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Palermo Feb. 17 - 1944.

Object: Inspection to the Fire and Civil Defense Corp of -
Siracusa.

On Feb. 10 - 1944 the undersigned went to inspect the
Fire and Civil Defense Corp of Siracusa. The following was
known:-

(Personnel)

Actually at the Central Brigade there are 50 men, 20 at Augusta
10 at Pachino - 10 Palazzolo. Total of 70 men as the 1st Brigade has
provided. In this Force there's 7 permanent, 10 volunteers ordinary -
and 72 temporary volunteers.

The Command has informed that the assignments will be paid
also to the families of the M4 missing. This Direction will
ask the Administration Economic to be interested for that.

(Apparatus)

In relation to the situation known Nov. 15th results that one
of the two SpA R.A. has been repaired, and also the Mitr.
tank Vehicle Fiat 603 VF 441 has been repaired, and also the
motor of the Mitr. tank Vehicle Fiat 621 VF 442. For all the
rest no variation (change) is known.

(Locals)

The Brigade is yet in the building of Barone Boce. The Garage
was taken away from Via Somalia.

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It is also known that the actual Brigade is not convenient for such service, because of its lack of garage, so it is not advisable to start any work for permanent character.

Second to accordance made with the Prefect of Siracusa (Comm. Stella) the service of Siracusa will be divided in the Central Brigade and in the Detachments of Noto, Lentini and Augusta. For Augusta there is a place, and for Noto and Lentini the old Detachments will be re-occupied. The Detachments of Pachino and Palazzolo will be taken off.

(Administration.)

The undersigned has conferred with the Prefect (Comm. Stella Luigi) and with the Vice Prefect (Comm. Amato) President of the Administration Council, who will continue to interest for the Administration the Book-keeper Sarpi. We also renew the relieve made in relative precedence to the charge between the Geo. Amico and the Officer Piccioli. This Direction, said to the Vice Prefect to interest the matter so that it will be definitive as soon as possible. The monthly needs is presumed to Lires 330,000, when the Bank of Sud. will return the service of Treasury.

(Mess.)

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This ration of bread is fixed of 150 grams and the expense is kept of L. 18.

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The undersigned has heard at report the ex-Permanent
Fire-man (Alicata) for an eventual re-hired, and the Fire-
men Pistillo-Gallo-Ravicco Angelo, for merit of competency
had for service made by them in Palermo. In all the service
of the Brigade operates finally, not so bad, (except deficiency)
The Prefet is satisfied for the put up again of the
Noto and Lentini Detachments.

Direzione Regionale
Servizi Antincendi e Difesa Civile
DELLA SICILIA
(Comando Vigili del Fuoco - Palermo)

17 FEBBRAIO 1944

all SIG. CAPO SEZIONE

DIFESA CIVILE REGIONALE N°1

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Ripresenta al foglio del

PALEMO

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Di questa forza vi sono 7 permanenti = 11 volontari ordinari = e 72 volontari provvisori.

Il Comando ha informato che vengono pure corrisposti gli assegni anche alle famiglie di n°4 dispersi.

Questa Direzione interesserà della cosa il Consiglio di Amministrazione.

MACCHINE

In rilezione alla situazione rilevata il 15 Novembre scorso é risultato che una delle due Spa 38 R.A. é stata riparata.
E' pure stata riparata la autobotte Fiat 603 V.F. 441.
E' così pure il motore dell'autobotte Fiat 621 V.F. 442.
Per tutto il resto nessuna variazione di rilievo.

L O C A L I

La caserma trovavasi ancora nello stabile del Barone Bosco. L'autorimessa da Via Somalia é stata tolta.

Si rileva comunque che l'attuale caserma non si presenta adatta al servizio

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E' così pure il motore dell'autobotte Fiat 621 V.F.442. Per tutto il resto nessuna variazione di rilievo.

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Secondo accordi presi con il Prefetto di Siracusa Comm. Stella il servizio di Siracusa verrebbe ripartito nella Caserma Centrale e nei distaccamenti di Noto= Lentini = e Augusta.

Per Augusta esiste già la sede e per noto e Lentini verranno rioccupati i vecchi distaccamenti.

I distaccamenti di Pachino e Palazzolo verranno soppressi.

AMMINISTRAZIONE

Il sottoscritto ha conferito con il Prefetto Comm. Stella Luigi e con il Vice Prefetto Comm. Amenta (Presidente del Consiglio di Amministrazione)

Continua ad interessarsi della amministrazione il Ragioniere Sarpi.

Si rinnova ancora il rilievo fatto in precedenza relativamente alla consegna avvenuta fra il Geometra Amico e l'Ufficiale Riccioli.

Questa Direzione ha interessato il Vice Prefetto affinché la cosa venga definita al più presto.

Il fabbisogno mensile si presume in lire 330.000 = quanto prima riprenderà il servizio di tesoreria la Banca del Sud.

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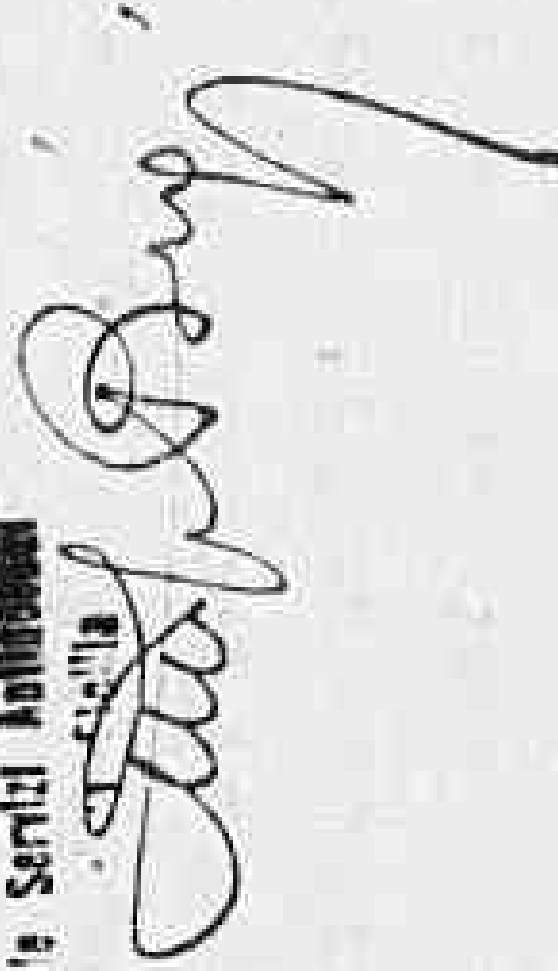
La razione del pane è fissata in 150 grammi e la spesa è mantenuta nelle lire 10.

Il sottoscritto ha sentito a rapporto l'ex vigile permanente Alicata per eventuale riassunzione ed i vigili Pistrutto e Gallo ed inoltre il Vigile Agricola Angelo in merito a competenze dovute gli per servizio prestato a Palermo.

Nel complesso il servizio, salvo le deficienze della caserma funziona discretamente.

Il Prefetto è soddisfatto della ricostituzione dei distaccamenti di Noto e Lentini.

Dott. Ing. Luigi Bigli
Sottosegretario Regionale Servizi Amministrativi



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 Digi, 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, NOTO, and LENTINI.

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

Frank Brannigan

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

Object: Inspection at the Corp of Fire and Civil Defence of
Siracusa.

In the date of Nov. 15, 1943 the undersigned and Capt. Brannigan made inspection to the Corp Fire and Civil Defence of Siracusa to ascertain the following:

(Personal)

The Commandant of the Corp, is the volunteer officer graduated in Phisic Mathematic in June 13-1902 (Ugo Riccioli) Oct 6, 1943 ~~has~~ was charged verbally by the Allied Command, to take the place of Geom. Amico

The service of Siracusa along with the Central Fire Station, has departments in Pachino, Lentini, Noto, Palazzolo and Augusta. Actually Augusta and Lentini are not in efficiency. We think better to cut off the Departments of Noto and Lentini, and only hold the other three Pachino, for the importance of the Aereoport. Palazzolo and Augusta for the importance of the Ship-yard.

