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placed on 14502/PS 2A/B.	1004/PS	16 Aug.	To. M.G.S. AFHQ	Civil Defence of Italy
3A		22 Aug.	From A 7HQ	Acknowledgment of 2A
4A.		13 Sep.	To. C.P.S	Administration of Italian Fire Service
5A/B		17 Sep.	" C P.S	APPENDIX "A"
6A		14 Sep	To C.P.S.	Note from Maj Mason re Italian F.S. by Amgot
7A		17 Sep	To D CPS	- " " " "
8A/B		12 Oct.	From Maj Mason	Interview with Riccobono, Mario
9A/B		6 Nov.	To. D.C.P.S	Administration of Italian F.S.
10 A/B				Fire Services - Italy
11A			Proforma	for Fire Report by CAPO
12A/B.			from Virgilio del Zuoro. Palermo.	F.S. Italy
13A/G	14502/B	10 Nov 43	To MGS AFHQ.	Italian F.S. Organisation
14A			Extract from	P/S Safety Bulletin No. 6.
15A-C	MGS 3845	4 Nov.	from AFHQ	Coordination of fire fighting arrangements
16A-C	—	11 Nov.	From Maj Mason	Views on 15 A C
17A		19/00	To AFHQ	Reply to 15 AC
18A	—	—	from Maj. Mason	Grades of Italian Fire Offs.
19A	AMG 1a/18	23 Nov.	From C.S.O.	Fire Fighting Equipment
20A	14502	29 Nov.	To AMG 15 AG.	Ref. 19A

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8A/B		12 Oct.	From Hq [illegible]	[illegible]
9A/B		6 Nov.	To. D.C.P.S	Administration of Italian F.S.
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12A/B.			from - Vigili del Fuoco. Palermo.	F.S. Italy
13A/G	14502/B	10 Nov 43	To MGS AFHQ.	Italian F.S. Organization
14A			Extract from P/S	Safety Bulletin No. 6.
15A.C	MGS 3845	4 Nov	from AFHQ.	Co-ordination of fire fighting arrangements
16A.C	—	11 Nov.	From Caserta	Views on 15 AC
17A		19h00	To AFHQ	Reply to 15 AC
18A	—	—	from Maj. Macon	Graded Italian Fire Offs.
19A	AMG [illegible]	23 Nov.	From [illegible]	Fire Fighting Equipment
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21A	FARG 978	10 Dec.	To Mideast	Shipment of liquorice
22A	MGS 3840	27 Dec	From AFHQ. MGS	Fire Fighting Equipment
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24A/B	FP/5003A	11 Jan 44	From AHG Foggia Prov.	Foggia Fire Brigade
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Prot. n° 706/30001.3
Subject: Reorganization of the Aut. fia Services
In reference to the above note
1° We assure the exact accomplishement of
what has been asked on the ~~Memorial~~ list
annexed to the quoted letter —
2/ All employees of the Direction have been notified
with an order of service, of the wish of this
Commission —

FILE

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI ANTINCENDI e P.A.
VIA A. BERTOLONI 27

Roma, 4 ottobre 1944

Prot. N.° 706/30003.3
Direzione I^ Sez. I^
Allegati

Al L'A.C.C.
Sub Commission Public Safety
R O M A

Risposta al Foglio N.° ACC/14502/PS
Del 9.9.1944 ✓ 14/10

OGGETTO : Riorganizzazione dei servizi antincendi. -

Con riferimento alla nota sopra citata,

1°) - si ha il pregio di assicurare dell'esatto adempimento di quanto richiesto nell'elenco alligato alla lettera citata;

2°) - i funzionari della Direzione sono stati avvertiti, con ordine di servizio, dei desiderata di codesta On.le Sottocommissione. -

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Italian Fire Service

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With reference to the two reports I have recently submitted on the unsatisfactory position regarding the General Directorate.

1. The Director General was dismissed this morning. I had reported on his unsuitability.

2. I called a Conference of all the Senior Officials explained A.C.C. - A.M.G.'s plan, told them of my views, plans & methods and asked for their full co-operation.
   The result was very promising - they promised full support although they don't like the idea of being "controlled" but after I had explained my own interpretation of "control" all was apparently well.

3. I proposed a weekly conference - they jumped at the idea.

4. They are starting work at once on the lines I indicated.

5. I will make a further report after a week or so's observation of work.

6/9/44.

E.H. Thomas Major

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFO 394

Tel : 478709

9 September, 1944.

ACC/14502/PS

SUBJECT : Reorganisation of Italian Fire Service.

TO : Minister of Interior (Anti Fire & P.A. Services).
(For the personal attention of S.E. CANEVARI)

1. At a conference held between the newly appointed officials of the Anti-Fire & P.A. Directorate and Major Mason of this Sub-Commission, the functions of each of the officers and those of Major Mason were made clear and a very amicable understanding reached as to future co-operation. A weekly conference will be held.

2. It is felt that in order to maintain close and organised liaison a special officer should be appointed as liaison officer for each of the services.

3. All general matters relating to the services, and the information and reports required by the Sub-Commission will be collected by these officers and brought to Maj. Mason. A list of required information is forwarded under seperate cover.

4. The liaison officers will also arrange appointments at this Headquarters for the officials of the Directorate, should the urgency of a matter demand a personal visit.

5. The liaison officers will also be required to visit certain areas, both in AMG and ACC territory, contact the Allied Military officers there and collect information and reports called for by this Sub-Commission. This will ensure that AMG organisation is kept on the same line as ACC to facilitate a change over.

6. It is essential that these officers should have the full confidence of the A.C.C. Fire and P.A. officer and should know our requirements and methods.

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7. It is therefore requested that the following officers be appointed as under :

(1) Ing. Edoardo Colangelo as Chief Liaison Officer and liaison officer for Anti Fire Services.

(2) Ing. Gaetano Caste llano as liaison officer for F.A. Services.

8. Both the above officers are known personally to the Fire & P.A. officer of this Headquarters and have his full confidence.

9. An early confirmation of these appointments would be appreciated in view of the urgency of much of the work and our desire to get matters organised.

G.H. Thomson. Major

for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478709

ACC/14502/PS

9 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Reorganization of Italian Fire Service.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Anti Fire & P.A. Services).

1. For the information of the appropriate officers of the Direzione Generale a list of the information and reports required by this Sub-Commission is attached.

2. Will you please have the appropriate officers of the 2 services informed of our requirements ?

for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY A.C.C.

FIRE & C.D.

1. Before any action is taken by Italian Government.

Alteration in laws regarding services (VV.FF and P.A.) or in Service Regulations and conditions of Service.

General orders to services (VV.FF and P.A.)

Appointment of officials at Direzione Generale (VV.FF or P.A.)

Dismissal or suspension of such officials (VV.FF or P.A.)

Appointment of Comandanti of Corpi or P.A.

Removal of Comandanti of Corpi or P.A.

Appointment of Chief Officials of P.A. units

Dismissal of " " " " "

Increase or reduction in strength of personnel in any corps (VV.FF or P.A. units)

Transfers of officers (VV.FF or P.A.)

Movement of more than 25 personnel (VV.FF or P.A.)

Proposed training courses.

2. Returns required monthly.

Strength of each corps, names of all officers.

Strength of each section of P.A. and names of all officers. 3134
including ambulances.

Number of pumps and all vehicles including ambulances in Service (VV.FF & P.A.)

Number of pumps and all vehicles out of service (VV.FF & P.A.) through lack of spares or tyres.

Number of Air Raid Shelters open and ready for use.

Rate of Pay in force.

Scale of Rations in force.

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Copies of any special Reports from Provinces (VV.FF or P.A.)

Numbers of hours of training in each unit (VV.FF & P.A.)

Numbers, names and duties of all officials at Direzione Generale (VV.FF & P.A.)

3. Information required weekly.

Agenda for weekly conference.

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PER L'ATTENZIONE DEL SIGNOR MAGGIORE MASON

Risulta che Vigili del Fuoco del Corpo di Roma stanno effettuando delle visite ai Corpi dell'Italia Liberata allo scopo di fare propaganda comunista tra i Vigili stessi e per la costituzione delle Commissioni interne in seno ai Corpi stessi, così come è stato fatto al Corpo di Roma.

Roma, li 2I agosto I944.=

C.P.S. I have advised the Liaison Office of the Anti Fire Service that this is a political matter upon which I can take no action and that it is for his Department to report to the Italian Govt or take such other action as they may think fit.

My own view is that for the Fire Service to become a political tool of any Party would be a grave thing

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Roma, li 2I agosto I944.=

C.P.S.

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My own view is that for the Fascist Services to become a political tool of any party would be a grave thing for the service.

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G Johnson. Major

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Seen by C.P.S
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EXTRACTS FROM REGION IV MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

In the Provinces of Frosinone and Littoria the whole of the fire fighting equipment was destroyed in the fighting and as yet no attempt could be made to re-organise the Vigili Fuoco. The respective commanders have fled and there are no available barracks for use. Apart from the farm premises there are few fire risks in the area.

Fairly efficient fire brigades have been located at Perugia, Colleferro (Roma), and Terni. The personnel have been trained up to Italian standards and their equipment is in good condition.

As conditions become more settled the whole of the provincial fire departments will require drastic reorganisation, and in the devastated provinces of Frosinone and Littoria full issues of fire-fighting equipment are required.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Practically no steps could be made in the re-organization of the civil defense force. Little equipment is available and the personnel are not well trained. The staff have been engaged in the supervision of bomb debris clearance, the demolition of unsafe buildings and assisting to restore civil life to normalcy.

The most pressing problem is the provision of sufficient Italian Military Engineer units to supervise the clearance of all unexploded mines, bombs, shells and other ammunition.

It is suggested that specimens of all known types of mines, already defused, should be placed in each comune so that they could be seen and studied by the people. Printed instructions in leaflet form should be available so that people could learn how to handle these lethal weapons if they see them. The provinces of Littoria and Frosinone contain many thousands of these mines and people will be killed for many years unless some serious effort is made to clear the area.

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Tel : 478709

ACC/14502/PS

2 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Fire Services in recently occupied territory.

TO : Ministry of Interior (Anti Fire Services).

1. For your information the following extracts from reports on the Fire & P.A. Services in certain areas are given :-

LITTORIA - probably no personnel or appliances
Fire Station new.

VELLETRI - No sign of VV.FF.

VITERBO - 28 personnel and good equipment 16/6/44

CIVITAVECCHIA - V.F. removed to TOLFA
Comm. GUGLIELMOTTI, ETTORE
30 personnel
1 FIAT Truck, 1 motor pump & hose,
(carries 6 Q. of water)

VV.FF. perform P.A. duties

Recommend return of Brigade to Civitavecchia.

GROSSETO - some of VV.FF still in hiding 20/6/44
Probably 1 pump and equipment.

U.N.P.A. consists of 1 man plus volunteers.

SIENA - Station good. Pumps removed.
1 tanker with hose etc.
Rescue work - good squad 6/7/44
Sirens - no power

LIVORNO - Comm. ZANCHI, CHRISTOFORO
2 officers, 30 men 25/7/44
Station undamaged

Equipment :

2 tankers

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1 modern pump complete with hose etc.
some portable pumps
1 trailer pump
No alarm system due to lack of telephone.
Being rectified.

P.A. U.N.P.A. dissolved
V.V.F.F. doing rescue work
4 Sirens apparently good but no electricity.

for PAUL G. KIRK
Col. Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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26th July 1944

ACC/14501/PS

SUBJECT : Anti-Air Raid Services.

TO : S.E. The Minister of Interior.

1. Following the experience of our officers in Sicily it was found advisable to place the control of the Anti-air raid services under the control of the Fire Service Officers. This resulted in greater efficiency and co-ordination of the services of which the Fire Brigade had already been doing the bulk of the urgent work.

It also resulted in economy by cutting down the numbers of administrative personnel.

2. On the setting up of the Italian Government at Salerno, the then Minister of the Interior examined the scheme and decided to operate it throughout liberated Italy. Instructions were accordingly sent to the Prefects of the Provinces to that effect.

3. The extent of the reduction of personnel in provinces is contingent on the views of the Allied Military Authorities.

4. The Directorate General of Anti Fire Services was made responsible for the central control of P.A. This proved most convenient to the officers of this H.Q. as it meant that they would deal with one set of Italian officials on the two services which so much overlap.

5. It will be appreciated that the services concerned must be considered in the light of the degree of importance of an area to the Allied Military Forces and that therefore it is desirable that only a few reliable and tried Italian officials should take part in any discussions regarding the services. The officials of the Anti-Fire Service who were at Salerno are in our full confidence in this way.

6. For the réasons given in para 4 and 5 above it is hoped that the joint control by the Anti-Fire and P.A. Directorate will be continued, especially in view of the economy effected and the gradual decline in the need for P.A. Service which will shortly probably be no longer required.

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for PAUL C. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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C.P.S.

14502 (581)

I had a very satisfactory interview to-day with the under-secretary to the Minister of Interior.

He expressed his keen interest in Fire & Civil Defence and his appreciation of the help we are giving them.

He has requested the Director General to forward a list of the proposed officials of the Directorate which I am to see prior to it going forward for approval.

He outlined his personal views on the Services and I was able to show him the scheme on which we have been working thus far. He expressed pleasure on noting that our scheme met his own views in every respect.

Should I have any difficulties of any kind I am to go direct to him.

I feel that he is capable & enthusiastic in the work and am indeed satisfied that anything we require to be done will be done

19/7/44

G.H. Thomson
Major
Fire & C.D.

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15th July, 1944

ACC/14501/PS

SUBJECT : Fire and Civil Defence.

TO : HQ. AAI.

1. Maj. Burness (A.A.I.) visited Maj. Mason Public Safety Sub-Commission (ACC) on 13/7/44.

2. The subject of Fire and C.D. in Italy and the co-operation between the Military P.A.D. officers and ACC/AMG Civil Defence officers was discussed.

3. Maj. Burness expressed some concern for the C.D. supervision in the forward areas of 5th and 8th Army and noted that ACC/AMG had no specialist officers with these forces.

4. It was pointed out that the number of specialist officers on the ACC Establishment has been reduced. Major Burness stated that there might be available some trained P.A.D. Officers in A.A.I., who could be loaned to our forward Public Safety Officers.

5. It would be appreciated if consideration might be given to the temporary loan of 2 such officers, one for 5th and one for 8th Army to supervise the Fire & C.D. organization until such time as the Regional HQ AMG takes over the area.

6. The close collaboration between Maj. Burness and the Fire and C.D. Branch of this HQ is noted with satisfaction and appreciation.

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PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/14501/PS 26th June, 1944

SUBJECT : Civil Defence.

TO : RPSC (thru' RC) Regs. I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII,VIII.
CPS (thru' SCACs) 5th and 8th Army.

1. Attached is copy of memorandum on Civil Defence Prepared by P.A.D. Section AFHQ (G-5) in amplification of operation Memorandum No. 58 of 7 June, "Passive Air Defence, Civil Defence, and Fire Defence", in which the responsibilities of the ACC in respect of these matters is prescribed.

2. The degree of importance placed on the services as listed in the memorandum will be governed by the prevailing circumstances, Military and geographical.

3. The items - Casualties, Decontamination, Rest Centers, Mortuary and Information, should be considered in close collaboration with Public Health and Welfare officers.

4. Report and Control Centers will be fixed in conjunction with the Military P.A.D. Officers.

5. The bomb reconnaissance aspect calls for the co-operation of the Civil Police agencies, the Military Bomb Disposal Squads and in some cases, of the Italian Military Authorities.

6. Public Safety Officers of ACC will conform as closely as possible with the terms of the Memorandum thus placing civil agencies in full support of the Military Commander.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

enc: As in para I above.

Copy to: RC & MG Sec (your 334.25.CA
of 19 June refers)
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MEMORANDUM

CIVIL DEFENCE

1 June, 1944.

Civil Defence covers arrangements made and action taken by local civil authorities to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack, delayed action mines, long range artillery fire or Naval bombardment on the civil population and installations required to serve their needs. Civil Defence will be a military necessity in these areas where the failure of Civil Defence will impede or hinder military operations. Areas and their responsibilities are classified as follows:

a) CLASS "A" AREAS.

(1) Definition: Areas of military importance immediately in rear of Army or Task Force Area, and on the lines of Communications in Communication Zones, including, bases, ports and vital centers where organized P.A.D. is a military necessity.

(2) Responsibility - Military Commander. The Chief Civil Affairs officer for the provision of the maximum available civil assistance.

b) CLASS "B" AREAS.

(1) Definition - Areas on the Lines of Communication in Communications Zones where unit P.A.D. will normally be sufficient for military needs, but in which the failure of the local Civil Defence organization is likely to hamper military operations.

(2) Responsibility - Same as in Class "A" Areas.

c) CLASS "C" AREAS

(1) Definition. Areas in which a breakdown of the local Civil Defence arrangements cannot interfere with military operations.

(2) Responsibility. - Military Commander, through the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

The officer in charge of Civil Affairs in any area is responsible to the military commander for reactivation of Civil Defence and will ensure that Civil Defence is organized:

a. To ensure such cooperation with P.A.D. as may be required.

b. To deal with Civil problems arising from air, ground or naval action in order to prevent their impeding military operations.

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The officer in charge of Civil Affairs will be responsible to the military commander for ensuring that the civilian air raid communication system is reconstituted as early as possible and connected with P.A.D. Control Center. He is also responsible for provision of required equipment, subject to such equipment being available or within the limits of transportation allotted by the military to Civil Affairs.

The Civil Defence services for which Civil Affairs will be responsible to the military commander are as follows:

Wardens.
Report and Control Centers.
Rescue.
Casualties, including cleaning.
Decontamination, including, food, clothing and streets.
Gas Identification..
Message Services.
Rest Centers.
Bomb Reconnaissance.
Mortuary.
Information.
Incident Control.

NOTE FOR INFORMATION.

PAD (Passive Air Defence) covers measures taken by the commander to mitigate the effects of enemy air attack and similar attack on military personnel stores, and equipment in order that the dislocation of normal operational functions of a Base is reduced to a minimum. It includes measures for reporting air raid or similar damage and for pooling of all available resources to combat such damage. Although the two organizations are separate, arrangements are made for mutual reinforcement between PAD and Civil Defence.

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TO Public Safety Sub-Commission H.Q.A.C.C. (for Major MASON).

FROM R.P.S.O. Region 5 A.M.G.

SUBJECT FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION.

REF R5/514/11.

DATE 19th Jun 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
22 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

1. COLANGELO reported here yesterday, 18th inst.

2. He was issued with pass as requested, to cover Chieti, Campobasso and Foggia Provinces and to visit Pescara for the purpose of inspecting and reporting to you conditions etc. of Italian Fire Services.

3. His pass expires 30 July, or on return to Salerno, will you please collect same (and drivers) and return them to me, on expiry.

4. Passes No's. 9102.9103 returned herewith.

For the Regional Commissioner:

S. PICKERING,
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS
MOVIMENTO DI CIVILI

Nº 9102

Name (Nome) COLANGELO, EDUARDO

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Identity Card No. (Carta Identità N.) 3823/

HAS PERMISSION TO:	È AUTORIZZATO A:
* (a) TRAVEL FROM (Viaggiare da)	SALERNO
* (b) AND RETURN (e ritorno)	✓
* (c) TRAVEL WITHIN AN AREA OF (Viaggiare entro la zona di)	KMS FROM (da)
* (d) TRAVEL WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF (Viaggiare entro la provincia di)	AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, FOGGIA CAMPOBASSO
* (e) CROSS THE MILITARY LINE OF CONTROL (Attraversare la linea di controllo dell'esercito)	~~CROSS THE MILITARY LINE OF CONTROL~~ (CANCELLED)
* (f) BE OUT OF DOORS DURING THE HOURS OF CURFEW (Essere fuori di casa durante le ore del coprifuoco)	
TO (a)	SEE "(d)" & "(e)"

FOR THE PURPOSE OF (English) INSPECTING FIRE BRIGADES

Per il proposito di (Italiano) ISPEZIONARE I CORPI DEI VIGILI DEL FUOCO

TRANSPORT EMPLOYED (i) MINISTRY VEHICLE
Mezzo di trasporto (i)

THIS PASS EXPIRES ON 30 JUNE 1944
Questa autorizzazione è valida fino a

AND MUST BE RETURNED TO OFFICE OF ISSUE UPON EXPIRATION.
e deve essere ritornato all'ufficio di emissione alla scadenza.

SIGNATURE OF HOLDER Eduardo Colangelo
Firma del ricevente.

ISSUED AT (EMESSO A) Rear Hq. ACC

ON (IL) 13 GIU. 1944

BY (DA) [signature]
Signature and Rank of Issuing Officer.
Firma e Grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione.

CAPT. F. SLAUGHTER. Deputy Sec. Gen.
Name and Rank of Issuing Officer (Block Letters)
Nome e Grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione (lettere maiuscole)

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* Strike out whichever is not applicable.
Da cancellarsi se non applicabile.

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The facts set forth in this pass have been verified and the provisions of letter HQ ACC, file 316/26/CA. 26 Apr. 44. have been fully complied with.

Signed H.H.L. MASON

Major Fire Service.
rank Branch

Public Safety
(Sub-Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS
MOVIMENTO DI CIVILI

Nº 9103

Name (Nome) D'AMUNTO, GIUSEPPE,

Address (Indirizzo) MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Identity Card No. (Carta Identità N.) 379

HAS PERMISSION TO — È AUTORIZZATO A:

* (a) TRAVEL FROM (Viaggiare da) SALERNO TO (a) 311 (d) + (c)

* (b) AND RETURN (e ritorno) ✓

* (c) TRAVEL WITHIN AN AREA (Viaggiare entro una zona di) ~~[illegible]~~ AS FROM (da)

* (d) TRAVEL WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF (Viaggiare entro la provincia di) AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, FOGGIA, CAMPOBASSO

~~(e) CROSS THE LINE OF CONTROL OF THE ARMY~~
(Attraversare la linea di controllo dell'esercito)

(f) BE OUT OF DOORS DURING THE HOURS OF CURFEW
(Essere fuori di casa durante le ore del coprifuoco)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF (English) DRIVING MINISTRY OFFICIAL (ING. COLANGELO)

Per il proposito di (Italiano) È AUTISTA DAL ING. COLANGELO

TRANSPORT EMPLOYED (if) (Mezzo di trasporto (if)) MINISTRY VEHICLE

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(e deve essere ritornato all'ufficio di emissione alla scadenza)

SIGNATURE OF HOLDER (Firma del ricevente) D'Amunto Giuseppe

ISSUED AT (EMESSO A) Regt HQ. ACC

ON (IL) 13 OCT 1944

BY (DA) [signature]
Signature and Rank of Issuing Officer.
Firma e Grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione.

