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July 15, 1946 - Jan. 15, 1947

1801
1809

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Thumb-nail Sketches of Senior Officers.

by: Major H. J. O. Prinsloo, R.A.

General of Division Boldarelli Commander of Rose Territorial Comd.

Very sound officer. Capable, hard working and open to constructive suggestions. Highly respected by his staff for ability and integrity. Patriotic but not biased.

Due for retirement in Feb. 47, having reached age limit for rank.

Col Bonelli. Chief of Staff Rose Territorial Comd

Capable and efficient. Despite a misleading quiet manner acts promptly and efficiently.

Good type of professional soldier.

Ten Col. Ruemerda Vice Chief of Staff Rose Territorial Comd.

Hard working and capable. Expert topographical. Somewhat volatile in temper but gets things done.

Patriotic with pro-allied leaning.

Col Cross Comdg 60 Inf Bn

Old type officer. Flays to the Gallery a bit. More concerned with interior economy than training. **1809**

Has had no up to date instruction. And may improve. Discipline in his unit is slack.

Col Nicci Comdg 59 Inf Bn

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Col Nicci Comd 59 Inf Regt

Appears willing. Has firm hold of his Regt but needs to be inculturated with up to date ideas.

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Col GattaComd 8 C.A.B.

One of the best types of officers. Knowing and efficient. Very keen.

Col CastagnoliComd 1st Regt of Granatieri

Used to command the 3rd Regt of Granatieri. Keen, willing to listen and act on suggestions.

Newcomer to this command.

Magg CirelliComd 1st Bn Granatieri

Appears to be keen and takes personal trouble with the men. is usually "on the spot."

Magg Concas T.Comd 3rd Bn. 58 Inf Regt.

Cool administrator and keen on man management. Strongly pro-British.

Ten Col Fontani G.Comd 3rd Bn. 1st Regt of Granatieri

Very capable officer. Unit is well disciplined and morale is high.

Keen on training and believer in modern methods of man management and battle training. Spares neither himself or his officers in performance of duty.

1808

Magg. Com. CleareComd 4th Bn. Salvage and Repair Depot.

Used to command the 3rd Regt of Granatieri. Keen, willing to listen and act on suggestions.

Newcomer to this command.

Major Cirelli Comdr 1st Bn Granatieri

Appears to be keen and takes personal trouble with the men. is usually "on the spot".

Major Concas F. Comdr 2nd Bn, 52 Inf Regt.

Good administrator and keen on men management. Strongly pro-British.

Ten Col Ferroni G. Comdr 3rd Bn, 1st Regt of Granatieri

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1808

Major. Con. Cleare Comdr Clot ing, Salvage and Repair Depot.

Ex P of W (India 11 years). Admires British methods. Capable officer completely "on fait" with what is happening and what he wants.

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Capt Raciti Rosarico Comd 8 Clothing Depot

A very capable young officer who is performing a difficult job with success.

Major Tiberti Comd 8 M.T. Workshops

Has reorganised Workshop completely and gives the impression of being a capable administrator and organizer.

It is now to be proved if his promise is fulfilled. I expect it to be.

Col Rattaglia Director of Commissariat Service
Rome Territorial Command.

Thought capable, is difficult to assess because has good unit under him. Like most directorates, he seems to lack up to date information.

Col Onorati Directorate of Artillery
Rome Territorial Command.

An officer I could never get hold of. I doubt if he knows what goes on.

Col Tabà Directorate of Motorisation
Rome Territorial Command

1807

A gunner turned into REVE officer because of being persona grata at the SMR. Has private means, is probably very honest, is pro-British but is not a REVE man.

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Col Scaramouche Welfare officer
Rome Territorial Command

Very verbose. Has many good qualities but lacks drive.

Capt Barberini Training Officer Granatieri Regt

A very keen and capable officer who has the respect of all ranks. The type of youngish officer who would make a good Bn commander in the field.

8 B.L.U.

13 10.00

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H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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REFERENCE YOUR SD 3932 OF THE 10TH. JANUARY (.)

