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DEMILITARIZATION OF LAMPEDUSA & PANTELLERIA
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1. A. 17. asking that their Director of Civil Air

be informed because the ^{of any notifiable} information is that neither

military nor civil Air. put into bank & stamp. will be possible

because the air strips will have to be destroyed."

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FROM: AIR COMMODORE A.G. BENSON, C.P.E., A.F.C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

AIR FORCE BARRACKS,

S.P.O. 794.

22nd July, 1947.

AIR/MA/AF.

Your note of the 21st forwarding me a copy of Paris telegram No. 1107 of 19/7.

2. Will you please pass a telegram on the following lines back to the Civil Air Attaché, Paris :-

"Your telegram No. 1107 of 19/7. Pantelleria has been completely demilitarised under the Armistice conditions and the air strip on the island no longer exists."

as
A.G. BENSON.
AIR COMMODORE.
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCE BARRACKS.

Mr. Huxley,
British Embassy,
R.O.M.E.

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Copy to AFB/274/Crg ✓

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From : Pantelleria Commune
Trapani Province

To : Air Forces Branch

Ref.No; 1734

Date : 25/3/46

Subject : Institution of a Civil Air Service

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The problem of means of communication has always been of vital importance to the island of Pantelleria, separated by a 70 miles stretch of sea, which is usually rather rough. The problem today is even more pressing.

This little island, with a population of over 10,000 inhabitants, enjoys a very active commerce. Most goods must be imported from the Continent and to balance this the huge supply of its own products, chiefly raisins and capers, has to be entirely exported either in their fresh state or as industrial products.

Exportation of these goods has led to a considerable number of passengers to and from the island and a very busy postal service.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, the island was joined to Sicily by a twice-weekly steamer service and a ship of the Palermo-Tunis line used to call there. These communication links, although insufficient in themselves, provided a regular service and carried a weekly number of 300 passengers and 200Kg of mail in the journeys to and from Sicily.

It can truly be said that consequent on cessation of hostilities Pantelleria remained completely cut off from the world. Sea transport has been reduced to a minimum and replaced by a small steamer lacking cabin accommodation, incapable of comfortably transporting more than 35 passengers.

To complete the 70 miles journey, passengers have to remain at sea about 24 hours. They have to embark in the evening in order to leave at dawn if they are to reach Trapani in the late afternoon. The reason for embarking in the evening is that if the sea becomes rough during the night the steamer has to keep close to the island and might even have to depart without a cargo.

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Other travellers have to use other means of transport, tug boats, sailing boats and sailing boats with auxiliary engine when possible.

In the case of a person who has left Pantelleria for a few days he or she runs the risk of being stranded for about a month suffering moral, material and financial sacrifices.

The mail arrives under Heaven's guidance.

Since December last, the telegraph cable (the only means of telecommunication) has been broken and it has been impossible to repair it.

The largest organised airport in the whole of Italy is at Pantelleria. The construction of this airport caused incalculable losses to owners of several square kilometres of the best vine yards to farm labour and consequently to the production and richness of the Island

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The airport, formerly constructed for military purposes, is now inactive. What better recompense could be offered the population and what better use could be made of this airport than using it for instituting a civil air service?

The request is by no means novel. In 1940, we informed the Italian Air Force Ministry of the necessity of the institution of this service. At that time as the military secret clause was in effect we received a formal promise that the civil air line would be started immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

During the war, the aircraft flying between Palermo and Pantelleria improved the transport situation considerably by their granting air passage to civilians at a time when sea transport was being reduced. At this time, more than 20 passengers were accommodated for each journey.

The population is used to air passages and appreciates the comfort of a journey lasting only a few minutes. It is willing to bear any financial burden what ever in order to benefit from this speedy transport. I can assure you that a three-weekly or a two-weekly air line would kept very busy.

The only requirements are a pilot and several technicians.

The airport is in working order, having suitable offices and buildings for accommodation.

I request you to support this project for an air service which would connect the island with Trapani, Castelvetro and Palermo, thus removing many difficulties.

On behalf of the Pantelleria population I wish to thank you in anticipation.

