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TO : DIRECTOR. Sir,

Reference 12A in the old 48/Air file I have now obtained a suggested list of navigational aids for inclusion in the draft.

2. Reference 3A in the new 48/Air file, para.2, the Italians already possess a comprehensive M/P-W/T direction finding service as laid down in the publication U.T.2 Service No. 1.
3. Reference 3A in the new 48/Air file, para.3, the Mountain Rescue Service is already functioning satisfactorily.
4. Reference 3A para.4 I have based my suggested list of navigational aids on what I consider will be the main air routes.
5. Reference 3A para.5 the Flying Control Officers' School is expected to reopen by the end of this month. 20 officers are being trained to take up the immediate duties at the main airports. These courses will then be continued until all establishments as laid down by P.I.C.A.O. have been filled.

17 February 1947.

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E. HOULT P/O
Air III (A.S.O.)

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REPRESENTATION FRANÇAISE
AUPRES DES AUTORITES ALLIEES
EN ITALIE

No 1780/3/REI

17, le 13 Août 1947

Le Colonel C R O S ,
Représentant Français auprès des
Autorités Alliées en Italie

Air Force Section

à l'attention du W./C. GRECE

1. Un télégramme de l'Etat-Major de l'Armée de l'Air Française m'informe qu'un représentant Italien est actuellement à Paris, chargé de se mettre en liaison avec l'Etat-Major de la Défense Nationale et le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères pour régler l'organisation et le fonctionnement du sauvetage en mer des aéronefs en Méditerranée.

2. Dans ces conditions, on estime que la liaison que vous me proposez d'organiser avec les services français de Marseille est prématurée.

3. Je me rends personnellement à Paris à la fin du mois et ferai le point de la question: à mon retour, nous prendrons en commun les décisions utiles.

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Note.

Spoke with Col. Ronda 13/8
who informed that Captain
Vanduet was now at French
A.F. H.Q. in Paris. He will
phone regarding the result of
this visit when Vanduet
returns. Chab. 13/8

To Dir.
DD. 8/8/47



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FROM AFM HEADQUARTERS MALTA 8233052
TO AIR FORCECS BRANCH ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS ROLLS
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NO082/AUG . UNCLASS . YOUR 874514 JULY. 5/LBR HACKING 3. MAY.
G. THIS HQ ARRIVING GATE BY RAIL 2229B HRS 3AUG DURATION OF STAY
TWO DAYS REQUEST ACCOMMODATION .

*1/c Hackett arrived 4/8 & has been
helped to liaise with I.R.F. French 683
and attacking &
arriving and
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FROM: WING COMMANDER C.M.M. GIBCE, D.F.C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

AIR SERVICES BRANCH,

APO 794.

1st August, 1947.

DO/CWG.

Dear *Vodret,*

Thank you for sending me a copy of Colonel Glawe's letter about Air/Sea rescue facilities in the Mediterranean. I attach a copy of the letter, for your information, which the Director of this Branch has sent to Colonel Glawe as a result.

Yours sincerely,

Chubbren.

Captain Piero Vodret,
2a Sezione Assist. Traffico Aereo,
1° Reparto,
Stato Maggiore Aeronautica,
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W/C GREGE

AIR FORCES BRANCH

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I have the pleasure of sending you
a copy of the letter you requested me
yesterday.

Yours respectfully

Piero Volpe

Piero VOLPE
Cpt. I.A.F. Air Staff

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY
AND MILITARY AIR ATTACHE
AMERICAN EMBASSY

BEG/mhq

Rome, Italy 10 July 1947

MAR 452

MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE-AERONAUTICS

SUBJECT: Air Sea Rescue Facilities.

1. The United States Air Forces Europe have recently been delegated the responsibility by our War Department for providing search and rescue facilities in the Mediterranean Area. Inasmuch as the Air Forces facilities have been greatly reduced in the Mediterranean Area, this responsibility is too great without the assistance of other countries in the area. Therefore, United States Air Forces request the cooperation and support of the Italian Air Force in carrying out any required search and rescue missions that may arise in the Mediterranean Area.

2. In order to organize appropriate plans to carry out this mission it is requested that the Italian Air Force furnish this office with the organization, location and functions of the existing air search and rescue facilities presently in operation under the Italian Air Force. In addition, it is also requested an outline of the existing communications net used in directing these rescue organizations be furnished.

3. The Italian Air Ministry is hereby invited to set up some joint cooperative plan of mutual assistance carrying out necessary rescue missions in the Mediterranean Area. Your approval or comments in cooperating in such an effort along ICAO standards are hereby requested. Any conferences or joint planning to carry out the above mission will be arranged by this office between the appropriate Italian Air Officers and the corresponding American Air Force Officers.

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From : Air Forces Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

To : Headquarters MedM. ✓

Date : 17th July, 1947.

Ext. 546.

Ref : AFB/AB/Air.

RADIO AID NAVIGATION.

With the imminent close down of this Branch and the transfer of complete control of all aircraft movement and safety to the I.A.F. it will no longer be possible for the distribution of RADAR publications and amendments to be made from this office. I am therefore requested to note that ~~radio~~ amendments and corrections to the Mediterranean and European series (01, 02, 03, 04, 05) be forwarded direct by you to the Italian Air Ministry and addressed as follows:

Ministero Difesa (Aeronautica)
Centro Soccorso
(Col. Rovada)
Via Castro Pretorio
ROMA

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Chubb.

C.M.E. GRACE, W/Cor,
for Air Commodore,
Director, AFB, AMHQ. 3834

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Copies for files : AFB/3530/2/sigs. ✓
AFB/3528/1/sigs. ✓

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From : Air Force Branch,
Allied Base Headquarters, APO 794.
To : Headquarters MYOCHA, APO 512.
Date : 13th July, 1947.
Ref : 1/3/48/Air.

Ext. 546.

ITALIAN AIR SEA RESCUE SERVICE

Reference is made to your signal C 18242 dated 8th July, 1947, our letter of even reference dated 10th September 1946 and your letter AG 873.4/100225 dated 1st July 1947.

