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Appreciations

June 1944 - March 1945

SECRET

No. 1047

To: Lt-Col. Ingledew,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission (MFA).

From: I.S.L.D. (Major Page),
c/o R.A.A.C., C.M.P.

10 Mar 45

Presentation of watches by Major-General Browning on 13.3.45

The following are some details of the four Italian officers who are to receive swords. All have already received American decorations from General Clarke for the same services rendered to the Allied cause by their direction of the clandestine group known as "RUDDER" during the German occupation of Rome:-

1. General BENICIVENGA.

Became head of the Group early in 1944 and was subsequently appointed Military Commander in Rome by the Allied C.-in-C. and the Italian Government until the arrival of Allied troops. Hunted by the Germans after the Anzio landing, he took refuge in Vatican territory for the last few weeks of the German occupation. The enemy knew of his exact whereabouts and are said to have fired mortar bombs at his residence before leaving the city.

During the last war General BENICIVENGA was a war Chief of Staff to General Cadorna, with whom he visited London where he was decorated with a British Order. He is beyond criticism as an anti-Fascist, and spent a considerable period - I believe five years - in exile in the Lipari Islands. He is at the moment President of the Italian Senate; he is not a member of any political party.

2. Lt-Col MUGO, Italian Air Force.

Acted as Chief of Staff to BENICIVENGA in Rome and was largely responsible for the energy with which the RUDDER group was conducted.

3. Lt-Col SANTINI, Italian Air Force.

Was solely responsible for the establishment of wireless communication between Rome and Allied Occupied Italy. He took possession of an Italian Air Force set, established it safely, found an operator and sent the message to the Allies which enabled contact to be made.

4. Lt. FRUSCIANTE.

Was the principal W/T operator for RUDDER in Rome. For some time he worked alone and was later assisted by two WOs, who have already received recognition. The strain undergone by FRUSCIANTE had a considerable effect on his health and he is still suffering severely from nervous exhaustion.

Major, R.M.

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Subject : Commendation - Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A/II/5

9 March 45.

Ministry of War.

Capt. ZUCCHINI Orlando.

It is with pleasure that the attached copy letter, giving an appreciation of the work of the above named officer, is forwarded to you for information and any action you may deem necessary.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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INCL.

*File 333
for 3 455*

C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL.

SUBJECT: Recommendations.

BC/S.6/45.
28 FEB 45.

D.D.V. & R.S.,
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

Capt. Vett. ZUCCHINI, Orlando.

For the past nine months, this officer has been employed by the Royal Army Veterinary Corps., at first with No. 4 Veterinary Hospital, and later as Commanding Officer of 125 Italian Veterinary Hospital.

During all this time, he has shown the utmost zeal and enterprise; he has proved himself to be a Veterinarian of very great ability, and his knowledge of Pathology in particular to be prodigious. In our experiments with the treatment of Epizootic Lymphangitis, too, he has shown a keen interest, and has made many suggestions of real value.

On many occasions, Capt Zucchini has uncomplainingly worked very long hours, and I have no hesitation in saying that it is largely due to him, that this hospital is able to treat, as it is at the moment, nearly four times the number of patients it was intended to do.

Capt. Zucchini, has at all times shown a fully cooperative spirit, a cheerful disposition and an exemplary character. His popularity with his men is undoubted, and is equalled only by his popularity with the officers and N.C.O's of this British Cadre, and all other British personnel with whom he comes in contact.

I would like to recommend that some tangible recognition be made of the outstanding services rendered, and being rendered by this officer of the Italian Army Veterinary Services.

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/s/ GEO. UBRISTIO
Major R.A.V.C.

C.M.F.

Comdng. Br. Cadre 125 Italian Veterinary Hospital.

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*to
Sgt. W.
W. J. J.*

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*Sent to
W.D. 13
D.H.*

*C. J. Zucchini
45.00*

C.M.F. ComdE. Br. Cadre 125 Italian Veterinary Hospital. Major R.A.V.C.

T.M.M.I.A. II

The above recommendation is forwarded in favour of forwarding to Ministra de la Guerra for any action they may consider necessary. I can personally endorse what major Zucchini has written about Capt Vitt Zucchini of whom I have a high opinion.

*C.M.F.
2nd march.*

*J. J. Plunkett
Colonel
D.D.V. + R.S.
A.F.H.D.*

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Subject:- Commendation - Italian Soldier

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/7/AQ
21 Feb 45.

Headquarters, 54 Area.

Sold. FERRANDO Nino
1st Regt of Guards, 514 Bn of Guards, 2 Coy.

Territorial HQ, BARI have expressed pleasure at receiving the letter of commendation from Comd 54 Area, which has been communicated to the soldier together with a monetary reward.

J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

JGB/dmr

Copy to:- HQ MMIA (your AQ/11/5 of 3 Feb also refers).

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Subject:- Italian Officers - appreciation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M N

30/11/5

MINISTRY OF WAR.

11 Feb 45.

Capt. CICOGNA A.
Heavy Artillery.

1. It is with pleasure that the attached copy of a commendation in respect of the above named officer is forwarded for your attention.

2. Will you please inform Capt. Cicogne that his services to the Allies are both recognised and appreciated by his Allied Commanders at Br. Increment Rear H.Q. 5 Army.

F. J. N. Paul
F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Br; Increment
Rear H.Q. 5 Army
C.M.P.

ref 54/52 of 26 Jan/45.

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C O P Y

Subject:- Commenations - Italians.

HQ MMIA

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British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
CMT,

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

SA/S A
26 Jan/49

It is desired to record this Headquarters' appreciation of the work done in the Allied cause by Capt. A CIOCCA, Home Artillery.

This Officer, as a member of the Italian Liaison Staff attached to HQ 5 (US) Army, has been the main link between the British Increment at Army Headquarters and the Italian formations and units working with the Army. He has throughout applied himself energetically to meeting all calls made on him and by his enthusiasm and devotion to duty coupled with his thorough knowledge and understanding of the Staff procedure of the British American and Italian Armies, has contributed in no small measure to the attainment of the high degree of co-operation that has characterized the dealings of all elements of the Italian Army working with British troops of 5 (US) Army.

It is desired that this Headquarters' appreciation of this Officers' work may be conveyed to the Italian High Command.

T D/war.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff
(British), Fifth Army.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Honours and Awards

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/AL3

5 Feb 45

MMIA

Capitano VINCENZO LEONE, 15 (Italian)
Engineer Coy.

The attached recommendation in respect of
the above-named Italian Officer is forwarded for
necessary action.

*Sent to HQ
7 Feb*

G.F. Denton

G.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.M.S.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Military Secretary.

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SUBJECT: Honours and Awards

HQ 82 CRE (WORKS)
C.M.F.
Ref 58/A

22 January 1945.

HQ 52 AREA (2)

Ref your A.75 of 20 January 1945.

I forward and strongly recommend that Capitano Vincenzo LEONE, commanding 15(Italian) Engineer Company, be considered for the appropriate Italian periodical decoration.

Capitano Vincenzo LEONE by his unsparing energy and personal example has brought his Company to a very exceptional ~~xxxx~~ high state of efficiency. The efficiency of the Unit is displayed in its high standard of discipline and its work. It is a credit to the Italian Army and to the Engineers.

CJMM/slw

Sgd ?? MARTIN
Lt Col, RE
CRE 82 (WORKS)

V.C. RUSSELL
Brigadier
Commanding 52 AREA

G. LAMMIE
Maj Gen
Comd 3 District

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SUBJECT: - Honours and Awards.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/MS3

4 Feb 45

MEMO.
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Reference attached copy of Eighth Army
letter M 7004/1 MS dated 31 Jan 45.

Will you please take the necessary action
to commend the services of this personnel to the
Italian High Command.

G.F. Denton
G.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.M.S.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Military Secretary.

CFD/MS
7 Feb

COPYCONFIDENTIALSUBJECT:- Honours and Awards.Main HQ Eighth Army.
Tel Ext. No. 59.
M 7004/1 MS.To:- AFHQ (MS)

31 Jan 45.

I recommend that the Italian personnel whose names are set out below be commended to the Italian High Command under the terms of your letter 1027/MS dated 2 Jan 45, in recognition of their excellent and gallant service.

