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SUBJECT : Adverse Reports - Italian Officers

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

— A 340

7 Mar. 1946.

TO : CG 11 BMU PALESTINE

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Ref. your P81/N/26 of 1 March 1946.

1. This matter should be settled locally if possible.
2. In any case this HQ is not prepared to take any action until informed of the reply you receive from Territorial Hq.

PAH. Giamore L. de

Fm Major General
M.M.I.A.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

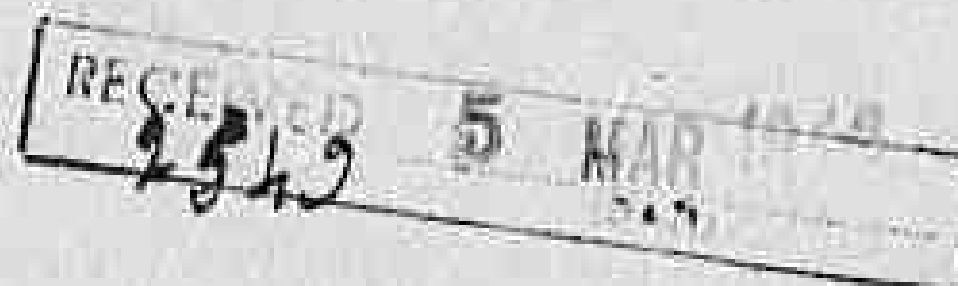
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/ March 1946.

Subject :- Adverse Reports - Italian Officers.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F. (for A.A.G.).

COL. VENTURI Dante
MAJ. SCOZZARI



Ref. Pt. II Sect. 3. Sub-Sect.a' of Fortnightly
Report No.6 dated 1 March 46 regarding the a/n officers of
the COMANDO GENIO.

1. It is requested that Min. of War please be approached and asked to order the immediate removal of these two officers from 11 Terr. Command for the following reasons:-

- a. Their work is very slack and they are seldom on the job directing operations.
- b. Improvements never get past the "promising" stage.
- c. Lack of interest, general intelligence and initiative.

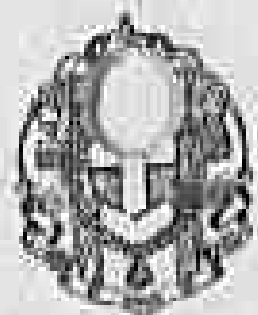
2. I have already put the question of the removal of these two Engineers, up to Territorial H.Q., but as yet have received no satisfaction concerning their removal.

R.E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/gp

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Ministero della Guerra

ISPELORATO PERSONALE UFFICIALI

Direz. Gen. Pers. Uff.

Divisione Mov. Sec. IV
Reg. N. 4/16474 Allegati

Oggetto: Ten. Art. MELONI Rinaldo

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

Roma:

A 310 78 39

LA LAND. FORCES SUP
COMMISSIONE (MMA)
ROME

Proposta al f. del 1/10/345
Per Sec. N. 4/310

e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - GABINETTO -

S E D E

In data odierna e' stato disposto il col-
locamento in congedo del Ten. Art. Cpl. MELONI Ri-
naldo..

*The discharge of Lt MELONI Rinaldo Anty Rec.
has been ordered to day.*

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. Div. G. Falugi)

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Date

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Subject : Italian Officers - Adverse Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AF.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 310

12 Oct. '45.

To : HQ 2 District.

Tenente R. MELONI

Reference your A/333/7(0) of 24 Sep. 45.

The Ministry of War have ordered that the a/n officer be discharged
forthwith.

MOR/er

Mare
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M.of.W.

Ref: 123207/I/1

112-17-336

To: Officers Personnel Gen. directorate.-

Date: 10/10/45

Subject: Lt MELONI Renaudo

For information to M.M.I.A.

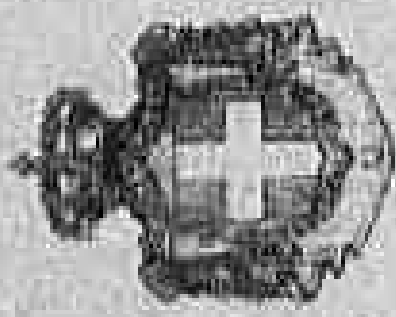
Ref *contents of* ~~was pointed out~~ with M.M.I.A? letter A/310 dated 1/10/45, addressed to this ~~Mx~~ General Directorate, for information, kindly order that Reserve Lt. MELONI Renaudo is discharged forthwith.-

R.ERRERA.Cpl

(Sgd) Col. Lombardi

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Ca/et



Ministero della Guerra

Gabinetto

Divisione

Sec.

223207 / 11/11/1945

112-17-326

OGGETTO : Tenente MELONI Renaudo.

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.

W

Roma, 10 OTT. 1945

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A 310

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI

S E D E

e, per conoscenza:

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

R O M A

In relazione a quanto rappresentato dalla Land Forces
sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) con lettera A/310 in data 1° cor-
rente, indirizzata per conoscenza a cotesta Direzione Generale,
si prega voler disporre perchè il tenente compl. MELONI Renaudo
venga subito ricollocato in congedo.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Handwritten signature

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ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI

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e, per conoscenza:

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

In relazione a quanto rappresentato dalla Land Forces
sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) con lettera A/310 in data 1° cor-
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si prega voler disporre perchè il tenente compl. MELONI Renaldo
venga subito ricollocato in congedo.

Traverso *PR* *11/10*

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Traverso *11/10*

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Subject : Italian Officers, Advance Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(N.M.I.A.) ROME

A 370

1. Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Lieut. BELLET, R.

1. Enclosed is copy of a report on the above named officer received from HQ No. 2 District.
2. You are requested to take immediate action on this report informing this HQ as to action taken.

Bellet
Major General,
N.M.I.A.

/or

Copy to: HQ No. 2 District. Your A/333/7(c) dated 24 Sep. '45 refers.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Officers - Unsuitable.

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HQ No 2 District CMF
A/333/7(0)

24 Sept 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MIA)

Tenente R. MELONI

Reference MIA letter A.020 dated 23 March 45.
030

The attached adverse report on the above-named Officer is
forwarded for attention please.

/AB

DNAG

Copys of this report to HQ W for
action, and let me see file
030 please.

MMB
29/7

Colonel,
DA & CMF.

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ADVERSE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

Rank.....TENANT
Temporary or Acting.....Name.....MELONI, R.
Age.....Unit & Corps.....Italian Army
Medical Category.....Type of Commission.....
1. How has he been employed? A/OC No. 5 Ital Control Coy.
2. How long have you been his Commanding Officer? 5 years, 5 months
3. Brief statement giving grounds upon which report of unsuitability or inefficiency are based:
(Note - Special note should be made of such faults as intemperance, lack of knowledge or experience, unreliability, bad example.
1. This officer is quite unsuitable as an OC, because he has very little initiative and control over his own personnel. He needs constant supervision to ensure that even the normal routine matters are carried out.
2. The cleanliness of his men and billets is far below the standard required, and have been explained and demonstrated to him by myself and my officers, the same faults are still apparent.
3. He is continually complaining that his men are "bad soldiers", and making application to the CWP Depot for replacements, but I am of the opinion that most of the trouble lies in his own inefficiency.

4. Have you previously warned this officer of his inefficiency? If not for what reason?
Yes.

5. Have you interviewed this officer regarding this report? Yes
6. Has this officer been given an opportunity of making a protest against this report?
Yes.

