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AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

5 October 1943.

REPORT ON A.R.P.

Commune of TRAPANI - Province of TRAPANI.

Captain Brennen C.A.O. requested information on the operation of A.R.P. system. A meeting on this subject was attended by Captain Brennen, Lt. Smythe, Comandante BIGI of PALERMO Sig. Livio Mosca the Comandante of TRAPANI Fire Brigade and ourselves.

Communication system between Air Raid Units and the A.R.P Headquarters will be arranged in the near future by Lt. Smythe who will also work with the civilian head of the Fire Brigade in organising the A.R.P. System in TRAPANI. Comandante BIGI instructed Sig. Livio Mosca in the functioning of A.R.P. in PALERMO, the same system is to be worked out in TRAPANI.

Frank Brannigan

F. BRANNIGAN,
Captain,
Fire and Civil Defence
Section.

Joseph Bellersen

J. BELLERSEN,
Lieutenant,
Fire and Civil Defence
Section.

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Civil Defence - THAILAND.

AMCOT/104.1/TS

S.C.A.P.O. (through S.C.A.O.).

12 OCTOBER, 5

From the report of the visiting Officers of this H.Q. it would appear that a satisfactory Civil Defence Scheme is likely to be evolved by Captain Brennen, Lt. Smythe, and Commandante Mosca.

The services of this Division are at your disposal for any advice and help on the subject.

G.H.L. MASON,
Major,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT : Civil Defence Services - PANTELLARIA LEVANZO & MARITIMO Islands.

AMGOT/1004/P3
AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.
30 August, 1943.

TO : D.C.A.O. Trapani.

In view of the report of the C.A.O., it is felt that no action is called for in this case.

G.H.L. MASON
Major
Fire & C.D. Section.

Copy to: C.A.O. PANTELLARIA LEVANZO & MARITIMO ISLANDS

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O. All Bdes
(To be submitted in duplicate+ 1 copy for S.C.A.C.-1Copy for H.Q. AMGOT:)

Name of Comsunes (FAVIGNANA) LEVANZO & MARITTIMO Islands (COMBINED REPORTS)

ARE THE FOLLOING G.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING TO WHAT EXTENT?

1) CONTROL..Usual..receipt..of..telephone..message..from..Favignana Alarm..bell..sounded..by..Warden..of..Finance..Guards..... intermittent rings upon approach Enemy Aircraft and long rings..When..Raiders..passed:.....

2) WARDENS.....N.I.L.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS FREQUENCY .....N.I.L.....

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3)RESCUE (with description of service Numbers:)

.....N.I.L.....

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity).....N.I.L.....

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5)SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS .....N.I.L.....

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

.....N.I.L.....

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS .....N.I.L.....

.....

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS .....N.I.L.....

.....

9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including number of Ambulances) ..N.I.L.....

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10) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION ..Hospital..Accommodation.....

.....Levanzo.....N.I...at..Maritimo.....

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MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNIG..As..shown..in..1.....
..See..also...Provincial..Telephone..(10).....
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MESTHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID ...Nil.....
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.....
ANY SPECIAL TARGETS ..Nil.....
.....
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes..Nil.....
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.....
EXTENT OF METUAL ASSISTANCE .....Nil.....
.....
ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED ANK TO WHAT EXTENT...Nil.....
.....
HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION ....No.....
IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....No.....
RECOMMENDATIONS ....Owing..to..small..size...of...both..Communes
..no...change...in...existing..arrangements..recommended
.....
GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc).....
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DATE ..17..8..43.....

SIGNED ..G.Rawlett..Major
Civil Affairs Officer

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SUBJECT: C.D. Organisation - TRAPANI.

AMGOT/1004/PS
AMGOT HQ., Sicily
28, August 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of the report from a visiting officer from this Section, copy attached, it is felt that the following action should be taken.

The Commandante of the Fire Brigade should be instructed to work out a scheme on the same lines as is operating in PALERMO. For this purpose the Commandante should visit the Commandante of the PALERMO Brigade and study his plans.

The engineer of the Commune should be responsible for the clearing of debris and the pulling down of dangerous buildings which have been bombed.

The Commune should be urged to provide earth closets as required at each shelter, if water closets are not practicable, and arrangements be made for the daily emptying of the earth closets.

The people living in the shelters should be housed, if possible, in deserted houses or disused large buildings.

