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3	Report 632/EC	14 March 46	AFHQ	Report on demil of islands
4	Ltr 632/94/EC	8 July 46	PM	Req It Engineer Officer as member of committee
5	Cbl 4094	9 July 46	G-3 AFHQ	Re members of demil committee
6	Cbl 653500	15 July 46	Alcom	Re members of committee
7	Cbl Q.1007	18 July 46	Cin C Med	Movement of demilit committee
8	Ltr AFSC/358/ORG	20 July 46	AFHQ	Req info re landing strip at Pantelleria and Lampedusa
9	Report Demil Com	6 Aug 46	MMIA	Progress report on demil of islands
10	Ltr 632/EC	12 Aug 46	PM	Frwd of report on Demil of Islands
11	Ltr Cappa	21 Aug 46	Stone	Infrm Adm of It off who is respons for carrying out demilit of isl
12	Fr Rep note 2951	24 Aug 46		Fr req for demil of Sardegna and Maddalena
13	Ltr 632/150/EC	28 Aug 46	AFHQ	Frwd of Fr note 2951
14	Ltr AFHQ/131/2	4 Sep 46	CC	Reply to CC's ltr of 12 Aug and C in C Med comments re report of demil committee
15	Ltr 632/164/EC	20 Sep 46	Fr. Rep	Infrm Fr rep that question raised in note 2951 should go thru diplomatic channels

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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

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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

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

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5 March 1947

My dear Dr. Cappa,

I refer to my letter to you of 5 February 1947 22a
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,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/131/2 1 March 1947
SUBJECT : Status of Demilitarization of the Islands of LAMPEDUSA and
PANTELLERIA
TO : Chief, IMAS (attention Col. FISKE)

1. In view of the provisions of Article 86 of the Peace Treaty it is requested that a comprehensive report on the demilitarization of LAMPEDUSA and PANTELLERIA be prepared for the information of the United States and British Embassies.

2. In order to be of most value it is suggested that this report should be prepared during the last part of the period between 'S' and 'R' Days. In any event the report should be passed to the Embassies prior to 'R' Day.

K. C. COOPER,
Brigadier, G.S.,
AC of S, G-3.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/131/2 19 January 1947

SUBJECT : Demilitarization of the Islands of PANTELLERIA,
LAMPEDUSA and LINOSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM.

Reference your letter of 2 December 1946, subject as above.

1. The proposals put forward by the ITALIAN Prime Minister and concurred in by your reference letter have been referred to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.
2. These proposals have been carefully studied both by C-in-C Med and at this headquarters. Based on the findings 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.
3. It is therefore desired that existing instructions be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

L.C. JAYNES
Major General
Actg. Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

K. G. COOPER
Brigadier, G.S.
AC of S, G-3

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20 Dec 46

TO : The Director of Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

SUBJECT : Progress Report on the Demilitarisation of the Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

The following progress report on the demilitarisation of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa covering the period 1st October to 13th December, 1946, is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 8th October, 1946, and in accordance with paragraph 1. of Allied Forces Headquarters letter AFHQ/131/2 dated 29/6/46. 15

2. On 13th December, 1946, Pantelleria was revisited by members of the Demilitarisation Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarising the islands as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices "A" and "B".

3. It is considered that a further 3 or 4 months will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to detrimental winter weather conditions prevailing at present.

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 Col. Cav.
 Chairman of Demilitarisation Committee

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Navy Sub Commission (4)

Air Forces Sub Commission (4)

Chief Commissioner (1)

Executive Commissioner (1)

Allied Force Headquarters, G3 (2)

Major R. Hendricks, RE, AFHQ (1)

Spares (6)

The following progress report on the demilitarization of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa covering the period 1st October to 13th December, 1946, is submitted in continuation of the progress report dated 8th October, 1946, and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Allied Forces Headquarters Letter AFHQ/131/2 dated 29/6/46. 17

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APPENDIX "A"

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

P - 1 Approximately 520 tons of war-like stores, 420 tons of ammunition and 16 guns have been shipped to the mainland. At the port awaiting shipment are 100 tons of ordnance stores, 500 tons of ammunition and 33 guns.

P - 2 175 tons of non-salvageable ammunition have been dumped at sea.

P - 3 (a) - Guns still standing; copyer removed.

(b) - " " " "

(c) - No action as yet.

(d) - 3 Guns still standing. One on ground at battery T, one at port.

(e) - No action as yet.

(f) - " " "

(g) - 6 Guns already sent to Taranto. See Progress Report of 8th October 1946.

(h) - All Guns at Taranto. See Progress Report of 8th October 1946.

(i) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.

(j) - " " " "

(k) - " " " "

(l) - " " " except one on ground at Battery position.

(m) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.

(n) - No action as yet.

(o) - " " " "

(p) - " " " "

(q) - " " " "

(r) - " " " "

(s) - " " " "

(t) - " " " "

(u) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.

- P-3 (a) - Guns still standing; copper removed.
- (b) - " " " "
- (c) - No action as yet.
- (d) - 3 Guns still standing. One on ground at battery T, one at port.
- (e) - No action as yet.
- (f) - " " " "
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- (h) - All Guns at Taranto. See Progress Report of 8th October 1946.
- (i) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.
- (j) - " " " " "
- (k) - " " " " "
- (l) - " " " " except one on ground at Battery position.
- (m) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.
- (n) - No action as yet.
- (o) - " " " " "
- (p) - " " " " "
- (q) - " " " " "
- (r) - " " " " "
- (s) - " " " " "
- (t) - " " " " "
- (u) - All Guns at port awaiting shipment.
- P-4 4 block houses have been destroyed.
- P-5 Depot effectively destroyed.
- P-6 700 tons still to be removed.
- P-7 300 rounds still to be removed.
- P-8 } No action as yet.
- P-9 }
- P-10 }
- P-11 }
- P-12 }

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APPENDIX "B"

L - 1 Approximately 1,177 tons of salvageable war-like stores have been despatched to Taranto.

L - 2 Accomplished.

L - 3 No Gun emplacements have yet been destroyed pending arrival of A.R.A.R. to remove certain metal components.

L - 4 No action as yet.

L - 5 Ammunition removed but cavern has not yet been demolished.

L - 6 No action as yet.

L - 7 No action.

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No action.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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2 Dec 1946.

SUBJECT : Demilitarization of the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa
and Linosa.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters,
(Attention G-5).

1. Reference is made to :

- (a) letter AFHQ G-3 AFHQ/131/2 of 29 June 1946 to Director Land Forces Sub-Commission, subject: "Demilitarization of the Fortress Islands, Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa".
- (b) letter AFHQ G-5 386.37 I July 1946 to Chief Commissioner AG, subject: "Demilitarization of the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa".
- (c) Report of Inspections accomplished 24-27 July 1946 of the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa. Demilitarization Committee, to Director Land Forces Sub-Commission NMIA.
- (d) Progress Report on Demilitarization of Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, 8 October 1946, to Director Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA).

2. The Italian Prime Minister has forwarded to the Allied Commission a proposal for the conversion of certain of the former defense installations on the islands to the uses of the civil population. A translation of the detailed proposal is enclosed.

3. In effect, the proposal suggests the conversion to civilian uses of certain installations, scheduled for destruction under reference (a) above. It will be noted that no recommendation for the destruction of these installations was made in the Navy Sub-Commission report of 26 February 1946.

4. I have consulted the three services Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission in respect to the Prime Minister's proposal. Their comments are as follows :-

a. Navy Sub-Commission.

The proposals submitted by the Italian Government for converting the military installations on the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa are concurred in, it being considered that once the islands have been stripped of all guns and ammunition they could no longer be considered fortified.

b. Land Forces Sub-Commission (MSTA).

Removal or destruction of all ammunition and other war like stores and removal or destruction of all guns and gun emplacements will render the islands effectively demilitarized. It is felt however that in general the block houses should be destroyed. Any specific individual block house that may be of real value to the civil population should be reported upon by the Demilitarisation Committee with recommendations. It should be pointed out to the Italian Government that the Ammunition Depot "Poggio Monaco" (L-5) is considered unsafe and recommendation was made that the ammunition therein be destroyed in situ. The risk of removal instead of destruction would therefore have to be assumed by the Italian authorities.

c. Air Forces Sub-Commission.

(a) Though not specifically stated by the Italian Prime Minister it is considered that the all weather landing strips on Pantelleria and Lampedusa should not be destroyed because it is understood that, if the Allies agree, the Italian Directorate of Civil Aviation now contemplates granting a civil aviation concession which includes a scheduled civil air service between the mainland of Italy and Pantelleria and possibly also to Lampedusa. Furthermore these landing strips are useful for emergency landings for international aviation. If the Italians decide not to run scheduled civil air services to Lampedusa it is recommended that it be turned back to agriculture.

(b) If the retention of the above landing strips is approved, it is recommended that a small underground fuel installation on Pantelleria (P.10) be left. The other fuel installations might well be converted into water storage tanks provided specialised petrol fuel cocks and fittings are removed.

(c) The underground hangar on Pantelleria (P.11) could be used as accommodation for crews of landing aircraft and workshops for Civil Air Lines and for civilian uses as described by the Italian Prime Minister. In order to keep the Island's electrical power unit intact and to render the hangar unfit for aircraft, it is recommended that the Southern half of the hangar be converted to local civilian uses and that the two entrances be largely reduced in size, leaving an area next to the power unit to be used as a small workshop and accommodation for civil aviation personnel. The rail guides and overhead cranes in the hangar should be removed from the Island and thereby, in addition to reducing the size of the entrances, the hangar would be demilitarised.

