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19 FEBRUARY 1944.

SUBJECT: CIVIL DEFENCE

TO : CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY
H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES.

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Referring to letter No. ACC/34 dated 29 Jan 1944 from Acting Chief of Staff H.Q. A.C.C. addressed to A.F.H.Q., M.G.S., I enclose herewith translation of letter from S.E. REALE on the above subject for your information.

E B Mann

Lieut. Colonel.

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LT. COL. E.B. MANN.
C/O PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, BARI
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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TRANSLATION

Lecce 31 January 1944

From
 IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
 PER L'INTERNO

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TO LT COL N.W. MONFORT
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Control Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

30 January 1944.

In reply
refer to : ACC/34.

Subject : Civil Defence

To : Chief of Public Safety,
H.Q. A.M.G., NAPLES.

1. At a conference with S.E. REALE, Under-Secretary of State, Minister of the Interior, it was indicated that the Italian Government is prepared to appoint forthwith an Inspector to re-organize the Fire and Civil Defence Services.

2. It is proposed that this Official should work in co-operation with the appropriate Allied Officers so that any necessary transfer of personnel or equipment may be arranged.

He would also advise the Allied Officers on the Italian Laws covering the Services concerned.

3. The Officer the Italian Government would wish to appoint is DOTI. ING. BIGI, at present Comandante of the Palermo Fire Brigade and Senior Fire Officer for Sicily.

4. It is understood from Major G.H.L. MASON of A.M.G. Public Safety Division that DOTI. BIGI has worked with our Staff since the invasion of Sicily and is well acquainted with our requirements.

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ELLERY W. STONE.
Captain, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief of Staff.

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NOTES ON DISCUSSION WITH S.E. REALE, UNDER-SECRETARY
OF THE INTERIOR.

1. That a Director and/or Inspector of Anti-Fire and Civil Defence Services be appointed forthwith with full powers to co-operate with Allied Officers in the re-organization of the Services.
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CIVIL DEFENSE - DIFESA CIVILE (Contro-sera)

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REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENSE & F.A.D. AS NOTED INSOUTHWEST ITALY.

As instructed I have visited the areas of BRINDISI, TARANTO and BARI and has to submit the attached reports.

1. In order to secure co-ordination and uniformity throughout these ports and indeed throughout the whole of ITALY under control of the ITALIAN GOVERNMENT it is essential that that Government should appoint forthwith an Inspector and Organiser for Fire and Civil Defence.

Such Officer, when appointed should also work with A.M.G. (or A.C.C.) in re-organisation of the services in that part of Italy under Allied Control.

2. It is probable that the MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR will ask A.C.C. and A.M.G. to make available for them the services of two experienced Italian Fire Officers at present in the part of Italy under our control. It is urged strongly that this request be granted without delay as one of these Officers would be required for Ministerial duties in re-organisation and the other to take over the Fire Service at BARI.

3. It is considered advisable that close contact be maintained between the Italian Ministry and the specialist Officers of A.C.C. and that every assistance be given to the Italians in the way of advice and material. If possible the Allied Officers should work side by side with the Italians and the resources of the Army controlled by us and by them should be pooled - including personnel and equipment.

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With this fact in view the Military Commanders and their Staff Officers were contacted and some brief notes on the Military resources are included in each report.

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It is important that complete liaison between the Military P.A.B. Officers and the Italian A.F.C. Officers be maintained and all resources pooled.

In the cases of Bari and Taranto, where there are specially trained P.A.B. Officers it is felt that their co-operation will now be complete. In the case of NAPOLI the same will apply on the appointment of a Specialist Officer.

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endeavour should be made to persuade the Italian Authorities to agree to our F.A.D. Officers making periodical inspections of the A.R.P. Services and submitting to the Prefects their views on and recommendations for the Services.

In the event of a valid the decisions of our F.A.D. Officers should have priority in view of their training and experience.

