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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES & LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE
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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : "Stato Maggiore"-
Chief of Staff.
Date : 23rd July, 1946.
Ref. : AF30/756/P.I.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATIONS

The attached letters of Commendations have been received from Air Headquarters R.A.F. Italy, please bring the contents to the notice of the officers concerned.

2. This Sub-Commission would like to commend Capt. BASURTO for the extremely efficient way he has conducted his visits to Italian Air Force Units, his reports to this Headquarters have been extremely helpful to R.A.F. formations with Italian Air Force personnel working for them.

3. He is highly recommended for promotion in view of his outstanding qualifications.

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A. C. SALTER, S/LIE.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/O.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, RCEM.

Date:- 19th July, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/4013/AFALS.

LETTERS OF COORDINATION.

Attached are copies of letters from the Officer Commanding Air Headquarters (Unit) R.A.F. Italy.

2. It would be appreciated if the information contained therein could be passed on to the proper authorities.

Maxwell Fisher.

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The,

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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Air Headquarters, Italy

(Allied Liaison Section)

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It is desired to put on record the good work and service rendered by the undermentioned Officer.

2. Capt. Basurto has been in Command of the Italian Air Force Companies since October 1945 and during the whole time has worked with ability and zeal and has rendered much useful service to this Unit. He is always ^{ready} ready to cooperate and the organisation and discipline of the airmen under his Command, as far as this Unit is concerned, is much above the average.

3. Apart from his military duties this Officer has been found to be always courteous with a very charming manner. He is highly recommended.

Capt. William Basurto
Commandant of Italian A.A.
Detachment at Bellavista.

15th July, 1946.

S. C. C.
Squadron Leader, Commanding,
A.H.Q. (Unit) R.A.F. Italy.

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Air Headquarters, Italy

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Si desidera mettere in evidenza il buon lavoro ed il servizio reso dal sotto nominato Ufficiale.

2. Il capitano Basurto e' stato nominato Comandante delle Compagnie Italiane della Regia Aeronautica dall'Ottobre 1945, e durante tutto questo tempo ha lavorato con abilita' e zelo, ed ha reso utilissimi servizi a questo Quartiere Generale. Egli e' sempre pronto alla collaborazione, e la organizzazione e la disciplina degli avieri sotto il suo Comando, secondo quanto riguarda questo Quartier Generale, e' molto al disopra del livello normale.

3. All'infuori dei suoi doveri militari, quest'Ufficiale e' stato trovato sempre cortese e di una elevatura veramente superiore. Lo si raccomanda altamente.

Capitano William Basurto
Comandante Distaccamenti R.A.
presso R.A.F. di Bellavista
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Comandante il Quartier Generale
per l'Italia della Royal Air Force

15 Luglio, 1946

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Air Headquarters, Italy

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Allied Liaison Section

It is desired to put on record the good work in the administrative work done by the undermentioned Officer since he has been Adjutant of the Italian Air Force Companies in this Area.

2. He has at all times been most willing to cooperate with this Unit on all matters relating to the Administration of our companies.

3. He is recommended for retention in the service.

Lieut. Astone Temistocle
Adjutant of Italian R.A. Detachment
at Bellavista.

19th July, 1946.

S. G. G. G.
Squadron Leader, Commanding,
A.H.G. (Unit) R.A.F. Italy.

Air Headquarter, Italy

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Allied Liaison Section.

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2. Egli si e' sempre dimostrato, in ogni momento, volenterosissimo nel collaborare con questo quartiere Generale, per tutte le questioni relative all'amministrazione delle nostre Compagnie.

3. Si raccomanda che sia trattenuto in servizio.

Ten. Astone Temistocle
Aiutante Maggiore del Comando
Distaccamenti R.A. presso RAF.
di Bellavista - N A P O L I -

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15 Luglio, 1946.

Comandante il quartiere Generale
per l'Italia della Royal Air Force.

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VIA VENETO ROMA ==

TO: AIR VICE MARSHAL I.E. BRODIE, ALLIE
COMMISSION, VIA VENETO, ROME.

AT NOME AERONAUTICA TUTTA INVIO FERVIDI CORDIALI AUGURI -

IN THE NAME OF ALL THE PERSONNEL OF
THE ITALIAN AIR
FORCE WE EXTEND MARIO CEVOLOTTO=
OUR VERY BEST WISHES
FOR EASTER. MARIO CEVOLOTTO.

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM ALLIED AUTHORITIES ON ITALIAN AIR FORCE CONTRIBUTION.

Air Marshal Cunningham from the beginning of 1944, declared his great appreciation for the efforts made by our Air Groups in cooperation with Allied operations.

In January 1944, the Fighter Wing was congratulated for the splendid help given during the fighting which lasted 50 days from Podgorica to Kolasini.

In March 1944, Air Vice Marshal Foster declared that he had always received excellent cooperation from all personnel of the Italian Air Force. Apart from congratulating the work carried out by Flying Units in a spirit of great cooperation, he also praised the valuable contribution given by the various Labour Companies and the Salvage Units.

In his speech to the House of Commons on the 24th May 1944, Prime Minister Churchill stated that: "The loyal Italian Air Force has fought so well that I am making a special effort to supply it with perfected aircraft of British manufacture." As a matter of fact, this promise materialised sometime later with the allocation of American and British Fighter and Bomber aircraft. These aircraft went into operation in Autumn 1944 and were the price of a year's sacrifices borne by our Squadrons during which they were forced to work on Italian obsolete and antiquated aircraft.

The Mediterranean Allied Supreme Commander, General Wilson, expressed his satisfaction in May, for the activity carried out by the Transport Groups over the Balkans.

In August 1944, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscalet declared in writing that: "The Italian Air Force holds considerable credit for its activity and we must never forget its great contribution towards the Allied war effort.... The Italian Air Force has put into play all its resources and has shown notable ingenuity and great courage in flying every type of aircraft available."