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Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

COMUNE DI PANTELLERIA

PROVINCIA DI TRAPANI

N. 1724 di prot.

Addi 25 Marzo 1946 194

Risposta a Nota N.

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OGGETTO

Istituzione di un servizio

aereo civile. --

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R O M A

ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LA
SICILIA

PALERMO

ALLA R. PREFETTURA DI

TRAPANI

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Questa piccola isola, abitata da oltre diecimila abitanti ha un commercio attivissimo: essa deve importare la qualunque cosa dal continente e per contro la ingente quantità dei suoi prodotti costituita quasi esclusivamente da "zibibbo e capperi", deve essere interamente esportata sia allo stato fresco che in prodotti industriali. --

Da questo principalmente e da altre cause minori ha origine un rilevante movimento di passeggeri ed un'attivissimo servizio postale. --

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Dopo la guerra Pantelleria è rimasta sì può ben dire completamente isolata dal mondo e difatti:

- I trasporti marittimi sono ridotti al minimo, essi vengono disimpegnati da un piroscafo fatto senza cuccette, che saltuariamente si fa vedere e che non potrebbe trasportare più di trentacinque persone.

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AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

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Per fare 70 miglia i passeggeri debbono rimanere in mare circa 24 ore dovendo prendere imbarco la sera (perché durante la notte il mare si muove, il piroscafo è costretto girare attorno all'Isola e magari poi allontanarsi senza carico) partire all'alba per essere a Trapani nel tardo pomeriggio.

Gli altri viaggiatori debbono adattare i mezzi di fortuna; rimorchisti, motovelieri, velieri, e quando capitano.

Una persona che è costretta ~~non~~ allontanarsi da Pantelleria per pochi giorni, rischia di star fuori in attesa di imbarco perfino un mese, sopportando non indifferenti sacrifici morali, materiali e finanziari.

zisri.-

La posta arriva e parte quando Dio vuole;

Nel mese di dicembre u.s.c. il cavo telegrafico unico mezzo di telecomunicazione xxx è rotto e non è stato possibile ancora ripararlo.-

A Laxtelleria esiste uno dei più grandi ed attrezzati aeroporti di Italia, l'aeroporto la cui costruzione ha causato incalcolabili danni ai proprietari di alcuni chilometri quadrati dei migliori vigneti ed alla meno d'opera agricola e per conseguenza alla produzione ed alla ricchezza dell'isola.-

L'Aeroporto ~~xxxxxxx~~ che era militare ora è inattivo; quale migliore ricompensa si può dare a questa popolazione e quale migliore uso si può fare di questo aeroporto se non quello di utilizzarlo con l'istituzione di un servizio aereo civile?

La domanda non è nuova e cede al Ministero: Già nel 40 era stata prospettata la necessità della istituzione di tale servizio e poiché allora ostava il segreto militare, s'era avuto formale promessa che la linea aerea civile sarebbe stata istituita immediatamente col cessare delle ostilità.-

Durante la guerra tuttavia gli aerei spolettavano fra Palermo e Pantelleria, man mano che venivano meno i mezzi marittimi, con alto spirito di comprensione, aderendo alle constatate necessità di questa popolazione, hanno dato un considerevole ausilio ai trasporti concedendo il passaggio ai civili e per ogni traversata una ventina e più di passeggeri hanno usufruito di tali mezzi.

Talché la popolazione è abituata ai viaggi aerei, ne conosce le comodità della traversata di pochi minuti e sarebbe disposta a qualunque sacrificio finanziario pur di potere avere il mezzo per viaggiare. Si assicura pertanto nella maniera più certa che una linea trisettimanale od almeno bisettimanale sarebbe sicuramente attiva.

Non occorre che un aereo, un pilota e qualche uomo dei servizi.

All'aeroporto non manca né l'attrezzatura, né gli uffici, né gli alloggi.

Tutto ciò premesso, si fanno vivi voti perché gli Enti in indirizzo vogliano caldeggiare l'istituzione di un servizio aereo che colleghi questa Isola con Trapani, Castelvetrano, Palermo, rinnovando e superando qualunque difficoltà.-

Interpreti dei sentimenti di questa popolazione esprimono in avenze la più sentita riconoscenza.-

IL SINDACO

(Magg. Nicolò Almenza)

Nicòlò Almenza

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 429084
Ext: 213

6/5/2

26 March 47.

Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ.

