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Subject

Special Gangs for Demolition  
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South West. 13.4.41.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of demolition gang.  
Re

Report re requisitioning of Demolition Gang.

Musta  
13.4.41.From : S/Insp. "S" Div.  
To Supt. West Div.

I have to report that on the 11.4.41 during the Air Raid at 10 p.m. P.S.382 C.BARTOLO rang me up and informed me that bombs had fallen at Mgarr and that there were casualties he also informed me that he had already given the information to P.S. Debattista at the Information Room.

P.S. 382 flatly denied that he rang up Floriana Centre for the Demolition Gang, but Mr. Lupi informed me that Mr. Inglott Supt. A.R.P. Floriana rang him up and told him that P.S.382 Bartolo had rang him up and asked him to send the Demolition Gang immediately to Intarfa. Mr. Lupi informed Mr. Inglott that P.S. 382 was at Mgarr and not at Mtarfa but as Mr Inglott insisted that it was Intarfa, Mr. Lupi sent the gang there.

From enquiries made by me it resulted that the Revd. Father Micallef of Mgarr who was on the spot of the bombed area heard moans and asked a certain Warmnu Sammut of Mgarr for help. Latter told him to ring up Floriana centre for the Demolition Gang. Sammut by the way is also a member of this gang.

Revd. Micallef rang up St Paul's exchange and asked the Operator to ring up Floriana Centre and requisition the gang immediately. The operator, Mr. Carmelo Calleja did this himself in the name of the Revd. Micallef.

Mr. Calleja who was on duty and stand by from 6 p.m. on the 11.4.41. to 2p.m. on 12.4.41. informed me that P.S. 382 had not rung up for the Demolition Squad but that he had done so in the name of Father Micallef.

Mr. Galea Supt. A.R.P. Mosta informs me that Mr. Lupi rang him up at Mgarr and asked him whether he required the Demolition Gang. As Mr. Galea had just arrived on the spot, he informed Mr. Lupi not to send the Gang yet.

Some time later, Mr. Galea rang up Mr. Lupi, personally and asked him to send the Gang.

Statement of P.S.382 herewith pl.

Insp.  
13.4.41.

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Statement by P.S. BARTOLO.Mgarr Police Office.  
12th April, 1941.

I have to state that during the Air Raid at 10 p.m. last night I rang up the Insp. i/c Mosta, and the information room informing them that bombs had fallen at Mgarr demolishing houses, and that there were casualties. I have to point out that I did not, definitely ring up anyone else and especially the demolishing gang to come on the spot.

(Sd) Bartolo

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D.C. Submitted. I do not consider that there are any reasons doubt P.S. 382 Bartolo's statement.

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C.of P.

Submitted. Refer to A.R.P.O.?



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A.R.P.O.,

Referred.

C.of P. 16.4.41.

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Comm.

Thankyou for the investigation.

2. Mr. Lupi Spencer was on the roof when the message from Floriana came through. I received the message. The Supt. Floriana logged the call in his books and whoever telephoned, stated that he was Sgt. Bartolo. I am quite prepared to think that the Supt. Floriana mistook Imtarfa for Mgarr.

3. ~~Now~~ Now that the misunderstanding has been ventilated, I suggest that no further action is necessary.

C. H. S.

A.R.P.O. 18/4.