7. Does this officer wish to make an appeal against this report?
No.

Note - In the event of the officer wishing to submit a protest or appeal, it will be forwarded with this report, with the comments of the superior reporting officers.

Station..... In the Field

- even the normal routine matters are carried out. He needs constant supervision to ensure that
2. The cleanliness of his men and billets is far below the standard required, and in spite of the fact that on many occasions the simple rules of cleanliness have been explained and demonstrated to him by myself and my officers, the same faults are still apparent.
3. He is continually complaining that his men are "bad soldiers", and making application to the CMP Depot for replacements, but I am of the opinion that most of the trouble lies in his own inefficiency.

4. Have you previously warned this officer of his inefficiency? If not for what reason?

..... Yes.

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5. Have you interviewed this officer regarding this report? Yes

6. Has this officer been given an opportunity of making a protest against this report?

..... Yes.

7. Does this officer wish to make an appeal against this report?

..... No.

Note -- In the event of the officer wishing to submit a protest or appeal, it will be forwarded with this report, with the comments of the superior reporting officers.

Station..... In the Field.....

..... Signature of Reporting Officer.

Date..... 12 Sept 45.....

Rank and name of reporting officers in block capitals.

Initials of officer reported on CAPT. R. E. L. JOHNSTON.

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Note - If an officer is attached from one Corps or Unit to another, both will be shown. The attention of reporting officers is drawn to ACI 679 of 1941.

REMARKS OF SUPERIOR REPORTING OFFICERS.

Have you had previous knowledge of the state of affairs disclosed in paragraph 3. overleaf?

Have you interviewed the officer reported upon?

Can you from your own personnel knowledge substantiate this report?

Do you recommend this Officer for further employment or further training in his present or a lower rank? If so, in what capacity?

Any further remarks?

Initials of Officer reported on.....Signature.....

Date.....Commanding.....

Note - Normally the Officer signing this portion of the report will not do so until he has personal knowledge of the inefficiency of the Officer reported upon.

Have you interviewed the Officer reported upon?

Do you recommend this Officer for further employment or further training in his present or a lower rank? If so, in what capacity?

Any further remarks?

Initials of Officer reported upon.....Signature.....
(Only required if any further adverse remarks are included)

Date.....Commanding.....

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Initials of Officer reported on.....Signature.....
Date.....Commanding.....

Note - Normally the Officer signing this portion of the report will not do so until he has personal knowledge of the inefficiency of the Officer reported upon.

Have you interviewed the Officer reported upon?.....
Do you recommend this Officer for further employment or further training in his present or a lower rank? If so, in what capacity?.....

Any further remarks?.....

Initials of Officer reported upon.....Signature.....
(Only required if any further adverse remarks
are included) Commanding.....

Date.....

Signature.....
Commanding.....

Initials of Officer reported on.....

Date.....

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Lt. Col. SALVATORE MARZO
507 It. Gd. Bn.

PERSONAL

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R/6/507/55

13 Sept 45

1. Since the Battalion under your command took over Train Guard Duties only two Companies have been fully employed. A Course of Instruction was held for 6 Officers and 8 NCOs at this HQ. and you were instructed to ensure that similar courses were held by you so that all Officers and men should become thoroughly acquainted with their duties. I consider that you have had ample time for this, nevertheless it is reported that NCS's have been detailed for duty with little or no knowledge of what is required of them.
2. Railway Working Instruction No 13 sets out very clearly the above duties and also enumerates the reports and returns due to be rendered to this H.Q. I must again point out that there has been a considerable delay in the rendition of these returns. For instance your Monthly Report on the Working of guards for August was not received at this H.Q. until 13 Sep. This report is dated 5 Sep.
3. H.Q. Mov. Ancona report that no Officer had up to 3 Sep. visited your Ancona Det. You yourself admitted that you had not visited this Detachment until 3 Sep. some 18 days after your unit had taken over.
4. On 5 Sep my TG 145 instructed you to send a Representative to report Town Major, Falconara, upon the subject of accommodation.
At a conference attended by you at this HQ on 6 Sept you were informed of this fact yet on 9 Sept and again 12 Sept., I am informed by Town Major Falconara and 61 Area respectively that this order had not been complied with.
5. Further on 6 Sept. you were informed that 110 rfts were due to be released to you between 3 - 9 Sept. and arrangements should be made for their reception. Apparently this was not done, although you stated at the conference that arrangements had been made.
6. Since taking over train guard duties I have had numerous complaints of the increase number of civilians who are being allowed to travel on mil. trains and what is worse increased pilferage due to Officers and NCOs and men failing to carry out their duties, sentries asleep or absent from their posts.
7. I can only conclude therefore that you lack the drive, initiative and powers of command required of a Battalion Commander.
8. Will you please forward me your comments on the above.

CMF
WHFR/MB

Copy to: G-4 Mov. & Tn A.F.H.Q.
MMIA Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

Lt. Col.
Comd. HQ. Train Guard Control.

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (GD)

GSO 2 (WE)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (Orbat)

GSO 2 (I)

MMIA - 'G'

FILE:

DATE: R/15/13

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Subject : - ITALIAN OFFICERS

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A 310

To : - MMTA L.O.
Genoa.

8 Aug 45.

Reference your AG/6/ of 2 Aug 45. — 31

1. Requests for replacements of Italian Officers attached to Allied formations should be submitted in accordance with this HQ letter A 030 of 23 March 45, copy attached for easy reference.

Perk.

M.H. Renshaw,
J/Capt.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

MR/jc

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Subject : Portings - Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

A310

4 Aug 45.

To : O.C. 812 Base Remount Depot R.A.V.C.

Capt DE MARCO Girolamo

The Ministry of War state, in their letter 1/19288 dated 30 Jul 45, that arrangements have been made for the immediate transfer of the a/n officer to 802 Reinforcement Reception Camp, CERVIGNO.

M.H.R.

M.H. KENSHAW,
J/Cord,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

MBR/jw

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Subject:- Italian Officers.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.,
GENOA

AG/6/

2 August, 1945

To:- M.M.I.A. HQ. ROME

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. Italy

It is found increasingly difficult to work with the Foodstuffs Section of the Direzione Commissariato, Genoa, who are responsible for the stocking of all Distribution Depots N.W. Italy.

Ten.Col. Rottura has no organising ability as far as can be seen, and his arithmetic is definitely inaccurate. He does not inspire confidence.

In view of the importance of the responsibilities of the Genoa Commissariato, may another more efficient officer please be substituted?

BBdub
Major.
ST MMIA.LO.
N.W. Italy, GENOA.

BBK/lr

See folio 33

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(ANSLATION.

From/ Ministry of War. 310
To: M.M.I.A.
Subject: Italian Officers (postings)

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Ref: 1/19288
Date: 30 July 1945.

This Ministry has ordered the immediate transfer of Capt. Cavalry, Regular Army; De Marco Girolamo to the 802 Reinforcement Reception Camp in Orvieto.

Falugi.

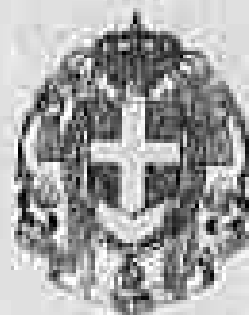
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Ministero della Guerra
Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali

Roma

27
30.7.1945

LA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)
ROMA

Direzione Movimento Tr. 1°

Int. N° / Mov. Allegato

1/19 288

OGGETTO: Ufficiali italiani - assegnazione.