CAPT. E. SLAUGHTER; Deputy Sec. G

Name and Rank of Issuing Officer (Block Letters)
Nome e Grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione (lettere maiuscole)

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The facts set forth in this pass have been verified and the provisions of letter HQ ACC, file 316/76/CA. M6 Apr. 44, have been fully complied with.

Signed G.H. Lumsden Major.

Major Fire Service.
Rank Branch

Public Safety
(Sub-Commission)

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EXTENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES

	NOW	FIVE - EIGHTH LINE (Anticipated)
CG.HR	40,000	60,000
CG.PT	8,000	15,000
P.S. Agents	11,000	23,000
Fire Services	5,500	10,500
Prison Guards	3,500	5,000
Forest Guards	1,300	2,000
Total	69,300	115,500

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Section Safety 107

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SUBJECT:- Visits of Italian Ministry Officials

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5038/A(PS)

8 JUNE 44

Rear Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
(Public Safety Sub-Commission.)

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Regr 3d5 informed by D/O letter HH/8/44

Reference your ACC/14502/PS dated 2 Jun 44.

1. HQ Eighth Army now have no connection with HQ Region 5 AMG and it is considered that, as approval has been given by HQ Region 5 AMG for Ing Colangelo to visit and inspect Fire Services in FOGGIA and CAMPOBASSO PROVINCES unaccompanied by an officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, no further consent is necessary.

2. It is assumed that Ing Colangelo will be in possession of an official ACC authority.

HEADQUARTERS 10 GIU 1944 A. C. C.

JLT/RAF.

J L Teller Brigadier
DAG.

RECEIVED VDI 8 GIU 1944

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Public Safety 6218 SC (Rear HQ)

HEADQUARTERS 7 JUN 1944 A. C. C.

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TO : Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission. A.C.C.

FROM : H.Q. Region 5 - A.M.G.

SUBJECT: Fire and C.D. Organization.

REF : R5/514/6.

DATE : 5th June 1944.

Reference your ACC/14502/PS May 20/44.
Herewith report of Major MONTAGUE for FOGGIA Province.

For Regional Commissioner :

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

SP/MC

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C O P Y

H.Q. AMG, FOGGIA Province
in Lucera.

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SUBJECT : Fire and C.D. Organization
TO : SPPSO, Foggia Province
FROM : PPSO, Foggia Province
REF : FP/ 5001
DATE : 28 May 1944.

Ref. R5/514/6 dated 24.5.44 ACC/14502/PS.

1. In order to appreciate the position in Foggia Province it must be realised first that this is a Province without big Towns and secondly that it is a highly military zone, thirdly that civilian transport is very limited.

2. Accordingly in all cases the ultimate civil Defence controller is the Provost Marshal of the 12 USAAF, assisted by the AMG. PPSO and the local Italian Authority, and the final control room is the HQ. of the Provost Marshal.

3. Moreover there is no scope for any mutual assistance scheme on a large scale and only in the case of the Fire Service is mutual assistance prearranged; each town is a separate problem.

4. The chief risks of the Province are the port of Manfredonia and the road and rail junctions of Foggia, Sansevero, and Cerignola. The details of service etc required by A.C.C. are as follows :

(i) FOGGIA
(a) Provost Marshal
(b) Chief Warden : Ing. Pedone Luigi. Wardens dividen into 5 zones of 3 or more sectors & each. 2 deputy chief wardens; 5 zones wardens; 16 sectors wardens; 45 street wardens.
2. Chief of Rescue Squads; Ing. De Carne Cosimo. Rescue Squads divided into 3 Squads of 25 men each under a Section Leador.
3. Chief of Medical Service : Dr. Di Biase. Three first aid posts with 8 doctors and 18 nurses.
4. Fire Service: Three American Army fire engines; One civilian motor pump, one civilian light pump, one civilian turnable ladders.
5. Heavy Rescue: Provided by Engineers of 12 USAAF.
6. Bomb disposal : Provided by 12 USAAF.
(c) yes, so far
(d) Siren. Operated by 12 USAAF. Tested daily.
(e) Garrison HQ. C.M.P.
(f) No.

(ii) MANFREDONIA
(a) 12 USAAF PAD Officer
(b) 1. Chief Warden : Commissario Prefettizio
2. Chief of Medical Service : Town Medical Officer, four fist aid pasts.
3. Chief of Rescue Squads : Town Engineer.
4. Fire Service : Two American Army Fire engines, one civilian motor pump.
5. Heavy Rescue : Provided by Engineers 12 USAAF.

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6. Bomb disposal : Provided by 12 USAAF.
(c) Yes, so far
(d) Siren : operated by Italian soldiers on instructions from 12 USAAF. Tested daily.
(e) Corso Roma C.M.P., Civil Control Via S. Lorenzo.
(f) Yes. At Siren control only

In all there are 205 civilian CD personnel, all conscripted under Italian R.D.L. 24 May 1940 No. 461.

(iii) SAN SEVERO

(a) 12 USAAF DAD Officer
(b) 1. Chief Warden : Commissario Prefettizio
2. Chief of Rescue Squads : Town Engineer
3. Chief of Medical Service : Town Medical Officer.
4. Fire Service : Two American Army fire engines
5. Heavy rescue; provided by Engineers 12 USAAF
6. Bomb disposal : Provided by 12 USAAF
(c) Not tested in action yet.
(d) Siren : Operated by 12 USAAF.
(e) CMP Station : Civil Control Municipio
(f) No, But can be made available to assist in rescue work at very short notice.

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There is room for improvement here in first aid service and wardens. Shelter situation is particularly good.

(iv) CERIGNOLA

(a) 12 USAAF DAD Officer
(b) Services not satisfactory at present but on the same tines as in other towns. Two American Army fire engines.
(c) Not tested in action yet.
(d) Siren : 12 USAAF
(e) Municipio.
(f) NO.

5. It should be noted at all times how small the towns are, how small the fire risk. Many fire engines can be called to assistance in a crisis from 12 USAAF.

(Signed)

Major,
PPSO, Foggia Province.

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HEADQUARTERS
A&G FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

4th June 1944

203/7

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear HQ., ACC.

Preliminary report on VILLETRI prison is that two exist:

1 male	- capacity	20
1 female	- capacity	5

No prisoners were found and no custodian. The buildings are damaged but repairable. The large Caserma has been badly damaged.

No sign of Vigili Fuoco. The Pubblico Sicurezza has been burned and records destroyed by enemy.

For the Commanding General:

R.B.MAINS,
Colonel, GSC.,
Chief of Staff,
A&G Fifth Army

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Copy to : Provincial Commissioners, Rome Province
MFSO Region IV (For Information.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. Army

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3rd June 1944

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SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear HQ., ACC

Reference monthly report for May 1944

1. Prisons.

a. A good prison has been located in LITTORIA with accommodation for about 100 persons.

There were no prisoners found in custody.

The building is now in use for those persons detained since our entry. The former director has returned and has been permitted to take up duty after questioning by CIC though he may have to be further "vetted".

b. Vigili Fuoco.

A practically new fire station is situated in LITTORIA but there is no information so far as to any personnel or appliances having been left.

For the Commanding General:

E.P.MAYO.
Colonel, UDF.
Chief of Staff.
AMG. Fifth Army.

Copy to:
F.C.Littoria Province.
Capt. Hoelscher, PPSO Littoria Province.
PPSO., Region I.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

2 June 1944.

ACC/14502/PS

SUBJECT: Visits of Italian Ministry Officials.

TO : HQ A.A.I. (Admin. Echelon)

1. On 27th March it was proposed for an officer of this Sub-Commission, together with Ing. Colangelo, Technical Inspector of the Anti-Fire Service of the Italian Government, to visit and inspect the Fire Brigades in Foggia and Campobasso Provinces. S.C.A.O. 8th Army was asked to approve the proposed visits.

2. On 3 April approval was received from Rear AMG 8th Army for the visits.

3. On 24 May it was decided to send Ing. Colangelo alone and approval for his visits to Foggia and Campobasso was obtained from HQ Region 5 AMG on 29 May.

4. May it be ascertained if there is any objection from the Army point of view to the proposed visits which will be under the aegis of RPSO Region V?

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

GHLM/t

Copy to: SCAO. AMG, 8th Army.

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To : P.C. Foggia.

From : HQ. REGION.5, A.M.G.

Subject: Permission to travel - ING. COLANGELO and driver.

Ref : R5/514/6.

Date : 29th May 1944.

35A/45A/47A refers

Reference our R5/514/6 of 12th April 1944 - Italian Fire Service and copy of letter from A.C.C.

It is now proposed to issue a semi-permanent pass to ING. COLANGELO and his Fire Brigade driver, to visit Regions. III & V.

He proposed to visit Foggia in due course.

Will you please make Major. Montague available when Colangelo arrives. He will not now be accompanied by Major Mason, A.C.C.

For Regional Commissioner.

S. PICKERING.
Lt. Col.
R.P.S.O.

SP/JBS.

Copy to:-

Rear HQ. A.C.C. Pub.Safety Sub-Comm.

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14502 48A

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For Regional Commissioner.

S. PICKWORTH.
Lt. Col.
R.P.S.O.

SP/JBS.

Copy to:-

Rear HQ. A.C.C. Pub.Safety Sub-Comm.

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14502 47A

To : Rear HQ.A.C.C. - Chief Pub.Safety Sub-[illegible]mmr.

From : HQ. REGION.5, A.M.G.

Subject: Italian Fire Service.

Ref : R5/514/6. 35A refers.

Date : 29th May 1944.

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Reference your ACC/14502/PS of 24th May 1944.

There is no objection to ING. COLANGELO be issued with a semi-permanent pass, from our point of view.

Foggia Province have been notified. I would appreciate a call by Colangelo on his arrival in Campobasso.

See 48A

For Regional Commissioner.

S. PICKERING.
Lt.Col.
R.P.S.O.

SP/JBS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 44 for action/information

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

Ex. Officer.....

Police .....

Prisons.....

X Fire & C.D.....

Regn. & Licensing.....

Adm. Officer.....

REMARKS.....

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

27 May 1944.

PS/10B

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service - Visits to Provinces.

TO : Rear HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference to letter ACC/I4502/PS dated 24 May 1944, from Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2. There is no objection from the Regional point of view in having Eng. Colangelo visit the Provincial Fire Corps.

C. T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, C/L.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

FB/cm.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Ile 45A

24 May 1944.

ACC/11502/PS

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service - Visits to Provinces.

TO : PPSO, Regions III & V (through P.C.).

1. Ref. ACC/11502/PS dated 11th April to Region V, and conversation Lt. Col. Francis (Region III) - Major Mason (ACC HQ). 35A

2. The visits of inspection and survey which were proposed by Major Mason of this HQ and Ing. Colangelo of the Ministry of Interior, to which approval was given by Regions have had to be cancelled.

3. It is now proposed to issue a semi-permanent pass to Ing. Colangelo and his Fire Brigade Driver to visit the following Provincial Fire Corps:-

✓ Region III Naples, Avellino, Benevento.

✓ Region V Campobasso, Foggia. Colangelo to call on Regions [illegible]

4. Before we issue the pass would you please indicate if there is any objection from the Regional point of view?

for A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

CMLE/t

ACC/14502/75

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

23 May 1944

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RE-ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN FIRE SERVICE

1. The primary reason for our efforts in re-organisation of the Fire Service is to enable it to be used to its maximum in the war effort.

2. The secondary reason is to enable the Italian people to have some reasonable protection against the risk of Fire after the war.

3. During the planning period for the invasion of Sicily certain provisional estimates of appliances required were drawn up and submitted by AMGOT to AFHQ.

4. Following the invasion of Sicily and in the light of experience the estimates were modified.

5. In November 1943, MGS asked for estimates of requirements again and these were submitted in detail on 11 Feb 44.

6. The estimate referred to in para.5 provided for the provision of appliances to be supplied to the Italian Government and allotted to specific towns agreed with the Italian Fire Officers.

7. On 9 April 44 this HQ was asked by HQ AAI to modify certain items. This was agreed to by this HQ.

8. In the light of information received that the Germans were removing most of the major appliances in Northern Italy and planning to destroy the remainder on withdrawing; this HQ put up a scheme to AFHQ to temporarily suspend the allocation of appliances to specific towns. Instead it was proposed to form Mobile Columns of Italian Firemen to go forward with and under the Army Fire Service for use as required.

9. On 6 May 44 a conference was held at this HQ between the officials of the Italian Government and Allied Fire Officers regarding the use of the 20 vehicles ready for delivery.

10. On 2 May a vehicle release serial for 20 lorries was issued by

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10. On 2 May a vehicle release serial for 20 lorries was issued by AAI.

11. On 9 May 44 a request was made for the provision of metal for the construction of water-tanks for the 20 lorries.

12. The lorries were collected on 7 May 44 and distributed/under:- 2101

18 at NAPLES - 2 at SALERNO

13. On 10 May 44 AFHQ wrote and approved the proposals made by this HQ and referred to in para. 8.

14. The Italian Government have been asked to prepare 400 men for the Columns and this is being done. When details have been arranged with Fire Advisor AAI as suggested in AFHQ letter regarding training, these 400 men will be called up and sent to the training areas.

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15. The details of the responsibility for training and administration of the Columns and the details of the terms of provision as indicated in Op. Mem. 40, AFHQ, are being considered at present by this HQ and instructions will shortly be issued.

G.H.L. MASON,
Major,
Fire & Civil Defence.

GHLM/RMc

Submitted to Executive Commissioner.

This has been prepared to show the development in the policy of his Service responsibility during the past few months. Most of this has been dealt with bits by little through technical channels. A further summary will be submitted when the items mentioned in para 15 have been settled.

Ally DCPS. 23 May 44

Seen by Sir Cyril. Thank

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Alg DCPS. 23 May 44

Seen by Ex Comm. Thank

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14502/PS

May 20, 1944

SUBJECT : Fire and C.D. organization.

TO : HQ Region V.

Reference R5/514/6 dated 9 May 41A and enclosure FP/5003 dated 4 May 41B Para. I

1. It is stated that there are no paid C.D. personnel in Foggia Province.

2. May this H.Q. be informed of the following:

(a) who is the C.D. controller?

(b) What are the details of the existing service? No.of wardens, who is chief warden etc,. ?

(c) Does it function satisfactorily in event of an alert or raid?

(d) The warning system and who operates it?

(e) Location and staff of Control Room.

(f) Are any Italian Army Personnel engaged in C.D. in the province?

for A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission

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Dear Wesley.

I am working on the file
to identify who the amalgamate
has been effected. VERBAL REQUEST

I do not see on who or
the surgeon should have been
notified as the Canadian Commissioner
for Indonesia as Regional which
would have avoided the matter
obtaining sight.

I think we ought to request
the matter and get our decision
confirmed by the E.C.

Yours

Seen WEW. 15th May 1944.

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No. _____ Date _____

This Vehicle is authorised to travel within the

Area of _____

Registration No. of Vehicle _____

Name of Driver _____

Identity Card No. _____

S. C. A. O.,
A. M. G.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

42A

May 16, 1944

SUBJECT : Merging of Fire & C.D. Services
In Italy.

TO : D.C.P.S.

As requested I give herewith the steps which have led up to the proposed merger of the two Services.

1. On arrival at Palermo last year it was found that the C.D. arrangements whilst looking good on paper, did not work out well in practice.

This was mainly due to two reasons:

(a) The retired Generals and Colonels who had been put in charge of C.D. by their Fascist friends were generally too old or incompetent and had really done nothing in the way of serious preparation.

(b) The Italian especially in the South, much prefers to go to the shelters to stopping at his post and doing his duty.

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The General was thereon dismissed, the Committee dissolved and the Commandante of the Fire Brigade was instructed to form a new committee and to act as controller.

The warning system was placed under control of the Fire Brigade and manned by them and a direct telephone line was run from G.O.C. to the Central Fire Station.

The police agencies were instructed to do the reporting of incidents.

On the setting up of I.B.S. the P.A.D. control room and the C.D. control room were linked up by another private line and a satisfactory working arrangement made between the Military and Civil organisations.

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3. Similar conditions to those given in Para I. were found to exist in most places on the mainland, and the officials of the Ministry of Interior having studied our scheme in Sicily and read the reports of their own officers in Sicily, decided that the Services would be improved and much economy effected if such a plan were applied on the mainland.

Accordingly they put forward certain proposals to this effect to this HQ. in some of the less important places they proposed to abolish C.D. altogether.

The proposals were agreed to by this HQ in the main but a reservation was insisted on that in certain areas "A" and "B" class under operation Nemo 40, AFHQ, the views of the Military Commander should be obtained through the ACC officers and nothing should be done without his consent.

4. On April 25th 1944 this HQ sent to Region I,II,III,VI and VII a memorandum to the effect that the Prefects would be receiving
38A instruction on the lines indicated in the previous para and it was ~~reported~~ REQUESTED that all ACC officers should do all they could to assist in the change-over.

5. A copy of this memorandum (Para. 4) was sent at the same
38B time for information of Regions III and V with a note to the effect that should conditions in AMG Italy warrant it a similar merger might be effected. It was requested that this HQ be informed of any action taken.

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(b) The reduction of redundent personnel and consequent saving of needless expenditure.

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(c) The pooling of certain type of vehicles and equipment.

(d) The useful employment of many of the trained Fire Fighting personnel who would otherwise be simply "standing by"

(e) The simplification of control and liaison by ACC officers, AMG officers and P.A.D. officers of the Military formations concerned.

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9. The different outlook of the average Italian and the degree of his conception of public duty, especially in the South of Italy make it impossible to expect a system which works well in U.K. to work here in Italy and it is considered that wherever possible the services concerned should be reorganized on the basis given above.
Furthermore the risk of Air Raids is a receeding one in most parts of Southern Italy and the need for a large and useless organization becomes less every day.

10. As was pointed out in our Memo to Regions III and V it may ~~may~~ not be possible or desirable in all places under AMG control to work on the lines indicated but in many places it could and should be done so that there is some degree of uniformity throughout and the eventual taking over by the Italian Govt. simplified.

11. A glance at 38A and 38B will show that the reply at 41C was not called for.

This reply rather indicates a somewhat bigoted outlook with no conception of racial and other conditions which exist in Italy to-day compared with Great Britain.

It would be of interest to know, if as is stated in Para 1 of 41C there are no paid C.D. personnel, who actually controls the service, what type of organisation it is and how it functions on an alert or raid? Who operates the warning signal, who runs the control room etc.?

G. H. L. MASON
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Alg. 17 May 44.

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TO : REAR ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission APO 394.

FROM : H.Q. Region 5, A.M.G.

SUBJECT : Fire & CD Organisation.

REF : R5/514/6.

DATE : 9th May 1944.

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Reference your letter ACC/14502/PS concerning the above subject please see attached report from Foggia Province.

For Regional Commissioner :

S. PITCHFORK
Lt. Col.
R.P.S.O.

SF/MC

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AMG Hqs,
Foggia Province,
LUCERA.

41B

Subject:- Fire & C.D. Organisation.

To:- H.Q. Region 5, A.M.G. (For Public Safety)

From:- S.P.P.S.O., Foggia Province.

Ref:- FP/5003.

Date:- 6 May 44.

41C

With reference to the attached report submitted by Major Montague, from actual contact with the Fire Brigade in Foggia Province. I think it should be divorced from the A.R.P. System. My reasons are:-

1. The Fire Brigade numbers only 60 men.

2. They are all operative at fires.

3. We have in this Province a large number of aerodromes and oil dumps. When Allied property has caught fire, the Brigade have proved very efficient.

It is essential that Police and Chief Wardens work together, and in my view the Chief Wardens' Office should be either in the Police Station or adjacent thereto.

In Foggia Province the Commissario Prefettizio has been made to interest himself in the important towns.

(Signed)

Lt. Colonel,
Senior Provincial Public Safety Officer.

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COPY

HQ. AMG, Foggia Province

in Lucera 41 C

SUBJECT : Fire and CD Organisations

TO : P.P.S.O., Foggia Province.

FROM : P.P.O., Foggia Province.

REF : FP/ 5003.

DATE : 4 May 1944.

Ref. the R5/514/6 from HQ Region V, dated 3 May 1944.

1. There are no paid Civil Defence Personnel in this Province.

2. From personal experience in heavy raids in Great Britain I am not in favour of the proposed scheme out lined in a letter from the Chief of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of ACC. The Fire Brigade has far too big and important a job of its own to do and heads of Fire Brigades are rarely suitable persons to command the other services.

3. I am in favour of the British system, tried and proved of having all the CD services under the command of the Chief Warden subject to the approval of the Senior Police Officer; with the Fire Service acting independently but with liaison officers in the Chief Warden's staff, at Police HQ, and at Fire Brigade HQ; with the Regional Commissioner (or Prefect in Italy) having the final say.

(Signed)

Major,
Provincial Police
Officer.

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Reference only File 80 14502 40A

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

ACC/14501/PS. 4 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Civil Defence Services.

TO : D.C.P.S. 39A

Attached is a copy of letter submitted to the Ministry of Interior by the Director General of Anti-Fire and C.D. Services.

It indicates the first steps being taken to reduce the personnel and the cost of the C.D. organisation and merge it with the Fire Service.

Regions have already been informed that this change will be effected.

G.H. MASON,
Major,
Fire & C.D.

GHM/ls.

See file 14501

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Ref. only. 7-Hq-PA 14502

TRANSLATION

Salerno 29 April 1944

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SUBJECT : C.P.P.A Military Personnel;

TO : Ministry Of Interior.