Actually the corp has 104 personal, but it must be reduced to 90 in conform of the first Allied organic.

The Commandant refers that between the 104, theres 4 lost they haven't had news since the Occupation.

We can notify that in Siracusa they need officers. The personal is composed as follows: (Personal)

- 7 Permanent
- 11 Volunteers
- 86 Temporary Volunteers

(Locality)

The central fire station is in the building of Baron Bosco

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Actually under the contestation of examination
In via Lomalia that's only (an Autorimessa) Garage
The Department portuallly placed in Via Garibaldi N. 1-2-3 is a
good location, but at the present time it's occupied by the English.

The Telephones are not yet repaired, and there is only the
linking with the Allied Authority.

The bookkeeper (Sarpi) dependent of the Provincial Administration
is charged by the administration office of the Corps.

The commandant declares that since the occupation the
volunteer personal (ordinary) and the temporary volunteers are payed
all the same. This precaution contrast the law dispositions.

When charge was given to Ricciardi by Geom. Amico it was
made present that documents and bills were missing.

The council of administration is formed by the Vice Prefect
(Comm. Stella) Mayor Campisi) Pupillo (Chief bookkeeper of the Prefecture
and the Chief Prof. Cicere)

(Table)

The medium expence for each day amounts to £18. The Alimentation
results scarce; the bread ration corresponds to (gr. 200).

Sanitary Assistance

The Doctor (Pasquale Ragusa) is interested for the sanitary assistance
of the personal, he also takes care of infermary.

(Arms)

All Arms have been turned to the Allied Government.

Commandant

Dr. In. Luigi Bigg

30.11.943

Palermo,

58° Corpo Vigili del Fuoco

PALERMO

- IN FERICULO VITAM AGERE -

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OGGETTO: ISPEZIONE AL CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO DI SIRACUSA.

In data 15.11.943 il sottoscritto assieme al Capitano Brannigan ha ispezionato il Corpo Vigili del Fuoco di Siracusa accertando quanto segue:

P E R S O N A L E

E' Comandante del Corpo l'Ufficiale Volontario diplomato in Fisica Matematica Riccielli Ugo nato a Bagnara Calabro il 3 Giugno 1902.

Dal 6 Ottobre 943 fu incaricato verbalmente dal Comando Alleato di assumere il comando del Corpo dopo la partenza del Geom. Amico.

Il servizio di Siracusa, oltre alla Caserma centrale, ha un distaccamento a Pachino, Lentini, Noto, Palazzolo e Augusta. Attualmente però Augusta e Lentini non sono in efficienza. Si pensa sia opportuno sopprimere il Distaccamento di Noto e di Lentini mantenendo gli altri tre, e precisamente Pachino per l'importanza dell'Aeroporto; Palazzolo ed Augusta per l'importanza del Porto.

Attualmente la forza del Corpo è di 104 ma dovrà essere ridotta a 90 in conformità del primo organico alleato.

Il Comandante ha riferito che nella forza di 104 figurano 4 dispersi, di cui non si ha notizia dalla data di occupazione delle truppe Alleate. Si è riscontrato nel Corpo di Siracusa la mancanza quasi assoluta di sottoufficiali e graduati. Il personale è così composto:

7	Permanenti
11	Volontari
86	Volontari Provvisori

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SPA 38 RA V.F. 375	} riparazione carrozzeria.
SPA 38 RA V.F. 374	
Autobotte FIAT 603 V.F. 440	{ manca l'accumulatore)
Autobotte FIAT 603 V.F. 441	{ riparazione frizione e serbatoio benzina)
Autobotte FIAT 603 V.F.	{ riparazione alla botte)
Autobotte FIAT 621 V.F. 442	{ riparazione motore)
Autobotte 621	{ servizio premiscue Comune di Noto)
Autocarri BIANCHI a nafta già del R.E.	(manca motore avviamento)
Antepompa FIAT 621	(fusione benzine)
Carri Attrezzi FIAT 503 V.F. 769	(riparazione cambio di velocità)

Palermo.

58° Corpo Vigili del Fuoco

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IN PERICOLO VITAM AGERE.

Al

Cal. Fisco.

N. All.

Risposta al foglio del

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OGGETTO:

Autovettura FIAT 1100 V.F. 1853 (in trasferimento come autocarro)
Autovettura 1100 2499 SR (porta due ruote del carrello motopompa)

MOTOMEZZI

Motocicletta BENELLI 500 V.F. 89 (efficiente)
Motofurgone BENELLI 500 (riparazione motore)
Motopompa BERGOMI 500 (efficiente)
Motopompa BERGOMI 500 (manca il gruppo pompa)
" OMPA 1100 (riparazione motore)
" BERGOMI 1100 (efficiente)
" BERZIA 1100 (riparazione motore)

AUTOMEZZI E MOTOMEZZI REQUISITI DALLE FORZE ALLEATE

Autovettura FIAT 1100 SR 2449
" " " 1967
" " 500 V.F. 2433
Carro Attrezzi BIANCHI V.F. 904 con motopompa PROFUMO
Motocicletta BENELLI SR 375
" GILERA SR 647

AUTOMEZZI MANCANTI

Autopompa O.M. trovata a Messina
Autobette FIAT 635 e motopompa trovata a Palermo
Motofurgone BENELLI V.F. 441 si suppone che sia stato bruciato.
MEZZI NAUTICI

OGGETTO:

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Motobarca a pompa V.F. 14 attualmente presso le Forze Alleate
Motescafo MARIO con motopompe (disperse)

TUBAZIONI

Complessivamente le tubazioni esistenti misurano m. 890 da 45
e m. 3140 da 70.

58^o Corpo Vigili del Fuoco

PALERMO

- IN PERICOLO VITAM AGERE -

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Risposta al foglio del

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OGGETTO:

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La caserma centrale trovasi nello stabile del barene Bosce.

Attualmente però è sotto una contestazione che è in corso di esame.

In Via Semalia esiste soltanto un autorimessa.

Il Distaccamento portuale posto in Via Garibaldi n.1,2,3 è un'ettimo locale

ma attualmente occupate dagli Inglesi.

I telefoni non sono ancora riattivati, ed esiste soltanto il collegamento

con le Autorità Alleate.

AMMINISTRATIVE

Il Rag. Sarpi, dipendente dall'Amministrazione Provinciale, è incaricato dell'Ufficio Amministrativo del Corpo.

Secondo dichiarazioni del Comandante dalla data di occupazione, il personale volontario ordinario e volontario provvisorio è pagato con lo stesso trattamento del permanente. Tale provvedimento contrasta con le disposizioni di legge.

Quanto alla consegna effettuata fra il Geom. Amico e il Comandante Riccioli si è rilevato che nella medesima mancano i documenti e le fatture relative al rendiconto.

Il Consiglio di Amministrazione è presieduto dal Vice Prefetto Comm. Stella, dal Sindaco Cambisi, dal Rag. Cape della Prefettura Rag. Pupillo e dal Preside Prof. Cicefo.

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La spesa media per giornata e per vigile si aggira sulle lire 18.

OGGETTO:

L O C A L I

La camera centrale trovata nello stabile del barone Besce. Attualmente però è sotto una contestazione che è in corso di esame. In Via Somalia esiste soltanto un auterimesse. Il Distaccamento portuale posto in Via Garibaldi n. 1, 2, 3 è un ottimo locale ma attualmente occupato dagli Inglesi. I telefoni non sono ancora riattivati, ed esiste soltanto il collegamento con le Autorità Alleate.

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ASSISTENZA SANITARIA

Il Dott. Ragusa Pasquale si interessa della assistenza sanitaria del personale al quale impartisce anche un corso di infermeria.

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Tutte le armi sono state consegnate al Governo Alleato.

IL COMANDANTE
(Dott. Ing. Luigi Bigi)

Luigi Bigi

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
ATO 342

15 November 1943

File R.F.S. 319.1

Subject: Report on Fire Brigade

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

Commune of Siracusa, Province of Siracusa

The fire brigade at Siracusa was inspected on the above date by Capt. Frank Brannigan and Commandante Rigi, 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.F.O. Capt. Barron well satisfied with the operations of fire brigade.

