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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
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25 July '48.

Dear

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th July.

I have received from 3 District, an extract from your letter of 6th July to them concerning ACANFORA and am taking the matter up with the Ministry of War.

With regard to LOMBARDI, he asked for and has been given a job at MARTES with the commission for interrogating repatriated P of W officers.

As you know he is a Brigadier General and this rules him out for TARANTO District as the maximum rank that the job carries with it is Colonel.

Yours

L.B.

Brigadier J.Y. GAINWELL, CBE, MVO,
Commander 52 Area.

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RANG discussed with
Col Piddley & May Baumann.
May Baumann to tell
Mr E. W. that
Acampora may finish
his term.
NFA.

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Headquarters,

52 Area, C.I.F.

12th July 1945.

Dear *General*

I was recently asked, through HQ 3 District, to report on Colonel Guglielmo ACANFORA, who was recommended by the Italian War Ministry as Commander, TARANTO Military District, and I did so in a letter on the 6th July which has probably reached you by now.

Since writing this, I hear that General LOMBARDI, who preceded ACANFORA as Comando Presidio, TARANTO, has been restored to the Active List.

LOMBARDI has a forceful personality and energetic character and is an excellent disciplinarian. He did very well here in the early days and if he is available for employment as Commander TARANTO Military District I should consider him infinitely preferable to ACANFORA.

I presume the job comes General's Rank

Yours ever

Tony Calwell

Maj-Gen. L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub-Commission (AC),
M.M.I.A.,
Rome.

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What is the answer?

*See log 16-18 July
(extract overleaf) para 8*

*LB 14 July
See Folio 10*

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- (a) Brig Gen Harold Lombardi has requested and been given a posting at NAPLES (commission for interrogating repatriated senior PW affrs)
- (b) by virtue of his rank he is too senior for the post of Comd TARANTO Mil Dist (maximum rank: col)

17 July 55

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SIGINT - Confidential Reports - Italian Officers

3 Division
Baseball 18
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(3851A)

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Colonel SCAMPORA, Giuliano

Ref your A 301a dated 29 Jun 45.

The following extract received from Commander, 52 Area is forwarded for information.

"I have known Colonel SCAMPORA for the past nine months. He was the successor to General LORSAVAL as Commandante Speciale.

I have found him cooperative and willing, but beyond that I can say little. There have been so few Italian women in the area that it has not been possible to come to any opinion as to his administrative ability.

At the time of the British landing in TARANTO he was in command of a Coast Artillery Regiment.

I regard him as too old for an active command."

R. Macdonald
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Major General
Commander 3 District

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SUBJECT: Confidential Reports - Italian Officers

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.,
(MMIA)

3 District
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Colonel ACANFORA, Guglielmo

Ref your A 301s dated 29 Jun 45.

The following extract received from Commander, 52 Area is forwarded for information.

"I have known Colonel ACANFORA for the past nine months. He was the successor to General LOMBARDI as Commandante Presidio.

I have found him co-operative and willing, but beyond that I can say little. There have been so few Italian troops in the area that it has not been possible to come to any opinion as to his administrative ability.

At the time of the British landing in TARANTO he was in command of a Coast Artillery Regiment.

I regard him as too old for an active command."

FJS

*Noted
16 July*

R. R. R.
Major General
Commander 3 District

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Subject:- Confidential Reports - Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
A 3018.

29 June '45.

To :- No 3 District.

Colonel ACANTORA, Guglielmo.

Colonel Guglielmo ACANTORA has been recommended by the War Ministry for appointment as Commander, ~~Taranto~~ Military District.

War Ministry give him good reports throughout his service and say he is worthy of the appointment.

Our late MIA L.C., (Major MURSELL) reported that he was quite inefficient and of no use to any Army.

It is to be noted that practically all his service in peace and three wars has been spent at his home in TARANTO. He is 57 years of age.

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Will you please obtain from your Area/Commander concerned an estimate of this officer's suitability for this appointment, to assist me in making a decision.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

WP/pmh.

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Write to 3 Dist

Acampola has been recommended
to Wa Min for _____
Tarambo.

Wa Min gives his good reports
through his office and says he is worthy
of the appointment.

Our date MARCH 20 (Major Mucell)
reports that he was quite inexperienced and
of no value to any army.

It is to be noted that practically all
his service is peace & there was no war
spent at his home in Tarambo. He is 57
years of age

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Will you please advise for your
area consider counsel and ~~as soon~~ an estimate
of this officer's suitability for the appointment
to assist me in making a decision.

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- XO Acampola 57. - and say, area cond. (Bureau
PWS crew.
- X O ✓ Patricia (advt.) Yes. add both what AP-ITB

~~See Richardson.~~

- X ✓ Wade letter to BLU and to every about 15th.
no call up - can get.
dent's change put, view.
rate of issue US, OR IT release.
all in same boat,
AP-ITB know, - and letter.

X 0930 Friday. Penal meeting. Trovati.

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Translation

From: 16/4
To: MMIA

A ~~3018~~
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Ref: 2544/M/Col
Date: 3rd May 45

Subject: Col ACANFORA Uguibelo. Inf. Reg. Army (H.M.)

Further to letter 2180/M/Col dated 13th April 45

~~Very much~~ Kindly inform us if there is any objection
to the ~~to~~ posting of Col ACANFORA as Laranto Military
District Commander.

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Capt' Pacini
acting P.B.S.

Signed: Chief of the District
Illinois
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