Subject: 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarization
of the Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

1. The attached progress report on the Demilitarization
on the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa covering the period 4 February to 17 March,
1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February
1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4. of Allied Force Headquarters
letter, G-3, AFHQ/154/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. Pantelleria was revisited on 17 March, by the
Chairman of the Demilitarization Committee, together with representatives
of the Italian Naval, Land Force, and Air Force Branches, and engineers
Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of Demilitarization are attached
as appendix 'A'.

Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft
allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and
because of the non availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited
quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since
4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and
the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding.
One additional blockadehouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining
salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is
anticipated that the islands will be completely demilitarized by the end
of May, 1947.

3. Final inspection of Lampedusa is being arranged
for about the end of April.

M. L. J. M.

MONTELLI, E. S. J. M. K. E.
Colonel, AFHQ.

Subject: Progress Report on the Demilitarization
of the Islands of Palmyra and Laysan.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarization on the islands of Palmyra and Laysan, covering the period 4 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 6 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, G-3, AFHQ/151/2 dated 29 June 1946.
2. Palmyra Island was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarization Committee, together with representatives of the Italian Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and Engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of demilitarization are attached as appendix A.
3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the island will be completely demilitarized by the end of May, 1947.
4. A final inspection of Laysan is being arranged for about the end of April.

W. L. Drake

WILLIAM L. DRAKE
Colonel, Cav.

Chairman of Demilitarization G-3 AFHQ

Distribution

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Italian Land Forces Branch (AFHQ)
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Appendix A
 re Italian Land
 Forces Branch letter
 0/2/2 dated 16 March 47.

Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the initial report.

- P-1 Approximately 1,000 tons of guns, ammunition, ordnance stores, miscellaneous and scrap materials are stored at the port awaiting shipment.
- P-2 23 in number of non-salvageable bombs have been destroyed.
- P-3 (a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shields and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvageable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.
 (b) Completed.
 (c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvageable fittings are being recovered.
 (d) as per (b) above.
 (e) as per (b) above.
 (f) as per (b) above.
 (g) Completed.
 (h) Completed.
 (i) All guns at port.
 (j) Completed.
 (k) Completed.
 (l) All guns at port.
 (m) All guns at port.
 (n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvageable fittings is proceeding.
 (o) as per (a) above.

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(q) as per (n) above.

(r) as per (n) above.

(s) as per (n) above.

(t) as per (n) above.

(u) Completed.

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Appendix VI cont.

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P-4 Total of 7 block houses have been destroyed.

P-5 Completed.

P-6 550 tons stated to be removed.

P-7 300 rounds still to be removed.

P-8 Work commenced, disassembling equipment.

P-10 No action as yet.

P-11 POL and salvagable material are being removed.

P-12 No action as yet.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489084
Ext: 218

6/3/2

26 March 47.

Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ.

Subject: - 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarization
of the Islands of PANTHERIA and LIPEDUSA.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarization on the islands of PANTHERIA, covering the period 4 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, G-3, AFHQ/434/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. PANTHERIA was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarization Committee, together with representatives of the Italian Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and Engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of Demilitarization are attached as Appendix (1).

3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non-availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvageable material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the island will be completely demilitarized by the end of May, 1947.

4. Final inspection of PANTHERIA is being arranged for about the end of April.

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ARMY, G. AFHQ

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarisation of the islands of PANTELLEICHA and LAMPEDUSA, covering the period 1 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, G-5, AFHQ/154/2 dated 28 June 1946.

2. PANTELLEICHA was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarisation Committee, together with representatives of the ITALIAN Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces branches, and Engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of demilitarisation are attached as appendix 'A'.

3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non-availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 1 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the island will be completely demilitarised by the end of May, 1947.

4. A final inspection of LAMPEDUSA is being arranged for about the end of April.

W. J. J. J. 16259

WILLIAM J. J. J.
Colonel, Cav.

Chairman of Demilitarisation Committee.

