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Subject : Chief of Staff, CC.RH. HQ.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tele: 489,081 Ext. 380

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30 Nov. 45.

To : Ministry of War

Reference your 7026/14/COL dated 25 Nov 45.

1. This Mission knows of no objection to the appointment of Col MACCHI MARIO to be Chief of Staff, CC.RH. HQ., as proposed in your a/q letter.

JACPARAN Dy
J.A.O. PEARSON, Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

JACP/er

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 7026, M/COL

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 25.11.45

SUBJECT: Chief of Staff of G.H.Q., CC.RR.

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We submit this proposal for the approval of your Mission requesting you to be so kind as to give approbation.

Sgd. LOMBARDI

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O. Danin Cpl.

Col A/p.

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Reply. Used RIMA knowing no objection is the proposed. ^{WTP}

DAAG. Checked as above.

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de/  P.N. 3800, Roma ²⁸ 25 novembre 1945
Ministero della Guerra
- GABINETTO -
ALA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA
Domicilio Per
Ind. 17026/M/COL Allegato

OGGETTO Capo S.M. Comando Generale CC.RR.-
Chief of Staff HQ CCRR
A.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma CC.RR.
ha proposto che il col. dei Carabinieri
spe SACCHI Mario sia nominato Capo di Sta-
to Maggiore del Comando stesso.

Si sottopone la proposta all'appro-
vazione di codesta Missione con preghie-
ra di voler dare il benestare.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

J. Surlini

TRANSMISSION

IN

0930

Uscio 28/11

1530

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Time

28/11

1644

Major General L. BROWNING, O.B., O.B.E., MC.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R.C.M.E. 13

A 291.I

CONFIDENTIAL

24 Sept. '45.

My dear

Your 4/1/45 dated 19 Sept. '45.

Indeed I do remember the matter of the promotions of those three C.C.R.E.! I took the matter up personally with the C.C.R.E. authorities. I thought we had let you know what happened, but actually I can find no trace of this on the file.

There are two angles to this matter. Firstly, this is not a solitary case; there are heaps of others like it and so the matter is relevant. Secondly, it is not a matter of just saying to the Italians, "we want these fellows promoted". Italian Military law must be followed and no change in this can be ~~made~~ without sanction by a full-dress Council of Ministers. As you know, the Italians are responsible and free as regards their own internal administration, thus we cannot order things to be done which effect their own administration.

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Yours,

h.B.

Major General N. CLOWES, CBE, DSO, MC.,
Commanding No. 3 District.

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FROM: Major-General N. CLOWES, CBE. DSO. MC.
Commanding No. 3 District

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District.
CMF.

4/1/GSI

19 Sep 45.

My Dear Browning.

You will, no doubt, remember the case of promotions for the 3 CC.RR who helped us at the time of the landings at SALERNO. Your last letter (AQ/11 dated 16 Jan 45) on the subject was to George LAMBLE, who was commanding 3 District at that time. Attached to it was a translation of a letter from Gen. ORLANDO saying that the proposals for promotion to "Aiutante di Battaglia" had been forwarded by him to the Ministry of War.

It now appears that in one case, at least, the promotion given has been one step in rank only and that for 'office merits' rather than war merits; a translation of the decree is attached.

I presume that this lesser promotion may be an indirect result of the dismissal of Gen. ORLANDO from office. If this is so, it seems unfair that the three CC.RR should suffer for that reason.

I should be grateful if you would again tackle the Italian authorities, as I feel that British prestige will suffer if the promised promotions are not carried out.

Yours ever

N. Clowes

Maj Gen. L. BROWNING, CB; OBE; MC.
AFHQ.