(rif. f. 812/BRD/AS/17 A del 10/7/45)

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E. - sez. aut. colleg. con Alleati (C.A.)
(rif. att. 309278 data 20.7.45) S E D E

Questo Ministero ha disposto l'immediato trasferimento del Cap. cav. sp.

DE MARCO Girolamo

all'802° Campo Affluenza Complementi di Orvieto.

TRANSMISSION

P. II MINISTRO

(Gen. di Div. G. Falugi)

OUT

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Subject: Capt. TURINI Leonide.

SECRET

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LAW PUNISHING COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
RCH.
JUL/105.

21 July 45.

Transferred from "N" E 9 (I)

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy for A.P.H.Q. (ref your CMI. 389.430/1. of 10 July 45.)
A.P.H.Q. Liaison Officer - I.A.I. HQS.

1. A report has been received regarding the conduct of Capt. TURINI, who is at present assigned to Fifth Army Interrogation Centre in VARESE as a P.W. Interrogator, which indicates that he is not a proper person to be entrusted with such duties and should be suspended forthwith pending an enquiry into his conduct.

2. The report states that on the 7th June a man named GIOVANNI, alias da Lomazzo, alleged stay-behind agent of the 10th Flak Division in the original Movement, was arrested by the Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment of the Fifth Army and his house in VARESE was searched. During the course of the search, the following articles of the property of Capt. TURINI were found:

- a. A British battle dress jacket.
- b. A .35 calibre revolver.
- c. A brief case containing a knife, some notes and letters and a tessera di riconoscimento No. 0039, dated 9 March, 1945, issued by Colonel MAFFUCCI, Bergamo, of the State Maggiore Generale, Ufficio "I".

3. When interrogated regarding these articles, GIOVANNI stated that Capt. TURINI was an old friend of his whom he had known at the Fascistist training school at LARATE about three years ago. GIOVANNI stated that he had met him in VARESE in May, 1945, had invited him to dine at his home and that Capt. TURINI had left some suit cases and clothes together with the above mentioned brief case when he left VARESE for VARESE. GIOVANNI added that when Capt. TURINI returned to VARESE on his way to collect his property, he was in a great hurry and in his haste, forgot the brief case and the battle dress jacket.

4. It is known that during the course of his duties, Capt. TURINI had occasion to travel between Fifth Army P.W. Stockade at VARESE and the Interrogation Centre at VARESE, working for a few days at each place.

5. Towards the end of May, Capt. TURINI received notice to report to his headquarters and left VARESE for HQS and has not since returned although the Interrogation Centre at VARESE has received no notice of his transfer from their organization.

2. The report states that on the 7th June a man named OCHO NIARA, Ello fu Tamasoo, alleged stay-behind agent of the 10th Intelligence Corps Detachment, was arrested by the Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment of the Fifth Army and his home in MAMBA was searched. During the course of the search, the following articles of the property of Capt. TURNER were found:

- a. A British battle dress jacket.
- b. A .38 caliber revolver.
- c. A brief case containing a knife, some notes and letters and a Passports document No. 00350 dated 9 March, 1945, issued by Colonel MURPHY, Major, of the State Maggiore Generale, Ufficio "I".

3. When interrogated regarding these articles, OCHO NIARA stated that Capt. TURNER was an old friend of his when he had known at the Parachutists Training School at LAMUNDA about three years ago. OCHO NIARA stated that he had met him in MAMBA in May, 1945, had invited him to dine at his home and that Capt. TURNER had left some suit cases and clothes together with the above mentioned brief case when he left MAMBA for V. G. OCHO NIARA added that when Capt. TURNER returned to MAMBA on his way to MOOS to collect his property, he was in a great hurry and in his haste, forgot the brief case and the battle dress jacket.

4. It is known that during the course of his duties, TURNER had occasion to travel between Fifth Army P. S. Stockade at MAMBA and the Interrogation Centre at V. G. MOOS, varying for a few days at each place.

5. Towards the end of May, Capt. TURNER received notice to report to his Headquarters and left MAMBA for MOOS and has not since returned although the Interrogation Centre at V. G. MOOS has received no notice of his transfer from their organization.

6. It appears that Capt. TURNER was guilty of gross negligence in leaving such articles in a private dwelling, particularly that of such a person as OCHO NIARA. If he did not take steps to ascertain the history of OCHO NIARA, his failure to do so is a serious offense for an officer in his position. If, on the other hand, as appears probable from the interrogation of OCHO NIARA - Capt. TURNER was aware of OCHO NIARA's activities, his failure to report the matter constitutes an even ~~greater~~ offense than that of leaving his personal documents, maps and articles of uniform in a private house.

7. It is requested that you hold an enquiry into this case and forward the results of your investigations to this HQ with the least possible delay.

8. In the meantime you are requested to assign Capt. TURNER

to the t.s.

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From all Intelligence Duties, reporting action taken to this HQ
as soon as possible.

A.M.F. H.C.L.

for MAJOR GENERAL
M.H.I.S.

Internal, "A" BRANCH.

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Subject: Adverse Reports - Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comd. (G.)
(M.A.I.A.)
R O M E.
A 310.

13 July '49.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your 2107/R/S dated 8th July '49.

No trace of your letter 1/16376/40 dated 3rd July '49 can be found at this H.Q. It is requested that a copy be forwarded.

Mitre
Major General,
M.A.I.A.

MIA/pri.

Copy to MEMIA L.O. 3 Distinct

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Subject: GENERAL GALLIARDI OFFICER.

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042/307/317 A.
10.7.45.

To:

Colonel Martelli
Comando 107 Reggimento Ricambi
VARESE.

CAPT. DI RIZA GALLIARDI. TRANSFER TO THE R.I.A.

I very much regret this but I am sending Capt. Di Riza back to you.

He is utterly useless here and if I send him to Naples he stays away for days on end. Often he leaves Rome for 5 and 6 days at a time without my permission. He has absolutely no interest in his work and therefore does nothing.

Under these circumstances, I would be most grateful if you would cause this officer to be relieved of his duties here and posted elsewhere at once please.

G. Russell

Major, R.A.V.C.

Commanding Officer Royal Depot R.A.V.C.

C.S.A.

Copy to:

D.A.V. & R.A.V. A.R.I.C. C.M.F.

Ministero Della Guerra, Gabinetto, Roma.

Ala Forze Sub. Comandante A.C. (A.R.I.C.) Roma.

Al Comando Della 327^a Divisione Paracad.

Luigi Gallo 30
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From: ~~of W.~~

To: ~~MIA.~~

Subject: Replacement of Officer.

Translation.

A-310

Ref: 17574/Mov.
/7/45.

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In compliance with request No. G-IB/610/1 dated 27/6/45. from the A.C. ~~WHO~~ this ministry has cancelled the transfer of 2nd Lt., CARDONA Egidio to the Italcentre of Cesano, and has ordered his transfer to the 266/1 General Service Coy A.C. to replace 2nd Lt., CARINI Erminio who has shown himself incapable of holding the post of Platoon Commander.

GD.

(G. Falugi)

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L. 2.4



Roma 7. 7 1945

Ministero della Guerra
Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali

LA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
R O M A

Divisione Movimento 1^a

Post. 1^a / Mov. Allegati

1/17574

Seguito fono del 27.5.45

Da. Se. 1/14485/

OGGETTO sostituzione ufficiale.

