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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
AFC 394

Ref/753/1/CA

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Non-Military Objectives damaged by Allied
Bombing in Rome.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

1. This confirms conversation between Wing Commander Minter and Major Talbot.
2. Squadron Leader Angles and Flight Lt. Gore Air Force Sub-Commission are to be responsible for compiling the inventory of non-military objectives damaged by Allied bombing in Rome and they are to cooperate with Lt. Hart of the Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission in this work.
3. Your attention is drawn to the last para of the Signal No. F 54038 from AFHQ to AAI and ACC of which a copy was left with you in which it is stated that the Supreme Allied Commander directs that this inventory be compiled.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

G-5, AFHQ
Hq. AAI
Admin Sect. (for Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission)

ET/JR

AIR FORCES SUB C.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
7 GIU 1944
ORDERLY ROOM

*Copy sent to Barr 7/6/44.
Shown to AVM 8/6/44*

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ACC MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch)

5 June 1944

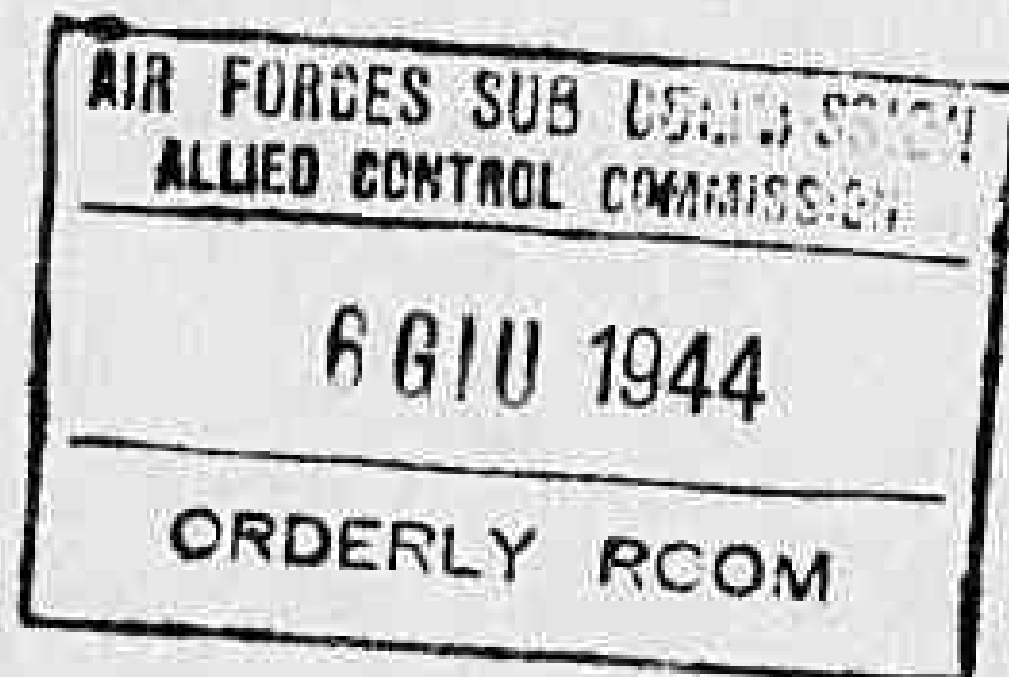
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PRIORITY

AFHQ MAAF REPEATED AGWAR AAI

REFERENCE YOUR FOX FIVE FOUR ZERO THREE EIGHT OF TWO JUNE PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR
GEORGE FIVE FOR GENERAL DEVERS CMA MAAF FOR GENERAL EAKER REPEATED FOR INFO AGWAR
FOR GENERAL MARSHALL CMA AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PAREN HAVE ARRANGED FOR THREE OFFICERS OF THIS COMMISSION TWO FROM AIR FORCE
 SUB COMMISSION AND ONE FROM MONUMENTS SUB COMMISSION TO GO EARLIEST INTO ROME FOR
 THE PURPOSE OF COMPILING AN INVENTORY OF DAMAGE CAUSED TO NON-MILITARY OBJECTIVES
 IN ROME DUE TO ALLIED BOMBING



Air Force Sub-Comm.
 Monuments & F.A. Sub-Comm.