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

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FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.
REGION NO. 1.

4 FEB. 44.

Subject: Fire service in Province of Siracusa.
To: R.C.A.O. Sicily Region H.Q. thru C.P.S.D. Region 1.

The following is herewith forwarded for the information of S.C.A.O. at Siracusa.

Fire Brigades are now in service at NOTO and LENTINI and will continue to remain in service at both these Communes.

Arrangements are now under-way to place a Fire Brigade in service at AUGUSTA.

Both the Commandante of the Corpo dei Vigili del Fuoco and the Prefect at Siracusa are being notified of above by Commandante Luigi Bigi, Senior Civil Fire Officer for Sicily.

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

To the Commandant of the 5th Corps of Fire and Civil Defence.
SIRAGUSA.
Mr. Ing. Bisi.

We are sending you this letter, that we believe gives the only way that can grant us this wish. For the good of so many fathers and sons. We all the personal depending from the 79th Corp of Siracusa we wish you to do all you can, in sending us a good, honest man as our Commandant. Our presence here is very much required so that you could replace everything. Speaking about the Commandant Piccioli when you came in Siracusa he did all he could, so that no fire man had a chance to speak to you, that's because he knows he's guilty, now we want to tell you some of his ways just to give you an idea of his conduct. First of all he treats the fire men very bad, say that he's every thing and no one can command him, second that he does only robbing good, he tells the fire man in charge of buying the food that he's supposed to spend how much Piccioli says ~~the~~ instead of the quantity required, instead of the fine for punishment being £50, he charged £100. Then don't talk of the black market he's the chief of the Sicilian black market. Then days ago he went to Noto Province of Siracusa with the car 1500 and buy olive oil, and then sell it in Siracusa at 80£ a liter, while he only paid £30 a liter, in the meantime he was unloading this oil, he was caught by a guard, from the Customs House and the oil and all confiscated. These parts of the population of Siracusa knew this story, then we want you to know that every day in company of the fire men, Menecada Luciano, Carpenteri Giuseppe, they go out of Siracusa to places they think more convenient with cars belonging to the Corp, and do their business. He also went to an encampment of English near the road that leads to Santa Biarna, and had them write a Permit from the Allied Authority to see if he could find repairing material, ~~for~~ the corp, but he instead of bringing this material to the Corp, he sold it of his own, tires, motors, dynamo tubes etc. About 10 days ago there was a fire in Siracusa, where also the English fire men were called, along a group of fire men of the 79th Corp. While they were working to

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extinguish the fire, the group was ordered by the English to go away and return to the Corp, that's because the first men Morcada, Carpentieri, Colandruccio and Riccioli, while the rest of the group were working, they instead got hold of a car in a garage that belonged to the Allied Force and started to take away several pieces in English Officer saw all this trick and ordered the group to go away and return to the Corp, even the Commandant, and to extinguish the fire, only the English remained. Also we want to tell you that all the cars are at his disposal every day he sends out the 35 Spa for his brother's disposal, to take him home out in the country, and if a fire should happen in the mean while, there would be no cars left for service. Then how unsettled the personal is, you can't never imagine, any one that will give him a \$1000 bill, will be hired, if we want to make you understand all, we would need a whole day of speaking, but you'll have to know that he's a Lieutenant of the Royal Army and was dishonored for robbing, he's the biggest thief of Siracusa, and all the people of Siracusa can't understand how he can be the Commandant of that city.

Please provide and make this known to the P.M.G. of Siracusa. We don't want him here any longer, not even as a fire man, but transfer him away, because he had enough of how many thousands and thousands of Lire's he's been cheating, from the first day he was named Commandant. We hope that you will provide and have him transferred, please don't hesitate but as soon as possible send him away. With all this, he is going to get a car 1100 with the target 200 L.R. he ordered this car by means of the 1100 of the Corp, that the chassis only was left and then he says that this is his own property.

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All the personal of the 77th Corps and container
that this man will be transferred.

We are waiting for a new Commandant and that he
shall be a right in his Duty, and a regular Gentleman
of proceed.

And soon transfer him.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

File R.P.S. L14.1/1154

20 November 1943

Subject: Accommodation for Fire Brigade at Siracuse.

To : CGHQ Siracusa

- (1) With reference to the attached memo respecting the accommodation for the Fire Brigade at Siracusa, I understood that no alternative accommodation is at present available and as it is of the utmost importance that the Fire Dep't. be ready to operate at all times will you please arrange for the order for removal to be postponed until such time as suitable alternative accommodation is available.

By order of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, HQAG.

RUSSELL A. SHOOF
Lt. Colonel
Chief, Public Safety Division

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58^a Colpo Vigili del Fuoco

PALERMO

• IN PERICULO VITAM AGERE •

Palermo, 30 ottobre 1903

Al SIG. CAPITANO

BRANNIGAN

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Risposta al foglio del _____

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PALERMO

OGGETTO: GEOMETRA AMICO GIOVANNI DEL CORPO DI
SIRACUS.

Si trasmette l'esposto ~~ex~~dal Geom. Amico
Giovanni per le determinazioni del caso.

IL COMANDANTE
(DOTT. ING. LUIGI BIGI)

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AL DOTT. ING. BIGI COMM. LUIGI

COMANDANTE DEI VIGILI DEL FUOCO DELLA SICILIA

P A L E R M O

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seguita).-

2°- Nel Giugno 1943 il sottoscritto presentò domanda per essere incorporato quale Ufficiale permanente di grado IX° in base al R.D. Legge 27/12/1941 N° 1570 e R.D. Legge 30/11/1942 N°1502. A ciò gli davano diritto la sua qualità di Geom. di 1° Classe ~~in~~ ruolo presso l'Ufficio Tecnico Provinciale di Enna con 22 anni di servizio nonchè i servizi dianzi enunciati prestati quale Ufficiale dei Vigili del Fuoco. Si aggiunge ancora che in base al R.D. predetto la semplice presentazione della domanda (che risulta regolarmente inoltrata al Ministero dell'Interno - Direzione Generale Servizi Antincendi) gli attribuisce senz'altro il diritto al trattamento come Ufficiale permanente.-

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4° - Stà di fatto che lo scrivente è vittime di ignobili macchinazioni del suo subordinato Ufficiale Ugo Riccioli il quale

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da tempo mirava a succedergli nella carica e che non si rifuggì in questi ultimi mesi dagli atti più odiosi che passata la bufera attuale potranno essere vagliati e documentati. Per lusingare la figura dello Ufficiale anzidetto basterebbe una scorsa nel fascicolo personale dal quale risultano condanne penali.-

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Il sottoscritto si rimette alle determinazioni che la S.V. vorrà intanto adottare in suo riguardo in attesa dei provvedimenti definitivi.

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tivi del Ministero quando, a cosa normalizzata, la S.V. vorrà provvedere la sua speciale posizione.-

Avverte che egli, in attesa di ordini, è intanto rientrato al Corpo di origine in Enna. A tale riguardo prega che siano date disposizioni al Comando di questo 29° Corpo perchè lo include provvisoriamente nel suo organico.-

Con osservanza

Enna, li 23 Ottobre 1943

gen. e ministro

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ORDINE DEL GIORNO N.12 DEL 7/10/1943

Per disposizione del Comando Alleato per la Sicilia, dal giorno 5 Ottobre corrente il Comandante Amico Giovanni è stato smobilitato ed in pari data lo stesso Comando mi ha nominato Comandante titolare di questo Corpo.-

Per quanto l'allontanamento dello Amico possa dispiacermi, mi unisco alla sua gioia di poter rimanere finalmente vicino alla sua famiglia e mi è grato che lo stesso resta ospite di questo Corpo per alcuni giorni.=

f/to: IL COMANDANTE

(Fis.Mat.Ugo Riccioli)

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C.A.P.O. - SYRACUSE

9/10/43

Si certifica che il Sig. D'AMICO Giovanni è stato dispensato dai servizi come Capo dei Vigili del Fuoco a Siracusa.