In reference to above mentioned subject, this HQ, as a general rule, favors the rétirement of the military personnel from the Provincial Comitati of P.A. but we are asking, however, the War Ministry to let us know what steps must be taken by Presidi Militari in regard to the retirement of the soldiers.

In consideration of the measure which passes the functions of the P.A. to the Fire Service, it is proposed:-

(1) The retirement of all military personnel (officers, nom-coms) from the Provimcial Committee for P.A. and entrusting its duties, which are becoming limited every day, to the Fire Service Hqs. and assisted, at least for the moment, by some officers who already has rendered service with the Comitati and who has been discharged.

(2) Gradual demobilization of the UNPA (National Anti-Aircraft Protection) and assignment of its duties to the National Corps Fire Service and combining in a small way, the recall into continuous service volunteer firemen.

(3) The turning over of the duties of the General HQs of P.A. Services to the communes and the provinces, where this has not already been done according to orders which had been issued to that effect, for the maintenance and repairs of Protective equipment under the control of the HQs of the Vigili del Fuoco and various offices od Civil Engineers.

(4) The assignment to competent military organs of clearing up operations in the area (removal of bombs, mines, etc.), even for those services which to date have been the function of CPPA (receiving and dispatching messages to Artillery Units or Military districts) and of the Vigili del Fuoco (in assisting them to furnish motor equipment for the transportation of sapper squadrons and clearing-up materials to the territory).

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR.

See file 10501

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

ACC/14502/PS 25 Apl 44

SUBJECT : Fire & CD Organizations.

TO : RPSO's Regions III and V.
Chiefs of Public Safety 5th and 8th Armies.

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1 Attached is a copy of a memorandum relating to the merging of Fire and CD organizations in territory controlled by the Italian Government.

2 Local conditions may not make it possible or desirable to extend the re-organization to AMG territory. If, however, you desire to carry out a merger on the lines indicated in the memorandum, you will no doubt obtain the Regional Commissioner's instructions and notify this Sub Commission of what is being done.

for PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGO/14320/PS.

29 April 1946

SUBJECT : Fire and Air Organization.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officers I, II, III, VI and VII.

1. The Minister of Interior with the approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission has decided to put the whole of the Air Services in occupied Italy under the command of the Department of the Fire Brigades and reduce the number of its personnel, officers and men, at present employed.

2. The objects of the various provisions in Italian controlled Italy are being conducted by the Minister of the Interior to effect the proposed merger and reduction of staff. They are also being advised to contact and be guided by our officers.

3. Under the terms of operational memorandum No 40 AFHQ, this unit is to be occupied every territory and territory of British control (over" all areas are classified "A", "B" or "C".

a. In "A" class areas (such as Turin, Brindisi, Palermo, Taranto and Milano) where the responsibility lies with the Area Commander, it is for him to decide how far the duction and reduction of personnel may proceed. Proposals will nevertheless be given through the appropriate AFHQ officer and arrange to carry them out.

b. In "B" class areas where AFHQ officers are responsible for the supervision of the services in conjunction with the military Commander, the re-organisation will be carried out.

c. In many "C" class areas the Air organisation will be disbanded altogether.

4. It is hoped that this re-organisation will result in

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Public Safety Sub-Commission.
AFO 104

AGC/Misc/PS.

25 April 1944

SUBJECT : Fire and Air Organisation.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officers I,II,III,IV and VII.

1. The Ministry of Interior with the approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission has decided to put the whole of the Fire Services in occupied Italy under the command of the Commandant of the Fire Brigades and reduce the number of its personnel, officers and men, at present employed.

2. The instructions of the various provisions in Italian controlled Italy are being instructed by the Minister of the Interior to effect the proposed merger and reduction of staff. They are also being advised to contact and be guided by our officers.

3. Under the terms of operational necessities AFO 104 para 4(a) and (b) be changed every territory and territory of Italian Areas" all areas are classified "A", "B" or "C".

a. In "A" class areas (such as Rome, Naples, Taranto and Palermo) where the responsibility lies with the Area Commander, it is for him to decide how far the fusion and reduction of personnel may proceed. Profects will ascertain his views through the appropriate AFO officer and advise to carry them out.

b. In "B" class areas where AFO officers are responsible for the supervision of the services in conjunction with the Military Commander, the re-organisation will be carried out.

c. In many "C" class areas the AFO organisation will be almost nil/negligible.

4. It is hoped that this re-organisation will be carried

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[illegible] are being instructed by the Mayor of the District to effect the proposed merger and reduction of staff. They are also being advised to contact and be guided by [illegible] officers.

1. Under the terms of operational assignment "A" the area [illegible] and is occupied every territory and territory of [illegible] current roster" all areas are classified "AA", "A" or "B".

a. In "A" class areas (such as Dept. Metropolitan, Internal Security and Internal) where the responsibility lies with the Area Commander, it is for him to decide how far the fusion and reduction of personnel may proceed. Problems will crystallize his views through the appropriate [illegible] officer and arrange to carry them out.

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c. In many "C" class areas the [illegible] organization will be dissolved altogether.

4. It is hoped that this re-organization will result in both greater efficiency and economy and that all officers will do all that they can to assist and guide Police Officials [illegible] effective this change over.

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[illegible]
Major

[illegible]
Paul A. Kidd
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Subcommission

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Copies to 1 APO 742, 7 and Chiefs Public Safety 9th and 8th Area

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 34 for action/information

C.I.P.S.....

D.C.I.P.S.....

Ex. Officer.....

Police.....

Prisons.....

Fire & C.D.....

~~Regn. & Licensing~~.....

Adm. Officer.....

Remarks.....

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Gen. Directory of the Anti-Fire Service.

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7/1722/A/12.

22/4/44.

SUBJECT : Anti-fire Service Rome.

TO : Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ, ACC.

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GM.

Ref. note ACC/14502/PS dated 18 April, we are informing the transfer of 20 Anti-fire men of Rome to Naples Corps, to be absorbed in the Mobile Column. 36A

for THE MINISTER.

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Ministero dell'Interno
Dire z.Gen.Servizi Antin.e.P.A

N. 7/1722/A/12

Risposta alla lettera
N. ..... del .....

OGGETTO

Servizi Antincendi-
Roma.=

Salerno, li 22/4/944

ILL/MO SIG.CAPO PUBBLIC SAFETY
SUB. COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
S A L E R N O

Con riferimento a nota in data 18 aprile c.a. ACC/14502/PS. pregiasi assicurare di aver disposto il trasferimento dei Vigili di Roma, finora in numero di 20, al Corpo di Napoli, per essere aggregati alla Colonna Mobile.=

PEL MINISTRO

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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18 April 1944.

ACC/14502/PS.

SUBJECT : Fire Service, Rome.

TO : Director of Anti-Fire Service,
Ministry of Interior.

1. It is proposed that the Mobile Column of Firemen which is waiting at Naples shall be increased by 30 NCO's and men.

2. It was mentioned some little time ago that there are available some trained and reliable firemen who know Rome well.

3. Will you please arrange for 30 such NCM's or men with a good knowlodge of Rome, to report to Ing. Felsani at Naples to join the Mobile Column and to act as guides, etc, as directed by the Allied officers in charge of operations?

4. The Allied officers concerned will arrange with Ing. Felsani for the rationing etc; of the additional men.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Lt.Col. Pollock (AMG Rome)
Region III, for Att. Regional Commissioner.
Lt.Col. Millhouse, Region IV.
Comandante 5th Corps V d F, Napoli

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14502/PS 11 April 194*

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service

TO : Region Commissioner, Region V

1. The lack of officer personnel, vehicles and spare parts in the Italian Fire Service has rendered necessary interchanges between Brigades.

2. In order to assess the situation with a view to all-around improvements it has been decided to include those brigades at present in AMG Italy.

3. It is proposed that a survey shall be made by Maj.C.H.L.MASON of this Sub-Commission accompanied by Maj. Colongelo, the Italian Director of Anti-Fire Service.

4. The Brigade at Foggia is amongst those it is proposed shall be visited and it is hoped that every facility will be offered to Major Mason and Major Colongelo when they report to your HQ later in the month prior to proceeding to Foggia.

PAUL C. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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P Safety (K)

SUBJECT: Fire Service

AMG Rear Eighth Army

TO : Executive Commissioner Branch
HQ Allied Control Commission
APO 394 C.M.F.

Ref: OA/26

3 April 1944

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1. Reference your ACC/14502/PS dated 27 Mar there is no objection from an army point of view to the officer and civilian mentioned in para. 3 visiting CAMPOBASSO for the purpose of reviewing the Fire Brigade.

P.G. Rutter Team

Major, R.A.
G.S.O. 11
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

Copy to P.C. Campobasso

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

27 March 1944.

ACC/14502/PS

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service.

TO : S.C.A.O. 8 Army.

1. The lack of officer personnel, vehicles and spare parts in the Italian Fire Service has rendered interchanges between Brigades necessary.

2. In order to assess the situation with a view to all-round improvements it has been decided to include those Brigades at present in "occupied" Italy, i.e. the Brigades of Foggia and Campobasso.

3. It is proposed that a survey shall be made by G.S.I. Mason of this Sub-Commission accompanied by Dott. Ing. E. Colangelo, the Italian Director of Anti-Fire Services.

4. The survey will be made sometime in April. Your approval is sought. Major Mason will call at your HQ prior to visiting the Brigades.

for PAUL G. KIRK, Major
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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20 March 1944.
AG.
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SUBJECT: P.A.D. and C.D.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear H.Q., A.C.C. A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference Memorandum dated 14 March 1944.

2. Fifth Army area is deemed to be in Class B. 32B

3. The Fifth Army orders on fire prevention are detailed in the attached order N° AG 665 E dated 9 March 1944 and covers the area from that portion of Region 3 boundary to the forward zone, as also the area on the beach-head.

These arrangements are fluid and will be subject to change according to the tactical situation.

4. In addition to the Army scheme there is one engine and a detachment of Vigili Fuoco in CASERTA and one engine and a civil fire detachment in S.MARIA C.V.

These detachments are likewise available for rescue work in the event of aerial bombing.

Difficulty may be experienced at S.MARIA C.V. due to lack of water pressure and a pump would be required for this purpose.

5. The only siren available for air raid warning is situated at the Royal Palace CASERTA.

For the Commanding General,

J.O.M. Ashley

J.O.M. ASHLEY,
Colonel, C of S., 3091
A.M.G. 5 Army (Field).

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

JRC/FKS/gop
9 March 1944

AG 665-E

Subject: Fire Protection.

To: See Distribution.

1. Letter, this headquarters dated 31 December 1943, file AG 665-E, subject "Fire Protection", is rescinded.

2. Engineer Fire Fighting units in or near the Army Area are located as follows:

a. 1987th Composite Platoon (FAFC) N. of AVERSA Railroad Station (N182638), phone VASSAR 63.

b. 1984th Composite Platoon (FAFC) on Route 7, E. of S. MARIA (H226754), phone VALLEY FORGE 14.

(1) 3rd Fire Fighting Section, 1984th Composite Platoon (FAFC) at intersection of Routes 6 and 85, VAIRANO (H088017), phone TRANSPORTATION FORWARD 53.

c. 1206th Composite Platoon (FAFC) ANZIO, phone ANZIO 27.

(1) 1st Fire Fighting Section, 1206th Composite Platoon (FAFC) at ASP #1, phone GUINEA PIG.

(2) 2nd Fire Fighting Section, 1206th Composite Platoon (FAFC) at ASP #3, phone SALUTE.

(3) 3rd Fire Fighting Section, 1206th Composite Platoon (FAFC) at ENGINEER DUMP, phone NETTUNO 3.

3. Auxiliary fire fighting apparatus is located at:

a. QM Gas Supply Companies.

b. Army Railhead.

c. 2616th Engineer Utilities Platoon.

d. 109th Workshops and Park Coy, RE.

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4. In reporting a fire state:

a. Exact location of fire (including grid coordinates).

b. Nature of fire (i.e. Truck, Ammunition dump, etc.).

c. Your name and telephone number.

5. First aid fire fighting equipment (extinguishers and refills of all types) are engineer items, and may be procured by requisition through normal channels.

6. Fire inspectors may be obtained by calling an Engineer Composite Platoon (FAFC), or by contacting the Army Fire Marshal (Major Shirk, Lightning 135, Ring 1).

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

B. W. SAUREL,
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: PS/13

17 March 1944

10502/

SUBJECT: - Fire Brigades - BARI, BRINDISI & TARANTO

TO : - Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission - A.C.C. HQ.

I forward to you particulars of the strength Stations and equipment of the Fire Brigades in the Provinces of BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO:-

BARI

Commander	-	Ing. ROBERTO SERRI-PINI	
Strength	-	Chief Engineer	1
	-	Engineers	3
Men	-	Warrant Officer	1
	-	Sergeant Majors	3
	-	Sergeant	3
	-	Chosen Guards	12
	-	Guards	208
		TOTAL	231

Office Address - Tenente de Vito Francesco Strada - BARI
Telephone Nos - BARI 12554 - 12787 - 12705
Barracks - Central Barracks Tenente de Vito Francesco Strada-BARI
- Corpo Vigili del Fuoco - Barletta
- Corpo Vigili del Fuoco - Monopoli
Equipment - 11 pump cars of which 3 are serviceable
- 17 various types pump cars
- 3 carriages - 1 only in good condition
- 2 pump motor boats
- 5 trucks 3 of which are serviceable
- 10 small trucks - 4 unusable

BRINDISI

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equipment of the Fire Brigades in the Provinces of BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO:-

BARI

Commander	- Ing. ROBERTO SERRI-PINI	
Strength	- Chief Engineer	1
	- Engineers	3
Men	- Warrant Officer	1
	- Sergeant Majors	3
	- Sergeant	3
	- Chosen Guards	12
	- Guards	208
	TOTAL	231

Office Address - Tenente de Vito Francesco Strada - BARI
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BRINDISI

Commander - Ing. BISI MARIO
Strength - 4 Officers 98 O.Rs.
Equipment - 1 Motor Tank, 1 Mayor Pump,
- 1 Motor Tank with Pump combined
- 1 Motor Lorry with Pump
- 1 Motor boat with Pump
-3000 metres 70 m.m hose
- 3300 metres 45 m.m. hose
- 1700 litres Fire Extinguisher (foam)

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In a very efficient state and is likely to remain so in view of the fact that the Royal Engineers have incorporated the Brigade into their P.A.D. scheme for Brindisi Docks.

There are no other Brigades in the Province.

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Provincial Fire Brigade Taranto - 40th Fire Brigade

TARANTO

(a) Fontemaggi Central Barracks N° 1
127, Oberdan Strada

Telephones - Alarms Taranto 2222
- Command Taranto 3452
- Commandants Office Taranto 2864

Strength - 54 Firemen
- 20 detailed to service Motor Pumps.
- 34 detailed for general service

Efficient motor appliances
- Fiat 635 motor pump N° VF 347
- Fiat 1100 motor car (with Fire equipment) N° VF 2386
- Spa 25/C 10 motor pump N° VF 466

At the Depot for Transport Service
- Fiat 1100 motor van N° VF 2353
- Ansaldo 35 motor Lorry N° VF 2352 under repair
- Benelli 500 motorcycle N° VF 342
- Benelli 500 motorcycle and sidecar N° TA 440

Out of Commission
- Fiat 1100 motor car N° VF 1867 (Required 5 tires 550x15.)
- Benelli 500 motor Lorry VF. 453
- Benelli 500 motor Lorry VF. 829 (Required 6 tyres 550 x 15.)
- CM motor Lorry VF. 2254 Requires many spares.

(b) BARONI Barracks N° 2.
- Pitagora Street corner Crispi Streer.

Telephone - N° Taranto 2610
Strength - 14 Firemen

Efficient Appliances
- Spa 38 RA motor pump N° VF. 387
- Fiat 525 motor car with Fire equipment N° VF.723

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- Spa 25/C 10 motor pump N° VF 466

At the Depot for Transport Service

- Fiat 1100 motor van N° VF 2353
- Ansaldo 35 motor Lorry N° VF 2352 under repair
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Out of Commission.

- Fiat 1100 motor car VF 1979
- Spa 25/C/10 motor pump N° VF. 465
- Benelli 500 motor lorry VF. 804

All above vehicles require tyres and spare parts.

(c) "Baccinelli" Barracks N° 3

Lungomare near the Dopolavoro Ferroviario

Telephone N°- Taranto 2088

Marine Section - Strength 18 Firemen

Equipment
- Pump motor boat N° VF 109 with 2
- Pumps . 3000 litres per minute
- 2 engines HP 200 - speed 12 miles per hour.

(d) "Martinelli Barracks N° 4

Arcivescovado Palace

Telephone N° Taranto 3476

Strength 12 Firemen

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Equipment - Spa 25 C/10 motor pump N° VF.467

(e) "CONTI" Barracks N° 5
Corner Mercantile Port
Military Telephone N° 1102
Strength 26 Firemen

Equipment - 38 Spa motor pump N° VF 379
- 525 Fiat motor pump N° VF. 2129

PROVINCIAL BRIGADES

(f) GROTTAGLIE

Strength 10 Firemen

Equipment BIANCHI A. motorcar with equipment N° VF 915

(G) MANDURIA

Strength 10 Firemen

Equipment SPA 25/C/10 motor pump VF. 464

(h) CASTELLANETTA

Strength 10 Firemen
Equipment SPA 25/C/10 motor car with equipment N°VF.697

(i) 54 Deposito Benzinea R.A.
Strength 18 Firemen

(j) Bologna Idroscalo Watching Place
Strength 3 Firemen

All motor pumps in use are provided with a pump connected to the engine.
All cars with fire equipment provided with motor pump.
Total number of efficient motor pumps 16
Commanding Officer
Capt. Dott. Ing. Luigi Antenucci
Dott.Ing. Di Mitri Gaetano

Strength Summary:-

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Strength Summary:-

Taranto Commune	5	Stations	124 men
Taranto Province (excluding Commune)	5	Stations	51 men
TOTAL	10	Stations	175 men

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Particulars in respect of Lecce Province will be submitted in due course.

H Stahl-Gloss

Lt. Colonel
Regional Police Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

11 February 1944.

ACC/14502/PS

SUBJECT: Reserve Fire-fighting Force, for ROME.

TO : Admin. Section.

Suggest following reply:-

"1. In view of the importance of BARI as a military port and of the depleted number of fire fighting appliances there it is not considered possible to provide a second reserve detachment from this source.

The Italian Government is being approached with a view to some form of mobile reserve being provided from existing fire brigades in Regions I and II where conditions are more stabilized. This is being dealt with as a matter of urgency and the result will be communicated to you."

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Note:
Maj. Lothian (5 Army) recommended that a second reserve fire fighting unit from Bari should be organized & sent to Naples, ready to move into Rome. (Letter dated 4 Feb. Original returned to Adm. Sec. with above draft reply).
D. 12/2

PROVISION OF RESERVE FIRE FIGHTING FORCE FOR ROME. 305

1. A complete Fire Fighting unit as under is standing by at Naples. It is retained ready to move at short notice.

3 Officers
1 W.O.
20 Drivers
4 Special Service Men
100 Firemen
10 Pumps and F.F. Vehicles
1 Motor cycle.

2. Regarding the suggestion from Maj. Hollman that a second force be formed from BARI, the following are the facts

(a) There is little equipment at Bari & what there is, is in bad condition.

(b) The Bari Fire Corps is badly organised & is being re-organised by the Italian Govt. Officials.

(c) Bari cannot be depleted in personnel or equipment at present.

3. The Italian Govt. could now be asked to provide for Regions I & II a second unit.

(a) In my view the personnel can be found, but they will probably ask us for clothing, boots etc. for them

(b) At Salerno, for example, there are some 70 firemen 3074 have been "put off" by the C.A.R.O. & others could doubtless be

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(c) It is unlikely that sufficient appliances in good condition could be found. Some might be brought by sea for Region I but would not stand the road journey.

(d) Until the appliances asked for from England arrive the equipment problem will be acute

(e) If we can meet a demand for tyres + spare parts from the Italian Govt. the situation would be eased considerably.

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4. It is suggested in view of the above that the following action be taken

(a) Request the Italian Govt. to endeavour to form the 2 Coys and submit to us their requirements in the way of Clothing, Boots etc.

(b) Request the Italian Govt. to submit a list of spare parts & types for the applicable unit of command in Regions I & II.

(c) Request the R.C.s of Regions III & IV to endeavour to obtain supply of spare parts & types for the Fiat Bogies in their Regions.

(d) Request the Military Authorities to make available to the Fiat Coys such used types of spare parts as may be suitable & which can be found located in the Army Salvage Dumps.

G Atkinson Major
11/2/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref : PS/13

2 Feb 44

Subject : Fire Fighting Equipment

To : Chief, Public Safety, HQ, AMG.

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Your AFHQ/14502/PS dated 3 Jan 44 refers.

Attached at 1a is particulars of the various Fire Departments in Region 2.

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The following is a complete list of the requirements of the various Departments:-

Province	Commune	Equipment
Potenza	Melfi	1 Mobile water tanker. 1 Medium trailer pump, complete with appurtenances, spare hose and adaptors.
"	Lagonegro	1 Mobile water tanker. 1 Medium trailer pump, complete with appurtenances, spare hose and adaptors.
Salerno	Salerno	Hose 3000 feet, 70m.m. and 20 nozzles. Hose 1500 feet, 45m.m. and 20 nozzles.
Matera		Nil.
Reggio		Nil.
Catanzaro	Vibo Valentia	Medium trailer pumps (complete with appurtenances) and with [illegible] 500 feet of spare hose 2½in., 2 adaptors 70m.m. 2½in., 4 adaptors 45m.m. 2½ in. Mobile water tankers (self propelling).
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P.E. Cornish,
Major,
R.E.A.F.C.,
For R.C.A.C.