Let me have the
file on this damned
thing!
LRO 23 Sep
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COPY TRANSLATION

SECRET

WAR MINISTRY

THE WAR MINISTER

Having seen the Legislative Decree signed by the Lieutenant General of the Realm, No. 401, dated 23 Nov 1944;

Having seen the proposal for special promotion for "office merits" compiled by Territorial Headquarters CC.RR. NAPLES (Commando Legione Territoriale) dated 17.2.45, for Vice Brigadiere of CC.RR. ZAZZARO Vincenzo di Giovanni, born at Chiaiano (Naples) on 30 Apr 1899, to be promoted to the rank of Brigadiere;

Having seen report No. 50 of the Commission examining proposals for special promotions for "office merits" of N.C.O. ranks, such Commission having been appointed by Ministerial Decree No. 4/4/1944, modified by Ministerial Decrees 8/12/1944, 18/2/1945 and 8/3/1945.

ORDERS

That Vice Brigadiere of CC.RR. ZAZZARO Vincenzo be promoted to Brigadiere for "office merits", as from 19.9.1943 with relative pay, for the following reasons:

" He showed a noble spirit of sacrifice, a high sense of duty and an outstanding warlike spirit, personally contributing to the efficiency of action by the CC.RR. in critical moments. He co-operated with other soldiers in preventing an armed German attack of a tunnel where many people had taken refuge from aerial attack. He helped Allied headquarters at the time of the landing, to gain contact with the population and establish bases for further operations. "

Salerno 8 - 10 Sept 1943.
Given in Rome 16.6.1945.
Registered 30.6.1945.
War Registry No. 1980.

(signed) The Minister A. CASATI.

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Translation:

From: General H.Q. of Royal Carabinieri
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
To: General Langley Browning, M.M.I.A.

Rome, July 12, 1945

My dear General,

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At the request of General
Brambilla, now absent on official business, I am
sending you a copy of letter dated June 10th
last, sent to you in reply to yours of June
5, 1945. As you will note therefrom, Sgt. LO
MORO and L/Sgts CALVINO and ZAZZARO
were recommended for special promotion to
the next higher rank, "for outstanding credit
to the Arm".

The corresponding promotion
decrees were already sent to the Bureau of
Accounts for recording, and the question
may therefore be regarded as settled.

I am, with kindest

most respectfully yours,

TAPPEA

GEN.

Spota GOC
10/2 10/45
note - the govt
instructions
to State on
Charterization
and Council
has not yet
been received

PH
10/7/45

regards,

2 Dist. ofr
who wrote me
re above on 16 July



COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA
DEI CARABINIERI REALI
V.
IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

Roma, li 12 luglio 1945

Gentilissimo Generale,

per incarico del Generale Brunetti, attualmente assente per servizio, mi pregio inviarle copia della lettera datata 10 giugno c.a. trasmessale in risposta alla Sua del 5 giugno detto. Come rileverà dal contenuto di essa, il brigadiere LO MORO ed i vicebrigadieri CALVINO e ZAZZARO sono stati proposti per l'avanzamento straordinario al grado immediatamente superiore a quello ora rivestito "per benemerenze d'istituto".

I relativi decreti di promozione sono stati già inviati alla Corte dei Conti per la registrazione e la questione può, pertanto, considerarsi definita.

La prego, Gentilissimo Generale, di gradire con i sensi della più alta stima i miei cordiali saluti

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Al Generale
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Commissione Alleata

R O M A

1630

Translation

COPY

From: General H.Q. of Royal Carabinieri
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

To: Brig. Langley Browning, MMIA.

Rome, June 10, 1945

My dear General,

Action taken at the time to bring about the promotion to "battle adjutant" for outstanding bravery in battle, of Sgt. Quinto Lo Iuso and of L/Sgts Vincenzo Zaggaro and Nicola Calvino, was followed up with the greatest possible interest both by my predecessor, General Orlando, and by myself, since we both realized how anxious Allied authorities were to see the valuable services rendered by these NCO's during military operations at Salerno rewarded in a tangible manner.

In fact, General Orlando, as stated to you in his letter of January 7th last, informed His Excellency Chatrian - who had succeeded His Excellency Oxilia in the post of Undersecretary for War - that the latter had

(2)
assured you, through Major Byard, of a prompt and favorable decision in the matter.

