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RICEVATO PERSONALE

1 LUG 1945

Ministero della Guerra
- CABINETTO -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Divisione

Det. Hall RP/TII Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. 4.2

Oggetto Ufficiali italiani - smobilitazione.

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Riferimento lettera A.300/2. del 14 corrente.

Si comunica che è stato disposto perchè il Colon-
nello ROSSI PASSAVANTI Elia venga trattenuto in ser-
vizio, nell'attuale incarico, sino al 1° settembre

C.2.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Sanfelice

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Subject: Welfare Officers.

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 300/I

21 July, '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Lt. Col. (Arty. Regular Army) QUIRICO Gustavo.

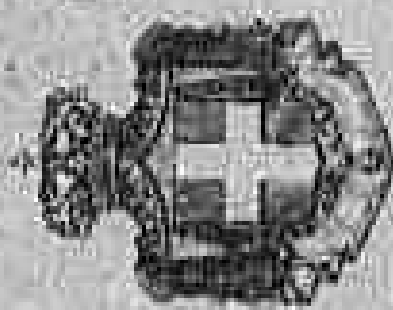
Reference your letter 4484/RP/III dated 15 July,
'45.

1. It is considered that the a/n officer should, if possible, attend a Welfare Course in ROME before assuming the appointment of Chief of Soldiers' Welfare Section, 209 División.
2. If this is not practicable at the present time you are requested to ensure that Colonel QUIRICO attends a Course as soon as possible.

SP
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: Welfare



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LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Divisione
Prot. 444 St RP/III. Allegato

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. 242

OGGETTO Congedamento ufficiali.

A seguito della lettera 4295/RP/III del 5 corrente
si comunica che il ten. col. riserva DE BLASI Aldo sa-
rà sostituito dal ten. col. art. s.p. QUIRICO Gustavo,
nell'incarico di Capo Sezione Benessere del Soldato del-
la 209 Divisione.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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IN	1530
OUT	1500
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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject :- Italian Officers - Demobilization.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
A.300/2.

14 July '45.

To :- Ministry of War.

Reference your 4174/111/RP dated 30th June '45 and further to this H.Q. Letter A.300B dated 2nd July '45. —

Col. Rossi PASSEVANTI

1. Despite the fact that this H.Q. is in agreement with your general views concerning the replacement of this officer, you are required to retain him in his present appointment until 1st, Sept. next because :-

- (a) He has carried out his duties admirably.
- (b) His retention is strongly supported by G.O.C. Eighth Army.
- (c) It is inopportune to replace him until the whole question of C.I.F. & T.V.C. amalgamation is settled.

2. Your confirmation of the above is awaited.

Handwritten signature
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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

1216/1211.

Copy to. Rear HQ 8 Army your R.5635A dated 5th July '45 refers.

MMIA L.O. Rear 8 Army.

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S/C Welfare.

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14 JULY '45.

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Lt. Col. DE BLASI.

1. It is agreed that this officer can be removed when he has been replaced and a proper hand over has taken place.
2. Please forward the name of his replacement as soon as selected.

Ypsilander.
Major General,
U.S.A.

USIC/yr.

Copy to. H.M.I.A. D.O. 1 District.
S/G Welfare.

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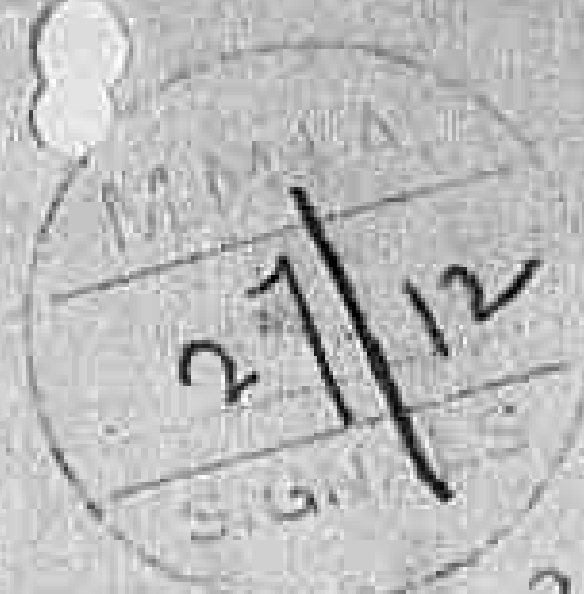
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FROM MNIA LO DEAR EIGHTARMY 121130B

TO MNIA ROME

GR -- BT



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MN714. REF YOUR A 274 DATED 02.