2. A thorough comparison has been made between the contents of this letter and the present organisation of the Italian Aircraft Safety Service, and the following matters are recorded as having undergone some alteration since 1946.

- 1) The Italian peninsula is now divided into six sections for rescue work under the C.A.V. organisation.
Control stations are at Milan, Venice, Rome, Brindisi, Cagliari, Catania.
- 2) The Cant 2 506 seaplanes have not yet been fitted with Lindbergh equipment and it is not now our intention to provide Lindbergh Gear for the Italian seaplane wing.
- 3) Some high speed launches have now been deployed to rescue centres. There are two located at Venice and four at Taranto. It is anticipated that there will shortly be launches at Anzio, La Spezia, Bari, Taranto, Palermo and Cotrone.

3. Arrangements have been made with the Italian Air Ministry for a report showing any changes in the air sea rescue organisation to be rendered to this Headquarters on the 5th of each month. A Summary of this report will be rendered to you.

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for C.M.M. GRICE, W/Odr,
Air Commodore,
Director, AFB, AFHQ.

Copy to Air Headquarters Malta.

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TO AIR FORCES BRANCH AFNO COM
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TO AIR FORCES BRANCH AFHQ ROME

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From : Italian Air Force General Staff
To : A.F.H.Q I.M.A.S. A.F.S.S.
Ref. : 103115/C/722 Coll
Date : 9th May 1947

FAULTS ON THE FLYING SERVICE

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Annex

*Question arises concerning the American
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della Regia Aeronautica
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section

MILITARE Air Forces Sub Section

A.P.Q. 794

2ª Sezione Assistenza Traffico Aereo

Divisione

Reg. A.

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Risposta del
Dir. Tex.

Oggetto Segnalazione disservizio.

Il primo telefono per il quale si è verificato il disservizio è quello della Regia Aeronautica di Pisa.

1. Il giorno 12 aprile 1947 il S.A.T.A. esistente nell'Aeroporto di Guidonia chiedeva alla Direzione del Servizio R.S. notizie circa il mancato arrivo di un Ca.100 partito da Pisa alle ore 08,10 dello stesso giorno.
2. La Direzione del S.R.S. si rivolgeva al C.C.R.S. di Milano perché confermasse o meno la partenza del velivolo in parola essendo quel Centro in collegamento telefonico diretto con l'Aeroporto di Pisa.
3. Nel breve tempo di quattro minuti il C.C.R.S. di Milano rispondeva alla Direzione del S.R.S. che l'American Base Operation di Pisa aveva assicurato che il velivolo in questione si trovava ancora a Pisa.
4. Di quanto sopra veniva informato il S.A.T.A. di Guidonia.
5. Alle ore 12,40 il S.A.T.A. di Guidonia comunicava che il Ca.100 aveva atterrato fuori campo nei pressi di Castiglione di Pescaia per avaria al motore, equipaggio incolume.
6. Da quanto sopra appare evidente che la Direzione del S.R.S. non ha potuto svolgere tempestiva ricerca dell'infortunato a causa dell'errata notizia fornita da parte dell'A.B.O. di Pisa.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

E SOTTOSEGRETARIO

[Handwritten signature]

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Military Affairs Section

Air Forces Sub Section

APO 794

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To: Italian Air Ministry

Ref: AFB/48/AIR.

Subject: Air Sea Land Rescue - MED/ME Command.

29th April 1947.
Ext:- 546.

1. Forwarded herewith is R.A.F. HQ MED/ME Air Sea Land Rescue Organisation Appendix 'A' for your information.
2. You are requested to ensure that the details outlined in the appendix are accurate and up to date in respect of the Italian peninsula. Any changes which may occur are to be reported to this Branch for onward transmission to HQ MED/ME.

Chubb
for C.M.W. GRECE W/cdr.,
Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Force Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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From: Air Headquarters, Italy; R.A.P., C.M.P.

To: R.A.P. Unit, Cinesco (R.P.) C.M.P.
R.A.P. Station, Udine (R.P.)
R.A.P. Station, Treviso
Air Force Sub Section, A.P. S. S. Rome

Date: 12th April, 1947.

Ref: 243/450/112.

AIR SEA AND LAND RESCUE INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU
URGENT

Attached herewith are two copies of HQ/IA. Letter
referenced 243/450/112 dated 27th March, 1947.

[Signature]
(V. J. WICKHAM), Major,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters, Italy;
R.A.P. AIR FORCE, C.M.P.

Enc.

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From:- Headquarters, Royal Air Force, MEDE, ISRAELIA.
 To:- See Distribution List Below.
 Date:- 27th March, 1947.
 Ref:- MEDE/206652/A.T.C.

AIR, SEA, AND LAND RESCUE ORGANISATION MEDE COMMAND.

Your attention is drawn to this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 28th February, 1947. The attached Appendix "A" is provided to replace the original attachment supplied with the above letter.

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(P.A. PENTACROSS) 4/2
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Air Commodore,
 Senior Air Staff Officer,
 H.Q. R.A.F. MEDE, ISRAELIA.

