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VISITS, FIRE & CD. SECTION
AUG. 1943 - FEB. 1944

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1	—	19-21 Aug	Between Maj. Mason & D.C. P.S.D.
2	1037/PS	2 Sept 43	Visit by Jim C. & Duke

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS.

11 FEB. 1944.

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade.

To: C.P.S.D. Region: 1.

Comune of Ragusa.

Province of RAGUSA.

The Fire Brigade at Ragusa was inspected on the above date by Comandante Bigi Senior Civil Fire Officer for Sicily.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment found in good condition.

The fire brigade was found to be functioning well.

Maresciallo Pennisi of Palermo Fire Brigade accompanied Comandante Bigi on this trip to take over command of this RAGUSA Fire Brigade.

The previous Comandante Sig: Nicosia Emanuele was recently removed for previously held an office in the Fascista Party.

The moral of the personnel appeared to be high.

Frank Brannigan.

FRANK BRANNIGAN
Supt. Fire & Civil Defence.
Region No. 1.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS.

10 FEB. 1944.

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade.

To: C.P.S.D. Region. No. 1.

Commune of Siracusa.

Province of Siracusa.

The fire brigade at Siracusa was inspected on the above date by Comandante Migi, Senior Fire Officer for Sicily.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment found in good condition.

There is good cooperation between the British and Civil Fire Brigade.

Fire Service will be maintained at AUGUSTA, MOTO, and LENTINI.

The Comandante of the Siracusa Fire Brigade is being investigated by the Senior Fire Officer.

Frank Brannigan

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Supt. Fire & Civil Defence.
Region No. 1.

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FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.

REGION No. 1.

28 JAN. 44.

Subject: Inspection of Fire Brigades in the Province of
ENNA.

To: G.P.S.D. Region No. 1.

The Communes of ENNA -- RICCIA -- ARMERINA were
inspected on the above date by Commandante Luigi Bigi, Senior
Fire Officer for Region No. 1.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment of the Brigades in the
above mentioned Communes were found in good condition.

The Fire Brigades were found to be functioning well.

Moral of the personnel appeared to be high.

The firemen appeared to be well drilled in their
duties.

Prof. Zucchi Libero, Commandante of the Corps at
Enna will be kept under surveillance by Commandante Bigi as to
his capability of holding his present position.

Frank Brannigan
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Supt. Fire & Civil Defence.
Region No. 1.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

REGION NO. 1.
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE.

27 JAN. 1944.

Subject: Report on Inspection of Fire Brigades.

To: C. P. S. Region No. 1.

Communes of Caltanissetta -- Mussomeli -- and
Gela were inspected on the above date by Comandante Luigi
Bigi, senior Fire Officer for Region No. 1.

The Fire Apparatus and Equipment of the brigades
in the above mentioned communes were found in good condition.

Fire Brigades were found to be functioning good.

Moral of the personnel appeared to be high.

The firemen appeared to be well drilled in the
duties required of them.

Frank Brannigan.

FRANK BRANNIGAN
Supt. Fire & Civil Defence.
Region No. 1.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
REGION NO. 1.
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE.

19 JANUARY 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Fire Brigade.

TO: C. P. S. Region No. 1.

Communes of TRAPANI--ALCAMO-- MARSALIA were inspected on the above date by Comandante Bigi, senior fire officer accompanied by Lieutenant Macaluso of Palermo fire station.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment were in good condition.

The fire brigades were found to be functioning good.

Moral of the personnel appeared to be high.

During the past month a new site was obtained for the fire brigade at Trapani.

This new station is more centrally located and provides more room for personnel and their Equipment.

Frank Brannigan
FRANK BRANNIGAN
SUPT. FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE.
REGION NO. 1.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SECURITY REGION NO. 1
A.P.O. 512.

File 309.1/RPS.

13 November, 1943.

SUBJECT : Report on Fire Brigade.

TO : Civil Police Section, Region No. 1.

Commune of Millase

Province of Messina.

The Fire Brigade at Millase was inspected on the above date by Captain Frank BRANNIGAN, and Commandante BISI, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment are in good condition.

The Fire Station is at present located about One Mile outside the Commune for the reason that its permanent station was destroyed during the Allied Invasion.

The Officer in Charge of the Millase Brigade was instructed to locate a suitable fire station in the town proper and notify the C.A.C. to have such station requisitioned. Then move the brigade into town so as to provide a more prompt response in case of fire.

Frank Brannigan

FRANK BRANNIGAN,
Captain, Region No. 1,
Fire and Civil Defence.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOURTH REGION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 542.