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ADMIN DIRECTOR
THE STAFF O.
STAFF O 1
STAFF O 2
STAFF O 3
CHIEF C.
DATE 7 FEB 1944

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PARTICULARS CONCERNING FIRE DEPTS. I REGION 2

1) Reggio Province

Personnel is 200, and mobile equipment consists of six trucks and two automobiles for officers, which equipment is stationed as follows:

1) Reggio Hqs = trucks and 2 automobiles.
2) Reggio R.R. Station = I truck
3) Palmi = I truck
4) Archi = I truck
5) Siderno = I truck

All of the above equipment is in service and in good workingorder, but in addition there are three other trucks without tires and efforts are being made to obtain rubber for these vehicles.

All pumps are in good order and hoses are satisfactory. Lengtn available is approximately seven kilometers.

2) Catanzaro Province

Personnel is 68 and there are four brigades located as follows:

1) Catanzaro = Equipment seems to be quite sufficient and efficiently operated.
2) Vibo Valentia = This brigade possessed no vehicle as of Dec.31, 1943, and continued efforts were being made to locate a suitable one.
3) Nicastro = Equipment is in good condition except for old tires and efficiency is satisfactory.
4) Crotone = Equipment is serviceable but tires are in bad condition.

3) Cosenza Province

Total personnel is 60 and there are three brigades in the province stationed at the following towns:

1) Cosenza = Strength = 40 men
2) Paola " 10 "
3) Rossano " 10 "

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These brigades are reasonably efficient. Equipment is in fair condition but a number of vehicles and trailer pumps cannot function due to lack of essential parts. Efforts are still being made to find replacements but had been unsuccessful up to the end of 1943.

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4) Matera Province

Total personnel is 53 and there are two brigades in province, I) Matera=45 men and 2) Montalbano= 8 men.

Equipment consists of five trucks, I Chemical tank on Motortricycle, I passenger car, and 6 pumps. This is allocated as follows:

1) Matera = I combination pumper and water carriei
I Water tank truck
2 Apparatus trucks
I Passenger car
5 Pumps
2) Mont'Albano=
I Apparatus truck
I Pump

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Efficiency is satisfactory. Pumps are in good order and hose is good, of which there are approximately four kilometers. In addition, at the Matera station there is one apparatus truck lacking tires. Efforts are being made to secure the proper size, but have been unsuccessful to date.

5) Potenza Province

Total personnel at the present time is 26, and there is only one brigade operating in the province. This brigade is stationed at Potenza. Prior to our occupation there had been another one at Melfi with a strength of six, but since their vehicle had been taken by the Germans and no real effort was made by their authorities to replace it, these men were disbanded.

Equipment at Potenza consists of I Combination pumper and water tank and I motor pump carried by hand. Two trailer pumps are immobile due to lack of a few essential parts. This station has 480 meters of seventy millimeter hose and 500 meters of Forty rive milimeter hose. A major problem confronting this brigade is the fact that the water supply is turned of intermittently in various parts of the province so that all communes may share the limited water supply, since a part of the Acqueduct was damaged by the enemy in their retreat.

6) Salerno Province

There is only one brigade in the province and the stength of it is 74 men. Equipment consists of 1 vehicle for hauling apparatus, 5small hand pumps, and 2 three-wheeled chemical fire-fighting vehicles. The firemen are working on producing new ladders, shovels, axes, and standpipes.

94 Sub-area has a complete fire fighting unit stationed at Salerno with the provincial brigade. This unit is available for provincial use.

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Region 2

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PA 14502

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Subject: Fire Fighting.

To: C.P.S..

1. Requests were made by AMGOT (Fire & C.D.) for a few British N.C.O. Firemen to instruct the Italian Fire Brigades in the use of any British Fire Appliances supplied.
It is considered that if and when British Equipment is supplied, at least one suitable trained N.C.O. should be placed at the disposal of each Regional Fire Officer for instructional purposes.

It is urged that this request be made to A.F.H.Q..

2. It is thought that in view of the reported transfer of the younger Italian Firemen to Germany, some consideration should be given to proposals to transfer firemen from the South of Italy to the Northern areas as they are occupied.

Volunteers would be better than detailed personnel and it is felt that lists of such volunteers should be prepared without delay.

It may be considered that the Italian Minister of the Interior should be consulted on this point.

3. It is believed that on the conclusion of the Armistice with Italy, a number of Italian ARMY Fire Officers were absorbed temporarily into the Naples Fire Service.

It is recommended that these officers be retained in the Service to fill any existing vacancies in the South of Italy (Regions I, II) and any vacancies which will probably be found in the Northern Regions when occupied.

This is another matter on which it may be thought that the Italian Government should be consulted.

G.H.L.Mason,
Major.

5 Jan. 44.

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Sent by CRS 7/1/44
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14502 Fire & Civil defence Posting Lists 2/19

Ref:- C/ 5002a

11 Jan 44

SUBJECT: - FOGGIA FIRE BRIGADE

To:- O.C.,
FOGGIA Fire Brigade.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Copy to:- Reg IV Adv.
A.M.G.O., FOGGIA
Pr. Gn. Comdr.
CMO, FOGGIA Dist.
H.R. the Prefect.
Comdr. Prof. FOGGIA

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Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Gp. Capt. Commanding a Wing of the R.A.F. situated near FOGGIA thanking you for the fine work you did when one of their aircraft crashed.

I should like to add my own congratulations and the hope that this commendation will be the spur to even better achievements in future.

GET/SCPP

Lt. Colonel
S.C.A.O. FOGGIA PROVINCE

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5:1:44:

(Copy)

Dear Sir,

On 30th December an aircraft from one of my Squadrons became unmanageable and crashed on the outskirts of Ostia. It immediately burst into flames:

I arrived on the scene a short while after the crash and was pleased to find that the flames had been extinguished by the local Italian fire brigade and that regardless of the risk of exploding bombs, ammunition and petrol tanks, they remained on the scene of the crash until the fire was completely under control, and there were no members of the crew left in the aircraft.

A large aeroplane such as a Wellington burns with a most intense heat and provides a difficult problem to any fire-fighting service. I am convinced that no Royal Air Force unit could have dealt more effectively with the conflagration etc. I wish to place on record my appreciation of the fine work of this particular Italian brigade:

I was given to understand by some British Army officers who were there at the time that the Italian fire brigade had great difficulty in obtaining fuel for the fire-engine and you may feel in view of their services and the chance that they may be required again for a similar purpose, that they deserve recognition. I hope you will realise that I am in no way attempting to interfere in the civil administration but that such assistance in an emergency is available is a great comfort to my Units:

I should be pleased if my fine's gratitude for the valiant efforts to save the crew could be passed to the Chief of the Italian Fire Brigade.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd: [illegible]
Group Captain

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

AMG/14502/PS

3rd January, 1943

SUBJECT : Fire Fighting Equipment

TO : HCAPO, Region II (Thru RC&O)

1. In view of the removal or destruction of the Italian Fire Fighting appliances, A.F.H.Q. is considering the issue of additional apparatus.

2. This HQ has been instructed to prepare a list of the minimum requirements of such apparatus for the whole of Italy.

3. It has been decided to make application for the following types of appliance :-

a. Medium Trailer Pumps (complete with appurtenances) and with each pump 500 feet of spare hose 2½ in., 2 adapters 70 mm.-2½ in., 4 adapters 45 mm.-2½ in.

b. Mobile water tankers (self propelling)

4. It is requested that this HQ be informed of the MINIMUM number of the above mentioned items which it is considered are needed in Region II to augment the existing civil appliances.

5. The proposed location of such additional appliances should be stated.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Public Safety Division.

Replied at 27th

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DEC 1943

Subject: Passive Air Defence & Civil Defence.

H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army

OA/26/10A.
8 Dec 43.

H.Q., A.M.G.
15 Army Group.

1. Reference is made to your AMG/401/9 dated 12th Nov. 43. In the main your proposals would appear unobjectionable, but it is considered that they can hardly be applied to the spearhead officers operating and moving with the armies. The period of time for which the spearhead officers remain in a commune or town depends naturally upon the rate of advance of the Army, but is on an average approximately 10 days. During the first days of occupation, while the population are drifting back, the problem of feeding, housing etc., more than occupy the time of the Civil Affairs Officer, and the re-organisation of the P.A.D. and Fire Services has to wait until the more essential problems have been dealt with. Moreover the necessary local officials can rarely be found at that stage.

2. It is considered, therefore, that proposals such as you outline are really applicable to the organisation which takes over from the spearhead officers, which in the case of the 8th Army area at the moment consists of officers of Region IV acting under the directions of A.M.G. 8 Army. The above would, of course, not preclude spearhead C.A.Os from commencing the reorganisation of these services if they remain in the town or commune for any length of time, as a result of slowing down in the rate of advance, but this will be the exception rather than the rule.

3. In connection with the provision of equipment, it should be observed that the Germans are destroying or removing all equipment for the essential services with much greater thoroughness heretofor and the opportunity for transfer from one area to another is consequently greatly reduced. Provision of equipment should, therefore, be on a basis to allow for this.

C. Trow.
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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PS
17 DEC 1943

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. ARMY

Checked by PS on 17/12/43

7 December 1943

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SUBJECT: AMG, Civil Defence in Forward Areas.

TO : HQ., AMG, 15th Army Group.

1. With reference to memorandum dated 12 November 1943 on the subject of passive Air Defence, the following comments are offered.

2. It is agreed that AMG with advancing Armies cannot re-establish complete fire-fighting organizations.

3. It is suggested that in the first phase of operations, Army PAD officers should take complete control of all civilian material and operate this in conjunction with Army equipment.

4. At this stage it is considered that a CAO and a CAPO would not have the time to control and operate AMG fire and rescue equipment, nor would he have the specialized knowledge to submit demands for material.

5. As soon as possible an experienced AMG Fire and Civil Defence Officer should take over from the Army PAD officer.

6. It should now be possible for future operations in this country, to plan on a reasonably sound basis, the amount of material which it will be necessary to supply from Allied sources. Information regarding equipment and stocks of the "Vigili del Fuoco" in all towns at present occupied by the enemy, could be obtained and, on the assumption that most of this will be destroyed or removed, a reasonable estimate could be made of what is required.

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Obviously it is impossible to replace all of this material, but, to overcome the difficulties of a complete shortage, a pool of material could be planned for each Region, to be distributed as the Civil Defence Officer advised.

7. It should not be overlooked that adaptors must be provided for all equipment from British or American sources in order that it may be readily convertible for use with such Italian pumps or water mains as are found intact.

For the Commanding Officer:

Paul Revere.

PAUL REVERE
Major, ACD,
Adjutant General

AFW/ejm
P.S.D.

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Subject:- Fire-Fighting Equipment - Commune of Foggia.

AMG HQ.
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref.AMG/401/19.
24 November 43.

A.M.G. HQ,
Region III, FOGGIA.

Reference Fire Report on the Commune of Foggia dated 23 Oct 43. It has been ascertained that Eng. BUSACCA, Alfonso, of the Civil Fire Service is in charge of the Fire Station, and that he has been in touch with Lt.Col.Briggs. He has informed Major Lothian that a Fire Station has now been prepared, and he is collecting from out stations a certain amount of fire fighting equipment for Foggia.

for. R.J.P.THORNE THORNE,
Colonel, Chief Staff Officer.

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1. Civil Defence

The following further information has been obtained:

	Map Reference ROME
A. Civil Defence HQ is at The Ministry of Interior, VIA VIMINALE	753673
This is divided into 3 Divisions :	
1. A/A Defence located at the Ministry.	
2. Sanitation located in VIA MARGARETA	771677
3. Fire Defence located in VIA BERTOLONI	748673
B. Location of City Fire Stations (1st Corps) :	
1. The Central, VIA GENOA	748673

The Commandant of the Fire Services of ROME has his HQ here. Doubtful if he will be found - col DOTT ING BOTA - Recommended that Commandant from NAPLES, Col ENG FELSANI, who is next senior to BOTA, be called to ROME. There were about 326 all ranks at this station.

2. Station -	VIA TEVERA	754686
3. Station -	VIA APPIO	762655
4. Station -	VIA TUSCOLANA	771652
5. Station -	VIA MARMORATA	737648
6. Station -	PALAZZO VENEZIA	740669

This is a small station and there is doubt about it still being in service.

7. Station - at PIAZZA MAZZINI in VIA MONTE ZEBIO		726694
C. 1. Station at OSTIA	Map 1/200,000	F 5852
2. Station at ALBANO	do.	F 8048

This is a large station and had a strength of 500 all ranks.

3. School of Fire Fighting at CARTONNEILE VIA APPIA
Map 1/200,000 F 8159

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT (US Contingent)
APO 777, U.S. Army

BUCK SLIP

File No. AMG/1502/1/S3. Date: 20th Nov.

SUBJECT Feeding v Pay of Civil Service Personnel.

Number each memo consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw 1 line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No.	From	To	Date	Has attached paper been coordinated with all concerned?
(1)	Adm Dir.	D.C.O.S	20 Nov 43.	a) It is not considered that any immediate action can be taken in these matters. — 20/11 (b) The recent increased wages scales should help to alleviate the food problem to some extent. (c) Adm. Dir does not consider that an increased ration should be authorised for any one class of worker. ~~should~~ But that token steps are available it should apply to all. R.R. Cripps 21/11
2	DCS	Adm Dir	20 Nov	Concur paras (a)(b)(c) C/S
3	Adm Dir	P.S.	21 Nov	Attention is invited to remarks above-mentioned. F. Di Giacomo per Adm. Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

AMG/14502/1/PS November 19, 1943

SUBJECT : Conditions in Fire Services

TO : Administrative Directorate

1. Herewith, for you information, are reports, with enclosures, dated Nov. 5, and Nov. 11, 1943, regarding the above subject received by me from an Officer of the Fire and Civil Defence Sub-Division of the AMGOT Public Safety Division.

2. The enclosures to the report dated 5 Nov. indicate the disparity between living conditions of the personnel in 1941 and 1943.

3. It is realized that the meagre food supply is not peculiar to the Fire Service in particular, but is rather representative of the situation generally pertaining in Sicily.

4. The reports are forwarded because they point out the amount of food upon which the personnel now subsist, and the consequences ~~with~~ which might with reasonable certainty be expected to follow if the situation is not remedied in the immediate future.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK,
Col., Inf.,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

Return of the reports when they have served your purpose would be appreciated.

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HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.
(Fire & Civil Defence)

19A

16th.Nov.43.

SUBJECT. Conditions of Service,
Italian Fire Service.

TO - C.P.S.

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1 With reference to my memo. on the subject of rations for the Fire Service and dated 5/11/43 , addressed to C.P.S..

2 I have again to-day been requested to inspect the food of the Palermo Fire Service as it was reported that the men are getting very restless.

3 I found that their mid-day meal to-day consists of a small dish of green vegetable and three small oranges ONLY.

4 Unless some way can be found of providing the personnel with better food I fear that they will be neither able nor willing to carry out their important duties.

5 On the question of pay, which was also raised by the personnel, their anxiety was increased by the fact that they have been informed that the wages of the railway employees has been increased by 80%.

6 I regret very much having to press this matter but it is only the men's public spirit and their personal support of their Commandante and myself that has prevented some drastic action on their part.

7 This spirit and support will, I feel sure, not hold much longer in the face of inadequate food for themselves and insufficient money to provide for their families.

G.H.L.MASON,
Major.

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SUBJECT - FIRE SERVICE, SICILY.

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To - D.C.P.S.

1. Since the arrival of AMGOT in Sicily the Fire Service has been gradually re-organised on a Regional basis.
The re-organisation had reached the stage where the personnel, in spite of the difficulties of lack of tyres, spare parts etc. were working very well and with a very good spirit. With the general supervision of a Regional Fire Officer and the co-operation of the AMGOT officers at the various Regional, Provincial and Commune levels, the Senior Italian Fire Officer would have been in a position to run the service himself.

2. On the 15th.Sept. a strong recommendation was made for increased pay for the personnel of the Fire Service. It was understood that this had been considered but no communication or order of any kind on the subject has as yet been received. With the increased cost of living it is proving impossible for the men to provide for their families.

3. A new difficulty has now arisen - in every Corpo with the possible exception of those in the Agricultural provinces of Caltanissetta and Enna the ration of the men have been reduced to a stage at which it is impossible for them to perform their arduous tasks. In Palermo, for example, a call was received at 0630 hrs. to-day, to a collapsed house underneath which several persons were presumed to be trapped. The firemen had barely sufficient strength to do the hard digging and lifting and it was only their will power which enabled them to make the necessary sustained effort. Similar circumstances have recently arisen at fires where the men can hardly handle the heavy hose and other equipment.

4. Prior to the occupation the Fire Service had a special ration in view of their hard duties and a copy of the order granting such increased ration is attached. At the present time the men only get the same ration as the numerous loungers who decorate the streets of the city.

5. I personally inspected the mid-day meal of the Palermo Brigade

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5. I personally inspected the mid-day meal of the Palermo Brigade to-day and it consisted of a small plate of beans, two oranges and a portion of bread. Their evening meal to-day consists of a plate of peas only with no bread or anything. 3058
They can get no pasta, which is their main food.
It has been represented to me by the Senior Italian Fire Officer that the men simply cannot continue to work on such meagre food and with that view all the experienced Fire Officers of this Section heartily agree.

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Continued.

6. The personnel of the Fire Service feed in messes in their barracks and it is urged that a special order authorising the Officers to purchase supplementary rations in bulk should be issued according to the strength of each Corpo. Where the pasta cannot be obtained in the one Province the Corpo should be authorised to purchase elsewhere.

7. Many gallons of petrol are used and much avoidable wear of tyres is occasioned by the often fruitless search for the men's food.

8. Numerous applications for permission to resign from the Service have been made by the Palermo personnel alone, the men feeling that they cannot do their work on the present rations and stating with truth that they cannot afford to purchase extra food for themselves on their present pay.

9. I feel obliged to make the most urgent appeal for immediate action. The personnel is becoming demoralised and the Service cannot continue for long as things are.

10. I cannot accept the responsibility for the continuance of the Fire Service in Sicily unless some prompt action is taken.

G.H.L.MASON,
Major.
Fire and Civil Defence Sect..

Palermo
5/11/43.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI ANTINCENDI

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Roma 15 Aprile 1941

Div. II° Bis Sez. I
N° 2922/30007=11/13 di Prot.

CIRCOLARE N° 76

AI COMANDI DEI CORPI VIGILI FUOCO
REGNO

OMISSIS

La razione, pertanto, dei generi sottoindicati é stata stabilita come segue:

PANE	....grammi	550 giornalieri
PASTA	..... "	150 cinque volte alla settimana
RISO	..... "	150 due volte la settimana
GRASSI	.... "	15 giornalieri
ZUCCHERO	.. "	15 giornalieri
CARNE	.. "	150 quattro volte la settimana(l'osso non dovrà superare la percentuale del 25 %)

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FTO GIOMBINI

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RISO	"	I50	due volte la settimana
GRASSI....	"	I5	giornalieri
ZUCCHERO..	"	I5	giornalieri
CARNE ..	"	I50	quattro volte la settimana(l'osso non dovrà superare la percentuale del 25 %)

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PEL MINISTRO

FTO GIOMBINI

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58° CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO
PALERMO

VIVERI DISTRIBUITI AI VIGILI

DOMENICA 3I OTTOBRE I943

I° MENSA = Zuppa di verdura = Carne = Pane =Frutta = Vino

2° MENSA = Zuppa di ceci= Frutta = Vino

QUANTITA' ED IMPORTO

Pane	grammi	330	a L. 3,60	L.	1,19
Sale	"	20	" 3	"	0.06
Cipolle	"	20	" 12	"	0.24
Verdura	"	500	" 9 ?.....	"	4,50
Aglio	"	004	" I0 ?.....	"	0.04
Carne	"	I00	" 42	"	4.20
Olio	"	I5	" I5.50	"	0.23
Vino	"	250	" 9.60	"	2,38
Zucca	"	I00	" 6	"	0.60
Ceci	"	I50	" 13	"	I.95
Frutta	"	I50	" I6	"	2.40
			TOTALE		I7.79 per ogni Vigile

LUNEDI' I NOVEMBRE I943

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2° MENSA = Zuppa di ceci = Frutta = Vino.

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Pane	grammi	340	a L. 3.60 .....L.		1.22
Sale	"	20	" 3.00 ....."		0.06
Verdura		500	" 6.00 ....."		3.00
Panelle	N°	3	" I ....."		3.00
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Olio		I5	" I5.50		0.23
Vino		250	" 9.60 ....."		2.38

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Frutta	I50	" I8.00	"	2.70
Sedano				0.I0
		TOTALE L.		I4.68 per ogni vi[illegible]

MARTEDI' 2 NOVEMBRE I943

I° MENSA = Zuppa di verdura = Pane = Frutta = Vino
2° MENSA = Zuppa di fave = frutta = Vino.

TOTALE DELLA SPESA L. I5.30

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MERCOLEDI 3 NOVEMBRE I9 3

I° MENSA = Zuppa di ceci con verdura = Pane = Frutta = Vino
2° MENSA = Zuppa di fave con verdura = Frutta = Vino

IMPORTO DELLA SPESA L. 15.30 per ogni vigile

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GIOVEDI' 4 NOVEMBRE I943

I° MENSA = Zuppa di verdura = Frutta = Pane = Vino
2° MENSA = Zuppa di fave = Frutta = Vino.

IMPORTO DELLA SPESA L. 13,38 per ogni vigile

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VENERDI' 5 NOVEMBRE I943

I° MENSA=Zuppa di verdura = Frutta = Pane = Vino
2° MENSA= Zuppa di ceci con sedano e zucca = Frutta = Vino.

IMPORTO DELLA SPESA L. 14,25 per ogni vigile

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VENERDI' 5 NOVEMBRE 1943

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IMPORTO DELLA SPESA L. 14,25 per ogni vigile

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20 DECEMBER 1943

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II. ADD ARMED EN FORCE TO PARAGRAPH OBTAINED IN APO LETTER [illegible]

THREE EIGHT SEVEN Q REGARD RATE BRACKET DATED TWO EIGHT OCTOBER ONE FIVE

FOR THREE FOUR FIVE DEAD DUE PARO TO PRIORITY PUB REQ DATE PARO 756 769

PARA CONCERN ADDITIONAL ITALIAN OFFICERS AS WAR SERVICE DIRECTORS

TO EACH REGION X ADD APPOINTMENT MADE FOR JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS X SEE ENDING

MINIMUM DISTURBANCE OF PRESENT ITALIAN ORGANIZATION X APPROPRIATE URGENT

REQUIREMENTS ARMED FORCE TRIAL IN REGION WITH APPOINTMENTS Y N X ALLIED

OCCUPY IN REGION MEDIUM FORCE TRIAL IN REGION WITH APPOINTMENTS THE VOUCHED

FOR CONCERN IN REGION Y N X ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE QUALIFIED TRIBUNAL

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DETAILED REQUIREMENTS IN LETTER X

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Subject: Fire Service Report.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AMG/79/15.
10 November 43.

