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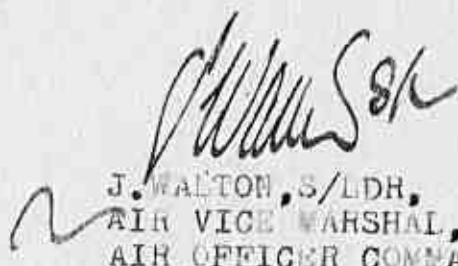
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome
To : Claims & Hirings (American) RAAC
Date : 27th December 1944
Ref. : AFSC/R/332/AIR.

PATRIOT ROLANDO ROSINI

Enclosed herewith reports received from the Italian Air Ministry in respect of the death of the above named.

2. This Sub Commission took the matter up originally with the Patriots Branch of Allied Commission, but so far no satisfactory answer has been received.
3. The correspondence reveals that the matter has been shelved and handled about for many months.
4. Information has now been received that the matter should be referred to Claims and Hirings (American).
5. It would be greatly appreciated if the case could be investigated as the delay has created the impression in Italian Service Circles that because an Allied vehicle is suspected of being involved attempts are made to avoid the acceptance of responsibility which may rightly rest.


J. WALTON, S/LDR,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 374

Ref: 53/61/PAT.

12 December 1944.

Subject: Patriot ROLANDO ROSINI.

To: Air Forces Sub Commission.

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In reply to your memorandum of 6 December (ref. AFSC/R/S.32/AIR), it is regretted that this Branch does not see that it can undertake an investigation into the circumstances of ROSINI's death.

It is suggested that the whole matter should be referred to Claims and Hirings (American) for their action.

P.D. Pagnier

Sir P.M. MAGNUS, Bt.,
Major,
for Col. R.G.B. SPICER,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

BMM/ejl.



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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

TO: PATRIOTS SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 14TH SEPTEMBER 1944.

REF: AFSC/P/S.32/AIR.

Herewith letter received from the Air Minister, General Piacentini, and a memorandum addressed to me giving the gist of this letter in English.

2. The matter of the safe-guarding of Italian Air Force property during the advance of the Allied Armies is one of considerable importance to us, as we have already lost some very valuable material and equipment in the Florence Area due to it not being guarded.

3. You will see that there is a statement at the foot of the page that Major De Hann of No.1 Special Force considers that this can be arranged. I should like to have your views on the subject, and to know whether you would like to make the arrangements yourself, or whether we should take the matter up through No.1 Special Force.

W.A.B. Buscarent

W.A.B. DOWEN-BUSCARENT,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Rome

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, ACC. Rome

To : HQ ACC. RU & ME Section,
Estriota Branch, APO 394

Date : 29th August 1944

Ref. : AFEC/R/S 32/AIR

PATRICK BOLANDEK RASINI

Enclosed herewith copy of translation of letter ref. 195 dated 25th August 1944 with translation of the enclosures therein referred to, relative to the above named, received from the Italian Air Ministry.

2. Might the matter please be investigated, and subsequently a report made to this Sub Commission.

J. Watson S/L

J. WATSON, S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICE, CANTONING.

Copies to:
Provost Marshal, R.A.A.C.
D.A.D. Claims & Hirings, Rome.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ROME OFFICE.

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August 13th 1944.

To: Patriots Branch, Hq. A.C.C.
Subject: Assistance to Patriots by Italian Air Force.
REF: AFSC/S/R/ 32 Air.

1. Pursuant to your recent request for information on Italian Air Force aid to patriots please note attached letter from the chief of the Cabinet.
2. It will be noted that this information does not specifically refer to patriots, however, since service with the patriots is given considerable weight in the screening of personnel, patriots will be the largest single group to benefit by assistance mentioned in the attached letter.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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TRANSLATION (Gilbert)

AIR MINISTRY

REF: 1619/110 COLLG.

To: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C. ROME.

August 6th 1944.

Subject: Assistance to Patriots.

With reference to the request from your Sub-Comm. for details of the assistance given by this Ministry to military personnel among the patriots which are being collected North of the Garigliano the following details are given:

Such personnel reported immediately after the liberation of their places of residence to the Collection and Reorganization centers where, however, at the beginning is was only possible to distribute small sums of money.

In Rome, upon request from this Ministry, it was possible to obtain from the Allied Command an extraordinary assignment of some 50,000 "B" type rations which made it possible to furnish, during about 20 days, a hot meal for the temporarily recalled personnel at the Commissariato (IAF) of Rome. Furthermore food was distributed in form of dry rations to about 8000 airmen and officers who reported during the first few days.