They have served with 7 Mountain Regt RA since Feb 1944, and are now being replaced. The opportunity is therefore taken of placing on record the very valuable work carried out by them under most trying weather conditions and in the face of the enemy. All have been concerned in the care and driving of mules working with the C.Ps of 7 Mountain Regt.

Their devotion to duty has been an example to their fellow soldiers.

Number	Rank	Surname	Christian Name
049	Ten Art.	CECCHERINI	Renzo
051	S.Ten.Vet.	SENSI	Giovanni
023	Mar.Ord	SPERANDEO	Pio
222	Art	GOTTI	Camillo
259	Art	PARADISI	Giuseppe
066	Caporale	CARLASCHELLI	Giuseppe
519	Art.	FEDERICI	Annunzio
385	Art	PALMAVERDE	Mario
397	Art	RECHIUTI	Vincenzo
439	Serg	BERTULETTI	Bruno
559	Art	SALSA	Giovanni
044	Art	STEFANI	Giovanni

(Sgd) R.L. McGREEKY,
Lieut-General,
G.O.C. Eighth Army.

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Subject - Italian ulteters - 7 Mountain Regt.

HQRA.
MAIN HQ.
SIGHTING AREA.
C.M.R.

I wish to place on record the excellent work which has been performed by Italians of this Regiment during the last year, and the very satisfactory way in which these Italians have behaved in action continuously since July 44.

They have undertaken their part loyally and well in the carriage of our guns and of their maintenance with ammunition and supplies often under very arduous conditions; and, in the case particularly of O.P. Parties, often under shell fire.

The hard work and willing cooperation of Italians has been largely responsible for the success of this Regiment in action.

It is hoped that the performance of Italians of this Regiment may be recognised officially in some similar way to the recognition which has been given publicly, both officially and in Italian newspapers, to meritorious performance of Italian units in 5th Army.

Field.
C.M.R.
3 Feb 45.
C.M.R.

Commanding, 7th Mountain Regiment, M.A.
Lt. Col. M.A.

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Field.
C.M.F.
3 Feb 45.
CWO.

John Hunt
Lt. Col. R.A.
Commanding, 7th Mountain Regiment, R.A.

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Copy to H.Q., M.M.I.A. ✓

*See also 15 Feb 44
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SUBJECT: Honours and Awards

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/MS

3 Feb 45

MEMO.

It has been requested by the 802 Eighth Army that the gallant conduct of Pte Antonio MAZZO, as outlined in the attached extract from a letter by a Canadian Liaison Officer, be brought to the notice of the Italian High Command.

Will you please take such action as may be necessary.

20 Feb
GFA/MS.

J.F. Denton
C.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.F.S.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Military Secretary.

C O P Y

EXTRACT

Pte MALETTTO, Antonio fu CARLO
GRUPPO MEZZI D'ASSALTO RM
S. MARCO BN REPARTO MP TARANTO

1. The marginally noted soldier, an assistant radio operator, serving behind the enemy lines, in the Province of RAVENNA, distinguished himself on 7 Dec 44.
2. The enemy had put in a counter-attack against the Partisans, using both tks and SP eqpts, against which they had no defence.
3. Pte MALETTTO took three German mines, placed them on the rd PORTO CORSINI - CASAL BORSETTI and destroyed an enemy vehicle, killing twenty and wounding two. The other vehicles in the convoy turned and fled. PORTO CORSINI was NOT relieved.
4. In this action Pte MALETTTO showed initiative, resourcefulness, determination and courage.

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Subject: Comendation - Italian Soldier.

Land Forces HQ Comm. N.Y.

(M.I.I.)

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3 Feb 15.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Sold FERRANDO Nino.

1 Regt of Guards 514 Bn of Guards 2 Coy.

1. The attached copy letter from Commander 54 Area commending the above named soldier is forwarded for your information and attention.

2. Will you please make an appropriate entry in the records of sold Ferrando and inform this soldier that his praiseworthy conduct is appreciated by Allied Commander.

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SP/Rein Capt.

S. J. SPCHER, Capt.

for Major General,

N. I. .

Copy to: - M. I. I. I. A.

M. I. 54 Area

C. I. F.

your 20/7/42 & 1943.

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See folio 4 P. 2

Subject. Italian Soldiers - Commendation.

Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 54 Area.
LO/7/2/AQ
27 Jan 45.

Territorial H.Q. BARI.

Sold. FERRANDO Nino.

1st Regt of Guards, 514 Bn. of Guards, 2 Coy.

1. The Commander, 54 Area has expressed his pleasure at the good conduct of the above named soldier, and desires that some mark of appreciation be given to him by the appropriate Italian Military Authority.

2. The letter received from the Commander, 54 Area is forwarded herewith.

J.G. Bird
J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIALO.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to; HQ. MMIA
HQ. 54 Area.

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SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers - Commendation.

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M.H.I.A. (3)

Sold. FERRARIO Wino
1st Regt. of Guards, 514 Bn. of Guards, 2 Coy.
Italian Army

1. In the course of recent police investigations attention has been drawn to good conduct of the above named soldier, and I request that this may be brought to the notice of the Italian military authorities.

2. Soldato Ferrario was one of the Platoon engaged on guard duty at 64 (St) General Hospital, Andria. While off duty on 17 Dec 44, he was approached by certain civilians, in Andria, who offered him a bribe to permit them to enter the hospital for the purpose of obtaining medicine, at a time when he would be on duty as sentry, over the hospital stores. The bribe which they offered was between 2000 and 3000 lire for every tent which they would succeed in carrying away.

3. Ferrario informed his officer, 2/Lt. Staffe, of this, and, on his instructions told the men that he accepted their offer. The police were prepared, and when the two civilians arrived, were arrested.

4. As a result of this, six men have been arrested who were connected with this and previous attempts from the stores of 64 General Hospital.

5. I request that some mark of appreciation of the commendable conduct of this soldier be given to him by the appropriate military authority.

C.M.F.
25 Jan 45.
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Brigadier,
Commander, 54 Area.

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Subject:- Commendat s - Italians.

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British Increment (A Branch),
Rear P. Fifth Army,
CMF.

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HQ 181A

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162.

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It is desired to record this Headquarters' appreciation of the work done in the Allied cause by Capt A CICOONA, Horse Artillery.

This Officer, as a member of the Italian Liaison Staff attached to HQ 5 (US) Army, has been the main link between the British Increment at Army Headquarters and the Italian formations and units working with the Army. He has throughout applied himself energetically to meeting all calls made on him and by his enthusiasm and devotion to duty coupled with his thorough knowledge and understanding of the Staff procedure of the British, American and Italian Armies, has contributed in no small measure to the attainment of the high degree of co-operation that has characterised the dealings of all elements of the Italian Army working with British troops of 5 (US) Army.

It is desired that this Headquarters' appreciation of this Officers' work may be conveyed to the Italian High Command.

R. H. M. Jones

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British),
Fifth Army.

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Copy to HQ of W
To inform Capt Cicoona

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2/c does not agree

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See Folio 46

Subject: Italian Officers - appreciation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
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25 Jan 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ten. NICOLAI Giulio

1. It is with pleasure that the attached commendation in respect of the above named officer is forwarded for your attention.
2. Will you please inform Ten. Nicolai that his services to the Allied Forces are much appreciated.
3. This M.Q. is of the opinion that an officer of his ability and integrity is worthy of increased responsibility. Please keep his name under review for advancement and promotion.

S. P. Archer
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: for Dep; Mil. Sec.

your 1007/MS3 of 18 Jan/45 refers.

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SUBJECT: Honours and Awards

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/MS3

18 Jan 45

M.M.I.A. ✓

The attached commendation in respect of
Tenente Giulio NICOLAI is forwarded for the
information of the Italian High Command.

G.F. Denton Major

G.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.M.S.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Military Secretary.

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*Copy sent
to HQ
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Subject: Awards - Italian

DA & QMG 3 District

3 District
Tel Ext 40
4061 X53
10 Jan 45

Tenente NICOLAI Giulio
(Liaison Officer to CSO 3 District)

Reference AFHQ 1027/MS dated 2 Jan 45.

1. In view of the excellent work performed by this Italian officer, I wish to submit his name for recommendation in accordance with the above-quoted letter.