Distribution

- AFHQ, G-5 (3)
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- Italian Naval Branch AFHQ (4)
- Italian Air Forces Branch AFHQ (4)
- Major R. Hendricks, AFHQ (1)

Appendix
to Italian Land
Force Branch letter
6/8/2 dated 26 March 47.

Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the initial report.

- P-1 Approximately 1,000 tons of guns, ammunition, ordnance stores, miscellaneous and scrap materials are stacked at the port awaiting shipment.
- P-2 33 in number of non-salvageable bombs have been destroyed.
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- (a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shields and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvageable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.
 - (b) Completed.
 - (c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvageable fittings are being recovered.
 - (d) as per (c) above.
 - (e) as per (c) above.
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 - (g) Completed.
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31 March 1947
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(n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvageable fittings is proceeding.

(o) As per (m) above.

(p) As per (a) above.

(q) As per (n) above.

(r) As per (h) above.

(s) As per (n) above.

(t) As per (a) above.

(u) Completed.

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Change
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Appendix (U) cont.

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- P-5 Completed.
- P-6 550 tons stated to be removed.
- P-7 500 rounds still to be removed.
- P-8 Work commenced, disassembling equipment.
- P-10 No action as yet.
- P-11 PUL and salvagable material are being removed.
- P-12 No action as yet.

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ALLIED FORCE HQ
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489084
Ext: 248

2/3/2

26 March 47.

Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, HQ.

Subject: 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarisation
of the Islands of PANTELARIA and LEPANTUSA.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarisation
on the islands of PANTELARIA covering the period 4 January to 17 March,
1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February
1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters
letter, U-5, WHO/134/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. PANTELARIA was revisited on 17 March, by the
Chairman of the Demilitarisation Committee, together with representatives
of the Italian Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and Engineers
Section, etc. Details of the progress of demilitarisation are attached
as Appendix 1.

3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft
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because of the non-availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited
quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since
4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and
the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding.
One additional stockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining
salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is
anticipated that the islands will be completely demilitarised by the end
of May, 1947.

4. Final inspection of LEPANTUSA is being arranged
for about the end of April.

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14-1-1947

Subject:- 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarisation of the Islands of PALOMAROLA and LIPAROLA.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarisation on the islands of PALOMAROLA and LIPAROLA covering the period 14 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, G-2, LHO/131/2 dated 29 June 1946.
2. PALOMAROLA was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarisation Committee, together with representatives of the Italian Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and Engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of demilitarisation are attached as Appendix 'A'.
3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non-availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the islands will be completely demilitarised by the end of May, 1947.
4. Final inspection of LIPAROLA is being arranged for about the end of April.

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Appendix A
to Italian Land
Forces Branch letter
6/3/2 dated 26 March 47.

Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the initial report.

- P-1 approximately 1,000 tons of guns, ammunition, ordnance stores, miscellaneous and scrap materials are stacked at the port awaiting shipment.
- P-2 23 in number of non-salvageable bombs have been destroyed.
- P-3
- (a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shields and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvageable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.
 - (b) Completed.
 - (c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvageable fittings are being recovered.
 - (d) As per (a) above.
 - (e) As per (b) above.
 - (f) As per (c) above.
 - (g) Completed.
 - (h) Completed.
 - (i) All guns at port.
 - (j) Completed.
 - (k) Completed.
 - (l) All guns at port.
 - (m) All guns at port.
 - (n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvageable

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E-2 33 in number of non-salvageable items have been destroyed.

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(a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shields and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvageable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.

(b) Completed.

(c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvageable fittings are being recovered.

(d) as per (a) above.

(e) as per (a) above.

(f) as per (a) above.

(g) Completed.

(h) Completed.

(i) All guns at port.

(j) Completed.

(k) Completed.

(l) All guns at port.

(m) All guns at port.

(n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvageable fittings is proceeding.

(o) as per (a) above.

(p) as per (a) above.

(q) as per (a) above.

(r) as per (a) above.

(s) as per (a) above.

(t) as per (a) above.

(u) Completed.

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Appendix III cont.

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P-4 Total of 7 Block houses have been destroyed.

P-5 Completed.

P-6 550 tons slated to be removed.

P-7 500 rounds still to be removed.

P-8 Work commenced, disassembling equipment.

P-10 No action as yet.