ARMY HAVE REPLIED DIRECT TO YOU UNDER REF R5635A DATED 05.

DI BLASI PASSED FROM U/C ARMY LAST APR THEREFORE

ARMY MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION

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FOR INFO LO (.) REF THIS HQ SIGNAL A253 DATED JULY 2 (.) PLEASE
TO
CERTAIN RE-EX/ABOVE MENTIONED SIGNAL AND DISPATCH EARLIEST

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Belmont
Major
for Mr. Gault

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CONFIDENTIAL. (9/1)

Subject:- Confidential Report - Col ELIA ROSSI PASSAVANTI
Welfare Officer - Italian Troops.

Rear HQ EIGHTH Army, CMF.
Tel Ext: 210.

R 5635 A.

5 July 45.

H.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

Copy to:- 'A' HQ 86 (Army) Area.
ADAWS
MMIALO Rear HQ Eighth Army (2).

Reference your A 020 dated 23 Mar 1945.

1. It is understood that Col PASSAVANTI has been placed on the retired list by the Ministry of War, and that this decision has been suspended by your HQ pending a report from this HQ.
2. Col. PASSAVANTI joined this HQ as Italian Welfare Officer in Apr 1945. He set up his office first with HQ 228 Div and latterly with this HQ. He worked under the direct supervision of ADAWS this HQ.
3. This officer has done an excellent job of work. He has been tireless in his efforts to ensure that everything is done for the Italian soldier. The resources at his disposal are small but by continual improvisation he has succeeded in achieving a most efficient welfare service for the Italian troops with Eighth Army.
4. In the absence of sympathy on the part of regimental officers to the family problems of their troops, Col. PASSAVANTI has for some time past given his personal attention to the difficulties of many individuals in addition to fulfilling his normal duties. It will be appreciated that this commitment is a large one as the greater percentage of the Italian soldiers have no direct contact with their families.
5. The control of Italian Army Welfare is now passing from this HQ to HQ 86 (Army) Area. It is considered essential at this time that continuity should be maintained and this, in the opinion of this HQ can only be done if Col PASSAVANTI remains.
6. It is requested that the Minister of War be made to reconsider his decision.

Field.
TA/JA.

Lieutenant General,
G.O. 229th Army.

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From; M. of W.

To; MMIA.

Subject; Discharge of Officers.

Translation.

4295/RH/ ?.
5/7/45.

Further to letter 4174/RP/III. dated 30/6/45, we inform you that Lt., Col., Reserve, DE BLASI Aldo, will be replaced in the post of Chief of the Soldier's Welfare section of the 209th Div., by another officer of the same rank (Reg Army).

We will forward at a future date the name for the above replacement.

GD.

Translation OK
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10/7/45
Bio current
Bairn on 11
To be typed up
reply from
with name
QAF



Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Divisione
Prot. N. 295/RP/14 Allegati

RISERVATO PERSONALE

OGGETTO : Congedamento ufficiali.
Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. N. 2

RELATION

OUT	Time	11.30
	Date	16.41
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	Date	16.41

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In seguito della lettera 4174/RP/III del 30 giugno c.a., si comunica che il ten.colonn. (ris.) DE BLASI Aldo sarà sostituito, da altro ufficiale pari grado in s.p., nell'in carico di Capo Sezione Benessere del Soldato della 209^a Di visione.

Si fa riserva di comunicare il nominativo dell'ufficiale che verrà prescelto per la sostituzione suddetta.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
F. Lombardi

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URGENTISSIMO

Roma, 5 LUG 1945

ALL LA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.A.)

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject :- Italian Officers - Demobilization.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
A 3900'S.
2 July '45.

To :- Ministry of War.

1. Your letter 4174/111/RP of 30th June containing proposals for replacing Col. Rossi PASSAVANTI and for relieving Lt.Col. DE ELASI without replacement has been received.
2. The question of replacement has been referred to the superior Allied Commander concerned and his decision is awaited.
3. Your proposal NOT to replace Lt.Col. DE ELASI is not approved as such action would be equivalent to a failure to obey the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander which clearly state that such an officer will be appointed. Whatever may be decided for the future, a successor to Lt.Col. DE ELASI now must be appointed.
4. You will be notified what action to take regarding the two officers in question.