File RPS/319.1

14 November, 1943.

SUBJECT : Report on Fire Brigade.
TO : Civil Police Section, No. 1 Region.

Commune of Tacorina

Province of Messina.

The Fire Brigade at TACORINA was inspected on the above date by Captain Frank BRANNIGAN, and Commandate Bigi Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

Fire Brigade was found to be functioning well.

The Fire Apparatus and Equipment found in good condition.

Frank Brannigan.

Frank Brannigan,
Captain, Region No. 1
Fire and Civil Defence.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

File P.P.S. 319.1

15 November 1943

Subject; Report on Fire Brigade

To ; C.P.S. Region N°1

Commune of Miragusa; Province of Siracusa

The fire brigade at Siracusa was inspected on the above date by Capt. Frank Brannigan and Commandante Bigl, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

Fire apparatus and equipment in good condition.

There is a civil fire boat being repaired for fire service. This boat was sunk during Allied invasion. When repaired this fire boat will be in service for fires along the waterfront.

The British and Civil Fire Brigade cooperate with one another in the extinguishment of fires.

Civil fire brigade found to be functioning well.

C.A.P.O. Capt. Barron well satisfied with the operations of fire brigade.

Frank Brannigan

Frank Brannigan
Captain
Civil and Fire Defence
Region N°1

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

File R.P.S. 319.1

16 November 1943

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade

To : C.A.F.S. Region N°1

Commae of Ragusa: Province of Ragusa

The fire brigade of Ragusa was inspected on the above date by Capt. Frank Brannigan and Commandante Rigi senior civilian fire officer.

Fire apparatus and equipment in good condition.

The fire brigade was found to be functioning well.

A detachment of personnel with apparatus will be dispatched from Ragusa to the Commae of Vittoria as soon as accommodations can be found to house the fire brigade in Vittoria.

C.A.F.S. Capt. Wilkins well pleased with the manner the fire brigade is functioning.

Frank Brannigan

Frank Brannigan
Captain; Region N°1
Fire and Civil Defence

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

18th November 1943

File A.P.S. 319.1

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade
To : G.P.S. Region 1Commune of Termini; Province of Palermo

The fire brigade at Termini was inspected on the above date by Capt. Frank Brannigan and Commandante Bigi senior civilian fire officer.

Fire Brigade was found to be functioning well.

The fire apparatus and equipment found in good condition.

Frank Brannigan
Frank Brannigan
Captain, Region 1
Fire and Civil Defence

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION No. 1.

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE.

11 JANUARY 1944.

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade.

To: C. P. S. Region No. 1.

Commune's of Agrigento and Sciacca;
Province of Agrigento.

The fire brigades at AGRIGENTO and SCIACCA were inspected on the above date by Captain Frank Brannigan and Commandante Bigi senior fire officer.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment were in good condition.
The fire brigade was found to be functioning good.
Moral of the personnel appeared to be very high.

NOTE:- The fire brigade at SCIACCA was recently placed on duty there, upon orders of Commandante Bigi.

This Commune has been without a fire brigade since the Allied Invasion of Sicily for the reason that the Allied Troops when passing thru, took the fire apparatus with them. And other fire apparatus was not available until repaired.

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Frank Brannigan -
FRANK BRANNIGAN
Captain. Region No. 1.
Fire & Civil Defence.

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October 1943

Report on Fire Brigade:

Comune of Caltanissetta. - Province of Caltanissetta.

The fire brigade at Caltanissetta was inspected on the above date by Capt. F. Brannigan and Comandante Bigi, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

The fire brigade was found to be functioning efficiently.

Fire apparatus and equipment are in good condition.

For the present time fire station is without telephone or electricity.

I contacted C.A.O. Capt. O'Hara on above and he informed me that telephone and electricity would be furnished fire station in the near future.

It is necessary that the above mentioned items be furnished the fire brigade as soon as possible so that alarm of fire may be received by fire brigade much quicker than at present and also that fire apparatus will respond to fires much quicker.

Frank Brannigan

FRANK BRANNIGAN
Captain, T.C.,
Fire and Civil Defence Section.

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17 October 1943

Report on Fire Brigade

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The fire brigade at Ima was inspected on the above date by Capt. F. Brannigan and Comandante Rigi, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

The fire brigade at present is located in cramped quarters and in insanitary conditions. A more roomier and healthier location has been selected. The members of fire brigade are at present working on and getting into shape the newly selected fire station. When the new site is in order the entire fire brigade will move into same.

The fire brigade was found to be functioning efficiently.

Fire apparatus and equipment are in good condition.

I informed S.C.A.O. Lt. Col. Redd, C.A.O. Major Rodcoe and C.A.P.O. Walters of my visit to this town.