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In view of the removal of Fire Appliances and personnel by the Germans in the part of Italy held by them it is recommended that the Italian Government and A.C.C. (A.M.S.) should prepare a joint scheme for the transfer of pumps and Firemen from the South to the North as required. This situation was explained to the representative of the Government who all appreciated the need and provided that they have the services of a suitable Fire Officer, will be prepared to explore a scheme on request.

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Since the drafting of this report, contact has been made with the Area Commander, Brig. Gen. L. J. WOODHURST, who is anxious to co-ordinate the Military and Civil Air Raid Precautions Services. It is understood that application has already been made by the Area Commander for the service of a Trained P.A.D. Officer.

Capt. [Name], who is now performing the duties of P.A.D. Officer until a trained officer is posted, was also contacted, Capt. [Name] having been posted elsewhere.

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G. H. L. [Name]
Major.

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To-----The Commanding General,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENCE, P.A.D. AND FIREFIGHTING

BARI.

1. 6 SUB-AREA.

The Sub-Area Commander, Brig. G.A. PALMER and the P.A.D. Officer, Major BOLLAND, were contacted.

A copy of the Area P.A.D. Scheme is attached (APP"A")

The Scheme is sound in all respects and includes the Port Area for which the P.A.D. Officer is responsible.

The P.A.D. Officer reports the need of more:-

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The Brigade was inspected with an official of the Ministry of the Interior, Major COLANGELLO.

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Certain tyres and spare parts are needed for the Fire Brigade and the Ministry Official is calling for a list of such requirements. These are also shown in part in the Prefects report of the G.D.Services.

Much can be done; however, within the Brigade by a more efficient Officer.

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The Brigade is 70 under strength. There is a difficulty in getting more men owing to the low pay and the high rates paid by the Allied Forces for Dock Labourers and other employed civilian personnel. There is also a shortage of Uniforms.

The Port Fire Station was damaged by bombs in the raid on 2 Dec 1943 and at present there is only one Fireman (telephone operator) on duty there. If the Services of the Fire Boats is required this man telephones to the Central Fire Station and the crews are sent down by road.

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this involves much waste of time and it should be easy to put the Station into good repair again, and house the crews near to their boats.

The Brigade is deficient of heavy lorries, towing and vehicles and water tankers.

The Brigade is also responsible for the fire-fighting at BALETTA, a port, and at LONOCCHI where there is a Petrol Installation.

In a report being submitted to A.P.M.O. a recommendation is being made that four medium Trailer Tanks and six Tankers be provided for this Brigade.

Co-operation with the Army Fire Service would be easier if an efficient Commandante was in charge.

The Ministry Official concurs with these views on the Commandante and is recommending his replacement.

Four of the five Sub-Station in LAMI have been taken over by the Allied Troops.

To effect proper coverage of the town there should be returned to the Fire Brigade as soon as possible. The R.A.F. Officer is of the opinion that static water tanks are needed near some of the higher fire risks and in the Railway Station. I agree with this view.

The Fire Brigade of PRINZELI, LAGOON or TARAGO could be called upon if absolutely necessary.

2. (e) PART A.P.P. CONTINUED.

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E. (U) AIRI A.S.P. BUNHAI.

In this case the A.S.P. Tokome looks very well on paper, but is preferred if lessons such to be derived. The report of the Prefect is attached (App "B").

The Civil Controller, General M. GRADIA, is a very well known old gentleman, but is old and has very little practical knowledge.

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Following a conference with the Prefect, who is most anxious to be helpful, an inspection of the various Services was made.

The Civil training is given by some 16 sirens of varying efficiency and is controlled by BICAT who should act on instructions from C.C.C. Certain of the D.I.C.A.S. telephone lines have been taken over by the Military but it is hoped that these may be restored.

AIR MAIL SERVICES.

A summary of the shelters is given with App "B".

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AIR RAID SHELTERS(CTD)

Some of them are quite good, others poor. Many of them are of the Splinter Proof Type.