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W. Pichley

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	
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FROM (A) <u>MMIA.</u>				
TO (FOR ACTION) <u>REAR 8 ARMY</u>				
TO (FOR INFORMATION)				MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR
(REF. No.) <u>A.251.</u>		(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) <u>CONFIDENTIAL.</u>		

FOR MMIA L O (.) NEW TOUR NR 119 OF 27 JUNE (.) IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS
TO RESIST THE DISCHARGE OF (a) PASSAVANTI WHO IS A RESERVE
OFFICER FORMERLY A PROMINENT AND ACTIVE FASCIST (b) DE BLASI
WHO IS ALSO A RESERVIST AND HAS INCURRED THE DISPLEASURE OF
THE PRESENT REGIME (.) IF 8 ARMY WISH TO PRESS EITHER CASE
A RECOMMENDATION GIVING ESSENTIAL REASONS SHOULD BE MADE
TO MMIA FOR REFERENCE IF NECESSARY TO A F H Q (.) RECOMMEND
HOWEVER THEIR REPLACEMENT BE ACCEPTED PROVIDED SUITABLE
SUBSTITUTE FOUND (.) SIGNAL DECISION EARLIEST.

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	ORIGINATING SECTION:		
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED	
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:		

W. H. Folio
Colonel.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 4174/1111/RP.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30 June 1945.

DATE: Officer demobilization.

Reference letter A 302 of the 21st.inst.

1) - Colonel (o.r.) ROSSI PASSAVANTI Elia

- a) - in accordance with instructions of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, all officers of the reserve class connected in any way with the Fascist regime or who have held the position of "squadrista" (one who took part in the march on Rome), "sansepolcrista" (a member of the Fascist movement before the march of Rome, a founder member), "antemarcia" (the same as the last mentioned), "marcia su Roma" (took part in the march on Rome), "sciarpista littorio" (long standing member who was entitled to wear a special scarf as a decoration), or who have been officers in the M.V.S.N. (National Security Volunteer Militia), must be placed on reserve and not called back into service again.
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- c) - There are many Regular Army officers available due to lack of appointments.
- d) - It is advisable, for obvious reasons, that officers of the reserve class who have been connected with the Fascist regime are not retained in service in the Army.

Welfare M.M.I.A. telegram dated 1st June (copy enclosed) confirms the above.

- e) - In view of the above, Colonel PASSAVANTI must be placed on reserve.

See Station 7 - 6010

He will be replaced by Colonel MIANI Mario, Inf. Reg. Army., after a suitable period of working together which is expected to be of 10 days duration.

2) - Lieut. Colonel DE BLASI Aldo

a) - Was assigned to the "Soldiers Welfare Section" of 209 Division on 14th. May 1945.

According to reports from the G.O.C. of the Division, he showed during his brief period of service that, because of his bizzarre and confused ideas which ~~were~~ never concretely and practically put into effect, he did not possess the necessary qualifications to properly carry out the duties entrusted to him.

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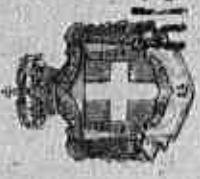
I await your confirmation,

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. JACINI
Minister.

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 30 GU. 1945



RESERVATO PERSONALE

LA. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.N.I.A.)

Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

ROMA

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Division III *Ingt.* 174 *Rgate* 1

Prospetto al Foglio del
Dir. L. 2.

OGGETTO Congedamento ufficiali.

Riferimento lettera A 302 del 21 corrente.

I°) - Colonnello r.o. ROSSI PASSAVANTI Elia

a) per disposizione della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri tutti gli ufficiali delle categorie in congedo, comunque compromessi con il regime fascista o che hanno rivestito alcuna delle qualifiche di "squadrista", "sansepolcrista", "antemarcia", "marcia su Roma", "sciarpa littorio" o che siano stati ufficiali della M.V.S.N., devono essere ricollocati in congedo e non più richiamati in servizio.

b) Il Colonnello PASSAVANTI è stato per molti anni membro attivo del partito fascista ed ha rivestito il grado di console della M.V.S.N. -

c) Vi sono molti ufficiali del s.p. i quali sono a disposizione per mancanza d'impiego.

d) Non è opportuno, per ovvie ragioni, che ufficiali delle categorie in congedo compromessi con il fascismo rimangano in servizio nell'Esercito.

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a) Fu assegnato alla "Sezione Benessere del Soldato" della 209ª Divisione in data 14 maggio c.a.

Durante il breve periodo di servizio, secondo un rapporto del Comandante della Divisione, ha dimostrato, per le sue idee bizzarre e confuse che non trovano mai una pratica e concreta attuazione, di non possedere i requisiti necessari per be-

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ne assolvere il compito affidatogli.

