo scopo di trovare uno specchio d'acqua idoneo allo scalo dei velivoli idro, destinati al collegamento con la Sardegna.

2. Si è constatato che l'unica parte del fiume amarevole è quella che, espressamente, dalla Foca (in corrispondenza del meridiano 00°13'00" east di Monte Mario) va sino alla prima isola del fiume (in corrispondenza del meridiano 00°11'50" east di Monte Mario).

3. Datto tratto di fiume, della lunghezza di circa 1600 metri, è attualmente utilizzato da alcuni reparti pontieri alleati per addestramento al gettamento di ponti costituiti da elementi mobili.

4. Quella, agli effetti dell'addestramento dei reparti pontieri alleati in istruzione, non essendo particolarmente adatta, si prega esaminare la possibilità di fare utilizzare, per la esercitazione pratica, un tratto di fiume più idoneo in sostituzione di quello compreso nei limiti sopra segnati.

Ciò sarebbe di grandissima importanza ai fini del collegamento aereo con i loro tra Roma e la Sardegna in quarto, essendo la possibilità di ammassaggio sul lago di Bracciano, lo specchio d'acqua della Foca del Tevere è l'unico utilizzabile come idroscalo per la città di Roma.

5. Qualora non sia possibile attuare quanto si numero precedente...

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1. In data 14 corr. è stato effettuato un sopralluogo lungo la parte inferiore del Tevere allo scopo di trovare una spec- chio d'acqua idonea allo scalo dei velivoli idro, destina- ti al collegamento con la Sardegna.

2. Si è constatato che l'unica parte del fiume ammirabile è quella che, all'estremità settentrionale, dalla foce (in corrispon- denza del meridiano 00°15'00" west di Monte Mario) va si- no alla prima isola del fiume (in corrispondenza del meri- diano 00°15'00" west di Monte Mario).

3. Dato tratto di fiume, della lunghezza di circa 1600 metri, è attualmente utilizzato da alcuni importanti pontieri aliea- ti per addestramento al gettamento di ponti costituiti da elementi mobili.

4. Qualora, negli effetti dell'addestramento dei reparti pontie- ri alleati in istruttoria, non sorgano particolari difficoltà, si prega esaminare la possibilità di fare utilizzare, per la esercitazione pratiche, un tratto di fiume più equivo- co in sostituzione di quello compreso nei limiti sopra segnati.

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5. Qualora non sia possibile attuare quanto al numero preceden- te, si prega di accorciare, come ripiegò, l'ammassaggio a Mi- sina (Napoli), come base normale per il collegamento con idro tra Napoli e la Sardegna e l'autorizzazione di ammas- sare sul lago Patria, ove le condizioni del lago rendono im- possibile lo scalo a Misina; il che nella stagione a- ccende molto di rado.

IL CAIO DI STATO MAG

Luciano

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
To: H.Q. M.A.A.F.
Office of the Director of Operations
Date: 9th March, 1945
Ref.: AFSC/22/AIR

ITALIAN SEAPLANE BASES - LAKE BRACCIANO

18A

7A.

Reference your HQMAAF/S.44/1/AIR dated 1st March, 1945.

2. We have been informed by the Italian Air Ministry that instructions have been given to suspend all work in progress at the base on Lake Bracciano.
3. Italian personnel and equipment were expected to have evacuated the area by 6th March.

WB

W.A.D. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Roma,

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Off Air Forces Sub Com

Allied Commission

- R.O.L.A. -



STATO MAGGIORE R. A.

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Prot. N. 25427 / OT. 6 / Allegati 6/11

Risposta al Foglio del

Div. Sez.

N.

OGGETTO Lago di Bracciano.

1. Riferimento al foglio AFSC/AIR/22 datato 2 o.m.-

2. Sono state impartite disposizioni per la sospensione dei lavori allo scalo e partenza della Imperial Airways.

Si ritiene che entro domani il personale ed attrezzature italiane saranno sgomberati dai locali occupati.

3. Per quanto riguarda il servizio di corrieri aerei con apparecchi idro, qualora non vi siano possibilità di stabilire una base di partenza ed prossima alla città di Roma, si esaminerà la possibilità di collegare Napoli con la Sardegna.

4. Non appena si sarà in possesso degli elementi saranno comunicate le proposte del caso en di delle linee: MILANO - AUGUSTA - ELIAS II, citate al paragrafo n. 3 del foglio

IL CAPO DI S.

Procl. N. 25427/OT. 6. Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del

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IL CAPO DI S

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TOP SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
Office of the Director of Operations

APC 650, U.S. Army,
1 March, 1945.

Ref : HQMAAF/S.44/1/AIR

SUBJECT: Italian Seaplane Bases.

TO : A.O.C. Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

1. Further to our letter of even reference dated 23rd January, 1945, it is regretted that the decision given has to be rescinded as the area around LAKE BRACCIANO is being used for research and development purposes for Tactical weapons of the British Army, and it is highly undesirable to have Italian aircraft and personnel flying in this area.

2. It is requested therefore that urgent action be taken to cancel any arrangements which have been made.

3. May this Headquarters be informed when all Italian personnel and equipment have been removed.

For the Air Commander-in-Chief:

J. L. N. Lawson
for C. P. CABELL,
Brigadier General, USA,
Director of Operations
and Intelligence.

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From: Air Forces Sul Commission, Rome

To: Lt. Col. Keefer,
Deputy Chief of Staff, P.B.S.
APO 782, U.S. Army

Date: 24th February, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/R/22/AIR

BRACCIANO & TREVIGNANO SEAPLANE BASES

Our telephone conversation of 24th February refers.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from M.A.A.F. authorising the requisition of the above named bases for the Italian Air Force. It is requested that these bases be given to the Italian Air Force as not subject to future Allied requisitioning.

2. As our original letter of 30th January was apparently lost it is requested that this matter be given the highest priority possible.

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For E.J. SASS,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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