There are still some under construction and these should be completed. Here again the labour and material problem appears.

The Official of Ministry of Interior instructed that some of the Shelters be completed and others cleaned up and guarded. Electric lamps are needed as are hand torches.

A suggestion for the use of Italian Military Personnel for shelter control is being made by Maj. COLANINNO to Ministry of Interior.

RESCUE SERVICES.

Rescue Services are carried out by the F.B. and U.F.A. The latter are very badly paid and are in consequence, composed mainly of older men, unfit for heavy duties and there are also some 65 men short. They are fairly well equipped. It is thought that some of the dock workers and Italian Soldiers might be made available for this service during and after a big raid.

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No provision is made for this.

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The Red Cross Service seems to be efficient and with a few adjustments suggested to them should prove adequate. The First Aid Posts are well staffed ⁴⁰⁰⁰ well organised.

7 Ambulances are in Service and 2 have been taken over by Allied Forces.

STREET CLEARANCE

This subject is a difficult one locally, but is of prime importance to the Allied Forces.

Prior to our occupation it was possible for the Civil Engineer, whose responsibility it is, to arrange to have squads of men available for this duty.

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Now, however, owing to the higher rate of wages paid by the Allies, these men are employed either in the docks or elsewhere by us.

The Italian Troops stationed locally are also engaged in the docks and following the last raid it was found to be very difficult to obtain labour for the removal of debris.

In case of a large raid there is little doubt that Military Labour and transport would have to be made available to the local Civil Authority to clear the streets.

3. NOTES ON A.R.P. SERVICES, following raid on Dec 2'43

The chief failing of the Civilian Defence Services on this occasion seems to have been lack of personnel to assist in Rescue work and street clearance.

It appears that immediately the raid started all the Dock workers, soldiers and civilians, made a dash for safety and were not seen again for many hours.

The Fire Brigade and U.N.P.A. did good work in rescues.

About 6 military lorries were ordered up by the P.A.D. Officer on the following morning to help in the removal of debris but there was no Italians there to do the manual work.

The closer co-operation of the Military and Civilian Officers should do much to prevent such an occurrence, especially if one of the alternative suggestions for the use of Dock workers or Soldiers be adopted.

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The minimum requirements of the CIVILIAN SERVICES in equipment should be set as far as possible and the probable need of assistance in emergency of persons and transport must be envisaged.

If the suggestion in Para 2(b) regarding the use of Dock workers is not workable it may be found possible to have some Italian Troops stationed locally to provide Shelter guards and working parties and to assist the Police in control of the public during and after a raid.

The existence of a trained P.A.D. Officer at Sub-Area H.Q. should render the knitting together of the P.A.D. and A.R.P. Services more easy.

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Following a conference with the Prefect, the P.A.D. Officer of No. 2 District, the Fire Officer of No. 2 District, the P.A.D. Officer of the Sub-Area and the heads of the Civilian Services it will be possible to achieve a much closer co-operation between the Military and the Civil Services since each one now understands the exact functions of his opposite number and all have been brought into contact.

The closest co-ordination between the 2 control rooms will be established.

It is recommended that the Area P.A.D. Officer be empowered to inspect the Civilian Services from time to time and recommend to them any improvements he thinks fit. For this purpose he should have personal transport available at all times.

There is no reason why further trouble should be experienced if the above steps are taken and the P.A.D. Officer be given the full authority.

Thanks are due to the Prefect and his Officers and to the Military Officers for their courtesy and assistance in drawing up this report.

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TO: The Commanding General,
H.A. Allied Control Commission.

REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENCE, P.A.D. AND FIRE-FIGHTING

ZARANTO.

1. 52 SUP-AREA.

The Sub-Area Commander (Brigadier Goodwin) expressed a keen appreciation of the risk of Air Raids and the need for complete co-ordination of the Military and Civil Passive Air Defence Services.

He also stated that he was anxious to assist the Civil Authorities in any way possible over repairs and spare parts for their Fire Fighting Appliances.