Mov

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Uff.C.A.-

S E D E

(Seg.fono 1/14485/Mov. del 27/5/1945 - rif.
(traduzione 308347 del 29/6/1945)

Per aderire alla richiesta nr.G-1B/610/1
in data 27/6/1945 del Headquarters Allied Commission
questo Ministero ha annullato il trasferimento del
S.ten.CARDONA Egidio all'Italcentro di Cesano ed
ha disposto il suo trasferimento alla 266/1 Com-
pagnia Servizi Generali AC per sostituire il pari
grado CARINI Erminio dimostratosi inadatto come
comandante di plotone.

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen.di Div.G.Falugi)

A310

Translation

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From: Mr. of W

Ref. No. 33329

To: MMIA in reply to letter of June 21, 1945
A/310

Date: June 28, 1945

Subject: Sgt. Antonio Timperi, M.T.

This Ministry, subject to adopting
the proper disciplinary measures against

Sgt. Antonio Timperi
of the 2nd Italian M.T. Co., has meanwhile
transferred him to the 3rd Special Transport Co.
in Rome, after replacing him with another Senior
NCO having a good record.

Signed: Elio Augusti

Noted
SPH 8/7

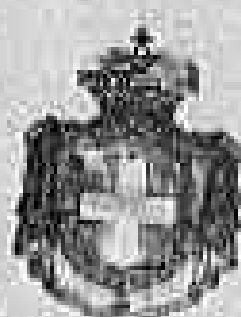
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B.



Roma 28 GIU 1945

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA, SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

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

Divisione Sott. *3°*
Reg. N° 33329 *Allegato*

Rispostato il 21.6.1945
Dir. *N°* A/310

OGGETTO: Serg. Magg. Aut. TIMPERI Antonio

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio C.A. - P.M. 3800

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Questo Ministero, con riserva di adottare i provvedimenti disciplinari del caso a carico del Serg. Magg.

TIMPERI ANTONIO

della 2<sup>a</sup> Compagnia Autotrasporti Italiani, ha provveduto, intanto, al di lui trasferimento alla 3<sup>a</sup> Compagnia Trasporti Speciali in Roma, previa sostituzione con altro sottufficiale di ottimi precedenti.

P. IL MINISTRO  
(Efisio Cugusi)

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|-------|-------|-------|
| CO    | IN    | TR    |
| 17.00 | 17.30 | 17.30 |
| 29/6  | 29/6  | 29/6  |

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Capt Gino Caporali

RCV/jad

| IND NO. | FROM          | TO                 | DATE           |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
|         | Sr<br>MMIA LO | CO<br>2695<br>Regt | 2 June<br>1945 |

Inviting your attention to the attached communication.

*R.C. Van Kirk per jad*  
R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) LO,  
5th Army

|    |              |               |                   |
|----|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 2. | 2695<br>Regt | Sr<br>MMIA LO | 8<br>June<br>1945 |
|----|--------------|---------------|-------------------|

1. Subject officer has been relieved of command.

2. 210th Division has requisitioned a Captain to fill vacancy.

3. No further action desired.

*J. Winslow*  
J. W. WINSLOW,  
Lt. Col., F.A.,  
Commanding.

|   |               |      |                |
|---|---------------|------|----------------|
| 3 | Sr<br>MMIA LO | MMIA | 11 Jun<br>1945 |
|---|---------------|------|----------------|

Inviting your attention to the 2d Indorsement.

*R.C. Van Kirk*  
R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) LO,  
5th Army

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Subject: CAPT GINO CAPORALI

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 310  
26 May 45

To : MMIA LO 5 Army

Reference your routing slip of 23 May 45, and copies of the pertinent correspondence.

1. It is noted that your action is in compliance with MMIA letter A020 of 23 March, paragraph 5 - Grade III. No action will therefore be taken by this HQ unless the disciplinary provisions taken by the Italian authorities are not satisfactory to you or 2695 Regt'l HQs.

2. Please advise us of the final action taken in this case.

/s/ Henry J. Pacini, Capt  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Translation.

Ref. 1/10436.  
30/MAY 1945.

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From: M. of W.

To: SMREX

Subj: 2nd., LT.; MENDOLA Ignazio.

2nd., Lt., MENDOLA Ignazio has been discharged from the army for inefficiency, on the 12/5/45, with letter 2062/100/5 f2.

He has been replaced by the 227th Div.

(Falugi)

No. Ref. 307318/C.A.

To: MIIA, for information, and further to letter A/310 dated 17th May 1945.

5/6/45.

(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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Comd  
Mounted  
Pg 7/6.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Dir.Gen.Pers.Ufficiali  
Div.Mov.Sez.IV

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N.3/10436 di prot.

Roma, li 30 maggio 1945

ALLO S.M.R.E. = Ufficio C.A.

= S E D E =

Risp.f. n.4084/C del 19-5-45.

OGGETTO: S/Ten. MENDOLA Ignazio.-

Il S/Ten. Ftr. cpl. MENDOLA Ignazio è stato collocato  
in congedo per scarso rendimento, il 12-5-45 con dispaccio  
n.2062/100/5 f2.

E' stato sostituito a cura della 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
F/to Gen. FALUGI

===== MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA =====  
S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO C.A.

N. 307318/C.A. di prot.

Roma, li 5 giugno 1945

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

= R O M A =

..... per conoscenza, in esito al foglio A/310 del 17  
maggio 1945.

TRANSLATION

A 16.30  
5/6

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Giorgio Linuzzi)

Linuzzi 5/6

OGGETTO: S/Ten. MENDOLA Ignazio.-

Il S/Ten. Ftr. cpl. MENDOLA Ignazio è stato collocato in congedo per scarso rendimento, il 12-5-45 con dispaccio n.2062/100/5 f2.

E' stato sostituito a cura della 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
F/to Gen. FALUGI

===== MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA =====  
S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO C.A.

N. 307318/C.A. di prot.

Roma, 11 2 giugno 1945

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

= R O M A =

..... per conoscenza, in esito al foglio A/310 del 17  
maggio 1945.

TRANSLATION

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| IN  | 16.30 |
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| OUT | 17.00 |
|     | 5/6   |

A 5/6.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

*Liuzzi*

A 3

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HEADQUARTERS  
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP  
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)  
APO 394

Tel. 886324  
Ext. 8

JJC/eg.

Ref. AC/MG/201/1

2 June 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Military Personnel.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission M.M.I.A.

1. Attached hereto is a list of Italian officers that are incompetent and should be replaced immediately.
2. Although the Italian Minister of War has promised to do all he can to replace these Officers, this Headquarters has been recently informed that they are not available.
3. A recent inspection revealed an extremely low standard of discipline in the organizations commanded by these Officers.
4. All organizations are rapidly becoming deficient in onlisted personnel. Requests for replacements have been presented to the Ministry of War who has informed this Headquarters that such replacements are not available at the present time.
5. Unless some immediate action can be taken to remedy this most unsatisfactory state of affairs, the purpose for which these Companies were formed will be defeated and efficient operations will be impossible.

1 Incl.:-  
as per para 1 above.

Copy to:-  
Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.  
Economic Section H.Q., A.C.