A.M.G. H.Q.,
8th Army.

Reference my AMG/79/13 of 2nd November, 43, addressed to Allied Military Mission, copy to you.

The C.C.A.O. directs that as the Italian Govt has no present responsibility for Foggia, the S.C.A.O. should get prefect to make a beginning of organising and collecting fire fighting apparatus.

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

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Fire Service Report.

H.Q. A.M.G.
15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

AMG/79/13.
2 Nov. 43.

Lt-Col. Monfort,
Allied Military Mission,
Brindisi.

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I attach a report on the Fire Services in Foggia from which it will be seen that they are in effect non-existent.

I shall be grateful if you can take this up with the Italian Government as soon as possible.

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

RJPT/EN.

Copy to: A.M.G. 8th Army.

Yes, but SCAO should get the prefect to make a beginning. If Col Monfort and I do nothing the matter will drag on indefinitely

CCAO. You may wish to see this first

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOGGIA

28 October 1943

SUBJECT : Fire report for the Commune of Foggia

TO : HQ, AMGOT, Palermo

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1. Undersigned submits a preliminary fire report for the Commune of Foggia.

2. Attention is called to the fact that at present there is not functioning in Foggia any organized fire brigade. This is true of the whole province.

William A. Lessa

William A. Lessa, 2d Lt
Civil Affairs Police Officer

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Group Captain Benson
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FIRE REPORT

Commune of Foggia

Province of Foggia

The head of the provincial Vigili del Fuoco is Alfonso Busacca, who controls the local station and those at the only other three communes of the province, namely, San Severo, Cerignola, and Manfredonia (which are here not reported upon).

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1. At present there is not an active fire brigade in Foggia, since it has been temporarily disbanded on account of the war situation.

2. Ordinarily the town possessed a fire brigade consisting of two officers and 80 men, a total of 82.

3. As noted above, the fire brigade is not funtioning but is prepared to re-establish service.

4. Chief officer is Engineer (=Captain) Busacca Alfonso.

5. There are no auxiliary firemen available.

6. FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES

a. Motor pumps: two or three of capacity 750 liters/minute.
b. Motor pumps carrying escape ladders: none
c. Motor turntable extension ladders: one
d. Motor escape carrying vehicles: none
e. Motor fire tenders, rescue vans, canteens, etc.: none
f. Horse drawn steam or manual pumps: none
g. Trailer pumps: none

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f. Horse drawn steam or manual pumps: none
g. Trailer pumps: none
h. Towing vehicles available: none
i. Manual pumps capable of being towed: none

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7. WATER SUPPLY

a. Water supply is adequate
b. Hydrants in the streets are spaced about 200 meters apart
c. The water mains system is functioning
d. There are no static tanks, though one of 100 cubic meters is being constructed
e. There are no other sources of water supply. In former times wells were available but since the opening of the Apulian Aqueduct these have been closed.
f. There are no water-carrying vehicles

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8. No arrangements exist for mutual assistance with neighboring communes.

9. There are no private fire brigades in the commune

10. Recommendations:

The commune has need for the following fire-fighting equipment:

1 truck of 20 quintals capacity
2 " " 6 " "
20 picks
20 shovels
50 hatchets
1 motor pump
hose

Most important is the need for a fire station. This would have to accommodate 50 men and provide offices and a garage. No station exists at present.

END OF REPORT

28 October 1943

William A. Leona

William A Leona, 2d Lt
Civil Affairs Police Officer

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HQ, AMGOT
Major Talbot
Major Steel
Group Captain Benson
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28 October 1943

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.

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SUBJECT: FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES. FILE No. .....

TO: C.P.S.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

11th; Nov. 1943

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Reference para. 2 MGS - 384.51 dated 4 November 1943.

Notes on our views within the terms of reference referred to in this paragraph are attached.

With regard to requirements, it is a little difficult to gave an answer to this point as it does not state for what country or part of country we are required to estimate.

We have therefore assumed that it refers to Italy only and that the requirements for Southern Italy are already known from the information now to hand in some other department of AMG.

The estimate therefore is for the unoccupied portion of Italy.

No estimate has been made for stirrup pumps since it is felt that the advisability of providing these is doubtful for the following reasons -

1. If they are distributed generally they would be stolen.
2. The population would be too scared to use them in event of a raid.

If any are to be provided it is thought that only sufficient to cover the public buildings should be asked for.

It is assumed from previous enquiries that the question of adaptors is being considered and that they would be supplied with the trailer pumps.

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G.H.L.MASON, Major.

FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION - PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, AMG.

SUBJECT - Fire Fighting Policy.

To - C.P.S., AMG.

11/11/43.

As requested I have considered the attached correspondence and would submit the following observations.

Ref; 6437/Q(Maint) dated 28th.Oct.43.

Terms of reference.

(a) Experience in Sicily has shown that by general conformation with the Italian Fire Service laws, with the deletion of Fascist and class legislation, the Fire Service can be operated by the nationals under general supervision of AMG Officers.

Fire Service personnel are mostly fully co-operative and are actuated by a strict sense of their duty to the public.

The proposed scheme for Italy submitted by the Acting Supt. Fire & C.D.,AMGOT is based on the experience in Sicily. It envisaged the building up of the Service, Region by Region under an Italian Officer supervised by a specialist AMG Officer.
The functions of the Director General of the Anti-fire Dept. Ministry of Interior would be carried out by the Specialist Officers on AMG, H.Q..
The work of reconstruction of the Service in Italy would probably be more difficult than in Sicily since the Germans have in many cases disbanded the Fire Brigades and the personnel may be scattered.

Provided that the national Fire Service laws are observed generally such a system could be applied to any country where the Fire Service is controlled nationally.
The personnel are able to function on the lines with which they are familiar and when the time comes to hand back the control to the national government, this can be done more easily in every respect. Complications of a financial nature are also avoided.

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In countries where the Service is not a national one, it is considered that a Regional organisation should be set up on rather different lines but with general supervision and central control by H.Q., AMG.

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(b) The pre-planning of the control and requirements of the Fire Service in Ports and Bases by a joint Committee of the Army Fire Service Officers and the AMG Fire Officers is essential.
This Section asked AFHQ for a conference with other branches during the planning period for the invasion of Sicily but there was no reply to the request.

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(c) The developments in Sicily have indicated to some degree the probable trend of requirements in future operations although it is thought that the supplies problem will be more acute in Italy owing to the policy of the Germans of destroying what vehicles and appliances they do not need or cannot take.

In Sicily, where the bulk of the appliances were found to be intact, the major difficulties are the supply of tyres and spare parts for vehicles. Supplies of petrol, oil, grease, oxygen, hose, foam have to be available for distribution.

The existing appliances must be kept in service.

The removal of appliances or parts of appliances by the combat troops and the taking over of premises constitutes a big problem. Every endeavour should be made to obtain the issue of orders by Army Commanders against such action except in case of extreme urgency.

A certain number of trailer pumps, complete with appurtenances should be held ready to replace or augment the Fire Service pumps especially in Ports and Bases and other towns of Military importance. The existing appliances will wear out or break down completely in time and a reserve should be at hand in case of need.

In considering the requirements in Italy and in other similar countries cognisance must be taken of the water situation. The provision of mobile water tanks to feed the pumps must be envisaged. There are certain climatic disadvantages of static tanks as well as the question of time and materials for construction of such.

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G.H.L. Mason,
Major.

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ESTIMATED MINIMUM MAJOR APPLIANCES REQUIRED TO COVER THE MAIN RISKS IN THAT PART OF ITALY AS YET NOT OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES.

TOWN	Medium Trailer Pumps, complete with appurtenances.	Mobile water carrying Vehicles.	RISK
Frosinone	1	-	RC
Rome	8	6	RC
TERNI	2	2	RC
Peruggia	1	2	RC
Leghorn	2	4	P
Ancona	3	4	P
Florence	4	2	RC
Pisa	2	2	RC
Bologna	3	4	RC
Ferrara	2	2	RC
Genoa	8	6	P
Modena	1	-	RC
Cremona	1	-	RC
Mantua	1	-	RC
Padua	2	-	RC
Venice	3	-	Oil
Trieste	4	2	P
Treviso	2	-	RC
Udine	2	2	RC
Vicenza	1	-	RC
Verona	3	2	RC
Bolzano	2	2	RC
Trento	1	2	RC
Turin	6	6	RC I
Milan	10	10	RC I
Piacenza	2	2	RC
Alessandra	2	2	RC
Pola	2	2	P
Fiume	3	4	P
TOTAL	84	70	

RC = Rail Centre. P = Port. I = Industrial.
Special consideration may need to be given to foam appliances for the oil storage plant at VENICE if this concerns AMG.

It is considered that an allowance of 500 ft; of spare hose be

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Venice	3	–	P
Trieste	4	2	RC
Treviso	2	–	RC
Udine	2	2	RC
Vicenza	1	–	RC
Verona	3	2	RC
Bolzano	2	2	RC
Trento	1	2	RC
Turin	6	6	RC I
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Special consideration may need to be given to foam appliances for the oil storage plant at VENICE if this concerns AMG.

It is considered that an allowance of 500 ft; of spare hose be allowed for each Trailer Pump, making a total of 42,000 ft..

In estimating the number of water carrying vehicles the water 30/3 situation of each town has been considered.

G.H.L.Mason,
Major.

J.Lowe, Captain.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Sub-Commission

10 November 43.

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AMG/1450?/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Fire Service Organisation.

TO : MGS, A.F.H.Q.

1. With reference to your MGS-384.51 dated 25 October 43, enclosed herewith is reply to Questionnaire attached to your letter, also copy of 'I Vigili del Fuoco' together with other official publications relating to the Italian Fire Service.

2. Samples of hose-couplings and stand pipe fittings referred to in reply to Question 3 are being forwarded under seperate cover.

For the Commanding General,

PAUL. G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ATTACHED TO APHQ LETTER NO. 384.51 DATED 25 OCTOBER 1943

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1. Number and type of Fire appliances in use now, and before Allied Occupation?

It is not stated to which area this question applies and the answer would vary from Region to Region. No reports have as yet been received from the mainland but it is known that the Germans have been removing many of the appliances as they fall back.

The approximate position in Region 1 is shewn on the attached list but it is thought that this Region may well prove to be exceptionally fortunate in the number of existing appliances.

2. What relation, if any, numbers of appliances bear the number of personnel?

Answering this question the other way round the following is the normal basis of calculation -

For each Autopump	-	a crew of 6	with a mechanic.
" " Tanker	-	" " " 6	" " "
" " Wrecker	-	" " " 6	
" " T.F. Ladder	-	" " " 5	

Allowing for a tour of duty of 4 days on and 2 days off, the actual strength in the Sicily Region is just sufficient to allow for the satisfactory working of the Service as under -

Vehicle crews	-	593	
Personnel in offices, repair shops, etc	-	307	
Off duty	-	300	- making a total of 1200.

In the event of a raid warning, all off duty personnel report for duty.

3. Size and gauge of hydrants and connections?

Normally the hydrants in Italy and Sicily are of two sizes - one of 70 mm and the other of 45 mm. Some of the hydrants are at street level and need a stand-pipe, and hydrant key, whilst others are fitted with a fixed stand-pipe and allow for the instantaneous coupling up of the hose.

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The volume (open end) is about 800 litres per minute and the pressure varies from Province to Province - in most cases being rather low. In PALERMO the pressure is 2 atmospheres.

4. What was the approximate date of reorganisation of Italian Fire
5. Service on a National basis?
Give all possible information of new organisation and of any mobile reserve system.

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The R.D.L., 10 October, 1935 and numbered 2472, provided for the institution of the "Central Directorate of Firemen" as an organ of the Ministry of the Interior.

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There was also created a General Directorate of Fire Services. This is, as has been stated, a branch of the Ministry of the Interior.

Only the Officers are part of the Government personnel. The men are controlled by the Corps of the Province. The Corps are divided into 5 categories.

Accomodation, barracks etc; are run by the Provincial administration.

Each Corps is controlled byaa Council of Administration under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Prefect.

A central school was founded in Rome.

Since 10 October 1935 the services of the Fire Brigade are free.

Every inhabitant pays a tax for Fire Brigade purposes of 1 lira per year.

Insurance Companies pay 2% on all premiums received.

At the General Directorate there is a Director-General, the Commandante of the School and 5 Senior Inspectors with the rank of Colonel.

The Corps are commanded as under -

1st.	Category	- Colonel.
2nd.	"	- Lt. Col.
3rd.	"	- Major.
4th.	"	- Captain.
5th.	"	- Lieutenant.

Decree No. 702 of 16th March 1942 laid down the Regulations covering State personnel and personnel of the Fire Service. The organic strength of the Corps was divided into Permanent and Temporary personnel as under - 30-40

Permanent personnel	-	3123
Temporary "	-	19355

making a total of 22478 for the entire Kingdom.

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MACCHINE	No	MARCA TIPO	FORZA	AVANTI OCCUPAZIONE	CRA	O S
AUTOPOMPE GRANDI	4	SPA 25.0.10	1500	18	16	Durante perdute
	3	SPA 38.R.L.	1800			
	4	FIAT 635	3000			
	4	FIAT 621	1300			
	3	FIAT 626 R.L.	1800			
AUTOPOMPE PICCOLE	3	FIAT 525	750	19	16	Durante perdute
	5	FIAT 603	750			
	4	FIAT 521	750			
	4	FIAT 635	800			
	3	AUTAIOTA LANCIA	1000			
AUTOBOTTI GRANDI	2	SPA 38	1800	13	10	Durante perdute
	4	FIAT 603	750			
	2	SPA 30.000	3000			
	3	FIAT 626	3000			
	2	CHIRAVO 2000	2400			
AUTOBOTTI PICCOLE	3	FIAT 525	750	10	6	Durante perdute
	3	FIAT 18 B.L.	2000			
	4	VARIE	900			
MOTOPOMPE SCARRADILI	4	S.A.M. 500	500	25	23	Durante perdute
	6	S.A.M. 1100	1000			
	6	BENZA	800			
	4	ompa	1000			
	5	MINIMAX	1000			
MOTOPOMPE A CARRELLO	5	DAINVILLE	500	31	30	Durante perdute
	5	PROFUMO	500			
	10	[illegible]	1000			
	11	VARIE	800			

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13	16	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute 2 autopompe grandi.
19	16	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute tre autopompe piccole.
15	10	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute tre autobotti grandi
10	8	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute 2 autobotti piccole.
25	43	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute 2 motopompe scorrabili.
31	30	Durante l'occupazione è andata perduta una motopompa

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MACCHINE	No	MARCA TIPO	PORTATA	AVANTI OCCUPAZIONE	ORE
CARRI ATTREZZATI	5 4 6 4 4 4	FIAT 524 FIAT 1100 FIAT 618 CENTAURO 47.0. M 13 15.TER VARI		27	24
AUTOGRU' AEREI	1 2	FIAT MACCHI	M.26 M.26	3	3

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DATA	AVANTI OCCUPAZIONE	ORA	OSSERVAZIONI
	27	21	Durante l'occupazione sono andati perduti 6 autocarri attrezzati.
	5	3	Massima variazione

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SICILY

PROVINCIA	DISTACCAMENTI	NUMERO CATEGORIA	COMANDANTE	PERS. LEGGE	PERS. PRESENTE
PALERMO	Palermo Termini Imerese Partinico Petralia Sottana	58 I	DOTT. ING. LATESI RICI	92 257	92 258
MESSINA	Messina Milazzo Taormina	51 II	TANTILLO ING. GUIDO ICCHI NELLI	73 183	73 177
CATANIA	Catania Adrano Caltagirone	22 III	BELLANTE SAVARIO SAN TORO	27 201	27 153
AGRIGENTO	Agrigento Licata Sciacca	73 IV	PUGLISI GIUS. NICOLA DE ES ARTE	13 147	13 37
RAGUSA	Ragusa	63 IV	TRUGLIO ALDO COLAIANI NO DARIDICO	13 79	13 37
SIRACUSA	Siracusa Palazzolo Augusta Noto	79 IV	TORRISI UGO RICCIULLI	13 134	13 73

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SICILY

	PERS. LOST	PERS. PRESENT	APPARECCHI CONTRIBUTICI
[illegible]	92 257	92 258	8 Autopompe 7 Autobotti 8 Carri-attrezzi 7 Autocarri 2 Scale aeree 2 Motobarche 22 Motopompe
[illegible] [illegible]	73 183	73 177	7 Autopompe 1 Autobotti 9 Carri-attrezzi 1 Autovettura 2 Motobarche 10 Motopompe
[illegible]	27 201	27 153	9 Autopompe 2 Autobotti 2 Carri-attrezzi 1 Autovettura 1 Scala aerea 4 Motopompe
[illegible]	13 147	13 57	2 Autopompe 2 Autobotti 1 Carro-attrezzi 4 Motopompe
[illegible]	13 79	13 57	2 Autopompe 1 Autobotte 1 Carro-attrezzi 6 Motopompe
[illegible]	15 134	15 75	1 Autopompa 3 Autobotti 1 Carro-attrezzi 1 Autocarro 4 Motopompe

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PROVINCIA	DISTACCAMENTI	NUMERO CATEGORIA	COMANDANTE	PERS. LEGGE	PERS. PRESENTI
TRAPANI	Trapani Alcamo Marsala Castelvetrano	84 IV	TENENTE SILVIO MUSCA	15 120	15 75
CALTANISSETTA	Caltanissetta Gela Mussomeli	19 IV	TENENTE FRANCESCO LIMETTA	15 79	15 65
ENNA	Enna Nicosia Piazza Armerina	29 V	TENENTE LIBERO ZUCCHI	10 95	10 65

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COMMANDER	PERS. LEGGE	PERS. PRESENTE	AUTOMEZZI FORNITRISTICI
TENENTE SILVIO MOSCA	15 120	15 75	4 Autopompe 3 Autobotti 3 Carri-attrezzi 2 Motobarche 10 Motopompe
TENENTE FRANCESCO IANETTA	15 79	15 65	2 Autopompe 3 Autobotti 2 Carri-attrezzi 1 Autocarro 4 Motopompe
TENENTE LIBERO NUCCHI	10 95	10 65	2 Autopompe 1 Autobotte 1 Carro-attrezzi 4 Autocarri 4 Motopompe

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FIRE
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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE.

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4.+5 What was the approximate date of reorganisation of Italian Fire Service on a National basis.
GIVE ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION OF NEW ORGANISATION + OF ANY MOBILE RESERVE SYSTEM
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A central school was founded in Rome.
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5th. " - Lieutenant.

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It would be possible to improve the service from a Regional point of view by appointing the Senior Comandante of the Region as Controller of the Region. This was previously done from 1929 - 1935 under the old " Federazione Tecnica Nazionale dei Pompieri " which was sub-divided into " Unione Tecniche Regionali " and which has been done in Sicily by AMGOT.

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DIACCIATE	Nº	MARCA TIPO	PORTATA	AVANTI OCCUPA ZIONE	ORA	
AUTOPONTE GRANDI	4	SPA 25.C.10	1300	18	16	Durante permute
	3	SPA 30.R.A.	1800			
	4	FIAT 635	3000			
	4	FIAT 621	1800			
	3	FIAT 626 R.B.	1800			
AUTOPONTI PICCOLI	3	FIAT 525	750	19	16	Durante permute
	5	FIAT 603	750			
	4	FIAT 521	750			
	4	FIAT 635	800			
	3	AUTOVETTA LANCIA	1000			
AUTOPONTI GRANDI	2	SPA 30	1800	13	10	Durante permute
	4	FIAT 603	750			
	2	SPA 30.000	3000			
	3	FIAT 626	3000			
	2	CITROEN 2000	2400			
AUTOPONTI PICCOLI	3	FIAT 525	750	10	8	Durante permute
	3	FIAT 18 D.L.	2000			
	4	FIAT	500			
AUTOPONTI	4	S.A.B. 500	500			Durante

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TIPO	PORTATA	AVANTI OCCUPA ZIONE	CIA	OSSERVAZIONI
10 A. R.D.	1300 1000 3000 1000 1800	18	16	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute 2 autopompe grandi.
    LANCIA	750 750 750 800 1000	19	16	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute tre autopompe piccole.
  00 2000	1800 750 3000 3000 2400	13	10	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute tre autobotti grandi.
.L.	750 2000 900	10	6	Durante l'occupazione sono andate perdute 2 autobotti piccole.
C	500 1000			Durante l'occupazione sono andate [illegible]

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AUTODETTA PICCOLA	3	FIAT 525	750	10	8	Durante pernotto
	3	FIAT 10 B.L.	2000			
	4	VARIE	900			
MOTOPOMPE SOMMERGIBILI	4	S.A.B. 500	500	25	23	Durante pernotto
	6	S.A.B. 1100	1000			
	6	BERZIA	800			
	4	OTTA	1000			
	5	MILLER	1000			
MOTOPOMPE A CARRELLO	5	DECOVILLE	500	31	30	Durante pernotto
	5	PROTUTO	500			
	10	BERSCHI	1000			
	11	VARIE	800			
CARRI ATTREZZATI	5	FIAT 524		27	21	Durante pernotto
	4	FIAT 1100				
	6	FIAT 618				
	4	CITROEN 47.C.				
	4	FIAT 15.TER				
	4	VARI				
AUTOSCALE AEREE	1	FIAT 626 R.D.	H.26	3	3	Permanente
	2	MAGIRUS	M.26			

58° COMPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO PALERMO

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.	750 2000 500	16	8	Durante l'occupazione non andata perduta 2 autobotti piccole.
	500 1000 800 1000 1000	25	23	Durante l'occupazione non andata perduta 2 motopompe sommergibili.
	500 500 1000 800	31	30	Durante l'occupazione è andata perduta una motopompa.
C.		27	21	Durante l'occupazione sono andati perduti 6 autocarri attrezzi.
B.	E.26 E.26	3	3	Nessuna variazione.

