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Lt Col. Scotti Luigi

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*A.*

LRKB V MAAZ NR100517  
FROM 51 BLU 101030B  
TO MMIA

QQX GR71 BT

A491. CONFIDENTIAL. YOUR A313

OF 7 AUG. IN MY MIEW S C O T T I

A GOOD SECOND IN COMD OF REGT. LOYAL COURAGOUS

AND CONSCIENTIOUS. N O T VERY CLEVER.

EMINENTLZ EUITABLE F// PRESENT APPT BUT N O T

SUITABLE FOR Ø REGTL COMD AS ET.

OPINION OF GRUPPO COMD IS THET S C O T T I

IS FIT FOR PROMOTION. CHIEF OF STAFFS

VIEW IS THAT S C O T T I IS SATISFACTORY AS SECOND

IN COMMAND UNDER A GOOD COMD BUT DEFINITELY

O T FIT FOR COMD

BT

THI 1240

ENT NR100517 AT 11/0450 EAD B2 K

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*Seen by 2 1/2*

*no action  
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G.F. 5 Sep 45*

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SIGNAL

FROM HQA,  
TO 54 HBU

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.  
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REF. TO A 313

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL ~~SECRET~~  
GIVING ALIAS WITH <sup>1051</sup> ~~CLASSIFIED~~ SCOTTI BY IGI OF  
STATE DEP INFO CRIMINA DIV PARTICULARLY SUTHERLAND FOR  
RECENT APPOINTMENT (.) VOWS OF GOD CRIMINA SHOULD BE  
ALSO

*See Folio 10*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

*Richard*  
*Colonel*

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TRANSLATION

300/20

(8)

FROM : M.O.W.  
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 117421/1/1  
DTD: 27/7/45

Subject : Major Scotti.

- 1) Major Scotti has been promoted to Lt Col because:
  - a) when the ministry was at LECCE, 51st Army Corps proposed promoting him;
  - b) Due to the events which took place in September 43 he was not promoted. He should have been promoted over two ~~years~~ years ago on the 1st of Jan 43; a vacancy occurred on that date and in accordance with the law he should have been promoted from that date.
  - c) No proposal contradicting the said promotion has been received by the M.O.W. from the competent authorities, see article 36 of law No 370 dated May 9th 1945.
  - d) In view of the fact that in the Italian Army, the duties of a Major are the same as those of a Lt Col, the Director Gen did not think that the report made by M.M.I.A. stating that the ~~officer~~ officer in question was inefficient, could affect the entitlement mentioned above.
- 2) Bearing in mind the A/M letter, I have ordered ~~the~~ Major Scotti's superior officers to examine the advisability of his eventual dismissal, in accordance with article 36 of the a/m law.
- 3) As far as GEN FALUGI is concerned, it does not appear to me that his conduct in respect of the Scotti case, which was correct both as to form and substance, is such as to justify his replacement in the post of Director General; I shall reconsider the matter in the event of other charges arising against him which are not known to me at this moment.

CARTER

Signed

JACINI

See folio 10 before any action  
WP

29/7/45  
at the  
show  
to inf  
JACINI  
WP

Roma, 27 LUG 1945 29

TRANSMISSION

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

R O M A

IN { F. n. 1000  
Dato 28/7  
OUT { Time 1541  
Iniz. 28/7

Responsa al Foglio del  
Dir. N.º



Ministero della Guerra  
Gabinetto

Divisione Sec.  
Prot. N.º 4242/I/Allegati

Maggiore SCOTTI

OGGETTO

A.

I. - Il maggiore SCOTTI è stato promosso al grado superiore per-  
chè:

- a) - nei suoi riguardi, allorchè il Ministero era a Lecce, era sta-  
ta trasmessa proposta di avanzamento dal LI corpo d'armata;
- b) - quale pretermesso all'avanzamento per i noti avvenimenti del  
settembre 1943, egli aveva acquisito diritto alla promozione  
da oltre due anni: più particolarmente dal 1º gennaio 1943,  
data in cui si era verificata la vacanza e dalla quale la pro-  
mozione ha dovuto avere decorrenza a termine di legge;
- c) - nessuna proposta in senso contrario delle autorità gerarchiche  
competenti era successivamente pervenuta al Ministero Guerra  
(v. art. 30 legge 9 maggio 1945 n. 370);
- d) - dato che nell'esercito italiano i compiti e le attribuzioni di  
maggiore e di ten. colonnello sono perfettamente uguali, il di-  
rettore generale non ha creduto che la segnalazione di "incom-  
petenza ed insufficienza" da parte della M.M.I.A. potesse infir-  
mare il diritto acquisito di cui sopra.

