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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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28 agosto 1945

A CHI DI RAGIONE.

Si certifica che il Sig. Enrico NEILIS è corrispondente di guerra per l'Agenzia "Orbis", regolarmente accreditato, con tessera N° 6, da questo Ufficio Stampa della Commissione Alleata.

THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
D.U.P.R.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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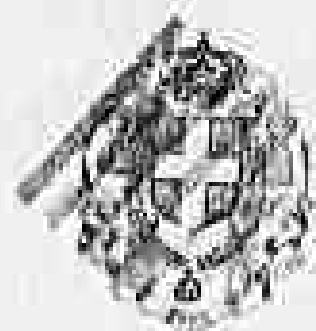
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24 May 45

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We certify that the bearers of this letter, Sig. Bruno SCARLE, War Correspondent of "Risorgimento Liberale" (Page No. 1) and Sig. Gino DE SODDIS, War Correspondent of "La Patria" (Page No. 4), are authorized to travel on the car Fiat 1500, Rome 55958, circulating permit 123456, driver Sig. Giovanni BATTISTA, via Savio 27, Drivers' License No. 590 issued in Rome on 19 Feb. 1929.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch



Roma 23 maggio 1945 #

Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO
Ufficio Stampa

M LA M.M.I.A.

R O M A

Divisione 1045
Sott. N. 1045
Allegato

Ripetuto al f. del

Dir. Ex. 3°

OGGETTO: Dichiarazione.-

Il Tenente ftr. cpl. DE SANCTIS Gino, corrispondente di guerra del quotidiano per l'Esercito "LA PATRIA", si reca a Milano per ragioni di servizio del giornale.

Il predetto ufficiale dichiara di viaggiare con l'automobile FIAT 1500 targata Roma 55958 guidata dal Sig. GIANNINO Battista.-

IL T.COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(U. Maraldi)

U. Maraldi

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
ORGANO DEL PARTITO LIBERALE ITALIANO

Roma, 6 22 maggio 1945

Dichiaro che la macchina targata Roma 55958 pilotata da Giannino Battista di Michele, è a disposizione di questo giornale per il servizio del corrispondente di guerra Bruno Romani.

Mario Pannunzio

Mario Pannunzio
Direttore



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSR/mcw

PRB/5c

2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Several Italian war correspondents have complained that they are not accorded anywhere near the same facilities or treatment as Allied war correspondents.
2. It would be appreciated if the Land Forces S/C could suggest to the Italian Ministry of War that it would facilitate the work of Italian war correspondents if the Italian War Ministry would appoint a Public Relations or a conducting officer to handle arrangements and facilities for Italian war correspondents.
3. Any help you can give in this matter would be appreciated.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

copy to Mrs. Oxilia
Miss Evans

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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PRB/50 37

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

copy to Mrs. Orlin
Miss Evans

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

19 maggio 1945

OCCETTO : Rilascio dello "standard travel pass".

A : Gino Pincherle, Corrispondente di guerra dell'Agenzia
ANSA, Istituto di Previdenza Sociale, P.zza XX Settembre,
Udine.

Abbiamo ricevuto la Sua nota in data 14 maggio. Non possiamo da qui emettere un permesso giallo (cioè uno "standard travel pass") in quanto per farlo dovremmo richiedere l'autorizzazione alle Autorità Militari, cosa che porterebbe via molto tempo.

Le consigliamo pertanto di rivolgersi all'Ufficio Militare Alleato locale, che dovrebbe rilasciarglielo senza alcuna difficoltà.

(per il Direttore)

D. OXLEY
Public Relations Branch

4017.

Udine, 14/5/45

Mr. Stewart Brown
Public Relations, Rome

Mi viene comunicato che è stato stabilito che d'ora in poi i corrispondenti di guerra italiani dovranno essere muniti di un nuovo permesso giallo, in aggiunta a quello verde di cui sono già in possesso (tessera N° 5, rilasciata a Roma il 4 aprile scorso).

Sarò grato alla S.V. se vorrà provvedere a far emettere detto permesso a mio nome, onde regolarizzare la mia posizione.

Con osservanza:

Gino Pincherle
Gino Pincherle, Corrispondente
di guerra dell'Agencia ANSA

Udine, presso Istituto di Previdenza sociale, P.zza XX Settembre

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/DO

37/PKB

10 May 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.

TO : Lt.Col. G.A.L. Helder, H.Q. Public Relations,
C.E.F.

Ref. your 2/PRS/86, dated 5 May 1945

1. We acknowledge receipt of Pass No. 10 issued to
Sig. Gabriele BALDINI of S.I. news agency. We
also enclose two spare photographs of the above corresp-
ondent as requested.
2. Pass No. 9 was sent to Public Safety Sub-Commission
which asked us for a second specimen.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PRS/86.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

5th May, 1945.

TO:- Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission.

Ref your 37/PRB of 1 May 45.

1. Pass No. 10 issued to Sig. BALDINI of "S.I." News Agency is now returned signed on behalf of PRO AFHQ and GSI(B) 15 Army Group. Before issuing, Sig. Baldini should sign the pass under the photograph.
2. Kindly acknowledge.
3. May we please be advised whether Pass No. 9 has been issued and to whom?

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

G. A. L. Helder

G. A. L. HELDER.
Lieut-Colonel.

Copies to: Land Forces Sub-Com.

Ten. Col. Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa, Ministero della Guerra,
via IV Fontane 15.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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37/PRB

5 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents

TO : Land Forces Sub Com, AC MMIA.

Ref. yours INT/114 4 May, 1945.

An Italian Conducting Officer is no longer
necessary for Italian War Correspondents.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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5cSUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA)

INT/114

4 May 45TO : DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, A.C.

Ref your IRB/SC of 2 May.

In view of the fact that hostilities have ceased in Italy will you please confirm that a conducting officer for Italian War Correspondents is not now required.

cel.

W. Selby
Lt. Col. G.S. apt
MIA

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.I.F.

2/18/36.

1st May, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

TO: P.R.O.,
15th Army Group.

1. Attached is Pass No. 10 issued to Sig. Gabriele RADDINI of the "S.I." News Agency.
2. It will no doubt be remembered that, with the accreditation of this correspondent, it will complete the representatives from the three Italian Agencies.
3. It is requested that this pass be signed by GHI(B) Army Gp and returned to these HQs.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

Carl Helden

C.A.T. HENSEL
Lieut-Colonel.

Copies to: P.R. Director, Allied Commission. ✓
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GMB/60

37/PMB

1 May 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.

TO : Lt. Col. G. A. L. Weller, HQ Public Relations,
C. I. I.

1. To acknowledge receipt of War Correspondents' Pass No. 8, assigned to Ugo BATTERIN of "Avanti".
2. We are not able to endorse any other Identity Card No. for Sig. Batterin as the Firearms Permit is the only Identity Certificate he holds. However it is clearly understood that he will not carry any firearms.
3. To enclose War Correspondents' Pass No. 10 issued to Sig. Gabriele BALDINI of "S. I." News Agency and forwarded to you for signature.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission
Ten. Col. Faraldi, Ufficio Stampa, Ministero
della Guerra, via IV Fontane 15

H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PFS/86.

28th April, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

TO: Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Hqs, Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 37/PRB dated 22 Apr 45, enclosed is Pass No. 8 issued to Signor ZATTERIN of "Avanti!" signed on behalf of P.R.O. AFHQ and GSI(B) 15 Army Gp.

2. It is noted that the endorsement at the foot of this licence refers to a firearms permit. It is pointed out that War Correspondents are not allowed to carry firearms and it is requested that this should be made perfectly clear to Sig. ZATTERIN. The endorsement, however, which should be shown is his Civilian Identity Card No. It is requested that this be obtained and endorsed on the licence both in English and Italian and that we be advised of the number.

3. Kindly acknowledge.

for PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:
A F H Q

G. A. L. Heider
G.A. L. HEIDER
Lieut-Colonel

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Ten.Col. Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa, Ministero della Guerra,
via IV Fontane 15.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Attachment

FILE No.

TO : Mrs. ~~Celia~~ *Maraldi*

30 April 194

I believe it would be worthwhile discussing this
matter with / to see if something can't be done to
improve facilities for Italian war correspondents.

G.S. Brown

GSB/mc.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Unit No. 3 APC 512

28 April 1945

TO : The Director
" La Patrie "

SUBJECT : Front-line Dispatches

1. Herewith passage from dispatch by Dr. de Sanctis, protesting against alleged discrimination against Italian correspondents.

2. This passage has not in fact been censored, and may be printed if you wish. The complaint has been referred for their information to Public Relations Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, and to the Allied Commission.

3. As for the sentence regarding Military Censorship, I can only point out that dispatches are seldom held up in our office for more than twenty-minutes, and are treated on exact parity with those of Allied Correspondents.

I. C. Alexander
I. C. ALEXANDER
Major, I.C.
Senior Local Press & Radio Censor.

Copy to: PRO, AFHQ.
PRO, A.C. ✓
Lt. Col. J.L. Hayden
Capt. Del Moro.

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TRANSLATION

" Permit me, before beginning my dispatch, to avail myself of the re-acquired freedom of the press to protest against the disparity in the treatment accorded to Italian correspondents in comparison with that of the foreign correspondents. Allied correspondents, living together in a press camp, have the use of very fast means of censorship and transmission. Italian correspondents, on the other hand, are left to chance means ("mezzi di fortuna"), are guests, more or less welcome, of regiments or companies, and have to make the best arrangements they can to send their dispatches through military channels to Army H.Q. which, in its turn, transmits them to the Censorship Office in Rome, the last waiting - room before the messages finally reach the newspaper. This state of affairs certainly does not facilitate that current of interest which ought to unite the country to its fighting troops."

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Translation.

"Pavotti" asks to have Sig. Zetterin accredited
as a war correspondent instead of Carlo Soldati.

Bosini confirms the above request.

Mrs. Okilia
PB

Mrs. Okilia
Has he been vetted?
Please proceed with the necessary
arrangements. But be sure that
Soldati turns in his card

PB

4005



PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

PER LA STAMPA, SPETTACOLO E TURISMO

Roma, 21 Aprile 1945

Mr. Steward Brown
Chief of the Public Relation Branch A.C.
ROMA

Il giornale l'Avanti ha chiesto la sostituzione del corrispondente di guerra già designato Mario Soldati con il signor Ugo Zatterini.

Le sarò grato se vorrà promuovere il risorgimento della pratica presso le Autorità competenti.
Cordiali saluti

L. Agnelli

4004

Avanti!

QUOTIDIANO DEL PARTITO SOCIALISTA

DIREZIONE

Rot. n. 264

Roma, li 3 aprile 1945

ALL'UFFICIO STAMPA DELL' A.C.

R O M A

La Direzione del giornale Avanti! avverte l'Ufficio Stampa dell' A.C. che il signor Mario Soldati ha cessato di essere il corrispondente di guerra per conto del giornale Avanti! e che esso è stato sostituito dal dott. Ugo Zatterin.

Questa Direzione prega pertanto di voler concedere al dott. Ugo Zatterin le regolari autorizzazioni affinché possa liberamente svolgere il suo incarico giornalistico nei territori di guerra.

Ringraziando,

IL SEGRETARIO DI REDAZIONE

Giulio

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*Ans-Obelia
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SUBJECT: Visits by Italian War Correspondents
to Italian Units in Army Areas

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA)

INT/114

26 Apr 45TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The procedure laid down for proposed visits by Italian War Correspondents to the Gruppi is as follows :-

A correspondent in Rome who wishes to visit one of the Gruppi will inform Mr. BROCK, PRO HQ AC, who will telephone Major BULLOCK, PR C&S, 15 Army Group, confirming telephone call by letter. Major BULLOCK will then clear the correspondent with CSI(b), AMG, and either PRO or DADPR of the Army concerned.

As soon as approval for the visit has been passed back to HQ AC Rome, the correspondent can then proceed direct to the Group.

2. You are requested to inform all concerned of the above procedure and ensure that it is strictly observed.

W. B. Bell
Major-General
MIA

Copy to: Mr. Stewart Brown
Director P.R. A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Information News and Censorship Section
 Press and Radio Censorship Branch
 Unit No. 2 APO 512

25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Correspondents' Stories

TO : Duty Censor

1. Reference our letter on the above subject dated 23 April 1945, the Italian War Ministry now state that they do NOT wish to see Italian correspondents' stories which arrive after 2000 hrs. Such dispatches should be sent direct to the Agency or newspaper concerned.