Tale dispensa è dovuta al fatto che la Brigata dei Vigili del Fuoco fu riorganizzata dopo l'entrata delle Truppe Alleate in Sicilia.-

f/to: Capitano Barron

9/10/43

C.A.P.O.-SYRACUSE TOWN

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Palermo 18 Ottobre 1943

AL COMANDO DEL 51° CORPO F.V.P.

*Messina*  
MESSINA  
e per conoscenza

ALL'ECCELLENZA IL PREFETTO *Messina*  
ALL'UFFICIALE ADDETTO AGLI AFFARI  
CIVILI DI

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Sarà pure celebrata una Messa al Campo.

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Ho fiducia che in breve, grazie alla collaborazione dei Sigg. Comandanti, il lavoro di riorganizzazione dei vari servizi potrà dare i suoi primi frutti.

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SENIOR CIVIL FILE OFFICE  
SICILY

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( Luigi Bigi )

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Fire Service - SIRAUSA.

AMOT/1160/PS

Senior Civil Fire Officer, SICILY.

5 October 3

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Commandante of the  
79 CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO for your information.

He

for

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

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5 Oct 1943

Major Mason:

Believe that a copy  
of the letter, file No. 22, should  
be sent to Bigi —

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YES

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1160/PS  
Command 79 Vigili del Fuoco  
( Firemen )  
SIRACUSA

To : A.M.C.O.T. - Palermo

Siracusa 30/9/43.

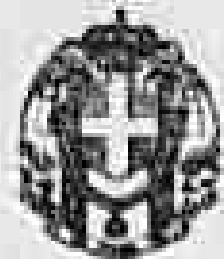
Subject : Communications.

I inform that the above Command has taken at Anget, cognizance of the recent communications relating to the arrangement of the services.

I assure a good accomplishment of the rules which you issued to us from October month.-

Commandant  
Fis. Nat. Ugo Riccioli.

Translation of 22



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79° CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO - SIRAGUSA

"Sedamus ignes, animos firmamus audemus."

Prot. 1881 All.

Risposta a N.

del

OGGETTO: Presa visione di comunicazioni.=

Siracusa, 11 30/9/943

Al 1° A. M. G. O. T.

di

PALERMO per il Comando 58° CORPO

VIGILI DEL FUOCO

P A L E R M O



Si informa che questo Comando ha presa visione presso il locale A.M.G.O.T. delle recenti comunicazioni relative alla normalizzazione del servizio antincendi e si assicura fedele adempimento alle norme impartite a partire dal mese di Ottobre p.v.=



IL COMANDANTE INT/LE  
(Fis. Mat. Ugo RICCIOLI)

Translation at 23

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EXTRACTSYRACUSE TOWN - C.A.P.O.'s REPORT NO. 11. OFFICERS

I commenced duty as C.A.P.O. Syracuse Town on 18th July, 1943 and Capt. Barron as Assistant C.A.P.O. on the 20th July, 1943.

2. C.A.P.O. OFFICE

On the 23rd July 1943 the Office and Staff were transferred from AMGOT H.Q. to the Questura Building, VIA ROMA.

3. CIVIL POPULATION

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A considerable proportion of private property and buildings have been requisitioned and in possession of Naval and Military Authorities.

5. CONDITION OF STREETS

Until last week the condition of the streets was rather bad. Apart from debris blocking some roads and footways, filth, rubbish and human excrement were lying in most streets (probably the lack of water in the town made this position worse.)

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6. WATER AND ELECTRICITY

No main water supplies on the island or the Southern half of Syracuse Town at present and no electric light. The lack of water has made conditions especially difficult, especially in regards to sanitation, but the position is being closely watched by C.A.P.O.s in conjunction with Major Norman and Capt. Ball (Medical).

7. AIR RAID SHELTERS

There are 42 official Air Raid Shelters in the town and in the immediate suburbs. Most of them can fairly be described as reasonably safe and bombproof. I am told that the civil population has been using them for the past three years. The largest shelter is situated in Piazza Duomo about 60 feet below ground level under the cathedral with five separate inter-connecting entrances with accommodation for 2,000 persons, but at least 2,500 congregate there nightly. Since the Allied Occupation 95% of the population use those shelters nightly, going there at Curfew.

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The ventilation of the shelters leave much to be desired and the sanitary conditions were at first appalling, but great improvements have been effected in this respect. A number of civilian A.R.P. personnel have been directed to clean the shelters daily and it is hoped that a distinct improvement will result.

9. AIR-RAID PRIOR TO ALLIED OCCUPATION. During the afternoon of 4th JULY 1943, there was a heavy raid on the Town when considerable material damage was inflicted in the neighbourhood of the Dock Area. I understand some 40 civilians were killed and some 130 persons injured.

10. EVERY AIR-RAIDS SINCE 10th JULY. Practically every night, especially during the early hours of the morning, there has been considerable enemy air-raid activity over the Town. Since 13.7.43 about 90 small H.E. bombs have been dropped on the Town and Docks, resulting in some damage to buildings and dwelling houses. No doubt the target is shipping in the Harbor and

## 27. HEALTH OF CIVILIAN POPULATION.

I am told on good local medical authority that the health of the civil population in Syracuse has never been better than at the moment.

## 28. MISCELLANEOUS.

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With all this, the situation is not at all bad.

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unfortunately at 4 a.m. on 26th July, 1943, a direct hit was scored on a ship of 3,000 tons (laden with petrol and ammunition) set on fire and later had to be subsequently sunk. As far as records go, only 22 civilians have been killed and 40 injured since our occupation. The A.R.P. services until 20.7.43 were disbanded but a skeleton A.R.P. civilian service is now functioning and will be dealt with later.

23. LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICE. Before our entry, I understand there were FIVE ambulances available for use in Syracuse. The position on 20.7.43 was - only ONE ambulance in service at Italian Red Cross Hospital outside the Town - one in bad state of disrepair and another old and worn out without tires. Others were taken by Military and not seen since.

On 20.7.43 I located a large civil ambulance upturned at the roadside TWO miles out. We got it back and made it workable again. However, co-incident with this, the CAO of Rossini had over 40 cases of typhoid with no transport or ambulance, so we sent this ambulance on loan where it had been of great service. I hope we get it back next week for Syracuse Town where it is needed badly. Meanwhile, we have been able to get the use of military ambulances in the few emergencies.

24. FIRE BRIGADE. When I took over, there was no fire engine but on 21.7.43, one was located some miles away. It has been brought back, reconditioned and been in service since. TWO large fire floats at the Docks were sunk and partly submerged - by the enemy before we arrived. I spoke to the N.O.I.C. about them and he hopes to get them raised and into service when possible. The Fire Fighting position is now as follows:

(a) One civilian fire engine and two motorpumps at VIA DUOMO with

118 fireman in the Town.

(b) One Army Fire-Brigade at the Seblane Base (over Bridge)

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Water shortage of course presents a problem but it is hoped this will be rectified in next few days.

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27. CLEANSING OF STREETS AND SHELTERS. This is gradually being improved and some 40 civilians are employed daily. Also 100 ARP paid personnel (surplus now to our requirements) will be employed from tomorrow to clean up and disinfect Air Raid shelters.

We are now also having the services of 120 Italian prisoners, who when properly organized and equipped with shovels etc., should assist greatly in cleaning up the Town.

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29. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. The local ARP (or so called UNPA) has been re-organized as far as is possible at present, having regard to the Military in occupation still. The following is the position, briefly:

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(c) Alert. This is indicated by 12 loud, short bursts in quick

(a) succession. One 30 seconds blast (Since been a longer period in All clear. practice.

ARP/H.Q. Former controller for ARP was Count Gravino. I have taken over his office at Questore, he is in office next door and we collaborate daily on his ARP service. He had formerly 3 ARP cars which were taken by Military and not seen since. However, I have got him some pedal cycles for each of his reporting posts.

