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Confidential Reports. Italian Officers

Apr. 1945 - Feb. 1946

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Subject: Military Situation in SICILY

LAND BUREAU OF JOHN A.C. (MMA)

6/32

9 Feb 46

TO : Chief Commissioner A.S.

Revised in Nov 4, 501, S of 12 Jan and 6/7 of 2 Feb.

2. The military would designate to replace HERRICK, Gen ZACHARY, was unable to accept the appointment at the last moment. There is no other suitable candidate, and it has been decided that the command of the 408th Div, Maj Gen DR CASHMERE, shall act as "locum" for the present. He has been in the island over a month and has a good reputation with his troops.
3. The move of the CARIBBEAN Regt of the POLARIS Div from FUSCUM to SUCUM is in progress, and

Personal & Confidential.

Subject : General BERARDI, G.C.O., SICILY.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
(MIA)
Rome.

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information being released.

(b) In view of the importance of SICILY I instructed Major BAUMANN to enquire and report.

(c) Extract from Major BAUMANN's log dated 17 Jan 18 as follows:

"AVV BROGIO

3. Called at GOC's request to discuss the following pts:

Replacement of Territorial Comd SICILY : The Minister said it was most unfortunate that the situation had arisen, since Berardi was a very capable man and

Faced with this situation the Minister said he had no alternative but to appoint a new territorial comd; and he was sure that if GOC were in his place he would do the same. Berardi would be given some suitable alternative appointment.

The Minister added that he was very short of Corps Comds, there being only one available at the moment - ZANNINI - who returned in the autumn from internment in Germany. At the time of the Armistice he was territorial comd in UFFUG and has a clean record. Unfortunately he has only 5 - 6 months to go before reaching the age-limit, but is the only candidate available.

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Subject : Italian Officers - Appreciation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.H.I.A.), R O N E.

A 3018

15 Jan '46.

To : Ministry of War.

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Subject: Italian officers - appreciation.

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

— A 301 S — 3 Jan. '46.

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This officer, although only holding the rank of Lt Colonel, performs the duties equivalent to a DDET in the British Army.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Officers - Appreciation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/204.

Col. A/C.

29 Dec 45.

Please may a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Ministry of War on behalf of the following officers who have rendered exceptionally fine service.

This officer, although only holding the rank of Lt.Col., performs the duties equivalent to a DDST in the British Army.

He was first commissioned in 1922 in the Infantry and transferred to the Commissariat Service in 1928 and by virtue of his long service has considerable knowledge and experience in supply matters.

These last two months have been a period of difficulty for the Supply Services of the Italian Army, especially when it is borne in mind that no reserve stocks were available. It has only been by careful planning that the maintenance

RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT BY COMD 7 ACRA
FOR MAJOR GENERAL LANGLEY BROWNING

GENERAL PRINIERI, Commander Gruppo Cremona:

I am not acquainted with all the detailed war history of the Gruppo Cremona but from everything that I have heard from the principal Staff Officers serving with the BLU the Gruppo made a considerable name for itself during the latter phases of hostilities. I am convinced that this was due very largely to the organising ability, tact and diplomatic handling of General PRINIERI.

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He is obviously a good organiser and every Parade, Function and Visit which I have paid to the Gruppo has shown a very high standard.

He is clever and quick to seize and put into effect new ideas. His opinions are based on considerable thought and study. He is tactful and diplomatic and I have found him very easy to cooperate with and understand.

RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT BY COMD 7 AGRA
FOR MAJOR GENERAL LANGLEY BROWNING.

GENERAL FRALORNO - Commander Italian Mil Territory PIEMONTE

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He has been most willing to cooperate with the British Authorities in every way.

W. H. F. C. M.

Brig
Comd 7 AGRA

27 Dec 45.

RECOMMENDATION BY COMD 7 ACRA

CAPT MARCELLO BAUCO

This officer has been employed as Liaison Officer with 80 Medium Regiment (Scottish Horse) for the past three months.

He has carried out an important and delicate mission with great success.

He has been working on Intelligence and Internal Security.</

RECOMMENDATION BY COMD 7 ACRA

CAPT A. M. FERRO

This officer has served HQ 7 ACRA and before them 151 Sub Area in TURIN during the past six months.

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He has been of very high use to the British Authorities here and has given outstanding service. If and when any British decorations for Service are being awarded I consider that his name should be put forward for an MBE or OBE.

I strongly recommend that he be left with OC Troops TURIN during the next three months as his knowledge of local personalities and Commanders and his diplomatic manner are of extreme importance.

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RECOMMENDATION BY COMMANDER 7 AGRA

LT STEFANO ST JUST

This Oftr has served HQ 7 AGRA in Piemonte
loyally and most usefully during the past four months.

He is an officer of considerable tact and
charm. He is a fine horseman.