Despite the intervention of His Excellency Chatrian, the Ministry of War turned down the recommendations and pointed out that the ~~appropriate~~ appropriate board had rendered an unfavorable decision in the matter, since the deeds of the three NCO's, even though extremely praiseworthy, had not been found to meet the specific requirements laid down by art. 5 of Royal Law-Decree No. 1519 dated September 5, 1938 which specifies that ^{special} promotions for bravery in battle shall be awarded solely to NCO's of operational units "who have exercised outstanding leadership on the field of battle".

Whereupon the Ministry itself suggested that a new recommendation be made for "special promotion" for outstanding service to the Arm^e covered by art. 2 of Legislative Decree No. 401 of the Lieutenant General of the Republic, dated November 23, 1944, concerning Caribbean NCO's who took part in "police action of considerable importance".

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On March 31st I forwarded ~~the~~ the new recommendations and notified His Excellency Chatrian in order to secure his further interest in the matter.

I am informed that at the present time the matter is under advisement at the Ministry of War and that it continues to receive careful attention.

I must, however, draw your attention to the fact that, as a consequence of such recommendations, the three NCO's ~~concerned~~ may be promoted to the rank immediately above the one which they are holding now and not to that of "battle adjutant", which, according to specific legal provisions, may be conferred only "for bravery in battle".

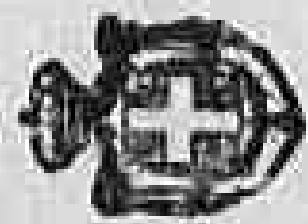
I have, at any rate, transmitted to His Excellency Chatrian the contents of the letter you sent me.

Assuring you that the matter is receiving the utmost attention on my part, I am,
with best regards,

cordially yours,

(signed) General Brunetti G. Brunetti

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COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA
DEI CARABINIERI REALI
IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

C O P I A

Roma, li 10 giugno 1945

Gentilissimo Generale,

le pratiche svolte a suo tempo per l'avanzamento ad "aiutante di battaglia" per merito straordinario di guerra in favore del brigadiere Quinto Lo Moro e dei vicebrigadieri Vincenzo Zazzaro e Nicola Calvino furono seguite col maggiore interessamento possibile, sia dal mio predecessore, Generale Orlando, sia da me, sapendo entrambi quanto stesse a cuore alla Autorità Alleate il vedere ricompensati, con questo tangibile riconoscimento, gli utili servizi resi dagli stessi sottufficiali durante le operazioni militari di Salerno.

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mando".

Lo stesso Ministero invitò allora a rinnovare le proposte ai fini dell'avanzamento straordinario "per benemerenze di istituto" previsto dall'art.2 del decreto legislativo luogotenenziale 23 novembre 1944 n°401 nei riguardi dei sottufficiali dei CC.RR.che abbiano partecipato ad "operazioni di polizia di rilevante entità".

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F/to Generale Brunetto Brunetti

Brig. Langley Browning
Land Forces Sub-Commissione (M.M.I.A.)

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Land Forces Sub-Commissione (M.M.I.A.)
Commissione Alleata

R O M A

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 5008/14

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 15 June 1945.

H.E.CHATRIAN has instructed me to inform you that the three decrees in respect of the promotion of the following NCOs have been signed this morning, the 15th., by H.E. The Minister:-

Sgt. LO ~~MORO~~ Quinto to S/Sgt.
L/Sgt. ZAZZARO Vincenzo to Sgt.
L/Sgt. CALVINO Nicola to Sgt.

It is now necessary to arrange for the registration of the decrees at the Records Office, which will be carried out at the very earliest.

The three NCOs have thus been promoted to higher rank for "meritorious service in the corps"; as you know, the rank of "battle adjutant" can only be conferred for meritorious service in the field.

H.E.CHATRIAN is pleased that the matter can thus be considered closed according to the wishes of the Allies.

Sgd. GALATERI di GENOLA

Major.

D.A.K./O.D.