There is a full-time P.A.D. Officer (Major Siebert) in this Sub-Area who is a specially trained officer and who has done in the three weeks that he has been appointed, a great deal to achieve complete co-ordination of the various Military and Civilian Services in the Area.

A copy of the P.A.D. Scheme was not available at the time of my visit but in the details given by Major Siebert, it is evident that full consideration has been given to all aspects of the services and every provision is being made.

No 9 1st CLASS FIRE BRIGADE under R.S.M. SUMMERS is well equipped and is being brought up to strength in personnel by the Area Commander.

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A P.A.D. Scheme for the PORT AREA is being prepared by Major Siebert and will be an integral part of the Area Scheme. The ROYAL NAVY and the ITALIAN NAVY are co-operating.

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3.(e) TARANTO CIVIL FIRE BRIGADE.

This is a well equipped and trained Brigade with experience of Raid conditions and it should prove a very useful asset to the P.A.D. Officer in the event of a fire, either accidental or by Enemy action.

The Commandante appears to be keen and efficient and the morale of the personnel is high. The Scheme drawn up for the coverage of the town and the disposition of the personnel and the appliances is sound.

In a report being submitted to A.P.H.Q. a recommendation is being made that 2 TANKER vehicles be provided for this Brigade.

The fire Brigades of LUCON, BAHIBINI and BARI can be called to assist if necessary.

Co-operation between the Civil Brigade and the Army Brigade seems to be well established.

Certain tyres and spare parts are required and this point is being brought to the personal attention of the P.A.D. Officer with the support of the Area Commander.

(b) TARANTO A.R.P. SCHEME.

The A.R.P. Scheme generally appears to be well drawn up and a copy of the report on it by the Prefect of Taranto is attached (APP. "A").

The WARNING SIGNAL is controlled by the Military Authorities in this case and is therefore to be relied on.

The CONTROL ROOM of the A.R.P. officials will be in full contact with the new P.A.D. control which is being established.

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Some of the existing shelters are good but the majority are of the covered trench type and are splinter proof only.

A few of the trench shelters and some of the school shelters have been taken over or closed by the Military. It is urged that as many of these as possible should be returned for civilian use.

Petrol Lamps and Hand Torches are needed for use in the shelters.

The system of shelter control might be improved by the provision of more Shelter Wardens.

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RESCUE SERVICES.

RESCUE SERVICES are carried out by U.N.P.A., the Fire Brigade and the Red Cross. Their plans are good.

The view was expressed by Major COLANGELO of the Italian MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR that it might be well to bring this service under full control of the Fire Chief. This view is confirmed, as the U.N.P.A. personnel are few and mostly too old for hard rescue work.

The A.R.P. controller states that he is satisfied with the medical arrangements except for the lack of ambulances, most of which were requisitioned by the Allied Forces in the early days of occupation.

This is referred to in the report of the Prefect.

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In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the help and courtesy extended to me by the Sub-Area Commander and his P.A.D. Officer, H.B. the Prefect of TARANTO 3994 Officials and to Major COLANZANO of the Italian Minister of the Interior.

23 Jan 1944.

C.H.L. MASON, Major
A.M.C., A.C.O.

21 January 1944.

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To: The Commanding General,
P.A. Allied Control Commission.

REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENSE, P.A.D. and FIRE FIGHTING

D R I M D I S I

1. 71 SUB-AREA.

The Area P.A.D. Officer, Capt ALLEN was contacted. A copy of the Area P.A.D. Scheme is attached (APP "A"). This scheme seems to be quite well drawn up and suitable for the locality.

The P.A.D. Officer reports the need of SPARE LAMPS, FOAM MAKING COMPOUND, SHOVELS etc., for the Fire Service.

These have been indentated for but are not yet forthcoming. It is urged that every endeavour be made to meet these demands.

The FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL of some of the Units are under strength.

These personnel deficiencies should be made up as soon as possible since the appliances can neither be maintained nor operated without the trained personnel.