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The Fire Brigade should be responsible for rende

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operations and provided with the necessary equipment.

The Ambulances should be located and placed under control of F.B. and R.C. The above answers the enquiry made in your letter (undated) received on 28 August, 1943.

G.H.L. MASON
Major
Fire and C.D. Section
Public Safety Division

Copy to : C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

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20 August 1943

Report of Civil Defense
Commune of Trapani

The civilian defense of Trapani was organized as was the whole of Sicily, similar to that of the United States and England. However, as is true with most Fascist organizations, it only looked good on paper. The U.N.P.A. was charged with the duties of Air Raid Wardens, Rescue Squads, Demolition and etc. However, as far as the Commune of Trapani is concerned they only devoted their time to looting and during the Air Raids took to the hills or shelters.

The civilian defense of Trapani was organized under the supervision of Dott Stabile. Dott Stabile's whereabouts at the present time is unknown.

At the present time the job of clearing debris and rubbish from the city streets is being carried out under the supervision of the C.A.O. of Trapani.

Air Raid shelters are plentiful and well constructed of stone and sand. The average depth of overhead protection being 4 to 5 meters.

Sanitary facilities are nil. People are living in same, some have lived in the shelters for the past year.

It is recommended that crews be hired to pull down walls of bombed buildings throughout the city since they present a very serious hazard.

It is recommended that the Commune of Trapani organize a Civil Defense smiliar to the one recommended for the Commune of Palermo and that Commandante Monaco be made responsible for its organization and maintenance.

At the present time there are available two auto-ambulances and one civilian hospital of 146 beds.

Kenneth W. Wallace
KENNETH W. WALLACE
Captain, Infantry
Public Safety Division

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.C.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.C. - 1 Copy for H.Q. AMGOT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE **Trapani** PROVINCE **Trapani**

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT?

1) CONTROL **None**

2) WARDENS **U.N.P.A. - Not existing at present.**

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY **None**

2028

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

None, except Carabinieri.

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and Capacity)

Approximately 30 - 100 to 250

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS **None - They are very dirty and unsanitary**

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS -

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS **None**

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1) CONTROL None

2) WARDENS U.N.P.A. - Not existing at present.

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY None

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3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)
None, except Carabinieri.

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and Capacity)
Approximately 30 - 100 to 250

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS None - They are very dirty and unsanitary

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS -

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS None

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES None

9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (Including Number of Ambulances) Poor. Two Autoambulances aveilable so I was told by Capt. Brennan, CAO. However I was not able to find them in the Commune.

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10) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION ..One hospital.....
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MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING ..None.....
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METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID ..Through Carabinieri.....
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ANY SPECIAL TARGETS ..None - Present time air field bombed out of
action by Allied Forces and not in use. Presents only special target.
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes ....
None
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.....
EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ..None.....
.....
ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT ..None.....
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HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION ...No.....
IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL ..No.....
RECOMMENDATIONS ..That a definite plan be adopted for use throughout

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METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID Through Carabinieri

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS None - Present time air field bombed out of action by Allied Forces and not in use. Presents only special target.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes ....
None

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE None

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT None

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION No.

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL No

RECOMMENDATIONS That a definite plan be adopted for use throughout the island similar to that recommended for Palermo and that Col. Monaco be placed in charge at Trapani with authority to organize.

GENERAL REMARKS (Action taken, etc.)
See report.

DATE 19. August. 1943. SIGNED Kenneth W. Wallace
Capt., Infantry

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28th August 1943

TO : H.Q.A.A.C. - CALCUTTA.

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In view of report from C.A.A.C., it is felt that no action is called for.

H.L. Mason
Major
Fire and A.R.P. Section
Public Safety Division

Copy to : C.A.A.C. - CALCUTTA and B. KHMA.

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. AIRCT:)

NAME OF CENTRE: Partanna / S. Ninfa. PROVINCE: Trapani

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT ?

1) CONTROL.....

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2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

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.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....3035

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity)

.....2. Partanna.

.....1 S Ninfa

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

.....Nil

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

.....1 at Partanna Castle

.....

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

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1) CONTROL.....

.....

2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

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3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....3035

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity).....

.....2. Partamna.....

.....1 SN Ninfa.....

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

.....Nil.....

6) CENTRAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

.....1 at Partamna Castle.....

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

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8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES.....

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9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including Number of Ambulances).....