2. A serious accident, involving loss of life, occurred when a runaway train from GRAGNANO crashed through the station at CASTELLAMARE on 29 Oct 44. Tenente NICOLAI toiled for several hours throughout the night, voluntarily rendering assistance under the direction of a British NOO RE. Office buildings and station-walls had collapsed, and his untiring efforts contributed to the recovery of British personnel buried under the masonry.

3. This officer has always conducted himself well and in a manner becoming an officer of high integrity.

During the past nine months, two Italian Line Coy HQ and fourteen Italian Line Sections have been formed by CSO 3 District. The complexity of the many problems encountered was considerably reduced by the energy displayed by Tenente NICOLAI. He labours as a Liaison Officer and not merely as an Interpreter.

It is due, in no small part, to his keenness and efficiency that the formation and subsequent operational employment of these sections have been completed smoothly.

4. I would strongly recommend him for promotion to Capitano.

(Sgd) W.H. LLOYD, Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

WHL/RJD.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
VETERINARY & REMOUNT BRANCH.
----- C.M.F. -----

Ref: 69/V&R. "far"

To: - M.M.I.A.,
A.F.H.Q.

I beg to bring to your notice the valuable services rendered to this department by

Capitano Pizzicheni Rudolfo,
i/c. Administration,
II Company,
5 Regiment Aoste,
Reggio,
Calab.

and his men in assisting with the staging of British Army Mules at Reggio en route Sicily - Italy.

J.J. Plunkett
Colonel.
J.J. Plunkett.
D.D.V. & R.S.

8th January, 1945.
/JI.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ENGINEER SECTION
SURVEY DIRECTORATE
APO 512, U.S. ARMY

File: CV 15/16

6 January 1945

Subject: Italian Maps.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission (M.H.I.A.)
Allied Commission,
Rome.

1. Reference is made to your S/A/12 of 31 Dec 44 with which you forwarded copies of an Italian map secured, upon request of this headquarters, from the Italian War Ministry.

2. It is desired to express the appreciation of this headquarters for the assistance you have rendered in securing the subject maps. The maps secured fill our requirements admirably. You can be assured that the copies you designated will be treated with care and returned in due course.

3. It is possible that future contacts with the Cartoteca of the Italian War Ministry will be desired. It is hoped that we will not be imposing upon your good offices by requesting further assistance in such matters.

For the Chief Engineer:

R. LI. POWELL,
Brigadier,
Director of Survey.

This Copy to G

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Appreciation of Services.

Land Forces Sub Cos., A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)

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25 Dec 44

The Minister of War

On return from a visit to ENGLAND on duty, I find that General OXILIA is to be replaced by another officer as Under Secretary of State for War.

While accepting the change, I would like to put on record my appreciation of the valuable services rendered by General OXILIA to the Allied Cause.

Both as Deputy Chief of Staff, S.W.R.E. and as Under Secretary of State for War, General OXILIA has co-operated with me and my Sub-Commission most loyally, conscientiously and efficiently during the period (9 months) that I have been in Command of Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (WIA). He has in my opinion, served the cause of the Allies and of ITALY most faithfully and I hope that proper credit will be given to him for his excellent work and that use will continue to be made of his undoubted ability.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy for File G/26

PERSONAL

25 Dec 44

Dear Count Casati

Herewith my letter regarding General OXILIA.

I would ask that it be brought to the notice of
the Expiration Committee which will examine the case of General OXILIA.

Yours Sincerely

Langley Browning

(Major General)

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Appreciation of Services.

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Interview with CASATI re OXILIA on 24th Dec 1944.

1. I accept removal of OXILIA so as not to embarrass the Govt.

2. I accept CHATRIAN and wish to see him.

3. I wish to state that:-

(a) Gen OXILIA has done well by the Allies since M.M.I.A. was formed and I will make a written statement to that effect.

(b) OXILIA should be told of the epuration aspect.

(c) The epuration committee should sit on his case as soon as possible and I'd like my letter as in(a) produced.

(d) We cannot employ OXILIA till after the Epuration Committee's findings.

(e) If O.K., OXILIA must be employed outside ROME and M. of W. - at any rate pro tem.

(f) I personally am sorry OXILIA is going.

(g) I propose seeing OXILIA and telling him that his departure is on political NOT military grounds and thanking him for what he has done.

(h) I would like CASATI to tell the Italian Cabinet that while I refuse to enter into politics, militarily OXILIA's departure will cause a temporary upset and I must ask the Cabinet to note this point, as any further changes will militarily be detrimental to the War Effort - on the grounds

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(i) I've discussed all this with Brig. LUSH and he agrees. 500

24 Dec 44

L. Browning,
Major General.

TOP SECRET

The war Minister requested an urgent interview with GOC on 11 Dec. in order to discuss the post of mil undersecretary of state in the new gov't. CASATI stated that there was opposition on the part of other members of the gov't to the retention of Gen OXILIA, on the allegation that:-

- (a) his political activities between 1926 and 1941 would NOT pass close scrutiny.
- (b) he had been somewhat over-energetic in the execution of his duties in CROATIA, and may even have laid himself open to be included in the War Criminals list.

CASATI said he was well satisfied with Oxilia's work, as mil under-secretary and would be sorry to lose him, but the changed situation in the gov't itself, would lay both gov't and War Ministry open to attack if Oxilia were to continue in present capacity. During the previous gov't a gen party truce had been maintained and Oxilia's examination by the epuration commission had been deferred. Not all parties would be represented in the new gov't and opposition newspapers would be in a poen to cause serious embarrassment all round. Should the epuration be insisted on, Casati could not say what the result would be. If unfavourable, and Oxilia still in office, it would be very awkward. Casati said that he had not ordered an enquiry hitherto because the situation did not demand it, but from private conversations he had gathered that there may be grounds for such an enquiry. On being asked what would be his decision, if he had to take one independently of MMIA, Casati replied that he would be compelled to replace Oxilia.

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Generale di Brigata in s.p.e. CHATRIAN Luigi

Nato il 7 novembre 1891 (Aosta).

Nominato sottotenente di complemento di fanteria nel novembre 1910, venne trasferito nel servizio permanente nell'agosto 1912.

Ha preso parte alla guerra italo-austriaca con i gradi di tenente e capitano, prestando servizio prima presso reparti del battaglione alpini "Aosta" e successivamente presso comandi di S.U. con funzioni di Stato Maggiore.

Ha conseguito la promozione a colonnello al grado di maggiore nel marzo 1918.

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Dal 1920 al 1922 ha frequentato i corsi della Scuola di Guerra.

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'SIDE BY SIDE'

"In assuming command of the 15th Army Group in Italy, I do so with those same feelings. Side by side, through the bitterest fighting and against the most difficult obstacles in the history of warfare, the 5th and 8th Armies have driven a strong, resourceful and fanatical enemy from the extreme south of Italy to the Valley of the Po.

"Your contribution to an Allied victory does not rest upon the mere liberation of an Axis-dominated land. Far more important has been your effect upon the enemy's forces and your destruction of thousands upon thousands of his troops and their equipment. It is our campaign that holds in this theater many of the enemy's best divisions which could otherwise be used against the Eastern or Western fronts. We shall continue to defeat them and eventually shall destroy them. Never underestimate the vital and continuing importance of your role in the Italian campaign.

'BEST WISHES'

"I can wish my successor, General Truscott, no finer heritage than the loyalty, courage, determination, and combat skill you have always shown me. We shall continue to form a powerful Allied force of ground, sea, and air power, dedicated to the defeat of our enemies.

"I am happy that I remain in Italy to continue the fight with you. My affection for the 5th Army will never diminish, nor will my interest in your welfare and achievements. I could not have hoped to command finer men or better soldiers.

"And now, I wish to thank each of you for what you have done—and for what you will do. A great and even more glorious future lies ahead for the 5th Army.

"Good luck and God bless you.
MARK W. CLARK, Lieutenant General, USA, Commanding."

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LT. GEN. MARK W. CLARK
... says farewell ...

QUARTIERE GENERALE DELLA 5.^a ARMATA
Ufficio del Generale Comandante
A.F.O. 464, Esercito Statunitense

8/28. 29
16 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Conmiato

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Molto è stato chiesto a voi in questa difficile campagna. Nessun Comandante avrebbe potuto ricevere una migliore risposta.