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This dated 15 June is NOT a reply to
folio 8 of 5 June (or to folio 9) expedite
answer to 9 if none received by 15 July

WP
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Translato
Roma, li 15 giugno 1945

(A) 79T

 TRANSLATION <i>Ministero della Guerra</i> IL CAPO DELLA SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO	
IN	Date <u>16/39</u> Al Maggiore BYATT
OUT	Date <u>15/6</u> Sub Commission Land Forces M.M.I.A. <u>R O M A</u>

5003/44

S.E. Chatrian mi incarica di comunicare che stamane 15 sono stati firmati da S.E. il Ministro i tre decreti relativi alla promozione dei:

- brigadiere LO MORO Quinto a maresciallo d'alloggio,
- vicebrigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo a brigadiere,
- vicebrigadiere CALVINO Nicola a brigadiere.

Occorre ora provvedere alla registrazione dei tre decreti presso la Corte dei Conti, la quale sarà accelerata il massimo possibile.

I tre sottufficiali sono stati promossi così al grado superiore per "benemerenze d'istituto": come lei sa il grado di aiutante di battaglia può essere invece soltanto conseguito per meriti di guerra.

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S.E. Chatrion è lieta che la questione possa così considerarsi chiusa, secondo i desideri della parte alleata.

Cordiali saluti

Magg. A. Galateri di Genola

[Handwritten signature]

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Subject : Promotions - G.C.R.R.

A
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E.
DC/2

27 June 45

Dear

I do not appear to have received a reply to my letter to you of 5 June regarding the promotion of three Carabinieri for gallantry in action.

I attach a copy for reference and should be glad to receive your answer quickly as this correspondence has been continuing for a very long time.

Yours

L.B.

H.E. Gen. Brunetto Brunetti,
G.O.C. OCCR.

B.F. 15 Jul if no reply. WP

1632

Subject: Promotions - C.C.R.R.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
DO/2

5 June 45.

Dear

1. On the 7 Jan/45 I was assured by your predecessor that he had informed the Under Secretary of State for War about the arrangements for the promotion to "Aiutante di Battaglia" of Brigadier Quinto Lo Moro, Vice Brigadier Vincenzo Zazzaro and Nicola Galvino.

So far however no official publication has been made in the C.C.R.R. bulletin.

2. In order that the position of these men may be established I shall be glad if you will look into the matter. I realise that General Orlando had many difficulties to overcome but in view of the desire of the Allied Authorities to see that these men are confirmed in their ranks I trust it will be found possible to implement the promise given in good faith by him to

- a) see they were promoted to the rank of "Aiutante di Battaglia"
- b) afford them the facilities necessary to qualify for promotion to the rank of officer
- c) take a personal interest in their career.

3. It is the view of the Allied Authorities that these individuals deserved prompt recognition of valuable and meritorious service to the Allied Cause during the operations at Salerno. It is therefore most desirable that the matter shall be settled without further delay.

Yours

L.B.

H.E. Gen. Brunetto Brunetti,
G.O.C. CCR.

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FROM: Lt Col. C.F. PARKS, GSO 1

3 District
4/1/GSI

25 May 45

SUBJECT:- PROMOTIONS - CC RR

Dear General,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you myself with regard to your Personal and Confidential (MIA) AQ 11 of 16 Jan 45 to General Lammie as General Clowes, his successor, is not fully in the picture, whereas I have been dealing with the matter for some time from this end.

In his letter to you on 7 Jan 45 of which you attached a translation, Gen. Orlando stated that he had made arrangements for the promotion to Aiutante di Battaglia of BRIG. QUINTO LO MORO, VICE BRIG. VINCENZO ZAZZARO and NICOLA CALVINO.

It is understood that these promotions will only be effective when published in the official CC RR bulletin and this has so far not been done.

In order to clarify the position of these three men and to settle once and for all this rather delicate question, it would be greatly appreciated if a request could be made to the Supreme CC RR Command that the promises made by General Orlando be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

W Parks

Major Gen. L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.
Land Forces Sub-Com., A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.),
CMF.