AIR RAID WARDENS. Formerly Count Gravino had 180 paid guardini (or guardiani) who were full time 'wardens', lit shelter lamps, reported incidents etc. and also a few nurses and midwives who were (and still are) on duty in each of the principal air raid shelters. The 180 guardiani are not, I am afraid, very energetic and in fact though paid, doing much less than our voluntary Fire Guards and A.R. Wardens at home. However, at least whilst Military operations are still in progress, these 180 are unnecessary and I hope to transfer at least 100 of them on more useful work in cleaning and disinfecting shelters, cleaning the streets and clearing away the filth generally. Hard work apparently does not appeal to most of them and I only wish I had more staff to teach them their job.

DAILY SITUATION REPORT. After each raid, I have two motor cyclists DRs patrol the Town and these, coupled with Gravino's messengers for what they are worth, get information as to the various incidents, all of which are reported daily at 0730 hours to Army, Navy and S.C.A.O.

Incidentally at 4 a.m. on 27.7.43, FOUR H.E.s dropped on buildings and some civilians were trapped in the debris. AMOYT staff and CAPOs were on the spot within a few minutes but it was not possible to release the victims without assistance. I appealed time and again to the able-bodied men in the shelters near by to come and help us to release their fello-men but they point blank refused. I then drove some of them out at the point of a bayonet but when they reached the debris and our A.A. guns fired, they fled in every direction - a spinless lot. Later, Count Gravino apologized but explained that their printed ARP instructions forbade any person to be in the streets until after the "ALL CLEAR". They certainly seem pleased to obey this instruction.

LIGHTING OF THE SHELTERS. We have managed to get them some hurricane lamps and paraffin oil but many of the lamps have since been taken by the civilians - Questorini have the matter in hand.

HOSPITALS. TWO available for reception of casualties (1) Italian Red Cross and (2) Ospedale Psichiatrico (Mental Hospital).

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By the way, considering the tremendous volume of Military and other essential traffic in the streets (and number of children playing in this streets) the number of street accidents has been remarkably light. I have only heard of ONE fatal accident in the Town and 3 or 4 slight accidents involving personal injury, which is a tribute to our Military drivers. Army drivers, generally, drive too fast I think.

37. GENERAL PUBLIC FEELING. One may say confidently that the Syracuse civilians have given no trouble whatsoever. They accepted our occupation calmly and on the whole, their feeling towards the Allies has been fairly good. Their food position is now very much improved and their rations are better than before our entry. The distribution of food also is more equitable than before - rich and poor being treated alike in this respect.

The people are war-weary and many think we are too easy and should have put away many more of the so-called Fascist officials.

The morale of the civilians is NOT high.

## EXTRACT

## SYRACUSE TOWN - C.A.P.O.'s REPORT NO. 2

1. CIVILIAN POPULATION.

Civilians remain peaceful and friendly and no instances of disorder or hostility of any kind have been reported.

Now that air-raids have diminished a great many more of the poorer classes have returned to the town from the suburbs.

3. CONDITIONS OF STREETS.

As pointed out in my last report, the sanitary condition of the streets is far from satisfactory, although a distinct improvement has taken place.

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4. AIR RAID SHELTERS.

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6. ELECTRICITY.

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None in the town, except at the Docks for Governments

7. AIR RAIDS.

There has been no enemy air activity over the town

since 28th July, 1943.

8. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The A.R.P. or U.N.P.A. has been the subject of certain reorganization. Over 300 paid personnel were formally employed on full time U.N.P.A. work, but in practice they did very little. Over 180 "Guardia" were paid some 35 to 38 lire per day simply to "stand by", go to the shelters if there was a raid, wait for the "All clear", emerge and simply report incidents, damage, call the ambulance, etc. The services of 110 of these men was dispensed with on 30th July, 1943. They were offered immediate employment on street cleaning but only one volunteered. After registration they are being vetted and if suitable for manual labor, firm steps are being taken by the C.A.P.O. and his assistant to see that they do work -- a lazy lot.

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27. HEALTH OF CIVILIAN POPULATION.

I am told on good local medical authority that the health of the civil population in Syracuse has never been better than at the moment.

28. MISCELLANEOUS:-

Several dangerous structures (due to recent bombing) have been removed also 2 unexploded H.E. bombs (1 British and 1 Enemy). Several shops have been closed temporarily for overcharging.

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also not the first effort only for cooperation before a new generation joined. Projects like this have been underway for the past several years, working to build over time a stronger foundation. Much work exists in just been observed outside the shelter. The first priority is to the target children to improve the situation. Each country a lot of money and attention is in hopes should to get projects, facilities etc., in or outside in cooperation with the staff, WFP, and local health

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## EXTRACT

### SYRACUSE COMUNE ... C.A.P.O.s REPORT No. 3.

1. CIVILIANS. Civilians continue to be quiet and friendly - no instances of any disorder or hostility. Their morale is now higher and they appear cleaner. Practically all Municipal, Bank and Railway officials, Carabinieri and Questurini have now received their salaries up to the end of JULY, 1943. Food is being evenly distributed to all and there is no shortage at present. As air raids are now less frequent many more people are returning from the grottos and suburbs.

3. AIR RAIDS. At 2300 hrs. on 11.8.43, TWO unexploded bombs fell near the Italian Red Cross Hospital - no damage and no casualties. Army authorities informed and one of the bombs since removed. Other well roped off.

7. STREET CLEANSING. A real drive on this very important work has been effected with assistance of Lieut. Hunt. Legislation passed 12.8.43 making it compulsory for residents to leave their refuse in receptacles placed outside their premises for collection before 9 a.m. daily. It was also made an offence to throw or leave refuse, or human excrement in the street. In this connection many of the residents have been supplied by police with metal receptacles and more are being supplied when received. No less than 94 men are now employed on street cleansing and removal of house refuse etc. These men have been divided into groups of TEN, each supervised by a foreman who is made entirely responsible for the cleanliness of a certain number of streets. At first this proved difficult task but they were brought to realize that it MUST be done. In addition to street cleansing, for the past week a squad of 50 prisoners of war have been engaged under police supervision in cleaning refuse from the Dock area and it now can be safely said that this matter in the Town and at the Docks is well under control. As from 16.8.43 a drive will be made to cleanse some 25 grottos and caves on the outskirts of the Town, which are in a disgraceful condition having been occupied since last APRIL by 400 to 500 persons (sometimes more) without any proper means of sanitation. Three weeks ago an attempt was made to clear out some of the civilians whose homes were at Syracuse but as soon as air raids recurred, they fled again at once to the grottos. It is hoped to supply each grotto with one or more refuse bins and arrange for suitable latrines. At the same time effort is also being made to return the families to Syracuse whose homes are fit for habitation and eventually to re-house the others. Plans are also in hand to erect NINE public conveniences in the Town area. These will be permanent structures, connected with the main sewage pipes, and at each one it is proposed to erect separate lavatories for the sexes.

16. CARABINIERI. All doing an excellent job of work. We remain in close daily touch with senior Car. officers who are most helpful in every possible way. No less than 47 places of Military and A.M.O.T importance are being guarded by Carabinieri and they have got, so far, let us down.

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18. FIRE BRIGADE. Fire Chief stands remanded for concealing firearms and awaits trial by General Court. Some re-organization of the Brigade has been carried out, pumps repaired etc. At 9 p.m. 13.8.43, I sent them an emergency test call (surprise) and they arrived complete with engine and pumps within 3 minutes. C.A.C. was present and impressed with the result.

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EXTRACT

SYRACUSE TOWN .... C.A.P.O.'S REPORT No. 4.

Position during past week, briefly, as follows :

1. CIVILIANS. No disorder or hostility of any kind. On contrary, the relations between civilian population and Allies very friendly.

During first TWO weeks of our occupation, civilians not quite sure of us owing to success of enemy propaganda which had been swallowed by them. They are not only disillusioned now, but becoming extremely bitter against the Italian Fascist regime which has duped them. I hear from many quarters that the population have even greater hate now for their former Italian leaders than the Germans.