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MED/AIR COMMAND

AIR SEA LAND RESCUE ORGANISATION

APPENDIX "A"

1. AIR SEA LAND, MALTA.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre Malta.
40°00'N. at the Prime Meridian to 39°00'N.,
at the Prime Meridian to 38°00'N., 39°00'N. to
39°20'N., 20°00'N. thence eastwise to 45°30'N.
13°30'N. to 46°00'N. to 11°00'N. to 17°00'N.
12°00'N. to 17°00'N. 06°00'N. to 42°00'N.
06°00'N. to 42°00'N. 02°12'N. thence eastwise
to the Prime Meridian.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. base, R.A.F.,
Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre,
Malta at R.A.F. base co-ordinating control
through R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas
and J.A.T.C. Marseilles, and for marine rescue
through Royal Navy, Malta, and J.A.T.C. Marseilles
for French naval assistance.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancaster, Anson,
Royal Navy Sea Otters, Italian Cant and French
Flying Boat.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 1 Airborne Lifeboat Mk. IIIA
and 4 sets Apparatus Sea Rescue Type A Mk. II
(Limbolme) at Elmas.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - 1 R.A.F. Launch
(EX 133) available, Naval co-operation from
Malta; French naval and air co-operation through
J.A.T.C. Marseilles as follows:-
3 flying boats located St. Mandrier (Near ²⁸² ~~Benito~~),
1 flying boat at Karuba (Tunisia)
1 flying boat at Oran (Algeria),
with 3 marine launches located South of France: 1
at St. Tropez, 1 Port Vieux and 1 at Toulon,
and 2 launches located at Ajaccio (Corsica), Land,
Desert or Mountain Search and Rescue at R.A.F.
Castel Benito through liaison with the British
Army.

2. AIR SEA, ITALY.

- (1) Area Covered is within the area of control of
A.C.C. Malta.

- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Luqa, R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Malta at R.A.F. Luqa co-ordinating control through R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas and J.A.F.C. Marseilles, and for marine rescue through Royal Navy, Malta, and J.A.F.C. Marseilles for French naval assistance.
- (4) Air/Marine Coord. Type. - Lancaster, Anson, Royal Navy Sea Otters, Italian Cant and French Flying Boat.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 1 Airborne Lifeboat Mk. IIA and 4 sets apparatus Sea Rescue Type A Mk. II (Lindholme) at Luqa.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - 1 R.A.F. Launch (EX 158) available, Naval co-operation from Malta; French naval and air co-operation through J.A.F.C. Marseilles as follows:-
 3 Flying boats located St. Mandrier (Near ~~St. Mandrier~~),
 1 Flying boat at Karmaba (Tunisia)
 1 Flying boat at ~~St. Mandrier~~ (Algeria),
 with 3 marine launches located South of France; 1 at St. Tropez, 1 Port Ventres and 1 at Toulon, and 2 launches located at Ajaccio (Corsica), Land, Desert or Mountain Search and Rescue at R.A.F. Castel Benito through liaison with the British Army.

2. A.E.S., ITALY.

- (1) Area Covered is within the area of control of A.G.C. Malta.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - I.A.F. Taranto, I.A.F. Brindisi, I.A.F. Venice, I.A.F. La Spezia, I.A.F. Elmas, R.A.F. Udine.

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2. A.E.Q., ITALY. (Cont.)

- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Malta when required co-ordinating I.A.F. Units under direct control of C.A.V. Rome, who in turn, co-ordinate when required R.A.F. Units through R.A.F. Ciampino (Rome) and in N.E. Italy through R.A.F. Udine.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - I.A.F. aircraft Cants 501 and 506, with available R.A.F. aircraft in N.E. Italy. Italian SR launches located 2 Venice 2 Spezia, 1 Elmas. operationally serviceable during April. One fast launch available in emergency from R.A.S.C. Water Transport Company Trieste.

- (5) Rescue Equipment. - NIL.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Italian Navy through C.A.V. Rome land search and rescue through Carabinieri Frontier Guards and Alpine Association huts who have special mountain rescue teams located throughout route Uline to Vienna. Co-operations of U.S.A.F. available through Duty Operations Officer RAF Unit Ciampino, as follows:-
1 B.17 with lifeboat
1 B.17 without lifeboat
4 Dakotas.

3. A.E.Q., 205 GROUP (PAID).

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- (1) Area Covered by RAF Area Control Centre 'Egypt' (Ismailia).
39 20'N, 20 00'E. to 22 00'N, 20 00'E. to 22 00'N, 39 00'E. to 33 30'N, 39 00'E. thence along Syrian and Lebanese boundaries to 33 03'N, 35 08'E. thence eastwise to 40 45'N, 26 04'E. thence along the Greek boundary to 39 20'N, 20 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - RAF El Adon, RAF Fayid, RAF Kabrit, RAF Shalufa (through "Operations Room" H.Q., 205 Group - Fayid).
- (3) Controlling Authority. RAF Area Control Centre 'Egypt'.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Lancasters, Dakotas, 1 R/P Pinnacle at Panara (Bitter Lakes) 1 R/P Launch (Ex. SR) available Port Said.

(4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - I.A.P. aircraft
Cants 501 and 506, with available R.A.P. aircraft
in N.E. Italy. Italian .ISR launches located 2
Venice 2 Speria, 1 Ulaas. operationally
serviceable during April. . . . One fast
launch available in emergency from R.A.S.C. Water
Transport Company Trieste.

(5) Rescue Equipment. - NIL.

(6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Italian
Navy through C.A.V. Rome land search and rescue
through Carabinieri Frontier Guards and Alpine
Association huts who have special mountain rescue
teams located throughout route Udine to Vienna.
Co-operation of U.S.A.F. available through Duty
Operations Officer R.A.P. Unit Ciampino, as follows:-
1 B.17 with lifeboat
1 B.17 without lifeboat
4 Dakotas.

3. M.S. 205 GROUP (PAYID).

(1) Area Covered by R.A.P. Area Control Centre 'Egypt'
(Ismailia). 3314
39 20'N, 20 00'E. to 22 00'N, 20 00'E. to
22 00'N, 39 00'E. to 33 30'N, 39 00'E. thence
along Syrian and Lebanese boundaries to 33 03'N,
35 08'E. thence coastwise to 40 45'N, 26 04'E.
thence along the Greek boundary to 39 20'N,
20 00'E.

(2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.P. El Adon, R.A.P. Payid,
R.A.P. Kabrit, R.A.P. Shallufa (through "Operations Room"
H.Q., 205 Group - Payid).

(3) Controlling Authority. R.A.P. Area Control Centre 'Egypt'.

(4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Lancasters, Dakotas,
1 R.A.P. Pinnace at Panara (Bitter Lakes) 1 R.A.P. Launch
(Ex. .ISR) available Port Said.