2. The following procedure is therefore established for the handling of such copy:

a. If it arrives before 2000 hrs:

- 1 Copy to be retained for our files
- 2 Copies to be dispatched to Ufficio Stampa, Ministero della Guerra (1 for forwarding to Agency, the other for their files)
- 1 copy to be forwarded to P.R.O., A.C.

b. If it arrives after 2000 hrs:

- 1 Copy to be retained for our files
- 1 Copy to be despatched to Agency or newspaper.
- 1 Copy to be dispatched to Ministry of War the following morning, for their files.
- 1 Copy to be dispatched to P.R.O., A.C. the following morning.

3. In the case of 2(a) above, responsibility for collection & distribution of copy rests with Ministry of War, who will collect all copy upon receipt of a telephone call (No 41709).

4. In the case of 2 (b), Duty Censor will telephone direct to Agency or newspaper concerned, asking the latter to send a messenger to collect the copy. A.C. copies will be collected by an A.C. messenger on receipt of a telephone call.

5. In the event of there being fewer than four copies, such copies as there are will be distributed as follows:

- 1 Censors file
- 2 Agency or newspaper concerned
- 3 Ministry of War
- 4 P.R.O., A.C.

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6. All cuts made will be deleted, on all copies except Censor's file copy, by excision with scissors or Indian ink, in such a way that the passage deleted cannot be read.

I. C. Alexander
I.C. ALEXANDER
Major, I.C.
Senior Local Press & Radio
Censor, ITALY.

Copies to:

Lt. Col. J.L. Hayden
Ufficio Stamps, Ministero della Guerra.
Captain Del Mare
P.R.O., A.C. ✓
Land Forces Sub-Commission, N.M.I.A.

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Gino PINCHERLE
Via Bergamo 7
2880289

yes Rome Florence

yes
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

yes
yes

Italian War Correspondent
Corrispondente di guerra
Authorized transport
25 May 1945

Rome
25 April 1945

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I hereby certify that prior approval for the issue of this pass was obtained from Col Bye, AAG 5th Army, through Maj. T.L. Bullock BDEP (Field), and that a copy of the pass has been forwarded to A G 5th Army in accordance with Executive Memorandum No 77.

THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
Public Relations Branch

25 Apr. 1945

THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
Public Relations Branch
A G 5th Army

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Fernando PACIFICI
Via Circonvallazione Cassina 18
41632 (Drivers' Licence)

Rome

Florence

yes

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YES

Y S

Italian civilian Driver
attached to Orbis War Correspondent
Flat 508, Rome 34972
25 April 1945

Rome

25 April 1945

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I hereby certify that prior approval for the issue of this pass was obtained from Col. Bye, A.G. 5th Army, through Maj. T.L. Bullock DDFW (Field), on April 25, 1945 and that a copy of the pass has been forwarded to A.G. 5th Army in accordance with Executive Memorandum No. 77.

Approved: (Signature) 1-31

THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
DDFW

25 Apr. 1945

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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8-11-45

61.3149

Eva WILLE
via Nazionale 77
993 (Stazione Ferroviaria)

Rome → Florence

yes

[illegible]

yes

YES

ORBIS News Agency
 Agenzia di Informazioni ORBIS
 - Authorized transport

25 May 1945

Ro. 6
25 April 1945

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THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
BDPB

25 Apr. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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24 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT: Permit to visit Florence.

TO: Public Safety S/C

A request has been made by Maj. W.L. Mullock, GUR
(Field) for a travel pass to Florence on behalf of the
Italian civilian driver

Fernando CASTAGNI, Via Circonvallazione Castiana 13
Identity Card No. 41612 (driver's licence)

Sig. Pacifici is driver of the Orbia agency War
Correspondent and he will be stationed in Florence.

We strongly recommend this application and would
appreciate it if the pass can be granted as quickly as
possible.

Stewart Brown
STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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To Public Relations Branch. AC HQ ✓

Pass N° 643160 prepared by you has already
been issued.

D. Wilson

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20/4/45

Bologna
Roma 23 Aprile 1945

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

23 April 1945

2/PMS/86

Mr. Stewart Brown,
Director, EPR,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Dear Stewart Brown

You may have heard that one S. Enrico Meille, an accredited correspondent for Agenzia OPIB, arrived up at the EIGHTH ARMY Press Camp on Saturday unheralded and unannounced. Our PEO there, was naturally somewhat concerned because in fact during his journey S. Enrico Meille saw things which our fully accredited correspondents do not normally see. As you will remember the arrangement is that these Italian war correspondents must remain with the Italian Forces but have permission to pass through areas not under control of Italian Forces to visit such troops.

I at once referred the matter to PEO, 15 Army Group, and our officer there, Capt. Winbush, has taken the matter up and has now sent me the following report :-

"I called this morning on Major Bullock of P2, G-5, here, and he has agreed to the following procedure respecting the visit of Italian war correspondents to Army commands.

A correspondent in Rome who wishes to visit one of the Gruppi should inform Mr. Stewart Brown, P2, AG, who will telephone Major Bullock - written confirmation to follow. Bullock will then clear the correspondent with GSI(b), AG and either PEO or DADPR of the Army concerned. As soon as approval for the visit has been passed back to AG in Rome, the correspondent can then proceed direct to the Group. I gather that this drill was agreed last November, at any rate so far as 5 Army was concerned, but it has since fallen down - probably due to the staff changes at the formations concerned since that date.

Signor Meille is certainly in no way to blame for this incident under review, and I have arranged for him to be cleared from here by Major Bullock, and I have done my best to explain this procedure to him through a variety of interpreters!

Any Italian copy filed here is sent either by red bag or by teletype - slugged "Confidential - Uncensored". "

Will you kindly arrange for the drill advice to be notified to all concerned.

3995 Capt.

Mr. Stewart Brown,
Director, PRP,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Dear Sir,
Stewart Brown

You may have heard that one S. Enrico Meille, an accredited correspondent for Agenzia OPIA, arrived up at the ELITE Army Press Camp on Saturday unheralded and unannounced. Our PIO there, was naturally somewhat concerned because in fact during his journey S. Enrico Meille saw things which our fully accredited correspondents do not normally see. As you will remember the arrangement is that these Italian war correspondents must remain with the Italian Forces but have permission to pass through areas not under control of Italian Forces to visit such troops.

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Will you kindly arrange for the drill advice to be sent to Wimbush to be notified to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,
G. A. L. Heider

G. A. L. HEIDER
Lieut-Colonel

FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AFHQ.

Copies to: Land Forces S/C
Capt. Wimbush, PEO, 15 AG

H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.I.I.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

2/23/35.

For P.H.C.,
15th Army Group.

23rd April, 1949.

1. Attached is Pass No. 6 to be issued to Lt. Olga SATERNI or "Arvetti", who has been approved to accompany Sig. Mario Solisti. It is requested this pass may be signed by G.I. (b) Army Group and returned to those HQs.
2. Pass No. 3 issued to Mario Solisti has been cancelled.
3. Attached is sheet with usual particulars etc., for Army Group records, of Sig. SATERNI.
4. It is requested that the report on Prince MILLER may be forwarded as soon as possible. It now appears he has suddenly presented himself to the 5 Army without previous warning.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE:

Gud Huan

C.I.I. (b)
Lieut-Colonel.

Copies for: P.H. Director (Chief Commission),
and for as sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

PRB

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Ref : PRB/R63/1

22 April 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Correspondents in Forward Areas

TO : Public Relations Branch
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is to telephone conversation of this date, Mrs. Oxilia - Major Bullock.
2. Notwithstanding the agreements made last fall between PR AFHQ and PRB AC, the position with respect to Italian correspondents coming into forward areas has become confused and PRB AC has been sending correspondents forward without proper authority. Enrico Meille, of "Orbis" agency, was arrested last week in the Eighth Army area for entering the territory with AC credentials which PRB had not cleared with the proper Army authorities.
3. It has been decided with PRO, 15th Army Group, that the procedure to be followed by PRB AC from now on will be as follows: All Italian correspondents, whether war correspondents or civilian, will apply to PRB AC for permission to visit forward areas under 15th Army Group command. Those applications will be passed on by telephone, and immediately confirmed in writing, to DDPR AC/AMG (Field) who will secure the necessary authorizations from the Army or Armies concerned. DDPR (Field) will then notify PRB AC by phone that the authorizations have been granted or refused and will confirm in writing to PRB AC, copy to PRO 15th Army Group. Correspondents may be sent forward from Rome immediately the telephoned clearance has been received at PRB AC.
4. In submitting these applications to DDPR (Field) the following information will be given: Name and all registered numbers of the applicant, newspaper or agency employing him, places he wants to visit with dates of arrival and departure. Correspondents will be required to adhere to the movement schedules approved by Armies. If they are found where they are not supposed to be at the proper time they will be arrested.



T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Unit No. 2
APO 512

Subject : Italian Correspondents

22 April 1945

To : Lt. Col. J.D. Hayden
Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1. This Office has received a letter from Col. Ugo Maraldi, Chief Press Officer at the Italian Ministry of War, insisting on his right to see, and if necessary re-censor or even suppress completely, all stories filed by Italian correspondents accredited to the front.
2. Col. Maraldi bases this claim on the fact that his office is responsible to PRO, AFHQ, for the conduct of Italian correspondents. He concludes that he should therefore also have the right to control their writings.
3. Col. Maraldi also referred to Col. Helder's letter 2/PRS/86 dated 20 December 1944, para (2) which states (I translate from the Italian text, which is the only one we have).
"Dispatches coming from accredited Italian War Correspondents will be immediately transmitted to Italian-speaking military Press Censors. Stories then will be handed back, duly censored, to PRO, AFHQ, Rome, who will ensure their transmission to the Italian press via the Press Office."
4. The underlined words ("tramite l'Ufficio Stampa") have been interpreted by Col. Maraldi as meaning the Press Office of the Italian War Ministry.
5. Accordingly the system now in use is as follows :
 - a) Copy is dispatched by Red Bag to PRO, AFHQ.
 - b) It is then sent by Field Press Censors to local Press Censors, Piazza S. Silvestro, 54.

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c) After censorship has been performed, two copies are dispatched to Press Office, Italian War Ministry. They are clearly marked, one for forwarding to Agency or paper the other for Col. Maraldi's file. A third copy is kept for our own files, and the fourth forwarded to PRO, A.C.

I.C. Alexander
I.C. ALEXANDER
Major, I.C.
Senior Local Press &
Radio Censor, ITALY

Copies To : PRO, A.C. ✓
Lt. Col. Helder, PRO, AFHQ
N.S.I.A. - att. Capt. Selby

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A.C. P.R.O.

(or chief forwarded by Gen. F. N. delle Fiore). 1st.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION 75008.

per il cortese tramite del A.C.O. dell'A.C. A.C.O.

nota di servizio per l'agenzia "Orbis". Si rammenta che tutti gli articoli
firmati dal sottoscritto lo dovranno essere con lo pseudonimo di GUSTAVO
allorché si sarà la presenza di uno di numerosi congiunti. Sot.

sai, fonte 12 aprile. Il comando di un nostro gruppo di combattimento fuo-
re della storia di questa guerra per lo spirito che lo anima e per le in-
numerevoli prove di valore date in ogni occasione, è un comando veramente
fuori dell'ordinario. Si è giunti ieri nella zona dove tale comando ha se-
de ed abbiamo domandato dove fosse il generale da ammirare ed il suo capo
di stato maggiore. In risposta che eravamo fortunati e che per l'appunto
i due ricercati personaggi c'erano e, come tutte le mattine del resto, erano
occupatissimi a battersi nel piazzale retrostante l'ultima casa del
villaggio. Quella fu l'occasione di un comanda tale di gruppo di combattimento che
tutte le mattine si batte con il suo capo di stato maggiore non era vera-
mente una cosa da mandare troppo. E fu con passo piuttosto accelerato
che ci dirigemmo alla piazzetta dietro l'ultima casa ecc. ecc. di attender-
ci nella piazzetta ecc. ecc. Il generale si stava battendo come un leone
con il suo capo di stato maggiore. Si era anche dimenticati di un parti-
colare: questo gruppo ha alla sua testa due notissimi campioni sportivi. Uno,
il generale comandante, ha riempito di 1 suo nome le cronache sportive inter-
nazionali e porta a spasso con notevole distinzione cinquantacinque anni
che hanno quaranta e ventitré fratture d'osso, sia auto equamente quelle
di pace e quelle di guerra. Sul petto gli brillano le insegne di cavaliere
dell'ordine militare di Savoia e xxx di ben sei medaglie d'argento al va-
lore. Comandante di una sessa divisione di paracadutisti resistette sulla
sua all'epoca dell'armistizio per tre giorni, ritirandosi poi solo in se-
guito ad ordini ricevuti. Pochi giorni fa, alla linea trucidata da uno dei
cittadini che componevano attualmente il suo gruppo si sono presentati
due giovanissimi partigiani: erano i suoi figli, un altro un loro inquadra-
to nelle formazioni dei volontari della libertà, che venivano a batterli ai
suoi ordini. "Il più bel giorno della mia vita" dice il generale, sospenden-
do l'assalto di guerra (si era dimenticato di dire che appunto di questo

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era cosa che il si (per generale) che **PASSED FOR PUBLICATION** non si trattava di uno scherzo, perché il capo di stato maggiore è un uomo di grande valore italiano di grande, effettivo e risoluto che si è battuto vittoriosamente contro i più noti rappresentanti stranieri della specialità.