Nell'assumere il Comando del 15.^o Gruppo d'Armata in Italia lo faccio cogli stessi sentimenti di allora. Bianco e bianco, superato i più aspri combattimenti e le più grandi difficoltà nella storia della guerra, la 5.^a e l'8.^a Armate hanno fatto arretrare un forte, pieno di risorse e fanatico nemico dall'estremità meridionale dell'Italia alla Vallata del PO.

Il vostro contributo alla vittoria alleata non si arresta alla semplice liberazione di una terra dominata dall'Asse. Molto più importanti sono stati i risultati sulle forze nemiche colte messe fuori combattimento di migliaia e migliaia di soldati nemici e nel loro equipaggiamento. E' la vostra azione che tiene impiegate in questo teatro di guerra molte delle migliori divisioni nemiche che potrebbero altrimenti venire usate sul fronte occidentale ed orientale. Noi continueremo a sconfiggerle ed eventualmente distruggerle.

In nessun caso sottovalutate la vitale e grande importanza del vostro compito nella campagna d'Italia.

Io non posso lasciare al mio successore, generale Truscott, nessuna più bella eredità che la lealtà, coraggio, decisione ed abilità in combattimento che voi mi avete sempre dimostrato.

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Sono felice di rimanere in Italia e continuare a combattere con voi.

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Subject: Attached Letter

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For your information.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S. A. R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Roma, 8 Dicembre 1944

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Caro Maggiore Pinkley,

mi rivolgo alla Sua cortesia per pregarla
di voler far provvedere all'inoltro dell'unito mes-
saggio diretto al Luogotenente Generale Lucian K.
TRUSCOTT, Comandante della 5^a Armata.

Nel ringraziarla del Suo interessamento,
Le invio i migliori saluti.

Adolfo Infante
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

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Major Rex E. PINKLEY
Land Force Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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TELEGRAMMA

December 7th, 1944.

Lt.General Lucian K. Truscott,
Commanding General of the 5th Army.

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the
Realm has asked me to convey to you his sincere
and warm congratulations for your appointment and
hopes to have the opportunity of seeing you very
soon.

(General Adolfo Infante)

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Commanding General American 5 Army

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ROUTINE

Rex E. Pinkley
Lt. Col.

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SUBJECT: General ADOLFO INFANTE.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M. I.A.)

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A. De - Nov 14 - - - -

R : Ministry of War.

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Quote. Thank you very much for your telegram of congratulations. I shall be most grateful if you will convey to H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm my sincere thanks for his message unquote.

2. Please see to the onward transmission of this message.

for Major General
M. I.A.

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SUBJECT: Appreciation.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

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Ministry of War.

Thank you for forwarding the information contained in
your letter 305448/2/CA of 27 Nov.
313.1.12

It is most gratifying to learn that the 23rd Eng Pioneer
Bn has done so well and I should personally
like to add my sincere congratulations.

Major General
M.E.I.A.

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FROM ADV HQ NAI 321649A

TO ALLIED COMMISSION

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FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL ADOLFO INFANTE FROM

FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER (.) BEGINS (.)

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM MY SINCERE THANKS FOR HIS MESSAGE (.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Date/Time Rec'd: NOV 30/2400
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FROM: ADV HQ AAI
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION

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From: HQ W
To: MMIA

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Ref: 305448/21CA

313.I.12

Date: 27 Nov. 1944.

Subject: Allied recognition of Italian Army unit's
contribution.

I forward the following to MMIA for information:

On the 29 October the 23rd Eng. Pioneer Bn. was offered- in LVCAT- in solemn form and with due ceremony the shoulder-patch of the American 5th Army as ~~proof~~^{taken} of recognition for special merits earned during the period in which the Battalion operated with the 5th Army troops.

The ceremony was attended by:

Gen. GRITTEMBERGER, commander, American IV Corps.

" BAVHANN, commander of 5th Army engineers.

" HUME, head of 5th Army A.M.G.

27 Nov 1944

Subject: Award recognition of Italian Army Unit's

Contribution.

I forward the following to H41A for information:

On the 29 October the 25th Eng. Pioneer Bn. was offered in LVCAT in solemn form and with due ceremony the shoulder-patch of the American 5th Army as ~~present~~ ^{token} of recognition for special merits earned during the period in which the Battalion operated with the 5th Army troops.

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Col. PAXON.

The commander of the Italian 210 Div.

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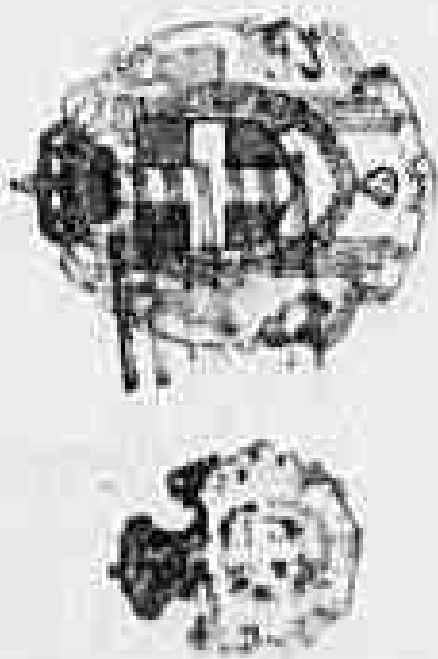
Numerous American and Italian officers.

Inclosed is copy of citation awarded by the 5th Army Commander for the contribution made by and the

work accomplished by the 25th Pioneer Bn.

s/ OXICIA

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Ord. No. 45548/2/CA
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Rumf. P.M. 151, 24 novembre 1944

Disposto al fido

Dir. Sec. Ve

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Oggetto. Riconoscimento degli alleati al contributo dato da unità dell'Esercito.

Acknowledgement by letter of the contribution given by Lt. Ashby unit

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- il colonnello PAXON;
- il comandante della 210 div.italiana;
- numerosi ufficiali americani e italiani.

Allego copia della citazione con la quale il comandante della 5° armata ha voluto premiare il contributo dato e l'opera svolta dal 23° btg.genio artigieri.

IL SOTTOSEGRETERIO ALLA GUERRA

Y. P. X.

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TranslationRec. of ~~letter~~ 305448/CACopy

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HQ. 5th Army

11 Oct. 1944.

- Phrase -

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that the 23rd Pioneer Battalion, Italian Army, for a just acknowledgement of the courageous attitude shown in the performance of their tasks, is on this day praised with the following ~~phrase~~

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The industrious activity of the members of the 23rd 4518 Pioneers gives an example worth ~~imitating~~ ^{studying} following and is a ~~clear~~ ^{sure} indication of the spirit of cooperation that inspires the new Italian Army." S/H.W. CLARK

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QUARTIER GENERALE DELLA V ARMATA

11 ottobre 1944

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sia noto a tutti

che il ventitreesimo battaglione genio artiglieri dell'Esercito Italiano, a giusto riconoscimento del coraggioso contributo dimostrato nell'esecuzione dei compiti ad esso affidati, viene oggi encomiato con la seguente

* CITAZIONE *

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Sia noto a tutti

che il ventitreesimo battaglione genio artieri dell'Esercito italiano, a finesto riconoscimento del coraggioso contributo dimostrato nell'esecuzione dei compiti ed esso affidati, viene così esonerato con la seguente

ta

* D I T T A T I O N E *

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Firmato: Mark H. Clark
Tenente Generale dell'Esercito degli
Stati Uniti d'America - Comandante



P. C. C.
CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

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SUBJECT: Commendations

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. C/28
23 Nov 44

TO : C.O. RASC Training Depot

I should like to say how grateful we are in MMIA to you and your Staff for the excellent results obtained during the series of courses you held at your Depot for Italian Army Officers and ORs.

We realise full well the numerous difficulties you had to overcome - such as those of language, difference in outlook and custom, infusion of the proper spirit etc.

If I may be allowed to say so, the results you have achieved are remarkable and a great tribute to all concerned.

I should be grateful if you would pass on my remarks to all your staff.