(d) The ammunition dump at the airfield on Pantelleria (P.7) should be cleared and turned over to local civilian use.

(e) The important Meteorological Station will be re-established at Pantelleria for compiling accurate weather data between Sicily and North Africa for International Aviation and Shipping.

5. I concur in the views expressed above. The impact upon Italian economy of the widespread destructions in Italy incident to the war is so greatly felt that I feel most strongly that every effort should be made to avoid destroying installations useful to the civil communities unless

absolutely essential to the future Allied security. Whatever Allied agencies may be set up to ensure the military clauses of the Peace Treaty can easily assure that these islands do not again become a menace.

6. I therefore recommend that the Prime Minister's proposals be given favourable consideration subject to the modifications contained in the comments of the service sub-commissions, that specifically the following installations be exempted from destruction (see reference c): P-6, P-7, P-8, P-9, P-10, P-11, P-12, L-5, L-7, and that P-4 and L-4 be reported upon by the Demilitarisation Committee.

1st Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to :-

Executive Commissioner
Land Forces Sub-Commission
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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 24 October 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

The commission for the demilitarization of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa has prepared a plan which has already been explained to the members of the Allied Military Mission during the inspection made recently in Pantelleria.

Following now the wish expressed by said Mission, I am sending you a detailed program of transformations and adaptations which would be necessary for the conversion of the military installations of the two islands in civilian works.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Paolo Gappa

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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TO :- Director of Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.)

SUBJECT :- Progress report on Demilitarisation of Islands of
PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

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Reference is made to the demilitarisation programme for PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA outlined in paragraph 2 of the initial report.

(a) PANTELLERIA.

P-1 :- Approximately 360,000 Kg. of salvagable war-like stores as per following list have been shipped to the mainland :

10 90 and 75 mm. assemblies	35,000	kgs.
3 remains of torpedoes	4,500	"
15 torpedo war-heads	5,300	"
4 temporary mountings	8,000	"
10 base plates	5,000	"
Munitions	152,000	"
64 depth-charges	3,200	"
Empty shell cases	90,000	"
Small arms and spare parts	2,000	"
Dredging equipment	7,000	"
Armoured telephone cable	6,000	"
Steel cable	6,500	"
P.A. electric cable	1,300	"
Hemp cable	1,350	"
Anchor and chains	24,000	"
Various material	1,750	"

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Various material

35,000 kgs.
4,500 "
5,300 "
8,000 "
5,000 "
152,000 "
3,200 "
90,000 "
2,000 "
7,000 "
6,000 "
6,500 "
1,300 "
1,350 "
24,000 "
1,750 "

Total 360,400 Kgs.

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P-2 :- Non-salvageable ammunition from the Ghirlanda depot is being collected and segregated prior to dumping in the sea in depths established by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station and Allied Force Headquarters. This will be done as soon as a full 3,000 load is collected. Approximately one fifth of the ammunition stored at Ghirlanda has thus been removed.

P-3 :- All guns of batteries P-3 (g) and (h) have been removed and gun emplacement destroyed with the exception of one gun at (g) which has been destroyed and left in situ for collection by ARAR as scrap iron. Batteries at (i) and (j) are in the process of being dismantled and approximately one third of these guns have been transported to the port ready for shipment to Taranto.

(b) LAMPEDUSA.

While LAMPEDUSA was not actually visited on this trip, the following progress in demilitarising the island has been reported :

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L-2 :- Similarly, on 20th September, 1/5 of the non-salvageable ammunition had been dumped in the sea in a depth of 500 metres 37 miles from the port and it is anticipated that the remainder has already followed suite.

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4. Captain Amato returned to Rome with the party in order to report to the Ministry of Marine and with a view to obtaining more suitable ships to remove material from the islands, and better transportation and equipment. It is understood that his requests have been successful and it is hoped that the work will now be expedited.

5. The next progress report will be rendered during the first part of November, 1946.

Colonel Norman E. Fiske (A)
Chairman

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Allied Force Headquarters - G-3
Captain D.H. Greenhalgh RE.AFHQ
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Norman E. Fiske
Colonel Norman E. Fiske (A)
Chairman

Demilitarisation Committee.

Rome.
8th October, 1946.

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

October 1946

Ref: 632/173/10

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of Islands

TO : The French Representative,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

I am writing to acknowledge on behalf of Admiral Stone,
your note No. 436 dated 1 October on the above subject.

Admiral Stone has noted the points that you have made and
will bear them in mind if this matter should be raised again.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

McLaren Brigadier 202/2
M. GARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

Rome, 1 October 1946.

ALLIED COMMISSION IN ITALY

The French Representative

No. 436

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Action - E.C. (file 632/EC)

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Navy S/C

NOTE

To Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

1.- With your letter No. 632/164/EC of 20 September 1946, you kindly let me know that AFHQ considers that the question of demilitarization of the Maddalena ought to be negotiated through diplomatic channels.

2.- However, since the moment I had submitted to you the request which is the subject of this reply, the French Government has confirmed its view.

The work of the Paris Conference has led to include in the Peace Treaty the principle of dismantling within a year the installations threatening France and Admiral Barjot, Deputy Chief of Staff of National Defence, who has recently been in Rome, has instructed the Chief of the French Mission at AFHQ to obtain that with regard to La Maddalena the dismantling was carried out immediately.

3.- This request is based on the following arguments:

- this dismantling prescribed by the United Nations will be carried out better as the Allies still have in Italy serious means of control,

- appeasement of the populations of Corsica who have for such a long time been the object of Italian claims,

- similarity of Allied and French views, the one concerning the channel of Sicily (Pantelleria etc...), the other the Mouths of Bonifacio,

- identity of this request to that made by the British War Office who requested the Chief of Staff of National Defence and obtained the immediate dismantling of the coastal batteries of the Channel.

4. This letter does not mean to ask you to take steps at AFHQ who, as I pointed out above, has already been requested to reconsider this matter, but I considered it advisable to keep you informed of the new aspect of this question.

However, I shall be most grateful if - should AFHQ ask for your advice - you would in your turn support the arguments indicated above.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French representative at the A.C. in Italy

SEP 23 1946 CC

20 September 1946

Ref: 632/164/EC

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of Islands.
TO : The French Representative A.C.

With reference to your letter No. 2951 dated 24 August 46,
on this subject I have to advise you that:-

(a) The demilitarisation of the "Fortress Islands" of PANTELLERIA, LAMPEDUSA and LINOSA is being carried out in accordance with the instructions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff as one of the conditions under which they were restored to Italian jurisdiction on 31 Dec 45. The Fiske Mission was set up with the sole object of giving effect to this instruction.

(b) No corresponding instructions were issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in respect of Sardinia when it, together with Sicily and other parts of Italy, was handed back to the control of the Italian Government on 11 Feb 44.

(c) No grounds appear to exist which would justify SACRED exercising his discretion under the Armistice at this stage. Should however, The French Government wish to raise the question, it should do so through diplomatic channels.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

McParr
Brigadier
Acting Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/131/2

4 September 1946

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of the Islands of
PANTELLERIA, LAMPEDUSA and LINOSA.

TO : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM.

Reference: Your letter, file 632/EC, 12 August, to the Italian
Prime Minister.

1. Comments on the report of the demilitarization committee enclosed with the reference letter have now been received from Commander in Chief, Mediterranean and are quoted below:-

"(a) The Power Station located in southern end of the hangar.

Incomplete destruction of this hangar is not acceptable. The power station should, therefore, be removed to an above-ground site.

"(b) The underground Naval fuel depot "Via Silvia" (P.8).

No objection is seen to the conversion of this installation to water storage for civilian use provided the tanks are removed from their present location and re-assembled on an above ground site.

"(c) The all-weather airfields on Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

Effective permanent demilitarization would appear to be impracticable. Blowing of small craters is recognised to be not worth the labour which would have to be expended. Use of these airfields in the future, however, cannot be permitted, and it is, therefore, desired that the next best alternative of putting the area out to cultivation should be employed."

2. It is desired that the necessary action be taken to amend demands on the Italian Government in accordance with these comments.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

HM/co's.

OFFICIAL:

J.D'A ANDERSON,
Brigadier G.S.,
AC of S, G-3.

Copy to: MAAC, NLO, G-5.

T.S. AIREY,
Major General,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Aug 29 1946

Ref: 632/150/ES.

28 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Demilitarisation of Islands.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. The enclosed translation of a letter from the French Representative to the Allied Commission is forwarded for whatever action you may deem necessary.

2. You will note that the demilitarisation of SARDINIA is covered in Article XLIII of the proposed Treaty of Peace with ITALY.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUGH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
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Air Forces S/C
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TRANSLATION.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

Rome, 24 August 1946

No. 2951

Lt. Col. CROS, French Representative,
F.I. to the Allied Commission, ROME.

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2. This Commission is under the orders of COL. FISKE (USA) of the Allied Commission.

3. In its concern and referring to the Articles II of the Armistice Terms of 3 September 1943 and No. 34 of the Terms of 29 September of the same year, the Government of the French Republic desire to see the demilitarization of the Northern Zone of Sardegna and especially the destruction of artillery installations of MAONIELLA.