FRANK BRANNIGAN,
Capt. U.S.
Fire and Civil Defense Section

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17 October 1943

Report on A.R.F.

Comune of Caltanissetta

Province of Caltanissetta

During our inspection tour of the comune of Caltanissetta I conferred with C.A.O. Capt. O'Hara on organizing a Civil Defence System for this comune.

Capt. O'Hara informed me that he would call a meeting of the Mayor, Carabinieri and fire chief for the purpose of organizing such a system.

Comandante Nigi, Senior Civilian fire officer accompanied me on this inspection tour.

FRANK BRANNIGAN
Captain, U.S.
Fire and Civil Defence.

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October 1943

Report on Fire Brigade:Comando of AgrigentoProvince of Agrigento

The fire brigade at Agrigento was inspected on the above date by Capt. P. Brambilla and Comandante Rigi, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

There was a much improved condition of the care of fire equipment since last visit by members of this office.

The fire brigade was found to be functioning efficiently.

Fire apparatus and equipment are in good condition.

The officer at present in charge of this brigade will be kept under surveillance by Comandante Rigi as to his capability of holding his present position.

Capt. Regian was contacted so that telephone and electric be supplied to fire brigade as soon as possible.

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FRANK BRAMBILLA
Capt. T.C.
Fire and Civil Defence Section

14 October 1943

Report on Fire BrigadeCommune of LAProvince of Caltanissetta

The Fire Brigade at Gela was inspected on the above date by Capt. F. Brennan and Comandante Bigi, Senior Civilian Fire Officer.

The fire brigade at present is separated into two separate buildings, each separated by about 700 metres distance. The living quarters in one building and the apparatus in another.

Result is that a fire is reported to living quarters of firemen who in turn have to go a distance of 700 metres to get fire apparatus and respond to fire.

Due to the above conditions a girl of 18 years old was burnt to death on 13 October 1943.

Fire Brigade consists of personnel 8 firemen, one tank truck with pump, capacity of tank truck 2000 litres.

Suggestion: I suggested to officer in charge of fire brigade to locate a more suitable building where the personnel and fire apparatus could be housed in the same building. And when a new building was selected to contact the C.I.C. of this commune to requisition same for the brigade. 2924

FRANK BRANNIGAN
Capt. R.C.
Fire and Civil Defence Section

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Telegrammi: AGRICOLTORI - PALERMO

D.C.P.S.

1037/PS

Rush Visits by FIRE & C.D. Section.

The following visits have been arranged

Capt. Wallace, TRAPANI
3/9/43

Capt. Wallace	} MESSINA CATANIA PATERNÒ MILLAZZO
&	
L. Celleron	

4/9/43 - 7/9/43

|| This will complete the 1st
 || Survey of the Island.

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FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.

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List of places to be visited by H.Q. OFFICERS. (1)

The tour will take probably 10 days to a fortnight.

Transport (with Italian speaking Driver if possible) will
be arranged and rations drawn.

Reports will be submitted on return to PALERMO.

Reports collected from C.A.P.O. s at the Communes marked on
the list will be forwarded by D.R.L.S. from
Siracusa. Others will be brought back by the
Officers.

Agrigento

Palazzolo

Porto Empedocle

Caltagirone

Licata

Enna

Gela

Caltanissetta

Ragusa

Canicatti

Modica

Bivona

Noto

Corleone

Syracusa

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The total distance is approx. 500 miles but this does not
allow for any detours which may be found necessary.

Probable date of start - 23rd. August. 1943.

19/8/43.

[Signature]
Major.

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*Major. I doubt whether AMGO transport can
be made available for such a long period. It
should be possible to do this job in 7 days.*

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over.

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Lt.Col. Martin.

The alternative is a number of journeys out from here which would not be economical in petrol, transport or especially, time. I would suggest that we make application for the necessary transport.

With regard to the time necessary - it took two days to do the Trapani inspection and report, and it is almost certain that AGRIGENTO and SIRACUSA would also require two days each. Ragusa, Enna, and Caltanissetta would each take a day. This would account for 7 days without taking into account the travelling time. It is estimated that with taking the smaller places in their stride, the visiting officers would require at least 10 days - probably more - to do the work thoroughly.

I shall be glad to have your further consideration of the matter please.

20/8/43.

G. H. Martin
Major.

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Major. Martin

Noted. You can apply on a 10 day basis but it would be better to split it into two trips & not at all difficult. The Officers concerned could report back in case there were additional instructions

D. H. Martin

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Lt.Col. Martin

Thank you! There is no transport available at all for 23rd - shall try again for 24th or 25th

21/8/43

G. H. Martin
Major