P-11 PUL and salvagable material are being removed.

P-12 No action as yet.

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26 March 47.

Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ.

Subject: 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarisation
of the Islands of PANTHERIA and LAFROUS.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarisation on the islands of PANTHERIA, covering the period 4 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, 8-5, JHO/134/2 dated 29 June 1946.
2. PANTHERIA was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarisation Committee, together with representatives of the ITALIAN Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of demilitarisation are attached as appendix 1.
3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the islands will be completely demilitarised by the end of May, 1947.
4. Final inspection of PANTHERIA is being arranged for about the end of April.

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Subject: - 4th Progress Report on the Demilitarization
of the Islands of PANTHELE and LIPARI.

1. The attached progress report on the demilitarization of the islands of PANTHELE and LIPARI, covering the period 4 February to 17 March, 1947 is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 7 February 1947 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Force Headquarters letter, 1-3, 1946/134/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. PANTHELE was revisited on 17 March, by the Chairman of the Demilitarization Committee, together with representatives of the Italian Naval, Land Forces, and Air Forces Branches, and engineers Section, AFHQ. Details of the progress of demilitarization are attached as Appendix A.

3. Because of the necessity for repairs to the craft allocated for the transport of the salvaged stores and material, and because of the non-availability of other suitable vessels, only a limited quantity of this material has been shipped from the island since 4 February 1947. Collection and preparation of material for shipment, and the destruction of non-salvageable ammunition and ordnance is proceeding. One additional blockhouse has been destroyed. Shipment of the remaining salvaged material is expected to commence on the 1st April and it is anticipated that the island will be completely demilitarized by the end of May, 1947.

4. Final inspection of PANTHELE is being arranged for about the end of April.

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Appendix 'A' -
to Italian Land
Forces Branch letter
C/9/2 dated 26 March 47.

Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the initial report.

- P-1 Approximately 1,000 tons of guns, ammunition, ordnance stores, miscellaneous and scrap materials are stacked at the port awaiting shipment.
- P-2 55 in number of non-salvageable bombs have been destroyed.
- P-3
 - (a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shield and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvageable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.
 - (b) Completed.
 - (c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvageable fittings are being recovered.
 - (d) As per (a) above.
 - (e) As per (b) above.
 - (f) As per (b) above.
 - (g) Completed.
 - (h) Completed.
 - (i) All guns at port.
 - (j) Completed.
 - (k) Completed.
 - (l) All guns at port.
 - (m) All guns at port.
 - (n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvageable fittings is proceeding.

Handwritten:
1st Lt. G. M. ...
C/9/2 dated 26 March 47

(a) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and the gun barrels, shields and mountings are lying on the ground outside the gun emplacement which has been demolished. Salvagable fittings have been removed to the port for shipment.

(b) Completed.

(c) All gun assemblies have been dismantled and left in position. Salvagable fittings are being recovered.

(d) As per (a) above.

(e) As per (b) above.

(f) As per (b) above.

(g) Completed.

(h) Completed.

(i) All guns at port.

(j) Completed.

(k) Completed.

(l) All guns at port.

(m) All guns at port.

(n) Guns are being dismantled and are placed on ground outside emplacement. Removal of salvagable fittings is proceeding.

(o) As per (a) above.

(p) As per (a) above.

(q) As per (a) above.

(r) As per (a) above.

(s) As per (c) above.

(t) As per (a) above.

(u) Completed.

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Appendix 'A' cont.

P-4 Total of 7 Blockhouses have been destroyed.
P-5 Completed.
P-6 550 tons stated to be removed.
P-7 300 rounds still to be removed.
P-8 Work commenced, dismantling equipment.
P-10 No action as yet.
P-11 PU and salvageable material are being removed.
P-12 No action as yet.

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IMAS/G/8/2/LF

5 March 1947

Subject: Demilitarization of the Islands of Pantelleria
and Lampedusa.