Q
Draft me a letter
to Gen BRUNETTI
requesting implementa-
-tion of ORLANDO's
promises.
LB
29 May

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FROM: Maj Gen G. LAMMIE

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Baseball, Ext 10
4/1/GSI

19 Dec 44

My Dear Browning.

I have received the signal addressed to me in your absence by Col. Noakes (AQ 2348 dated 10 Dec 44) in the matter of the promotion of three members of the CCRR.

I appreciate that the rank of Aiutante di Battaglia is unusual and undoubtedly an honour. Nevertheless I feel that, having regard to the fact that I was advised by the Acting Chief Commissioner in September last that the Minister of War had approved these particular promotions, I cannot agree to the granting of any lower rank.

If further training and instruction of these three members of the CCRR is desired or necessary, this can still be achieved in the ranks granted by the Allies over a year ago.

I consider there is already a prejudice on the part of the CCRR authorities against the individuals in whom I am interested, and that unless they are confirmed now in the ranks granted by us, the chance of their obtaining them subsequently is unlikely.

I should be glad if you would be quite firm in this matter.

Yours, *aye*.

Lammie

Major General L. BROWNING, CB., OBE., MC.
Army Sub-Commission, ALCOM.

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MEMO FOR G.O.C.

Promotion of 3 CCPR for acts of gallantry in Salerno.

1. When this question was put to Gen. ORLANDO, then Minister for War, on behalf of Acting Chief Commissioner, Gen. Orlando stated he would examine the possibility of approving these promotions. He did NOT, however, approve them at the time.
2. Gen. Orlando's staff notified him that existing regulations and laws did not permit such promotions.
3. Question was then taken up with a view to promotion to "aiutante di battaglia", highest rank to be awarded for valour. Laws have been modified for this to be put into effect.
4. Gen. Orlando has assured that the men, on being promoted, will be given special duties to enable them to qualify for further promotion and that they will be under his personal supervision.

Myaw.
Major.

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A.B.
28 Dec

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

AS/11

27 Dec 44

My dear *Laurie*

1/26/44

1. Thanks for your 4/1/GSI dated 19 Dec 44 seen by me on return from a visit to ENGLAND on duty.

2. I have now gone into the whole matter myself and contacted General ORLANDO who was Minister of War up to June and was then appointed head of the CC FR.

3. ORLANDO knew about this case and has been most helpful and sympathetic, but the state of affairs is this:-

(a) It was never legal to promote those 3 CC FR men to the rank of officer. The CC FR officer at the time had no legal authority to approve. Such a procedure is contrary to the Italian Military Code and has never been done. It would need alteration of the existing law and approval of the Italian Government to alter the law so as to make it possible.

(b) The internal control of the Italian Army has been handed back to the Italian Government and we cannot order it to alter the Military Code.

(c) Promotion to "Aiutante di battaglia" is a very high honour, rarely given. Strictly it is awarded for valour "at the head of his men". However, ORLANDO has stretched a point and interpreted the words literally if not completely legally.

(d) In the men's own interest it would be a serious disadvantage to them to be promoted to officer in one bound. They would not know the duties of an officer and would be penalized thereby both in their duties and in the stiff exams and selection boards which they have to pass. The men under them would resent this unique exception and it would be bound to be difficult for these 3 in their dealings with other officers.

(e) It is NOT a fact that the Minister of War approved the promotions. Gen ORLANDO points out that he could not have approved as it is contrary to the Military Code. He also says that he did NOT approve. He spoke to Acting Chief Commissioner and said he would examine the possibility of such promotions. This was not

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(f) Gen ORLANDO has promised me to:-

(1) Promote these men to "Aiutante di battaglia".

(ii) Give them a special course so as to enable them to pass their exams etc and be promoted officer as soon as possible.