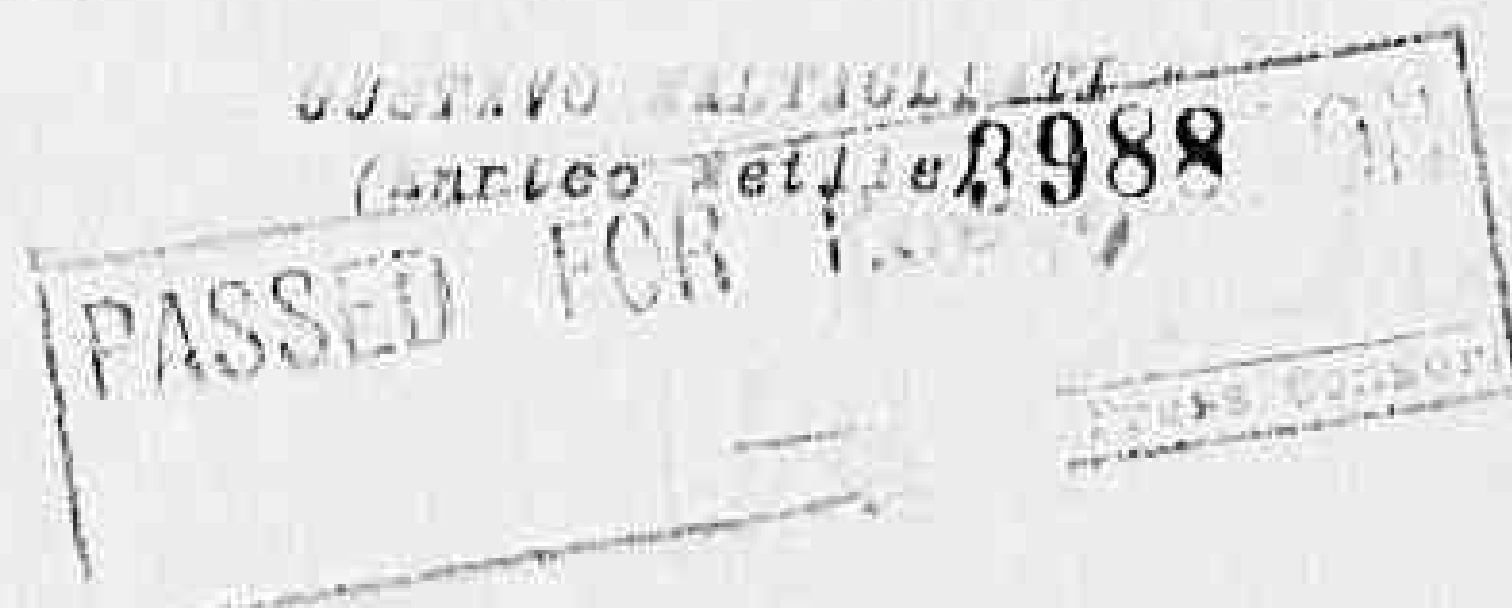
Un comando guida fuori dall'ordinario, un fuori dall'ordinario è tutto questo gruppo di combattimento, questa divisione italiana insormontabile è la "volgarità" erede del nome e della gloria della vecchia volgarità che riempie il cielo di si e di no. Oggi, gli avversari che contro di lei combatterono sul fronte africano e che ora combattono al suo fianco, vengono a riconoscere i loro superi in quella epopea, per stringere loro la mano. Maestri di uno di combattimento e combattente, la strada di loro più facile che di noi, una strada di loro che ripete una storia che non è mai venuta meno e che è la migliore dimostrazione di come il valore militare e la dedizione al dovere che può assumere talvolta anche un aspetto illogico e doloroso, sono un valore intrinseco, che si è in sé nei risultati raggiunti e nei momenti che lo determinano. È lo spirito sportivo che si crea e si sviluppa, è il riconoscimento di quanto è dovuto a chi tutto ha sacrificato all'ideale comune di ogni forza armata degna di questo nome: obbedire.

Significa divisione questa nostra divisione difficile da comandare, perché difficile da comprendere. Sono uomini che hanno un concetto quasi esaltato delle loro possibilità e una fiducia illimitata nel loro coraggio. Sono gli stessi che, l'estate scorsa, si meritavano i più elevati elogi da parte alleata per i risultati raggiunti, che era un biasimo per "scarsa disciplina militare" in quanto, lanciati in un determinato settore lungo una stretta via strettissima, superavano ogni limite degli obiettivi assegnatigli e di salire a balza, di paese in paese, arrivavano così avanti che al superiore comandi riuscì difficile riuscire a sapere dove gruppi si trovavano, per poter dare l'ordine che si fermassero, se non volevano costringerli a ritirare gli ordini esultanti stabilibili, senza che soffriva di una piccola parte di unità di persecuzione, così per esempio non si discende che il turno di riposo sia stabilito a priori e indipendentemente dalle circostanze. No, ci sono sempre e sotto l'istintiva di fare loro un dispetto: vogliono andare a riposo per impedire loro di occupare quel

paesello, quella casupola, quel caposaldo che invece spetta loro di diritto, perché son loro che lo franteggiano da tempo e perché sono loro che ci sono dovuti di sbalzo così vicini. È altrettanto abituata per le pattuglie notturne che sono una delle loro specialità. Una specialità che li ha spinti, in tempi passati, ad entrare tranquillamente in città ancora occupate dai tedeschi, a presentarsi con la massima calma a qualche loro alloggio, invitandoli quindi con la buona maniera a prendere posto fra di loro per accompagnarli a fare una pia, egiziana, verso le nostre linee. Lo spirito sportivo s'è manifestato anche in queste pattuglie. Si va alla ricerca del primato, ogni grup. alla cerca di battere l'altro. Così il limite assegnato viene oltrepassato una volta di qualche cent aia di metri, poi di un migliaio, poi addirittura di due, finché si rende necessario adottare severissime disposizioni che mettono un termine a questa gara che ha la morte per premio.

-Mente -dice il generale app. stando al rosso muro della stanzetta che gli serve da alloggio e da ufficio- che è necessario ~~fixare~~ trattene- re anziché spingere, come certi cavalli troppo generosi. Come questo, per esempio -il gesto quasi carezzevole accenna alla fotografia di una signi- fca cavalla nero sangue che fa bella mostra di sé sul muro- ma che bella cosa avere degli uomini che occorre frenare anziché spingerli-

Ma sono parole retoriche, sono semplici parole di uno sportivo e di un comandante. Il quale ore cambia le leggere calzature da ghera con quelle più grevi da montagna e si dispone, come ogni giorno, alla partenza, per essere vicino ai suoi uomini, in linea, nel punto in cui l'azione si prospete- ta più delicata e dove vedere la faccia ed udire la voce del signor gene- rale ha importanza, un'importanza che può sfuggire al più ma che non sfugge a questi uomini "difficili da comandare, difficili da conoscere, difficili a comprendere qualche volta, ma che compresi, conosciuti e saputi comandare, sono certamente fra le migliori truppe del mondo."



H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PRS/86.

22nd April, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.TO: Director,
Public Relations Branch,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Ref your 37/PRB of 18 April 45.

1. PRO is quite willing to agree to the accreditation of an extra representative for PWB with the Italian Army. It is noted that the name of 2nd Lieut. Elio Pascarelli is submitted for this purpose. Presumably he is a serving officer in the Italian Army. It is a strict rule of American and British P.R. that serving soldiers should not be War Correspondents but, of course, both Armies have a number of serving officers who write, for example, in the case of the British, for Ministry of Information, London. It seems highly desirable, in view of the fact that the Allies are presumably trying to set an example, that no serving soldier in the Italian Army should be issued with a War Correspondents licence. On the other hand, as in this case, the individual is required to write for an official agency in support of the Allied Forces, and the correct course would be for him to be treated as an "Officer Observer". This, in practice, would mean that he could not be issued with a War Correspondents licence and wear War Correspondents badges. In this case, he could be issued with a letter (signed by AC, AFHQ and AG) signifying his status as an Observer Officer. He would also, of course, carry his military identity card.

2. We should like your comments on the subject.

3. It is assumed that in whatever form 2/Lt. Pascarelli is accepted, you will have him screened in the ordinary way.

4. Paras 3 and 4 of your memo are noted.

Fu PRO AMHQ.
G. A. L. HeiderG. A. L. HEIDER
Lieut-Colonel.
ADPR

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SUBJ : Italian War Correspondents

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA)

INF/114

22 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Mr. Gino PINCHERLE of ANSA News Agency and Mr. Enrico BEILLE of OMBIS News Agency have been accredited by AFHQ, PRO and GSI (b) 15 Army Gp as Italian War Correspondents.
2. You are authorized to issue Mr. PINCHERLE and Mr. BEILLE Italian Army uniforms on repayment by them. These uniforms will be worn in accordance with regulations governing Italian War Correspondents laid down by the Ministry of War, which must prescribe a distinctive emblem showing that the wearer is a Correspondent.
3. No Italian Army transport can be assigned to Correspondents. No rations can be issued to them. However, such facilities as are available in the Italian Army units visited can be placed at their disposal.

tvs.

J. M. Fonglesden
Major General
MIA

Copy to: Director Public Relations, AC
Lt Col HELDEN, HQ PR, CMF
Lt Col Ugo MUVA DI, Ufficio Stampa, Ministry of War
Avv A ROSSINI - Direttore Generale della Stampa - Via Veneto

Internal: Col SIMONS Q(AE)

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TGB/DO

37/TGB

22 April 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondent

TO : Lieut.Col. G.A.L. Helder, Public Relations HQ, G.M.F.

1. Following telephone conversation Lieut.Col.Helder/Mrs.Oxilia, forwarded herewith for signature is Pass No 8 issued to Sig. Ugo ZATTERIN of "Avanti", who is to substitute Sig. Mario Soldati as war correspondent for this newspaper. Sig. Zatterin has passed through all the necessary screening procedure and we have therefore no objection to his being accredited as a war correspondent.

2. Also enclosed is Pass No 3 issued to the former correspondent for "Avanti" and "Unita", for cancellation, and two spare photographs of Sig. Zatterin.

3. Pass No 7 (blank) was sent to Public Safety S/C as a specimen copy.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Major, AUS,
D/DPR

Copy to: Land Forces S/C
Ten.Col. Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa, Ministero della Guerra,
Via IV Fontane 15

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GSD/DO

37/PRB

19 April 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents' passes.

TO : Maj. F.C. Ballance, Public Safety IC.

The attached blank form (No.7) of Italian War Correspondents' passes has been printed by this Branch in agreement with AFHQ PRO. The actual working was set out by AFHQ.

