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SUBJECT: The Late Lt. Col. S.M. Fairman (P.9152)

TO: Director, Civil Affairs, War Office, London.
(Copy for Col. Sir Frank Brock, HMI, Public
Safety Advisor to Civil Affairs Directorate,
Home Office, Whitehall, London)

1. With the deepest regret I have to report the death on
20 May 1944, of Lt. Col. S.M. Fairman, Chief Constable of Hertford-
shire.

2. I caused Major Harvey (formerly Detective Inspector,
Metropolitan Police) to obtain details regarding the illness and
death of Col. Fairman, and the following are some extracts from
his report to me, which would be of interest to Col. Fairman's
relatives.

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Ewen, an American officer in the same billet, that he did not
feel well, but said he did not wish to see the Medical Officer.
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appeared ill and complained of high temperature. He thereupon
arranged for Col. Fairman to be sent immediately to the 30 M.F.
Hospital at Foggia, from whence he was later transferred to 71st
General Hospital, Harleth, suffering from pneumonia.

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5. The Post Mortem examination revealed the causes of death as:-

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- (a) Pleuro-pneumonia
- (b) Pneumococcal empyema,
- (c) Gangrene of Lung

6. Col. Fairman is interred at Grave No. L.7, Military Plot, Civil Cemetery, Barletta, which is situated on the main Foggia Road, about one mile outside Barletta, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The hospital authorities will erect a cross in the near future. Major Harvey placed two small bunches of flowers on the grave as tokens from the family and from former colleagues, and also had a photograph taken, which will be sent to Mrs. Fairman in due course.

7. Col. Fairman had been engaged in the most important task of organising the movement and care of refugees. His ability contributed much to the success of this work and his personalefforts/

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efforts were untiring to alleviate the hardships of these unfortunate people.

8. His loss is keenly felt by his colleagues, who esteemed him very highly, his charming disposition endeared him to his numerous friends. The officers with whom he was associated desire me to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Fairman and relatives, and all Police officers here also wish me to include their condolences at the loss of a former colleague and friend.

9. I would be pleased if a copy of this official report could be passed on to Col. Fairman's relatives for their information.

A.E. YOUNG,
Colonel.

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