L. Brown
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Brig. H. M. HINDE, C.B.E.
D.D.S.T.
HQ AAI

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LE MANTOVA GP TO DUE PUNTI COMILIT CALABRIA

RESTRICTED AT /./ FOR GENERAL CORONATI FROM LT COL/ HOWARD /./

ASKED BY GENERAL BROWNING TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY HIS SINCE

FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO M.M.I.A. DURING THE

/./ THE TASK OF THE MISSION IN CALABRIA HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY

BY YOUR COURTESY AND COOPERATION AND I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY OWN

THOSE OF MY GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING /./ + + +

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ATTI COMITAT CALABRIA
 GENERAL CORONATI FROM LT COL/ HOWARD /./ I HAVE BEEN
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Land Forces Sub-Commission A. C.
(M M I A)

G/28

November 1944

H. E. Count Casati,
The Minister of War.

R. H. J. H.

I have great pleasure in forwarding the enclosed letter from Admiral Cunningham, Commander in Chief of the Allied Navies in the Mediterranean, commending the conduct of the Italian Military Commander and, in particular, of 1st Ten. Medico CULLA-MARTI of the 22nd Regiment of Artillery of the Aosta Division.

I shall be grateful if you will thank those officers for their very commendable conduct, and forward the original letter, signed by the Admiral, which 1st Ten. CULLA-MARTI may like to keep.

Copies of the letter are enclosed for your files and for the Commanding Officer of the 22nd Regiment of Artillery.

R. Browning
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
CASERTA.

20th October, 1944.

FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND
ADRIATIC LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Copy to:- Flag Officer Taranto and
Adriatic Liaison Italy.)

It is requested that you will convey to the appropriate authority my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Italian Military Commander at CASTELVETRANO, SICILY, to some members of my Staff on the 2nd and 3rd of October, 1944.

2. The occasion arose when a Royal Naval Fleet Air Arm Aircraft, containing some members of my Staff, force landed at CASTELVETRANO aerodrome. Every possible assistance was given by the Italian Military Commander and, in particular, by 1st Ten. Medico CUILLA-MARIO of the 22nd Regiment of Artillery of the Aosta Division. A military truck was placed at their disposal to assist recovering gear from the wrecked aircraft and every facility was given to arrange adequate accommodation and food until it was possible for the naval personnel to leave CASTELVETRANO.

(Sgd) CUNNINGHAM

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ADRIATIC DEPOT
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 368

211. (AD36)

SUBJECT: Italian Liaison Service in Bari.

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army,
Rome, Italy.

16 October 1944 Reg 21/10

1. For approximately one year, the operations of Adriatic Depot in providing basic supplies to all U.S. troops in East Italy, have been greatly facilitated by close liaison with Italian authorities, particularly in the Bari area. The medium through which this successful liaison functions is the office of Colonel Riccardo Vallone, Allied Liaison Officer for the Italian Army, whose staff has been attached to Headquarters Number 2 District.

2. Practically all of the unskilled labor requirements of this command have been met by the utilization of Italian labor. On numerous occasions the advice and assistance of Colonel Vallone was of value in the effective exploitation of this source of assistance to military forces. Additionally, there has been a total lack of friction with the Italian civil population in procurement of the extensive amounts of space required for storage of military supplies. While requisitioning was handled through British channels, the services of Colonel Vallone and the several Italian Army Officers attached to this headquarters have simplified the necessary readjustments. Assistance in procurement of local products for use of the armed forces and arranging sales to the public of salvaged army goods are other forms of service rendered by these officers.

3. Effective October 10, Headquarters Number 2 District was closed at Bari and administrative jurisdiction assumed by Headquarters Number 3 District, Naples. Prior to this change, the attention of the Commanding Generals of Number 2 and Num-

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cc: Number 3 District -
Colonel Vallone

E. T. Barrett
Colonel, C.O.
Commanding

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512 U.S. ARMY

Major General T.S. AIRY

GSI/DO/34/44

15 October 1944

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My dear Browning,

I enclose a copy of letter from Allan Arnold, M.A., ANKARA. I should be very grateful if, should you agree, you would inform the Italian military authorities that Colonel ZAVATTARI has been extremely cooperative and that our M.A. in Turkey has asked us to transmit to them his recognition of ZAVATTARI'S work.

We cannot, of course, get mixed up with ZAVATTARI'S career before the armistice, (it occurs to me that he may be wanted for epuration!!) but I feel that there is no harm in placing on record our appreciation of his post armistice activities which have been of considerable intelligence value to the Allies.

If you agree I should be most grateful if you would put in a good word for ZAVATTARI.

Sorry to bother you with this and hope you will come and see us again before long.

Yours

Frederic Airy 451

MAJOR GENERAL L. BROWNING, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Comd 33 Military Mission,
C.M.F.

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COPY
1.British Embassy,
Ankara.

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1st October 1944.

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My dear Airey,

1. Following a very strained period with his Ambassador, the Italian Military Attache here, Colonel ZAVATTARI, has been recalled to Italy. His Ambassador being, to put it mildly, a colourless and spineless, albeit vindictive individual, will probably try to blacken ZAVATTARI'S character vis-a-vis his own High Command and it is to this end that I am writing to you.

2. ZAVATTARI has since the Italian armistice co-operated with me fully 100% and I may say that the information which he has given me has been of far higher quality than that of any other Allied or neutral colleague.

3. The main accusation levelled against ZAVATTARI is that he was the most extreme Fascist in the whole Embassy and that, in the twinkling of an eye after the armistice he became the most extreme supporter of the King. This is in a sense true but it is due to the character of the man. I have known him intimately since before the war. He is a hard worker and intense character all round and whatever work he is doing he must give 100% the whole time. Thus, when against us he gave 100% but, having taken the decision to stick to the King, he has equally given 100% value while working for us. Personally, I would prefer a man who works full out like him rather than a colourless, characterless, wishy-washy individual like his Ambassador and like many other Italians here.

4. ZAVATTARI has quarrelled with his Ambassador largely owing to the fact that he, ZAVATTARI, criticizes his Ambassador's supine attitude towards a number of treacherous or doubtful Italians here in Turkey. ZAVATTARI, in his capacity of counter espionage officer, has reported on their Anti-Allied activities and wished the Ambassador to take drastic action.

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5. Would you therefore formally transmit to the Italian High Command in Italy on my behalf some sort of appreciation of the wholehearted way in which ZAVATTARI has collaborated since the armistice and, as I have said before, not only has he collaborated, but he has given extremely good value and has certainly produced more information of value to the war effort than many of our colleagues.

Yours ever,

Signed A.A. Arnold.

Major-General T.S. Airey,
DMI, AFHQ.

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Military Mission Italian Army
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C/22

17 Oct 44

Per 17

Dear

Many thanks for your C21/DO/34/44 dated 15 Oct re Colonel
ZAVATTARI, Italien M.A. AREA.

I am taking the attached official letter to the Minister
of War in person to-day and at the same time telling the Minister
privately the gist of ARMOUDS letter. I think he should know the
facts and we want to "play" with those that help us and not let them
be victimised.

ZAVATTARI obviously is an honest "go - getter" who does
his job by his superiors no matter what political flavour they have !

Yours

L.B.

(Major General)

Major General T. ARMY, C.B., C.B.E.
D.M.I.
A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Colonel ZAVATTARI, Italian Military Attache, AMEMB.

Military Mission Italian Army.
R O M E

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17 Oct. 44.

Minister of War.

1. I wish, on behalf of the Allies, to put on record the excellent work and 100% co-operation of the above officer in AMEMB.

2. The British Military Attache in AMEMB reports -

"ZAVATTARI has since the Italian armistice co-operated with me fully 100% and I say say that the information which he has given me has been of far higher quality than that of any other Allied or neutral colleague."

He is a hard worker and intense character all round, and whatever work he is doing he must give 100% the whole time."

3. I understand that ZAVATTARI has been recalled to AMEMB after a very extended period with his Ambassador.

I gather that this is due to a clash of personalities, ZAVATTARI being a strong, energetic character while the Italian Ambassador is far less so.

4. I trust that, in either event, was ZAVATTARI's pre-war service record, the above facts will be taken into account when you are deciding on Colonel ZAVATTARI's future.

A.R.

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4. I trust that, no matter what was ZAVATTARI's pre-war record, the above facts will be taken into account when you are deciding on Colonel ZAVATTARI's future.

L.R.

Major General.
R.A.I.A.

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Subject :- Italian Officer.

Liaison Officer,
Military Mission Italian Army,
Rear H.Q., Eighth Army.