5. FIRE. At 4.30 a.m. 19.8.43, a fire occurred at a petrol dump located on the Catania Road - extinguished at 2 p.m. same day. No sabotage or incendiarism suspected - case being investigated by SIB and G2.

8. GROTTOS. As mentioned in last week's report, the cleansing of the grottos and caves is well in hand. 100 men are now employed in this work. At each grotto the old latrines and refuse have been burned and fresh latrines for both sexes are in course of construction. Refuse bins have been supplied and daily arrangements made to remove the refuse. Voluntary marshals being recruited among the dwellers and these are being held responsible for the future cleanliness of the places.

Notices have also been prepared for posting at each grotto or cave pointing out the offence of depositing excreta etc., except in the receptacles provided.

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TRANSLATION.

SUBJECT: Fire Service - SIRACUSA.

Comandante Dott. Ing. Luigi Bigi  
58th CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO.

In view of the shortage of appliances in SIRACUSA it is felt that the machine from SIRACUSA which is at present with you should be returned to its proper station.

Will you please inform me when the vehicle will be ready for the journey?

  
Major  
G.H.L. MASON

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
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Soggetto: MAISON

Comandante Dott. Ing. Luigi Bigi, 58mo Corpo Vigili del Fuoco.

Considerata la scarsa presenza dei mezzi di Siracusa, sembra necessario, che la macchina appartenente a Siracusa, la quale per il momento vi è stata affidata, sia ritornata alla stazione d'origine.

Vi prego di volermi informare quando la macchina sarà pronta per potere partire.

  
G.H.L. MASON,  
MAJOR.

FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION  
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SUBJECT: Fire Service - SIRACUSA.

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ARGOT H. I., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. SIRACUSA.

In view of the report by the visiting Officers of this H. I., a copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that you may wish to remove the present Comandante and promote the Vice-Comandante in his place. Steps will be taken as soon as possible to return the appliance which is at PALERMO and then the Pallaggola truck should be also returned.

Colonel Inf.,  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

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Fire File.

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REPORT OF CIVIL AND MILITARY DEFENSEOFFICERS OF SIRACUSA

This brigade seems to be functioning in a fairly good condition, however, they have lost a lot of equipment to Allied troops and have been bombed out of their station. Lt. Int. C.A.P.A. of Siracusa in a test run of the brigade, stated that they made the run in 2 minutes time and seemed to be efficient in laying lines and raising leaders.

The Commandante gave the impression of not being capable of holding down the responsibilities commensurate with his position.

The vice-Commandante seemed to be the man who was running the brigade, in fact the only thing that the Commandante could talk about was returning to his home in Rome.

The Commandante has been tried on one charge of concealing arms that he managed to get out of later in the day. While talking to Lieut. Raylon, C.A.P.O. of Palazzola we found out that the Commandante had a charge of looting against him there.

Recommendations: Believe that the one piece of equipment, Fiat No. 635 in Palermo that belongs to Siracusa should be returned and one truck placed in Palazzola from Siracusa. Palazzola truck is now in Siracusa. There are at the present time 3 pumps/tanks in Siracusa.

Civil Defense:

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## ELenco DEL PERSONALE AL 20 AGOSTO 1943

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| 1° Brg. Sastri *              | Alfonso              | 39°) Vig. Maffezzoli  | Attilio          |
| 2° Vig. S. Moncada            | Luciano              | 40°) " P. Pacco       | Serio            |
| 3°) C.S. M.O. Messina         | Luciano              | 41°) " P. Amadori     | Silvio           |
| 4°) " V.O. Belluomo           | Carlo                | 42°) " P. Fasani      | Achille          |
| 5°) " V.O. D'Amico            | Francesco            | <u>Allievi Vigili</u> |                  |
| 6°) " V.O. Patanè             | Vincenzo             | 1°) Basile            | Antonino         |
| 7°) " V.O. Cannarella         | Giuseppe             | 2°) Bondi             | Giuseppe         |
| 8°) " V.O. Mauceri            | Aurelio              | 3°) Ballia            | Salvadore        |
| 9°) " V.O. Coffa              | Corrado              | 4°) Davi              | Salvatore        |
| 10°) " P. Calandruccio        | Ottavio              | 5°) Di Pede           | Pasquale         |
| 11°) Vig. P. Gallo            | Alfonso              | 6°) Di Natale         | Francesco        |
| 12°) " P. Pistrutto           | Antonino             | 7°) Di Natale         | Carmelo          |
| 13°) " P. Felice              | Santo                | 8°) Emanuele          | Sebastiano       |
| 14°) " V.O. Carticiano        | Sebastiano           | 9°) Miceli            | Salvatore        |
| 15°) " V.O. Cannarella        | Rosario              | 10°) Siracusa         | Giuseppe         |
| 16°) " V.P. Agosta            | Paolo                | 11°) Siringo          | Francesco        |
| 17°) " V.P. Barraco           | Francesco            | 12°) Spadafora        | Giovanni         |
| 18°) " V.P. Bombaci           | Luciano              | 13°) Terrenova        | Sebastiano       |
| 19°) " V.P. Bondi             | Sebastiano           | 14°) Veneziano        | Salvatore        |
| 20°) " V.P. Carpinteri        | Giuseppe             | <del>15°)</del>       |                  |
| 21°) " V.P. Catinello         | Corrado              | <u>Annalati</u>       |                  |
| 22°) " V.P. Camera            | Francesco            | 1°) Camata            | Sebastiano       |
| 23°) " V.P. Conigliaro        | Pietro               | 2°) Partescano        | Francesco        |
| 24°) " <del>Vig. Sastri</del> | <del>Salvatore</del> | 3°) Agricola          | Alfonso          |
| 25°) " " Giannone             | Vincenzo             | <u>Dispersi</u>       |                  |
| 26°) " " Ghiurmino            | Vincenzo             | 1°) C.S. Di Natale    | Luciano          |
| 27°) " " Nocera               | Sebastiano           | 2°) Vig. Rubera       | Antonino         |
| 28°) " " Marci                | Vincenzo             | 3°) All. Vig. Sicuso  | Francesco        |
| 29°) " " Midolo               | Ugo                  | 4°) " "               | Costanzo Gaetano |

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| 7°) " V.O. Cannarella         | Giuseppe             | 2°) Bondi            | Giuseppe         |
| 8°) " V.O. Mauceri            | Aurelio              | 3°) Ballia           | Salvadore        |
| 9°) " V.O. Coffa              | Corrado              | 4°) Davi             | Salvadore        |
| 10°) " P. Calandruccio        | Ottavio              | 5°) Di Fede          | Pasquale         |
| 11°) Vig. P. Gallo            | Alfonso              | 6°) Di Natale        | Francesco        |
| 12°) " P. Pistritto           | Antonino             | 7°) Di Natale        | Carmelo          |
| 13°) " P. Felice              | Santo                | 8°) Emanuele         | Sebastiano       |
| 14°) " V.O. Carticiano        | Sebastiano           | 9°) Miceli           | Salvadore        |
| 15°) " V.O. Cannarella        | Rosario              | 10°) Siracusa        | Giuseppe         |
| 16°) " V.P. Agosta            | Paolo                | 11°) Siringo         | Francesco        |
| 17°) " U.P. Barraco           | Francesco            | 12°) Spadafora       | Giovanni         |
| 18°) " V.P. Bombaci           | Luciano              | 13°) Terranova       | Sebastiano       |
| 19°) " V.P. Bondi             | Sebastiano           | 14°) Veneziano       | Salvadore        |
| 20°) " V.P. Carpinteri        | Giuseppe             |                      |                  |
| 21°) " V.P. Catinello         | Corrado              | <u>Annalati</u>      |                  |
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| 23°) " V.P. Conigliaro        | Pietro               | 2°) Partescano       | Francesco        |
| 24°) " <del>V.P. Gaglio</del> | <del>Salvadore</del> | 3°) Agricola         | Alfonso          |
| 25°) " " Giannone             | Vincenzo             | <u>Dispersi</u>      |                  |
| 26°) " " Ghiurmino            | Vincenzo             | 1°) C.S. Di Natale   | Luciano          |
| 27°) " " Nocera               | Sebastiano           | 2°) Vig. Rubera      | Antonino         |
| 28°) " " Marci                | Vincenzo             | 3°) All. Vig. Siculo | Francesco        |
| 29°) " " Midolo               | Ugo                  | 4°) " "              | Costanzo Gaetano |
| 30°) " " Minniti              | Carmelo              |                      |                  |
| 31°) " " De Pedri             | Umberto              |                      |                  |
| 32°) " " Parisi               | Pietro               |                      |                  |
| 33°) " " Piccione             | Giuseppe             |                      |                  |
| 34°) " " Rizza                | Paolo                |                      |                  |
| 35°) " " Ruiz                 | Giuseppe             |                      |                  |
| 36°) " " Veglia               | Giuseppe             |                      |                  |
| 37°) " " Del Cherico          | Mario                |                      |                  |
| 38°) " " Morgantini           | Pio                  |                      |                  |