TO : The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy

1. In reply to your letter I am enclosing for your information copies of correspondence with the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Minister of National Defense on the subject of demilitarization of Pantelleria and Lampedusa.
2. Progress has been slow in removing ammunition, etc. from underground installations due to extremely inclement weather and shortage of land and sea transport. With favorable weather progress should be considerably more rapid and it is hoped that my letter of today to Dr. Cappa will bring about the desired results.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section



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IMAS/G/8/2/LF

5 March 1947

My dear Dr. Cappa,

I refer to my letter to you of 5 February 1947 on the subject of demilitarization of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

Both The Supreme Allied Commander and Commander in Chief Mediterranean Station have expressed concern over the slow progress being made in the demilitarization of Pantelleria. I am enclosing a copy of a letter on this subject which I have addressed to the Minister of National Defense, and I must urge that the Presidency of the Council of Ministers take whatever action may be required to complete the demilitarization of Pantelleria in accordance with previous directives, and as speedily as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Avv. Paolo Cappa,
The Undersecretary of State to
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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4 March 47.

My Dear Mr. Minister:

I refer to my letter of 5 February 1947 file LMAS/G/8/2/LP to the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on the subject of the Demilitarisation of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, copy of which I am enclosing. Recent inspections of the progress of the demilitarisation of these islands in accordance with the program of demilitarisation prepared by the Demilitarisation Committee following its visit of 22 - 27 July 1946 indicate that as yet no action has been taken with respects to projects P-4, P-8, P-11 and P-12 of the program, copy also enclosed.

The Supreme Allied Commander is desirous the demilitarisation be completed prior to the withdrawal of Allied Forces from Italy. It is, therefore, desired that you give priority to the above listed projects. It is my understanding the L-4 and L-6 have been completed but I should appreciate assurance on this prior to writing off Lampedusa as being completely demilitarised.

I trust, therefore, my dear Minister, that you will expedite in every way possible the overall demilitarisation program, and that I may be informed at an early date of the action taken.

Yours very truly,

MILERY.W.STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

On. Luigi Gasparotto
Minister of National Defence
ROME.

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 FROM :- ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
 ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION,
 AIR FORCES SUB SECTION, ROME.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE :- 12th FEBRUARY, 1947.

REF. :- IMAS/574/078/AF.

DECLASSIFICATION OF PANTILLERIA AND LAMENISA.

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 The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers Italian Government Rome is passed to you for information.

Please inform the Director of Civil Aviation of the Allied decision, which probably means that the Air Strips will be destroyed.

W. H. Carter
 for A.C. SALTER, S/L.
 AIR VICE MARSHAL
 DIRECTOR
 AIR FORCES SUB SECTION.

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5 FEBRUARY 1947

IMAS/G/8/2/LF

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My dear Dr. Cappa:

Reference is made to your letter dated 24 October 1946, file 83565/16624/16/19.11 to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, transmitting a program for the conversion of existing military installations on the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa to civilian purposes.

The proposals were forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters where they have been carefully reviewed. I am instructed to inform you that on the basis of these studies the decision has been reached that there can be no relaxation of the existing directives as regards the demilitarization of these islands.

It is, therefore, desired that existing instructions be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USMR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section.

Avv. Paolo Cappa,
The Undersecretary of State to
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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FROM :-- ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
 ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION,
 AIR FORCES SUB SECTION, ROME.

TO :-- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE :-- 12th FEBRUARY, 1947.

REF. :-- IMAS/374/ORG/AF.

DEMILITARIZATION OF PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA.

The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers Italian Government Rome is passed to you for information.

Please inform the Director of Civil Aviation of the Allied decision, which probably means that the Air Strips will be destroyed.

for

A.C. SALTER, S/L.
 AIR VICE MARSHAL
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AIR FORCES SUB SECTION

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The Director, Land Forces Sub Section,
I.N.A.S., A.T.H.A.

Subject: 3rd Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of
PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

1. The following progress report on the demilitarization of the Fortress Islands of PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA covering the period 13 December 1946 to 4 February 1947 is submitted in continuation of progress reports dated 2 October 1946, and 20 December 1946 and in accordance with Paragraph 4 of Allied Forces Headquarters Letter C-3, AFHQ/131/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. On 3 February 1947, PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA were revisited by members of the Demilitarization Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarizing the islands, as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices A and B.

3. It is considered that a further 3 months period will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to the small amount of land transport and ships available and further due to detrimental winter weather conditions which have prevailed since the inspection of 13 December 1946.