I consider him

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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FROM: A.C. of S., G-2, AFHQ
APO 512, U.S. Army FORM NO. 1.

Office of _____ To: MMIA
Date dispatched NOV 20 1945
Received from A.C. of S., G-2, Allied Force Headquarters, Rome. Cim.F.
following (1) document(s):

G-2 329. 701/F/1 - dated 17/11/45.
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Translation

From H. of W.
To 223 Div. HQ
for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 1/31220/NOV
Date 17/11/45

Subject 2 Lt. CLAUDIO Leonardo son of Luigi 1922 class.

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NELLA RISPOSTA CITARE SEMPRE CON ESATTEZZA
LA DATA ED I NUMERI DEL PRESENTE FOGLIO

Roma: 17.11.1945
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Ministero della Guerra
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Direz. Gen. Pers. U

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Lt.-Col. S.M. Ingledew, OBE, ED,
Military Mission to Italian Army,
C. M. F.

31 October, 1945.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Major Luigi CALABRINI

COPY

Rome, 5th October 1945.

Dear General Hodgson,

I had been told that you would no longer have returned to Tirana. I have learned instead that you have gone back and that Col. Palmer and Major Smith have left for good. I am at present in Rome, at The War Ministry, to settle some office matters connected with my sojourn in Albania. Within the next few days I will go to Florence on a two months' leave. Captains Picci and Santelli are also now in Rome.

The Albanian residents of Rome are split in two parties: one favourable to the Government of Tirana, the other opposing it. I am naturally careful to remain aloof from both of them; I had enough of Albanian connections: now it's up to Consul General Turcato to deal with them.

I will always have a pleasant recollection of the consideration the British Military Missions in Albania have always shown to me, and of all the Missions have done for us Italians, whose condition had sunk to the sad level of which you are well aware.

A special Commission is at present examining the behaviour, from the day of the Armistice, of all Officers having the rank of General. I was senior to all Officers who remained in Albania and had consequently no direct superior who could have seen and followed my work on the spot. And I am, of course, refraining to ask the Albanian Generals for testimonials. It is true that both the Minister for War and the Minister for Foreign Affairs (luckily for me, neither of them is an extremist) have expressed themselves in a very flattering manner about me. For my personal satisfaction however, I am very keen on having a British testimonial, evidencing that I have never sided with Germans, that I have always remained in the partisan field wearing my uniform of Italian General and that I have done what little was in my power in the fight against the Germans.

As early as the 9th September 1943 (the day after the Armistice) I have contacted a British Captain who was already in Albania attached to Haxhi Ilieshi (the present Minister for the Interior in Tirana).

In the battle fought by the "Firenze" Division in Kruja I met Major MacLean. Later I made the acquaintance of Major Riddel in Dibra, of Lieut. Les during my retreat from Dibra, of General Davis during my stay in Crenje, of Colonel Palmer and of Capt. Lyon in Elmas and later in Tirana.

Should you deem it possible to adhere to my request it is unimportant whether your report be addressed to me as a private individual (C/o War Ministry-- Gabinetto) or officially to the Ministero della Guerra - Gabinetto.

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Thanking you heartily for your kindness,

I beg remain with my best regards,

Yours very truly

Gen PICCINI.

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Office of the British
Political Advisor, AC.

*Seen by Col Paddy. This information
was passed on verbally to Col Lombardi
by me, 1 Sep.*

Major Dobbs,
MMIA, AC.

Subject: Italian Military Attaché at Sofia.

The British Political Representative at Sofia has telegraphed in reply to an enquiry made by the British Embassy on behalf of MMIA to the effect that there has been considerable friction between the Italian Minister Signor Mameli and Colonel Montezemolo. This friction seems to date at least from the time of the bombardments of the Bulgarian capital early in 1944 when the two were in dispute about the arrangements made by Signor Mameli for the evacuation of the Italian colony. While Signor Mameli has always been perfectly correct to the British Representative in his attitude towards Colonel Montezemolo, Madame Mameli has made no secret of her dislike for the Italian Attaché and has even gone so far as to allege publicly that he neglected the interests of Italian Prisoners of War who were in Bulgaria until earlier this year. The British Representative states that so far as he is aware there is no foundation at all for this allegation. Both the Italian Minister and Colonel Montezemolo have been most correct and cordial in their dealings with the British Representative and the latter hopes that nothing will be done to involve the British Mission in the dispute. The British Mission is not in a position to comment upon the charges and counter-charges of collaborationism and Fascism.

2. The British Political Representative at Sofia has no information about Lieut. Colonel Genovese.

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[Signature]
ASST. Polad (BR)
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Subject : Officers - Recommendations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 301 S

16 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

The attached copy of a letter from GO 9 CRE (Works) under reference E/3104/C1559 dated 9 Oct 45 is forwarded for record purposes and for any action you may consider necessary.