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 L.T. MONTAGNE, Jr.
 1st Lt AGD
 ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COM.
5 JUN 1944
CORREPLY: COM

Ref/401/9/CA.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

4 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Salvage.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your ASC/S. 3 of 5 May 44.
2. The question of organizing the Italians to salvage tins, paper etc has been carefully studied by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and the Salvage Officer at H.Q., A.A.I. has been consulted.
3. I am informed that there is actually a surplus of scrap metal in Italy and the difficulty in obtaining shipping space precludes the forwarding of any large amounts of any type of salvage to either U.K. or U.S.A.
4. No action, therefore, by this H.Q. in this matter is contemplated for the present.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to:
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER AND ACC MAIN FOR GENERAL MACFARLANE
FOR ACTION REPEATED FOR INFO TO AGWAR PERSONAL FOR GEN MARSHAL

FROM GEN DEVERS AND QGTB MAAF FOR
GENERAL EAKER SIGNED WILSON

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REF F54038

OF PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN JUNE 2 1739

CITE PHCOS

SAC AGREES ~~XXXX~~ WITH AGWARS WX-44572 OF 1 JUNE (NOT TO AAI OR ACC)
THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO INVENTORY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY DAMAGE
CAUSED TO NON MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN ROME DUE TO ALLIED BOMBING
AND TO PLACE THIS INVENTORY ON RECORD

UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT ACC HAVE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE IN MONUMENT
SUB COMMISSION WHO COULD UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON BASIS OF EXPERIENCE
GAINED IN NAPLES AND ELSEWHERE.

SAC DIRECTS THAT AAI TAKE ACTION TO COMPLETE THIS INVENTORY
ON REACHING ROME AND THAT ACC MAKE AVAILABLE SPECIALIST PERSONNEL AS
REQUIRED

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ASC/3 (51)

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

7/1/1944

ASC/4/AIR

Eccellenza,

Ho l'onore di presentarvi i miei ossequi nell'assumere l'incarico di capo della Sottocommissione Aeronautica della Commissione Alleata di controllo, e di informarvi circa la sua organizzazione e funzionamenti.

Vi sarò molto grato se voi vorrete passare l'informazione alle Direzioni del vostro Ministero.

La missione militare alleata ha cessato di esistere il 10/11/1943 allorquando la Commissione alleata di controllo di venne effettiva in seguito allo ordine del Generale Eisenhower.

Nell'organizzazione della C.A.C c'è una sezione militare in cui fa parte la sottocommissione aeronautica. La catena delle dipendenze fino al quartier generale delle forze alleate è così definito:

Il compito della sottocommissione aeronautica è di controllare la politica, i piani e l'organizzazione della R.A. attraverso il Ministero affinché tutte le possibili utili risorse aeree del territorio occupato dagli alleati qualsiasi siano queste risorse, reparti, materiale o personale, siano occupate con maggior intensità per la disfatta della Germania.

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La sede della Sottocommissione sarà con il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, ovunque il Ministero sarà dislocato.

Le funzioni nel dettaglio della Sottocommissione sono specificati nell'appendice 1. Questi funzioni possono essere modificate se le circostanze lo richiedono.

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L'elenco degli ufficiali della Sottocommissione e del loro principale compito è specificato all'appendice II. Il numero di tali ufficiali può aumentare o variare secondo che la esperienza consiglierà.

La Sottocommissione inizierà il suo funzionamento dal 10/1/944 ed assorverà tutti i compiti, già assolti, dall'Air Commodore Foster eccezion fatta per il controllo delle operazioni della R. Aeronautica.

Il controllore alleato delle operazioni della R. A. ha organizzazione e compiti separati.

Egli ed il suo comando sarà responsabile verso il Comandante in capo dell'Aeronautica attraverso i comandi operativi alleati.

Egli avrà sede con l'Air Command ed ogni futura sede sua e del comando sarà determinato dal comandante in capo delle forze aeree alleate.

Le sue funzioni saranno di controllare l'esecuzione delle operazioni e dei trasporti aerei.