(5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 sets of Apparatus Sea Rescue
Type A, Mk. II (Lindholm) Supply dropping containers
held in quantity.

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3. H.Q., 205 GROUP (FAYED.) (Cont.)

Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation in Mediterranean through H.Q.C., Malta, R.F. Aqir (Senior Naval Officer-Haifa), and R.F. Hassani (Senior Naval Officer - Piraeus). Naval co-operation Red Sea through ACO Aden (Senior Naval Officer - Aden). Great Bitter Lakes through R.F. Ismailia and R.F. Kasfarout. Further air assistance obtainable through Operations Room (205 Group), R.F. Hassani. R.F. Aqir. Land rescue assistance available from R.F. Fl Aden R.F. Benina British Army, Egyptian Police, Egyptian Camel Corp, Egyptian Frontier Guards. Liaison is maintained with an R.A.G.C. Dropping Unit, who afford facilities for the packing of supplies and provision of despatch personnel. Emergency supply stores maintained at R.F. Fayid.

4. HEADQUARTERS R.F. TELEVISION CENTRE.

- (1) Area Covered - is within the area of control of R.F. A.G.C. 'Egypt' (Ismailia)
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.F.A.F. Eleusis, R.H.A.F. Heraklion (Crete), R.H.A.F. Piraeus.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Egypt co-ordinating control through R.A.F. Hassani.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Wellington, R.H.A.F. Piraeus at Piraeus and Heraklion.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 sets of Apparatus Sea rescue type A. III II (Lindholms) Mk. II R.H.A.F. Eleusis.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Senior Naval Officer Piraeus and Naval co-operation from Malta and ground search and rescue from British Army Forces in Greece where located, if required.

5. A.H.Q., I.R.Q.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre 'Iraq'.
33°30'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 56°00'E, thence Northwards along Meridian 56°00'E, to Persian Coast and thence coastwise round the Persian Gulf and Iraq

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obtainable through Operations Room (205 Group), R.F. Hassan, R.F. Agir. Land rescue assistance available from R.F. El Adon R.F. Benina British Army, Egyptian Police, Egyptian Camel Corp, Egyptian Frontier Guard. Liaison is maintained with an R.A.S.C. Dipping Unit, who afford facilities for the packing of supplies and provision of despatch personnel. Emergency supply store maintained at R.F. Nayid.

4. HEADQUARTERS R.F. REGIMENT GRUPE.

- (1) Area Covered - is within the area of control of R.F. A.C.C. 'Egypt' (Ismailia)
- (2) Position of Facilities, - R.H.A.F. Eleusis, R.H.A.F. Heraklion (Crete), R.H.A.F. Piraeus.
- (3) Controlling Authority, - Area Control Egypt co-ordinating control through R.A.F. Hassan.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types, - Wellington, R.H.A.F. Piraeus at Piraeus and Heraklion.
- (5) Rescue Equipment, - 6 sets of Apparatus Sea Rescue Type L. II (Lindholme) Mk. II R.H.A.F. Eleusis.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities, - Liaison with Senior Naval Officer Piraeus and Naval co-operation from Malta and ground search and rescue from British Army Forces in Greece where located, if required.

5. A.H.Q., I.R.Q.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre 'Iraq', 33°30'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 56°00'E, thence Northwards along Meridian 56°00'E, to Persian Coast and thence coastwise round the Persian Gulf and Iraq boundary to 33°30'N, 39°00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities, - Iraq Communication Flight R.F. Habbaniya.

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5. A.H.Q., Iraq (Cont.)

- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre Iraq and R.A.F. Habbaniya co-ordinating marine rescue through R.A.F. Bahrain. (Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf.)
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Ventura, Ansons, Tompsets. Ex. ASR launches at Basra.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Parachute Supply Dropping Containers.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Royal Navy Captain in Charge, Bahrain, for available vessels when required; use of transport aircraft if required, and equipped desert rescue parties at Habbaniya, and Shaibah. Contact with Political Resident, Persian Gulf, at Bahrain, 5 target towing launches at Basra (Ex ASR), available through R.A.F. Shaibah.

6. B.F., ALLEN.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre South Arabia.
22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 56°00'E, to 04°00'N, 56°00'E, to 04°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Southern Arabia at Steamer Point Aden.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. Mosquito, Anson, Albacore. 1 R.A.F. Pinnace available. 3816
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 2 sets Apparatus Sea Rescue Type V.A. Mk. II (Lindholms) and Supply Droppers at R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation through Naval Officer in Charge, Aden. Land forces for search and rescue available through Service and local Government sources at Masirah, Salalah, Riyan, Eastern and Western Aden Protectorates, Bargaia, Djibouti.

7. A.H.Q., EAST AFRICA.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre East Africa.
04°00'N, 50°00'E, to 10°00'N, 50°00'E, along

- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Parachute Supply Dropping Containers.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Royal Navy Captain in Charge, Bahrain, for available vessels when required; use of transport aircraft if required, and equipped desert rescue parties at Habbaniya, and Shaibah. Contact with Political Resident, Persian Gulf, at Bahrain, 5 target towing launches at Basra (Ex MSR), available through RZ Shaibah.

6. B.F., ADEN.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre South Arabia.
22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 56°00'E, to 04°00'N, 56°00'E, to 04°00'N, 39°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Southern Arabia at Steamer Point Aden.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. Mosquito, Anson, Albacore. 1 RAF Pirance available. 3816
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 2 sets Apparatus Sea Rescue Type Mk. II (Lindholme) and Supply Droppers at R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation through Naval Officer in Charge, Aden. Land forces for search and rescue available through Services and local Government sources at Masirah, Salalah, Rāyan, Eastern and Western Aden Protectorates, Hargeisa, Djibouti.

7. A.H.Q., EAST AFRICA.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre East Africa.
04°00'N, 50°00'E, to 10°00'S, 50°00'E, along latitude 10°00'S. Westward to the boundary of the Belgian Congo thence following this boundary Northward to latitude 04°00'N to 04°00'N, 50°00'E.