Six of such passes have been issued so far, namely to:

No 1	Druso ROSSI	Risorgimento Liberale
No 2	Giuseppe SAIA	Il Popolo
No 3	Mario BOLDATI	Avanti! and Unità
No 4	Gino DE SANCTIS	La Patria
No 5	Gino PINCHERLE	ANSA
No 6	Enrico REALE	Orbis

The procedure for issuing these passes is as follows :

a) The Italian Undersecretariat for Press suggests to us the name of some suitable journalist to be appointed as a war correspondent.

b) This Branch contacts AFHQ PRO on the advisability of having such Correspondent accredited and copy of correspondence is sent up to Land Forces IC. If approved the journalist is given an AC journalist's card after screening by Security Division and other Italian authorities (Examination, etc.).

c) As final step a War Correspondent's pass is then completed and forwarded for signature to AFHQ PRO and GSI (b) Allied Armies in Italy, together with 2 spare photos of the correspondent.

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G. HERBERT BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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37/PRB

19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference your INT/114 of 18 April and subsequent personal conversation with Capt. Selby, MMIA, on 19 April.
2. It should be pointed out that the status of Mr. Pincherle and Mr. Meille as ITALIAN WAR CORRESPONDENTS is exactly the same as that of the three previous Italian war correspondents who were accredited by PRO, AFHQ, except that the first three represent Italian newspapers while the later two represent Italian news agencies. As far as PRO, AFHQ and PRO, AC are concerned they are of the same status.
3. The principal difficulty has been in getting uniforms for the two recently accredited correspondents. As explained to Capt. Selby it is customary for war correspondents to be issued officer's uniforms of their own army without officer's insignia which is replaced by a shoulder patch reading (depending on the nationality) U.S. WAR CORRESPONDENT or BRITISH WAR CORRESPONDENT, etc. etc.
4. In the light of this information it can be seen that nothing more is being asked for Mr. Pincherle and Mr. Meille than already has been granted to the other Italian War Correspondents.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/114

18 Apr 45TO : DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS A.C.

1. Ref your 37 /PRB of 15 Apr and telephone conversation Mr. BROWN P.R. - Capt SELBY MMIA on 18 Apr.

In view of the fact that Mr. Pincherle and Mr. Meille are not Italian Army correspondents but represent the ANSA and ORBIS News Agencies the Italian War Ministry is not authorised to provide these correspondents with uniforms, transport and other facilities.

2. It is regretted that this HQ cannot ~~comply~~ with your request.

W. Selby
Lt. Col. G.S.

cgl.

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37/TIB

15 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War correspondents.
TO : Land Forces S/C

The following Italian War Correspondents have been screened by us and subsequently accredited by AFHQ PRG and GSI (b) Allied Areas in Italy :

Gino PINCHERLE of ANSA News Agency
Enrico VIGILIS of ORBIS News Agency

Will you please instruct the Italian Ministry of War to provide these Correspondents with uniforms, rations, transport, and other necessary facilities?

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

Copy to: Lt. Col. G.A.L. Welter, HQ Public Relations C.A.F.
Ten. Col. Ugo Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa, Ministero della Guerra, Via 4 Fontane 15
Avv. A. Rossini, Direttore Generale della Stampa
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa, Via Veneto

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G3B/DO

37/PRB

19 April 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents' passes.

TO : Maj. W.C. Ballance, Public Safety SC.

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Six of such passes have been issued so far, namely to:

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No 2	Giuseppe SALA	Il Popolo
No 3	Mario SOLOATI	Avanti! and Unità
No 4	Gino DE SANCTIS	La Patria
No 5	Gino PINCHERLE	ANSA
No 6	Enrico MEILLE	Orbis

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G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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37/PRB

19 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.
TO : Maj. T.L. Bullock DDPR (Field), Civil Affairs
Section, 15th Army Group HQ.

For your information we attach copies of travel
orders issued to the following Italian War Correspondents :

Giuseppe SALA of "Il Popolo"
Gino PINCHERLE of "Ansa" news agency

The Italian War correspondent Enrico NELLE, of
"Orbis" news agency, left Rome a few days ago on a
Italian military vehicle.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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JT/PAM

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

TO : Lt. Col. G.A.L. Helder
Asst. Dir. Public Relations, AFHQ

1. Reference your letter of 14 April number 2/PRG/86 attaching a copy of letter dated 3 April to PRG AFHQ from Mr. Russell Barnes Director P.W.B.
2. We would like to reiterate our support of the request of the Director P.W.B. for the accreditation of 2nd Lt. Elio Passarelli as a war correspondent for P.W.B. with the Italian Army. In our opinion the request of P.W.B. should not be adversely affected by the ceiling already placed on the number of Italian war correspondents as this is an exceptional case where the correspondent in question will be doing work definitely assigned to P.W.B. by AFHQ. From every point of view it seems advisable to have an Italian writing news stories about the Italian Army for the Italian press served by P.W.B. in forward areas.
3. In reply to your para 2 I believe that until there are more facilities we should limit the number of Italian war correspondents to those now actually accredited or are in the process of being accredited as representatives of the main Italian news agencies as per your letter 2/PRG/86 of 29 March.
4. With reference to para 2(b) the Italian Army authorities can not satisfactorily handle any more than have been accredited or are in the process of being accredited. Until this situation is improved I do not believe that any more Italian war correspondents should be accredited than already agreed upon. This lack of facilities would not apply to Lt. Passarelli as he is dependent on P.W.B. and not the Italian Army.

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5. With reference to your para 4 agency "SI" still desires an Italian war correspondent but has not yet submitted a suitable candidate which we could recommend to AFHQ PRO.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to:

Land Forces S/C
(Att: Capt. Selby)
Mr. Griffin Bancroft, Deputy Dir.
Liberated Italy, F.W.E.
Mr. Russell Barnes, Director, F.W.E.
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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/11/36.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

14th April, 1945.

TO:- Public Relations Director,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 594.

Ref attached copy of letter dated 5 Apr from Mr. Russell Barnes,
Director, P.W.B. to P.R.O. A.P.H.Q.

1. The letter referred to in para 2 of Mr. Barnes' letter is your letter 57/HRB of 23 Mar 45 to him.
2. So far as P.W.B. A.P.H.Q. is concerned, he would like to have your views as to how many correspondents in toto you think should be accredited to the Italian forces. The main factors to be considered in this connection seem to be:-
 - (a) What representatives do you consider are essential for both the Italian Press and any other organisation which may be concerned (e.g. P.W.B.)
 - (b) What are the total numbers the Italian Army authorities are capable of handling satisfactorily? Here no doubt questions of transport and accommodation are the principal considerations.
3. Will you kindly consider this matter and advise your views as soon as possible.
4. Is the agency "SI" still desirous of having a correspondent?

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

G A L Helder

G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut-Colonel

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Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission - Allied Commission.

3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Accreditation of War Correspondent

TO : ^{Pro}~~Pro~~, AFHQ

1. Request 2nd Lt. Elio Pascarelli, Italian Army, be accredited as a war correspondent for Psychological Warfare Branch.

2. It will be noted from the attached letter that Lt. Pascarelli has already been accredited as a civilian journalist by Allied Commission, in which capacity he is now employed by PWB. He has been an employee of the PWB News Division for the past six months and has proved himself an excellent and responsible journalist. He is bi-lingual newsman who has served with PWB both as reporter and editor. He is on detached service from the Italian Army.

3. PWB has vital need for an Italian war correspondent in order that it may carry out its responsibilities in Northern Italy by furnishing news for Italian language PWB-controlled newspapers published in forward areas. Lt. Pascarelli will write news stories of the Italian Army. Such news is not available in sufficient quantity or reader interest from British or American correspondents, who are of necessity primarily interested in providing news slanted for their own countrymen. In addition, Lt. Pascarelli will provide news stories which will be of general interest to Italians.

4. It should be emphasized that without an accredited war correspondent to provide PWB with such news and features, PWB cannot adequately fulfill its assigned task of providing news for forward operations.

RUSSELL BARNES
Director, PWB

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18 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

TO : Lt. Col. G.A.L. Helder
Asst. Dir. Public Relations, AFHQ

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2. We would like to reiterate our support of the request of the Director P.W.B. for the accreditation of 2nd Lt. Elio Passerelli as a war correspondent for P.W.B. with the Italian Army. In our opinion the request of P.W.B. should not be adversely affected by the ceiling already placed on the number of Italian war correspondents as this is an exceptional case where the correspondent in question will be doing work definitely assigned to P.W.B. by AFHQ. From every point of view it seems advisable to have an Italian writing news stories about the Italian Army for the Italian press served by P.W.B. in forward areas.
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G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Land Forces S/C
(Att: Capt. Selby)
Mr. Griffin Bancroft, Deputy Dir.
Liberated Italy, P.W.E.
Mr. Russell Barnes, Director, P.W.E.
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14 aprile 1945

OCCORRENTO : Corrispondenti di guerra italiani.

A : Ten.Col. Ugo Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa del Ministero della Guerra, via Fontane, 15

Ci preghiamo comunicare a codesto Ufficio Stampa che i seguenti giornalisti :

Enrico NELLE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Orbis"

Gino PINCIERIE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Ansa"

sono stati regolarmente accreditati quali corrispondenti di guerra dell'AMW e del PRM AC. Pertanto preghiamo codesto Ufficio di dare ai suddetti giornalisti tutte le facilitazioni possibili e cioè :

1. Provvederli di una divisa militare, possibilmente di tipo alleato.
2. Disporre affinché, una volta raggiunti i reparti combattenti, possano usufruire delle mense ufficiali.
3. Provvedere, se possibile, un mezzo che li trasorti almeno fino a Torli.

Circa i servizi dei suddetti corrispondenti, accordi precisi sono stati presi ieri con i capi censori alleati, Maj. Alexander e Maj. Bruce Lowe. L'ufficiale di collegamento, Cap. Del Marc, è stato incaricato di mettersi in contatto con codesto Ufficio Stampa per chiarire questo punto e stabilire il modo per il quale la consegna dei servizi proceda il più celermente possibile.

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Alleghiamo la copia della circolare riguardante la comunicazione alla Stampa Italiana di corrispondenze militari di guerra, che gentilmente il Cap. Nicolai ci portò

Ci preghiamo comunicare a codesto Ufficio Stampa che i seguenti giornalisti :

Enrico MILLE dell'Agensia di Informazioni "Orbis"

Cino PINOBBINI dell'Agensia di Informazioni "Insee"

sono stati regolarmente accreditati quali corrispondenti di guerra dell'ANSA e del UPI AC. Pertanto preghiamo codesto Ufficio di dare ai suddetti giornalisti tutte le facilitazioni possibili e cioè :

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2. Disporre affinché, una volta raggiunti i reparti combattenti, possano usufruire delle mense ufficiali.
3. Provvedere, se possibile, un mezzo che li trasorti almeno fino a Forlì.

Circa i servizi dei suddetti corrispondenti, accordi precisi sono stati presi ieri con i capi censori alleati, Maj. Alexander e Maj. Bruce Lowe. L'ufficiale di collegamento, Cap. Del Mare, è stato incaricato di mettersi in contatto con codesto Ufficio Stampa per chiarire questo punto e stabilire il modo perchè la consegna dei servizi proceda il più celermente possibile.

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Alleghiamo la copia della circolare riguardante la comunicazione alla Stampa Italiana di corrispondenze militari di guerra, che gentilmente il Cap. Nicolai ci portò ieri.

(per il Direttore)

COLLETTA OTTELLA
Public Relations Branch

Adj: 200.2

1st Ind.

NP/mrh

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, ADJ DEPT, APO #394, U.S. ARMY, 14 April 45.

To: Director, Public Relations Branch, Hq Allied Commission.

1. This office will issue W.D. permits for travel in W.D. vehicles in liberated Italy only.

2. This office is not authorized to issue W.D. passes into AMG territory without the approval of the SCAOs of Fifth and Eighth Armies, and Regional Commissioners of AMG territory.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Nicholas Piombino
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

Tel: 591

5b/IRB

14th April, 1945.

SUBJECT : W.O. Permit

TO : CWO H. Biombino, Asst. Adjutant.

It is requested that permits to ride in W.O. vehicles in the whole of liberated Italy, including AMG territory, be granted to the following three Italian War Correspondents:-

Giuseppe SALA	- Libretto ferroviario N. 74018
Enrico WEILAND	- Passport No. 283077
Gino FUCCHIONE	- Identity Card N. 2880289

R. A. Evans.

For THE DIRECTOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PBB

14 aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Corrispondenti di guerra italiani.