*James J. Barnes*  
JAMES J. BARNES,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Commanding.  
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP.

|                     |  |  |     |
|---------------------|--|--|-----|
| No.                 |  |  |     |
| COL. A.             |  |  |     |
| A. 1 <sup>st</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 4 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  | 432 |
| A. 5 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 6 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 7 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 8 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 9 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |     |
| A. 10 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |     |

*Amant action of  
Capt Pacini on 9 June  
WP*

*No reply needed because Col. Barnes  
has verbally informed of situation  
& personnel. JJC 11/6*

*John 10 Refers*

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Translation

From : Hq. AC Special M.T. Brigade  
To : Col. Carnes M.T. Group  
Subject : Request for personnel

Ref. : RC/SH  
Date : June 2, 1945

This Italian Hq. has to replace the following officers of the Battalions under command who have shown themselves as lacking in the capabilities of command required for the duties of the Brigade:

(see original letter)

MMIA have moreover authorized the transfer from other Corps of six officers who must be posted to Civitevecchia:

(see original letter)

The problem of the battalions under command is most urgent in respect of the replacement of personnel (other ranks and NCOs) who must be discharged and to replace the deficiencies caused by desertion, sickness, and various punishments.

We have already requested 100 NCOs and 500 drivers for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.

(Sgd) Celli)

Cpl. Danin

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COMANDO BRIGATA SPECIALE AUTOTRASPORTI A.C.

RC/eh

Roma 2 giugno 1945

OCCORRENZA: Richiesta personale

A : Motor Transport Group - Attn. Col. Carnes -

1. Questo Comando italiano ha bisogno di sostituire i seguenti ufficiali, dei Battaglioni dipendenti, che non hanno dimostrato di possedere le qualità di comando occorrenti per il servizio della Brigata:

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ten. Col. Art. s.p.e. | PETRUCCI Luigi                  |
| Cap. Pzr. s.p.e.      | CECCARELLI Giorgio              |
| Cap. Art. cpl.        | BONNET Livio                    |
| Cap. Art. cpl.        | FOLINI Luigi                    |
| Cap. Aut. cpl.        | RONI Giovanni                   |
| Ten. Art. s.p.e.      | DE BARTOLO Francesco            |
| Ten. Aut. cpl.        | BRUSA Alfio                     |
| Ten. Aut. cpl.        | MARUCCI Alessandro              |
| Sten. Aut. cpl.       | CARE' Guido                     |
| Sten. Aut. cpl.       | FORTE Antonio                   |
| Sten. Aut. cpl.       | CIVILIANI Angelo                |
| Sten. Aut. cpl.       | CERRELLI Gabriele               |
| Sten. Pzr. cpl.       | PIVA Libero                     |
| Ten. Genio cpl.       | CHIOVETTO Pietro (da congedare) |

2. Inoltre è stato autorizzato dalla M.M.I.A. il trasferimento da altri corpi di 6 ufficiali che devono essere destinati a Civitavecchia:

|          |
|----------|
| Capitano |
| Capitano |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |

Ufficiali n. 20

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3. E' problema urgentissimo per i dipendenti Battaglioni sostituire il personale, soldati e sottufficiali, che debbono andare in congedo e colmare le deficienze effettuate per di-

il servizio della Brigata:

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ten.Col.Art. s.p.e. | PETRUCCI Luigi                 |
| Cap.Ftr.s.p.e.      | CECCARELLI Giorgio             |
| Cap.Art.cpl.        | BONNED Livio                   |
| Cap.Art.cpl.        | ROLLINI Luigi                  |
| Cap.Aut.cpl.        | BONI Giovanni                  |
| Ten.Art.s.p.e.      | DE BARTOLO Francesco           |
| Ten.Aut.cpl.        | BRUSA Alfio                    |
| Ten.Aut.cpl.        | MARUCCI Alessandro             |
| Sten.Aut.cpl.       | CARE' Guido                    |
| Sten.Aut.cpl.       | TORRE Antonio                  |
| Sten.Aut.cpl.       | CIVITAREALE Angelo             |
| Sten.Aut.cpl.       | CERIMBLE Gabriele              |
| Sten.Ftr.cpl.       | PIVA Libero                    |
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|          |
|----------|
| Capitano |
| Capitano |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |
| Tenente  |

Ufficiali n.20

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3. Il problema urgentissimo per i dipendenti Battaglioni sostituire il personale, soldati e sottufficiali, che debbono andare in congedo e colmare le deficienze effettuate per diserzioni, malattie e punizioni varie.

4. Per il I°, II°, III° Battaglione sono stati già richiesti:

|                |              |     |      |                          |
|----------------|--------------|-----|------|--------------------------|
| Sottuff. n.100 | TRANSMISSION | IN  | 1530 | IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE |
| Conduttori 500 |              | OUT | 7/6  | (Ridollo Celli)          |

*GP Leoni*

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SUBJECT : Officers for Motor Transport Group.  
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) R O M E .  
A 260  
26 May 45

TO : Ministry of War.  
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1. Headquarters Motor Transport Group request the following Italian Officers be furnished at the very earliest for the following:-

- (a) A replacement for Lt.Col. PETRUCCI who is to be relieved of his command of the 1st Battalion for disciplinary reasons.
- (b) Six officers to take charge of personnel that has remained at CIVITAVECCHIA.
- (c) Two police officers to operate Detention Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA.

2. The Italian officers selected by you are to report to Group H.Q's located at 596 VIA Nomentana, ROME.

Signed) Captain PACINI.  
for, Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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Lee Folio 11

Subject: CAPT. GINO CAPORALI.

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 310

26 May, 45.

To : MMIA LO 5 ARMY.

Reference your routing slip of 23 May, 45 and  
copies of the pertinent correspondence.

1. It is noted that your action is in compliance  
with M.M.I.A. letter A020 of 23 March, paragraph 5 - Grade  
III. No action will therefore be taken by this HQ unless  
the disciplinary provisions taken by the Italian authorities  
are not satisfactory to you or 2695 Regt'l HQs.

2. Please advise us of the final action taken in  
this case.

Q 29/5

*[Signature]*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

ECC.

*[Signature]*  
See Folio 13

Translation.

From: M of W.

To: X. Territorial Command  
for information to:  
MMIA

Ref: 7242

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May 45.

A310

Subject: Reserve 2 Lt. MENDOLA IGNAZIO of the 503<sup>rd</sup> Smoke Coy.

Ref. MMIA letter A.310 dated 17<sup>th</sup> inst. copy 5 of which is enclosed for units which have not received same. In this letter, MMIA asked that, Chemical Corps, Reserve 2 Lt. MENDOLA IGNAZIO of the 503<sup>rd</sup> Smoke Coy. ~~under command of~~ Infantry Div. at present located at OSTIA, be replaced in his duties because considered inefficient by the British Cadre of the Coy.

Apart from instructions which are being given by the General Direct. Personnel, dealing with the replacement of the sp. officer, it is necessary to examine him and ascertain his technical professional capacity and his moral qualities.

In accordance with results obtained from such examination, the officer will be subject to be either removed from his rank of authority or punished severely.

without false mercy it is in the interest of the army to eliminate personnel who, for being inefficient or lacking morale, become a burden to their units.

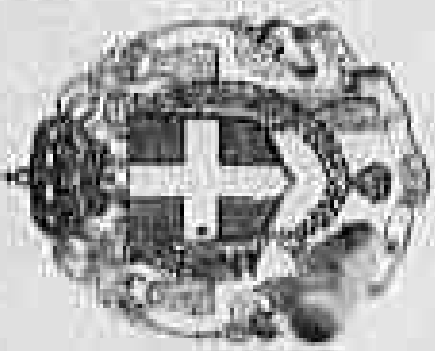
I shall be grateful if you would report to this office the results obtained from such enquiries and what action has been taken by you on the matter.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| MDT                |  |
| Col. A.            |  |
| A. 1 <sup>st</sup> |  |
| A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> |  |
| A. 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  |
| Med.               |  |
| Welfare            |  |

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(Sgd) F. RONCO

G. F. D.



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

31<sup>o</sup> STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

Prot. N. 7242 Allegati

Roma, 25 maggio 1945

Resposta al fido

Oggetto: Sottotenente di complemento MINDOLA Ignazio della 503<sup>a</sup> comp. nebbiogini -

AL X COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO - Ufficio 1<sup>o</sup>

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERS. UFFICIALI

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)

F.N. 3400

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R O M A

La M.M.I.A. col foglio 4-310 in data 17 corrente, unito in copia per gli enti che non l'hanno ricevuto, ha chiesto la sostituzione del Sottotenente Fanteria Chimica Complemento MINDOLA Ignazio della 503<sup>a</sup> comp. nebbiogini-dipendente dalla 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione di fanteria-attualmente dislocata ad Ostia, perchè giudicato assai sfavorevolmente dal British Cadre della Compagnia.