In consequence he requests that the field of action of the FISKE Commission be extended to the above.

4. If you judge it necessary an officer of the French Mission to the Allied Commission could be attached to Colonel FISKE to control under his order the execution of the French wishes.

(Sgd) FELIX CROS,
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 794

Rome, 24 August 1946

no. 2951

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P.I. to the Allied Commission

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/s/ FELIX CROS
Lt. Colonel

See [13]

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Sir:

I shall refer this to L.F. s/c thru
Ex. Comm.

J.L.R.

Mapa Ridge do
GMS

TRANSLATION

Rome, 21 August, 1946.

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
77888/16644.16/19.11

Dear Admiral,

In reply to your letter No. 632/94/EC dated 8 July, 1946, (4)

I inform you that the Italian officer who will be charged with the carrying out of the unmilitarization of the Lampedusa, Pantelleria, and Linosa isles, is Major Trombetta Biagio of the military engineers, at the disposal of the Ministry of Marine.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) Cappe.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone.

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

Rome.

Note:

copies of this letter sent to exec Commr
Munich on 27 Aug 46.

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Roma 21 agosto 1946

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

Caro Ammiraglio,

in esito alla Sua lettera n.632/94/EC dell'8 luglio scorso, Le comunico che l'ufficiale italiano che verrà incaricato della effettiva attuazione del programma di smilitarizzazione delle isole di Lampedusa, Pantelleria e Linosa, è stato scelto nella persona del maggiore del genio militare a disposizione del Ministero della Marina, Trombetta Biagio.

Le invio saluti cordiali.

Affus Cappoz

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata
ROMA

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 632/24/22.

12 August 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to the Chief Commissioner's letter dated 8 July 1946, 632/24/22, and in accordance with instructions recently received from the Supreme Allied Commander, I transmit herewith a report of the demilitarization committee which visited the islands of PUSTOLUNA, LANTUSA and LINGSA. The report contains a programme for the demilitarization of these islands and specifically for the removal of armament, dismantling of batteries, and destruction of gun emplacements, block houses, fuel and ammunition storage depots, air fields, underground hangar and combined command headquarters.

The Chief Commissioner has been directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to request the Italian Government to carry out the programme of demilitarization as prepared by the committee without delay. Salvage operations under the direction of the Ministry of Marine have already begun. I understand, however, that the Italian authorities intend to propose certain amendments to the demilitarization programme whereby certain of these installations will be converted to civilian use.

If this is the case I would ask that the proposals of the Italian Government be submitted at the earliest opportunity and that the remainder of the work of demilitarization be not delayed on that account.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Chief Commissioner ✓

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AUG 12 1946

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Subject: Report of Inspections of the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa, and Linosa.

To : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMA), Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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2. A general report follows. Engineers Demolition Programme appears at Appendix A.

PANTILLERIA. The military store and installations on this the largest and most heavily fortified of the three islands, has remained without caretakers since the Allied evacuation in the fall of 1943. Weather and the local inhabitants have already effected a very considerable demilitarization. The batteries are almost useless without major arsenal overhaul.

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(e) Coast Defence Battery "R. RAUETTA" 4 guns 120/50. Vickers TRIN 1913. Un-operational. Condition similar to (a)

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- (i) Coast defence and AA battery "PT 292" 6 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Un-operational. Condition similar to (a)
- (j) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 382" 4 guns 76/40. Damaged by bombardment. Un-operational. Condition similar to (a) plus bomb damage.
- (k) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 356" 6 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (a)
- (l) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 129" 6 guns 76/40 plus one Oerlikon. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (a)

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- (m) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 406". 6 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Heavily damaged by bombardment.
- (n) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 738". 5 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (m), heavily damaged by bombardment.
- (o) Coast defence and AA Battery "PT 341". 6 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (a)
- (p) Coast defence and Battery "PT 174". 4 guns 76/40. Armstrong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (a)
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Strong Pozzouli 1917. Condition similar to (a)

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It is understood that the Italian Government has in mind converting this fuel storage installation into a civilian water supply system. Water is extremely short on this island and much of it must be transported from Sicily in tankers. A proposal to this effect may be forthcoming from the Italian Government.

P-9 Aviation fuel depot at the Port of Pantelleria. Reputedly never used as it was badly constructed and leaked. The Navy attempted to

use it for fuel storage without success. No present stockage. To be demolished after removal of useful equipment. The Italian Navy proposes to use this depot as a warehouse for storage of salvage materials during the salvage operations. It should therefore not be demolished until salvage operations are completed.

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- (b) Coast defense battery L.P. 1. 4 guns 149/53. Unoperational. Condition similar to (a). Krupp built 1911.
- (c) Coast defense and AA dual purpose battery L.P. 511. 6 guns 90/. Unoperational. Condition similar to (a). Ansaldo built 1911.
- (d) Coast defense and AA dual purpose battery L.P. 421. 4 guns 90/. Unoperational. Condition similar to (a). Ansaldo built 1911.

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L-6 Demolition of the underground re-inforced concrete portion of the Combined Head-quarters. Turn over to a village and the building forming the remainder of the H.Q. and the power system constructed by the DIGAT.

L-7 Airfield. This strip has a limestone base and is usable in all weather.

3) PROGRESS REPORTS : The Committee proposes to render the first progress report about 1 September and monthly thereafter.

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Colonel NORMAN E. FROWE, (A) Chairman

S/Ldr. H.K. HITCHCOCK, RAF (B)

1st Lt. J. L. RICHARDSON, R.A.M. (B)

Capt. J.B.S. HARRIS, R.A.M. (B)

Members of the Demilitarisation Committee

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ENGINEER DEMOLITION PROGRAMME.

Serial No	Structure to be destroyed	Method of Demolition.	H.E. Req'd (Approx)	Man Hours (Approx)	RE
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P. 4	Blockhouses	<u>R.C. Construction.</u> Hastily constructed of inferior materials. Not heavily reinforced. Varying types and sizes. Block all entrances after loading with (distributed) concussion charges. Calculate charge on formula $C = KT / \sqrt{V}$ C = Charge T = Wall thickness in feet. K = 0.6 V = Internal volume in cubic feet.	Estimate 20,000lbs	1,800	