Later, the Allied Command conceded 150,000 "B" type rations, exclusively for personnel who had actually been taken into service with the various offices and units of the IAF in Rome and 1000 "C" type rations (subsequently reduced to 850) as a form of assistance to the remaining IAF (demilitarized) personnel in the city;

It is to be hoped that permission to obtain these rations will be maintained in the future in order to ensure a continuous assistance to IAF personnel whose living conditions have become extremely precarious due to present enormous difficulties and the reduction in IAF strength.

In the past few days a mess has been formed which has the characteristics of an assistencial organization and which today provides some 200-250 meals a day with a gradual contemplated increase to 400. This mess provides for regular officers who have been discriminated (screened), who are residing in Rome and who in view of the present situation could not be used and have therefore been sent on indefinite leave, awaiting Government action.

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For N.C.O.s of the regular service and O.R.s who are in a similar position to that set out above for the officers, there is in existence since June 26th at the Caserma Cavour a mess distributing daily 450-500 meals.

Financially the following assistance has been furnished:

a. an ~~initial~~ ^{initial} payment of 5000 lire to superior (senior) officers; 4000 lire to junior officers; 2000 lire to NCOs and 500 lire to O.R.s; paid out upon reporting.

b. a payment equivalent to one month's pay to all military personnel who have been declared "screenable" by the

appropriate commissions and also in view of the present

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limitation in numbers of the IAF has been sent ~~xx~~ on indefinite leave awaiting ministerial orders and also to non-regular personnel who have been ~~xxxx~~ demobilised.

The above is everything it was possible to do for IAF personnel in the way of assistance, although they sustained long months against the Nazi-fascists and their disdainful disregard of considerable emoluments held out by the republican air force.

As far as the redirection of personnel who cannot find a military employment into civilian activity is concerned it has ~~so far~~ not been possible for this Ministry to find useful ~~positions~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ worth examining, since the present economic situation of the Nation does not offer any.

The Chief of the Cabinet

(signed) General U. Cappa.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica

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Allegati

Roma, 6. 8. 1944 Anno

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Al 1' AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

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Risposta all' N.°

OGGETTO Assistenza patrioti.-

In merito a quanto richiesto da codesta Sottocommissione, circa le forme assistenziali attuate da questo Ministero a favore del personale militare da iscriversi tra i patrioti, recuperato al Nord del Garigliano, si segnala quanto segue:

Tale personale, subito dopo la liberazione della località di residenza, si è immediatamente presentato ai Centri di Affluenza e Riordinamento dove, però, inizialmente non è stato possibile attuare che una distribuzione di anticipi di modesta entità.

In Roma, dietro richiesta di questo Ministero, fu possibile ottenere dal Comando Alleato una concessione straordinaria di circa 50.000 razioni del tipo "B", con le quali furono confezionate per circa 20 giorni un pasto caldo per il personale richiamato temporaneamente in servizio presso il Commissariato R. A. della città di Roma, nonché di distribuire generi alimentari in natura a circa 8.000 militari presentatisi nei primi giorni.

Successivamente il Comando Alleato concesse n° 150 razioni tipo "B" (tipo militare) esclusivamente per il personale in effettivo servizio presso i vari Uffici ed Enti Aeronautici di Roma, nonché n° 1.000 razioni tipo "C." (ridotte in seguito ad 850) a carattere assistenziale per il restante personale affluito.

E' da augurarsi che tale autorizzazione debba sussistere anche per l'avvenire, al fine di assicurare, con carattere di continuità, un'assistenza intesa a sollevare le condizioni oltremodo precarie in cui versa la massa del personale R.A. in dipendenza delle contingenti difficoltà e delle sensibili riduzioni dei quadri.

E' stata istituita da qualche giorno una mensa a carattere assistenziale e con gestione ad economia oggi funzionante per circa 200- 250 unità con un previsto graduale incremento sino alla capacità limite di 400 unità.

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In ogni busta per ogni lettera un solo argomento, indicare nella risposta il n.° di protocollo e la data di arrivo di cui si risponde.

ISTITUTO MILITARE DELLO STATO

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A tale mensa convivono gli Ufficiali del servizio permanente effettivo discriminati residenti a Roma, i quali, non risultano utilizzabili in rapporto alla situazione e sono stati inviati in licenza illimitata in attesa del provvedimento di stato che li riguarda.