(iii) Take a personal interest in them and help them all he can, in view of our particular concern in the matter

4. I think this is a very fair and sound solution. The men are being treated handsomely and, with ORLANDO behind them, they will be "all set" for higher spheres.

5. I know ORLANDO and have worked a lot with him. He is a good chap and keeps his word. I can assure you that there is no procrastination or jibbing, so far as I can see. I do not consider that our prestige suffers at all with the procedure in 3 (f) and we certainly do not want to harm these 3 CC RR men by trying to insist on something not lawful and contrary to their own interests. In this connection one must consider what might happen after we leave ITALY.

6. I hope you now agree that what is being done for them is the best answer.

7. I have discussed all this with Public Safety Sub-Commission who deal with the Internal Affairs of the CC RR and they agree with me.

Hope you are going strong

Yours,

L.B.

Maj. Gen G. LAMMIE CB. MC.
COC No. 3 District

(Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.
together with a copy of 3 Dist 4/1/CSI dated 4
Dec 44)

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FROM: Maj Gen G. LAMMIE

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3 District
Baseball, Ext 10
4/1/GSI

3 Jan 45

My Dear *Browning,*

1. Thank you for your DO letter AQ/11 of 27 Dec 44.
2. In view of what you say, I am prepared to accept the promotion of the three CCRR men to Aiutante di Battaglia, especially as Gen Orlando has promised to take a personal interest in them.
3. I should, however, like some official notification from the Italian Authorities, as the last communication on the subject other than DO letters was a copy of a letter from the Public Safety Sub Commission to the Comd General CCRR dated 25 Nov 44.
4. Thank you so much for the interest you have taken in this case on our behalf.

Yours, *ay*

Lammie

Maj Gen L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC.,
Army Sub-Commission, ALCOM.

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*Get me something from Gen
ORLANDO to send on to
3 Dist.*

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5 Dec 5 Jan.
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T R A N S L A T I O N

Rome, 7 Jan/45

Gen.
Director Land Forces Sub Comm.
M.E.I.A.

Dear General,

I wish to advise you that I have informed the new Undersecretary of State for War H.E. Chatrian, about the arrangements for the promotion to "Aiutante di Battaglia" of Brig. Quinto LO MORO, Vice Brig. Vincenzo ZAZZARO and Nicola CALVINO stressing that his predecessor, H.E. OXILIA, had assured Major Byatt about a prompt favourable decision.

I add, that I have already despatched to the Ministry of War on the 28 Dec. the relative proposals for extraordinary promotion for meritorious service and that I will give my personal attention to the men concerned.

Yours,

Gen. ORLANDO.



COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA
DEI CARABINIERI REALI

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

Roma, 7 gennaio 1945

Caro Generale,

Le comunico che ho informato il nuovo
Sottosegretario alla Guerra, S.E. CHATRIAN, dei precedenti
della pratica per la promozione ad aiutante di battaglia
del brigadiere Quinto Lo Moro e dei vicebrigadieri Vin-
cenzo Zazzaro e Nicola Calvino e di avergli rappresenta-
to nella circostanza come il suo predecessore, S.E. Oxilia,
avesse assicurato il Maggiore Byatt di una sollecita fa-
vorevole decisione.

Aggiungo, dal canto mio, che ho già inoltrato al Mini-
stero della Guerra, in data 28 dicembre u/s., le relative
proposte di avanzamento straordinario per merito di guer-
ra, e che *esplicitamente interverranno al riprendere*

Distinti saluti

fuori eff. Gen. e Pol. e

Al Generale
B R O W N I N G
Capo della Sottocommissione
per l'Esercito

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Land Forces Sub Com, 4.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

AQ/11

16 Jan 45.

My Dear

- att.*
1. Ref your 4/1/OSI of the 3 Jan I attach translation of a letter I have had from General ORLANDO, head of the CC.RR.
 2. I think you will agree that your 3 CC.RR have been done handsomely for their services to the Allied cause and are on a good wicket.

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Yours,

Major General G. LAMMIE, C.B., M.C.
G.O.C. 3 District.

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