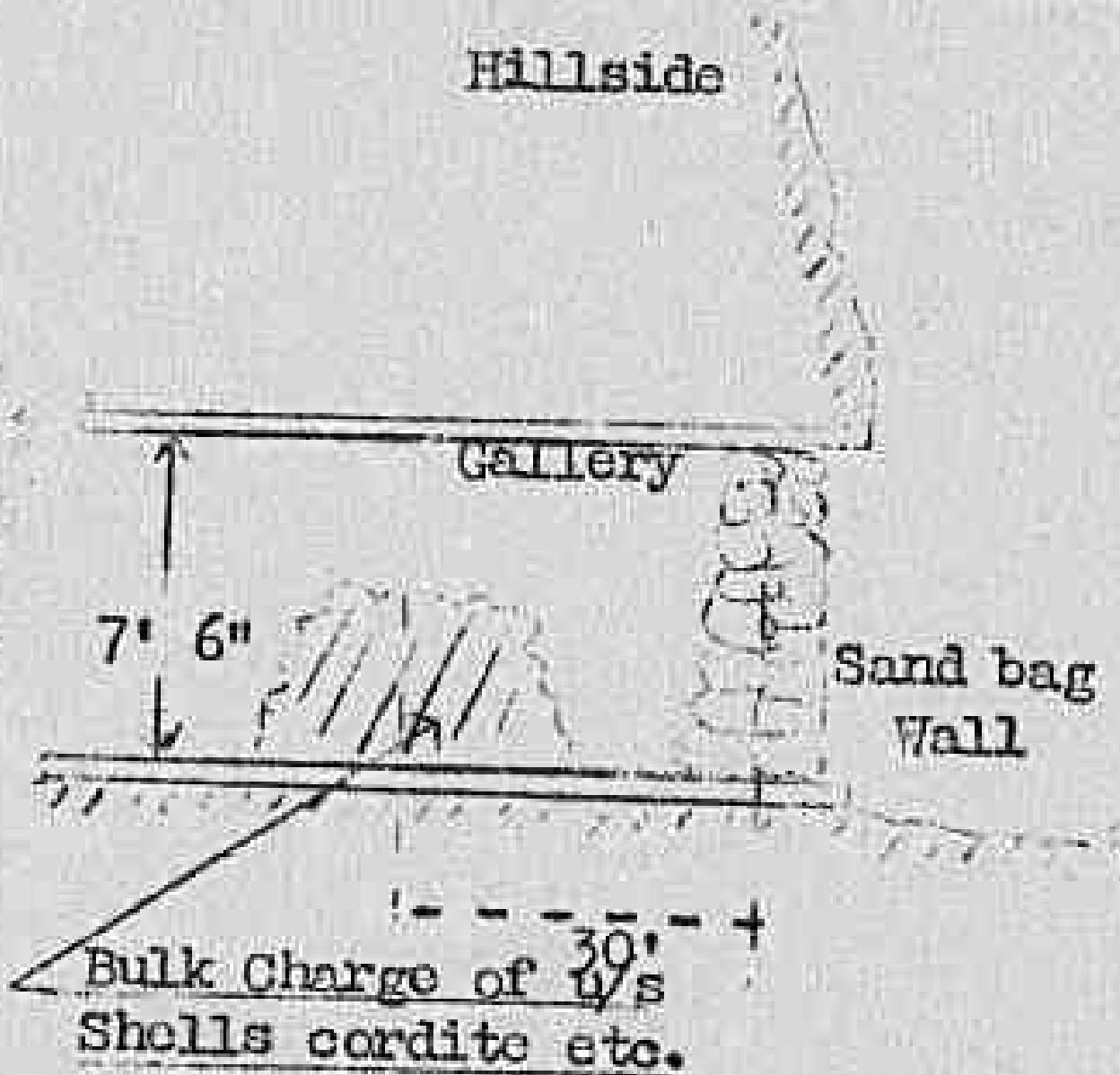
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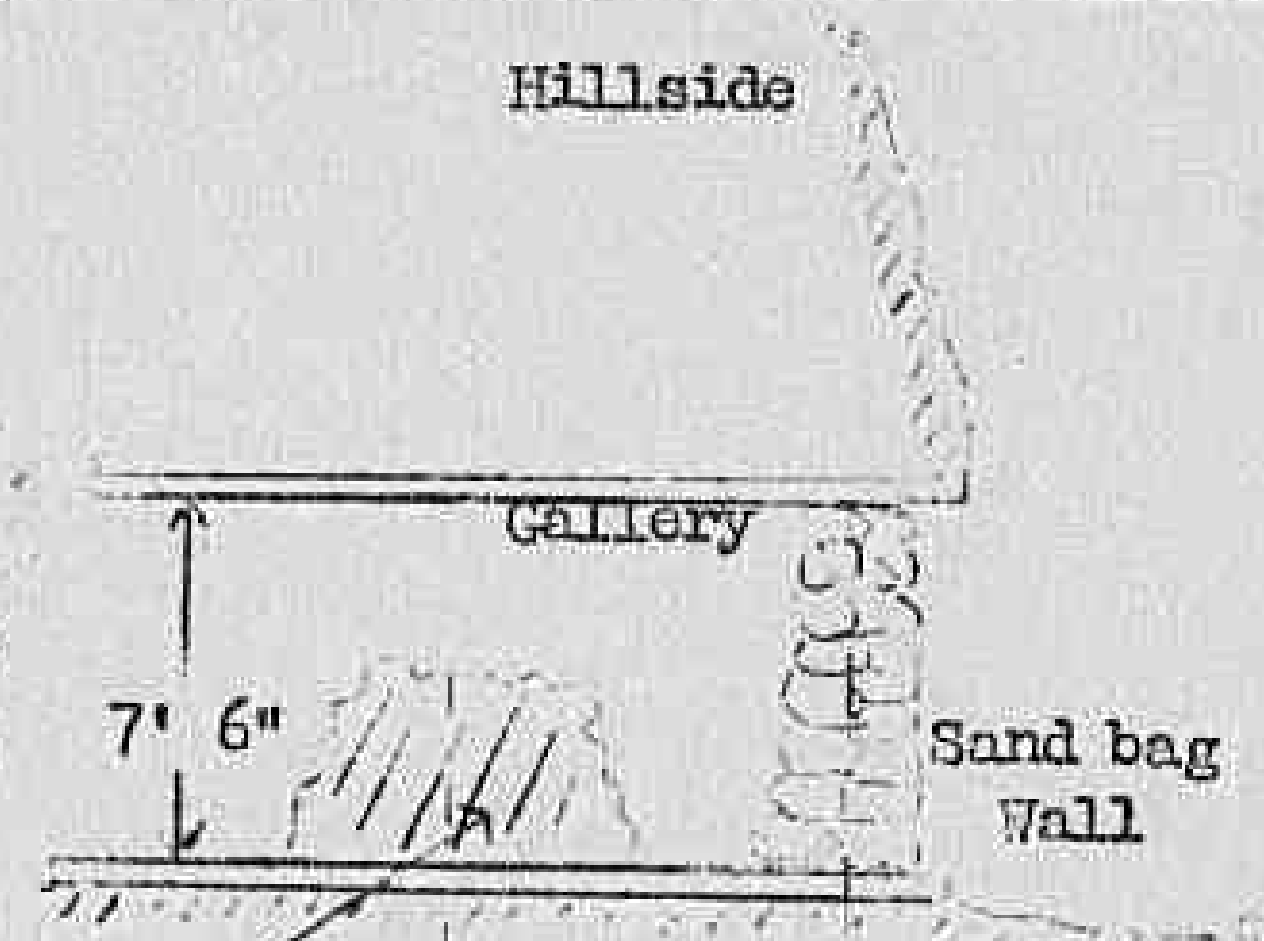
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Serial No	Structure to be destroyed	Method of Demolition	H.E. Req'd (Approx)	Man Hours (Approx)	
P. 6.	Ammunition Depot "GHIRLANDA"	 Bulk Charge of 30' Shells cordite etc. Place bulk charges about 30' in from the gallery entrances. The charge may consist of unserviceable shells or ammunition, with a proportion of HE for initiation purposes. Then block entrance with a sandbag wall.	Estimated 28,000lbs	1,000	Blow to Use 3, and ad remain
P. 7.	Ammunition Depot at Airfield	Use same method as in P. 6. Above.	Estimated 28,000lbs	1,000	

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Serial No	Structure to be destroyed	Method of demolition	H.E. Req'd (Approx)	Man Hours (Approx)	REMARKS
P. 8.	Naval Fuel Depot "Via Silvia"	Air Vent. Storage Tank Pump House Bulk Charge Place bulk charge in pump house. Estimated 5,000lbs. Block entrance and blow. Charge required = 2,500 lbs Appx. Use unserviceable ammunition.		500	
P. 9.	Aviation Fuel Depot.	The form of construction is similar to P. 6.. Use same for of demolition.	9,000lbs	500	To be def (See gener
P. 10.	Aviation Fuel Storage at Air-field.	Block all entrances - doors, windows etc. Blow using concussion charge. Calculate charge, using formula $C=KT/\sqrt{VT}$ (see Note P. 4.) Assume $K = 0.4$.	800 lbs	60	

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Method of demolition

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REMARKS.

Air Vent.

Entrance

Place bulk
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and blow.
Charge required
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Use unserviceable
Ammunition.

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Storage
TankPump
House

Bulk Charge

The form of construction is similar
to P. 6.. Use same for of demoli-
tion.

9,000lbs

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To be deferred.
(See general report)

Block all entrances - doors, windows
etc. Blow using concussion charge.
Calculate charge, using formula
 $C=KT/\sqrt{V}$ (see Note P. 4.)

800 lbs

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P. 11.	Underground Hangar and Workshops.	See separate detail attached. at Appendix B.	4,000lbs	19,200
P. 12.	Air Field.	Destroy surface by cratering at 100' centres. Approx area of Airfield is 2160000 sq yds. Therefore 1950 craters must be blown. (See sketch at Appendixes B & C) (In view of the fact that the topsoil is no more than 2' thick - the Air field having been hewn out of a mountain the suggested method of demolition is somewhat impracticable; and even if carried out the airfield could be restored with the use of modern mechanised equipment in a few days.	156000	50000
LAMPEDUSA. L. 3.	A.A. & C.D. Batteries.	Guns. (4.5" - .6") Total No. 29. Destroy as in P. 3.	15 lb per gun. 435 lbs	30
L. 4.	Blockhouses	Destro as in P. 4. Total No. 15 (Approx)	12000 lbs	1100
L. 5.	"Poggio Monaco" Ammunition Depot	Reports indicate that the ammunition stored here is in a dangerous condition. It should be blown up in a situ.		
L. 6.	Underground HQ.	Drill 2" boreholes along one side of the arch springing. Space at 12" centres. Depth of borehole 20". Fill to 2/3 capacity remainder and blow. Total length of the concrete portion is 270 feet. Charge 1000 lbs		1,500

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Serial No	Structure to be destroyed	Method of Destruction.	H.E. Req'd. (Approx)	Man Hours (Approx)	
L. 6. Continued.	Underground HQ.	(The above method has been chosen) (to reduce the amount of explosive) (to a minimum so as not to damage) (the Islands, water supply which) (is immediately in the vicinity.)			
L. 7.	Airfield.	Same remarks apply as in P.12.			

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Appendix B.

Underground Hangar and Workshops.

Method of Demolition.

1. Cut the main arch ring longitudinally at a point about 8' above ground level, and immediately below the line of subsidiary arched beams supporting the overhead workshops (See sketches at Appendix C.).
2. Cut the arch ring over the entrances at haunches (ie at 1/3 span, see sketch at Appendix C.).