II. - Tenuto conto della lettera in oggetto ho disposto perchè gli attuali  
superiore del maggiore SCOTTI esaminino la opportunità di una sua even-  
tuale cessazione dal servizio in base al disposto dell'art. 36 della  
legge sopracitata.

III. - Quanto al Generale FALUGI, non mi sembra che la sua condotta in meri-  
to al caso SCOTTI, regolare per forma e sostanza, sia tale da giusti-  
ficare la sostituzione nella carica di Direttore Generale. - Mi riser-  
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IL MINISTRO

*Translation p 1*  
URGENT  
*note 15/11*

CONFIDENTIAL (29)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.O.  
( M.M.I.A. ) R O M E .  
A 310  
16 July 45.

SUBJECT : Major SCOTTI.  
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TO : Minister of War.  
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1. I have just been informed of a disgraceful state of affairs in connection with Major SCOTTI late CME of FRIULI Combat Group.
2. (a) In my A/305 of 10 April it was reported to the Ministry of War that "over a period of months Major SCOTTI had proved himself incompetent and inefficient".  
(b) General SCATTINI (G.O.C. FRIULI) entirely agreed but refused to dismiss Major SCOTTI on the grounds that any known substitute suggested by SIRS would be worse.  
(c) Nevertheless Major SCOTTI rightly, was replaced by Major MARZO Giusepye, as only officers who are "in fact effective" can be retained in the Italian Army.
3. (a) I am now informed that Major SCOTTI has actually been promoted to Lt. Col. and is serving with 24 Inf. Regt., CREMONA Group.  
(b) This monstrous promotion can only have occurred with the connivance (and I deliberately use the word in its worst sense) of your staff, under orders of General FALUGI. I have long suspected that General FALUGI is not up to his job and this tends to confirm my opinion. This promotion is either the result of sheer inefficiency or nepotism, or a deliberate attempt to sabotage my (and I have no doubt your) efforts to produce a new, efficient army worthy of Italy.  
(c) Moreover removal of inefficient officers is a matter which the Supreme Allied Commander has personally ordered me to insist on.
4. I must therefore demand that:
  - (a) Lt. Col. SCOTTI be retired from the service forthwith
  - (b) you examine forthwith the circumstances under which Major SCOTTI was promoted.
  - (c) you examine forthwith the desirability of whether General FALUGI should remain in his appointment, of which I have grave doubts.



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Reporting to me at an early date for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander.

BF 20/ICP

Seen — BF 25 Jul 44  
no answer

*Browning*

Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

*MP*  
*21/Jul*

/s/

Subject:- Replacement of Inefficient Italian Officers.

50 British Liaison Unit.  
A/1/16.  
5 July 45.

MEMO.

A  
8/7

1. Ref my A/1/16 dated 5 Apr 45 requesting the removal and replacement of Major SCOTTI on grounds of proved, long standing and all embracing inefficiency. Major SCOTTI was in due course removed from this Gp.
2. I am now informed by GOC FRIULI ICG that Major SCOTTI has been not only given another similar appointment by SMRE but has in addition been promoted to Lieut Col.
3. General SCATTINI feels that there is little hope for the Italian Army if SMRE can act in this way; and is inclined to think that there is a deliberate attempt involved to ridicule the British, and General SCATTINI personally, by publicly and immediately rewarding an officer whom we have had sacked.
4. If possible it is requested that the matter should be investigated and "adjusted".

Seen we makes 13/7  
 Capt Pacini to enquire  
 into case & find where  
 ARCS/EHS  
 Scotti is now P 13/7

Lt. Col.  
GS.  
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S I G N A L

FROM : MMIA.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN  
20 1745 B

TO : (FOR ACTION) 50 B L U  
(FOR INFO ) MIN OF WAR

REF NO. 86.

CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR A 7 UNDATED SUBJECT IS MAJOR SCOTTI(.) MAJOR MANZO  
GUISEPPE POSTED VICE MAJOR SCOTTI(.) MANZO WAS IN NAPLES BUT  
INSTRUCTED BY MIN OF WAR 14 INST TO JOIN YOU SOONEST(.) FOR  
MIN OF WAR(.) IF NOT ALREADY DEPARTED INSTRUCT MANZO JOIN  
SOONEST YOUR 2/10792 DATED 14 APRIL REFERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

*Handwritten signature*  
*manzo*

*See folio 712950*  
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OM REAR 50 BLU A  
TO MMIA  
INFO REAR 10CORPS A  
QQY GR 30  
BT

**IMPORTANT**

A 306 5/18/20

MMIA  
16/70  
SIGNALS

A7 (.)CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF THIS HQ A/1/16 DATED 5  
APRIL AND FURTHER TO YOU A/306 DATED 10 APRIL (.)  
CAN INFM YET BE GIVEN OF ETA OF THE REPLACEMENT FOR MAJSCOTTI

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THI 0450  
SRNT JRT 0812 AR TKS K  
R-0812B---J O E---AR"TKU2

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Translation

7/5  
TO: MMIA

**A/306**

Ref: 2/10492

Date: 14 April 45

(3)

Subject: Major SCOTTI LUIGI. ~~Army~~ **ARTY** Regular Army

~~To date~~ We have <sup>today</sup> replaced Major SCOTTI Luigi: ~~Army~~ **ARTY**,  
Regular Army ~~is~~ with Major MANZO Giuseppe  
who will proceed from Naples to Cesana to be  
sent to "FRIULI" Combat Group.

See 38

Signed: Ugen: FALUGI

prev 20.

CM-PV



A3060 TR  
14 APR 1945

SP/A: 6/4  
IR 19/1

Ministero della Guerra  
Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB  
COMMISSION A.C. (IMIA)  
R O/M A

Divisione Movimento 2°  
Prot. 2/10792/1 MOV. Allegati

Responsa del f. del 10/4/1945  
N. 306

OGGETTO: Magg. Aut. sp. SCOTTI Luigi.

A  
16/4

In data odierna si è provveduto alla sostituzione del Magg. Art. sp. SCOTTI Luigi col parigrado MANZO Giuseppe che sarà fatto affluire da Napoli a Cesano per il successivo avviamento al Gruppo di Combattimento "Friuli".

p. IL MINISTERO  
Gen. di Div. G. Falugi

2255

Subject: Italian Officers - Postings.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.  
A/306.

10 April, 45.

Ministry of War.

Major SCOTTI.

1. This officer is at present C.M.E. of FRIULI combat group, and it has been reported that over a period of months he has proved himself incompetent and inefficient.

2. Genral SCATTINI is in entire agreement with the view expressed above, but refuses to dismiss Major SCOTTI on the grounds that any known substitute suggested by S.M.R.E. would be worse.

3. This H.Q. is not prepared to accept the view that a suitable officer cannot be found to replace Major SCOTTI ~~xxxxxxx~~. You are requested therefore to post a suitable and efficient officer in replacement immediately.

*M.P.*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to 50 BLU  
Your A/1/16. dated 5 April. refers.

DSL/gh.

237/1

See 29 4  
38 3  
2947 7

Subject:-- Replacements for Inefficient Italian Officers.

50 British Liaison Unit.

A/1/16.  
5 April 45.

M.M.I.A.

Copy to:-- 10 Corps.

A 13

1. Repeated representations have been made by this BLU to GOC FRIULI on the subject of replacing Maggiore SCOTTI at present CME of FRIULI GP.
2. Major SCOTTI has over a period of months proved himself to be in every way incompetent and inefficient.
3. General SCATTINI is in entire agreement as to Major SCOTTI's uselessness.
4. General SCATTINI declines however to dismiss Major SCOTTI from his appt, on the grounds that any known substitute suggested by SMRE would certainly be worse.
5. Can MMIA therefore take early steps to see that SMRE produce forthwith not only a substitute but an efficient substitute?
6. The progress of this Gp towards technical efficiency and self-sufficiency will be completely arrested unless this can be done.
7. General SCATTINI is aware of the contents of this letter and in fact requested me to write it.

ARCS/EES.

Lt. Col.  
GS.

*APPROVED*

*Wm. ...*

*(See file 300)*

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*See Folio 472546*



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ARCS/EHS.

Lt. Col.  
GS.

(See file 306)

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APPROVED

W. H. ...

See Folio 47246

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