A parte le disposizioni che la Direzione Generale Personale Ufficiali ha in corso per la sostituzione dell'ufficiale, è indispensabile procedere a rigoroso accertamento della sua capacità tecnico professionale e delle sue doti morali.

Sulla base di tali risultanze, l'ufficiale dovrà, se del caso, essere proposto per le dimissioni dal grado di autorità o quanto meno per una grave punizione disciplinare.

E' nell'interesse dell'Esercito eliminare senza falsi pietismi quegli elementi che, per inettitudine o per scarsa sensibilità morale, riescono deleteri alla compagine di esso.

Gradirà essere informato dei risultati dell'inchiesta fatta e dei provvedimenti adottati.

PER IL CAPO DI S.M.  
IL SOTTUCAPO DI S.M.  
(F. Ranco)

TRA

IN

28/5

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO - Ufficio 1°

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERS. UFFICIALI

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA) ROMA

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PER IL CAPO DI S.M.  
IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.  
(Espresso)

*Ram*

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| TRAS | 15.15 |
| IN   | 28/5  |

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Italian Officer  
CAPT. GINO CAPORALI

RCV/jed

| IND<br>NO. | FROM          | TO   | DATE           |
|------------|---------------|------|----------------|
|            | Sr<br>MMIA LO | MMIA | 23 May<br>1945 |

Attached is a copy of all the correspondence on  
the above officer the original of which I am forwarding  
to the CG 210 Division for action.

*R.C. Van Kirk*  
R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

Capt Pacini: 1 S 171.  
Card made out for  
Card index 25/5

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Italian Officer

RCV/jad

| IND NO. | FROM          | TO            | DATE           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         | Sr<br>MMIA LO | CG<br>210 Div | 23 May<br>1945 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Forwarded recommending approval of Para 1, 1st Ind. Suggest that this officer should be returned to ROME for disposition.</li><li>2. Request you advise me as to your action.</li></ol> <p>R.C. VAN KIRK<br/>Major, Infantry<br/>Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,<br/>5th Army</p> |
|         | cc: MMIA      |               |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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COPY

AMDET, 4TH ITAL PK MULE BN  
2695th Tech Sup'n Regt (Ovhd)  
APO 464, U. S. Army

COPY

20 May 1945

SUBJECT: Captain Gino Caporali-Adverse Report for Inefficiency as an Officer.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2695th Tech Sup'n Regt (Ovhd)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA), letter to Ministry of War, dated 23 March 1945, the following adverse report for inefficiency of Captain Gino Caporali, Artillery, as the Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company, 4th Italian Pack Mule Battalion, is submitted.

(a) False official Morning Report: On 10 May 1945, Captain Caporali signed and submitted a morning report for his organization reporting the number of mules in his organization on 9 May 1945 to be 252. (Certified True Copy Enclosed). On May 9, 1945 I personally inspected the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company, commanded by Captain Gino Caporali and during the course of my inspection I made an exact count of all the mules then present in the organization. The actual count by section was as follows:

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Hq Section  | 25         |
| 1st Section | 41         |
| 2nd Section | 55         |
| 3rd Section | 48         |
| 4th Section | 54         |
| Total       | <u>223</u> |

During this inspection I was accompanied by Major Guerrini, Commanding Officer, 4th Italian Pack Mule Battalion and Captain Caporali, and the count was witnessed by them. When the count had been completed, Captain Caporali asserted claim for additional mules as follows:

|          |                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 Mules  | - Sick in vicinity of S. Marano      |
| 6 Mules  | - Enroute from S. Marano to Stellata |
| <u>9</u> | Total                                |

There was thus, on 9 May 1945, a shortage from the morning report figure of 20 mules in the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company which was known or reasonably should have been known by Captain Caporali.

(b) UNEXPLAINED LOSS OF 20 MULES

On or about April 25, 1945, I verbally instructed the Commanding Officer, Amdet, 20th Italian Pack Mule Company to obtain sufficient mules to bring this company to its authorized strength of 260 mules and on that date, 18 mules were obtained and the company's strength after delivery was 259 mules (one mule was killed in action that day), and was so reported to me by the Commanding Officer, Amdet, 20th Italian Pack Mule Company. This has been confirmed by the present Commanding Officer, Amdet, 20th Italian Pack Mule Company. Since 25 April 1945, neither combat nor other hazardous operations could satisfactorily explain the loss of 20 mules.

(c) UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION OF COMPANY

The 9 May 1945 inspection of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company revealed an unsatisfactory condition in this organization as follows:

- (1) General condition of mules -- Poor
- (2) Kitchens - Unsatisfactory
- (3) Latrines, with one exception - Unsatisfactory
- (4) Police of Company area - Unsatisfactory

The 9 May inspection was made on three days prior notice. On 16 May 1945, and informal inspection of this company's kitchens and latrines was made and found to be still unsatisfactory, and a report thereof made to the Commanding Officer, Amdet, 20th Pack Mule Company (Italian) for his information. Copy Enclosed.

2. By reason of the foregoing, it is recommended that immediate action be taken to relieve Captain Caporali from command.

3. On 9 May 1945, the Commanding Officer, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group was informed of the matters set forth in paragraph 1 (a) above via a letter to the Commanding Officer Amdet, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group. A copy of this letter as well as the reply of the Commanding Officer, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, are enclosed herewith.

4. It is believed that both Col. Bernie, Commanding Officer, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, and Major Guerrini are fully cognizant of the conditions in the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company. Major Guerrini has recently informed me that Captain Caporali is now absent sick and that action for his relief from Command has not been taken.

5. Existing conditions in the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company urgently require the services of a competent Company Commander at once and in my opinion, none of the junior officers in that company are competent commanders even temporarily.

/s/ John P. Boland  
Major, Inf.,  
Commanding

4 Encls.

- 1 Morning Report, 9 May 1945
- 1 Copy of Inspection Report, 16 May 1945
- 1 Copy of letter to CO, Amdet, 20th Ital Pk Mule Gp
- 1 Copy of letter from CO, 20th Italian Pk Mule Gp.

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(20-5-45)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 2695th Technical Supervision Regt (Ovhd), APO 464, US Army  
22 May 1945.

To: Liaison Officer, MMIA, Headquarters Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army.

1. Request that steps be taken to remove this officer from the 210 (ITI) Division.

2. At the present time he is sick in the hospital and I shall endeavor to prevent his return to duty.

/s/ J.S. Winslow  
Lt. Col, F.A.  
Commanding

Incls - n/c

COPY

AMDET, 4TH ITAL PK MULE BN  
2695th Tech Sup'n Regt (Ovhd)  
APO 464, U. S. Army

COPY

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection Report

TO: Commanding Officer, AMDET, 20th Italian Pack Mule Company.