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58° CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO PALERMO

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PROVINCIA	DISTACCAMENTI	NUMERO CATEGORIA	COMANDANTE	PERS. ISCR.	PERS. PRESENTE	A
PALERMO	Palermo Termini Imerese Partinico Petralia Sottana	58 I	DOTT. ING. LUIGI DIGI	92 237	92 258	8 7 8 7 2 2 22
MESSINA	Messina Milazzo Taormina	51 IX	TENENTE ING. GUIDO NICOLI UNTLI	73 183	73 177	7 1 2 16
CATANIA	Catania Adrano Caltagirone	22 III	TENENTE SAVERIO SAL TORO	27 201	27 193	9 2 1 4
AGRIGENTO	Agrigento Licata Sciacca	73 XV	TENENTE CHIR. NICOLA DE Z RUTA	13 147	13 37	2 2 1 4
RAGUSA	Ragusa	68 XV	TENENTE LUIGI COLAN TO DOMINICO	13 79	13 37	2 1 1

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NUMERO CATEGORIA	COMANDANTE	PERS. LINGUE	PERS. FASCISTE	AUTOMEZZI POLITECNICI
36 I	DOTT. ING. LUIGI BIGI	92 237	92 258	8 Autopompe 7 Autobotti 8 Carri-attrezzi 7 Autoscale 2 Scala aerea 2 Motobarche 22 Motopompe
51 II	TENENTE ING. GUIDO PICCI NELLI	73 183	73 177	7 Autopompe 1 Autobotte 9 Carri-attrezzi 1 Autovettura 2 Motobarche 10 Motopompe
22 III	TENENTE SAVERIO SAMPINO	27 201	27 153	9 Autopompe 2 Autobotti 2 Carri-attrezzi 1 Autovettura 1 Scala aerea 4 Motopompe
73 IV	TENENTE GIROLAMO NICOLA DE LUCA	13 147	13 37	2 Autopompe 2 Autobotti 1 Carro-attrezzi 4 Motopompe
65 IV	TENENTE ANTONIO OCLANDO DOMENICO	13 79	13 37	2 Autopompe 1 Autobotte 1 Carro-attrezzi

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	Sezione	AV	RUTA			4
TRAPANI	Trapani Alcamo Marsala Castelvetrano	84 IV	TRIOLO SILVIO MOSCA	15 120	15 75	
CATANZARO	Catanzaro Gola Tuscania	29 IV	TRIOLO FRANCESCO MART_ TA	15 79	15 65	+1,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

MGS.-384.51 4 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Co-ordination of Fire Fighting Arrangements

TO : HQ AMG 15 Army Group
HQ AMG CMF

Reference the attached copies of War office letter 3/Gen/704/Q (OPS) of 6 October 1943, and of this HQ letter 6437/Q (Maint) of 28 October 1943.

1. This Section has expressed agreement with the proposals contained in the second of the two letters quoted above.

2. In order that the Representative of this Section to the International Fire Fighting Committee may have knowledge of your views and requirements, within the terms of reference of the Committee, please forward any suggestions which you may care to make, together with your requirements of equipment, by cable to this HQ as early as possible.

D. S. JACKLING
Lieutenant Colonel
Military Government Section

Copy to:- AMG (P)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q Maint Section

6437/Q(Maint)

Tel: Freedom 290

28 Oct 43

SUBJECT: Co-ordination of Fire Fighting Arrangements

To: C-in-C, Med.
A.O.C.-in-C, M.A.C.
G-4(A)
Engineer
Tn(Br)
Mil. Govt. Sec.
Civil Defence Adviser
Fire Officer (Br)
War Shipping Administration (U.S.)
Ministry of War Transport (Br)

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is copy of War Office letter 3/Gen/704/Q(Ops) of 6 Oct 43. In the light thereof it has been decided to set up an international Fire Fighting Committee upon which it is proposed that the following should be members.

Chairman
A/D.Q.M.G.
Representative of C-in-C, Med
Representative of A.O.C-in-C, M.A.C.
U.S. Representative of Engineer
Representative of Tn (Br)
Representative of Q(Maint).
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(a) To ensure, as far as operations permit, that fire defence is planned and organised on a territorial basis.

(b) To co-ordinate the fire defence requirements of Services and of organisations controlled by the Mil. Govt. Sec. especially in ports used by one or both of these organisations and especially during planning of operations.

(c) To interpret the general policies laid down by the War Department, Washington and the War Office, London, for the provision of fire fighting equipment and spares including fire fighting tugs and floats and including agreement on the source from which such equipment shall be provided and to [illegible] such provision in the planning of operations.

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(d) To allocate fire fighting equipment between the Services and organisations controlled by Mil. Govt. Sec.

(e) To collate and disseminate all fire fighting technical intelligence.

3. This Committee will deal direct with the Fire Fighting (Overseas) Committee, War Office, London and (to be completed by G-4 (A)) War Department, Washington on all matters within its terms of reference.

4. Addressees are requested to state their agreement to or comments on the above proposals.

Signed/ ?
Brig.
for Major-General,
D.C.M.C.

AWJ/NJ

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3/Gen/704/C(Ops)

THE WAR OFFICE, C(Ops)
10, Whitehall Place,
LONDON, S.W.1.

6th October, 1943.

Sir,

1. I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the Principal Administrative Officers have set up under their aegis, a Fire Fighting (Overseas) Committee. The membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee are as follows:-

Brigadier R.St.C.T. Ransome	Brig.C(Ops)	War Office.	Chairman.
Captain G. D. Marks		Admiralty.	
Maj.Gen. D. J. MacMullen	D.Tn.	War Office.	
Maj.Gen. S. W. Kirby	D.C.A.	War Office.	
Lt. Col. S. M. Beattie	Controller of Fire	Services, War Office.	
Group Capt. J.A.W. Binnie		Air Ministry	
Sir Arthur Dixon		Home Office	
Mr. A. Sullivan		National Fire Service	
Mr. A. Reid	Port and Transit (Overseas) Committee, M.W.T.		
Mr. A. M. Rake		M.W.T.	

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(iii) To decide the method of employment and allotment of the National Fire Service in aid of the Services and Civil Affairs organisation.

(iv) To co-ordinate all fire defence requirements in all ports to be used by the Services and/or Civil Affairs organisation.

(v) To plan the fire defence required in the U.K. in connection with mounting operations.

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2. Reports from formations in certain overseas theatres have shown the need for the co-ordination of fire services during planning and execution, particularly as regards ports. It is, therefore, suggested that all overseas Commands should set up a Fire Fighting Service Committee on similar lines to the LONDON Committee. It is hoped that these Committees will refer any matter on which guidance is required to the LONDON Committee, and that they will also submit any technical intelligence they may collect.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signd) G. W. LAMBERT

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SUBJECT - FIRE SERVICES - Sicily.

To - D.C.P.S.

Certain matters have come to attention of this Section which it is felt must be referred to you for action.
If it is the policy of the Allied Government to keep the Fire Service operating it is essential that the Senior Civil Fire Officer should have the full support of all Departments of A.C..

The present position is as follows -
New appliances are not forthcoming and the Brigades have to keep their existing appliances in working order by repair and re-placement of spare parts. The spare parts are controlled in most cases by one branch or other of the Allied Forces - for example, in Palermo most of the essential spare parts are controlled by I.B.S. whilst others are controlled by AMGOT or A.C..
If the Comandante needs any spare parts he can only obtain them by coming to this Section and one of our officers going with him to try to obtain the goods. We are passed from one officer to another and more than 50 per cent of our time is taken up in this way. Unless we do this, however, the Fire Brigade can get nothing - the Comandante is either refused an interview with the Allied Officer concerned or is kept waiting for some hours and finally told he cannot have the goods he needs. In other parts of the Island the Comandanti are told that they can go to the spare parts "depots" and take what they require.
Many weeks ago Civil Supplies Dept. were asked to provide certain tyres to put pumps and tankers back on the road. Only about 4 or 5 tyres have been supplied and yet it is stated that there is a tyre depot controlled by I.B.S. from which civilians have been obtaining tyres.
Delays have been occasioned in the supplies of stationery, oxygen and other materials in Palermo and other towns because of the complete indifference of the controlling personnel to the needs of the Fire Service.
The rations of the Firemen have been cut down to a limit far below a suitable standard considering the duties they have to perform.
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The Service is a National one and was previously controlled from Rome and local control was limited to certain items. It is essential that this system be maintained and that the Senior Fire Officer be allowed to run and re-organise the Service generally in accordance with their own laws and with the maximum co-operation and help from all A.C. personnel. At the present time his prestige and authority and that of this Section is being undermined in many ways.

Examples of the difficulties are given below -

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PALERMO.

Tyres asked for some weeks ago have not been supplied.

At the back of the AMGOT Officers Club is a vehicle "cemetery" in which lie various parts of vehicles needed to put Fire Services vehicles into commission. Officers of this Section have applied to various officers of Transportation Section for permission for the Fire Dept. to take some of these parts. Permission has sometimes been given but when the Fire Brigade sent round for the parts they were not allowed to have them. In the present week our officers have spent several hours trying to find someone who could give firm permission but such a person does not seem to exist. In the meantime many of the parts have been removed by someone with or without permission. A small car engine lies there and is needed for one of the service trucks but we are told we cannot have it. It will most probably be given to a civilian contractor or some such person. The Fire Dept; is to be commended for the way in which they repair their vehicles and improvise, and not hindered in this way and it certainly should not be necessary for this Section to have to send our officers out on this work.

It took two officers of this Section nearly two weeks to obtain paper for the Fire Dept. stationery.

Oxygen is urgently needed, not only for welding, but also for cutting in the case of rescue work - and many buildings are collapsing in the city now the rain has started. Oxygen is also needed for the breathing apparatus the Brigade uses. Two officers from this Section have been unable to obtain the oxygen from AMGOT and were told that I.B.S. had control of it all. Application was then made in person to I.B.S. and we are informed that we may be able to obtain some next week. A regular supply of this comodity is essential to the Fire Brigade and it is considered that this could be arranged if only the persons concerned would interest themselves.

An application was received from the Comandante of the Brigade for permission to obtain from Caltanisetta two tons of pasta for the personnel - a month's supply. The contractor to the Brigade is unable to supply but some could be bought on the Black market for 60 lire in small quantities. The required amount could be purchased in Caltanisetta for 20 lire

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SYRACUSA.

A letter has been received by the Senior Fire Officer from the Comandante of the Syracusa Corps stating that he has been dismissed from his post by the C.A.P.O.. This letter is attached.

Under the Italian law only the Minister of the Interior can dismiss a Comandante. This Division has already laid down that all promotions and dismissals must come through the Senior Fire Officer and this Section. The circumstances of this case appear to call for some investigation as no good reason is given for this precipitate action. The Senior Fire Officer is of opinion that the dismissed man is a good and efficient officer. If this sort of thing is going to happen this section cannot function and the Senior Fire Officer cannot possibly run the service as a National one and might as well be told to leave it to the local A.C. officers. It is proposed to send an Officer from this Section to Syracusa with the Senior Fire Officer to make a thorough investigation into this case and your approval and support on the principle of central control is sought.

GENERAL.

Rations.

The personnel of the Fire Service on the Island is being treated in the same way as the Civilians. In some Provinces theyare still getting their full ration of food and in others the ration has been cut. The method of rationing and supply is as follows - an amount of 16 lire per day is allowed for food. Of this the permanent personnel pay nothing and the "voluntary" personnel pay 5 lire per day. The cost of the food is charged on a special account and is paid by the Comandante of the Corps who obtains the money from the Preffetura.The food is bought in bulk from contractors. Prior to the occupation each man had a ration card and a permit to purchase was issued by the Food office to the Comandante - this applied to pasta, bread, oil,sugar etc; The normal allowance per man for the two main items was Bread - 500 grammes, pasta - 300 grammes per day. In Palermo

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Pay.

In view of the very poor payment made to the Fire Service and the increased cost of living a recommendation was made through channels that the pay should be increased. This was on 15th. Sept.. On 10th. Oct. I made a further request for some action and a day or so later a conference was held between representatives of the Finance Dept. and Public Safety under the Chairmanship of Colonel Bolles. It was understood that immediate action would be taken but so far nothing has been heard of the matter further. In the meantime the personnel are meeting with great difficulties in keeping their families and requests for something to be done are coming from all parts of the Island. Men are asking to be released in order that they may find work where they can earn more money. It is impossible to expect the full efforts from the~~ir~~ men if their families are in want and it is urged that strong action be taken to obtain a decision in the matter.

G Atkinson.

Major,
Fire and Civil Defence.

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25 October 1943.

HEADQUARTERS 28 OCT 1943 AMGOT

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service organization.

TO : HQ AMG, CMF - attention Major Mason

1. Information is desired urgently in London on certain points concerning the Italian Fire Service.

2. Please complete the attached questionaire and return by Fast Air Courier franked "Urgent" addressed:

Military Government Section, A.F.HQ.
for P.A.D. & C.D. Section
A.F.H.Q.

Please enclose also a copy of "I Vigili del Fuoco" and any other Italian reference book relating to fire services.

D. S. JACKLING
Lt Colonel

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Number and types of fire appliances in use now, and before Allied Occupation.

2. What relation, if any, numbers of appliances bear the number of personnel.

3. Size and gauge of hydrants and connections.

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4. What was approximate date of reorganization of Italian Fire Service on an National Bases.

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3. Size and gauge of hydrants and connections.

4. What was approximate date of reorganisation of Italian Fire Service on an National Basis.

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5. Give all possible information of new organisation and of any mobile reserve system.

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58° Corpo Vigili del Fuoco
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- IN PERICULO VITAM AGERE -

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Risposta al foglio del ____
N. ____

Al ____

OGGETTO: Division in regions of the Antifire Service in Italy.

I propose that the inspection, the technical discipline and an administrational control should be given to the commanders of the Chief citys of each region.

The chief citys of the Italian regions are the following.

Piemonte - Torino
Lombardia - Milano
Liguria - Genova

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OGGETTO: Division in regions of the Kingdom during

I propose that the inspection, the technical direction and administrational control of the various corps of Italy should be given to the Commanders of the Chief Cities of each region.

The chief cities of the Italian regions are the following.

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Lombardia -	Milano
Liguria	Genova
Trentino	Trento
Veneto	Venezia
Venezia Giulia	Trieste - as chief town for both regions.
Emilia	Bologna
Toscana	Firenze
Marche	Ancona
Abruzzi	Aquila
Umbria	Perugia

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Campania - Napoli
Puglia Bari
Lucania Taranto
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Sicilia Palermo
Sardegna Cagliari

With this order the reports in Rome will be done by only - the Chief Commander of each region - All the Commanders of other City's - reports to - the Commander of the chief. City in the region -

All the Commanders of Sicily will report to the Commander of chief City which is Palermo.

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IL COMANDANTE
(Dott. Ing. Luigi Bigi)

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Extract from Public Safety Bulletin No. 6. 17 Sept 43.

4. The Italian Fire Service. The Italian Fire Service is a national organisation. To maintain central control in SICILY it has been decided to appoint the Commandante of the 58 CORPO at PALERMO, DOTT. ING. LUIGI BIGI, Controller of all the Corpi in the Island.

Will you please advise the Commandante of your CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO of the situation and instruct him to make his reports etc., to Commandante BIGI as he did to ROME before the occupation. All such reports should come through usual channels to this HQ. Commandante will also comply with the orders issued from PALERMO by Commandante BIGI.

Commandante BIGI proposes to visit all the CORPI in due course, and will report to S.C.A.P.Os on arrival. He is fully co-operative and it is considered that his work and advice will be of assistance to C.A.P.Os. Every facility should be afforded to him in carrying out his duties.

The question of supplies of spare parts and, of course, the direction of the local services of the various CORPI will rest still with S.C.A.P.Os who will be able to obtain such information as may be required from the Commandante.

The financial aspect is under consideration and in the meantime should be dealt with as heretofore.

The enclosed instructions from the Senior Fire Officer should be handed to the Commandante.

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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 ANGOT:)

NAME OF CUSTOME.....PROVINCE.....

FIRE FIGHTING.

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

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

IS THE FIRE BRIGE FUNCTIONING?.....

NAME AND RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER.....

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE.....

ARE THEY UNIFORMED AND 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 RESCUE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping).....

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

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

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

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE.....

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED.....3010..

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WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

1) SUFFICIENT.....or INSUFFICIENT.....

2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS?.....

3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS.....

4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE at HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:

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5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING?.....

6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY.....

7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or RECOMMENDED.....

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8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7).....

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WATER SUPPLY - continued

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

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

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

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

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES.....

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GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK.....

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ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS.....

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

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....

RECOMMENDATIONS.....

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GENERAL REMARKS.....

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RECOMMENDATIONS.....

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IF FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

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DATE.....SIGNED.....

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

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AMGOT HQ. Sicily
28 August 1943

TO : A.F.H.Q.
Fire and Civil Defence.

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Enclosed is a list of the Italian Fire Brigades with such details as we have been able to obtain.

The second column gives the number of each Corps and the CATEGORY (not COL) to which it belongs.

Thus the Brigades in the 1st. category are:

GENOVA, MILANO, NAPOLI, ROMA, TORINO.

The Sicilian Brigades are not included, but the Sardinian ones are, i.e.

CAGLIARI, SASSARI and NUORO.

Acknd 4/9/43.
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For the Commissioner of Public Safety.

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PROVINCE.	CORPS NO.	COMMENDATIONS.	Co-Op.	PERSONNEL. Pers.	Vol.	
GEORGIA	35th Inf Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		144	171	
IDAHO	52nd Inf Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		320	325	
MARYLAND	54th 1st Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		150	527	
NEVADA	1st Inf Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		120	122	
TENNESSEE	93rd Inf Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		144	175	
UTAH	10th Inf Col	[illegible]		42	102	X
WYOMING	144th Inf Col	DEPT. ING. [illegible]		75	133	

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	1st Inf Div	INFO, IIIA	320	179	
	3rd Inf Div	INFO, IIIA	114	172	
X	24th Inf Div	INFO, IIIA, CENTRAL FRONT	12	282	X
	25th Inf Div	INFO, IIIA, CENTRAL FRONT	72	232	
	1st Cav Div	INFO, IIIA, CENTRAL FRONT	24	301	
	7th Inf Div	INFO, KOREA	48	200	
	45th Inf Div	INFO, KOREA	72	273	

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PLOVDIV.	DOBRO PO.	COMMANDANTE.	Co-Op.	PERSONNEL. Perm.	Vol.
VRATSA	2nd Bn 2nd Col	Dpt. Comm.		30	252
ALEKSANDRIA	2nd Bn 3rd Col	Capt. Dimit		23	230
AKOVA	3rd Bn 3rd Col	Eng. Alexandr		23	155
RUSSE	23rd 3rd Col	Dept. Eng. Gustave Lolo		29	160
PAZARDJIK	17th 3rd Col	Eng. Nachev		22	1096
PLEVNA	26th 3rd Col	Eng. Nikol (illegible)		27	257
GABROVO	28th 3rd Col	Eng. Ognyat		2	125

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ROGERS	15th Inf Col	ENG. MARKS J.	22	1056
BONESIA	16th Inf Col	ENG. ROBT. INSPECT	27	267
CAGLIARI	18th Inf Col	ENG. CHIEF I	2	126
FAUAS	21st Inf Col	ENG. ALIN	25	134
GUNN	23th Inf Col	ENG. MONTANA	22	129
UZZNI	24th Inf Col		22	127

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTE.	Co-Op.	REFERENCE. Para.	Vol.
TARANTO	40th Ard Col	COMT. DIV. EDOARDO SCARPONZO		27	119
ROMA	41st Ard Col	GAETANO VACCARI		23	167
LA SPEZIA	42nd Ard Col			27	61
LIVORNO	45th Ard Col	GEN. MARIOTTI BADOGLIO		27	113
NOVARA	55th Ard Col	ENRICO GIOVANNINI		28	169
PADUA	57th Ard Col	VITTORIO ASTENGO		27	175
PISA	60th Ard Col	DNG. PUNELLI ALVARDO		27	183

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LIVORNO	45th Inf Col	TEN. MARCUCCI RAFFAELLO	27	223
NOVARA	55th Inf Col	TENENTE GIOVANNELLI	22	457
PAVIA	57th Inf Col	TENENTE ANTONELLI	27	175
PISA	65th Inf Col	TEN. PIERELLI ALVARO	27	243
[illegible]	86th Inf Col	TEN. COSCARELLA VINCENZO	27	301
VERONA	92nd Inf Col	TENENTE CINOTTI	27	209
VICENZA	93rd Inf Col		22	435

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PROPIETOR	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTES.	Co-Op.	PRESENTES. Pers.	Vol.
ACOSTA	4th 4th Col	ING. ARCADIO SANCARLOS		18	703
APUNTA	4th 4th Col	GENERAL PELLICER ITZO		35	66
AGUILA	5th 4th Col	ING. PEDRO GRANADOS		23	163
ARROYO	6th 4th Col	GENERAL CARRANZA I ROBLEDO		16	217
ASCUNZ RICHARD	7th 4th Col	ING. HECTOR ARROYO		23	100
AVELLANO	9th 4th Col	ING. VICTOR GRAJALES		13	24
BELTRAN	11th 4th Col			13	127

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ARRIGO	6th Mth Col	CHIEF CARPENTER ROMULO		15	217
ARCOLA PICERO	7th Mth Col	ENG. BUILDING ARTIST		13	100
AVALLINO	9th Mth Col	ENG. FIELD ENGINEER		13	5th
BELLERO	11th Mth Col			13	321
BENEDETTO	12th Mth Col	ENG. DRAFTSMAN GUIDANO		15	07
BRUNETTI	17th Mth Col	ENG. ENG. LOCATING ENGINEER		22 18	92 57
CALCATERA	20th Mth Col	ENG. DI TORINASO GUISEPPE		13	208