La sua presenza ha avuto riflessi dannosi sull'andamento del servizio in quanto ha anche intralciato l'opera dell'ufficiale inferiore che fino allora aveva lodevolmente retto la Sezione.

b) In relazione a quanto sopra, tenuto conto che il Ten. Col. DE BLASI, appartenendo alla riserva, avrebbe dovuto già da tempo essere ricollocato in congedo, il Comandante della Divisione (Generale OLMI) ha disposto perchè l'ufficiale venisse ricollocato in congedo sotto la data del 10 giugno c.a., chiedendo la regolare sanzione a questo Ministero.

c) Il Ten. Col. DE BLASI non verrà sostituito in quanto le funzioni di Capo della Sezione Benessere della Divisione continueranno ad essere disimpegnate dall'ufficiale inferiore il quale, come sopra detto, assolveva in precedenza lodevolmente tale incarico.

Rimango in attesa di conferma da parte di cotesta Sottocommissione.

IL MINISTRO

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Pa/mm

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TELESCRITTO

Dal WELFARE MMIA
1 giugno -ore 18.00

A: 8 ARMY

e, p.c. MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Benessere.

RISERVATO

WEL/11(.) PER BENESSERE(.) CI SI RIFERISCE CHE COSIDETTI
PATRIOTI LOCALI SI OPPONGONO AL COLONNELLO PASSAVANTI,
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TO ?(.) PER IL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA(.) POTETE DARCI
QUALCHE INFORMAZIONE?(.) F.TO CAPIT. COPPLE -

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C O P Y.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : WELFARE MMIA

DATE

TIME

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TO : 8 ARMY FOR WELFARE

INFO : MINISTRY OF WAR FOR WELFARE

WEL/11

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FOR WELFARE (.) REPORTED LOCAL SO-CALLED PATRIOTS OBJECT TO
COLONEL PASSAVANTI, ITALIAN WELFARE OFFICER, ON GROUNDS
FORMER FASCIST SYMPATHIES (.) REPORT HIS LIFE THREATENED (.)
DO YOU REQUIRE US TO TAKE ANY ACTION QUERY (.)
FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (.) CAN YOU GIVE ANY INFORMATION

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION RV COPPLE

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Welfare Officer - Italian Wps

A. Rear Eighth Army.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M 3.
Welfare, Rear Eighth Army.

MM/119
27 June 45

Col. ELIA ROSSI PASSAVANTI

Ref your letter R 5635/2A dated 11 Apr 45, not to all, which laid down the duties of this offr on his appt as Italian Welfare Liaison Offr att this HQ.

1. The Ministry of War have placed Col PASSAVANTI on the retired list; their letter 04720/BS dated 10 June refers. HQ MMIA ROME under reference A 302 dated 21 June have instructed the Ministry to suspend their decision because the disposal of all offrs of the rank of Col and above must first be referred to HQ MMIA with a recommendation from the Allied Commander concerned.

2. Procedure for making such a report is laid down in MMIA letter A 020 dated 23 Mar, para 5; I would be grateful if I may be furnished with three copies of whatever recommendation is made.

3. I am prepared at any time to give you an account of Col PASSAVANTI's welfare activities and a personal estimate of his efficiency. GSI(b) this HQ inform me that there is NO security objection to Col PASSAVANTI continuing his work here and I strongly recommend that he should not be replaced as it would be difficult to find an adequate substitute and untimely to make a change in a major appt concurrently with the passage of this HQ to AUSTRIA. Continuity of method is essential if Italian Welfare is to survive the transfer of its supervision from Eighth Army.

Elia Rossi

Major,
MMIA IO, Rear Eighth Army.

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3. I am prepared at any time to give you an account of Col PASSAVANTI's welfare activities and a personal estimate of his efficiency. GSI(b) this HQ inform me that there is NO security objection to Col PASSAVANTI continuing his work here and I strongly recommend that he should not be replaced as it would be difficult to find an adequate substitute and untimely to make a change in a major appt concurrently with the passage of this HQ to AUSTRIA. Continuity of method is essential if Italian Welfare is to survive the transfer of its supervision from Eighth Army.

Pop. A. Newbould

Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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Message Forwarded From GR

RM 899 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref your 158/HP dated 21 June NOT
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21 June '45.

To : Ministry of War

1. It has come to the notice of this HQ that Colonel Rossi Pasavanti, E, Welfare Officer 229 Div., and Lt. Col di Blasi, A, Welfare Officer 209 Div are to be discharged from the Army.

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3. Please also prepare and submit a recommendation, indicating the reasons which are considered sufficient to warrant the discharge of these efficient and specially trained officers.

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Major General,
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