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FIRE & C.D. EXERCISES
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Ministero dell'Interno

Direz. Gener. Serv. Intinc. e P.A.

 Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 di Controllo-Public-
 Safety-Sub-Commission

Divisione _____ Sex _____

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SALERNO

Risposta al _____

Dir. _____ Sex _____ N. _____

 OGGETTO : Visita del Col. L.J. Woodhouse Comandante
 71^a Sub-Area ai servizi della difesa civile
 di Brindisi. =

RIFI. A. BUGNARDI - SALERNO

E' doveroso comunicare che il giorno 13
 corrente mese il Comandante della 71^a Sub-Area
 di Brindisi Colonnello L.J. Woodhouse ha visi-
 tato le Caserme dei Vigili del Fuoco di Brin-
 disis assistendo ad alcune esercitazioni a ter-
 ra e nel porto, nonché le caserme dell'U.N.P.A...

Si è molto compiaciuto per la prontezza
 la efficienza riscontrata nei servizi della di-
 fesa civile di quella città. =

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PEL MINISTRO

We have to inform you that
 on 13 of this month the Sub Area
 Commander of 71st Sub Area at Brindisi
 visited the Fire Station at Brindisi and saw some displays on land &
 in the Port - also the U.N.P.A. barracks.
 He is very pleased with the efficiency of the C.D. Service of the town.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

File 4A

23 May 1944.

ACC/14514/PS

SUBJECT: Area for Aerial Target Practice.

3a refers also

TO : Your Excellency, Minister of Interior.

With reference to your letter No. 010690/441 dated 22 April 44, respecting aerial target practice area in the communes of Salve, Ugento and Presicce, I have to inform you that enquiries have been made, and it is stated that it is not practicable to move this bombing range.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS *JE 3A*

Your ref ACG/14514/PS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS/15.

Subject Military Exercises. 20th May, 1944.

To:= Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
A.P.O. 394.

With reference to above quoted corres. *3B refer*

I forward for your information the comments
of the Military Commander concerned in this matter.

The papers are returned to you as directed.

For the Regional Commissioner. *Hook*

P.E. Coxhead
P.E. Coxhead, Capt.
Regional Police Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Lecce Province Headquarters

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REF : PCL/I84

18 May 44

TO : HQ., ACC., Region 2
(attention Regional Police Officer)

SUBJECT : Military Exercises

1. Ref. your PS/5 of 4th May 44
2. Enclosed herewith the Area Commander's letter stating his views.
3. I am in full agreement with the contents of the Area Commander's letter.
4. All papers returned herewith.

(Sd) W. TURNER-COLES, Major
Provincial Commissioner

Subject :- Bombing Range P. MACALONE.

H.Q. 7I Sub Area.
Q/39

16 May 44.

Provincial Commissioner,
A.C.C. LECCE.

Ref. your minute of 15 May 44.

1. As indicated to Capt. Harrison this afternoon it is not considered practical to move this bombing range.
2. The authority for the requisitioning of the site is given under authority 2 Dist I486/8/Q2 of 9 Mar 44, at request of XV U.S.A.A.F. 4862
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3. It was decided that once the range was declared a danger zone, it was undesirable to set aside any days as nonbombing days.
4. At the request of the Prefect of LECCE the centre of the range was moved so that the village of PALLI came outside the danger zone.
5. The requisitioning of the range involved the removal of about 80 people who were housed elsewhere. The area involved is a 2 mile radius from Q.56948I and although it is under cultivation it is not considered desirable that representations to higher authority should be made to have the range moved elsewhere in view of the very small area of land involved.
6. Relative correspondence is returned.

(Sd) *W.K. Arrowood* Major
for Colonel. *Macalone*
Commanding 7I Sub Area.

Copy to:- H.Q. 2 District (Q.2).

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

File 2A

ACC/14514/P3

28 April 1944

SUBJECT : Military Exercises

TO : RPSO Region II

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1. Attached is a letter dated 22nd April 1944 from the Minister of the Interior.

2. Please bring this matter to the attention of the Military Commander concerned and report his comments.

Paul G. Kire

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PAUL G. KIRE *Major*
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No 010690/441

SUBJECT : Area for Aerial Fire Exercise.

TO : HQ., ACC., Salerno.

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22/4/44. JH
Exercise

Herewith report received for your information:

"The news that the Allied Command has chosen an ~~asf~~ area in the Communes of Salve, Ugento and Presice (Lecce) for aerial fire exercises with the consequent removal of the population has provoked serious discontent among the inhabitants of that district because the chosen area is intensively cultivated for an extension of more than 2000 acres and is rich in olive groves, vineyards, farms and cattle.

Together with immediate damages to people who would be compelled to settle elsewhere with their cattle, a really serious damage would be endured by the private and national economy both for the next crop and for future ones.

Therefore it is only right for us to inform you about said matter for an eventual interference since the chosen area might be substituted with that of "Arneo" (an area of the commune of Nardo' at the boundaries of the commune of Avetrana - Brindisi Prov.) where said exercises would not cause damages because the land is for the most part uncultivated."

THE MINISTER.

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Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Generale della P.S.

N. 010590/441

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

Poligono di tiro per aerei.-

Salerno 22 Aprile 1944-

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COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO

S A L E R N O

Mi è pervenuta la seguente segnalazione, che trascrivo per opportuna notizia e per i provvedimenti del caso:

" La divulgazione della notizia della scelta da parte del comando anglo-americano di un campo di tiro aereo permanente per tutta la durata della guerra, nella zona dei comuni di Salve, Ugento e Presicce (Lecce) con conseguente sgombrò di tutte le abitazioni esistenti nella stessa zona, ha provocato grave malumore fra gli abitanti di quei comuni perchè la zona prescelta per oltre 2000 ettari è intensamente coltivata e ricca di oliveti, vigneti e tronevi molto numerosi con relativo bestiame che dovrebbe emigrare altrove.

A parte il danno immediato per gli oliveti, vi sarebbe grave pregiudizio all'economia privata e nazionale sia per il prossimo raccolto che per i futuri e pertanto si ritiene doveroso rappresentare tale stato di cose e per eventuali interventi, segnalandone la costituzione della zona prescelta con quella della zona dell'Ugento in zona del comune di Presicce, contenente con-

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IL MINISTRO

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