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7. A.R.C., EAST AFRICA, (Cont.)

- (2) Position of Facilities. - East Africa Communications Flight, R.A.F. Eastleigh; Possibility of civil assistance from the East African Airways Company.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, East Africa at R.A.F. Eastleigh.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Ansons. (Temporary availability of 2 Mosquitos)
- (5) Rescue Equipment.
Apparatus Sea Rescue Type A. Mk. II (Lindholms) and parachute supply packs at R.A.F. Kisumu Mombasa, Eastleigh.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Two vessels, Royal Navy, available through Captain in Charge, Kilindini, Mombasa. Ground search through local Government officials in towns and villages. Mobile surgical team based No. 87 General Hospital, Nairobi, available for air transportation to scene of incident.

8. R.A.F. KHARTOUM.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre 'Sudan'.
22°00'N, 25°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 04°00'N, 39°00'E, thence Westwards along to 04°00'N, to the boundary of the Belgian Congo and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, continuing Northwards along the Sudanese boundary to 22°00'N, 25°00'E. 3814
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Station Khartoum.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre Sudan situated at R.A.F. Khartoum.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Wellington.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Supply Dropping Containers. Mk. VB. at Khartoum.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Consist of co-operation with British Military Service, Sudan Defence Force, Sudan Police, District Commissioners, and Sudan Railways.

9. A.R.C., LEVANT.

- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Ansons. (Temporary availability of 2 Mosquitos)
- (5) Rescue Equipment.
Apparatus Sea Rescue Type A. Mk. II (Lindholmen) and parachute supply packs at R.F. Kisumu Mombasa, Eastleigh
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Two vessels, Royal Navy, available through Captain in Charge, Kalindini, Mombasa. Ground search through local Government officials in towns and villages. Mobile surgical team based No. 87 General Hospital, Nairobi, available for air transportation to scene of incident.

8. R.A.F. KHARTOUM.

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre 'Sudan'.
22°00'N, 25°00'E, to 22°00'N, 39°00'E, to 04°00'N, 39°00'E; thence Westwards along to 04°00'N, to the boundary of the Belgian Congo and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, continuing Northwards along the Sudanese boundary to 22°00'N, 25°00'E. 3817
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.F. Station Khartoum.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre Sudan situated at R.F. Khartoum.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Wellington.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Supply Dropping Containers. Mk. VB. at Khartoum.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Consist of co-operation with British Military Service, Sudan Defence Force, Sudan Police, District Commissioners, and Sudan Railways.

9. A.H.C., ISRAEL.

- (1) Area Covered. - Is within the area of control of R.F. I.S.C. Egypt. (Ismailia)
- (2) Position of Facilities. - Lemonsters at Ein Shemer, Railway aircraft at Tel Aviv.

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9. A.E.Q., LEVANT (Cont.)

- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre Egypt, in co-operation with RAF Station Aqir.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancasters Mk. III Halifax.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 Airborne Lifeboats Mk. IVA 10 set of Apparatus Sea Rescue Type Mk. II (Lairdholm) - 17 land supply dropping containers.
- (6) Other rescue facilities. - Local liaison with Royal Navy at Haifa. Palestine Police launches. Land rescue assistance available from British Army, Transjordan Frontier Force, Palestine Police, Arab Legion. This assistance is obtainable through RAF Station Aqir.

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(F. L. PETERSON)
SQUADRON LEADER,

Air Commodore,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
R.A.F., MEDEA, ISMAILIA MEF.

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FROM : AIR FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS, APO 79A.

TO : MR. BAILEY (C.A.C.3) MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION,
ZIMBABWE HOUSE, STRAND LONDON W.C.2.

DATE : 30 JULY, 1947.

REF. : AFM/4804A.

AIRFIELDS OF INTEREST IN AIR TRAFFIC.

Reference is made to our recent conversation.

2. Enclosed please find a copy of U.F.2 and a list of Airfields as provided, it is hoped that these will be of use to you. If further particulars are required please let us know.

for
1. DOWNS, P/O.,
AIR COMMANDER,
MILITARY,

AIR FORCE BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.

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A.M.Q. Italy, E.A.F., C.S.F.

IMAS/AS/AIR/AF

Accident Prevention.

8th March 1947.

1. Reference your AMQI/5920/AIR ACCS dated 24th February 1947.
2. You are referred to my AFSC/AS/AIR dated 17th January 1947. As stated the practice in force at this HQ will be continued.

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for E. BOUT P/O
Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section.

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FROM:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY, G.M.F.
 TO:- R.A.F. Unit TIAMPINO (S.P.) G.M.F.
 R.A.F. Station UDDE.
 R.A.F. Station TRUVING.
 Air Force Sub Section, A.F.H.Q. ROMA.
 DATE:- 27th February, 1947.
 REF:- AHQ/400/AIR.

AIR SEA AND LAND RESERVE ORGANISATION
REVENUE OFFICERS.

Attached herewith copy of Med/M.E. letter
 MEIME/S. 206652/ATS and Appendix "A" dated 27th
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 (R.C.E. LAR 5/100).
 for Senior Air Staff Officer,
 Air Headquarters,
 R.A.F. ITALY, G.M.F. 3807

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From:- Headquarters, Royal Air Force, MEHE, EGYPT.

To:- See Distribution List Below.

Date:- 27th January, 1947.

Ref:- MEHE/S.205652/A.T.S.

AIR, SEA, AND LAND RESCUE ORGANISATION MEHE COMMAND.

Your attention is drawn to this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 27th November and 28th December, 1946. The attached Appendix 'A' is provided to replace the original attachment supplied with the above letters.

2. Instructions are to ensure that any changes which may occur are duly reported to this Headquarters in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 27th September, 1946.