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which he has done so far.

It is alarming to note in the scheme that no re-
liance is to be placed on the CIVILIAN AIR FORCE
and it is recommended that steps be taken to ~~bring~~ ^{bring} all
the Warning Signals under one control.

Fire fighting vehicles and appliances should on
NO ACCOUNT be used for other purposes. This applies
especially to the towing vehicles since if these are
not available in emergency the pumps are immobilised.
Every facility appears to have been given by R.F.S.F.
for the repairs etc. needed by the ARMY FIRE BRIGADE
and the CIVIL BRIGADE.

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2. PORT AREA.

Lt. Col. THIFFITT, R.E., was contacted in this sector.

A copy of the F.A.D. Scheme for the Sector is attached at APP. 2.

Nominally the Port F.A.D. Scheme appears to be an integral part of the Area Scheme but it is doubtful if the co-ordination is as close as it should be.

The scheme is sound but it is not yet in operation. The reason given for this is that the wooden huts are not yet erected.

FIRE POINT NOTICES are erected but there is no sign of the appliances at the points.

It is urged that the scheme be put into operation forthwith and that WEEKLY PRACTICES be held.

It is recommended that the W.O. i/c No 24 ARMY FIRE BRIGADE be instructed to advise on and organise the FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL, APPLIANCES and their dispositions in the Dock Area.

It is also advised that the COMMANDANTS of the CIVIL BRIGADE be consulted and made au fait with the dispositions and risks.

RESPONSES should be tested twice daily.

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3. (a) BRINDISI CIVIL FIRE BRIGADE.

This is a fairly well equipped and trained Brigade, with experience of Raid Conditions and should prove a very useful asset to the A.R.D. Officer in the event of a fire either accidental or by enemy action.

The COMMANDANTS appears to be keen and efficient and the morale of the personnel is high.

It is important that sufficient petrol be made available for this brigade to practice as well as to work operationally and every effort should be made to meet their needs in the way of repairs, spares etc.

In a report being submitted to A.F.I.C. a recommendation is being made that THREE MEDIAN TRAILER PUMPS and FOUR TANKERS be provided for this Brigade.

The personnel would be trained in the use of these appliances by NO 24 1st CLASS FIRE BRIGADE.

The FIRE BRIGADES of LEGOS, TARANTO and BARI can be called to assist if necessary.

Co-operation between the CIVIL BRIGADE and the ARMY BRIGADE seems to be well established.

(b) BRINDISI A.R.D. SCHEDULE.

The A.R.D. scheme generally appears to be well drawn up and a copy of the report on it is submitted to the SUB-AREA COMMANDER by the PREFECT on 3 Jan 1944 is attached (APP. "C")

The WARNING SIGNAL is controlled by D.I.C.A.A.F. which is the ITALIAN MILITARY ORGANISATION.

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(b) MINIPIA A.R.P. SCHEME.

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On the preliminary warning the personnel of the various services "STAND TO" at their posts. This includes the CIVIL CONTROLLER and his staff. The Controller has no knowledge of any MAJORS between D.I.C.A.S. and the ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITY. An Officer of the ITALIAN ARMY also attends at the Control Room to provide the assistance of troops if required.

AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Air Raid Shelters are few - some being good and others rather poor.

PATROL LAMPS and ELECTRIC BULBS are needed for the shelters as are HAND TORCHES.

The system of SHELTER CONTROL seems sound.

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(Para 13 cont)

HOSELINE SERVICES.

Rescue Services are carried out by U.F.P.A., the FIRE BRIGADE and the RED CROSS. Their plans are good.

MEDICAL SERVICE operated by the RED CROSS is very good but it is stated that they are unable to obtain any liaison with the MILITARY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.

Some of their SURGICAL EQUIPMENT was removed from one of their OPERATING THEATRES by BRITISH TROOPS.

Some medical supplies are needed.

EMERGENCY FEEDING.