1. Main arch ring. Thickness (Max) at point of cut - 6' 6".
Mass Concrete - Not reinforced.
Total length of cut - 1600 feet.

$$\text{Formula } W = 2L^3 \text{ ozs.}$$

$$\text{In this case } L = 3' 3"$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of charge per borehole} = 2 (3\frac{1}{2})^3 = 69 \text{ ozs.} \\ = 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs.}$$

No of charges.

$$\text{Charges are spaced } L \text{ feet apart,} \\ \therefore \text{No. of charges} = \frac{1600}{3\frac{1}{2}} = 493$$

To ensure complete destruction double the charge on one side, i.e. put in five rows of boreholes (4 feet apart).

$$\text{Now. Total No. of boreholes} = 740. \\ \text{Explosive reqd} = 740 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs.} \\ = 3330 \text{ lbs.}$$

2. Entrance arch rings.

(2M.C.) thickness (Max) at point of cut - 6' reinforced concrete.
Total length of cut - 500'

$$\text{Formula } W = 2L^3 \text{ ozs.}$$

$$\text{In this case } L = 3'$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of charge per borehole} = 2(3)^3 = 54 \text{ ozs.} \\ = 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs (approx).}$$

No. of charges.

$$\text{Charges are spaced } L \text{ feet apart,} \\ \therefore \text{No. of charges} = \frac{500}{3} = 167$$

$$\text{Explosive reqd} = 167 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs} \\ = 585 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$\text{Total No. of boreholes required for complete demolition,} \\ 740 + 167 = 907$$

2. Cut and arch ring over the entrances at the sketch at Appendix C).

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Total length of cut - 1600 feet.

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No. of charges.

Charges are spaced L feet apart.

∴ No. of charges = $\frac{500}{3} = 167$

Explosive reqd = $167 \times 3\frac{3}{4} \text{ lbs}$
= 585 lbs.

Total No. of boreholes required for complete demolition.

$740 + 167 = 907.$

Total amount of explosive required for complete demolition.

$3330 + 585 = 3915$
say 4000 lbs.

Owing to lack of information as to what equipment is likely to be made available for the task an accurate estimate of the time required is impossible. An approximate forecast would be 2 months with about 40 skilled men.

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NOTE

The southern end of the hangar house, the island's electric power generators. If the installation is to be saved from destruction it must be transferred to an alternative site. Or, in order to keep the installation in the present set-up the demolition of the hangar be restricted north of a line CC (see sketch). A course which would leave intact approx 1/3 of the hangar.