The splendid results obtained by the Fighter Squadrons in November 1944, during the arduous and direct attacks of enemy columns in the Elbasan area, carried out in bad weather conditions, were warmly praised by Air Vice Marshal Elliot, Air Officer Commanding B.A.F.

For the same activity, General Baker, Commanding Officer Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, stated that: "You yourselves may-be do not realise the importance of your activity. In the United States, during my recent stay, your activity and the activity of the Balkan Air Force, is followed with immense interest. I am following your work very closely and my help will always be at hand. In the United States, thousands of Italians are looking up at you and are certain that our two Nations will be as in the past very close friends in the future."

General Baker, on the same occasion, speaking to our Bomber Squadrons, said: "There have been doubts as to the importance of the Italian Air Force contribution in the war by the side of the Allies. I have never doubted it, and the enthusiasm, courage and ability shown by you every day have proved my words to be correct."

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The Allies on many occasions also praised I.A.F. single squadrons, crews and personnel, as well as including the I.A.F. in congratulatory messages addressed to B.A.F.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM ALLIED SOURCES ON ITALIAN AIR FORCE ACTIVITY.

Statement made by Air Marshal Cunningham.

1st January 1944

I greatly appreciate the wholehearted efforts made by your squadrons in cooperation with Allied operations.....

Praise given to Fighter activity in December 1943.

From the Fighter Liaison Section
To the Fighter Wing.

"3rd January 1944 - The Chief of Staff of the 2nd Corp informs that during the last 50 days of fighting along the Podgoritza and Kolasin road, the enemy suffered the loss of 569 vehicles and 7 tanks. 222 vehicles were captured. He wishes to thank the Air Force for the magnificent help given during the whole of the fighting."

Statement made by Air Vice Marshal Foster, on relinquishing his post of Chief Director of the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. From the date of the Armistice in September up to this day I have been the Allied Air Officer responsible to the Supreme Allied Command for every activity of the Italian Air Force. I can state with all sincerity that I have met with excellent cooperation from all ranks of the Italian Air Force during the whole of my time.
2. The three Wings are making a good job of the work entrusted to them. They have shown their full willingness to fight the Germans. I congratulate you for the work done.
3. The personnel who were responsible for arranging and ensuring the organization required to maintain the squadrons on operations have carried out their task splendidly. Thanks to this effort and especially to the energetic action shown by the Units on recovery work I have faith that it will be possible to maintain serviceable a high percentage of Italian aircraft during the period of important operations which will take place during the next few months. Furthermore a large number of Italian Air Force personnel working with the Americans and British are giving valuable contribution to the war effort.
4. The spirit shown by the Italian Air Force in carrying out a great number of missions - operational as well as non-operational - in helping the Allies, is above all description. I believe you will keep this high spirit of cooperation up to complete victory.
5. I cannot foresee the developments of this nation after the war. But I can give you absolute assurance that you can count on a loyal and just treatment from our Nation.
I wish the whole of the Italian Air Force good luck in the future.

FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- General Biffi,
Comando Nucleo 1° Z.A.T., Palazzo Aeronautica, Milano.

DATE :- 13th March 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/ 751/P1



CAPITANO CASALE

It is desired to bring to the notice of the Comando Nucleo 1° Z.A.T. and also the Italian Air Ministry, the exceptional qualities shown by the above-mentioned officer in the execution of all his duties during the period from May 1945 to the present date.

2. Early in May, when Capitano Casale was appointed Officer in Charge of the Central R.A. Stores at Gallarate, the situation in Alta Italia was very difficult. A very small number of R.A. personnel were available North of the Po, transport facilities were almost non-existent, and the location of aeronautical material (scattered over a wide area by the German or Republican Forces and pillaged and hidden by civilians) was a task calling for unusual resource and pertinacity.

3. In these adverse circumstances Captain Casale showed himself possessed of great organising ability and tireless energy. It would be impossible to recapitulate all the continual and unforeseen difficulties which arose or the unfailing resource with

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4. An example might be quoted of the attempts made to rob the important storehouse at Caravaggio and the speed with which Captain Casale became aware of the fact and, despite an almost complete lack of means and assistance, contrived to safeguard the hundreds of parachutes and other valuable material contained in that store.
5. That excellent work was also performed by Captain Casale in the Centres of Anzano del Parco, Seraglio, Busto Arsizio, Vergiate, Somma Lobarzo, Novara, Camorì, Monza, Biella and other places, from which vast quantities of stores were successfully recovered and transferred to Gallarate. The efficiency of these undertakings must be largely attributed to the personal activity of Captain Casale and his example inspired all the officers and men, with whom he came into contact, to efforts in excess of their normal capacity.
6. Nothing could exceed the exactitude and despatch with which Captain Casale set about the task of systematising the Main Stores at Gallarate. Notwithstanding the quantity and variety of the material involved, or the pressure of other work, he found time to supervise and direct all activities and the result of his labours may be said to be beyond criticism.
7. In the course of this work Captain Casale repeatedly came into contact with officers of the Royal Air Force, many of whom made most favourable comments on his exceptional ability and unflinching courtesy. There can be no doubt that his comportment has created a wide spread favourable impression and heightened the esteem of the members of other forces for Regia Aeronautica.
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L. B. JARMAN C/O
Commanding
A.P.S.C. MILAN.

Copy to :- A.P.S.C., A.C., ROME.

DA :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

A :- Generale Biffi,
Comando Nucleo 1° S.A.T., Palazzo Aeronautica, Milano.

DATA :- 18 Marzo 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/751/F1.

CAPITANO CASALE

Si desiderano portare a conoscenza del Comando Nucleo 1° S.A.T. ed del Ministero dell'Aeronautica Italiana, le eccezionali doti dimostrate dal sopranzionato ufficiale nell'adempimento del suo dovere dal maggio 1945 sino ad oggi.