4. The demilitarization of LAMPEDUSA has been completed.

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Subject: JMD Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of RANTOLUOKA and LAMPEDUSA.

1. The following progress report on the demilitarization of the Fortress Islands of RANTOLUOKA and LAMPEDUSA covering the period 13 December 1946 to 4 February 1947 is submitted in continuation of progress reports dated 8 October 1946, and 20 December 1946 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Forces Headquarters Letter G-3, AFHQ/134/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. On 3 February 1947, RANTOLUOKA and LAMPEDUSA were revisited by members of the Demilitarization Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarizing the islands, as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices A and B.

3. It is considered that a further 3 months period will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to the small amount of lane transport and ships available; and further due to detrimental winter weather conditions which have prevailed since the inspection of 13 December 1946.

4. The demilitarization of LAMPEDUSA has been completed.

Norman T. Fisher

NORMAN T. FISHER
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Chairman of Demilitarization
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APPENDIX A

Reference is made to the paragraph 2 of the initial report.

I-1 Approximately 131 tons munitions sent to TARTAN, 536 tons munitions remain on wharves to be shipped, 37 guns various calibres remain on wharves to be shipped.

I-2 Dumping has been continued when weather permitted.

- I-3
- (a) Guns removed to port.
 - (b) Guns still standing, copper removed.
 - (c) No action as yet.
 - (d) 2 guns still standing, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.
 - (e) 1 gun on ground.
 - (f) No action as yet.
 - (g) All guns removed to port.
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 - (n) 5 guns on ground.
 - (o) No action as yet.
 - (p) " " " " " "
 - (q) Work commences, no guns, as yet, on ground.
 - (r) No action as yet.
 - (s) " " " " " "
 - (t) " " " " " "
 - (u) All guns removed to port.

I-4 Total 5 block houses have been destroyed (2 additional to last report)

I-5 Docks effectively destroyed.

I-6 520 tons still to be removed.

I-7 3000 rounds still to be removed.

- (a) 2 guns removed to port.
- (1) Gun still standing, copper removed.
- (2) No action as yet.
- (3) 2 guns still standing, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.
- (4) 1 gun on ground.
- (5) No action as yet.
- (6) All guns removed to port.
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- (13) 5 guns on ground
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Total 6 block houses have been destroyed (2 additional to last report)

Dapor effectively destroyed.

530 tons still on ground.

5000 rounds still on ground.

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7 Feb 47

The Director, Land Forces Sub Section,
I.N.A.S., A.T.H.S.

Subject: 1st Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of PANTALUBRIA and LAMPEDUSA.

1. The following progress report on the demilitarization of the Fortress Islands of PANTALUBRIA and LAMPEDUSA covering the period 13 December 1946 to 4 February 1947 is submitted in continuation of progress reports dated 8 October 1946, and 20 December 1946 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Forces Headquarters letter G-3, AFHQ/131/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. On 3 February 1947, PANTALUBRIA and LAMPEDUSA were revisited by members of the Demilitarization Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarizing the islands, as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices A and B.

3. It is considered that a further 3 months period will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to the small amount of land (235,000 sq ft) and ships available and further due to detrimental winter weather conditions which have prevailed since the inspection of 13 December 1946.

4. The demilitarization of LAMPEDUSA has been completed.

1. The following progress report on the demilitarization of the Fortress Islands of PANTILLERIA and LAPEBUSA covering the period 13 December 1946 to 4 February 1947 is submitted in continuation of progress reports dated 8 October 1946, and 20 December 1946 and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Forces Headquarters Letter G-3, AFHQ/13/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. On 3 February 1947, PANTILLERIA and LAPEBUSA were revisited by members of the Demilitarization Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarizing the islands, as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices A and B.

3. It is considered that a further 3 months period will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to the small amount of land, water and ships available and further due to detrimental winter weather conditions which have prevailed since the inspection of 13 December 1946.

4. The demilitarization of LAPEBUSA has been completed.

Norman T. Fiske

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Chairman of Demilitarization
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Report. References are made to the paragraph 1 of the initial

Approximately 14 tons munitions sent to TARTANCO, 130 tons munitions remain on wharfs to be shipped, 20 tons various explosives remain on wharfs to be shipped.