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10) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.....
1 Disused Hospital - Parkauna.
1 Rukutama Hospital Pt Kenya

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING.....
Telephone. I.R. Warning.

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....No.....

HAS ANY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION.....No.....

IS ANY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....No.....

RECOMMENDATIONS.....No Special Task D.O. Area.....

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Telephone. No warning.

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT. No.

HAS ARP P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION. No.

IS ARP P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL. No

RECOMMENDATIONS. No great risk of Air raids & I doubt Commander Army Change to be made

GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc)

DATE. 11.8.43.

SIGNED. Capt RAO

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SUBJECT: C.D. VITA.

AMGOT/1004/P3
AMGOT H.Q., Sicily
28, August 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of report of C...., it is felt that some form of air raid warning should be improvised such as the ringing of the church bell, and men should be on duty each night to carry out the warning.

No further action appears to be necessary.

C. ..D. MASON
Major
Fire and C.D. Ofc
Public Safety Div

Copy to S.C.A.O. - VITA.

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CONDITION OF CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES.

C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING. COMMUNE OF VITA. PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

(1) Control:- None.
(2) Wardens:- No wardens nor posts.
(3) Rescue:- None.
(4) Public shelters:- None.
(5) Sanitation in shelters:- None.
(6) Private shelters:- None.
(7) Rest centres for homeless:- No special provision made, but suitable premises exist which can be utilised if necessary.
(8) Feeding arrangements:- As at (7).
(9) Ambulances:- None. Normally called from Trapani.
(10) Hospital accommodation:- One with 8 beds.
(11) System of air raid warning:- None.
(12) Method of tracing relatives:- Through carabinieri.
(13) Special targets:- None in vicinity.
(14) Arrangements for mutual assistance:- No specific arrangements made, but assistance can be obtained if necessary from Salemi and Calatafimi, subject to transport facilities.
(15) Extent of assistance:- Doctors, food, manual labour, etc.
(16) Stirrup pumps supplied:- None.
(17) Army P.A.D. Service not consulted, nor maintaining control.

REMARKS:- Vita is a small agricultural town with no military objectives. Heavy or sustained raids are extremely unlikely, and I suggest that any action necessary can be improvised on the spot with the assistance of any U.S. military forces stationed in and around the town, together with the carabinieri and the civilian population.

B.W.H. Lyer Captain.
(B.W.H. Lyer)

7th. August 1943.

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18/8/43

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SUBJECT: C.D. Organisation - CASTELVETRANO and CASTELDACCIO.

AMGOT/1004/Z3
AMGOT HQ., Sicily
28, August 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of report from C.A.O. it is felt that Comune should be urged to provide earth closets at shelters according to number of people.

No further action appears to be called for at present.

G.H.L. MASON
Major
Fire and C.D. Sec.
Public Safety Div.

Copy to C.A.O. - CASTELVETRANO and CASTELDACCIO.

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. AIRCT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE..... PROVINCE.....

CASTELVETRANO — CAMPOBELLO

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT ?

1) CONTROL.....Yes.....Yes.....

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2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

.....

.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

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.....

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity)

...16 Shelters - 5200 : Caste 6 - 3000...

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

Disinfected Daily.....Disinfected.....

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

.....Good.....Good.....

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

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.....

.....

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES

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2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

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.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

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.....

.....

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity).....

...16 Shelters - 5000 ... Castle ... 6 - 3000 ...

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

Disinfected Daily ..... Disinfected .....

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

..... Good ..... Good .....

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.....

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

.....

.....

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES.....

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9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including Number of Ambulances).....

..4 City Hospital ..... 1 - In None ....

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CASTELVETRANO CAMPO BELLO

(c) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.....

City - 40 Beds Infirmary: 22 Beds

Military - 25 "

Red Cross - 200 "

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING.....

Siren Bells

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

No. Now No.

Airport Soon Finished

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

No. No.

HAS ANY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION..... No.

IS ANY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL..... No.

RECOMMENDATIONS.....

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Silon Bells

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

Not Now No

Airport Soon Finished

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

No No

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION..... No

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL..... No

RECOMMENDATIONS.....

GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc)

DATE Aug. 14. 1943

SIGNED Philip Lewis Capt Hon

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SUBJECT: C.D. Organization - MASSA DEL VALLO.