A : Ten.Col. Ugo Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa del Ministero della Guerra, via 4 Fontane, 15

Ci preghiamo comunicare a codesto Ufficio Stampa che i seguenti giornalisti :

Enrico MEILLE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Orbis"

Gino PINCHERLE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Ansa"

sono stati regolarmente accreditati quali corrispondenti di guerra dall'AFHQ e dal PRB AC. Pertanto preghiamo codesto Ufficio di dare ai suddetti giornalisti tutte le facilitazioni possibili e cioè :

1. Provvederli di una divisa militare, possibilmente di tipo alleato.
2. Disporre affinché, una volta raggiunti i reparti combattenti, possano usufruire delle mense ufficiali.
3. Provvedere, se possibile, un mezzo che li trasporti almeno fino a Forlì.

Circa i servizi dei suddetti corrispondenti, accordi precisi sono stati presi ieri con i capi censori alleati, Maj. Alexander e Maj. Bruce Lowe. L'ufficiale di collegamento, Cap. Del Mare, è stato incaricato di mettersi in contatto con codesto Ufficio Stampa per chiarire questo punto e stabilire il modo perchè la consegna dei servizi proceda il più celermente possibile.

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Alleghiamo la copia della circolare riguardante la comunicazione alla Stampa Italiana di corrispondenze militari di guerra, che gentilmente il Cap. Nicolai ci portò ieri.

A : Ten.Col. Ugo Maraldi, Ufficio Stampa del Ministero della Guerra, via Fontane, 15

Ci preghiamo comunicare a codesto Ufficio Stampa che i seguenti giornalisti :

Enrico MELLE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Orbis"

Gino PINCHERLE dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Ansa"

sono stati regolarmente accreditati quali corrispondenti di guerra dell'ARMQ e del PMV AC. Pertanto preghiamo codesto Ufficio di dare ai suddetti giornalisti tutte le facilitazioni possibili e cioè :

1. Provvederli di una divisa militare, possibilmente di tipo alleato.
2. Disporre affinché, una volta raggiunti i reparti combattenti, possano usufruire delle mense ufficiali.
3. Provvedere, se possibile, un mezzo che li trasporti almeno fino a Forlì.

Circa i servizi dei suddetti corrispondenti, accordi precisi sono stati presi ieri con i capi censori alleati, Maj. Alexander e Maj. Bruce Lowe. L'ufficiale di collegamento, Cap. Del Mare, è stato incaricato di mettersi in contatto con codesto Ufficio Stampa per chiarire questo punto e stabilire il modo per il quale la consegna dei servizi proceda il più acceleratamente possibile.

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Alleghiamo la copia della circolare riguardante la comunicazione alla Stampa Italiana di corrispondenze militari di guerra, che gentilmente il Cap. Nicolai ci portò ieri.

(per il Direttore)

DOLETTA OLLIA
Public Relations Branch

From: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. A.C. ✓

To: MINISTERO AERONAUTICA,
CABINETTO DEL MINISTRO,

(Copy to Public Relations Dept., A.C.H.Q.)

Date: 13th April 1945

Ref: AFSC/INT/13/I 934

Maggiore Pilota Enrico MELLE.

Reference is made to your letter 10697/2603 Coll dated 12th April 1945 regarding the above named officer.

Inasmuch as MELLE is no longer a serving member of the Italian Air Force, permission cannot be given for him to wear I.A.F. uniform. In view of the fact, however, that he is to be a war correspondent in the area under the Army control, he should be supplied with an official war correspondents' uniform of the regulation pattern. This will give him officer status and all the amenities to which his appointment entitles him.

T.G.N. Pearce
for T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR INT
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

UNIONHARBURG ASSAULT COMMISSION
 AIO 394
 PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PUB

12 aprile 1945

OCCORRENZA : Permesso di circolazione per macchine nel territorio dell'A.I.G.

A : Ten. Pazzoli, Comando Alleato, Ufficio Permesso di viaggio, Questura di Roma, Via Genova.

I giornalisti Giuseppe Sala, del "Popolo", e Enrico Valla, dell'agenzia di informazioni "Orbis", nella loro qualità di corrispondenti di guerra accreditati dall'ARNA e dall'AC PUB, hanno bisogno di poter usufruire di una macchina per svolgere la loro missione. Pertanto ci rivoliamo alla Sua cortesia affinché si voglia interessare presso le autorità competenti per ottenere, al più presto possibile, un permesso di circolazione nel territorio sotto il controllo dell'AIG per le macchine che i suddetti giornalisti hanno a loro disposizione.

Gli estremi delle macchine in questione sono i seguenti :

- 1) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Sala del "Popolo" Fiat 508, targata Roma 31785, fornito di permesso di circolazione N° 151631
- 2) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Valla di "Orbis" Fiat 508, targata Roma 34972, fornita di permesso di circolazione N° 102513

Nel contempo la preghiamo di fare anche richiesta del permesso di viaggio per i rispettivi autisti :

- 1) Vito CATTUCCIO, via S. Giovanni in Laterano 22, Idente guida N° 15101 rilasciata a Roma il 9-6-1933
- 2) Fernando PACIFICI, via Circonvallazione Cestiva 18, Patente guida N° 41632

A : Ten. Passioli, Corrado Allento, Ufficio Permessi
viaggio, Questura di Roma, Via Genova.

I giornalisti Giuseppe Nelli, del "Popolo", e Enrico
Milla, dell'Agenzia di informazioni "Orbis", nella loro
qualità di corrispondenti di guerra accreditati dell'AVRA e
dell'AC FB, hanno bisogno di poter usufruire di una sco-
chia per svolgere la loro missione. Pertanto ci rivol-
giamo alla Sua cortesia affinché ci voglia interessare
presso le autorità competenti per ottenere, al più presto
possibile, un permesso di circolazione nel territorio sot-
to il controllo dell'AVRA per le macchine che i suddetti
giornalisti hanno a loro disposizione.

Gli estremi delle macchine in questione sono i
seguenti:

- 1) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Sula del "Popolo"
Fiat 508, targata Roma 14972, fornito di permesso di
circolazione No 154631
- 2) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Nelli di "Orbis"
Fiat 508, targata Roma 14972, fornito di permesso di
circolazione No 102613

Nel contempo la preghiamo di fare anche richiesta del
permesso di viaggio per i rispettivi autisti:

- 1) Vito CAPPUCCIO, via S. Giovanni in Laterano 12,
Idente guida No 16101 rilasciata a Roma il 5-8-1933
- 2) Fernando PAVITICI, via Circonvallazione dell'Av. 16,
Patente guida No 41622

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G. STEVENS BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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"IL POPOLO."

Organo della Democrazia Cristiana

Roma 28 Marzo 1945 194

REDAZIONE

Gentile Signora,

tenendo conto di quanto Lei ha già detto a me e a Romani circa l'ausilio che gli organi alleati ci intendono dare per svolgere la nostra missione di corrispondenti di guerra, credo opportuno segnalarle, poichè conto dopo le feste di compiere un giro, le indicazioni relative alla macchina e all'autista che mi accompagneranno:

CAPPUCCIO Vito- Via S.Giovanni in Laterano 22- Patente di guida N.16101 rilasciata a Roma in data 5-8-1933

Macchina targa 81789- tipo Fiat 508- fornita di permesso n.151631

Le sarò molto grato di quanto vorrà fare perchè la macchina possa avere tutti i crismi necessari a superare gli eventuali intoppi e soprattutto possa ottenere assistenza per quel che riguarda i rifornimenti lungo la strada presso gli enti militari alleati.

Nel ringraziarla, colgo l'occasione per inviarle i più sinceri auguri pasquali.

Cordialmente

M. L. L.
Spala

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRS

12 aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Permesso di circolazione per macchine nel territorio dell'A.M.G.

A : Ten. Tazzioli, Comando Alleato, Ufficio Permessi viaggio, Questura di Roma, Via Genova.

I giornalisti Giuseppe SALA, del "Popolo", e Enrico NEILLE, dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Orbis", nella loro qualità di corrispondenti di guerra accreditati dall'AFHQ e dall'AC FRB, hanno bisogno di poter usufruire di una macchina per svolgere la loro missione. Pertanto ci rivolgiamo alla Sua cortesia affinché si voglia interessare presso le autorità competenti per ottenere, al più presto possibile, un permesso di circolazione nel territorio sotto il controllo dell'AMG per le macchine che i suddetti giornalisti hanno a loro disposizione.

Gli estremi delle macchine in questione sono i seguenti :

- 1) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Sala del "Popolo"
Fiat 508, targata Roma 31789, fornito di permesso di circolazione N° 151631
- 2) di cui usufruirebbe il giornalista Neille di "Orbis"
Fiat 508, targata Roma 34972, fornita di permesso di circolazione N° 102613

Nel contempo La preghiamo di fare anche richiesta del permesso di viaggio per i rispettivi autisti :

- 1) Vito CAPPUCCIO, via S. Giovanni in Laterano 22,
Patente guida N° 16101 rilasciata a Roma il 5-3-1933
- 2) Fernando PACIFICI, via Circonvallazione Casilina 18,
Patente guida N° 41632

A : Ten. Tazzioli, Comando Alleato, Ufficio Permessi
viaggio, Questura di Roma, Via Genova.

I giornalisti Giuseppe SALA, del "Popolo", e Enrico NEILLE, dell'Agenzia di Informazioni "Orbis", nella loro qualità di corrispondenti di guerra accreditati dall'ATHQ e dall'AC PRB, hanno bisogno di poter usufruire di una macchina per svolgere la loro missione. Pertanto ci rivolgiamo alla Sua cortesia affinché si voglia interessare presso le autorità competenti per ottenere, al più presto possibile, un permesso di circolazione nel territorio sotto il controllo dell'AMG per le macchine che i suddetti giornalisti hanno a loro disposizione.

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Nel contempo La preghiamo di fare anche richiesta del permesso di viaggio per i rispettivi autisti :

- 1) Vito CAPPUCCIO, via S. Giovanni in Laterano 22,
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Patente guida N° 41632

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRE

12 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.

TO : Lt Col G.A.L. Helder, HQ Public Relations C.M.F.

We acknowledge receipt of two Italian War
Correspondents' passes, Nos 5 and 6.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.A.F.

URGENT:

2/PBS/86.

11th April, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

TO:- Director, ✓
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission.

Reference your memo 37/PBS dated 4 Apr 45.

1. Herewith Passes Nos. 5 and 6 completed by PRO AFHQ and 15 Army Group.
2. Kindly acknowledge.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

W L Hadden

C.A.F. HENDER
Lieut-Colonel.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 294

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

7 aprile 1945

37/PRE

Al Capo di Gabinetto del Ministero della Aeronautica
Palazzo Caprari, Via XX Settembre

Ci preghiamo comunicare a codesto Ministero che il
giornalista Enrico NEILLE è stato ufficialmente nominato
corrispondente di guerra per l'agenzia di informazioni
ORBIS.

E' stato pure stabilito che i corrispondenti di
guerra, per ovvie ragioni di comodità, debbano rivestire
l'uniforme.

(per il Direttore)

DOLETTA OXILIA
Public relations Branch

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R.A. (WORLD RELATIONS)
C.A.P.

2/25/86.

9th April, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

To: A.R.C.,
15th Army Group.Reference our memo, number as above, dated
29 March 45 (copy to you).

1. Attached are two Italian War Correspondents passes Nos. 5 and 6 issued respectively to Sig. Gino Pizzelli, representing A.N.S.A. news agency, and Sig. Enrico Monti, representing UPI news agency. It is requested that these may be signed by GSI(1), 15th Army Group, and returned to these men when we will have them signed by the A.R.C. and forwarded to Allied Commission for issue.
2. The original application for Allied Commission pass for Pizzelli and Monti should also be granted to a representative of the agency "A.S." (see attached for details) for the correspondent selected for this agency will be forthcoming in due course.

For the UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICIALS: AMT.

G. A. H. H.

G. A. H. H.
Ident-30/10/45.Copy to: Director, Public Relations Branch, ✓
Allied Commission.
(para 2 above particularly refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

4 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.

TO : Lt Col G.A.L. Helder, HQ Public Relations C.M.F.

Attached please find two Italian war correspondents' passes, No 5 and 6, issued respectively to Sig. Gino PINCHERLE, representing A.N.S.A. news agency, and Sig. Enrico NEILLE, representing ORBIS news agency, forwarded to you for completion by PRO AFHQ and 15th Army Groups. Both correspondents hold AC accreditation cards.