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13 Oct 44.

To :- H.Q., M.M.I.A, ROME.

Attached letter 21PG/OF/3/6 of 6 Oct 44
in respect of Maj. Ugo BARBATO (Cavalry), C.C., 21
Italian Pack Tpt Coy, is forwarded to you for action
considered necessary.

Lieut. Col., G.S.,
M.M.I.A L.O.

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Object: Italian Officer's.

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REIA.,
c/o 8th Army.

Major Ugo BARBATO.

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On my departure from this Group, I wish to place on record
the excellent service performed by the above named Officer, during
the six months of my command,

His co-operation and help has been invaluable.

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In the field.

6 Oct 44

Copy to: Ufficio Personale, 210 Division.

W. A. D. B. H. Col.
RASC,
66 British Cadre RASC,
HQ 21 Italian Peck Tpt Gp.

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FROM: ADV HQ AAI

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PERSONAL MSG TO GENERAL UTILE FROM LEESE.

I much regret that it was not possible for me to say
goodbye to you before leaving to take up a higher
appointment at short notice. I would have liked to thank
you and the GIL for the excellent ^{work} you have done with
the Eighth Army particularly in your valuable cooperation
with the Polish Corps on the Adriatic Sector. With my good
wishes to you all

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2 Oct 44

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You will be
interested to
see this
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R A A C MESSAGE FORM

FROM: M M I A

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TO : 64 GARRISON for Major GELARDI

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TOP SECRET

Please pass the following (:) PAREN RENE AREA COMBAND PAREN(:)
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 With my good wishes to you all (:) UNQUOTE (:) Ack

PRECEDENCE SIGNATURE

M M I A

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Copy

From: Lt Col. E. L. WES. 8th Army.
 To: Hqs. 11 ABG, Evacuation Camp.

Ref: CO/207

Date: 21/7/46.

Subject: Congratulations on services rendered.

I shall be grateful if you would transmit the following message to Officers & ORs under your command.

During the last weeks, you worked hard and in difficult circumstances. It has been noticed by many superior officers in the vicinity that the work in the Camp has been carried out well in every respect and in fact from the Army HQ, I was congratulated on the marvellous work put up by the Italian personnel of the Camp.

You can imagine how glad I was to receive these congratulations. I wish to inform you of my satisfaction in your good job and enjoying with you the result and thank you.

(Sgd) E. L. WES.

Sgt. FABRE

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Lt. Col. KE 08 BRANIN.

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Translation

From: MAFW
To: MIMIA.

Ref: 12367/C.O.
Date: 22 Aug 44.

Subject: Praising of soldiers of the Tappa 214.
Herein for information copy of the
letter by Ten Col. LIVER, Commandant Refugee Camp
of AMG, praising the soldiers of Tappa 214
Chief of Cabinet
(Col. S.M.E. De Mennet)

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From: Italian Army Refugee Camp.
To: SMRG.
SMRE
HQS Rome.

Ref: 2505
Date: 14 Aug 44.

Herein for information copy of the
letter of Commandant Refugee Camp AMG, praising
the Officers, NCOs & Men of Tappa 214

Ten Col. SAVINI LUIGI
(Sgt) Capt A. PARISI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

12367/C di prot.

P.M.107

22 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Elogio ai militari della Tappa 214

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
 -Sottocommissione per l'Esercito-
R O M A

Si trasmette, per notizia, copia di un
 elogio tributato dal Ten.Col. ELWES, coman-
 dante dei campi Assistenza Profughi Civili
 dell' A.M.G., al personale della Tappa 214.-

d'ordine
 IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
 (Col. di S.M.F. De Michelis)

Here with
 letter of tribute
 from Lt Col ELWES
 (commanding one of AMG's APCs)
 to the personnel of Tappa 214.

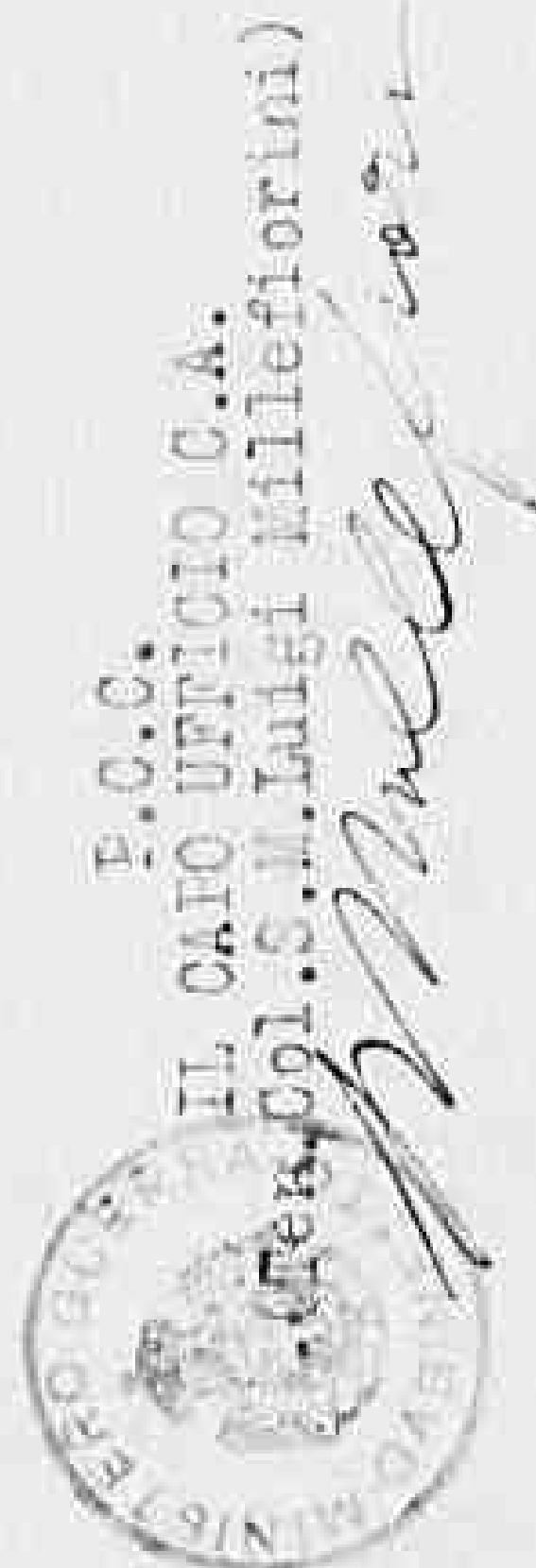
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Rome, 14 agosto 1944

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ALLO S. M. E.	P. M. 151
AL COMANDO TERRITORIO DI	R O M A

Si trasmette per conoscenza copia dell'elogio fatto dal Ten. Col. Comandante dei Campi A. P. S. dell'A. K. C. agli Ufficiali, Sottufficiali e Soldati della Tappe 214. -

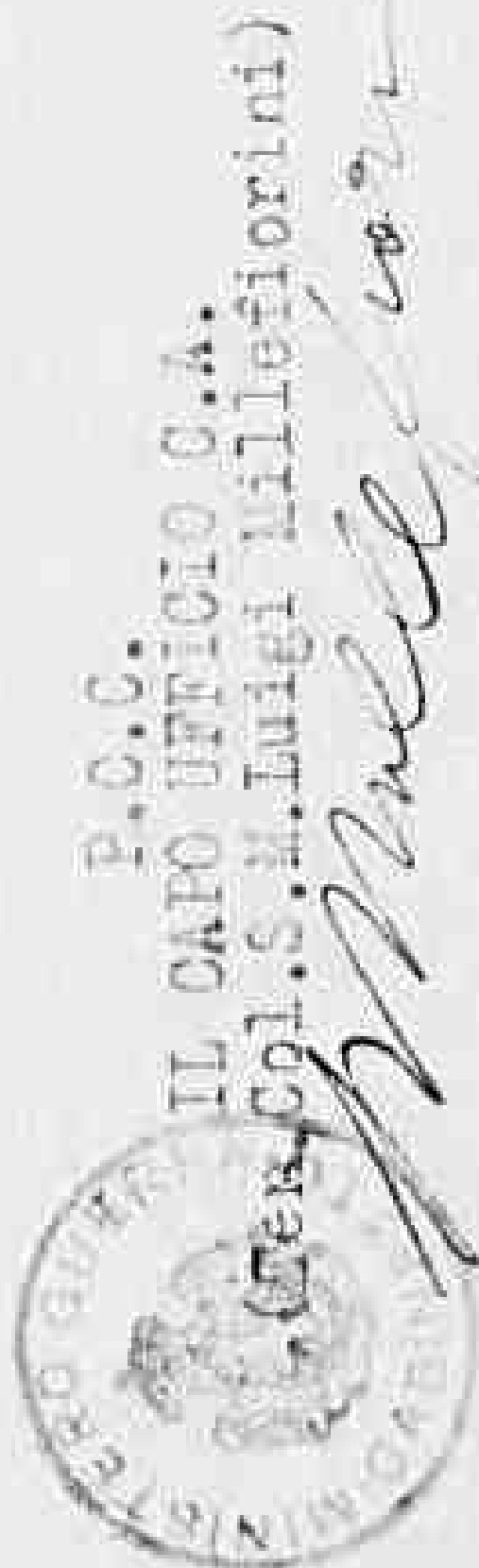
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TENTENTE COLONNELLO S. S. M.
(Savini Luigi)
F/to Cap. A. Parisi