More
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

/cc

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E/8104/C1559

Subject:- Officers Recommendations.

To :- M.M.I.A.,
AFHQ CMT.

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It is desired to place on record the excellent work of three Italian Army Officers. Their work and cooperation under difficult conditions has at all times been beyond reproach. Without these three Officers the high standard of timber production could not have been maintained.

May the undermentioned Officers be recommended for their work, and some tangible form of appreciation be shown.

It is suggested that if possible they should be promoted to a higher rank.

Ten. SURDO - 4 Special Tnt Coy
" TETI - - do -
" CLAUDIO - 63 Forestry Coy.

Norman Jacks
(N.A. JACKS),
Lieut R.E. & Adjutant,
for Lieut. Colonel R.E.,
9 C.R.E. (Works).

Copy to: 227 Division: Conversation Major Amato
and this H.Q. of 6 Oct 45 refers.

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C.M.F.
9 Oct 45.

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Subject: Italian Officers - Dossiers.

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.;
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 301 S

11 Oct. '45.

To : A.F.H.Q. for G-5.

Conversation Lt. Col. BARRET - Major DOBBS of IO
Oct refers.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GIUSEPPE CASTELLANO.

1. Enclosed as arranged is a brief dossier of the
above named officer.

Billy [signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

DSLG/ccc.

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DOSSIER ON BRIGADIER GENERAL GIUSEPPE CASTELLANO

General CASTELLANO, born in Sicily, is best known as the signator for Italy of the Armistice between Italy and the Allies on 8 September 1943.

At that time he was the senior military officer on the staff of General Vittorio Ambrosio, Chief of the Italian General Staff.

Following the Armistice, General CASTELLANO became Chief of the Italian Military Mission to AFHQ, established for the purpose of coordinating Italian military aid for the Allied cause. In such a capacity he cooperated faithfully and worked diligently. It was his aim from the very beginning to organize, train and put in the field, as many Italian Divisions as possible to fight alongside of the Allies.

The transfer of AFHQ from Algiers to Italy eliminated the need of the Italian Military Mission as Liaison with the Allies was being maintained directly by the Italian War Ministry through Military Mission to the Italian Army.

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- (a) August 1944 to March 1945 - Commander of the Internal Security Division, "Asate" in Sicily.
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MINISTRY OF WAR
Cabinet

PERSONAL RECORD CARD

of: Colonel DIBILIO Umberto
son of: Francesco and of d'Agostini Concetta
born at: Caltanissetta on: 1.3.1893
seniority of rank: 1.1.1942
Corps: CCRR (Police) Category: Reg. army
Staff College Certificate:
Other qualifications:
Languages: French
Honours: Officer of the Crown of Italy
Decorations: Bronze Medal for military courage.
Campaigns: 1915/18 (Italo-Austrian)
Appointments held:
Conduct rating: "excellent" - 11 (5 with commendation),
"good with 3" - 10, "good with 2" - 4,
"good with 1" - 1, "favourable reports" - 17
(4 with commendation)

REMARKS:

MINISTRY OF WAR
Cabinet

PERSONAL RECORD CARD

of: Colonel ANDREOLI Lauro
son of: Carlo and of Caterina Veglia
born at: Sondrio on: 23.10.1896
seniority of rank: reserve
Corps: CCRR (Police) Category: Reg. army
Staff College Certificate:
Other qualifications: MT Superior Course
Languages: French - English (translates with the aid of a
dictionary)
Honours: Knight Officer of the Crown of Italy
Decorations: Silver Medal for military courage
Two Croix de Guerre for military courage
Campaigns: 1915/18 (Italo-Austrian), 1923/24 (Lybia)
Appointments held:
Conduct rating: "excellent" - 18 (3 with commendation)
"good with 3" - 6, "good with 2" - 1,
"good with 1" - 1, "favourable reports" - 9
(1 with commendation)

REMARKS:

MINISTRY OF WAR

Cabinet

PERSONAL RECORD CARD

of: Colonel LUCA Ugo

son of: Pietro and of Bertoldin Antonia

born at: Feltre

on: 24.5.1892

seniority of rank: 3.6.1942

Corps: CCRR (Police)

Category: Reg. army

Staff College Certificate:

Other qualifications: Air Pilot Licence.

Languages: French. Magreb Arabic. Turkish (mediocre)

Honours: Commander of the Order of the Star of Italy

Commander of the Crown of Italy

Knight of the Order of SS. Maurizio and Lazzaro

Awarded the Special Commemorative Badge of the

Volunteer Corps of Spain.

Decorations: Four Silver Medals for military courage. Two Bronze Medals for military courage. One Croix de Guerre for mil. courage. One promotion on the field. One mention in dispatches. Awarded the "Cruz de guerra" by Gen. Franco for service in Spain. Awarded the German Eagle Cross (1st Class) with sword.