1. Upon my informal inspection of the kitchens and latrines, 17 May 1945, the following deficiencies were noted:

(a) 1st. Section - (Lt Caradore)

KITCHEN - Dirty and disorderly; stove and utensils very dirty; trash on floor; two men were sleeping in kitchen; a tray of meat was partially exposed and partially covered by a dirty burlap sack.  
LATRINE - No Latrine.

Note - On my prior inspection of this section the deficiencies observed included: Very dirty kitchen and the absence of a latrine. At that time suggestions were made and concurred in by Captain Caporali and Major Guerrini, that a separate latrine be dug at once.

(b) 2nd Section - (Lt Pepini)

KITCHEN - Very dirty; stove and utensils unclean and piles of debris and trash on floor.  
LATRINE - An indoor latrine that on the previous inspection was considered unsanitary, was still being used, and continues to be filthy.  
NOTE - At prior inspection, the foregoing deficiencies were called to the attention of the Company Commander, and it was suggested and concurred in by Captain Caporali and Major Guerrini that the indoor latrine be closed and the door nailed forthwith, and that an outdoor latrine be dug. Obviously, no action in this direction has been taken.

(c) 3rd Section - (Lt Morey)

KITCHEN - Kitchen was filthy; stove and utensils dirty; trash and food around the floor; 5 men sleeping in room used as kitchen.  
LATRINE - Was a satisfactory permanent installation accomodating 5 persons, but despite its ample facilities fecal matter littered the floor.

(d) 4th Section - (Lt Desidieri)

KITCHEN - Police of kitchen unsatisfactory, but some improvements over the prior inspection noted.  
LATRINE - Satisfactory, but men using latrine must be instructed not to pollute the area surrounding it.

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2. The deficiencies noted, reveal a deplorable state of discipline and control in this company, and must be regarded as a serious reflection upon the personnel concerned. The condition of this company is even worse than it was on my last inspection when conditions were found to be unsatisfactory.

/t/ JOHN P. BOLAND  
Major, Inf.,  
Commanding

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AMDET, 4TH ITAL PK MULE BN  
2695th Tech Sup'n Regt (Ovhd)  
APO 464, U. S. Army

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Count of Mules of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company.

TO: Commanding Officer, AMDET, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group.

1. During an inspection of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company conducted this date an exact count of all the mules present in the company was made. The actual count by section was as follows:

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Hq Section  | 25         |
| 1st Section | 41         |
| 2nd Section | 55         |
| 3rd Section | 48         |
| 4th Section | 54         |
| Total       | <u>223</u> |

It was explained by the Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Company that 3 sick mules are in the vicinity of Marano for treatment and that 6 mules are still enroute to Stellata. Inclusion of these nine mules brings the total to 232.

2. The Morning Report dated 9 May 1945, reports the number of mules in this organization to be 252.

3. It is suggested that this discrepancy between the actual count and the number reported, be brought to the attention of the Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group for appropriate action.

4. The last actual count of mules in this organization was made by the Commanding Officer, AMDET, 20th Italian Pack Mule Company on or about 25th April 1945. On April 26, 1945 he verbally reported to this Headquarters a total of 259 mules in the organization.

5. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Commanding Officer, 4th Italian Pack Mule Battalion.

/s/ JOHN P. BOLAND  
Major, Inf.,  
Commanding

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20TH GROUPE PK MULE  
COMMANDO

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12 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mule Situation of 20th Pk Mule Company.

TO: CO, 4th Italian PK Mule Bn, and for the information of Major  
John P. Boland, AMDET, 4th Ital Pk Mule Bn.

1. In the last few days, inspecting 20th Italian PK Mule Company, I saw many deficiencies, one of these was the discrepancy of the mule situation. (Sheet 1220, 10 May 1945)
2. The same discrepancy was later found by Major Boland (with a letter 9 May 1945) sent to you as a copy.
3. Please investigate this case further and inform me.

/t/ COL. BERNIE

Translated from original at Headquarters, 4th Italian Pack Mule Battalion, AMDET

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Italian Officers.

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A310

17 May 45.

To : Ministry of War.

2/LIEUT. MENDOLA.

1. The above named officer, at present employed with No. 503 Italian Smoke Coy. has been most unfavourably reported on by the C.C. British Cadre of the Company.
2. Immediate steps should be taken by you for his replacement by a suitable officer.
3. This HQ will be informed as to your proposed action in regard to 2/Lieut. MENDOLA.

*[Signature]*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:

R.A.A.C. (Your IPC/SII dated 5 May refers)  
D.D.L. No. 3 District.  
D.A.D.L. M.M.I.A.

BTC.

*[Signature]*  
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*S. J. Wankshin LofOC* LAB/4/430 4  
Labour Branch (Br),  
Headquarters,  
Rome Area Allied Command,  
C.M.F. A/265.

Subject: Italian Offrs.

DAD Labour,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission,  
(MMIA) HQ A.C.

Ref: IPC/811

CONFIDENTIAL.

5 May, 1945.

No. 503 Italian Smoke Coy.

1. The standard of discipline and control in this Unit continues to give cause for complaint and some anxiety.
2. In the opinion of the writer the present state may be directly attributed to the failure of the Italian Officers and non-commissioned officers to exercise power of command and to inspire confidence and respect by example and leadership.
3. The attached copies of reports submitted by the British Liaison Officer of the unit are forwarded together with a request that S-ten MENDOLA be relieved and replaced forthwith.
4. This officer has on several occasions failed in his duty as an officer, and has supported men who have been reluctant to perform an average day's work, either by permitting them or encouraging them to malingering.
5. It is considered the Liaison Officer should be supported in his efforts to improve the tone and standard of the Unit, and immediate action is requested, please.

C.M.F.

WJB/FF.

COPIES:

Labour Directorate, AFHQ.  
DDL No. 3 District, C.M.F.

*L. B. Wankshin*  
Lt. Colonel,  
Assistant Director of Labour (Br),  
H.Q. Rome Area.

*Report on  
officer passed  
to A.G. N.A. re  
O.R.s. See 10/100*

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C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:- Discipline.

503/R/15.

To:- ADL HQ Rome Area.

Sert-Magg. GIRARDIN, Giuseppe.  
Sergt. PAGANINI; Giuseppe.

On 26/27 Apr 45 the a/n WCO's stayed the night in Rome without proper authority and received as punishment stoppage of Pay for 5 and 3 days respectively.

I have investigated this matter and told the O.C. Coy that the punishment was far too light and that he should report them to Higher authority.

I was informed however that this was the maximum punishment he could give and that he could not denounce them for such a crime. I then intimated that I would make this report.

The facts are as follows. GIRARDIN went absent of his own accord and disobeyed instructions to return to Unit from 104 Gen.Hos.Detachment when part of it was withdrawn.

PAGANINI was detailed as guide to hospital party returning to Unit but did not perform this duty. Instead he asked permission of S-Ten MENDOLA to stay in Rome.

This officer having no authority to do so did grant permission and thus is also guilty of a grave offence.

Instances of this nature and the lack of proper and fitting correction encourages crime and seriously undermines discipline. It is essential that Italian higher authority be made to act in this and similar cases and to ensure that proper measures are instituted to deal with these serious breaches of discipline quickly and effectively.

CNF  
3 May 45.

(sgd) E.A. SAYWOOD  
O.C. Br Cadre 503 Ital Smoke Coy.

Capt.

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C O P Y

Subject:- Discipline.