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2. Ai primi di Maggio, momento in cui il capitano Casale fu incaricato del Comando del deposito Centrale della Regia Aeronautica a Gallarate, la situazione nell'alta Italia era molto difficile. Un esiguo numero di personale della Regia Aeronautica era disponibile al nord del Po, i trasporti erano pressoché inesistenti ed il collocamento ed il deposito del materiale aeronautico (disperso su di una vasta zona dai tedeschi e dalle forze repubblicane, e saccheggiato e nascosto dai civili) era un compito che richiedeva capacità e perseveranza non usuali.

3. In questa difficile situazione il Capitano Casale dimostrò di possedere capacità di organizzatore ed instancabile attività. Fu impossibile riassumere tutte le impensate e continue difficoltà sorte che il capitano Casale ha sempre brillantemente

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Vi bene citare come esempio la prontezza con la quale il Capitano Casale, venuto a conoscenza del tentativo di svaligiare l'importante deposito di materiale di Gera Vaglie, completamente sprovvisto di mezzi e di assistenza, effettuò la salvaguardia di centinaia di paracadute e di altro materiale di pregio contenuto nel sopra-detto deposito.

5. Ma altro eccellente lavoro è stato fatto dal Capitano Casale nei centri di Anzano del Parco, Seragnò, Gusto Arizio, Vergiate, Somma Lombardo, Novara, Cameri, Monza, Biella ed altre località dai quali depositi fu recuperato moltissimo materiale che fu poi trasferito definitivamente a Gallarate. L'abilità di queste azioni va largamente attribuita alla personale abilità del Capitano Casale, che è stato di esempio a tutti gli ufficiali ed agli uomini e di sprone a superare le loro normali capacità.

6. Niente può superare l'esattezza e la speditezza con la quale il Capitano Casale organizzò la sistemazione del Deposito Centrale di Gallarate; nonostante la quantità e la disparità del materiale ivi esistente, e la pressione di altri lavori, egli trovò il tempo per dirigere e sovrintendere tutto questo lavoro, e il risultato di questa sua attività ed può definirlo eccellente.

7. In questo periodo di tempo il Capitano Casale è venuto ripetutamente a contatto con gli ufficiali della Royal Air Force, molti dei quali hanno parlato in favore delle sue eccezionali abilità e della sua inaffabile competenza. Non c'è alcun dubbio che il suo valore ha creato una larga impressione favorevole che è valso certamente a valorizzare il personale tutto della Regia Aeronautica.

8. Si poranno a sua vostra conoscenza quanto informazioni, non solamente come un riconoscimento di queste efficienze, ma anche perché si desidera voi siete informato sullo stato di servizio del sopramenzionato ufficiale.

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8. Si porrebbano a una vostra conoscenza questo informazioni, non solamente come un riconoscimento di questo ufficio per la più che soddisfacente cooperazione del Capitano Casale, ma anche perché si desidera voi siate informato sullo stato di servizio del sopramenzionato ufficiale.



L.E. GARRAN G/C
Commanding
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

Copia a :- A.F.S.C., A.C., Roma.



OFFICE OF THE BRITISH POLITICAL
ADVISER TO SAARLAND.

A.B.M.Q.

11th March, 1945.

My dear Air-Vice-Marshal,

I am most grateful for your very kind assistance in arranging for an aircraft to bring me back to Canada on Saturday.

The people concerned were good enough to fly on a Savoie, and I had a quick and comfortable trip.

Accept my best thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Philip Broadie

Philip Broadie

Air Vice-Marshal P.E. Broadie, O.B.E.
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
A.B.M.Q.

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ITALIAN AIR CISTRY.

to Compliments file with
my letter to I.A.D.

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Dear Sir Vice-Marshal,

S.A.

I am grateful for the flattering words used by you in recognition of the effective contribution given by the Italian Air Force to the war of liberation.

2. It is an honour and a pleasure for all of us to continue to collaborate with you and your officers, and whilst we can look with satisfaction at what has been done for the reconstruction of our Air Force, we rely on your interest and on your help and that of the A.P.S.C. for its ever increasing strength.

3. I reciprocate your wishes,

Yours etc.

SGA. M. CEVDELYTO.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica

Roma.

Caro Maresciallo

Le sono riconoscente delle lusinghiere parole con le quali ha voluto riconoscere l'effettivo contributo dato dall'Aeronautica Italiana alla guerra di liberazione.

Per noi tutti è un onore e un piacere seguire a collaborare con Lei e con i Suoi Ufficiali; e mentre guardiamo soddisfatti a quanto è stato fatto per la ricostituzione della nostra Arma, confidiamo nell'interessamento e nell'aiuto Suo e della A.F.S.C. per un sempre maggior potenziamento della nostra Aeronautica.

Le sono assai grato, caro Maresciallo, dei Suoi ringraziamenti e dei Suoi auguri, che cordialmente Le rinnovo.

Un saluto

Air Vice Marshal I.E. BRODIE
Air Officer Commanding

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

ANAC/756/PA.

31st December, 1945.

Dear

At this season we look back on 1945 and think of what has been achieved. This year and in my present position I am glad to say sincerely that the R.A. within its practical limitations has done good work in helping to defeat the Germans, and helping materially in the rehabilitation of Italy.

It has been a pleasure to the members of the A.F.S.C. to work with you and the officers and other ranks of the R.A., and we wish the R.A. every success in 1946.

We are sure that much has been done in reconstructing R.A., and we look forward to the further work which lies before you and ourselves in improving the organisation and efficiency of the R.A.

Finally we wish to take this opportunity for thanking those Italians with whom we came into contact for their whole hearted cooperation in a difficult task.

Duon Cippo D'Arno,

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Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

APPENDIX "E"

WEEKS BROADCAST COMMENTARY ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Olive Netheris, war correspondent of the Blue Network Radio Co. in Italy has recently broadcast the following speech from Rome to NEW YORK where it was retransmitted to all the other U.S. stations. According to him more than 12,000,000 Americans have listened to it.