AMGOT/100A/10
APO 10, Sicily
26, August 1943

TO : H.Q.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of report from O.A.O. it is felt that the only action needed at present is that earth cloaets be provided at the shelters and doors be fixed to shelters and arrangements be made for unlocking them in event of raid.

G.H. Lawrence
G.H.Q.
Major
Fire and C.D. Sec.
Public Safety Div.

Copy to : O.A.O. - MASSA DEL VALLO

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. AIROT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE Mazara del Vallo..... PROVINCE...Trapani.....

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT ?

1) CONTROL....Nil wardens.....

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2) WARDENS..Nil.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY...Nil.....

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3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....Nil.....

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity)....

....There are Five public shelters. Each shelter holds about

...90 persons.....

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS..Nil..... 3032

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS....There are about

40 private shelters, mostly attached to the larger houses.

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS. Holy House in Via Madonna Paradiso..

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2) WARRENS..Nil.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY...Nil.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....Nil.....

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity)....

....There are Five public shelters.Each shelter holds about ...90 persons.....

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS..Nil..... 3032

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS....There are about 40 private shelters,mostly attached to the larger houses.....

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS..Holy House in Via Madonna Paradiso..

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES...Arrangments made by Comune

9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including Number of Ambulances)....Nil.....

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16) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION... One hospital, Civil Hospital Mazara Vallo Via Ospedale. Accomadation thirty(30) beds.

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING... Warning given by Italian Navy of approach of enemy planes to ~~the~~ Trapani. Message then sent from Trapani to Mazara del Vallo. Siren then sounded by ~~an~~ employee of the Comune from the top of the church(Madonna Porta)

METHODS OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID... By radio and telegraph.

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS... No targets of any military importance in the Comune.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes... None...

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE... Nil

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT... Nil

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION... No

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL... No

RECOMMENDATIONS... I suggest that small latrines should be built at each shelter and that doors be made and fixed with a view

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ANY SPECIAL TARGETS. No targets of any military importance in the Comune.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes. None

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. Nil

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT. Nil

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION. No

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL. No

RECOMMENDATIONS. I suggest that small latrines should be built at each shelter and that doors be made and fixed with a view to prevent persons from entering and depositing their excrements there.

GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc). Arrangments are being made with the view to a man being employed to cleanse the shelters daily.

DATE 22/8/43

SIGNED H R Hunter Lieut C.A.P.C

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SUBJECT: C.D. organisation - PAVI NAVA.

AMGOT/1004/33
AMGOT HQ: Sicily
20. August 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of report from C.A.O. it is felt that consume should be urged to provide earth closets at the shelters.

Arrangements for re-housing homeless should be completed, and emergency feeding scheme worked out.

Paid workers are not advisable under Italian C.D. scheme.

Warning scheme should be completed.

Question of supply of Stirrup Pumps will be considered later.

Tunny "factory" should be urged to provide fire fighters, and organise their own C.D. scheme.

I would like to comment on the excellent report submitted and prompt action taken by C.A.O.

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G.H.L. [illegible]
Major
Fire and C.D. Section
Public Safety Division.

Copy to : C.A.O. - PAVIGNANA.

B/F re Stirrup Pumps

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. ASCOT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE..~~TRAPANI~~ (~~TRAPANI~~ FAVIGNANA) ..... TRAPANI

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT ?

1) CONTROL..Observer Lookout in operation - Alarm signal by Siren on approach of enemy aircraft. Owing to small size of commune & situation, arrangements appear adequate. Intermittent ~~fire~~ Siren - attack, long signal siren Raiders passed.

2) WARDENS...Thirteen in number.....(Voluntary Organisation)

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....Os in 2 stationed at public shelters (13). Take up duties on Alarm Signal being Sounded. No established Wardens Posts.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....Nil.....

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity).....13 (Thirteen) capacity:- of twelve:- average 300 persons - One:- 1000 persons

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....Nil.....None provided

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....Nil 3030

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....Nil - but arrangements in hand by Podestà to rehouse homeless by canvassing public to accommodate them and if necessary to commandeer disused Military Establishments for purpose.

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2) WARDENS...Thirteen...in...number...(Voluntary...Organisation) intermittent siren - attack, long signal siren Raiders passed.

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY....Os...in...2....Stationed at...public...shelters.(13)...Take...up...duties...on...Alarm Signal being...Sounded...No...established...Wardens...Posts.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

.....Nil.....