Dumping has been continued when weather permitted.

- (a) Guns removed to port.
- (b) Guns still at port, copper removed.
- (c) No action as
- (d) 2 guns still at port, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.

- (e) 1 gun on ground.
- (f) No action as yet.
- (g) All guns removed to port.
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- (n) 2 guns on ground
- (o) No action as yet.
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Tank connected, 10 guns, as yet, on ground.

All guns removed to port.

Total 6 block houses have been destroyed (2 additional to last report)

Denset additionally destroyed.

500 tons still removed.

3000 pounds still to be removed.

- (d) 2 guns still remaining, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.
- (e) 1 gun on ground.
- (f) No action as yet.
- (g) All guns removed to port.
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- (n) 5 guns on ground
- (o) No action as yet.
- (p) " " " " " "
- (q) Work commenced, 20 guns, as yet, on ground.
- (r) No action as yet.
- (s) " " " " " "
- (t) " " " " " "
- (u) All guns removed to port.

P-4 Total 5 block houses have been destroyed (2 additional to last report)

P-5 Dunes effectively destroyed.

P-6 530 tons still removed.

P-7 3000 rounds still as removed.

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P-10) No action as yet.

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APPENDIX C

I-1 Completed.

I-2 Completed.

I-3 (a) All guns removed from island.
 (b) " " " " " "
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I-5 Ammunition removed.

I-7 Airfield has been eroded by weather to such an extent as to render it unusable.

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The Director, Land Forces Sub Section,
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Subject: 3rd Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of PANTHERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

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WILLIAM J. SHILLER
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APPENDIX A

I-1 Completed.

I-2 Completed.

I-3 (a) All guns removed from island.
 (b) " " " " " "
 (c) " " " " " "
 (d) " " " " " "
 (e) " " " " " "
 (f) " " " " " "
 (g) " " " " " "
 (h) " " " " " "

I-4 Ammunition removed.

I-5 Airfield has been eroded by weather to such an extent as to render it unusable.

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Subject: 3rd Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of PANTELIERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

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4. The demilitarization of LAMPIDUSA has been completed.

Norman T. Fiske

NORMAN T. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chairman of Demilitarization
Committee

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APPENDIX A

Reference is made to the paragraph 3 of the initial report.

Approximately 17 tons munitions sent to TALENTO, 33 tons must one remain on wharfs to be shipped, 3 guns various ordnances remain on wharfs to be shipped.

Dumping has been continued when weather permitted.

(a) Guns removed to port.

(b) Guns still on wharf, copper removed.

(c) No action on wharf.

(d) 2 guns still standing, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.

(e) 4 guns on ground.

(f) No action on wharf.

(g) All guns removed to port.

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5 February 47

My dear Dr. Cappa:

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Reference is made to your letter dated 24 October 46, File 83565/16641/16/19.11 to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, transmitting a program for the conversion of existing military installations on the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa to civilian purposes.

The proposals were forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters where they have been carefully reviewed. I am instructed to inform you that on the basis of these studies the decision has been reached that there can be no relaxation of the existing directives as regards the demilitarization of these islands.

It is, therefore, desired that existing instructions be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Avv. Paolo Cappa,
The Undersecretary of State to
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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note of action:
Gen. Clemente - Oct 1946
Brigade was informed of the
above on 1/2/47. Also Dr. Cappa
was verbally informed of 24 Oct 10/2/47
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 MALTA PM. THREE FEB. ONE NINE FOUR SEVEN P.D. CREW ONE RAF ONE AMERICAN OFFICER
 FOUR AMERICAN ORPD PASSENGERS TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS ONE BRITISH OFFICER ONE
 AMERICAN CIVILIAN ONE ITALIAN NAVAL OFFICER PD ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED ONE NIGHT PD
 MISSION IN CONNECTION WITH DEMILITARISATION OF LAMPEDUSA AT PANTELIERIA PD AUTHORITY
 AFHQ LETTER ONE THREE ZERO TWO DATED TWO NINE JUNE ONE NINE FOUR SIX P.D.

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(CAPT. WARREN)
 duty officer.

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