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Air Commodore,
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1. AREA OF INTERESTAIR SEA LAND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONAREA OF INTEREST1. AREA OF INTEREST

- (1) Area Covered - 40°00'N. at the Prime Meridian to 30°00'N. at the Prime Meridian to 30°00'N. 20°00'E. to 39°00'N. 20°00'E. thence coastwise to 45°00'N. 13°00'E. to 46°00'N. to 14°00'E. to 47°00'N. 13°00'E. to 47°00'N. 05°00'E. to 48°00'N. 06°00'E. to 49°00'N. 07°00'E. thence coastwise to the Prime Meridian.

- (2) Position of Facilities - R.A.F. Malta, R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas.

- (3) Controlling Authority - Area Control Centre, Malta at R.A.F. Malta co-ordinating control through R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas and J.A.T.C. Marseilles, and for marine rescue through Royal Navy, Malta, and J.A.T.C. Marseilles for French naval assistance.

- (4) Air Marine Craft Types - Lancaster, Anson, Royal Navy Sea Otters, Italian Cant and French Flying Boat.

- (5) Rescue Equipment - 1 Airborne Lifeboats Mk. III, and 4 sets Lindholme Gear Mk. II at R.A.F. Malta.

- (6) Other Rescue Facilities - 1 R.A.F. Launch (EX ASR) available. Naval co-operation from Malta; French naval and air co-operation through J.A.T.C. Marseilles as follows:-

3 Flying boats located St. Mandrier (near Toulon),
 1 Flying boat at Karouba (Tunisia)
 1 Flying boat at Arzew (Algeria),
 with 3 marine launches located South of France, 1 at St. Tropez, 1 Port Ventre and 1 at Toulon, and
 2 launches located at Ajaccio (Corsica), Land, Desert or Mountain Search and Rescue at R.A.F., Castel Benito through liaison with the British Army.

2. AREA OF INTEREST

- (1) Area Covered is within the area control of A.O.C. Malta.

- (2) Position of Facilities - R.A.F. Taranto, T.A.F. Brindisi, R.A.F. Venetia, R.A.F. La Spezia, R.A.F. Elmas, R.A.F. Olbia.

- (3) Controlling Authority - Area Control Centre, Malta when required co-ordinating, R.A.F. Units under direct control of C.A.V. Rome, who in turn, co-ordinate when required R.A.F. Units through R.A.F. Ciampino (Rome) and in N.E. Italy through R.A.F. Udine.

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- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Luqa, R.A.F. Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Malta at R.A.F. Luqa co-ordinating control through R.A.F., Castel Benito, R.A.F., Elmas and J.A.T.C. Marseilles, and for marine rescue through Royal Navy, Malta, and J.A.T.C. Marseilles for French naval assistance.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancaster, Anson, Royal Navy Sea Otter, Italian Cant and French Flying Boat.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 1 Airborne Lifeboats Mk. III, and 4 sets Lindholme Gear Mk. II at R.A.F. Luqa.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - 1 R.A.F. Landing (EX ASB) available. Naval co-operation from Malta; French naval and air co-operation through J.A.T.C. Marseilles as follows:-
3 Flying boats located St. Aubrier (near Toulon),
1 Flying boat at Karouba (Dressia)
1 Flying boat at Arzew (Algeria),
with 3 marine launches located South of France; 1 at St. Tropez, 1 Port Ventres and 1 at Toulon, and 2 launches located at Ajaccio (Corsica), Land, Desert or Mountain Search and Rescue at R.A.F., Castel Benito through liaison with the British Army.
2. A.R.C. ITALY.
- (1) Area Covered is within the area control of A.C.C. Malta.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Taranto, I.A.F. Brindisi, I.A.F. Venice, I.A.F. La Spezia, I.A.F. Elmas, R.A.F. Udine.
- (3) Controlling Authority. Area Control Centre, Malta when required co-ordinating I.A.F. Units under direct control of C.A.V. Rome, who in turn, co-ordinate when required R.A.F. Units through R.A.F. Giampino (Rome) and in N.F. Italy through R.A.F. Udine.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - I.A.F. aircraft Cante 501 and 506, with available R.A.F. aircraft in N.F. Italy, and Italian high speed launches. Disposition not known. One fast launch available in emergency from I.A.F.C. Water Transport Company Trieste.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - NIL.

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A.H.C., ITALY (cont)

(6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Italian Navy through O.A.V. Base land search and rescue through Carabinieri Frontier Guards and Alpino Association huts who have special mountain rescue teams located throughout route Mainz to Vienna.

3. H.C., 205 GROUP (MAIN) (Area Control Centre 'Egypt' 2)

- (1) Area Covered by Area Control Centre 'Egypt'
39° 30'N, 20° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 20° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 39° 00'E. to 33° 30'N, 39° 00'E. thence along Syrian and Lebanese boundaries to 33° 03'N, 35° 08'E. thence eastwards to 40° 45'N, 26° 04'E. thence along the Greek boundary to 39° 30'N, 20° 00'E.
- (2) Location of Facilities. - RAF El Adem, RAF Heliopolis.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre 'Egypt' located at the Villa Rose Heliopolis.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Ansons, Venturas.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Lindholme gear. Supply dropping containers.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation in Mediterranean through A.C.C., Malta, RAF Agir Senior Naval Officer-Haifa), and RAF Hassan (Senior Naval Officer - Piraeus). Naval co-operation Red Sea through 100 Aden (Senior Naval Officer - Aden). Great Bitter Lakes through RAF Ismailia and RAF Kasfareet. Further Air Assistance obtainable through Operations Room (205 Group), RAF Hassan, 17 Agir. Land rescue assistance available from RAF El Adem, British Army, Egyptian Police, Egyptian Camel Corp, Egyptian Frontier Guards.

4. A.H.C., GREECE

- (1) Area Covered - is within the area control of A.C.C. Egypt.
- (2) Position of Facilities - J.H.A.F. Eleusis, R.H.A.F. Piraeus (Crete), R.H.A.F. Piraeus.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Egypt co-ordinating control through R.H.A.F. Hamaud.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Jellington, R.H.A.F. Piraeus and Piraeus and Heraklion.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 sets Lindholme Gear Mk. II R.H.A.F. Eleusis.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation from Malta and ground search and rescue from British Army Forces in Greece, as located, when required.