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity)....13(Thirteen)....capacity:- of ...twelve:-...average...300...persons...-...One:-...1000...persons

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....Nil.....None...provided

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....Nil 3030

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS...Nil - but...arrangements in...hand...by...Federation...to...rehouse...homeless...by commandeering public to accommodate them and if necessary to...commandeer...disused...Military...Establishments...for...purpose.

8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES.....Nil.....

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9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including Number of Ambulances)....Nil.....

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10) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION... None in existence prior to arrival of Surgeon. Hospital accommodation now set up for 25 patients and arrangements in hand to extend accommodation if necessary by commandeering adjoining buildings - Patients transferred to mainland hitherto.....

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING... As in Jersey... Inter-telephone communication on Island being repaired & will be used in connection with dissemination of Air Raid Warnings upon completion, also to surrounding Islands

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

..... Through the medium of Padesta & Local Municipal offices.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS..... Naval and Military Barracks.... and coastal Batteries.....

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes... No! ~~Advisable~~ -possible owing to geographical situation.....

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EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

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ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT..... No.....

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HAS ANY R.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION..... No.....

IS ANY R.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL..... No.....

RECOMMENDATIONS. Establishment of paid Wardens...

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Municipal offices

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....Naval and Military Barracks....
and coastal Batteries

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes...No!...
~~Whereby~~ -possible owing to geographical Situation

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....No.....

HAS ARP P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION.....No.....

IS ARP P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....No.....

RECOMMENDATIONS. Establishment of paid Wardens
Service. Rescue and Ambulance Services Augmented
by small Fire Brigade Force. Private Fire Brigade Force
to be established Tuny Factory (main industry premises of
commune (1000 employees when in full operation). Supply Public
GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc).....with Stirrup Pumps
~~Setting up~~ preliminary measures re Hospital - Air Raid
Warning System - Housing Homeless taken as in Nos 1 & 4 HQ

DATE...15:8:43.....

SIGNED G Barnett Major
Civil Affairs Officer

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SUBJECT: C.D. - MARSALA

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AMGOT/1004/25
AMGOT HQ. Sicily
18th. August 1943

TO : C.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

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In view of report of C.A.O. it is felt that Commune should provide earth closets at each of the air raid shelters, and arrangements made for emptying same if required.

No further action appears necessary.

C.H. [illegible]SON
Major
Fire and C.D. Sec.
Public Safety Div.

Copy to : C.A.O. - MARSALA.

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CONDITION OF CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES.

COMMUNE :- SALEMI. PROVINCE:- TRAPANI.

C.D.SERVICES FUNCTIONING:-

(1) Control:- None. see B

(2) Wardens:- None. No wardens posts.

(3) Rescue:- None.

(4) Public shelters:- Two. containing 600 and 200 respectively.

(5) Sanitation:- None.

(6) Private shelters:- None.

(7) Rest Centres for homeless:- No special provision made, but suitable premises exist which can be utilised if necessary.

(8) Feeding arrangements:- As at (7).

(9) Ambulances:- None. Normally called from Trapani.

(10) Hospital accomodation:- One with 5 beds.

(11) System of air raid warning:- One siren worked by compressed air.

(12) Method of tracing relatives:- through Carabinieri.

(13) Special targets:- None in vicinity.

(14) Arrangements for mutual assistance:- No specific arrangements made, but assistance can be obtained if necessary from Vita and S. Ninfa, subject to transport facilities.

(14) Extent of assistance:- Doctors and extra manual labour.

(15) Stirrup pumps supplied:- None .

(16) Army P.A.D. Service not consulted, nor maintaining control.

REMARKS:- Salemi is a strictly agricultural town with no military objectives. Heavy or sustained raids are extremely unlikely, and I suggest that any action necessary can be improvised on the spot with the assistance of the U.S. military forces stationed in and around the town, together with the carabinieri and the civilian population.

7th. August 1943. B.W.H. Dyer. Captain.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

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No Action Except
18/8/43

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SUBJECT: C.D. Organisation - CASTELLAMMARE

AMGOT/1004/PS
ARMOT HQ. Sicily
25, August 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. - TRAPANI.

In view of report from C.A.O. it is suggested that siren exists should be made to give some form of air raid warning, either siren or church bell.

A watcher should be on duty nightly to give the alarm.