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTS	Co-Op	PERSONNEL. Pers.	Vol.
CATANZARO	23rd Mth Col	ING. MINISTRO, GIOVANNI	15	149	
CHIETI	5th Mth Mth Col	ING. BENEDA ADOLFO	13	134	
COMO	5th Mth Mth Col	DOTT. ING. SUPERSTRO ROBERTO	18	164	
CREMONA	26th Mth Col	ING. CHILESO CLODOVEO	12	196	
CREMONA	27th Mth Col	PADRI ASST. ALVEO	16	107	
FERRARA	30th Mth Col	ING. BANDINELLI	16	168	
FOGGIA	32nd Mth Col	ING. BUSACCA ALFONSO	16	141	

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COSTOZA	25th Col	DOR. CHIARINI CLEMENTE	13	126
CHIESA	27th Col	DANNI ANNA ALESSO	18	107
MENNAPA	30th Col	DOR. PATRIARCHETTI	18	268
PUCCIA	32nd 4th Col	DOR. BURLOTA ALFONSO	18	141
PUCIA	33rd 4th Col	CONTU CASTIGLIONE GIUSEPPE	18	159
CHIESA	37th 4th Col	LUG. DEL NERI	25	206
DUPRIA	39th 4th Col		18	95

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTES	Co-Op	PERSONNEL. Port.	Vol.
LECCE	43rd 14th Col	MARIO D'ARMISTO		(12) 13	(80) 78
LITTORIA	44th 14th Col	ING. VARSATI SALVANO		23	87
LUCCA	46th 44th Col	ING. MAINERI VICO		18	95
MANTOVA	47th 44th Col	ARMANDO RICCARDI		15	123
MODENA	48th 44th Col	ING. MAGELLI		26	110
PARMA	53rd 44th Col	GIORGI TACCHINI		28	443
	60th 44th Col	DOTT. ING. MARIO MORCHIDI		13	269

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MACERATA	47th Col	ALFREDO NICCOLI	15	123
MANTOVA	48th Col	ING. ANGELO I	28	110
MONZA	53rd Col	GIOVE BACCHINI	18	283
PAVIA	60th Col	DOTT. ING. MARIO MORGUTTI	13	269
PAVIA	60th Col		18	317

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PERUGIA	61st Col	IVO DEGIARI	15	232
PESARO	62nd Col	[illegible]	18	152

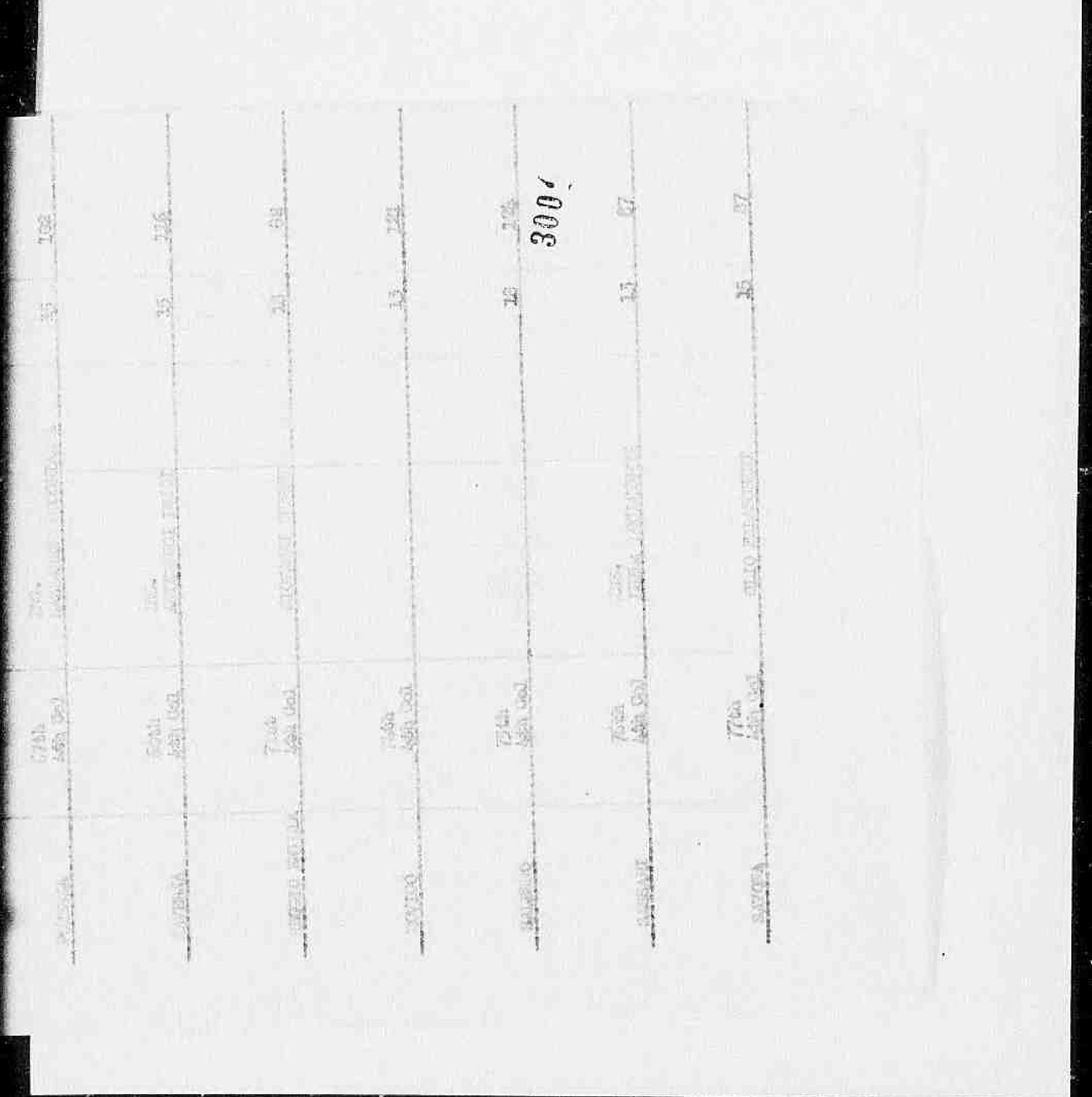
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PROVINCE.	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTE	CAMP	MEDICAL Pers.	Vol.
FERRARA	Card 44th Col	ENG. SAPPEURS MAGGIA		13	62
PIACENZA	Sixth 44th Col			18	88
PISTOIA	66th 44th Col	VINCENZO MENGONI		18	83
FORLIZA	67th 44th Col	Div. RAFFAELLO GIANTILAZZA		16	102
RAVENNA	68th 44th Col	Div. ANGELOCK JAMES		15	116
REGIO EMILIA	71st 44th Col	GIOVANNI GUIDI		14	88
IMOLA	74th 44th Col			12	121

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PROVINCE.	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTS.	do-do.	PERSONNEL. Perm.	Vol.
NUORO	56th 54th Col	ING. GIUSEPPE CRIVELLI		10	76
NUORO	74bis 54th Col			10	76
ZACCO	82.bis 54th Col	CAPITANO CARRATTIERI UBALDO		10	68
VICENZA	55bis 54th Col	ING. CAPITANO CRIVELLI		10	73
PADUA	54th 54th Col	CAPITANO MORANO		10	83

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VIVERO	93n2 54h 0o1	DIC. CARNU CERAMICO	10	75
LARA	94h 56h 0o1	CARNU CERAMICO VIDRIADO	10	88

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTE	CO-OP.	PERSONNEL Perm.	Vol.
GENOVA	36th 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. TOSI		144	178
MILANO	52nd 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. ROLANDO		320	825
NAPOLI	54th 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. FRANCESCO TIRONE		250	567
ROMA	1st 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. DOUTA		320	470
TORINO	83rd 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. MOSCATO		144	775
BARI	10th 2nd CAT	ROBERTO SERRI-FINI		42	282
BOLOGNA	14th 2nd CAT.	DOTT. ING. UGO LEO.		75	253
FIRENZE	31st 2nd CAT.	DOTT. ING. BACCHERETTI		94	287
	70th	ING. ATTARDI			

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TORINO	83rd 1st CAT.	DOTT. ING. MOSCATO		144	705
BARI	10th 2nd CAT	ROBERTO SERRI-FINI		42	282
BOLOGNA	14th 2nd CAT.	DOTT. ING. UGO LEO.		75	233
FIRENZE	31st 2nd CAT.	DOTT. ING. BACCHERETI		94	287
REGGIO CALABRIA	70th 2nd CAT.	ING. ATTARDI		42	199
TRIESTE	87th 2nd CAT.	ING. CONIGLI		3003	273
VENEZIA	89th 2nd CAT.	ING. CONTE		80	252
ALESSANDRIA	2nd 3rd CAT.	GIORGIO UBERTI		23	290

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PROVINCE	COMM'S NO.	COMMANDANTS	DO-OP	REFERENCE Form.	Vol.
ANCONA	3rd 3rd CAT.	ING. ALBERTINI		23	126
BRINDISI	13th 3rd CAT.	DOTT. ING. GIUSEPPE VITALI.		22	161
BOLZANO	15th 3rd CAT.	ING. MANELLI.		22	1096
BERGAMO	16th 3rd CAT.	ING. ENRICO UBERTINO		27	267
CAGLIARI	18th 3rd CAT.	ING. GIUSTI		2	185
PISA	21st 3rd CAT.	ING. ANGEL		23	174
CUNEO	28th 3rd CAT.	ING. BETTERA.		22	
UDINE	34th 3rd CAT.			22	

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MUSCIA	16th Inf CAT.	IMG. ROSSI UMBERTO		27	267
CAGLIARI	17th Inf CAT.	IMG. CUCCHI		9	126
PIAVE	21st Inf CAT.	IMG. MARI		23	1.6
CUNEO	28th Inf CAT.	IMG.MONTEMA.		22	[illegible]
UDINE	34th Inf CAT.			22	
TARANTO	40th Inf CAT.	IMPT. IMG. EDOARDO COLUCCELLO		27	
PISA	42nd Inf CAT.	GAETANO VARIANTE		300	
LA SPEZIA	43rd Inf CAT.			27	
LIVORNO	45th Inf CAT.	IMG. MARINI RAFFAELE		27	
NOVARA	95th Inf CAT.	IMPOLI GIOVANNI		22	

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTS	CO-OP	PERSONNEL. Pcsn.	Vol.
PADOVA	57th 3rd CAT.	VITTORIO AMBROSINI		27	275
PISA	65th 3rd CAT.	ING. PIERLI ALVARO.		27	181
TRENTO	65th 3rd CAT.	ING. CORTESIA VINCENZO.		25	1206
VERONA	91st 3rd CAT.	ELIO GRASSI		27	209
VICENZA	92nd 3rd CAT.			22	337
ACESI.	4th 4th CAT.	ING. ANGELICO RAFFAELE		18	703
AFUSTA	49th 4th CAT.	GIOVANNI PELLEGRINI ING.		15	66
AQUILA	5th 4th CAT.	ING. ERNESTO PERSIANI.		15	121
ASCOLI	6th 4th CAT.	GIOVANNI CASPARRELLI ENRICO		15	237

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VICENZA	3rd C.T.				
AOSTA	4th 4th C.T.	ING. ARTURO RAFFANELLI		18	705
AQUILA	4th 4th C.T.	GENIO FERROVIERI ING.		15	66
AQUILA	5th 4th C.T.	ING. PIERO SPARANO.		13	121
ARIANO	6th 4th C.T.	GENIO GUASTATORI ING.		15	217
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ASCOLI PICENO	7th 4th C.T.	ING. ENRICO DI ANGELI		13	106
BELLUNO	9th 4th C.T.	ING. MARIO GIOVANNI		13	94
BENEVENTO	12th 4th C.T.			13	227
BERGAMO	12th 4th C.T.	ING. DE CLAVEZ GERARDO		13	87

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTE	CO-OP	PERSONNEL Perm.	Vol.
BRINDISI	17th 4th CAT.	DOTT. ING. LOMONTE GIUSEPPE		18	87
CALTANISSETTA	20th 4th CAT.	ING. DI TOMMASO GIUSEPPE		13	106
CATANZARO	23rd 4th CAT.	ING. INZERILLO, GIOVANNI		15	149
CHIETI	24th 4th CAT.	ING. BIONDI ADOLFO		13	134
COMO	25th 4th CAT.	DOTT. ING. SEVERINO STEZZI		18	164
COSENZA	26th 4th CAT.	ING. COLISTRO OLIVIERO		13	126
CREMONA	27th 4th CAT.	RANZI ARCH ALOLO		18	107
FERRAR	30th 4th CAT.	ING. BARBANTIRI		18	168
	32nd	ING. BUSACCA		18	141

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COMO	25th 4th CAT.	DOTT. ING. SEVERINO STEZZI		18	164
COSENZA	26th 4th CAT.	ING. COLISTRO OLIVIERO		13	126
CREMONA	27th 4th CAT.	RANZI ARCH ALOLO		18	107
FERRAR	30th 4th CAT.	ING. BARBANTIRI		18	168
FOGGIA	32nd 4th CAT.	ING. BUSACCA ALFONSO		18	141
FORLI	33rd 4th CAT.	GIONU CAGINANI GIUSEPPE		18	159
GORIZIA	37th 4th CAT.	ING. DEL MERI		15	206
IMPERIA	39th 4th CAT.			18	85
LECCE	43rd 4th CAT.	MARIO D'AMBROSIO		13	72

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTS	CO-OP	PERSONNEL Men.	Vol.
LATTURIA	44th 44th CAT.	ING. VAGNARI GAETANO.		15	87
LUCCA	45th 45th CAT.	ING. [illegible] [illegible].		18	95
MACERATA	47th 47th CAT.	ARMANDO MICONDI		25	127
MANTOVA	48th 48th CAT.	ING. MICELLI.		26	130
MODENA	53rd 45th CAT.	CONTE ESCHILLI		28	243
PARMA	60th 46th CAT.	DOTT. ING. MARCO MONTANINI		18	169
PAVIA	61st 46th CAT.			19	157
PERUGIA	61st 46th CAT.	ING DONIANI.		16	239
FERRARA	62nd 46th CAT.	CONTE FILIBERTI		16	152

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MADERA	53rd 4th C.A.T.	CREW RACHEM			38	243
PAPUA	60th 4th C.A.T.	DOCK. ENG. HARBO MAINTENE			18	169
PAPUA	64th 4th C.A.T.				18	257
PAPUA	65th 4th C.A.T.	ENG DUMAPI			18	232
PARANA	Canal 4th C.A.T.	CREW FILARIEVIC			16	159
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PARANA	63rd 4th C.A.T.	ENG. BATTALION NEWALO			33	60
PARANA	64th 4th C.A.T.				18	82
PARA	66th 4th C.A.T.	TERMINO PIPELINE			18	83
PARA	67th 4th C.A.T.	ENG.MAINTENCE COCHIMAIA			15	102

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PROVINCE	CORPS HQ.	COMMANDERS	CO-OP.	PERSONNEL Perm.	PERSONNEL Vol.
RAVENNA	60th 4th CAT.	Lt/G. MAZZARINO CCCCHIALLA		15	136
REGGIO EMILIA	71st 4th CAT.	GIOVANNI GUELFI		15	82
ROVIGO	74th 4th CAT.			13	121
SALERNO	75th 4th CAT.			18	124
SASSARI	75th 4th CAT.	Lt/G. LUIGI LAGLIANETTI		13	87
SAVONA	77th 4th CAT.	OLLIO FASCHINI		15	87
SIENNA	70th 4th CAT.	Lt/G. SANTILLO FRANCESCO		15	136
SONDRIO	80th 4th CAT.	Lt/G. SFORTELLI		13	258
TERNI	82nd 4th CAT.	Lt/G. ANTONIO BERTOLDI		13	79

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[illegible]	4th CAT.			18	124
SASSARI	76th 4th CAT.	ING. LUIGI LUCHETTI		13	87
SAVONA	77th 4th CAT.	GUIO FAVARETTI		15	87
SIENA	78th 4th CAT.	ING. SARDELLO FRANCESCO		13	138
SONDRIO	80th 4th CAT.	ING. SPORTELLI		13	258
TERNI	82nd 4th CAT.	ING. ANTONIO BERTOLAI		13	79
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TREVISO	86th 4th CAT.	[illegible] DE ZANDO		15	205
VARESE	88th 4th CAT.	GIUSEPPE LOSCHETTO		12	212
VERCELLI	90th 4th CAT.	ING. CATALANO		10	327
ASTI	8th 5th CAT.	GIOVANNI VALENTINI		10	76

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PROVINCE	CORPS NO.	COMMANDANTE	CO-OP.	PERSONNEL. Perm.	Vol.
FROSINONE	35th 5th CAT.	ING. PASQUALE COCCO		10	88
CREMONA	58th 5th CAT.	ING. SAVARINO VINCENZO		10	70
MATERA	50th 5th CAT.	ING. MENDIA PASQUALE		10	76
NUORO	56th 5th CAT.	ING. GIUSEPPE CRISTINA		10	76
RIETI	72nd 5th CAT.			10	76
TERAMO	81st 5th CAT.	CAVALIERE CAVALIERI UMBERTO		10	88
VITERBO	93rd 5th CAT.	ING. CARRU OTTAVIANO		10	73
PARA	94th 5th CAT.	CAVALIERE TOMMASO TOMMASO		10	28

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PISTI	72nd 5th CAT.			10	76
TERAMO	61st 5th CAT.	GIORGI CARPANELLI MARINO		10	88
VITERBO	93rd 5th CAT.	MAG. CAPRU OTTAVIANO		10	75
ZARA	94th 5th CAT.	GIORGI TOMMASO TOMMASO		10	28

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SUBJECT - ADMINISTRATION OF ITALIAN FIRE SERVICE.

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To - D.C.P.S.

SECRET.

1. The Italian Fire Service is a National Service controlled by the General Directorate of Anti-fire Services under the Minister of the Interior at Rome.

2. Each Comandante of the 94 Corpi Vigili del Fuoce was directly responsible to the General Directorate and attended all the frequent conferences. In the view of the Senior Italian Fire Officer for Sicily the system was cumbersome and led to much waste of time by the various Comandanti. He also states that many of the officials of the Directorate were non-technical men appointed for their Fascist activities.

3. In the SICILY Region we have appointed an Italian as Senior Fire Officer and Inspector for the Region and all local control is done by us through him.

4. As we take over the various Regions in ITALY it will become necessary to make similar appointments to ensure unified control of the Service.

5. It is proposed that this system be approved and that the control shall function as under -

(a) Each Region, when occupied to have a Senior Italian Fire Officer and a A.C. Fire Officer to run the Fire Service and control all the Corpi in the Region.

(b) As successive Regions are occupied the A.C. H.Q. Control shall consist of the H.Q.Officers, the A.C. Regional Fire Officers and the Italian Senior Fire Officers.

(c) This will obviate the need for H.Q. control of each individual Corpo , will reduce the number of people concerned and will render control by this H.Q. much easier.

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(c) This will obviate the need for H.Q. control of each individual Corpo , will reduce the number of people concerned and will render control by this H.Q. much easier.

6. When the whole of Italy is occupied the General Directorate would consist only of the following plus any Ministerial Officials deemed necessary and advisable from the point of view of reliability. 299

(a) Officers of this H.Q.

(b) The Regional A.C. Fire Officers.

(c) The Regional Italian Fire Officers.

Thus it will be seen that the Directorate would grow progressively but would never assume unwhieldy proportions as before.

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7. On the establishment of the Italian Fire Service are 3 Inspectors with the rank of Colonel. Of these, one will almost certainly be co-operative but there is some doubt about the other two. It is doubtful, however, if any of them will be allowed to remain if we occupy Rome.
We now occupy approx. one third of Italy and we need an Inspector to cover the various Regions of the occupied portion of the coun-try. Such Inspector would be to us as he would be to Rome - the technical advisor. He would also advise us on the points of law covering the Italian Fire Service and our administration of it.
For this post I would strongly recommend the Senior Fire Officer of No.1 Region Lt.Col. Luigi Bigi. Bigi is the Senior Lt;Col. of the Italian Fire Service and was due for promotion had our occupation not taken place. He is more than co-operative and is placing all his knowledge and experience at our disposal.
I would suggest that we should take him forward when we move or at least call him forward at an early date to assist in the re-organisation of the Regions on the mainland as he has in the case of Region 1.
If appointed, Bigi should be replaced in Region 1 by the Comandante of Reggio who is considered to be a very able Officer.
The two other Inspectors could be appointed as we progress and the need arises.
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11. Each Region would hold it's own conferences as required. A.C/ H.Q. would call conferences of Regional Officers as required.

12. A.C. H.Q. should control all general policy, matters concerning pay and allowances, promotions and dismissals of Officers, conditions of service, discipline, distribution of apparatus etc. as was normally done by Rome. This would be done through the Regional Officers and not direct with the Provinces.

S.C.A.O.s would exercise local control only in the same way as under the Italian system. They should also see that the various Supply or other controlling Officers obtain for the local Fire Service the spare parts, tyres etc; that are needed. The pay question would also come under their care through the Vice Prefect.

13. The Finance Sub-Commission would attend to the provision of the necessary funds according to Italian system.

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APPENDIX "A".

PROPOSED CHAIN OF CONTROL - ITALIAN FIRE SERVICE.

GENERAL DIRECTORATE.

A.C. OFFICERS.
Representatives of Min. of Interior.
Italian Fire Inspectors
Regional Fire Officers A.C. & Italian.

A.C. Regional Fire Officers	Italian Regional Fire Officers.
Provincial S.C.A.P.O.s	Comandanti of Corpi.
C.A.P.O.s	Commanders of Detachments.

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Provincial
S.C.A.P.O.s

C.A.P.O.s

Corps.

Commanders of
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AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

12 October, 1943.

INTERVIEW WITH RICCOBONO, MARIO.

This man was a fireman at PINEROLO which is a district of the TURIN Fire Brigade. His present address is VIA VINCENZO ERRANTE 78, PALERMO.