"It will probably come as a bit of a surprise to very Americans to learn that the Italian Air Force is still fighting in this war. Not only is the Italian Air Force still fighting and flying, but it is doing the job on the right side; our side. Today right here in Italy, Italian fighters, bombers and transport pilots who not so long ago were fighting against us, are now carrying the battle to the Germans. Flying old Italian planes as well as modern American and British ones that have been loaned to them, they now fulfill daily missions against the Nazis, our common enemy. The story of how the Italian Air Force managed to get these few planes together after the armistice was signed is a tribute to the industry and courage of every man in the organization.

When Italy stopped fighting the Allies, we had very few planes still in fighting condition. She had no spare factories. All of her major industries were located in the North, in the territory still dominated by the Germans.

Such a situation could have easily brought about a complete disintegration of the Italian Air Force. Such a thing would have happened if it had not been for the men who formed that Air Force. They wanted to go on fighting and flying. They got their old planes together. They sent a large group out to hunt the battle fields of Africa for wrecked Italian a/c. They hauled the bits and pieces back to the South of Italy. There they established repair units. They were without tools, so they made tools. They salvaged parts enough to put whole planes together, planes that would fight again, this time against the Germans.

Today, according to Lt/Col. Armaro of the Italian Air Force, their rebuilt Italian planes are being flown in combat by Italian pilots. Side by side with the old Italian craft are the American B-59's and B-24's and the English Spitfires. The Italians, like our planes. They have but one complaint, they would like to have more of them.

Most of the Italian air attacks have been concentrated on the enemy. There they attack the enemy ground installations; they also fly important supply missions to the Partisans. The greatest wish of the Italian pilots is that they will soon be assigned to fly Italian planes in Italy where they can feel that they are taking a more direct part in the liberation of their own country.

This is the broadcast on Italian aviation which Olive Netheris, war correspondent of the Blue Network Co. transmitted recently from Rome to NEW YORK and all U.S. stations. It will be particularly appreciated by all Italian aviators and by all Italians who are at present doing their utmost to put their country back in the position which they coveted before the war.

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From : Air Ministry
To : A.F.S.C., Rome
Date : 6th November 1945
Ref : E/23026

Report of A.F.S.C. officers

With reference to your letter AFSC/756/P1 dated 4/10/45.

2. You are requested to let us know the first name of Lt. MASTALDI, and if possible, the branch in which he is specialized.

The Chief of "I" Office
Lt. Col. Fil. F. Santini.

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translated by J. Bevacqua.



STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA 618502 30A
UFFICIO IProt. n° K/ 23026 Roma 11 - 6 NOV. 1945AIR FORCES SUB
COMMISSIONOGGETTO: Encomio di una relazione degli Ufficiali dell'A.F.S.C.-

Si fa riferimento al foglio in data 4 ottobre 1945 - n° AFSC/756/P.1.-

Si prega voler comunicare il nome del Tenente MASTALDI e, se possibile, la specialità. =

IL CAPO UFFICIO "I"
(Ten. Col. pilota F. SANTINI)

S/Ldr. Bradshaw.

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AFSC Rome Per ELO.

44/01

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FROM AVM WHITEFORD AHQ RAF ITALY 010915A
TO UNIT COMMANDERS ALL AHQ RAF ITALY UNITS
EXCEPT ALL DAF AND GREECE UNITS
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AOC 79 1 ST OCT UNCLASSIFIED.

ON RELINQUISHING COMMAND OF AHQ ITALY AND HANDING OVER TO AIR
VICE MARSHAL FOGARTY I WISH ALL RANKS TO KNOW MY GREAT ADMIRATION
OF THEIR EXCELLENT WORK. THIS WORK HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COMPLEX
IN THE DAYS WHEN THIS HEADQUARTERS ~~WAS~~ FUNCTIONED
AS MACAF. ALMOST EVERY SORT OF AIR OPERATIONS WAS UNDERTAKEN
AND PERFORMED WITH SUCCESS AND DISTINCTION. THE SAME DEGREE
OF ENERGY AND THOROUGHNESS HAS BEEN DISPLAYED BY

ALL ON THE CHANGE OVER TO ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE
UNDER AHQ ITALY. YOU HAVE MADE MY JOB A VERY EASY ONE AND I
APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL

BT 010915A

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TO HQ RAF MEDIE ALL RAF UNITS IN MEDIE
 ORDER OF THE B BY AIR MARSHALL SIR GUY ARROP KCL OBE MC DFC
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE
 EAST CASERTA CME C.O. 28A

ON OCTOBER 16TH THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND
 MIDDLE EAST COMH AND IN CASERTA FUSES WITH THE HEADQUARTERS
 OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMAND MIDDLE EAST COMH AND I HAND
 OVER COMMAND TO AIR MARSHALL SIR CHARLES NECHURST IN

CAIRO C.O. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF THANKING YOU
 ALL COMH OFFICERS COMH NCO'S AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN FOR THE
 LOYAL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE YOU HAVE GIVEN DURING MY PERIOD
 OF COMMAND C.O. TOGETHER WE HAVE SEEN THE CLIMAX OF THE
 OPERATIONS IN ITALY COMH WHICH LED TO THE UTTER DEFEAT OF THE
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 FULL TESTIMONY TO THE DEVASTATING EFFECT OF OUR ALLIED AIR
 POWER IN HIS FINAL DESTRUCTION C.O. EACH ONE OF YOU PLAYED HIS
 OR HER PART IN THIS GREAT TRIUMPH C.O. IT IS SOMETHING OF WHICH
 YOU HAVE EVERY CAUSE TO BE PROUD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES

PARA - MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN PASSING THROUGH A 7102
 DIFFICULT PERIOD OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION C.O. I WANT
 TO CONFERM YOU COMH ONE AND ALL COMH ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING
 AND BEARING DURING THIS TIME C.O. YOU HAVE APPRECIATED THE
 DIFFICULTIES COMH YOU HAVE BEEN PATIENT AND FAIRMINDED
 YOU HAVE UPHELD THE TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE C.O.