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503/R/16.

To:- ADL HQ Rome Area.

S-Ten. MENDOLA.  
Chimico - Class 1921.

I have to report that the a/n officer was absent from Work Parade this morning 2 May 45 and that the men were kept waiting approx 20 minutes before he put in an appearance.

C.C. Coy states that he has reported this matter to Higher Authority and that Mendola said in defence that he did not think it necessary for the men to go to work so early.

Report on this officer and requests that he be removed have been made on several occasions but he still remains and is an extremely bad influence upon the Coy.

CME.

3 May 45.

(sgd) B.A. SAYWOOD Capt.  
O.C Br.Cadre 503 Ital Smoke Coy.

Forwarded with RAAC letter IPC/811 of 5 May 45  
→ from A.D.L. (New Boston) 4509  
To DDL. 3 Dist

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Removal of Unsuitable Officers

'A' MMIA

X522

I May 45

T/Col De Marinis  
Capt Belgiorno

1-A030

- I. The removal of the a/m officers is requested under para 3(c) of MMIA letter AC20 of 23 March.  
030
2. T/Col De Marinis is the Commandant of the Signals Training School. In this capacity he has proved himself to be efficient on the instructional side but very unsatisfactory on the general administration side.  

As will be appreciated it is essential to have a good administrator as OC a school, the instructional work is the responsibility of the Chief Instructor. This officer has been warned that he must improve on more than one occasion by Col Ferrari of Ministry of War but without result. The school has now reached a size whereby he can no longer be carried.
3. Capt Belgiorno is an Instructor at the same school, but shows not the slightest interest in his work and is completely unsuitable in his present occupation.

*W. J. S. Long*

Major  
SORS.

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A. 3. ~~Said a suitably worded~~

~~request to Warthin - under an~~

~~letter. a separate request~~

~~for each officer De Marinis - misplacement.~~

~~Belgiorno - good night.~~

~~SP.~~

SO R Dip Please speak

*W. J. G. G.*

Major  
SORS.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: S.M.R.E.

TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: 1359/SP/1

DATE: 9 April 1945.

SUBJECT: 47 Artillery Regiment Depot - Copertino.

From enquiries carried out by the Bari Military Territorial Commandant it appears that :-

- 1) - the adjutant, Lt. Col. ANTONANTE Angelo, mainly concerned and responsible for the management and careful conservation of the materials, has not exercised sufficient care in respect of the cleanliness and perfect rearrangement of all the materials; he has therefore been punished with 5 days Simple Arrest.
- 2) - the officer in charge of the materials, 2/Lieut. Zappino Carlo, having assumed such duty on the 31st. January 1945, failed, at the time of checking on taking over, to order the cleaning and rearrangement of the materials; he has therefore been punished with 5 days Simple Arrest.
- 3) - the W.O. employed in the stores, TORNESE Pasquale, has shown little care and interest in compiling the returns of the materials, compiling it from deductions made from previous ones made out by the out-going officer (who was discharged for slackness) and altering it only in respect of movements which occurred, without checking whether the facts thus obtained corresponded or not with the stocks in the stores; he has therefore been punished with 5 days Rigorous Arrest.
- 4) - Colonel Salvi Giambattista, Commandant of the Depot, a scrupulous and upright officer, very attached to his duties, is free of blame.

*admonish*  
I shall rebuke Colonel Salvi because, as Commandant, of the Depot, I consider him partly responsible, even though indirectly, in the lamentable *unfortunate circumstances*; I am of the opinion, however, that the officer, whose character and capabilities have been fully confirmed by the Bari Military Territorial G.O.C., should not be discharged from the service.

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O. Danin Cpl. *+*

Sgd. ERCOLE RONCO

Chief of the Army General Staff.



## STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

N° 1359 SP. 11 di prot.

P. M. ROMAN, R. 9 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Deposito 4° ragu. 10 a 21.11.1945 - Copertina -

(Risp. I. A. 11 del 24 febbraio 1945)

ALLA L. F. S. C. AG. (MIA)

R. O. M. A.

Dalle indagini esperite dal comandante militare territoriale di Bari è risultato che:

1. - Il relatore, Ten. Col. ANTONIO ANGELI, principale interessato e responsabile della gestione e della buona conservazione dei materiali, non ha sufficientemente vigilato circa la pulizia ed il perfetto riordinamento di tutti i materiali; pertanto è stato punito con 5 gg. A.S.;
2. - L'ufficiale consegnatario dei materiali, Sottotenente ZAPPINO CARLO, avendo assunto tale carica il 31 gennaio 1945, ha mancato, in occasione della verifica fatta nel prendere le consegne, di ordinare che i materiali fossero puliti e riordinati; pertanto è stato punito con 5 gg. A.S.;
3. - Il maresciallo addetto al magazzino, TURMES Pasquale, ha dimostrato scarsa diligenza ed interesse nel compilare la situazione dei materiali desumendola da altra precedente, redatta dall'ufficiale consegnatario uscente, congedato per scarso rendimento, ed apportando a questa le sole variazioni in relazione ai movimenti avvenuti, senza controllare se i dati così ottenuti corrispondessero o meno alle esistenze di magazzino; pertanto è stato punito con 5 gg. A.R.;
4. - Il Colonnello Salvi Giambattista, comandante del deposito, ufficiale scrupoloso, rigido, molto attento al dovere, è immune da colpa.

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Infliggerò al Colonnello Salvi un richiamo perché, quale comandante del deposito, non ha potuto...

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A 1114

1945

OGGETTO: Deposito Arco reg. 10 a 2. Italiana - Copertino -

(Risp. L. A/11 del 24 febbraio 1945)

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Infliggerò al Colonnello Salvi un richiamo perché, quale comandante del deposito, reputo abbia parte di responsabilità, sia pure indiretta, nei lamentati inconvenienti; ritengo però che l'ufficiale,

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le cui doti di carattere e di capacità sono state pienamente collimate dal generale comandante militare territoriale di Bar.  
non debba essere allontanato dal servizio.

IL CAPO STATO MAGGIORE  
- EDOARDO RONCO -

*Ronco*

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject :- Italian E.R.D. ORVIETO.

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A-7114  
Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MIA)  
O/o HQ., I District  
Ref LO/623. 5 Apr.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.K.I.A.) R O M E.

1. This report is to put forward views of 209 Div with reference to O.C. Depot - Ten Col PAPADIA.

2. They are not satisfied with his efficiency. On the occasion of the last inspection by Gen OLMI, after due warning had been given, he found conditions were not as good as they should have been. Ten Col PAPADIA has had little experience of actually commanding men. The majority of his career has been spent as an officiale di ordinanza. As O.C. of the depot he has to supervise 3 Bns. Gen OLMI is of the strong opinion that his lack of command experience does not qualify him for this.

3. The O.C. British Cadre has a good opinion of ten Col PAPADIA. Gen OLMI considers from past experience, as PAPADIA has served under him before, that his good presence does not compensate for his lack of experience.

4. I cannot express any personal views as I have only met PAPADIA once. There have, however, been many complaints from Sub Area and District about the lack of hygiene at the depot. Even recently, more than 10% of the rfts sent to FOSSOMBRONE should not have been sent for medical reasons. ST enquiry into the spending of the extra money for rations revealed a serious lack of control. 209 Div regard it as one of the least satisfactory units under their command, bearing in mind the excellent barracks facilities which it enjoys and which are superior to those of any other unit.

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*W. J. Gatt*

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Papadia

*12 Apr*