Per la manipolazione del pasto la Direzione della mensa di spone dei generi razionati relativi ai bollini delle tessere anonarie ritirate ai singoli commensali nonché degli altri generi complementari acquistati direttamente ai luoghi di produzione.

Per i Sottufficiali di carriera ed i militari e graduati di truppa che si trovano nell'analoga posizione innanzi precisata per gli Ufficiali, funziona dal 26 Giugno, presso la Caserma Cavour la distribuzione di un rancio caldo a 450- 500 persone.

Nel campo economico, sono state attuate le seguenti provvidenze:

- a)- un anticipo all'atto della presentazione, in misura di Lire 5.000 per gli Ufficiali Superiori, £.4.000 per gli Ufficiali inferiori, £.2.000 per Sottufficiali e £.500 per i militari di truppa;
- b)- un anticipo corrispondente, all'incirca, ad una mensilità di assegni a tutto il personale militare dichiarato discriminabile dalle apposite Commissioni, personale che, per le limitate esigenze dell'attuale organico dell'Aeronautica è stato collocato in licenza illimitata in attesa di disposizioni ministeriali e, quello di complemento, rinviato in congedo.

Quanto suesposto rappresenta tutto ciò che è stato possibile attuare nel campo assistenziale a favore del personale della R.Aeronautica, dopo lunghi mesi di decisa lotta al nazifascismo e di sprezzante indifferenza ai relativi tentativi di attrazione con l'autissimi stipendi.

Circa l'avviamento del personale che non trova impiego militare verso attività civili, da parte di questo Ministro non è stato ancora possibile porre allo studio soluzioni utili, in quanto la vita economica della Nazione in questo momento non ne presenta.=

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

(Generale U.CAPPA)

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Generale U.CAPPA)

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
RARI.

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 1st July 1944.

REF: 339/CHG.

SECRET.

Attached herewith are copies of a letter which I wrote to A.C.C. H.Q. which is self-explanatory, and a copy of the reply from the Finance Sub-Commission.

2. Will you please take action as suggested in para 2 of the Finance Sub-Commission letter.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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COPY.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
RARI.

TO: H.Q.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
RAPIES.

DATE: 22nd June 1944.

REF: 359/ORG.

SECRET.

During a recent conversation with General Cappa who was head of the secret front in Rome during the enemy occupation, he asked me if credits at present frozen at the Banca d'Italia could be released, so that arrears of pay not paid by the Republican Government could be paid to those members of the secret front who have worked for the Allies. Much of the money due was in the nature of Allowances for war injuries, orphans, prisoners of war etc.

2. The funds frozen which stand to the credit of the I.A.F. amount to 50,000,000 lire, and would just about meet the obligations. On the other hand, General Cappa had intended to keep half of this towards the requisitioning of buildings etc. required by the Italian Air Force.

3. It is suggested that this should be a matter for discussion with the Italian Air Ministry, but I should be grateful for your views as to whether, and if so when, these funds are likely to be released.

(Sgd). W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO. 394.

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27th June 1944.

SUBJECT: Payments to members of the Secret Front in Rome.

TO: Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your letter 339/ACC of 22nd June 1944 relating to the use of certain funds for payments to members of the secret front in Rome.
2. It is suggested that representatives of your Sub-Commission and of General Cappa discuss this question with Colonel A.F. Grafftey-Smith, Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission, who is presently at ACC Advance HQ, Rome. When Col. Grafftey-Smith is in possession of more information as to the ownership of the 50 million lire in question and amounts and types of payments General Cappa wishes to effect, he will be in a better position to express an opinion as to the possibility of releasing the blocked funds.

G.H. Foley, for
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner
(ref. your A/CC 100 of 26th June, 1944).

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
BARI.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.

DATE : 1st July 1944.

REF. : AFSC/539/ORG.

Tangible Recognition of Services of the Secret Front

Receipt is acknowledged of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission letter ACC/5134/IC dated 28th January 1944, relative to the above subject.

2. It is desired to express appreciation for the allocation of boots and clothing and to state that the boots will be most acceptable, but that it is felt it would be unwise to accept the blue dyed battle dress.
3. The Italian Air Ministry will be responsible for payment for the boots and arrangements convenient to the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission can be made for collection, but preferably in the Rome or Naples area.
4. Could information please be given as to where and when the first consignment may be collected.

W. A. B. Bowen-Buscalet.

W. A. B. BOWEN-BUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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