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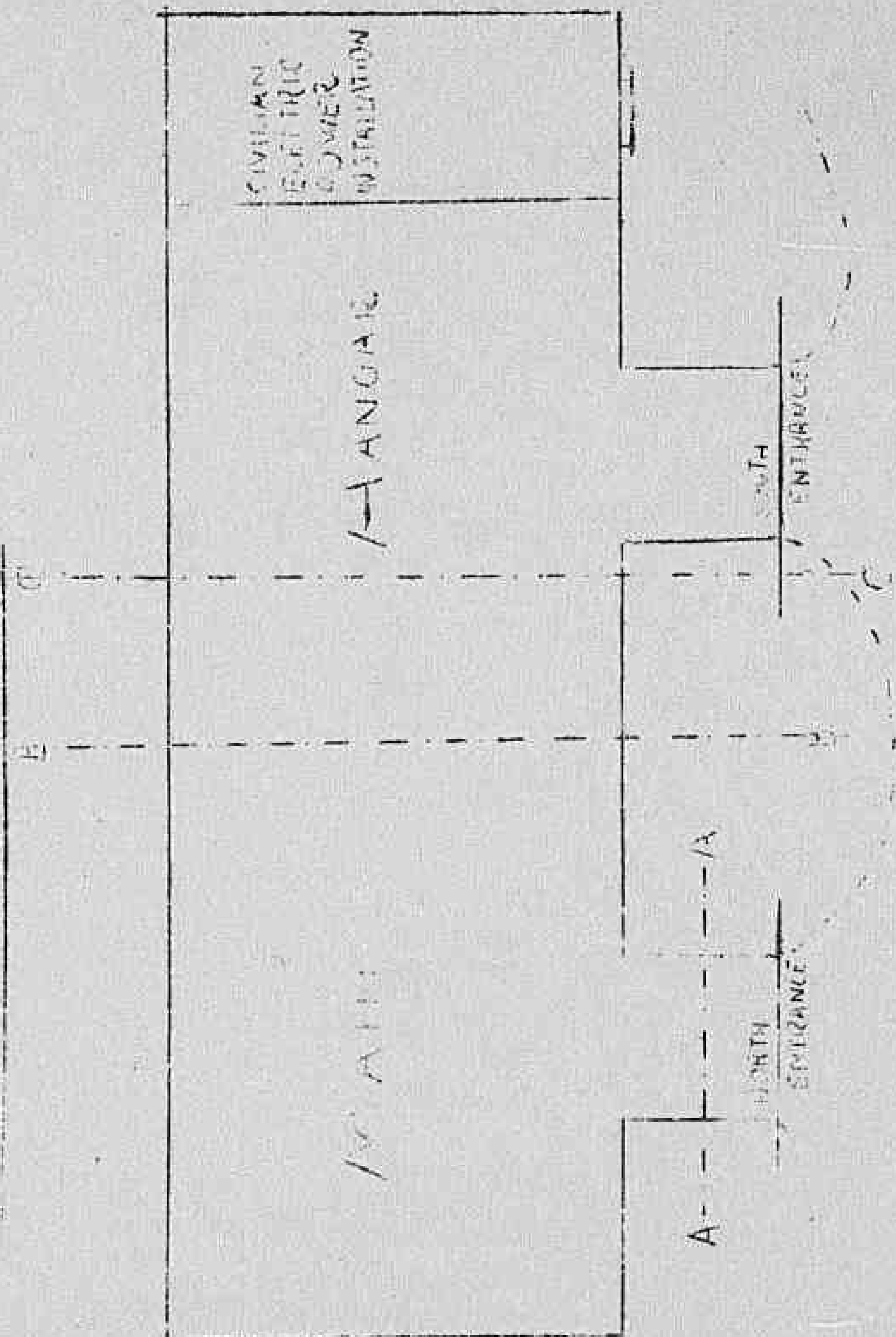
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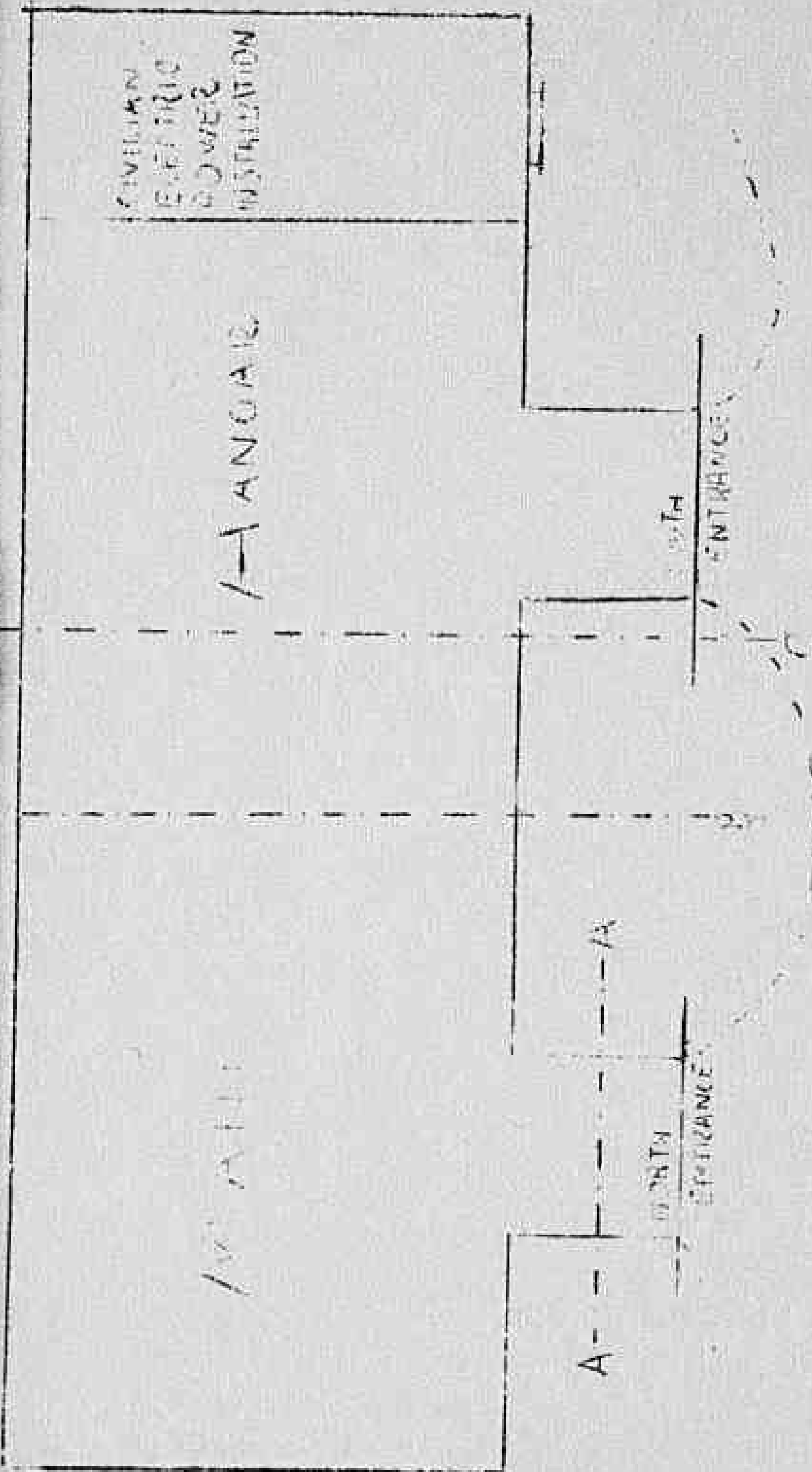
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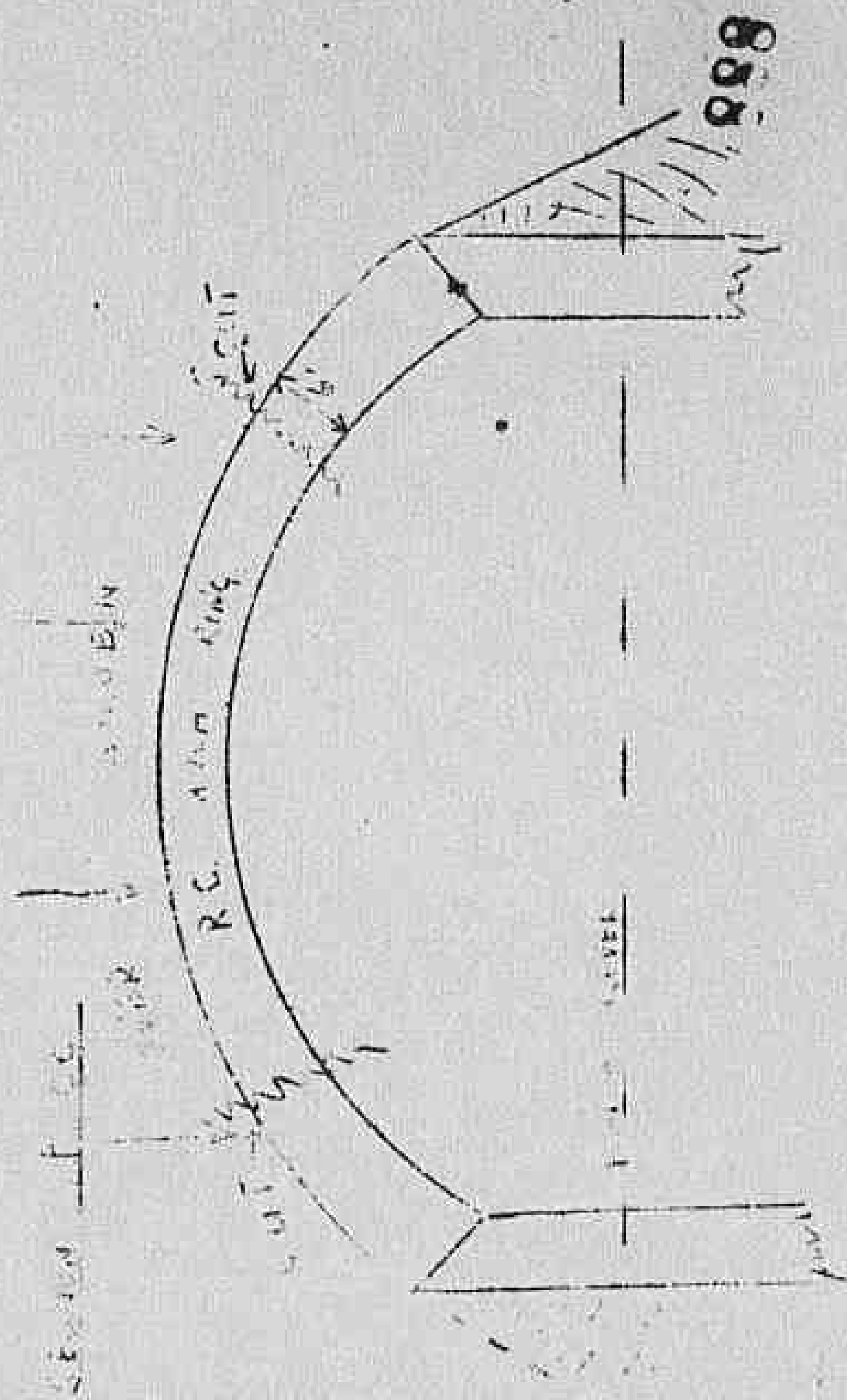
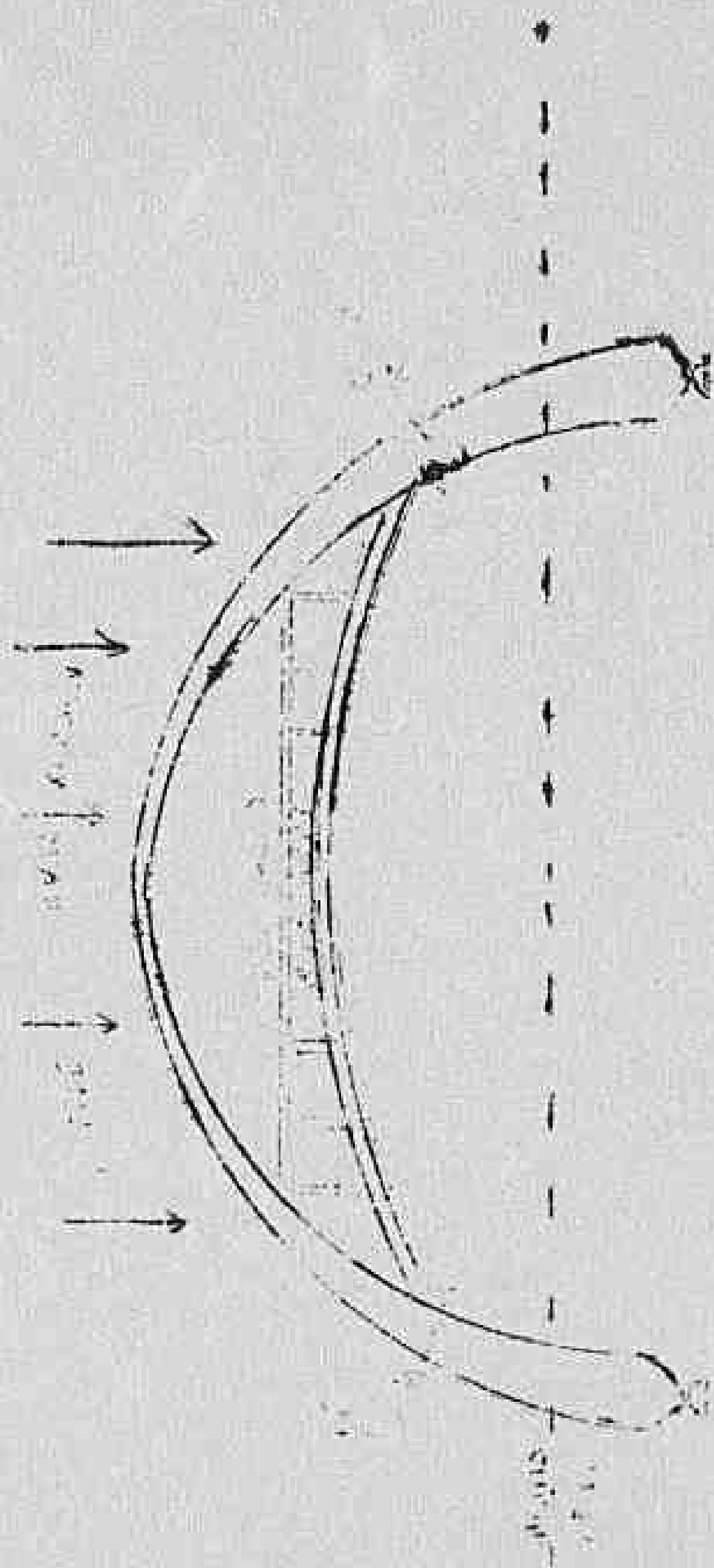