PARA - DURING THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF RECONSTRUCTION THAT LIES
 AHEAD COMH YOU WILL NEED THE SAME HIGH QUALITIES OF
 SACRIFICE AND UNSELFISHNESS THAT HAVE CARRIED YOU SO

MAGNIFICENTLY THROUGH THE YEARS OF WAR C.O.

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LIFE WILL MAINTAIN THE MANY FRIENDSHIPS THAT YOU HAVE FORMED IN



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PARA - MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN PASSING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION (.) I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU COMMA ONE AND ALL COMMA ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND BEARING DURING THIS TIME (.) YOU HAVE APPRECIATED THE DIFFICULTIES COMMA YOU HAVE BEEN PATIENT AND FAIRMINDED YOU HAVE UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE (.)

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PARA - I HOPE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE RETURNING TO CIVIL LIFE WILL MAINTAIN THE MANY FRIENDSHIPS THAT YOU HAVE FORMED IN THE SERVICE I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL COME TO VALUE THESE MORE AND MORE AS THE YEARS GO BY (.)

PARA - TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE REMAINING IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE ARE ENTRUSTED THE TRADITIONS AND THE SPIRIT DEVELOPED IN THE HARD SCHOOL OF BATTLE (.) YOURS WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE AND INTERESTING TASK REQUIRING ALL YOUR POWERS OF IMAGINATION AND FORESIGHT (.)

PARA - TO ONE AND ALL OF YOU I WISH TO SAY HOW PROUD I AM TO HAVE

HAD YOU WORKING WITH ME IN THIS COMMAND COMMA AND I WISH YOU

HOWEVER YOU MAY BE



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CONFIDENTIAL

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION IN A.C. ROME
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE : 4TH OCT. 1945
REF. : AFSC/755/P.1

COMMENDATION IN A.F.S.C. OFFICERS REPORT.

The following extract from a report of a Senior Officer attached to the Air Forces Sub Commission in Northern Italy is forwarded for your information and any action you think desirable:

" It would not be correct to finish this report without a mention of the exceptional work done by Lt. BASTARDI. He has worked hard and intelligently. His knowledge of his specialised branch - MT - is very considerable and he is both keen and hard working. He is completely reliable and honest.

Should this job turn out to be a success, it will be largely due to his efforts and maintenance of aim.

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I would suggest that an extract from this report be translated into Italian and forwarded to Air Ministry, since I have seldom seen a case where a special commendation was so greatly merited or where an officer so clearly stood out among his contemporaries."

To be sent marked Personal

A.C.A.S.

W.A.B.

W.M. BISDIE W/C
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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To: AF 80, AC, Rome

FROM AIR HEADQUARTERS ITALY

TO NOS 1-2-3-3 BASE AREA NOS 261 -336 -338 WINGS

A/C SAFE CENTRE V. ITALY AFSC ROME NO 301 ASRCU

NO 111 R AND SU NO 23 AACU A/C SAFETY CENTRE

S. FRANCE NOS 293 AND 624 SQDNS ANQ ITALY (UNIT)

QR --- BT

F680 UNCLASSIFIED (.)

THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL RECEIVED BY A.O.C. M.C.A.F. FROM

AIR MARSHALL GARROD (.) THIS MESSAGE TO BE REPEATED

IMMEDIATELY IN ALL UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS QUOTE (.)

NOW THAT MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL AIR FORCE HAS FINISHED

ITS TASK THE TIME IS OPPORTUNE TO REVIEW THE

WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY YOUR COMMAND (.)

PARA TWO (.)

IN MARCH 1943 NORTH WEST AFRICA COASTAL AIR FORCE WAS

FORMED AND WAS CHARGED WITH THE PROTECTION

OF PORTS AND SHIPPING AT SEA

ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN AND

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING STRIKES

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AND A NUMBER OF OTHER MINOR ACTIVITIES (.)

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COASTAL AIR FORCE BY THE SUMMER OF 1940 AND HAD

56 SQUADRONS UNDER ITS COMMAND (.) THESE BELONGED TO

THE AIR FORCES OF THREE NATIONS

BRITISH AMERICAN AND FRENCH AND WERE ENGAGED IN UNDERTAKING EVERY

KNOWN FORM OF ACTIVITY TO WHICH AN AIR FORCE CAN BE APPLIED IN WAR (.)

PARA FOUR (.)

THE SUCCESS OF THESE OPERATIONS CAN BE JUDGED FROM THE

EXTREMELY LOW FIGURES OF DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPPING IN CONVOY

IN PORT AND DURING THE APPROACHES TO THE VARIOUS

INVASIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE (.) IN ADDITION THE AMOUNT OF

ENEMY AIRCRAFT SUBMARINES AND SHIPPING DESTROYED PRESENT

A FORMIDABLE TOTAL (.)

PARA FIVE (.)

THESE VARIED AND ONEROUS DUTIES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT

TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN A WORTHY AND CHEERFUL FASHION BY

ALL RANKS IN YOUR COMMAND (.)

PARA SIX (.)

PLEASE CONVEY MY THANKS TO ALL PERSONNEL

FOR THEIR SPLENDID AND SUSTAINED EFFORT (.) UNQUOTE (.)

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

TO: HQ. RAF. MEDAE (AIS - 2 COPIES).

DATE: 29TH AUGUST, 1945.

REF: AFSC/756/P1.

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Further to this Sub-Commission's letter of even-reference dated 14th August, 1945, attached herewith is a copy of a further letter received from the Italian Minister for Air. This is passed to you for information.