5. A.H.C., IRAQ.

- (1) Area Covered - 33° 30'N, 39° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 39° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 50° 00'E. thence Northwards along Meridian

- (3) Controlling Authority: - Area Control Centre 'Egypt' located at the Villa Rose Helipolis.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types: - Ansons, Venturas.
- (5) Rescue Equipment: - Lindholms gear. Supply dropping containers.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities: - Naval co-operation in Mediterranean through A.C.C., Malta, RAF Agir Senior Naval Officer-Haifa, and RAF Hassani (Senior Naval Officer - Piraeus). Naval co-operation Red Sea through JCC Aden (Senior Naval Officer - Aden). Great Bitter Lakes through RAF Ismailia and RAF Kasfareet. Further Air Assistance obtainable through Operations Room (205 Group), RAF Hassani, R.7 Agir. Land rescue assistance available from RAF El Aden, British Army, Egyptian Police, Egyptian Camel Corp, Egyptian Frontier Guards.

4. A.H.Q., CRETE.

- (1) Area Covered - is within the area control of A.C.C. Egypt.
- (2) Position of Facilities - A.H.A.F. Eleusis, R.H.A.F. Heraklion (Crete), A.H.A.F. Piraeus.
- (3) Controlling Authority: - Area Control Egypt co-ordinating control through R.H.A.F. Hassani.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types: - Wellington, R.H.A.F. Pinnaces and Piraeus and Heraklion.
- (5) Rescue Equipment: - 6 sets Lindholms Gear Mk.II R.H.A.F. Eleusis.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities: - Naval co-operation from Malta and ground search and rescue from British Army Forces in Greece, as located, when required.

5. A.H.Q., IRAQ.

- (1) Area Covered - 33° 30'N. 19° 00'E. to 22° 00'N. 39° 00'E. to 22° 00'N. 60° 00'E. thence Northwards along Meridian 60° 00'E. to Persian Coast and thence coastwise round the Persian Gulf and Iraq boundary to 33° 30'N. 39° 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities: - Iraq Communication Flight RAF Habbaniya.
- (3) Controlling Authority: - Area Control Centre Iraq and RAF Habbaniya co-ordinating marine rescue through RAF Bahrain. (Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf).
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types: - Venturas, Ansons, Tempests.
- (5) Rescue Equipment: - Parachute Supply Dropping Containers.

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5. A.H.Q., IHA2. (Contd)

- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Liaison with Royal Navy Captain in Charge, Bahrain, for available vessels when required; use of Transport aircraft if required, and equipped desert rescue party. Contact with Political Resident, Persian Gulf, at Bahrain.

6. R.A.F., Aden.

- (1) Area Covered. - 22° 00'N, 39° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 60° 00'E. to 04° 00'N, 60° 00'E. to 04° 00'N, 39° 00'E. to 22° 00'N, 39° 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, Southern Arabia at Steamer Point Aden.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. Wellington, Mosquito, Albacore.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 2 sets Lindholme Gear Mk.IIA and Supply Droppers at R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation through Naval Officer in Charge, Aden. Land forces for search and rescue available through Service and local Government sources at Masirah, Salalah, Riyan, Eastern and Western Aden Protectorates, Hargeisa, Djibouti, Addis Ababa.

7. A.H.Q., EAST AFRICA.

- (1) Area Covered. - 04° 00'N, 50° 00'E. to 10° 00'S, 50° 00'E along latitude 10° 00'S. Westward to the boundary of the Belgian Congo thence following this boundary Northward to Latitude 04° 00'N to 04° 00'N, 50° 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - East Africa Communications Flight R.A.F. Eastleigh; Possibility of civil assistance from the East African Airways Company.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, East Africa at R.A.F. Eastleigh.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Hudsons.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Lindholme Gear Mk.II 2 sets R.A.F. Kismu 2 sets R.A.F. Mombasa (on demand) parachute supply packs, jungle rescue (local manufacture.)
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Two vessels, Royal Navy, available through Captain in Charge, Kilindi, Mombasa. Ground search through local Government officials in towns and villages. Mobile surgical team based No. 87 General Hospital, Nairobi, available for air transportation to scene of incident.

- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Wellington, Mosquito, Albacore.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 2 sets Lindholm Gear Mk.IIA and Supply Droppers at R.A.F. Khormaksar.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Naval co-operation through Naval Officer in Charge, Aden. Land forces for search and rescue available through Service and local Government sources at Masirah, Salalah, Riyan, Eastern and Western Aden Protectorates, Hargeisa, Djibouti, Addis Ababa.

7. A.H.Q., EAST AFRICA.

- (1) Area Covered. - 04° 00'N. 50° 00'E. to 10° 00'S. 50° 00'E. along latitude 10° 00'S. westward to the boundary of the Belgian Congo thence following this boundary Northward to Latitude 04° 00'N to 04° 00'E. 50° 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - East Africa Communications Flight R.A.F. Eastleigh; Possibility of civil assistance from the East African Airways Company.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre, East Africa at R.A.F. Eastleigh.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Hudsons.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Lindholm Gear Mk.II 2 sets R.A.F. Kismu 2 sets R.A.F. Mombasa (on demand) parachute supply packs, jungle rescue (local manufacture.)
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Two vessels, Royal Navy, available through Captain in Charge, Kilindini, Mombasa. Ground search through local Government officials in towns and villages. Mobile surgical team based No. 87 General Hospital, Nairobi, available for air transportation to scene of incident.

8. R.A.F. KHARTOUM.

- (1) Area Covered. - 22° 00'N. 25° 00'E. to 22° 30'N. 39° 00'E. to 04° 00'N. 39° 00'E. thence Westwards along to 04° 00'N. to the boundary of the Belgian Congo and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, continuing Northwards along the Sudanese boundary to 22° 00'N. 25° 00'E.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - RAF Station Khartoum Communication Flight.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre Sudan situated at RAF Khartoum.