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TENENTE COLONNELLO S.S.M.
(Savini Luigi)
F/to Cap. A. Parisi



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OGGETTO: Congratulazioni per il servizio

H.Q. A.M.G. REAR 8th ARMY
CA/ 207
21.7.1944

AL COMANDANTE
N. 11 A.M.G. EVACUATION CAMP.

Vi sarei grato se voleste consegnare il seguente messaggio agli Ufficiali italiani infermiere e O.N. che lavorano al suo Comando.

Durante le ultime settimane avete dovuto fare del duro lavoro in difficili circostanze. - E' stato notato da molti ufficiali superiori, che sono i vostri vicini, che il lavoro del personale del Campo è stato eseguito bene in tutti i modi, ed in fatti dai H.Q. dell'Armata ho ricevuto molti elogi sul modo ammirabile col quale il personale italiano si è comportato. Potete immaginare quanto sono lieto di ricevere questi elogi. - Desidero comunicarsi quanto sono stato soddisfatto del vostro lavoro e rallegrarmi con voi per il risultato e ringraziarvi.

R/to E. Elwes

Lt. Col. H.E.O.G. Armata

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MAIL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.
(Ten. Col. di S.M.L. Millefiorini)

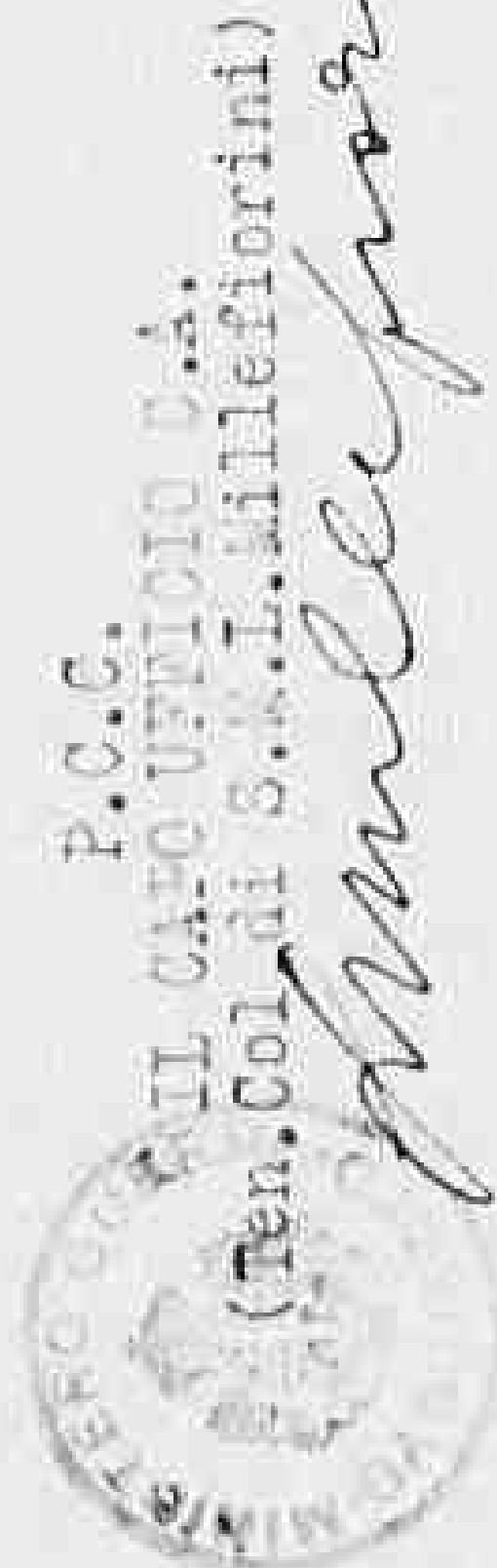
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R/to E. Elwes

Lt. Col. H. E. O. O. Armata



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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

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UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

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Risposta al foglio N.

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OGGETTO: 556^a compagnia movimento stradale.

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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Gabinetto-

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

ALMA COMMISSIONE ALBERA DI CONTROLLO

- Sottocommissione Esercito -

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LEGNILE



Si trasmette, per conoscenza, copia della lettera inviata dal Comandante del 101 Provet Company C.M.P. al Comandante della 556^a compagnia movimento stradale, quale approssimamento dei sorvizi da questa prestati.

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OGGETTO: 555^a compagnia movimento stradale.

666 Road movement Reg

del 9
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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Cabinetto-

P.M. 107

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 125

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIBATA DI CONTROLLO

LENNING

- Sottocommissione Esercito -



Si trasmette, per conoscenza, copia della lettera inviata dal Comandante del 101^o Provost Company C.M.P. al Comandante della 555^a compagnia movimento stradale, quale apprezzamento del servizio da questa prestato.

11/12/7

IL SOTTOCARPO DI S.M. INTER.
-Col. Quercia Attilio-

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COMANDO I BATTAGLIONE 522° FANTERIA

Nr. 1326/3/M di prot.

AL CAPITANO FOGLIA SIG. Lando

REPORTO NOVEMBRE

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La collaborazione dei vostri ufficiali e uomini è graditamente apprezzata da me, e desidero ringraziare distintamente tutti per il loro efficiente servizio ed esemplare comportamento.

Spero che la vostra compagnia e la mia continueranno ad avere piacevoli rapporti.

Sgd. Cap. TULLIN
D.A.P.M. & O.C.
101 Provost Company C.M.P.

Camp. 21 giugno 1944
Copia al : Tenente W.S. Buza

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P.C.C.
IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M. S.P.S.
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni-
(Piero Sampa)

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L.O., Army Sub Commission, (ACC).,
 XXXI Italian Corps,
 Pontefrante-CATANZARO. - - - -

- - July 44.

Ref: -G.I4/IOB

To: -G.O.C.,
XXXI Italian Corps.

Copy to: -Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
 Main E.Q., (M.M.I.A.),
LEQUILE. (LECCE).

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2. I would like to take this opportunity of letting you know that during the three months that I have been in CALABRIA I have, in all my relations with yourself and with the officers under your command, been very aware of that spirit of cooperation and understanding that is an essential part of the relations between this Mission and the Italian Army in the furtherance of our common aim.

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H. A. C. Howard

Lt. Col.,
M.M.I.A.,
L.O., XXXI Corps.

TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BN
540 ENGR REGT - APO 464

Subject: Commendation

To: CO, 540 Engr Regt (Port CO) APO 464 USA Army.

During the past months the 567 Arty Regt, II Bty 4 Tp, comd Capt OLIVETTI Ubaldino, has continued to discharge sups from shipping in ANZIO harbour so as to maintain the combat efficiency of the bridgehead side by side with British and American tps. Throughout this period, under all weathers, under arty fire and air bombardment of the enemy, Capt OLIVETTI's tp bravely and enthusiastically maintained an average tonnage discharged which suffers in no way by comparison with the averages discharged by other workers.

4 Tp is a well-disciplined and hard-working unit, both officers and men deserving the highest consideration for the work they have done in the general effort. I personally hold these tps in high esteem.-

C.S. MONNIER

Lt Col CE - Harbour Comd.