Also enclosed are two spare copies of photographs of each correspondent.

May we remind you that the passes have to be signed both on the front and the back page.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

4 Apr. 1945

SUBJECT : Releases of battle casualties for the Italian Army.
TO : Lt Col G.A.L. Helder, HQ Public Relations C.A.F.

Reference para 3 of your letter 2/PRS/86 dated
28 March 1945.

We have made enquiries on the position regarding releases of battle casualties for the Italian Army at the Press Office of the Italian Ministry of War. No releases of the kind have been made by them so far nor will they be made in the future. The few releases made by the Italian press concern mostly partisans casualties and have been obtained either from the Ministry of Occupied Italy or from the Commands of fighting units.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Louis Jones s/c

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SUBJECT: Movement Order

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
INT/101/1
29 March 45

TO : H.Q. Comdt., Allied Commission

Mr. Romani Bruno and Mr. de Sanctis Gino with Mr. Sala Giuseppe, accredited Italian Army War Correspondents, must visit Florence in pursuance of their duties.

Accommodation in Florence has been reserved in advance.

May three places in the next A.C. Courier to Florence please be reserved for the above.

cgl.

W. Selby, Capt
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

29 March '45

2/PRS/86

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch, ✓
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Reference your 37/PRB dated 24 Mar '45.

1. PRO AFHQ is quite agreeable to one representative of the three major Italian News Agencies (ANSA, ORBIS and SI) each having a representative accredited as an Italian war correspondent providing they are screened on the lines already laid down for screening Italian war correspondents.
2. After names have been submitted and screened we take it you will prepare the necessary licences and send same to us for signature by PRO AFHQ and GSI 15 Army Group. Two spare copies of photographs are required.
3. For your information an application has been received from PWB 15 Army Group for an accredited correspondent. This has been referred by PRO to Deputy Chief INC for his views.

For the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AFHQ:

*G. A. L. Helder*G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut-Colonel

Copies to:

Deputy Chief, INC
PRO, 15 Army Group
Land Forces Sub-Commission (Allied Commission)
Major F. Weidman, G-5 AFHQ

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Transportation

FILE No. ZD/

TO : Land Forces S/C

29 March 1945 194

Reference attached.

It is necessary to obtain travel order issued by the Adjutant's Department for passengers booking on the Courier. Reference Daily Bulletin No 231 Para 8 dated 13 Sept. 44.

H.J. Birch
H.J. BIRCH
Major
Dispatch Officer

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

RESTRICTED.

2/PIS/86.

28th March, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.

TO: Public Relations Director,
Allied Commission. ✓

1. We have received the following statement from our Caserta office:-
"G-2 (Colonel Nichols) states that there is no objection to periodic reports on over-all battle casualties for the Italian Army from September 1943, for publication in the same way as those of the Allied, (provided releases are made in accordance with rules at present applied to casualties of other Allied forces)".
2. The above statement has been notified to Chief Press Censor.
3. We should like to know, however, what is the position regarding releases of battle casualties for the Italian Army. Are they being released and, if so, are such releases made under the procedure existing for the former Italian forces. It seems to be highly desirable that nothing should be done which might involve relatives of Italian soldiers at present residing in Northern Italy suffering at the hands of the Fascisti.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

G. A. L. Heider

G. A. L. HEIDER
Lieut-Colonel.

Copy to: ~~Land Forces Sub-Commission.~~ M.M.I.A. (Allied Commission).

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Via Propaganda 7. H. R. M.
 Componenti di guerra 1 mese

Bruno Romani - Risorgimento Liberale
 Tesserà N. 1 in data 15 Dic. 1944 rilanciata
 dal Public Relations, P. R. O., Hq 15 Army
 Group che annette presso le Forze Militari
 Italiane in Italia. Si reca a Firenze
 per visita ai reparti italiani.

Giino De Sanctis - Giornale del Mattino e
 La Patria - Tesserà N. 4 - i. s.

Giuseppe Sala - Il Popolo - Tesserà
 N. 3 - i. s.

Intendono partire il giorno 4 aprile
 per una durata di circa 1 mese.

Via Lancia 10 - 3955

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

G3B/ob

25 March 1945

R32/PBB

SUBJECT : Luigi Barzini

TO : Chief Commissioner (through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Last August Luigi Barzini, Italian journalist, applied for a press card from the Allied Commission. It was refused on the basis of the attached security report 38/140.12.

2. Barzini is presently editor of IL GLOBO and owner of SI news agency.

3. Recently Avv. Armando Rossini, Chief of the Prime Minister's Press Bureau, asked that AFHQ accredit one representative from each of the three Italian news agencies as war correspondent. It appears likely this request will be granted.

4. SI agency has nominated Barzini as its war correspondent anticipating approval of above mentioned 3 by AFHQ.

5. Under present procedures AC must screen and recommend to AFHQ any Italian or neutral correspondent wishing war correspondent credentials.

6. On the basis of the attached security report I do not feel we should recommend Barzini to AFHQ. On the otherhand Barzini now occupies a prominent position in Italian journalism and could be helpful to the Allied cause.

7. Your comment or decision would be appreciated. I am sending copies to the political advisors and to the Security Branch for their comment and recommendations.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copy to :
Political Advisors
Security Branch

Hopkinson
Douglas

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSL/eb

37/PHE

24 March 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents

TO : Col. R.H. Astley
Public Relations Officer
Public Relations Advanced, AFHQ

1. You will recall our several verbal conversations regarding the possibility of accrediting one representative from each of the major Italian news agencies as an Italian war correspondent.

2. Sig. Armando Rossini, Chief of the Press Office of the Council of Ministers, has formally requested that war correspondent credentials be granted to a representative each from A.N.S.A., ORBIS and S.I.

3. This request is supported by this office. We believe it is the best way to furnish all Italian newspapers with adequate accounts of the operations of the Italian Army. It also would permit us to tell Italian newspapers wishing to appoint war correspondents that they are covered by the news agencies.

4. Approval on this proposal by AFHQ is requested. The names of the correspondents from the three agencies will be submitted to you after AFHQ approval to the plan has been obtained. They will have prior screening by the AC before their names are submitted.

Copy to :
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Major F. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

CSB/ob

37/PRB

24 March 1945

Dear Ruggero:

I am afraid things have not advanced quite as far as indicated in your letter of March 23 regarding the accreditation of Italian war correspondents.

The proposal has not yet been approved by AFHQ. Anticipating that it may be approved we have asked the Italian Government to submit names of possible candidates representing the three Italian news agencies. Before we can submit the specific names to AFHQ, we must screen them, and if they pass security, issue them an AC tessera.

Your Signor Pincherle, therefore, should contact our Mrs. Oxilia in my office to institute the necessary clearance for an AC tessera.

Cordially yours,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Mr. Ruggero Orlando,
Information and Censorship Section
P.W.B.

Copy to :

Mrs. Oxilia

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37,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

23rd March, 1945.

Dear Stewart,

Signor Gino Pincherle, of the agency A.N.S.A., has been appointed as war correspondent. He also works for our broadcasting programme "L'Italia Combatte".

His going to the front has already been approved by both Allied and Italian military authorities. He is told that the final approval is dependent upon you.

Could you receive him, and tell him whether there is a chance for him to go, and, in such case, when?

I thank you very much for whatever information would you give to him.

I hope to see you soon.

Yours most sincerely,

Ruggero
(Ruggero Orlando).

Stewart Brown, Esq.,

Public Relation Director,

Allied Commission,

Palazzo delle Corporazioni.

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22 Mar 1945

From Pub. Safety etc

To: P.R.O. ✓

The attached summary
of C.C.R. action taken at
MELFE, Potenza is transmitted
for your summary

 W. D. Oherby
de la

IL MINISTRO

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March, 21 1945

For PRO

At the end of January of this year at Melfe, Potenza, a number of men refused to answer the call-up to the Army or to surrender arms.

CC.RR. sent to the affected area have seized:

- 1 machine gun,
- 32 rifles
- 5 pistols
- 1 hand grenade,
- 100 cartridges

and a miscellaneous quantity of war material.

In connection therewith 18 suspected criminals have been apprehended and the presentation of 25 conscripts to the Military Post HQ was followed up by a further 105 voluntarily presenting themselves for duty.

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CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

Ref : SB/140.12

28 August 1944

Subject : BARZINI, Luigi

TO : Public Relations, HQ. A.C.C.

1. Reference request for screening to the above named, the following details are submitted for information.

2. BARZINI first joined P.N.F. in 1926, not in 1934 as stated on his Scheda Personale. He is a journalist of Fascist sentiments who wrote a great deal for Fascism until 1940 when he was accused of having spoken against the Fascist organisation and Italy at meetings attended by foreigners. He was expelled from Italy for five years. As a defense to these accusations BARZINI wrote a long article setting forth his activities as an ardent Fascist which included references to 1928, 1929 and 1930 when he was a university student in the U.S.A. There he alleged he made many speeches in English in support of Fascism. Later as a reporter of "Corriere della Sera" he often followed Mussolini in his travels and wrote a lot about him.

From January to April 1940 he was in London and reliable sources report that he often offered, to give important information on military matters to Italian officers attached to the Italian Embassy in London.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

(sgd.)

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A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Branch.



Roma, 30 marzo 1945

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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- Ufficio Stampa -

N.146/prot.

Caro Sig. Stewart Brown,

faccio seguito alla mia del 16 corrente per comunicarLe una variazione nel nominativo di uno dei tre corrispondenti di guerra a suo tempo da me segnalati.

Si tratta della sostituzione di Renato Cencierelli della "Orbis" con il Maggiore Enrico Meille - domiciliato a Roma in Via Nemorense n.77. Titolare della tessera A.C.- I-74.

Con la più viva cordialità

Amintore Fanfani

Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Headquarters Allied Commission
A.F.O. 394 - P.R.B.

- R O M A -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE: new

37/PMB

23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Accreditation of Italian War Correspondent for P.W.B.

TO : Mr. Griffing Bancroft, Chief
News Division, P.W.B.

1. In reply to your letter of March 21, we have no record of any application through the AC to have Lt. Elio Pascarelli accredited as a war correspondent from P.W.B. He is, however, accredited by AC as a civilian journalist.

2. So far AFHQ has limited the number of Italian war correspondents to four persons. I talked with Col. Hobson at the local AFHQ today and he said that Mr. Barnes should make his request direct to AFHQ inasmuch as it will be AFHQ which will ultimately decide whether the ceiling will be increased or not.

3. It would seem to me advisable for Mr. Barnes to emphasize that Lt. Pascarelli will furnish news to P.W.B. for Italian newspapers in forward areas which they could not receive from any other source.

4. For your information we are negotiating with AFHQ to get permission to have representatives from the three major Italian news agencies accredited as war correspondents.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to:
Mrs. Oxlia
(card returned herewith)

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

TO : Mr. Stewart Brown

FILE No. _____

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*Put to Gen. O.
23-3*

I enclose the personal card of Pascarella.
He was granted an AC journalists' card on Jan. 29.
No regular application for a war correspondent
accreditation was ever made ~~xxx~~ either by PWB
or Pascarella himself.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

21 March 1945

Subject: ^{da} Accreditation of Italian War Correspondent for PWB

To: Stuart Brown
Allied Commission

1. We have been trying for months to get Lt. Elio Pascarelli accredited as a war correspondent for PWB.
2. Lt. Pascarelli, an officer in the Italian Army, has been on attached service with PWB News Division since October 8, and has in all respects proved entirely trustworthy and dependable.
3. He is at present attached to the Florence Unit but, is greatly handicapped in his job of gathering news because of lack of accreditation.
4. The stories in the forward areas, especially those pertaining to the Italians which Lt. Pascarelli is peculiarly adapted to cover, are essential to PWB if PWB is to carry out its directives in supplying news and propaganda throughout north Italy.

Anything you can do to facilitate this accreditation will be greatly appreciated.

Griffing Bancroft
Griffing Bancroft
Chief, News Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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37/PFB

19 March 45

SUBJECT: Application of Lieut. Elio Pascarelli

TO : Col. P. R. Astley
Public Relations Officer
Public Relations Advance, AFHQ

1. The attached correspondence is transmitted to you for your information and comment.
2. If the application is received do you believe it will be possible to grant it?