Ho l'onore di essere di vostra Eccellenza il dev.mo

Air Commodore
DACRE

A S.E. Generale SANDALLI
Ministro della R. Aeronautica

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e, p.c.: AL VICE PRESIDENTE DELLA SEZIONE
MILITARE DELLA A.C.C.
- AL M.A.A.F. ADVANCED
- AL M.A.A.F. AEAR
- AL AIR COMMODORE FOSTER

ALLEGATO N. 1FUNZIONI TEMPORANEA DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA DELLA A.C.C.-1° ORGANIZZAZIONE:

Piani per nuove formazioni di unità e di scuola dalle risorse disponibili. Istituzioni.

2° INFORMAZIONI:

Riunione, confronto (?) e distribuzione delle informazioni per il M.A.A.F. dalle fonti provenienti attraverso il Ministero della R. A.- Informazioni tecniche e materiale per il M.A.A.F. e il Ministero dell'Aria di Londra (?) a Washington, Diario storico della guerra.

3° DIFESA DEL TERRITORIO:

Direttive, organizzazione e approvvigionamenti dalle possibile risorse.

4° ADDESTRAMENTO:

Direttive organizzazione e controllo dell'addestramento in volo ed a terra.

5° TELECOMUNICAZIONI:

Piani ed organizzazione delle telecomunicazioni per la R.A.
Sistemazione, produzioni e riparazioni.
Grafici e sicurezza nelle comunicazioni.
Cifrari etc.

6° SERVIZIO METEOROLOGICO:

Coordinamento del servizio meteorologico italiano per gli usi del M.A.A.F. Organizzazione.

7° PERSONALE:

Direttive per l'impiego del personale della R.A. ed el personale delle industrie aeronautiche in soprannumero.
Richieste di uomini (?) di provviste.
Schemi (disegni) al M.A.A.F. di personale selezionati, italiano per unità o fabbriche.
Questioni riguardanti i salari.
Collegamento con il Ministero del Lavoro.
Controllo delle nomine ufficiali in comando.

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8° RIFORNIMENTI ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTI:

Organizzazione dei rifornimenti per la R.A.
Piani per immagazzinamento e distribuzione degli equipaggiamenti.
Piani di recupero delle disponibili risorse di equipaggiamento.

9° SERVIZI E SUESSISTENZE:(?)

Organizzazione di unità di sussistenza e magazzini.
Riparazione e distribuzione dell'equipaggiamento della R.A.

10° PRODUZIONE:

Piani di produzione nelle esistenti riparabili fabbriche per i
bisogni degli alleati.
Collegamento con la Sottocommissione delle industrie.

11° AEROTRASPORTI:

Piani per le future necessità dei trasporti aerei alleati in Ita
lia.

12° RELAZIONI VARIE (Rapporti con il pubblico)

Controllo e censura della stampa aeronautica.
Pubblicità dello sforzo aereo italiano.
Collegamento con la Sottocommissione delle relazioni con il pub
blico.

ALLEGATO 2SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
DELLA A.C.C.NOMINATIVI DEL COMANDOCOMANDO AERONAUTICO:

Air Commodore	G.B. DACRE	(R.A.F.)	- Capo della Sottocommissione;
Colonnello	A.V. ELIOT	(U.S.A.A.F.)	- Vice capo della sottoc. Direttive ed organizzazio ne telecomunicazioni.
Group. cap.	R.H.G. NEVILLE	(R.A.F.)	- Organizzazione.
W/cdr.	W.L. MONTER	(R.A.F.)	- Informazioni.
S/Ldr.	P. de HAAN	(R.A.F.)	- Informazioni.

S E R V I Z I:

W/cdr.	D.A.W. SUGDEN	(R.A.F.)	- Organizzazione dei riformi menti e direttive.
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V A R I E:

S/Ldr.	R.H. DEXTER	(R.A.F.)	- Interprete e personale
S/Ldr.	R.H. PATERSON	(R.A.F.)	- Aiutante del Capo della Sottocommissione.

TO : WING COMMANDER MINTER

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Herewith copies of a signal received from MIA re Sardinia and Air Commodore Foster's reply. It would be as well to enquire as to whether a service of Allied air transport exists between Naples and Sardinia, otherwise arrangements will have to be made.

A visit to Cagliari should be embarked upon soon; however, before either you or Squadron Leader De Hean go over it would be as well to report here in order to get the background of several questions which will have to be settled.

R.H. Francis
R.H. FRANCIS,
SQUADRON LEADER

Air Division,
Allied Control Commission,
22nd February 1944.