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PORT OF ANZIO, OFFICE OF ARMY PORT COMD, HQ of 540 Engr Regt.
APO 464

To:- Capt OLIVETTI Ubaldino, 567 Arty Regt, II Bty 4 Tp.

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Signed: GIORGIO W MARWIN

Col C.E. Army Port Comd.

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above are translations of two appreciations
by Allied units at ANZIO on
the work done by 4 Tp 2 Bty
567 Arty Regt.
SMPF passed them on to
us for information
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STATO IAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

P/Cb.

N. 6746 prot. OP. P.M. 151 23 giugno 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

OGGETTO: elogio alla 4^a btr. del
del II/567^o.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Direz. Gen. Personale Ufficiali - P.M. 107

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

L e c u i l e

Si trasmette, per conoscenza, copia di
una lettera di elogio tributato alla 4^a btr.
del II/567^o per i lavori compiuti nel porto
di Anzio.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.

- G.B. Orsilia -

P.C.C.

p. IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M. a.p.s.

- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -

(Piero Sampa)

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COPIA

HEADQUARTERS SECONDO BATTALION
540th ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. 464

Subject: Commendation.

TO: The Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, (Port Commanding Officer) APO 464 USA Army.-

1. Durante questi ultimi mesi il 567° rgt. art., II gruppo 4° btr. Capitano OLIVETTI Ubaldo comandante, ha continuato a scaricare rifornimenti da imbarcazioni nel porto di Anzio per mantenere la efficienza bellica della testa di sbarco fianco a fianco con le truppe britanniche e americane. Durante questo periodo, con qualunque tempo, sotto il tiro delle artiglierie e dei bombardamenti nemici, la btr. del Capitano OLIVETTI ha volenterosamente e ambiziosamente mantenuto una media di tonnellaggio scaricato, che non soffre in confronto con le medie di scarico degli altri lavoratori. La 4° batteria è una unità di truppe ben disciplinata e laboriosa, sia gli ufficiali che gli uomini meritano la maggiore considerazione per il lavoro che hanno compiuto nello sforzo comune. Io personalmente tengo queste truppe in alta stima.-

(1) C.S. MONNIER
(t) C.S. MONNIER
T. Colonnello C.E.
Harbor Commander

File 201.22
PORTO DI ANZIO, UFFICIO DELL'ARMY PORT COMMANDAR, COMANDO DEL 540°
REGIMENTO GENIO = A.P.O. 464.

A: Capitano OLIVETTI Ubaldo 567° rgt. art. II gr. 4° btr.

1. Il pieno successo delle operazioni del porto di Anzio, durante le rischiose e critiche fasi dell'occupazione militare iniziale richiedeva il più alto grado di continue cooperazione del personale del porto di tutte le forze alleate. I rifornimenti vitali richiesti dai molti e svariati servizi militari dislocati nel porto di Anzio eccedevano di molto la designata capacità di tonnellaggio del porto.
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R:to GIORGIO W MARWIN

Colonnello C.E. Army Port Commander

P.C.C.

p. IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M. a.p.s.

- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -

(Piero Sampa)

mag. J. M. M. M.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO ⁴

P/op.

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

G/28^b
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P.M. 151, li 25 giugno 1944.

N. 6851 prot. /op.

Risposta al foglio N.

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del

OGGETTO: trasmissione.

P.M. 135

= AL COMANDO SUPREMO

= ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -
Lequille

Si trasmette in allegato per conoscenza una lettera di elogio del Vice Marshal Air Officer Commanding, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force, riguardante il Servizio di Sbarramento Aereo con Palloni Frenati.

Lo S.M.R. Marina ne ha data comunicazione agli uffici li ed al personale dello Sbarramento Aereo con Palloni Frenati.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- C.B. Oxilia -

Y. Oxilia

= AL COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 135

= ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

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Attached for information is a letter from 4493
 Marshal Air Officer Commanding, Mediterranean
 Allied Coastal Air Force, praising the work
 of Balloon Barrage Units.
 The Naval General Staff have passed this
 on to the Officers and men of Balloon Units.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COASTAL AIR
FORCE
ROYAL AIR FORCE. D.N.A.F.

June 1944.

Dear Captain Ruta,

My attention has recently been drawn to the manner in which both Officers and men of the Italian Navy and Army are carrying out their duties with Royal Air Force Balloon Units in Italy and Sicily, and their excellent work and cooperation has not passed unnoticed by me.

I should therefore be grateful if you would convey to these officers and men my sincere appreciation of the efficient manner in which they are carrying out their duties, and of my pleasure at the way all ranks are endeavouring to cooperate with us in the difficult tasks which have been allotted.

Yours faithfully,
P/to H.F. Lloyd

AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING,
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P.O.S.

P. IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M. a.p.s.

- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero D'Amico)

avgg. attenta

Subject: - Appreciation

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MIA)
Leggione (Lecce)

S.M.R.E.

24 June 44

I have the greatest pleasure in sending you the attached report, voluntarily sent me by the G.O.C. 5 Corps.

I would like to add my personal felicitations. Soldiers of the stamp of Major RICCI and his men are a credit to any country.

I am sure you will be as pleased to receive this report as I was.

d. B.

LB/cc

Major General,
Director, Army Sub Commission, ACC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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22 Jun 44

Major-General L. BROWNING, O.B.E., M.C.,
Director, Army Sub Commission A.C.C.,
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.),
LEQUITE (LEONE)

1. It is desired to bring to your notice the excellent work carried out by Major RICCI and the Detachment of 29 Minatori under his command but more especially to Major RICCI himself.
2. At the end of September, 1943 as the leading troops of 78th Division were approaching SERRACAPRIOLA, Major RICCI organised a small party of Italians who attacked and disposed of the German rear guard, killing several of them. When this Corps Headquarters moved to SERRACAPRIOLA early in October Major RICCI gave great assistance to O.C., A.M.G. 5 Corps and practically acted as the unofficial Italian Civil Controller of SERRACAPRIOLA and the surrounding country. His local knowledge was invaluable to A.M.G. with whom he collaborated closely for more than a month.
3. During this period a number of Italian civilians were being killed and injured on mines which were too numerous to be cleared by British Engineers. Major RICCI volunteered to undertake the work of mine clearance particularly in areas which would not be cleared by the British troops provided he were allowed to recruit a number of Italian Engineers. After a certain amount of difficulty in making the arrangements Major RICCI eventually formed a Mine Clearing Detachment of 12 Other Ranks 29 Minatori. He started work after the crossing of the SANGRO in the very heavily mined areas around FOSSACESIA and MOZZAGROG A. During the winter this work was especially dangerous owing to the wet weather making the detection of mines extremely difficult and further owing to the fact that there were numerous booby traps interspersed with the various varieties of German and Italian mines. Despite the dangers and difficulties to be overcome this Detachment has now cleared over 6,000 mines much to the benefit of the British Army but even more to the civil population who have thereby been able to take back land into cultivation while civilian casualties have been much smaller than was anticipated. It is much to be regretted that during the period Major RICCI has had his Sergeant and two Other Ranks killed and three Other Ranks wounded, a casualty rate which speaks for itself.

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Commander, 5 Corps.

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SUBJECT: Partisans.

File. 6/28
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILLE (LECCE)

2/9
June 44.

Ministry of War
S.M.R.E.

I have much pleasure in sending you the attached letter
I have received from the G.C.C. 5 Corps.

My congratulations on the work of these men.

tvs.LB.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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COPY.

SUBJECT: Partisans.

Main 5 Corps.
307/G
18 Jun 44.

To: Maj. Gen. L. BROWNING, CBE., MC.
MMIA

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the excellent and most gallant work done by the partisans working under command of Capt Lamb in the area of PALENA and LAMA.

Time after time these men have gone out to guide our patrols, and in addition have carried out several deep patrols single-handed to obtain information.

They have consistently shown courage and devotion to duty. They have been a great assistance to us, and the British soldiers working with them have been appreciative of their loyal co-operation.

In The Field.
CWA/LFC.

copy to: BGS (Ops) AAI
Capt. D. Lamb.

2-c-tva.

Sgd: C.W. ALLFREY
Lieut. General.
Comd. 5 Corps.

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