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No. _____

TO : Mr Stewart Brown

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As far as I know this is the first time that an application for accreditation of Sig. Pascarelli as a War Correspondent is being made. He was granted an AC Journalists' card as a correspondent for NND PVB. Can he be a War Correspondent for the same Agency?

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRE

19 March 1945

SUBJECT : Application of Lieut. Elio Pascarelli

TO : Mr. James M. Minifie,
DPWO, HQ PWB 15th Army Group.

Dear Don,

In reply to your letter of March 16 regarding Lieut. Elio Pascarelli, I have checked and so far we haven't received any application from him to be accredited as a war correspondent to the Italian forces.

As you probably know PRO, AFHQ has limited the number of Italian war correspondents to four and we cannot exceed this number without their permission. We are now discussing the advisability of accrediting representatives from the major Italian news agencies but no decision has yet been reached.

In anticipation of the receipt of your application for Lieut. Pascarelli, I am informing PRO, AFHQ of your desire to have good Italian coverage of the various war fronts.

Cordially,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/mew

37/MB

18 March 45

SUBJECT: Italian War Correspondents

TO : Lt. Col. G. A. L. Helder
Asst. Dir. Public Relations
Hq. Public Relations, C.M.F.

1. Reference your 2/PRE/86 on the above subject.
2. We have contacted "La Patria" and according to their story Tommaso Paloscia went to AFHQ without any authority whatsoever from "La Patria". They are sorry about the mix-up and will ask him to desist from further approaches of this character.
3. In reply to your para 2, you will recall that Col. Astley agreed in principle that it might be advisable to accredit one correspondent from each of the major Italian news agencies. We have suggested to Sig. Rossini such a possibility and have asked him to submit names for clearance by us and submission to you.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director, PRB

Distribution:
Capt. R. B. Wimbush, P.R.L.O.
15th Army Group

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*Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri*

DIREZIONE

Ufficio Stampa

Roma, 16 marzo 1945

N° 114/12-5 di prot.

Caro Sig. Stewart Brown, *28 Feb*
a seguito della mia lettera del 3 corrente, Le
comunico i nomi dei corrispondenti di guerra
segnalati dalle tre Agenzie italiane ricono-
sciute:

ANSA - Dott. Gino Pincherle

ORBIS - Renato Cenciarelli

SI - Dott. Luigi Barzini Junior.

Nel rinnovarLe i più sentiti ringra-
ziamenti Le invio i miei migliori saluti.

Con viva cordialità

Ann and Jimmy

Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Headquarters Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394 - P.R.B.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
HQ PWB 15TH ARMY GROUP
P. W. B. UNIT No. 14 - A. P. O. 512

16th March, 1945.

To: Mr. Stewart Brown,
PRO, Allied Commission,
ROME.

From: James M. Minifie.

Dear Stewart

Application has been made to AC by PWB on behalf of Lieut. Elio Pascarelli (Italian), University identity No. 16398, for credentials as a War Correspondent accredited to Italian Forces, and also if possible to Allied Forces, in this theatre. He now has AC Journalist's Card for AC territory only No. I-66. He is at present on duty with PWB Unit 14, assigned by the Italian Ministry of War on detached service.

I am told that it may be some time before his application gets consideration. It would be very helpful to us if you could do whatever is possible to hurry it along. The news service in this area needs a good Italian coverage of the various fronts.

All the best

DSM

JAMES M. MINIFIE,
DFWO, HQ PWB 15TH ARMY GROUP.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : Mr Stewart Brown

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"La Patria" had already been informed about it and were very sorry for it. Apparently the man went to AFHQ on his own initiative, without any authority whatsoever from "La Patria". They will trace him in Florence, where he has gone now, and will stop him from taking any further action on this line.

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Mr. Oxley
 You and I
 know
 me
 I never heard the name
 of this journalist.

Do you want me to
 ring up to "La Patrie"
 and make some inquiries?

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 Various dailies have asked
 if they could have
 their own war correspondent.
 So far I always said
 no as their number
 had been limited to three.

ND 2939

"La Patrie" says that I should
 want to go to the front
 and see the fighting
 further information on this subject

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PBS/36.

15th March, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondents.To: Public Relations Director,
Allied Commission. ✓

1. Our P.R. officer at 15 Army Group has written as follows:-

"Italian Military Mission at this HQ has been approached by one, PASCIA, Tomaso, who claims to be a War Correspondent for "La Patria". I gather he represents the Florence edition. Can he be accredited and issued with the green card allowing his passage through Army areas? The only correspondent of this newspaper of whom I am aware is Signor SARTIS. When I saw him, Signor Pascia was wearing uniform and carried an Italian movement order from Rome to Florence. HQ, 15 Army Group has no knowledge of this correspondent, and I have counselled no action pending clarification from HQ".

2. You will no doubt remember that when you saw Colonel ASHLEY recently you raised the question of an increase in the number of Italian War Correspondents, and I understood you to say that you would consider the position and let us have your views. Are you in a position to do this yet?
3. Seemingly before approval is given for a second correspondent for any one paper, the position of the whole Italian Press should be carefully considered.

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G. A. L. BENDER

G. A. L. BENDER
Ident-Colonel
A D P R

Copy to: Capt. R. B. Wimbush, P.R.L.O.
15th Army Group.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

7/11/45

11 APR 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents.

TO : Lt. Col. G.A.L. Halper, ADPR AFHQ.

Reference your 2/28/45 letter. In reply, we
acknowledge receipt of Transit Pass No. 1 in the name of
Lt. Col. G.A.L. Halper.

C. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PRS/86.

15th March, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondent.

TO: Public Relations Director,
Hq.,
Allied Commission.

Herewith Transit Pass No. 4 in the name of
Signor Gino de SANCTIS duly completed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

J.P. Henderson
J.P. HENDERSON,
Captain,
for Colonel
D.D.P.R.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
APC 204
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

EX-108

18 March 1945

SUBJECT : Italian War correspondent

TO : Lt Col G.A.L. Helder, ADPN AFHQ

We return the Transit Pass No 4 in the name of Cino
De Santis as on examination we note that it has not been
signed by you on the inside page.

Will you please sign same and return to this office.

G. STEWART EBBEN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C. M. F.

2/PMS/86

9th March, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondent.

MEMO To:- Public Relations Director,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

Reference your Memo 37/PMS of 26 Feb 45.

1. Transit Pass No. 4 in the name of Sgt Gino De SANTIS has now been signed by 15th Army Group and P.R.O., AFHQ., and is sent to you for issue.
2. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

G. A. L. MEYER

G. A. L. MEYER
Lieut-Colonel

Copy to: Land Forces/Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.E.I.A.)

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Call-Up Figures

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
SD/71
6 Mar 45

TO : Deputy Head P.W.B.
Information and Censorship Section
U.S.M.P.O. 512

Copy to: P.R.C. A.C.

Ref your letter of 1 March addressed to
Colonel Kerr MMIA.

1. The information contained in the attached
state gives figures of the Sardinia and Apulia call-
ups, showing targets and results obtained. It will
be seen that both call-ups reached the target figure
which is an excellent indication that the Italian
people are responding to the call of their country.
2. These figures may be published if desired.

cgl.

W. R. Selby
Capt
Major General
M.F.I.A.
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Call-up SARDINIA (Phase I)

1914 - 24 classes

Period of call-up 1 Feb - 14 Feb

Target 10,000

Obtained 10,000 slight excess being carried to
next phase of call-up.Call-up APULIA

1924 (2) - 25 classes and 1919 - 25 Hebrew classes

Period of call-up 10 Feb - 25 Feb

Target 20,000

Obtained :-

to 25 Feb	15,397
to 2 Mar	19,127

to date	figures not to hand but informed target has been reached.
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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No. _____

TO :

Mr. Stewart Brown

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Sig. Pincherle called to this office this morning and has already made application for AC journalists' card. Shall I call Sig. Cenciarelli and ask him to apply for an AC card? And what about Berzini? He can't be granted an AC card which is the preliminary step for getting a War correspondent card.

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Roma, 3 Marzo 1945

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Ufficio Stampa

No 79 di prot.

Care Signor Stewart Brown,

desidero ringraziarla calorosamente per l'interessamento da Lei svolto per ottenere che le agenzie italiane riconoscano e siano autorizzate ad inviare un corrispondente al fronte presso i reparti combattenti italiani.

~~Ma~~ Mentre mi riserva di comunicarle i nominativi dei corrispondenti non appena mi saranno indicati dalle relative agenzie, Le invio, intanto, i miei migliori saluti.

Con viva cordialità

Amor
Orman de Gorny

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Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Headquarters Allied Commission

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Public Relations Branch

R O M A

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Translation

20^a file 37
Rome, 2 March 1945 Mrs. Oxilia

Dear Mr. Stewart Brown,

I wish to thank you for the interest you took in order to obtain that recognized Italian News Agencies be authorized to have war correspondents attached to the Italian fighting units.

I shall inform you of the names of these correspondents as soon as the News Agencies have appointed them.

Yours truly

(sgd) Armando Rossini

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

28 February 1946.

Dear Mr. Rossini,

On the occasion of your visit to my Office the other day you said that it would be greatly appreciated if a few more Italian War Correspondents could be accredited to cover the operations of the Italian Armed Forces in the Field.

As a result of preliminary conversations with AFHQ I believe that we may be able to arrange to have representatives of the three Italian News Agencies accredited as War Correspondents.

If this suggestion meets with your approval we would be glad to receive a formal request from you submitting the names of suitable candidates.

Yours very truly,

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations
Director.

Avv. Armando Rossini,
Direttore Generale per la Stampa,
Sottosegretariato Stampa,
Via Veneto 52, ROMA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

26 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT : Pass for Italian War correspondent.
TO : Lt. Col. G.A.L. Helder, ADPR AFHQ.

1. Attached please find an Italian War correspondent's pass No. 4 issued to Sig. Gino DE SANCTIS of the newspaper "La Patria" and forwarded to you for completion by PRB AFHQ and 15 Army Groups.
2. We enclose two photographs of Sig. De Sanctis as requested in para 4 of your letter 2/PRB/26 dated 21 Feb. 1945.
3. Sig. De Sanctis' Identity Number is : (Tessera Professionisti Albo Giornalisti) 1085.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE ALESA

37/PRB

23 febbraio 1945

Egregio Colonnello,

Facciamo seguito alla nostra lettera 37/PRB in data 18 corr., sono lieto di comunicarLe che il Quartier Generale delle Forze Armate Alleate (QFGA) ha accolto la nostra domanda di accreditamento di un corrispondente di guerra per "la Patria".

Pertanto Le proponiamo di voler invitare il Sig. De Benedis a passare dal nostro ufficio per le pratiche necessarie e di portare nel contempo tre fotografie.

Un caro saluto e i miei distinti saluti.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director

T. Col. Ugo Gualdi
Ufficio Stampa - Ministero della Guerra
Via 4 Fontane, 15

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/HIS/35.

21st February, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondent
"La Patria".TO: Public Relations Director,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Reference your 37/PRB dated 17 Feb, 45.

1. PRO, AFHQ has no objection to the Italian Army newspaper "La Patria" having a war correspondent.
2. We take it that DE SANCTIS has been screened in accordance with the procedure mentioned in para 2 of your memo 37/PRB of 27 Nov last.
3. When he has been so screened, perhaps you will arrange for a licence form to be completed and signed by you on behalf of Allied Commission. The licence should be forwarded to us for completion by PRO, AFHQ and 15 Army Group.
4. We shall require 2 spare photographs of the correspondent and notification of his identity number.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

*G. A. L. Helder*G. A. L. HELDER
Lieut-Colonel
A D P R

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Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

R37/PRB

19 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Officers

TO : G-1 British

1. Ref your G-1 B/610/I dated 17 Feb 1945
2. A Nil return is hereby submitted.

For the Director :-

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Major, AUS,
D/DPR.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1679
19 February 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Accreditation of Press Correspondents.

1. With reference to your letter 070 of 25 January 1945, it is requested that Signore Vero ROBERTI contact the Public Relations Branch, AC direct in order to complete the necessary forms for accreditation as a war correspondent for the Italian Navy.

2. In connection with the last paragraph of your letter of 25 January 1945, it is not considered that more than one war correspondent is required for the Italian Navy at the present time.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

Copy to:
Public Relations SC.AC.