Ans letter Foster, 22nd Feb 1944
Sent Air C. Lt. 5/3/44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION REPORTING MESSAGE

FROM : MATA PIERRE DUCHESNE.

H.C.No. 14/13

TO : PATRIA(AIR) FOR POSTED REPTO PATRIA.

Ref.No. 6232-10

Filed 100950A. Feb.

REC'D. 132100A Feb.

COULD YOU CONSIDER HAVING REPRESENTATIVE OF AIR SUB COMMISSION IN SARDINIA ?
IF SO SUGGEST HE WORK UNDER MY COLONEL SIMONS WHO LIVES THERE AND HANDLES
ALL MATTERS AFFECTING ITALIAN ARMY.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TO ITALY IN GOVERNMENT

AIR DIVISION

DO/AMW/305

22nd February 1944.

Dear

Your signal regarding Bardinia, originated on February 16th and addressed to Patima(Air) for Foster, only arrived yesterday at Bari. It was posted I think from Salerno.

If you ever wish to get in touch by Signal more rapidly, the best address is Air Div. A.C.C. Bari.

This however by the way. Moriarty has been in today and I can only confirm what I told him. I have a very small staff and a large area to cover. At present I have two Officers working with the Allied Control Commission Headquarters at Naples - Wing Commander Minter and Squadron Leader De Mean - and it is my intention to place Bardinia and Sicily in their realm. They will make periodic visits and I have instructed them to contact your man Colonel Simmonds at the first opportunity. I presume Simmonds is stationed at Cagliari where I believe both General Webster and General Pinna have their Headquarters.

I am sorry I can't have a man permanently there to help but at the moment it is out of the question as I haven't got the body to spare.

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I am loath on the other hand to have to ask for British M.T. Perhaps you can help.

If the Italian Army have in fact stolen some of my property, thus repeating an offence for which they have not yet been punished, I would be very grateful if you would issue instructions that in this instance their return must be made.

Yours

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Brigadier Duchesne, C.B.E., M.C.,
M.M.I.A., Lequille.

Letter

FROM : AIR COMMODORE R.M. POTTER,
AIR DIVISION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.M.F.

TO : COLONEL BUSTTA } AERONAUTICA CAMPAGNA
COLONEL DEWITTE }

DATE : 17TH FEBRUARY 1944.

REF. : 1/AIR.

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The duties of the Air Division and the Air Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, have now been placed under my direction.

Wing Commander Ninter will be attached to the Headquarters of the Allied Control Commission at Naples, and it will be through him that all business between the Aeronautica Campagna and the Allied Control Commission should pass.

I hope to be over in Naples one of these days, when I shall look forward to renewing my acquaintance with you and discussing the various problems which have cropped up.

R.M. POTTER,
AIR COMMODORE

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From AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION BARI

To ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (SALENO)
HQ ACC (R), WAAF (ADV)

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Confusion continues to exist internally and externally because the unit under Air Commodore Foster working with the Italian Air Force assumes the title of Air Division or Air Section of the Allied Control Commission. Is A/C Foster's unit part of the Allied Control Commission organization? If it is not part of the Allied Control Commission request you ask WAAF to give it an authorized title.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission

To : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

Copy to:

M.A.A.F. (Adv.)

M.A.A.F. (Rear)

Date: 10th. February 1944

Ref.: ASC/AIR. From the interests not intended

Function of Air SubCommission

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A Bomber Transport Wing at IFOCK.
A Sea Reconnaissance Wing at BRINDISI and TARANTO

The R.A.F. Operations Headquarters with the I.A.F. controls the operations of the Fighters and Bomber/Transport Wing on the orders of the Allied Air Force Commands. The Sea Reconnaissance Wing operations are controlled by No. 242 Group of Coastal Command. Each Wing has a R.A.F. Wing Commander with it.

(f) R.A.F. Operations Headquarters controls Administrative and Signals Services of the I.A.F.

2. (a) The organisation of the Land Forces Sub Commission (L.F.S.C.) is different. It was formerly known as the Military Mission to the Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) It has its seat at the Italian War Ministry near Lecce, but the Brigadier who heads the

L.F.S.C. has an office at SALERNO with the A.C.C., because he has to follow the War Minister. (The Air Minister goes to SALERNO only for Cabinet Meetings).