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T.G.H. BEANCE, W/CDR,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA.

ROME.

25th August, 1945.

25380/4750/Coli.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

I thank you for the message contained in your letter of the 14th August which must have crossed mine of the 12th inst.

The news of the Japanese surrender has been received with great joy by all Italians, not only because it signifies the beginning of a new era for the whole world, but also because it upholds victory for right, justice and liberty over brute force.

The Regia Aeronautica is particularly proud to have been able, even though in the minor way reserved for it, to participate in the fight and you may rest assured that in the not less important task of rehabilitation and maintenance of peace, it will contribute with the ~~the~~ ^{an} impetus and loyalty equal to that demonstrated in the battle of the skies at the side of the R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F., and with the certainty of that spirit of friendship which has always united my country, notwithstanding the painful interlude, with the great democracies of Britain and America.

Yours etc.

(SGD) CEVOLOTO.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, 25 Agosto 1945

25330/4750 BM

Caro M. M.

La ringrazio moltissimo per il messaggio contenuto nella Sua lettera del 14 agosto c.g. che si è evidentemente incrociata con la mia in data 12 stesso mese. -

La notizia della resa delle truppe giapponesi è stata appresa da tutto il popolo italiano con grande gioia, oltre che per il fatto che essa ha segnato l'inizio di una nuova Era per il mondo, anche per l'alto significato che essa esprime della vittoria del diritto, della giustizia e della libertà sulla forza bruta. -

La R.Aeronautica è particolarmente fiera ed orgogliosa di aver potuto, sia pure nei ristretti limiti ad essa consentiti, partecipare alla lotta ed a mio mezzo assicurare che, anche nel non meno importante e gravoso compito della ricostruzione e della conservazione della pace, essa darà il suo contributo con danico e lealtà pari a quella dimostrata nei cieli di battaglia a fianco dei valorosi ed impareggiabili reparti della R.A.F. e dell'U.S.A.A.F.; ciò anche nella certezza di quello spirito di amicizia che ha sempre unito il mio Paese, nonostante la dolorosa parentesi, alle grazie inglesi ed americane.

grazie 517

25330/4750 E.M.

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Handwritten signature

A.V.M. - I.E. BRODIE - O.B.E.
Air Officer Commanding (Director)
Air Forces Sub Commission - A.C.
R.C.M.A.



M O S T I M M E D I A T E .

FROM A.M. WHITEHALL 1300001Z
TO ALL UNITS MEDVE - EXCLUDING ME.

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WEBBER W9630 13/8/45 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING TO HIS NAVIES ARMIES AND
AIR FORCES THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE (.) MESSAGE BEGINS
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THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE (.) THROUGH THE
LONG YEARS OF THE GRIM STRUGGLE WITH OUR ENEMIES IN THE
WEST AND IN THE EAST YOUR UNFLINCHING RESOLUTION AND INDOMITABLE
COURAGE IN THE FACE OF MANIFOLD ADVERSITY HAVE EARNED YOU
THE ETERNAL GRATITUDE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN (.) MANY OF YOUR COMRADES
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THE BEGRIEVED (.) WITH YOU I LOOK FORWARD TO THE SAFE
HOMEcoming OF THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO ENDURE CAPTIVITY (.)
BY GODS MERCY THE FORCES OF EVIL HAVE BEEN OVERTHROWN (.)
BUT MANY TASKS REMAIN TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THE FULL BLESSINGS
OF PEACE ARE TO BE RESTORED TO A SUFFERING WORLD (.) IT
IS THE DUTY OF EVERY ONE OF US TO ENSURE THAT YOUR COMRADES
HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN AND THAT YOUR OWN HARD WON ACHIEVEMENTS

Order to contact by ship 18/8 23A
without delay 19/8

FROM A.M. WHITEHALL 180001Z

TO ALL UNITS MEDVE - EXCLUDING ME.

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THEM ON BEHALF OF ALL MY PEOPLE I THANK YOU (.)
GOD BLESS YOU ALL (SIGNED) GEORGE

BT 180001Z

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FROM HEADQUARTERS MCAF 18/10/45

TO AHC GREECE AIRCRAFT SAFETY CENTRE SOUTHERN FRANCE

NO 1 BASE AREA AIR CRAFT SAFETY CENTRE WESTERN ITALY

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NO 281 WING NO 293 SQUADRON

NO 336 WING NO 23 MACU

NO 338 WING NO 301 ASRCU

NO 340 WING PADAP CONVERSION SCHOOL

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NO 281 WING NO 293 SQUADRON

NO 326 WING NO 23 AASU

NO 338 WING NO 301 ASRCU

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P.204 UNCLASS 18TH AUGUST 1945
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YOU (.) GOD BLESS YOU ALL (.)

SIGNED GEORGE P (.) UNQUOTE (.) MESSAGE ENDS (.)

MESSAGE TO BE REPRODUCED IN ALL UNIT ROUTINE ORDEERS (.)

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/756/P1.

14th August, 1945.

Dear

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th August and for
the kind message contained in it. I will pass your message on.

*S.S.C.
Have Air Ministry letter
Reproduced in our order of
Pass to DD of 1st
J.B. 1/8*

Yours

P.B.

Doctor M. Cavolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
TO: HQ RAF MEDIE CASERTA (ALS - 2 COPIES.)
DATE: 14TH AUGUST, 1945.
REF: AFSC/756/P1.

The attached copy of a letter received from DR. CEVOLATO (the Italian Minister for Air) is passed to you for information especially in view of the third paragraph.

2. For your information a copy of the message which I have passed to the Italian Air Minister is also attached.

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

AUGUST 12th, 1945.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

The surrender of Japan has been received with particular joy by myself and by all the Regia Aeronautica personnel.

At this happy moment for the entire world the Italian Air Force is proud to have contributed, if only in ^{the} a modest way reserved for it, towards final victory and joins in the general rejoicing.