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

37/PBB

18 febbraio 1945

Egregio Colonello,

Essendo stato chiamato a sostituire il Maggiore Fielden nella carica di Direttore del Public Relations Branch, sto occupandomi delle varie pratiche da lui iniziate. Tengo quindi a informarla che, in base alla Sua cortese del 14 corr., mi sto interessando presso le autorità militari competenti per l'accreditamento del giornalista De Sanctis come corrispondente di guerra per "La Patria".

Sarà mia premura tenerla informata di ogni ulteriore sviluppo della pratica.

Con distinti saluti

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Branch

T. Col. Ugo Maraldi
Ufficio Stampa - Ministero della Guerra
Via 4 Fontane, 15

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

17 Feb. 1945

37/PRB

SUBJECT : Italian war correspondent for "La Patria"
TO : Col. R.R. Ashley, DLR AFHQ.

1. As you know, the Italian Army newspaper "La Patria" will shortly start publication. The Ministero della Guerra, accordingly, asks that a correspondent, by the name of LA SANCITIS, be accredited as a war correspondent.
2. We are of opinion that this request is reasonable, and therefore request that this man be accredited by AFHQ. He has already been accredited by Allied Commission.
3. This is in addition to the accreditation of three Italian war correspondents, journalists who report for the Italian civilian press.
4. We enclose copy of letter from the Ministero della Guerra.

C. STANLEY BROWN
Public Relations Director

Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (LMA).

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Tel. Rpt. 412

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/610/1

17 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Officers.

TO : Distribution below.

FROM : G-1(B) HQ. AC.

1. Please forward to this office by return, the following particulars in respect of any serving officers of the Italian Army employed within your Section, Branch or Sub Commission.

No.
Rank
Name
Corps or Regt.
Duty on which employed
Authority for attachment

2. Nil returns required.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

J. E. T. Ritchie

Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

/EP

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Political Section
Public Relations Branch ✓
Security Division
Information Division
Communications Sub Commission.

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*Ministero della Guerra*

UFFICIO STAMPA

IL CAPO UFFICIO

Via 4 Fontane, 15
telef. 41.709

Roma, li 14 febbraio

Caro Maggiore,

in riferimento al nostro colloquio della settimana scorsa, Le proporrei come corrispondente di guerra di "La Patria" il Dott. Gino De Sanctis.

Giornalista professionista di sperimentata capacità, il De Sanctis è favorevolmente noto anche alle Autorità Alleate, con le quali ha già collaborato e collabora tuttora, come risulta dall'allegato "curriculum vitae".

In attesa di un Suo cortese cenno di gradimento, Le rinnovo, egregio Maggiore, le espressioni della mia viva simpatia.

Al Signor Maggiore
Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Branch
A. C.

T. M. Maraloli

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ufficio Stampa

Tenente compl. Itr. (classe 1912)
dott. Luigi DE SANCTIS, di Brizio
Distretto ROMA II

Professione: giornalista professionista

Tessera verde dell'A.C.C.: data 1 - 12 - '44

Residenza: Roma (Via Luigara 10 - telef. 53864)

Referenze alleate:

Maggiore BOUCKLER - Capo propaganda 8^a Armata
M.L. ELLISON - Capo del P.W.B. - FIRENZE

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Fa ancora parte del P.W.B. (A.P.B.)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

37/PRB

17 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT : War correspondents for the Italian Navy.

TO : Navy Sub Commission, Hd AC.

Reference your NSC/1652 dated 13 Feb. 1945.

1. We have no objection to the appointment of Vero ROBERTI as a war correspondent for the Italian Navy. The first step to be taken in order to obtain proper accreditation for him is for Sig. Roberti to call at our office and fill in a "shheda personale".
2. As regards para 3 of your above mentioned letter no authorization has been obtained from AFHQ for the accreditation of more than one correspondent for the Italian Navy. We do not think that at the present stage more than one correspondent is necessary.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

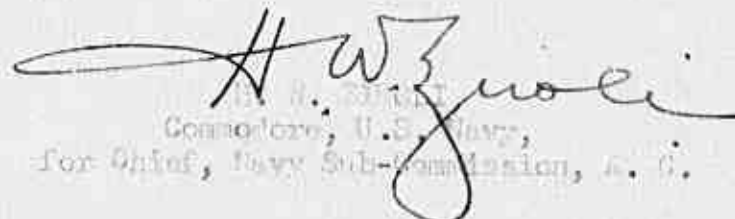
HSC/1652
13 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hdq. Allied Commission.
To: Public Relations Branch, Hdq. A.C. ✓
Subject: Press Correspondents for Italian Navy - Nomination of.
Reference: (s) Navy Sub-Com ltr. HSC/1333 of 11 December 1944.
(b) Public Relations Branch ltr 37/PAB of 17 Dec. 1944.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr 070 of 25 January 1945.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine in enclosure (A) re-submitted the nomination of VERO ROBERTI as a press correspondent for the Italian Navy. A brief transcript of ROBERTI's military record is attached thereto. It is further stated that ROBERTI has been appointed as a correspondent for the daily newspaper "Italia Nuova".

2. It is recommended that ROBERTI be accredited as a war correspondent for the Italian Navy provided the Public Relations Branch has no specific objections to his appointment.

3. In connection with paragraph 1 of reference (a) and paragraph 2 of reference (b), information is requested whether authorization has been obtained from Allied Force Headquarters for the accreditation of more than one correspondent for the Italian Navy in order that a reply may be made to the last paragraph of enclosure (A) when the matter is again raised by the Ministry of Marine.


Commander, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF WARRE (Cabinet)
To : H.E.C. AG.Hq.
Date: 25th January 1945.
Ref.: 079

Subject: Accreditation of Press Correspondents.

Ref. HSC/L109 of 29.12.44

You are informed that the daily newspaper "Italia Nuova", approached in regard to a war correspondent, has appointed the journalist VERO ROBERTI.

As this nomination was included amongst those submitted to H.E.C. and which were not to the liking of P.M.P., further investigations were made in regard to the said ROBERTI.

Since nothing has been found against him, shall be glad if you will inform if P.M.P. will accredit ROBERTI or whether for some reason unknown to this Ministry he should definitely be substituted by another.

This Ministry later will put forward the names of a further two journalists in case our proposal that three war correspondents be assigned to the Navy be approved.

CHEF OF CABINET

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COPIE

M. of U. (Maristat) - 6/1/45 (Received for translation
5.2.45) No. 131

Subject: Vero ROBERTI - War Correspondent.

Sig. Vero ROBERTI, son of the late Giovan Battista, 1910
Class, was War Correspondent to the Navy for "Le Stampo" daily of
Turin; he was "militarista" with the rank of S/Lt., decorated with
Silver Military Medal, and on 5th Sept. '43 while assigned to I.M.R.
Torpedoboot "TARTARU" he was on a short leave in Rome.

As he couldn't get back to his ship he presented himself
at this Maristat and volunteered for any assignment offering.

He was called to form part of the underground I.M.R.
Intelligence Centre (Group under Admiral MAGGIORI).

During the nine months of the occupation he was very
active on "lines" for said Centre and carried out numerous risky missions for
which a further decoration has been proposed.

Then Rome was liberated, ROBERTI again took up his job
of War Correspondent and as such has followed I.M.R. forces on
8th Army front with the C.I. and has had assignments aboard
I.M.R. Ships at sea.

FOR CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394Office of the Executive Commissioner

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16 February 1945.

REF: 502/34/34

SUBJ: Press attacks on Italian serving officers.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: I.S.G.

1. We discussed this morning the necessity of applying censorship to attacks in the Italian Press on serving officers of the Italian armed forces.

2. I enclose relevant correspondence.

3. I am making request that the press censors be instructed to prevent the publication of such articles as being contrary to the interests of military security.

D. V. Lusk
Executive Commissioner,
for the Chief Commissioner.

HLL/JC.

Copy to: Land Forces sub-com (GIA)
Air Force sub-commission.
Navy sub-commission.
Public Relations Branch.

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SECRET

File 37

24 January 1945.Ref: 37/PRO.

SUBJECT: "Off Record" Handout to Allied
and Italian Press.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com.

1. The Chief Commissioner has had brought to his notice your letter G/103 of 20 Jan 45. While not wishing to restrict the normal publicity concerning the Italian Army, he does not consider the "off record" handout attached to your letter a suitable document for issue to correspondents nor does he feel that the present time is suitable for a press conference on the subject.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs that any press releases concerning the Italian Army should be made through the PRO, HQ AC, with the exception of operational releases which will follow normal military channels.

HSH S W

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

HSH/JO.

Copy to: GOC

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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Approved *[Signature]*
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Chief of Staff

Captain Selby of the MMIA put out the attached. I told him, and General Browning, that although I agree that this is a very good moment to have a Press Conference on the Italian Army I don't think that this is the way to do it. An "off-record hand-out" is in any case a very odd thing which will simply annoy correspondents. I think that we might well have two conferences here (they must be on the same day) for the Allied and Italian Press respectively. I feel that you or the C.C. should be there to cope with political issues. May I have your views and those of the C.C.?

Col. Astley agrees with the above
23 Jan. '45.

Bulder
Major

1. I do not know Capt Selby or what his functions are
2. It is for P.R.O. to advise Land Force Sub Com against the procedure & this should be done at once. If advice is not taken then P.R.O. should refer to me

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10. P.R. Br.

Letter to Land Force Sub. signed by C of S and returned for dispatch.

27 Jan 45

Shorley

SECRET
-----SUBJECT: "Off Record" Handout to Allied
and Italian Press
-----Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/103

20 Jan 45
-----TO : P.R.O. - "A.F.H.Q."ROME
P.R.O. - H.Q. Allied Commission
-----Ref conversation (telephone) Capt SELBY -
Capt KESSLER.

1. Herewith specimen copies of "Off Record" Handout which G.C.C. M.M.I.A. proposes to distribute to Allied and Italian Correspondents at interviews to be held at H.Q. M.M.I.A.
2. Correspondents will be given the opportunity to put questions on all subjects pertinent to the Italian Army. Answers will be given in detail provided there is no objection from the Security point of view.
3. It is suggested that these interviews should be held on separate days, dates and times to be arranged by telephone between addressees and Capt F.R. SELBY M.M.I.A. Tel. No. 478109.
4. Please notify this H.Q. of proposed dates and times for the above interviews.

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F.R. Selby
+ Major General
M.M.I.A.

"OFF RECORD" HANDOUT FOR PRESS CONFERENCE

1. (a) The total strength of the Italian Army is about 300,000 men. Of this figure some fifty thousand men make up the Five Combat Gps approved by the Allies and equipped throughout with British arms, equipment and vehicles and fed on British rations.

(b) A large proportion of this Italian Army (about 120,000 men) is engaged in work for the Allies, playing an active and vital, though perhaps a less conspicuous part in the Allied War Effort. These Service Units such as Pack Transport Gps, Signal Units, Muleteams, Road Maintenance and Pioneer Gps have done and are doing excellent work in the forward areas often entailing work under enemy shell fire. Amm and supplies are being carried by Italian Mule Pack Transport Gps to Allied Troops in the snowbound forward positions, and vital road comm are being maintained by Italian Pioneer Bns.

High praise has been given to many of these Units individually by Allied Commanders and several decorations for bravery have been awarded. The combat achievements of the C.I.L. are well known to all.

2. Allied policy with regard to the equipping of Italian Combat Troops is restricted owing to the heavy and urgent commitments to be met by the U.S.A. and Britain in France, the Low Countries, Yugoslavia, Greece and elsewhere.

3. The periodic call-ups affecting certain regions of liberated Italy and the Islands is the procedure adopted by the Ministry of War in order to make up deficiencies in man-power. In effect, they are the re-call to the colours of certain classes of younger men fit for service who will take the place of the older men belonging to classes up to 1914 class with homes in liberated Italy demobilized owing to age and/or medical category.

The greatest proportion of these men goes to the Combat Gps and to Units under command of the Allies.

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4. Patriots may join up as volunteers in the Italian Army. Army Screening Agencies have been set up for the purpose of screening all Patriot volunteers for the Army. These Agencies function in Army Areas and work in co-operation and under the direction of Patriot Branch A.C. The present Allied Policy is that Patriot bands cannot be recruited as bands into the Italian Army.

Over 2,000 Patriots have joined the Italian Army so far.

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