It is felt that no further action is justified at present.

G.H.L. Smith,
Major,
Fire and C.D. Sec.
Public Safety Div.

Copy to : C.A.O. - CASTELLAMMARE.

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PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. ALBOT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE... CASTELLAMARRE. PROVINCE... TRAPANI.....

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT ?

1) CONTROL.....

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2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

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3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

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4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and capacity).....

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

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Not existing organisation

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1) CONTROL.....

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2) WARDENS.....

NUMBER OF WARDENS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

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3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

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5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....

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6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

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7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....

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8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES.....

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9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (including Number of Ambulances).....

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16) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.....

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MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNING.....

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METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

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ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

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EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

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ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

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HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION.....

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....

RECOMMENDATIONS.....

No at present

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METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID.....

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.....

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION.....

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....

RECOMMENDATIONS.....

GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc).....

DATE.....13-2-43.....

SIGNED...V.D. Kelaart, Capt R.A

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SUBJECT: C.D. - CALATAFIMI.

AMGOT/1004/F.
AMGOT H.Q., Sicily
20, August 1943

TO : H.C.A.C. - TRAPANI.

In view of report of C.A.C., it is felt that some air raid warning by church bell or whistle might be instituted.

No further action appears to be necessary.

G.H.L. MASON
Major
Fire and C.D. Sec.
Public Safety Div.

Copy to : C.A.C. - CALATAFIMI.

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CONDITION OF CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES.

COMMUNE OF CALATAFIMI. PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING.

(1) Control:- None.

(2) Wardens:- No wardens nor posts.

see 2.

(3) Rescue Parties:- None.

(4) Public shelters:- None.

(5) Sanitation in shelters:- None.

(6) Private shelters:- None.

(7) Rest centres for homeless:- No special provision made, but suitable arrangements can be made if and when necessary.

(8) Feeding arrangements:- As at (7).

(9) Ambulances:- None. Normally called from Trapani.

(10) Hospital accommodation:- One with 12 beds.

(11) System of air raid warning:- None.

(12) Method of tracing relatives:- Through carabinieri.

(13) Special targets:- None.

(14) Arrangements for mutual assistance:- No specific arrangements made, but assistance can be obtained if necessary from Alcamo and Vita, subject to transport facilities.

(15) Extent of assistance:- Doctors, food, manual labour, etc., and fire brigade from Alcamo.

(16) Stirrup pumps supplied:- None.

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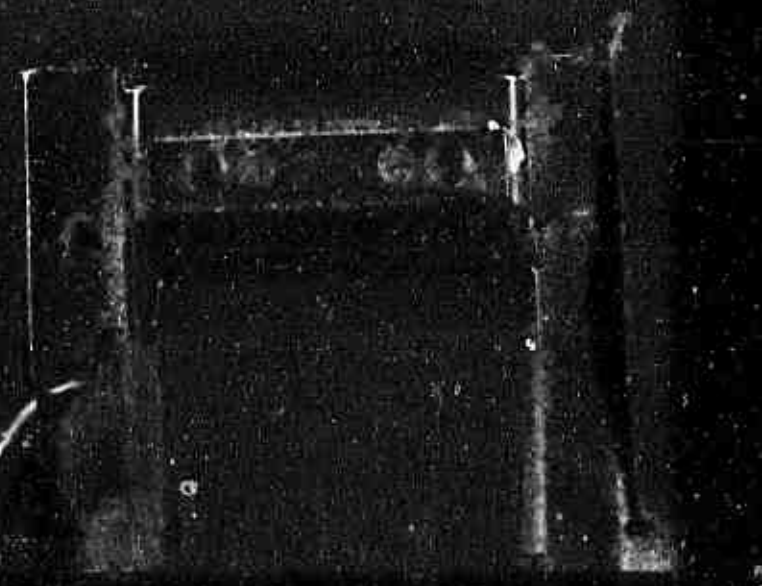
(17) Army P.A.D. service not consulted, nor maintaining control.

REMARKS:- Calatafimi is a small agricultural town with no military objectives. Heavy or sustained raids are extremely unlikely, and I suggest that any action necessary can be improvised on the spot with the assistance of any U.S. military forces stationed in or around the town, together with the carabinieri and the civilian population.

7th. August 1943.

B.W.H. Dyer. Captain.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

NO ACTION EXCEPT AS AT WHISTLE WARNING