The R.A. asks you, through me, to interpret this reaction to the Air Forces of the United Nations.

Yours etc.

SIGNED CEVOLOTTO.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, LIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

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14th August, 1945.

Dear *Dr*

We have just heard that the Japanese have accepted the Allied terms for the cessation of hostilities.

2. The news of the second World War being at an end comes to us as a great relief from the strain and sacrifices inherent in war.

3. We are duly thankful and in our thankfulness we like to think of the help given by the Italian nation, and in particular the contribution made by the Regia Aeronautica in overcoming our enemies.

4. We trust that during the equally important and no less onerous task of world rehabilitation and lasting peace, we will have the pleasure of co-operating with you in that spirit of comradeship which has so largely been responsible for overcoming our past difficulties.

Yours

Sincerely

Luigi P. Riboldi

Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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Rome, 11 12 AGO. 1945

IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Caro Maresciallo,

La resa del Giappone è stata accolta con particolare gioia da me e da tutto il personale della R. Aeronautica.

In questo momento così particolarmente lieto per il mondo intero l'Aeronautica Italiana, fiera di aver dato, sia pure nei limiti modesti consentitigli il suo apporto alla vittoria finale si unisce alla generale esultanza e Le prega, a mio mezzo, Sig. Maresciallo, di rendersi interprete dei suoi sentimenti presso le Aviazioni delle Nazioni Unite.-

Con molta stima

AIR VICE MARSHAL
I.E. Brodie - C.D.E.
Air Officer Commanding (Director)
Air Forces Sub Commission - A.C.
R O S A

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PARA (1)

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PARA (4)

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THUS DEVELOPED WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST AND TO PROVIDE A PRECIOUS BOND BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIR FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER

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WHICH THEY WILL CARRY WITH THEM IN THE YEARS TO COME STOP ENDS

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C. Col. M. published in Unit Orders 1945/8.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A ED COMMISSION,
ROME.

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AFSC/756/21.

30th July, 1945.

Dear

I took the liberty of sending an extract from the Union Jack which printed your Order of the Day on the disbandment of Balkan Air Force to the Italian Air Minister (DOCTOR CEVOLOTO.) You will remember that you mentioned Italian squadrons amongst the various nationalities which had taken part under the control of P.A.F.

2. The Air Minister wishes me to express to you on his behalf the gratitude of the Italian Air Force for the eulogy made in the Order of the Day regarding the contribution given in the war of liberation, an eulogy which is much appreciated by his aircrews.

Yours



Air Marshal Sir Guy Garrod, KCB, OBE, MC, DFC,
A.O.C.-in-C,
Headquarters,
M.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA.

ROMA.

27th July, 1945.

21013/4209Cell.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 12th inst.,
ref: AMSG/756/4 and especially for the nice things you have to write in
the last part of the letter.

2. I would be grateful if you would express to Air Marshal
Sir Guy Currey the gratitude of the R.A. for the valour made in the Order
of the Day regarding the contribution given to the war of liberation, an
avowal which is a recognition much appreciated by our aircrews.

Yours

(sgt) THE MINISTER.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, li 27 LUG. 1945

21013 / H. of
Gen. Maresciallo

La ringrazio per la cortese comunicazione datami con il foglio n° AFSC/756/P1, in data 12 c.m. e per le cortesi espressioni contenute nell'ultima parte del foglio stesso.

2. - Le sarei grato se volesse esprimere al Maresciallo Sir Guy Garrod la viva gratitudine dell'Aeronautica Italiana per l'elogio fatto nell'Ordine del Giorno, per il contributo dato alla guerra di liberazione; elogio che è un riconoscimento molto apprezzato da parte dei nostri equipaggi.

Gen. i v. p. d. d. d.

(Signature)

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A.V.M. - I.E. BRODIE O.D.E.
Air Officer Commanding (Director)
Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.

- ROMA -

17A

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.I.L. COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/756/P1.

12th July, 1945.

Dear

I think you will be interested in the attached cutting from the newspaper UNION JACK dated the 12th July 1945, concerning the disbandment of the Balkan Air Force in which Italian Squadrons played their part, and which are mentioned.

2. The Order of the Day dealt mainly with the past except for the last paragraph, the spirit of which it is, and will be, my endeavour to foster.

Yours



Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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Pass to 13/7

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Balkan Air Force disbanded

IN an Order of the Day, Air Marshal Sir Guy Garrod, A.O.C.-in-C., R.A.F., Mediterranean and Middle East, and Deputy C.-in-C., M.A.A.F., expresses his admiration of the magnificent achievements of the Balkan Air Force, which is now being disbanded. The Order states:

"On June 1, 1944, units of the Air Forces of the United Nations, selected to play a leading part in the liberation of the enslaved countries, were welded together into the Balkan Air Force. From that day, to the day of his final defeat, you have harassed and afflicted the enemy without ceasing.

"You have performed a greater variety of tasks than any other Air Force. Besides supporting the regular armed forces of Britain and Yugoslavia, you supported and supplied the widespread and numerous Partisan forces operating in the Balkans.

HELPED PATRIOTS

"At times you flew farther afield, to North Italy, even to Warsaw and Central France, to assist the resistance movements there. Your transport aircraft brought out Allied wounded from dangerous landing strips in the heart of enemy-held territory.

"Fighter - bombers, medium bombers and rocket-projectile aircraft attacked enemy troops and transport wherever they were to be found. Enemy shipping in the Adriatic felt the sting of your attack, whether it dared to sail or took refuge in port.

"In less than a year the combined efforts of the British Empire, American, Russian, Polish, Hellenic, Yugoslav and Italian squadrons have played their part decisively in annihilating the enemy in the Balkans and on the Adriatic. While we salute this great achievement, let us remember with pride and gratitude those of your gallant company who have given their lives.