Campaigns: 1911/14 (Italo-Turkish), 1915/17 (1918-Austrian), 1919/22 (Eastern Med. Exp. Corps), 1937/38 (Spain), 1940/43 (World War II).

Appointments held:

Conduct rating: "excellent" - 14 (8 with commendation).

"good with 3" - 2, "favourable reports" - 14
(6 with commendation)

P. T. O.

Message received from G-1(Bv) AFHQ — 1900 hrs
6 Sept 45

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File (94)

DAG AFHQ

- ① Wish to know whether Genname Nicola BELLOMO was on the active list of the Italian Army at the time of his arrest on 28 Jan 1944. Recalled from resume
 - ② What was his status at that time
Head of Civil Commission for disbandment of the Militia
 - ③ If on the retired list — the date of retirement →

1 Jan 40	
15 Jan 41	recalled to active list
 - ④ Para 3 most important and please phone Major Condon tomorrow morning (Friday)
- ↑ Freedom 966 — Urgent. (45)

Spoke 7/9 P

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Karin Bdr

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4076/2/L.

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APN/pa.
30 Aug 45.

SUBJECT : Delivery of Italian officers to Italian Courts.

TO : ~~Ministero della Guerra, Gabinetto -ROMA.~~

1. Reference letter 28 August 1945 requesting delivery to Italian Courts of Italian officers held by Allies.

2. This Sub-Commission is informed by the Office of Chief Commissioner Admiral Ellery W. STONE, that no reply has been received to the Chief Commissioner's letter of 31 July 1945 addressed to President of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government.

3. Until a reply thereto is had giving the assurance from the Italian Government as therein requested, it will not be possible to order the delivery of the officers designated in your letter 28 August 1945.

[Signature]
ANTHONY P. NUGENT,
Major, Spec-Res,
Chief Counsel,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission
(M.M.I.A.). Your A 301 S of 29 Aug 45
together with the enclosures therewith
are acknowledged.

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LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

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30 agosto 1945

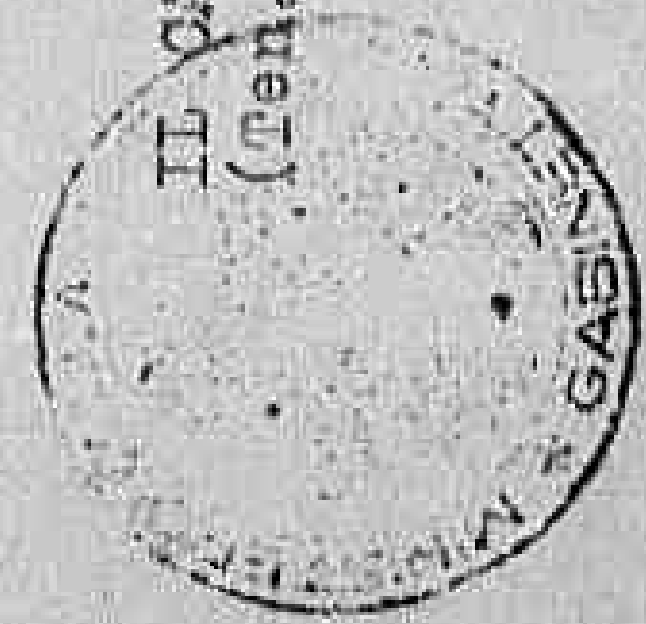
OGGETTO: Consegna di ufficiali italiani ai Tribunali Italiani

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO =

- 1.- Riferimento lettera 28 agosto 1945 richiedente la consegna ai Tribunali italiani di ufficiali italiani in mano delle autorità alleate.
- 2.- Questa Sottocommissione è informata dall'Ufficio del Capo della Commissione ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE che nessuna lettera di risposta è stata ricevuta alla lettera del Capo della Commissione stessa del 31 luglio 1945, indirizzata al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri del Governo italiano.
- 3.- Fintanto che non si abbia risposta con l'assicurazione del Governo Italiano richiesta in detta lettera, non sarà possibile ordinare la consegna degli ufficiali designati nella vostra lettera 28 agosto 1945.

f/to Magg. P. NUGENT

P. G. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO I°
(Ten. Col. O. Silli)
Silli



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f/to Magg. P. NUGENT

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Subject : Italian General Officers Sentenced to Military Tribunal.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.) ROME
A 301 S

To : Legal Sub Commission AG.

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29 Aug. '45.

Reference your AG/1076/2/L dated 7 August '45.

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1. Enclosed in original are Minister of War letter 119544/1 dated 23 August '45. and also the arrest warrants referred to, for such action as you consider necessary.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

/er

90/1 *[Signature]*
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War your 119544/1 dated 23 August '45. refers.

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