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8. R.A.F. KHARTOUM (Cont)

- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Anson, Wellington.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - Supply Dropping Containers, Mk. VB.
- (6) Other Rescue Facilities. - Consist of co-operation with British Military Service, Sudan Defence Force, Sudan Police, District Commissioners, and Sudan Railways.

9. A.H.Q., ELWADI.

- (1) Area Covered. - is within the area control of 'Egypt'.
- (2) Position of Facilities. - R/A.S.R. Lancasters at Ein Shemer for box aircraft at Aqir.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre 'Egypt', in co-operation with RAY Station Aqir.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancaster Mk.III G.R./A.S.R. Halifax.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 Airborne Lifeboats Mk.IIA 10 sets of Lindholme gear - 17 land supply dropping containers.
- (6) Other rescue facilities. - Local liaison with Royal Navy at Haifa. Palestine Police launches. Land rescue assistance available from British Army, Transjordan Frontier Force, Palestine Police, Arab Legion. This assistance is obtainable through RAY Station Aqir.

10. H.Q., 205 GRC (RAYD).

- (1) Area Covered. - is within the area control of 'Egypt'. 3799
- (2) Position of Facilities. - Lancaster Mk.VII and Dakota aircraft based in the Canal Zone.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre 'Egypt', in co-operation with the Operations Room, at H.Q., 205 Group.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancaster Mk.VII Dakota aircraft.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 sets of Lindholme gear. Land supply dropping containers, held in quantity. (Total number unknown).
- (6) Other rescue facilities. - Liaison is maintained with an R.A.S.C. Dropping Unit, who will afford facilities for the packing of supplies, and provision of despatch personnel.

- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre 'EGYPT', in co-operation with RAF Station Aqir.
- (4) Air/Marine Craft Types. - Lancaster Mk.III G.R./A.S.R. Halifax.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 Airborne Lifeboats Mk.IIA 40 sets of Lindholme gear - 17 land supply dropping containers.
- (6) Other rescue facilities. - Local liaison with Royal Navy at Haifa. Palestine Police launches. Land rescue assistance available from British Army, Transjordan Frontier Force, Palestine Police, Arab Legion. This assistance is obtainable through RAF Station Aqir.

10. H.Q., 205 GRCU (FAYID).

- (1) Area Covered. - is within the area control of 'EGYPT'. 3799
- (2) Position of Facilities. - Lancaster Mk.VII and Dakota aircraft based in the Canal Zone.
- (3) Controlling Authority. - Area Control Centre 'EGYPT', in co-operation with the Operations Room, at H.Q., 205 Group.
- (4) Air/Mar. Craft Types. - Lancaster Mk.VII Dakota aircraft.
- (5) Rescue Equipment. - 6 sets of Lindholme gear. Land supply dropping containers, held in quantity. (Total number unknown).
- (6) Other rescue facilities. - Liaison is maintained with an R.A.S.C. Dropping Unit, who will afford facilities for the packing of supplies, and provision of despatch personnel.

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H.Q., R.A.F., Med/A.E., Ismailia, EEF.

FROM:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.
TO:- See distribution list.
DATE:- 24th February, 1947.
REF:- AHQI/5020/AIR AOCs.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter AHQI/5020/AIR AOCs dated 30th December, 1946, and to the letter attached.

2. It is requested that you forward to this Headquarters the name of your Accidents Prevention Officer, and minutes of the monthly accidents prevention meeting.

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(R.C.E. IAW S/LDR),
for Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.

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FROM:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.I. *A179*
TO:- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
DATE:- 11th February, 1947. *3A*
REF:- AHQI/450/AIR.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ITALY - BY THE ITALIANS.

I am now returning your draft paper on Air Traffic Control, Italy by the Italians which I have got back from the Air Traffic Control Officer to whom I had given it for comments, as I told you in my letter dated 29th January, 1947.

2. He has made three comments, the first suggesting that each operational area should be equipped with three or more D/F Stations and a master station at the C.A.V. on the lines of the M/FD/F service used by Great Britain during the war.

3. The second point he makes is, a Mountain Rescue Service which I don't think is quite appropriate to this paper.

4. Finally he makes a point suggesting that routes should be laid down. This is quite a good idea, but you may not think that point suitable to this paper either.

5. He has nothing to say on the question of personnel as he considers that all personnel needing special training are provided for.

6. I hope you will find these comments useful. We are very badly off for experienced Air Traffic Control personnel and if you think it worth while you might send your paper to Med/M.E. *3796* who might be able to supply more useful comments than we can from here.

N.V. Moreton

(N.V. MORETON C/CAPT),
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.I.

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From : Air Forces Sub Section, I.H.A.S., A.F.H.Q.
 To : Italian Air Ministry
 (Attention Flying Safety Officer)
 Date : 12th February 1947.
 Ref : IMAS/18/1/AIR/AF.

ACCIDENTS DUE TO NON REMOVAL OF
 ICE, SNOW AND HOAR FROST.

1. The following signal from AHQ Italy is forwarded to you for your information.

* 7.5/8 7/2/47 UNCLASSIFIED . IN SPITE OF WARNINGS TAKE OFF
 ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY DUE TO NON REMOVAL OF ICE SNOW
 OR HOAR FROST FROM WINGFLAPES AND OTHER SURFACES BEFORE FLIGHT .

2. Your attention is further directed to 3rd edition, Part I, Chap.6,
 Para. 5 of Pilot's Notes General:-

* Effect of Ice on Stalling Speed. Roughness or change of contour
 of the wing surface may result in an appreciable increase of stall-
 ing speed, so that a thin coating of ice, or even rime or hoar
 frost, may be dangerous at low speeds. All traces of snow, ice,
 rime or hoar frost must be removed from the wings before take-off.
 If a landing is made with any form of ice in the wings, a rather high
 higher approach speed is advisable. *

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F.W. Irwin
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 for Air Vice Marshal,
 Director,
 Air Forces Sub Section.

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