Emergency feeding is NOT considered possible by the DIRECTOR on account of the shortage of FOOD and FUEL and LACK OF SUITABLE BUILDINGS. The PUBLIC is expected to give mutual assistance.

THE HOUSING OF BOMBED OUT PEOPLE.

The housing of "bombed out" people cannot be pre-arranged owing to lack of accommodation.

The DIRECTOR was advised to be prepared to requisition any deserted premises after the raid for re-housing. He is ready to do this.

STREET CLEARANCE.

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He reports that for street clearance after a heavy raid he would probably require MILITARY HELP, in both PERSONNEL and EQUIPMENT, especially HEAVY TRANSPORT.

He also needs about 100 PICKS and 100 SHOVELS.

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4. GENERAL REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The minimum requirements of the CIVILIAN SERVICES in EQUIPMENT should be met as far as possible, and the probable need for assistance in emergency of personnel, and transport must be envisaged.

The ITALIAN ARMY should be requested to be prepared to assist the Police in control of the public during and after a raid.

It is especially recommended that serious consideration be given to the provision of a TRAINED P.A.D. OFFICER, (full-time), who would be responsible for the organization and co-ordination of the entire A.R.P., P.A.D. and FIRE SERVICES in the Area, the POST and the TOWN. Such Officer should have a knowledge of CIVIL A.R.P. WORKING if possible and it is thought that some such Officers are available in A.F.H.Q. POL.

This Officer should have full authority in the PREPARATORY and OPERATIONAL STAGES.

Following a conference with the DIRECTOR and his Officers it is recommended that a UNITED CONTROL CENTRE covering both MILITARY and CIVIL SERVICES be set up and that the control should be vested in the P.A.D. Officer, the Civil Controller and the Italian Army Officer.

All resources should be pooled in a part of this character.

The P.A.D. Officer should be responsible for the co-ordination of all the Services.

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G. J. J. Mason
G. J. J. MASON, Major,
A.P.H.C. A.C.C.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE
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AMG/210.3/AD

16 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Request for Travel Orders.

TO: Adjutant General (Publications). Sptd: G-4.

1. Request travel orders for Major G.H.L. MASON (8) 175361, Public Safety Sub-commission, to proceed immediately to BRINDISI for Civil Defense duties. *TEMPORARY DUTY.*
2. Authority, cable 1945 of 12 January (our reply ZARGO 280 of 14 January 1944).
3. Motor transport will be required with Italian speaking driver, for unknown period.
4. Priority No.1. This officer is very URGENTLY required at Brindisi and then at BARI.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, *Tan.*

Lt. Colonel,
for the Administrative Director.

Copy to: Major Mason, Public Safety, A.G. 399.

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MAT PERKINS
EXCELSTAR
BEGGINS TO
MHR

15 January 1944

Request for Travel Orders

Adjutant General (Inspection)

1. Request travel orders for Major D.S.L. ...
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4. Authority, cable 1843 of 15 January (our reply 1840 of 14 January 1944).

5. Motor transport will be furnished with ...
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8. Motor transport will be furnished with ...

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for the Administrative Director

Copy to: Major ...

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Maj. Pearson
Public Safety

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16 January 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 16)

1. Col A E YOUNG, 267555 (B), Security Int Section, WP o/a 16 Jan 44 to Matera, Italy, on temp dy in connection with AMG activities. Upon completion of this temp dy will return to proper sta. Travel by govt MT is authorized.

2. The fol named O are rel'd fr temp dy with Hq, AFI, and asgd to Public Health Sub-Commission, this Hq, WP without delay RUA to CO for dy. This is a permanent change of sta. No travel involved.

Maj SAMUEL A GOLDSMITH, 0516819, (A)
Capt EDWARD E SILVEIRA, 0518455, (A)

3. 2nd Lt WALTER W HALSE, 01307822, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, WP o/a 17 Jan 1944 to Cosenza and such other points in Italy that may be necessary to complete his mission, on temp dy in connection with AMG activities. Upon completion of this temp dy will return to proper sta. Travel by govt MT is authorized.