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Comandante Geom. Amico Giovanni  
V. Comand/te Fis. Mat. Riccioli Ugo

MATERIALE DELL'OFFICINA DEI VIGILI DEL FUOCO, SITA IN CONTRADA

"SINERCHIA, REQUISITO DALLE TRUPPE ALIATE."

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N°11 chiavi a stella di acciaio Vanadium da mm.9 a 28  
" 7 " fisse di acciaio Vanadium da mm.5 a 22  
" 5 " a tubo da mm.8 a 19 di acciaio Vanadium  
" 25 " fisse assortite  
" 8 " curve assortite (sesti)  
" 1 " a T da mm.19 acciaio Vanadium  
" 2 " per carburatore  
" 3 " per candele  
" 1 " per giratubi  
" 1 " regolabile tipo grande  
" 16 " a tubo assortite tipo comune  
" 2 trapani a mano, uno medio ed uno piccolo  
" 1 trapano da banco fino a mm.10  
" 3 pinze universali  
" 1 squadra di ferro ad angolo retto  
" 1 calibro  
" 3 compassi  
" 1 spessimetro  
" 1 metro  
" 1 seghetto  
" 1 scatolo chiavi a bussola pezzi n°18 (completo di maniglie)  
" 1 forbice per lamiera  
" 1 Tronchesa  
" 1 Saldatore a benzina  
" 2 Saldatori a mano (piccolo e grosso)  
" 1 Scatolo estuccio tipo francese  
" 1 Scatolo madreviti passo a mm. pezzi: 67 maschi, 34 filiere  
" (completa di mandimeschi e mandafiliera)

" 8 " curve assortite (setti)  
 " 1 " a T da mm. 19 acciaio Vanadium  
 " 2 " per carburatore  
 " 3 " per candele  
 " 1 " per giratubi  
 " 1 " regolabile tipo grande  
 " 16 " a tubo assortite tipo comune  
 " 2 trapani a mano, uno medio ed uno piccolo  
 " 1 trapano da banco fino a mm. 10  
 " 3 pinze universali  
 " 1 squadra di ferro ad angolo retto  
 " 1 calibro  
 " 3 compassi  
 " 1 spessimetro  
 " 1 metro  
 " 1 seghetto  
 " 1 scatolo chiavi a bussola pezzi n° 18 (completo di maniglie)  
 " 1 forbice per lamiera  
 " 1 Tronchesa  
 " 1 Saldatore a benzina  
 " 2 Saldatori a mano (piccolo e grosso)  
 " 1 Scatolo astuccio tipo francese  
 " 1 Scatolo madreviti passo a mm. pezzi: 67 maschi, 34 filetti  
 (completa di mandamascchi e mandafilieri)  
 " 4 Estrattori Vari  
 " 1 Estrattore universale in acciaio Vanadium  
 " 3 Raschiette per bronzine  
 " 1 Spazzola per lime sistema intercambiabile  
 " 1 Scatolo alesatore piccolo assortiti  
 " 19 Fustelli da mm. 4 a 32  
 " 14 Alesatori normali da mm. 4 a 22  
 " 4 Alesatori ad espansione da mm. 10,5 a 19,5

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N°1 L'Espresso Tacalmit a pompa

~~Scatola per stampini lettere complete (pezzi 25)~~

N°1 Lampada a benzina da Lt.2

" 1 Scatolo stampini lettere complete (pezzi 25)

" 9 punzoni per numeri (scatolo completo)

" 1 chiave regolabile tipo grande

" 7 Martelli assortiti

" 1 Mazza da Kg. 500

" 3 Tanaglie per fabbro

" 1 Moraa parallela di acciaio per meccanico

" 1 Moraa per fabbro

" 1 Mola smeriglio da banco

" 13 Ponte elicoidali per trapano (assortite)

" 3 Misuratori di pressione per pneumatici

" 1 Contafilietti

" 1 Imbutto di vetro

" 1 Scatolo cammelli per saldatura autogena (Completo)

" 1 Cassogeno a pressione da Kg.2 per saldatura autogena

" 1 Sollevatore idraulico

" 1 Binda da 10 Tonn.

" 2 Mole smeriglio da mm.250 (grana fina)

Mt.14 di tubo di gomma per saldatura autogena.--

Pezzi di ricambio veri.--

N°3 Lime grezze

" 2 " piatte grosse

" 2 " piatte fine

" 2 " mezzetonde

" 3 " tondini

" 4 Giraviti assortiti

" 50 candele tipo D.H 45 T.1-52

" 50 " per auto. pompa a piedi 1100 W.H 125 T.3-62

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" 7 Martelli assortiti  
 " 1 Mazza da Kg. 500  
 " 3 Tanaglie per fabbro  
 " 1 Morsa parallela di acciaio per meccanico  
 " 1 Morsa per fabbro  
 " 1 Mola smeriglio da banco  
 " 113 Punte elicoidali per trapano (assortite)  
 " 3 Misuratori di pressione per pneumatici  
 " 1 Contafiltri  
 " 1 Inbuto di vetro  
 " 1 Scatolo camelli per saldatura autogena (Completo)  
 " 1 Cassogeno a pressione da Kg. 2 per saldatura autogena  
 " 1 Sollevatore idraulico  
 " 1 Binda da 10 Tonn.  
 " 2 Mole smeriglio da mm. 250 (grana fina)  
 Mt. 14 di tubo di gomma per saldatura autogena.--  
 Pezzi di ricambio vari...  
 No 3 Line grezze  
 " 2 " piatte grosse  
 " 2 " piatte fine  
 " 2 " mezzetonde  
 " 3 " tondini

" 4 Giraviti assortiti

" 50 candele tipo D.H. 45 T. 1.5 x

" 50 " per motore pompa a pist. 1100 W.H. 125 T. 3.6 x

" 14 metri cartone amianto per guarnizioni, spessore mm. 1, 1/2 e 2

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Siracusa, 11 28 Agosto 1943.

ALL'ISPETTORE DI POLIZIA

COMANDO A.M.G.O.T.

S I R A C U S A

Prot. n° 1813

OGGETTO:- Rintraccio materiale.-

Onde realizzare proficuamente e con la massima urgenza gli intendimenti presi di ripristinare i distaccamenti dei Vigili del Fuoco anche in Provincia, si prega la S.V. di volere disporre il rintraccio e la consegna a questo Comando di tutto il materiale che costituiva l'attrezzatura antincendi di questo Corpo e che venne asportata dalle Truppe Alleate nei giorni successivi all'intervento delle stesse.- Si prega altresì volersi interessare con i competenti Comandi di tutte le zone per la restituzione dei sottoindicati automezzi e motomezzi, che non è stato possibile rintracciare, nonostante tutte le ricerche fatte:-

- 1°) Carro attrezzi Bianchi Targa V.F. 904 con motopompa "Profumo"
- 2°) Autocarro Ansaldo Targa V.F. TPI con 10 gravine-10 badili-1 tavolone e n°7 ruote complete dell'autocarro Fiat 621.-
- 3°) Autopompa Fiat 635
- 4°) Autocarro attrezzi OM con motopompa, asportate dal distacco di Augusta.-
- 5°) Autobotte pompa 525 con motopompa, asportata dal distacco di Augusta.-
- 6°) Motopompa Fiat Tipo 500
- 7°) Motocicletta Benelli Targa SR.375
- 8°) Motocicletta Gilera Targa SR.647
- 9°) Autovettura Fiat 1100 Targa SR.2449
- 10°) Autovettura Fiat 1100 Targa SR.1967
- 11°) Autovettura Fiat 500 Targa V.F.2433

Gli ultimi tre veicoli non facevano servizio di vettura e proprie, ma costituivano partenze celeri di primo intervento, trasporto tanto uomini e materiale (picconi, pale etc.) e si rivelavano sommamente necessarie specialmente negli incendi di bosco e negli interventi per crolli di fabbricati.-



Subject: Fire Service - MOTO.