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED (.)

MAJOR PRINSLOO, EX-8 BLU, WILL RENDER INFORMATION DIRECT TO

H.Q. M.M.I.A. (.)

R.N.J. HILMAID. MAJOR.

1806

Robert L. Mink

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H.M.I.A.

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4, 6, 8, 10 BLUs

M M. I. A.
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SD. 3932

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PLEASE HASTEN REPLY TO MY DO/6 DATED 14 NOV (.) ACK

DO/6

IMPORTANT

G(SD)

Antony

A.R.C. SOUTHEY Lt Col

1905

18 BLU

(6)

SUBJECT : Command - BRITISH

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

(439031 Ext 218) G/1

29 Oct 46

TO : LIST 'P'

Herewith for info is copy of HQ 3 DISTRICT
ADM INSTR NO 8 dated 18 Oct 46.

1804

Atkinson

Lt-Col,
G.S.

ARCS/ell

Cow to :- Ministry of War

Appx 'A' to MMTA
letter G/1
Dated 29 Oct 46

COPY

HQ 3 DIST ADM INSTR NO 8

INTENT

1. HQ 3 Dist is ceasing to be op wef 2359 hrs 31 Oct 46 and the following HQs are coming directly under comd GHQ CMF from the same date :-

HQ NAPLES Area
HQ ROME Area Allied Comd (Brit Element)
HQ 217 Area

INTENTION

2. To detail adm arrangements to be effective 1 Nov 46 consequent on the above.

METHOD

3. Comd

There will be no change in the normal system of comd as between GHQ and Area HQ. The CASERTA Enclave will remain under comd NAPLES Area for local adm until further instrs are issued by GHQ CMF.

4. Staff & Services

The functions of Staff & Services HQ 3 Dist will be taken over by the corresponding Service at GHQ with the exception of CASERTA Enclave as stated above.

5. Bdys

Bdys will remain as at present.

INTERCOM

6. (a) Sigs

- (i) Sigs Office will open NAPLES Area HQ 31 Oct 46.
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- (b) Correspondence

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(b) Correspondence

No correspondence will be despatched to arrive at HQ 3 Dist after 31 Oct 46.

18 Oct 46

(Sd) A.J.B. TARRANT Col
for Maj-Gen
Comd

DISTRIBUTION

AFHQ (5)
CHQ C-1 (10)
HQ BTA (5)
HQ MTOUSA
HQ PBS
HQ MALTA COMD
Flag Offr Liaison ITALY
Air HQ ITALY
HQ Alcom (5)
HQ MMLA
HQ NAPLES Area (5)
HQ 217 Area (5)
HQ ROME Area Allied Comd (5)
HQ 2 Polish Corps (5)
HQ 26 BLU att HQ 2 Polish Corps
1 SEP Centre RIMINI
HQ MOV NAPLES
HQ MOV BOLOGNA
OC Tps BARI
11 L of C Sigs
List 'A'

1802

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

UNIT : 8 British Liaison Unit
O.C. : Major H.J.O. Prinsloo, R.A.
New Location, : Corner via Romania & via Slataper - ROME -
Map.Ref. : Italy, 1-12000 Town Plan Of Rome - 750702
Address : (a) Military: 8 British Liaison Unit, CMF
: (b) Civil Post: 8 British Liaison Unit,
: presso Comando Territoriale di Roma
: Viale Romania - ROMA.-

Moved from : Via Po 32 - Rome.
Telephone No. : Rome 489061 ext. 3686 - Rome 843140.
Higher Formation : Operations M.M.I.A.
: Local Admin. R.A.A.C.
Date of Change : 16 October 1946

ROME16 Oct. 46.

Major
(H.J.O. Prinsloo)
Commanding 8 BLU.

Distribution:-

G.H.Q., C.M.F. (3)
H.Q. M.M.I.A. (3)
H.Q. R.A.A.C. (3)
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,16, B.L.U.'s (1)
American Graves Registration Unit, Rome, (1)
Spare 10.-

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