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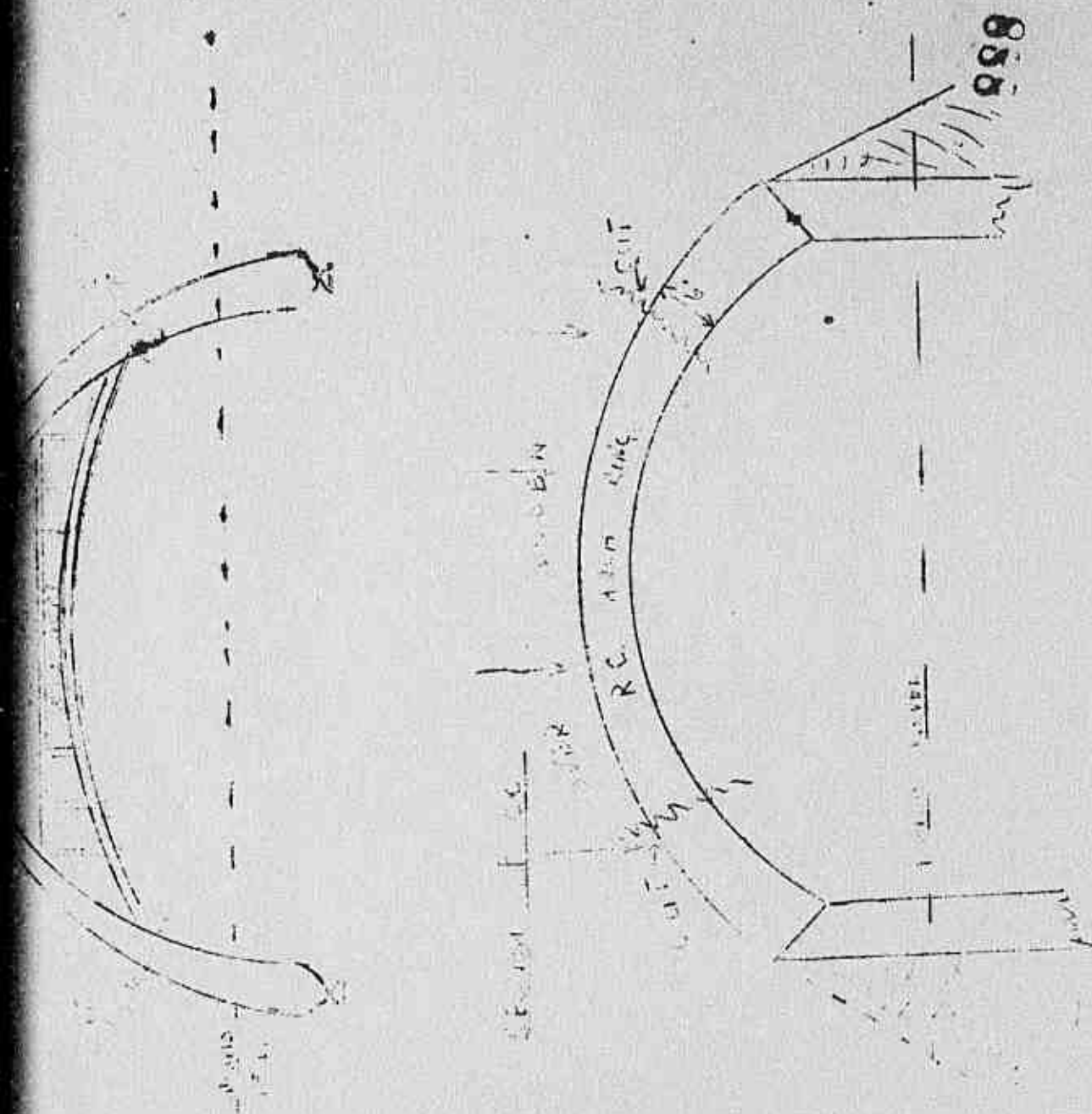
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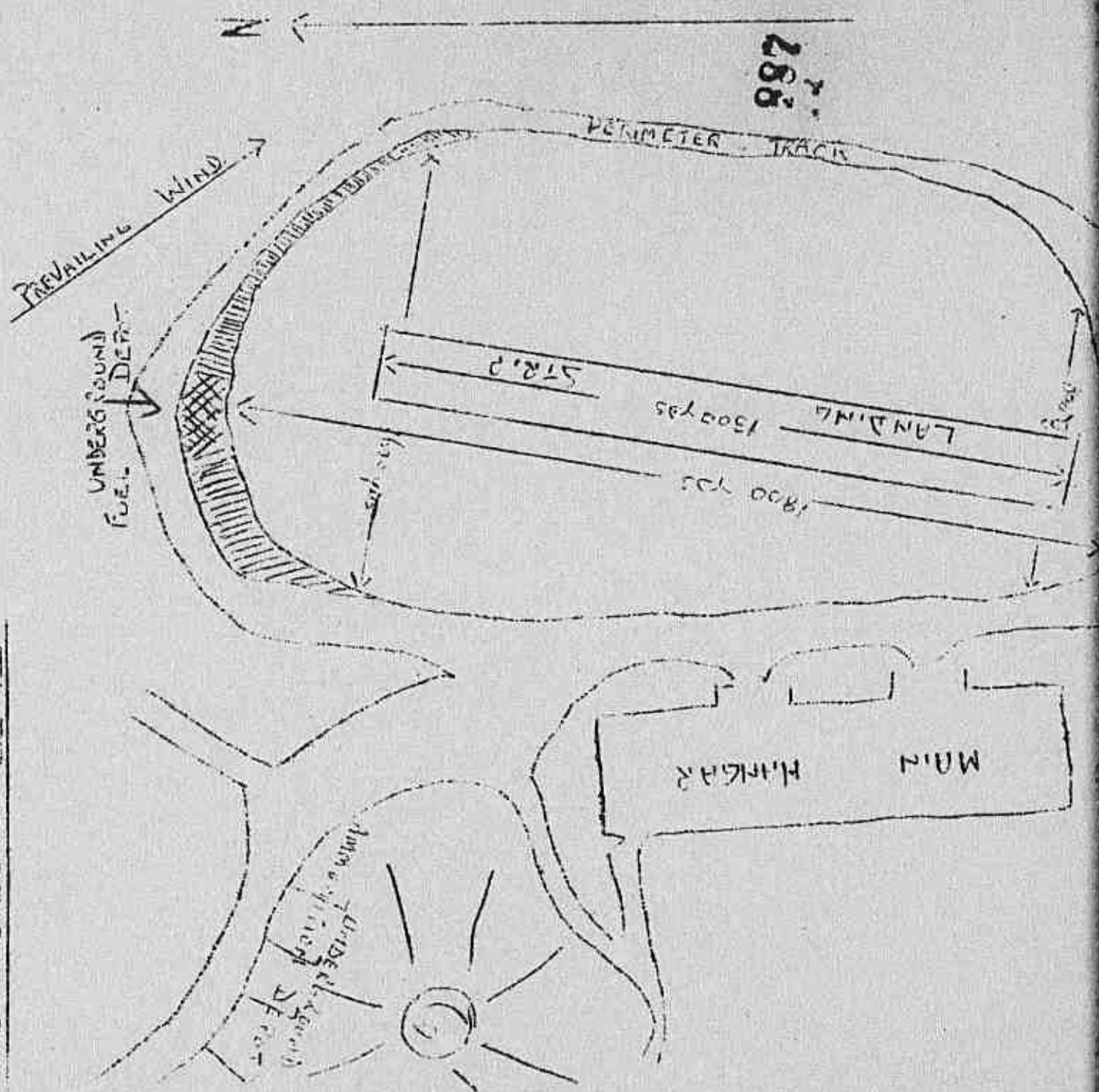
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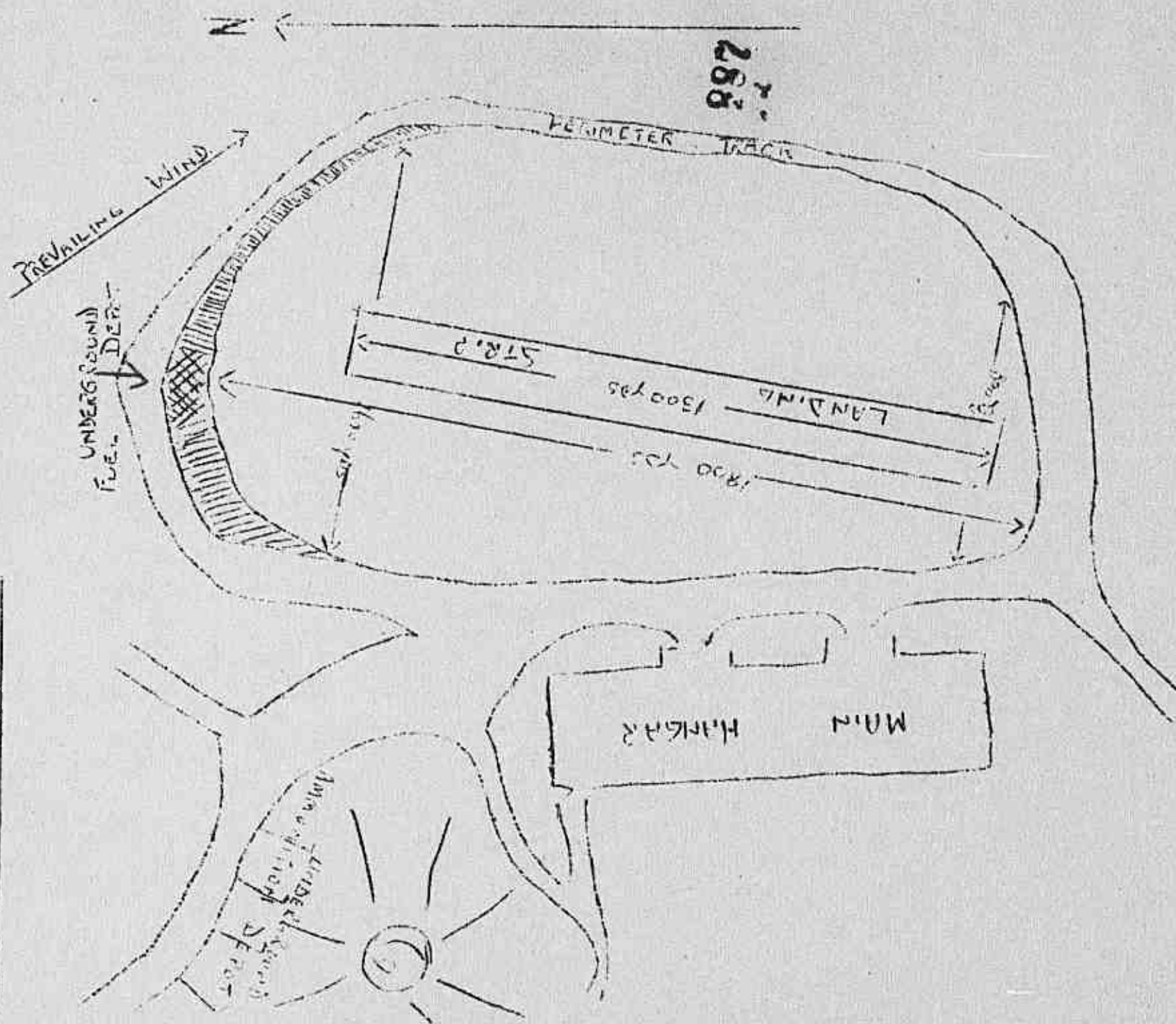
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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20 July 1946.