4. Maj G H L WASON, 175361 (B), Public Safety Sub-Commission, WP without delay to Brindisi, Italy, on temp dy in connection with Civil defense duties. Upon completion of this temp dy will return to proper sta. Travel by govt MT is authorized.

5. So much of par 5, SO # 12, this Hq, dtd 12 Jan 1944, as reads: "2nd Lt RICHARD L WADLEIGH, 01823526 (A)", is rescinded and the fol substituted therefor:

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6. Capt J M PEARSON, 257516 (B), is rel'd fr asgmt to Admin Directorate Staff, and asgd as Actg Staff Officer (Secretary), Political Section, Hq ACC, WP o/a 18 Jan 1944 to Ravenna, Italy, RUA to Mr REHER thereat. This is a permanent change of sta. Travel by govt MT is authorized.

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SQMS Davies (B)
S/Sgt Wheeler (B)
S/Sgt Colvert (B)

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S/Sgt	Calvert	(B)
Pte	McClure	(B)
Pvt	Morris Lebowitz, 32883652	(A)

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8. The following named OR are placed on temporary duty with HQ ACC, Brindisi, Italy. WP o/a 17 Jan 1944, RUA to CG for duty. Upon completion of this temporary duty will return to proper station. Travel by government rail transportation is authorized.

Sgt	McCourt	(B)	(In charge)
Pte	W Boyes, 4399486	(B)	
Rfn	J H Jones, 6971134	(B)	
Gnr	J Lally, 1125263	(B)	
Spr	A Fulton, 2188907	(B)	
Pte	H R Lax, 7044779	(B)	

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SO #16, dtd 16 Jan 1944 (Cont'd)

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11. 1st Lt MATHIAS F. CORREA, 0280074 (A), is reld fr asgmt and duties w th Finance Sub-Commission and esgd to Legal Sub-Commission, effective 14 Jan 1944.

By order of Colonel SPOFFORD:

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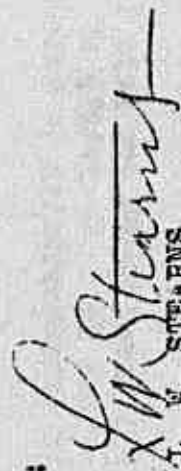
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→ FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION..... *sk*

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PA/38/11

Subject: Air Raid Warning Signal.

TO - D.C.P.S.

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With ref to 1A + 1B.
NO ACTION REQUIRED AT PRESENT.

Unless CATANZARO is being
subjected to an attack, no great
expenditure should be entered upon
to restore the warning system.
If the restoration is a simple matter
it could be carried out.

It is noted ~~that~~ in 1A that 1B
is forwarded for our information
& the above view is therefore an
expression of opinion.

7/11/42

G. Johnson
Major 3980
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Subject: Air-raid Warning Signals.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
PALERMO.

AMG/401/3.
28. October. 43.

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Attached copy of letter ECA/22/29A dated 22.Oct.43
from AMG, Region II, is forwarded for your information.

AMG,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.
/JG.

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3 NOV 1943
AMGOT

R.J.P.
R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

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Subject: Air-raid Warning Signals.

ECA/22/29A.

D.A.A.G.,
Fortbase.

AMGOT HQ., REGION 2.
22nd October, 1943.

The C.A.O. Catanzaro has asked whether the Civil Authorities in Catanzaro Province may be permitted to reinstate their Air-raid Warning System.

2. We have told him to take no further action pending approval of the appropriate military authorities.

3. May we ask you for a decision as to what line of action, if any, may be undertaken.

HEADQUARTERS
3 NOV 1943
AMGOT

(Sgd) HARVEY GERRY, Lt.Col. A.U.S.,
R.C.A.O. AMGOT H.Q., REGION 2.

Copy to: C.A.O. Catanzaro Province.

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