(b) The function of the L.F.S.C. is to control the War Ministry, who have to produce Army Units for the line and each areas, train them, equip them and maintain them with Italian resources.

(c) Liaison officers of the L.F.S.C. do duty with the Italian Army in the field.

(d) The Italian Army Units come under Allied Command for operations and employment.

3. It would appear that the Army solution for control is better than that of the Air Force solution in that the former have one controlling machine, the latter two, and they overlap their responsibilities.

4. In order to get the A.T.S.C. organisation clarified, we should have the A.T.S.C. controlling the Italian Air Ministry, who produce the Air Units, and maintain them through their own organisation. The I.A.F. operational units should be given over to the Allied Air Commands for operational orders. An A.T.S.C. Liaison Officer would be necessary in each Wing as adviser and for liaison between Allied Air Commands and the Wing. The Fighter Wing and the Bomber Wing could be operated by a Group in M.A.T.A.F. and the Sea Reconnaissance Wing, as now, by 243 Group.

5. This plan avoids the present confusion, and is more economical in staff.

6. May the simplified plan be considered, and a decision communicated please.

signed G. BUNTLEY DACRE

Air Commodore

Head of the Air Forces Sub Commiss

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COPY OF SIGNAL RE. GENERAL ORDER

(13)

FREEDOM FROM CINC CITE FRMGS

Jan. 241840A

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FILPOF FOR ALEXANDER, FATIMA FOR
MACFARLANE, FARGO, RPTD FAIRBANKS

Allied Force Headquarters General Order being issued, dated 24 January, effective 0001 hours 25 January, to following effect:

1. General Alexander will be representative in Italy of President of ACC and act for and on his behalf carry out functions of President ACC in Italy in respect of such matters as shall be delegated to him from time to time. Will continue Military Government of occupied territory under AMG.

2. General MacFarlane while serving as Deputy President ACC will be Chief Commissioner of ACC and CCAO of occupied territory under AMG. His Hq will be Hq ACC and in addition Civil Affairs Branch of Hq ACMF.

3. Hq AMG 15 Army Group disbanded.

4. Hq AMG 5th and 8th Armies will operate under operational command of Army Commanders and under technical control Hq ACC.

Italian territory not under AMG will be administered by Italian Government, under direction of ACC.

5. Regional organization on present lines will be maintained until further orders. Responsibility for all territory now under Hq AMG passes to Hq ACC.

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From: 1. Col. P. A. Staan, Air Sub Commission, A.C.C. Primoria
 To: Air Commissioner G. B. Gacoe, Air Sub Commission, Rome
 Date: 11th January 1944.
 Ref: TSC/PDH/2

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In accordance with your request I am listing below matters attended to by me during month ending 12th January:

1) Technical Intelligence

Parrot type Aero Engine. Further investigation and correspondence regarding D'ALESSANDRO Parrot Type Aero Engine.

Torpedoes. Collection of data concerning Italian Air Force Torpedoes and Torpedo sights, mainly through Capt FIORI.

2) Production of Torpedoes at the Whithead Fiume Works and at the associated MOTOFIDES Works at Leghorn, now under German control. Source of supply of materials and especially Air Fuel required by the above in the manufacture of Torpedoes for the German Air Force. Information obtained from Captain FIORI and General MATELLI.

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Production of Aircraft in German occupied Italy

3) Germany

Rome. Collection of information regarding GAF and

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IAF Centres in Rome, also addresses of personalities in Rome who are in a position to supply information of value. Hints and their location. Principally addresses in Plan of Rome.

Italian Air Force morale information collected from various sources.

Italian Air Force Officers attached to Allied Commands more especially officers who attached themselves to Allied Commands without prior authority from Regia Aeronautica. Investigation regarding their political background and precedents. Situation most important policy.

4) Interrogations

Aircrew Detachment (A.C. 2 Filt.) ROBERTO BARDIERI
on training of Rome.

Tenente Pilota (Lieut. Pilot) FRANCESCO MAZZA

who escaped from German occupied territory during Bari S.I. 44. General information of Air interest.

5) S.I.M. (Italian Intelligence Service) daily meeting
with Major-General SANDON. Collecting information
of Air interest from S.I.M. daily reports and subsequent
distribution to various Hqs. (suspended for time

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