AMOT/1075/TS

AMOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.C. SIRACUSA.

In view of the report of the visiting officers of this H.Q., copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that no further action is necessary.

*G. H. K. M. J.*  
for Colonel Inf.,  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.C. MOTO.  
Fire File.

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REPORT OF FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENSE  
COMBINE OF HOTO

#76  
This detachment in Hoto seemed to be an exceptionally good detachment. Their one piece of equipment, although rather ancient, was in good running order. Lieut. Jones, C.A.P.C. informed us that the day previous there had been a fire and the Brigade responded quite well.

Civil Defense - No previous air raids and the possibility of one seemed rather remote. The few members of the U.N.P.A. were being used to supplement the local police dept.

PROFORMA FOR FIRE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for HQ AMCOOT.)

NAME OF COMMUNE ... MONO ... PROVINCE ... SIPACUSA ...

FIRE FIGHTING:

IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE? ... YES ...

STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE ... OFFICERS ... 10 ... MEN:

IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING? ... YES ...

NAME &amp; RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER ... V.C. ... RICHARD ... STRASANO ...

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE ...

ARE THEY UNIFORMED &amp; EQUIPPED? ...

WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER

1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known) ... 2000 ...

WITH 3000 LITRE WATER TANK ...

2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders ...

3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS ...

4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping) ...

5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANTENS, etc. ...

6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS ...

7) TRAILER PUMPS (state CAPACITY - if known) ...

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE ...

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED ...

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

- IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE? ..... YES..... NO..... MEN:
- STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE ..... OFFICERS ..... NO..... MEN:
- IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING? ..... YES.....
- NAME & RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER VIO. ANTONIO. SERRANO.....
- NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE ..... NO.....
- ARE THEY UNIFORMED & EQUIPPED? ..... YES.....
- WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER
- 1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known) ... *245*.....  
 7700. 2000. 1100. WATER. 2000.....
  - 2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders .....
  - 3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS .....
  - 4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping) .....
  - 5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANTENS, etc.....  
 .....
  - 6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS .....
  - 7) TRAILER PUMPS (state CAPACITY - if known) .....
  - 8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE .....
  - 9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED .....

## WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

- 1) SUFFICIENT ..... YES..... OR INSUFFICIENT.....
- 2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS? ..... YES..... *5.2.80*
- 3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS 150 YARDS.....
- 4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE IN HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:  
*5.2.80* ..... 7.40. 173. 7.40. 173. 842.....
- 5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING? ..... YES.....
- 6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY ..... NO.....
- 7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or RECOMMENDED .....  
 .....
- 8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7) .....

WATER SUPPLY - continued

9) OTHER MEANS OF SUPPLY (RIVER, SEA, WELLS, etc.).....

10) WATER CARRYING VEHICLES & CAPACITY .....

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

SIRACHUSA.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.) .....

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE ..... 10

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES .....

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK ..... LAW

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS ..... NO.

HAS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION ..... 10

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL ..... 10

RECOMMENDATIONS .....

GENERAL REMARKS .....

IS FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT & TO WHAT EXTENT ..... 10

SILABURA.

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.)  
NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE  
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES  
GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK  
ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS  
HAS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION  
IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
GENERAL REMARKS  
IS FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT & TO WHAT EXTENT

DATE SIGNED  
*Kymick W. Walker*  
*Captain, Infantry*

N.B. COPIES OF FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORTS SHOULD BE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE.

TO : Fire Service - RIASSOLO.

RECEIVED

RECEIVED B.P., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : E.C.A. - SIRACUSA.

In view of the report of the Inspecting Officers of this B.P., copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that the appliance from RIASSOLO which is at present at SIRACUSA should be returned to its proper station as soon as the SIRACUSA vehicle is returned from Italy.

*E. H. Hanson*  
for Colonel Inf.,  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

E.C.A.  
Fire File.

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REPORT OF FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE

COMUNE OF PALAZZOLO

The fire brigade as formerly organized is functioning as Police and rescue workers at the present time. The fire station was bombed and considerable equipment lost in the bombing.

Recommendation: That one pumper be returned from Siracusa upon the return of the pumper belonging to Siracusa from Palermo.

Civil Defence: None existing.

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ROBERTO GIUSEPPE.

Rugali Giuseppe

Angelico Giovanni

Di Grano Giuseppe

Sagulla Gastano

Rizza Sebastiano

Sciolla Raffaele

Niello Michele

Basile Salvatore

Miano Angelo

Quarullo Antonino

Novella Santo

Bernardo Sebastiano

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PROFORMA FOR FIRE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

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

NAME OF COMRADE ..... PROVINCE .....

FIRE FIGHTING:

IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE? .....

STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE ..... OFFICERS ..... MEN:

IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING? ..... FIRE BRIGADE NO MORE USED TO ASSIST

NAME & RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER .....

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE .....

ARE THEY UNIFORMED & EQUIPPED? .....

WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER

1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known) .....

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2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders .....

3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS .....

4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping) .....

5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANTERBURY, etc. ....

.....

6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS .....

.....

7) TRAILER PUMPS (state capacity - if known) .....

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE .....

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED .....

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY? .....

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IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE?  
STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE ..... OFFICERS ..... MEN:  
IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING? .....  
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.....

NAME & RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER .....  
NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE .....  
ARE THEY UNIFORMED & EQUIPPED? .....  
WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER

- 1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known) .....  
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- 2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders .....  
.....
- 3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS .....  
.....
- 4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping) .....  
.....
- 5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANNIENS, etc. ....  
.....
- 6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS .....  
.....
- 7) TRAILER PUMPS (state capacity - if known) .....  
.....
- 8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE .....  
.....
- 9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED ..... 5492

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?  
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.....  
1) SUFFICIENT ..... OF INSUFFICIENT .....  
2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS? .....  
3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS .....  
4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE IN HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:  
.....  
5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING? .....  
6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY .....  
7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or RECOMMENDED .....  
.....  
8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7) .....

WATER SUPPLY - continued

9) OTHER MEANS OF SUPPLY (RIVER, SEA, WELLS, etc.).....

10) WATER CARRYING VEHICLES & CAPACITY .....

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

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.) .....

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE .....

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES .....

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK . NO FIRE RISK .....

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS ... NONE .....

HAS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION . NO .....

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL . NO .....

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ONE FIRE PUMP/TANK BE PLACED IN THE TOWN. TWO TRUCKS...

... FORTS/STATIONED IN 1971. ONE FIRE PUMP AND ONE TANK WAGON .....

GENERAL REMARKS .....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH NEIGHBOURING COMPANIES .....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.) .....

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COUNTRY .....

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES .....

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK .NO. FIRE RISK.....

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS ....NOTE.....

HIS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION ..NO.....

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL ..NO.....

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ONE PUMP, W/TANK BE PLACED IN THE TOWN. TWO TRUCKS.....

FIRETRUCK STATIONED IN TOWN. ONE FIRETRUCK AND ONE TANK WAGON.....

GENERAL REMARKS .....

IS FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT & TO WHAT EXTENT .....

DATE .....

SIGNED *Kenneth W. Wallers*  
*Captain, Infantry*

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