Ref. : AFSS/350/ORG.

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of the Islands of
Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa.TO : G-3 Section,
A.P.O.

1. With reference to your letter G-3 AFSS/131/2 dated 29th June 1946, paragraph 1, it is suggested that one of the members of the Demilitarization Committee shall be a Senior Officer of the Air Forces Sub-commission. If you agree it may not be necessary for a member to be detailed by Air Headquarters, Italy.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of your letter, it is requested that reconsideration may be given to the instruction ordering the destruction of:

(a) The "all-weather" landing strips on Pantelleria and Lampedusa because it is known that the Italian Government wishes to run a scheduled Civil Air Service between the Mainland of Italy and Pantelleria, and possibly to Lampedusa at a later date. In addition these landing strips should be useful as emergency landing grounds for International Aviation.

(b) If the retention of the landing strips mentioned in (a) above is approved, it is suggested that a small underground fuel installation on Pantelleria should be left so as to hold 10,000 gallons of petrol, in which event that amount of petrol need not be removed, salvaged or destroyed (your para 2 (b) 2 refers).

3. A request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry to reinstitute a Meteorological Station at Pantelleria for compiling accurate weather data for Sicily and the Mediterranean Area; this is the subject of a separate letter but is mentioned here in order that the Demilitarization Committee may leave some accommodation available on Pantelleria. For ready reference a copy of a letter addressed to M.A.A.C. is attached.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief CommissionerCopy to:- Navy Sub-Commission,
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Land Forces Sub-Commission,
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To :- MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT.

From:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION.

Date:- 5TH JULY, 1946.

Ref :- 1157/48/MSP.

ESTABLISHMENT OF METEOROLOGICAL STATION AT PANTELLERIA.

A request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry to reinstitute the Meteorological Station at Pantelleria for the purpose of compiling accurate weather data for Sicily and the Mediterranean Area. It is not known whether such station is already required by International Weather Authorities but it is safe to assume that it should be.

2. This request is supported by this Sub-Commission and your authority is therefore requested to permit the Italian Air Ministry to establish this weather station and to post about ten civilian (R) civilian personnel at Pantelleria to repair and operate the aforementioned meteorological station.

3. Information is also requested if there are any objections to the suggestion proposed in supplying stationed personnel with rations and equipment by periodical flights so long as the landing strip remains serviceable. If this method is not feasible or proves uneconomical, it is planned to furnish meteorological operating personnel with subsistence and equipment by means of water transportation.

SGD FRANK E. MATEK,
Lt. Col, Air Corps,
Deput Director.

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DEMILITARIZATION COMMITTEE FOR FORTRESS ISLANDS DEPARTS ROME FROM
CIAMPINO AIRPORT 0900 HOURS CMA 22 JULY ARRIVES PALERMO 1100 LEAVES
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HOURS ARRIVES TRAPANI 1700 SAILS FROM TRAPANI ABOARD ITALIAN TORPEDOBOAT
ARIMOSA 0100 HOURS 23 JULY ARRIVING PANTELLERIA AT 0700 HOURS PD MEMBERS
ARE REQUESTED TO JOIN AT MOST CONVENIENT POINT AND TO NOTIFY CHAIRMAN
AT LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ALCON PD

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Demilitarization committee is subject. Your 4094, 9 July refers.
Para 1. Members as follows : commander in chief mediterranean - Captain M L Richardson, royal marines. Engineers allied force Headquarters - Captain JB S Harris. Air Headquarters Italy - squadron leader H K Mitchell.
Para 2. Request you communicate your plans direct to these individuals.
Para 3. Italian navy detachment is authorized to proceed to islands with understanding they are to leave when work completed.

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COMMANDING GENERAL AFHQ (ATTENTION G-3 SECTION)

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OF DEMILITARIZATION COMMITTEE PD PROPOSED TO PROCEED TO ISLANDS BY ITALIAN NAVAL
CRAFT ON OR ABOUT TWO TWO JULY PD ITALIAN ENGINEERS REPRESENTING EACH SERVICE
MINISTRY WILL ACCOMPANY COMMITTEE PD REQUEST DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS BY CHARLIE IN
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ITALIAN NAVY DESIRES TO TRANSPORT AT SAME TIME CERTAIN VEHICLES CMA SUPPLIES AND
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OPERATIONS PD REQUEST PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THIS DETACHMENT TO PROCEED TO ISLANDS
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ELLERY WILLIAM STONE REAR ADMIRAL
USNR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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EDWARD J. DEHN
LIEUT. COLONEL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794.
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref: 632/24/ED.

8 July 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In accordance with Article 11 of the Armistice Terms, a Committee is to be formed to establish a programme for the demilitarisation of the Islands of PANTELLERIA, LAMPEDUSA and LINOSA. This programme is to be carried out by the Italian Government under Allied supervision.

It is desired to have as a member of the Committee the Italian Engineer Officer who will be charged with the actual carrying out of this programme.

I would therefore be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would consider the matter so that when the Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission calls for this Engineer, a suitable officer may be available.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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14 March 1946

SUBJECT: - Report of Inspections of Islands of
PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

TO : C-5, AFHQ.

1. In accordance with para 3, AFHQ signal F59503 of 26 January 1946, the following report of inspections of PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA as carried out by representatives of Land Forces, Air Forces and Navy Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission during the period 8-14 Feb 46 is hereby submitted:

2. PANTELLERIA:

(a) Army - There is no Italian military personnel on the island other than fifteen Carabinieri and 7 Finance Guards. Carabinieri are armed with carbines cal. 6.5 mm and pistols cal. 9 mm. The detachment has 2 light machine guns cal. 6.5 mm and a quantity of Italian hand grenades. Finance Guards have only pistola cal. 9 mm for armament.

(b) Navy - No Italian Naval personnel is at present on the island. Before the island's surrender, the manning of AA @ CD defenses was a Naval responsibility. Attached as Appendix "A" is a map showing locations of all batteries and attached as Appendix "B" is a legend to the map, showing the calibre and types of the batteries. It is considered that all batteries are non-operational and could not be rendered operational without thorough Arsenal overhaul. The age and advanced deterioration of most guns would make such overhaul uneconomical.

(c) Air Force - No Italian Air Force personnel is at present on the island. The location of the island's airfield is shown on the map at Appendix "A". The field has a sod surface and is well drained in "all weather". The landing strip is 300 feet by 3,800 feet and is marked by white concrete imbedded in the ground. There is adequate space for parking 3 of 4 squadrons of planes on the field. A large hangar is located on the west side of the airfield built under a small hill and is approximately 100 feet by 800 feet in size, too narrow too accommodate other than fighter planes and light bombers.

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For Chief Com. Files

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(b) Navy - No Italian Naval personnel is at present on the island. Before the islands surrender, the manning of AA @ CD defenses was a Naval responsibility. Attached as Appendix "4" is a map showing locations of all batteries and attached as Appendix "B" is a legend to the map, showing the calibre and types of the batteries. It is considered that all batteries are non-operational and could not be rendered operational without thorough Arsenal overhaul. The age and advanced deterioration of most guns would make such overhaul uneconomical.

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3. LAMPEDUSA

(a) Army - No Italian military personnel is at present on the island other than 9 carabinieri and 5 Finance Guards armed with carbines cal. 6.5 mm and pistols cal. 9 mm. One field Artillery battery of 4 pieces of 75/27 mm, made in 1914-1918, remains on the island but is non-operational, due to deterioration, loss of parts etc.

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(b) Navy - No Italian Naval Personnel is at present stationed on the island. Attached as Appendix "C" is a map giving the location of AA & CD batteries which were a Naval responsibility, and other military installations. Attached as Appendix "D" is a legend to the map giving details of the defenses. The condition of these defenses is similar to that of PANTELLERIA.

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11 March 1946.

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SUBJECT: Report on the Islands of
PAPEA and LAUPEA

TO : G.C.C.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission
(M.H.I.A.)

1. Further to my letter No. 632/HC of 28 February 46, the report from the Navy Sub-Commission under reference HQ/1692 dated 7 March 46 has now been received, and a copy has been sent to you. I enclose for the coordinated report which you are preparing, plans of the Islands which were attached to the original copy of the report.

2. May the report please be prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

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28 February 1946.

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PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

TO : GOC, Land Forces S/C (MCLA).

I should be grateful if you would coordinate with the Navy and Air Force Sub-Commissions and prepare a combined report on the inspection of the Islands of PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA by the representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions in accordance with AFHQ signal. I have received reports from your Sub-Commission and Air Forces Sub-Commission but wish to present the report as a whole to AFHQ.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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