RICCOBONO left PINEROLO on 13th Sept. 1943. The Germans arrived and took over all the fire fighting appliances and placed a guard over them. The men were told they could go away if they wished. RICCOBONO changed into civilian clothes and came by train to ROME and thence by rail and on foot, crossing the straits in a fishing boat. He arrived in PALERMO on 30th Sept. Most of the men left and also many from TURIN.

The population in the TURIN area is very pro-ally and were very despondent when the Germans arrived. The Germans are taking all the food stocks, and in TURIN are looting the shops. TURIN has suffered very heavily in the bombardments - especially in the last one before he left. The FIAT works was very heavily hit on this occasion. The town is in a very much worse state than PALERMO. Many large fires were started and many of them took 2 days and nights to extinguish whilst a few had to burn themselves out.

A system of mutual assistance was in force in the TURIN area and each Brigade sent men and appliances to other districts needing assistance.

RICCOBONO has no knowledge of Civil Defence measures in TURIN or district except that at PINEROLO and TURIN there are some public shelters. Mostly, however, the public use their own cellars as shelters.

No system of fire-watching seems to exist.

FIAT have their own private Fire Brigade.

Conditions at CARIGNANO, COLLEGNO, BURIASCO, all in TURIN Province are very similar to those at PINEROLO.

Fire report on PINEROLO attached.

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For Hardy

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Lt Johnson. Regt

12/10/43

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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 COMMUNE.....PINEROLO.....PROVINCE.....TURIN.....

FIRE FIGHTING.

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

STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE....200.....OFFICERS.....MEN.

IS THE FIRE BRIGE FUNCTIONING?.....NO.....

NAME AND RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER....Col. MUSCATO (TURIN).....

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE.....

ARE THEY UNIFORMED AND EQUIPPED?.....

WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER?.....

.....

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

....M.....2 AUTO PUMPS.....

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

3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS.....1.....

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

5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANTEENS, etc..-.....

.....1 P3 TRUCK.....2 AUTO TANKERS.....

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

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7) TRAILER PUMPS (state CAPACITY - if known)....1.....

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE.....-.....

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

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WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

1) SUFFICIENT.....YES.....or INSUFFICIENT.....-.....

2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS?.....YES.....

3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS....100 Metres.....299'

4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE in HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:

.....GOOD.....

5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING?.....YES.....

6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY.....2 or 3 Probably.....

7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or RECOMMENDED.....

.....?..?..?.....

8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7).....

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WATER SUPPLY - continued

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

10) WATER CARRYING VEHICLES & CAPACITY.....
.....2 AUTO TANKERS.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....
.....YES - BETWEEN ALL DISTRICTS.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.).....
.....USUALLY 1 PUMP..... IF NEEDED - BOTH .....

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE... 4 or 5.....

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES.....-.....
.....-.....
.....-.....

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK.....
.....FARM AND WOOD FIRES IN SUMMER.....
.....

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS.....CHEMICAL FACTORY.....

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

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.....PUT TO RICCOBONO, MARIO, A FIREMAN FROM PINEROLO (11/10/43).....

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IF FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT AND TO WHAT EXTENT.....

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DATE.....SIGNED.....

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

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SUBJECT: Administration of Italian Fire Service.

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S E C R E T

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

17 September 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. The Italian Fire Service is a National [redacted] Service controlled by the General Directorate of Anti-Fire Services under the Minister of the Interior.

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3. In the SICILY Region we have appointed the Comandante of the Senior Corpo (58 PALERMO) as Senior Fire Officer and Inspector for the Region and all the local control will be done by us through him.

4. As we take over the various Regions of ITALY it will become necessary to make similar appointments for the unified control of the Services. In some cases the Regions can be grouped making a total of 13.

5. It is therefore proposed that the system be approved and that the control shall function as under :-

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6. When the whole of ITALY is occupied the General Directorate would consist of the following, plus any Ministerial Officials deemed necessary and reliable :-

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1. This H.Q., Fire Officers.
2. The 13 Regional AMGOT Fire Officers.
3. Italian Fire Officers as under :-

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PIEDMONTE	Comandante of	TORINO.
LOMBARDIA	" " "	MILAN.
LIGURIA	" " "	FERRARE.
TRENTINO	" " "	TRENTO.
VENETO, VENEZIA CIULIA, EMILIA	" " "	TRIESTE.
TOSCANA	" " "	FIRENZE.
MARCHE, ABRUZZI, UMBRIA	" " "	ANCONA
LAZIO	" " "	ROMA
CAMPANIA	" " "	NAPOLI
PUGLIO	" " "	BARI
LUCANIA, CALABRIA	" " "	REGGIO CALABRIA.
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7. There should be attached to the H.Q., Italian Inspecting Officers up to the number of 3.

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Italian Reports to Italian Regional Officer.

AMGOT " " A.M.G.O.T. " "

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AMGOT " " " AMGOT Fire Officer.

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S.C.A.Os., in Provinces would exercise local control only and would see that the local Civilian Supply Section obtains necessary requirements, that the pay is forthcoming, etc., in conjunction with the Prefect as heretofore.

13. The Finance Division should allot the requisite funds from the existing Fire Tax and the percentage contribution of the Insurance Companies.

In the case of SICILY this sum amounted to about 5 million lire per annum.

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APPENDIX 'A'.



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FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE

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Memorandum on POLICY in OCCUPIED TERRITORY

1. The object of this memorandum is to define a policy of continuity covering the general range of Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention and Civil Defence in any occupied territory.

2. The Civil Defence of occupied territory will vary in it's degree of value and importance to Military Operations and Allied Policy. This degree will have to be decided by the Tactical Commander on the Spot. The system of Civil Defence already existing in the territory concerned must be the basis on which we must work, subject to minimum requirements which will be based on facilities for providing extra appliances and material.

Generally, however, the following are the main divisions of Civil Defence -

(a) In Ports and Bases, Civil Defence is of paramount importance since the dislocation of Public Services and the existance of an uncontrolled, panic-striken population must hinder the free movement of Military Personnel and Services. Uncontrolled Fire would deprive the Army of Storege space and would also offer a valuable guide to E.A.

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I. The Assault Stage.

II. The Transition Stage.

III. The Consolidation Stage.

4. In Stage I, the responsibility for provisional Civil Defence measures must rest with the P.A.D. and Fire Officers of the Tactical Command.

In Stage II, the C.A. Officers will have arrived and will survey, organise or re-organize the local C.D. services as required by and in conjunction with, The P.A.D. and Fire Officers of the Tactical Force.

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and other environments that the Tactical Commander may elect to keep under his own control.

5. The C.D. Services which should be maintained are classified under two main headings -

I Fire, (including Fire prevention).

II A.R.P. measures.

6. FIRE services are subdivided into -

(a) Fire Prevention (including Fire watching).

(b) Fire Fighting.

A.R.P. services are subdivided into -

(a) Control, Warning and Communication systems.

(b) Wardens' Service (or its local equivalent)

(c) Rescue and Demolition.

(d) Bomb Disposal.

7. The protection of vital installations should be the joint responsibility of the Tactical Commander and the C.C.A.O.

8. Such appliances as may be required to augment the local equipment should be decided on by the Officers of the Tactical Commander on arrival, their priority established and should be drawn from the appropriate stack-pile.

9. The numbers of civilians to be trained in the use of the special appliances and their method of training should also be decided by the Officers of the Tactical Commander.

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10. The transfer of equipment from one area to another should be at the discretion of the Tactical Commander, or, in the case of back areas, of the C.C.A.O. or his deputy.

11. The location of, and the provision of, static water tanks, should be the responsibility of the Tactical Commander but could be augmented by the C.C.A.O. in the later stages if considered necessary.

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12. The responsibility of the C.D. organisations for casualties should cease at the moment when the casualty, properly tagged with such details of address or identification as may be possible, is placed in an ambulance, First Aid Post or Hospital. The responsibility then devolves on the Medical Branch which should control and man the Ambulances and First Aid Posts. One or two First Aid personnel should be attached to each Rescue Party.

13. The responsibility of the C.D. organizations for homeless people as the result of Air raids or bombardment should cease at the moment that such persons are placed

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in a rest centre. The responsibility then devolves on the Welfare Branch who should control and man the Rest Centres and also maintain an enquiry department for the population.

14. The disposal of U.X.B. in or adjacent to Military Premises should be the responsibility of the Tactical Commander. The responsibility for other U.X.B. should be assigned by HQ.

15. The legend indicating the logical development of the situation for each of the Military and Civil Affairs services as at Para 5, is attached (Appendix A).

16. A suggested minimum scale of appliances likely to be required generally is attached (Appendix B).

17. A suggested basis for Civilian Personnel to be enrolled for C.D. Services is attached (Appendix C).

18. A chart showing the chain of command for Civil Affairs branch (Civil Defence) and its "tie up" with the Tactical Command is attached (Appendix D).

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18. A chart showing the Tactical Command is attached (Appendix D).

APPENDIX A

FIRE

LEGEND for the development of the Civilian Fire Services in Occupied Territory

STAGE I

The assault has commenced and the enemy is being cleared from the town. The Army Fire Officer and his Brigades have followed the assault troops in. The Fire Officer has disposed his Fire Fighting personnel according to a pre-arranged scheme approved by the Commanding General. The V.Fs scheduled for special watching have been attended to. The Fire Officer has seen what civilian appliances are intact and available, and has probably contacted some of the civil fire fighting personnel. He has decided what additional appliances may be needed and has appreciated the water situation and applied for the construction of extra static tanks.

He has indented for the appliances needed and formulated the measures to be taken with regard to adaptors to facilitate the interchange of the local appliances with the Allied type. During this stage it is unlikely that much assistance could be rendered by the C.A.F.O. even if he were present as it is unlikely that he will be acquainted with practical fire fighting.

STAGE II

The enemy has been cleared from the environs of the town and is still being pressed back.

The C.A.F.O. has arrived and reported to HQ Tactical Force. He has been instructed to contact the Army Fire Officer and has made himself acquainted with the Commander's orders.

After consultation with the Army Fire Officer, he contacts the Chief Officer of the Civil Fire Brigade or, in his absence, the Senior Civil

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The C.A.P.O. has arrived and reported to HQ Tactical Force. He has been instructed to contact the Army Fire Officer and has made himself acquainted with the Commander's orders.

After consultation with the Army Fire Officer, he contacts the Chief Officer of the Civil Fire Brigade or, in his absence, the Senior Civil Fireman and points out the advisability of co-operation with our personnel especially in the interests of the townspeople generally. If the Chief Officer or other person concerned is prepared to co-operate, he will be instructed to operate his Brigade as directed by the Army Fire Officer.

If the Chief Officer will not co-operate, he will be apprehended and dismissed and the next Senior willing Officer appointed by the Mayor (or his Deputy) on the instructions of the C.A.P.O.

The C.A.P.O. will assist the Chief Officer of the Civil Brigade in any matters relating to provision of special facilities and repairs to appliances etc. and will ensure that special identity cards and passes are issued to the Fire Fighting Personnel.

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He will ensure that the Civil Brigade is made acquainted with the proposed additional appliances and water supplies and that they understand any special scheme that may have been drawn up by the Army Fire Officer and the part they are to play. The Mayor and/or the Chief Officer will be instructed to enrol the necessary personnel to man the extra appliances and to see that they are paraded for instruction by an instructor of the Army Fire Service or other appointed instructor. These additional personnel would probably be trained at once on the Army appliances without waiting for the arrival of the extra pumps.

The C.A.P.O. will take what steps he can to assist the Army Fire Officer to obtain adaptors, if possible by local manufacture. Records will be kept of all action taken and nominal rolls of all recruited personnel and existing Fire Fighting personnel will be held available for the C.A.O. on arrival.

Reports will be submitted as required by the Tactical Commander and/or the C.A.O.

If no scheme of Fire watching exists, the C.A.P.O. will, through the Mayor, instruct the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade to formulate one which will have to be approved by the C.A.P.O. and the Army Fire Officer. Such scheme will have to cover especially any V.Ps and vital plants. Such stirrup-pumps as may become available will be distributed and orders issued to the public to provide water and sand buckets or containers on all premises. An officer will be appointed to run the scheme.

The Fire watching will be carried out by part-time unpaid members of the public (with the exception of the necessary full time officials) unless an organised local scheme already exists on another basis. Instruction in the use of stirrup pumps, if needed, will be given by the Civil Brigade to the members of the public.

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The C.A.P.O. will supervise the running of the Fire Watching and Fire Fighting Civil organisations in close co-operation with the Army Fire Officer and ensure that the orders of the Commanding General are carried out in every respect.

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STAGE III

The Tactical Troops have moved forward for a considerable distance and the Commanding General has decided that the town is of no military importance and has decided to withdraw the Army Fire Fighting personnel.

The C.A.P.O. then has to assume the responsibility of the Fire Services under the orders of the C.C.A.O. (or L of C Commander.) He will instruct the Chief of the Civil Fire Brigade accordingly and will ensure that the Services are maintained. He will make, through the Civil Chief Officer who will be the technical advisor,

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any re-arrangement of personnel or appliances considered necessary.

The C.A.P.O. will then be instructed by the C.A.C. as to reporting, chain of command and other details necessary for him to supervise the services until such time as it may be decided to leave them entirely to Local control.

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APPENDIX B

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

LEGEND for the development of the Air Raid Precautions in Occupied Territory

STAGE I — The assault has commenced and the enemy is being cleared from the town.

The Army P.A.D. Officer and his staff have followed the assault troops in.

The P.A.D. Officer has noted the local A.R.P. arrangements and has issued instructions on the orders of the Commanding General to the population, through the best available channels, that the existing A.R.P. scheme will continue in force.

All civilians will probably be instructed to use the available shelters, construct slit trenches or remain indoors in the event of an air raid or bombardment.

A.R.P. can be little improved at this stage.

STAGE II — The enemy has been cleared from the environs of the town and is still being pressed back.

The C.A.P.O. has arrived and reported to HQ Tactical Force. He has been instructed to contact the P.A.D. officer and has made himself acquainted with the orders of the Commander. After consultation with the P.A.D. Officer, he contacts the head of the local A.R.P. organisation, or in his absence, the Senior A.R.P. official and points out the advisability of co-operation with our personnel especially in the interests of the townspeople generally. If the Official or other person concerned is prepared to co-operate he will be instructed to operate his organisation as directed by the P.A.D. Officer. If the Official will not co-operate, he will be apprehended and dismissed and the next senior willing Official appointed by the Mayor (or his Deputy) on the instructions of the C.A.P.O.

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The C.A.P.O. will contact the Civilian head of the A.R.P. on any matter relating to the provision of additional shelters, trenches, rescue parties and apparatus etc. and will assist him in the provision of these. He will also see that the Official fully understands the instructions and requirements of the P.A.D. Officer. 2970

He will see that special identity cards and passes are issued to the civilian personnel as necessary.

If additional personnel are required, they will be enrolled by the A.R.P. Officer and/or the Mayor and trained by the A.R.P. organisation or the PAD staff.

Any additional apparatus will be indented for through the P.A.D. officer and the disposition of such apparatus will be decided by the P.A.D. Officer and Official of the A.R.P. organisation. Additional shelters and trenches will be constructed by the civil population through the appropriate local officials.

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The C.A.P.O. will carefully survey the A.R.P. Control system, the Warning system and Communications and will suggest such improvements as he and the P.A.D. Officer may deem necessary. The A.R.P. Officer will be instructed to see that the Wardens' Service (or its local equivalent) continues to operate.

Reports will be submitted as required by the Tactical Commander and/or the C.A.O., and nominal rolls and records of action will be prepared for submission when called for.

The A.R.P. duties will be performed by part time unpaid members of the public (with the exception of the necessary full time officials) unless an organised local scheme already exists on another basis.

Instruction in all forms of A.R.P. including anti-gas, will be given by the A.R.P. organization or the P.A.D. staff.

The C.A.P.O. will supervise the running of the A.R.P. services in close co-operation with the P.A.D. Officer and ensure that the orders of the Commanding General are carried out in every respect.

STAGE III

The Tactical Troops have moved forward for a considerable distance and the Commanding General has decided that the town is of no military importance and had decided to withdraw the P.A.D. personnel.

The C.A.P.O. then has to assume the responsibility of the A.R.P. Services under the orders of the C.C.A.O. or the L of C Commander.

He will instruct the A.R.P. Officer accordingly and will ensure that the services are maintained.

He will probably elect to act as controller in case of emergency. He will see that the recommendations of the Medical Branch regarding Sanitary arrangements in the shelters are observed and that full instructions are given to the

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He will instruct the A.R.P. Officer accordingly and will ensure that the services are maintained.

He will probably elect to act as controller in case of emergency. He will see that the recommendations of the Medical Branch regarding Sanitary arrangements in the shelters are observed and that full instructions are given to the various branches of the service regarding the location of hospitals, first-aid posts, rest centres etc. and any other aspects in which the Medical and Welfare Branches are concerned.

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The ambulance facilities which will be under the control of the Medical Branch must be understood by all A.R.P. personnel. The C.A.P.O. must ascertain the policy regarding the disposal of U.X.B.

The C.A.P.O. will then be instructed by the C.A.O. as to reporting, chain of command and other details necessary for him to supervise the Services until such time as it may be decided to leave them entirely to local control.

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APPENDIX C

Minimum scale of equipment which should be held for issue in Occupied Territory.

FIRE.

ITEM.	Stage Reqd.	Population of Towns in thousands. 340.	240.	120.	50.	40.	30.	20.	Total.
Med. T. Pumps	I	6	5	4	3	3	2	1	53
Stirrup Pumps.	I	500	300	200	100	50	50	50	2350
	II	1200	900	400	150	150	100	50	4440
Boots.	II	120	100	80	60	60	40	20	1060
Axes, Fire.	I	12	10	8	6	6	4	2	106
Steel Helmets.	I	60	50	40	30	30	20	10	530
Torches.	I	12	10	8	6	6	4	2	106
Batteries spare.	II	12	10	8	6	6	4	2	106
Bulbs spare.	II	12	10	8	6	6	4	2	106
Brassards Fire.	I	60	50	40	30	30	20	10	530

These figures are arrived at after consideration of the known facts regarding the Territory under consideration.
The stirrup pumps are approx. 5 per 1000 population.
Boots are 10 pairs per Trailer pump - allowing for 2 crews.
Axes are 2 per Trailer pump.Helmets are 10 per T.P. - allowing for 2 crews.
Torches are 2 per T.P.. A spare battery and bulb is allowed for each torch.
Brassards are 20 per T.P. - allowing for 2 crews and 10 spare men.

The TOTALS shewn are for a certain area with towns as follows:-
One town each of 340,000. 240,000. 120,000. 50,000
2 towns of 40,000
6 towns of 30,000
17 towns of 20,000
It is known that the larger towns had some fairly good equipment prior

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It is known that the larger towns had some fairly good equipment prior to the War. For example, one had from 20 - 25 appliances and some Trailer Pumps in addition. The smaller towns had probably only a Manual Pump.

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The buildings generally are fairly fire resisting as very little wood is used in their construction - the contents would be the main risk.
In the larger towns the Commune Police are trained fire fighters.

ADAPTORS WILL BE NEEDED to break down the 8 - 10 mm. screw couplings of the local hose to our 2½ in. instantaneous couplings, and stand pipes with adaptors would have to be carried on our appliances to fit the hydrants which exist in the larger towns.

TOWING VEHICLES of a type to carry extra hose and the crew should be provided with the T.Ps as it might prove impossible to obtain local vehicles in time for immediate action.

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Minimum scale of equipment which should be held for issue in Occupied Territory.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

ITEM	Stage Reqd.	Population of Towns in thousands. 340.	240.	120.	50.	40.	30.	20.	Total.
Stret-chers.	I	70	50	25	10	8	6	4	275
Blankets.	I	140	100	50	20	16	12	8	550
Rescue sets.	I	20	12	6	2	2	1	1	67
Torches	I	40	24	12	4	4	2	2	134
Batteries spare	II	40	24	12	4	4	2	2	134
Bulbs spare	II	40	24	12	4	4	2	2	134
Whistles	II	170	120	60	25	20	15	10	685

These figures are arrived at after consideration of the known facts regarding the Territory under consideration.

The stretchers are approx. 1 per 5,000 population.
The blankets are 2 per stretcher.
The Rescue sets are 1 per 20,000 approx.
The whistles are 1 per 2,000 approx.

The TOTALS shewn are for a certain area with towns as follows:-
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17 towns of 20,000

It is known that A.R.P. organisations are fairly well developed in most of the larger towns. There is a warden in every large building at least and wardens' posts are established at the Fascist clubs which are situated at very regular and frequent intervals.

All attics are cleared and buckets of sand have to be maintained in every house.

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Spade	II	40	24	12	4	4	2	2	134
Whistles	II	170	120	60	25	20	15	10	685

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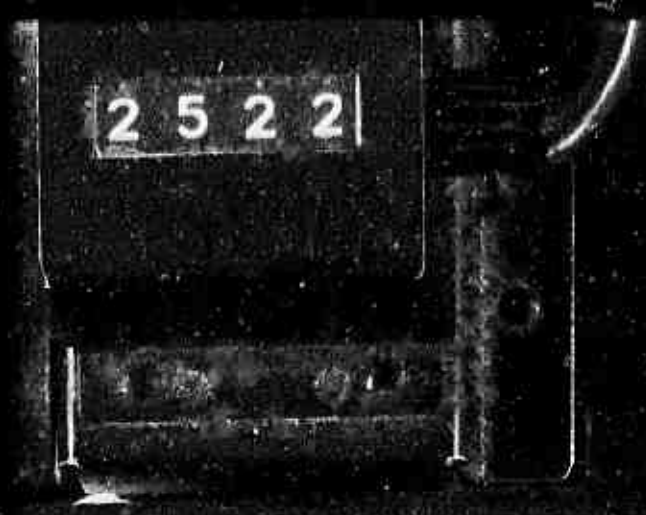
All attics are cleared and buckets of sand have to be maintained in every house.

One room of each house and all cellars have to be made available as shelters.

The Air raid warning is by siren and blackout is enforced. 2970

The rescue sets should be as used in the United Kingdom and the vehicles for same should be obtained locally.

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