"Your task is done, and well done. But over and above the great contribution that you have made towards final victory in Europe, you have shown that by the exercise of tact and mutual understanding, men of different countries can work as brothers in defeating a common enemy. On this spirit of brotherhood between nations rest our hopes of a lasting peace."

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AIR COMMISSION,
ROME.

CONFIDENTIAL

AFSC/756/P1.

12th June, 1945.

Dear

15A

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter received from MILLS in appreciation of the work done by the Italian Air Force squadron while they were under his command.

2. I would like to inform the Italian Air Minister the gist of the attached, but I feel perhaps that it might not be expedient to do so until you return from England where I gather you will be seeing A.C.A.S.(P) concerning the future of the Italian Air Force. If it then appears that the Italians will be allowed to retain some sort of an Air Force, I think we should let the Italians know of the appreciation of their efforts by British Air Force, especially in view of the obvious fact that very many highly placed Americans are daily saying nice things about the Italians and inferring that they ought to be treated as anything but enemies in the near future, whereas I have seldom seen much in their favour emanating from British sources.

3. In any event I think that the substance of MILLS' letter should be borne in mind when considering the future of the Italian Air Force, and I would add that all British Officers Commanding M.A.F. Units and Stations seem to have found that the Italians will do what they are asked to do with keenness, energy and good-grace - in particular GROUP CAPTAIN STABLETON (BIFERNO) and WING COMMANDER HOMES (ELIAS.)

4. I hope that when you return you will be able to tell the Italian Air Minister something about the future of the Italian Air Force because I have good reason to believe that they are individually and collectively very anxious as to their future - it has been observed from the local press (L'ESPRESSO dated 9th June 1945,) that the Italian Navy and Army are assured of some future by recent declarations of MR. CHURCHILL in the House of Commons etc, where nothing has been said about the Italian Air Force.

5. Acting on your instructions I have not yet officially informed the Italian Air Minister of the interim policy which is to be adopted, although I have told GENERAL ALMONTE CAT that for the time being things will remain much as they are now.

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Yours

Air Vice-Marshal G. Baker, CE, CBE, MC,
Headquarters,
M.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

Note: I spoke with A.V.M. Baker & Mills about this on 6 July & we decided not to send the gist of it to I.A.M. for reasons given above at p. 100

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From :- Air Vice Marshal G.H. Mills, D.F.C.,

Headquarters,
Balkan Air Force,
Royal Air Force,
C. M. F.

DC/CHM.

8th June, 1945.

My dear Bradie

Now that you have formally re-assumed control of the Italian Squadrons which were working with Balkan Air Force, I would be glad if you would thank them from me for the very good work they did while they were with us. The keenness and spirit which they showed in all their operations made no small contribution to the success of our operations in the Balkans, and earned for them the admiration of the Royal Air Force units they fought alongside.

2. In particular, I would like to mention the reliability of the reconnaissance missions flown by the Fighter Squadrons and the vigour with which they pressed home their attacks when targets were found. In the same way, the constant hampering of the Bomber Squadrons played an important part in the disruption of the enemy's communications and his ability to move reinforcements to threatened areas in the final stages of the war, while their constant attacks on gun positions in the islands, were largely responsible for neutralising those defences so that the Islands could be captured with very light casualties.

3. Nor do I forget the Transport Squadrons who carried on in all sorts of weather. Their work, though less glamorous, was no less important and I am sure will live long in the memory of those to whom they carried so many needed supplies.

4. I would like to thank them all, however and ground crew alike. They now wait to you with the best wishes of the Royal Air Force units they fought and worked alongside.

Yours sincerely
G.H. Mills

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Now that you have formally reassured control of the Italian Squadrons which were working with Ballan Air Force, I would be glad if you would thank them from me for the very good work they did while they were with us. The keenness and spirit which they showed in all their operations made no small contribution to the success of our operations in the Balkans, and earned for them the admiration of the Royal Air Force units they fought alongside.

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4. I would like to thank them all, aircrew and ground crew alike. They now pass to you with the best wishes of the Royal Air Force unite they fought and worked alongside.

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Sincerely,
P. L. A.

Air Vice Marshal I. E. BODF, C.B.E.,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
BODF.

✓ 500 - 2 mtd of the application into one Air Report for May 2d / x of base cut
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From:- Allied Liaison Section,
Headquarters, M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Comm (Rome)

Date:- 12th May, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4015/ALS.

1. Reference is made to your letter
AFSC/756/P1, dated 6th May 1945 together with
enclosures.
2. It is not intended to write a
letter on the lines suggested.

Chamney & Co.
(C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice Marshal
Chief of Staff/RAF Medway.



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12V DOK NRBI62 IMPORTANT 051105B (COPY)
FROM DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY HQ MAAF CEF
TO ALL FORMATIONS IN MED/ME COMMAND
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Q400 5TH MAY 1945 UNCLASSIFIED
STOP IN MY POSITION AS HEAD OF THE MAINTENANCE ORGANISATION
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST COMMAND I WISH TO
CONGRATULATE ALL RANKS EMPLOYED ON MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY
DUTIES FOR THE VERY HIGH STANDARD OF MAINTENANCE WHICH HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED DURING THE WHOLE OF THE
OPERATIONS IN THIS THEATRE STOP ON THE DAY THAT HOSTILITIES
CEASED IN NORTH ITALY THE SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT IN THE
SQUADRONS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THIS THEATRE WAS 88 (REPEAT)
88 PER CENT STOP THIS FIGURE SHOWS MORE THAN I COULD SAY
HOW MAGNIFICENT ALL YOUR WORK HAS BEEN STOP REQUEST THIS
MESSAGE BE PASSED TO ALL (REPEAT) ALL UNITS STOP

BT 051105B

Original Naples Office.



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From R.A.A.F.

(COPY)

To all Units R.A.A.F.

Ref No P520/5

Following signal has been received by the Commander-in-Chief MEDAE from Secretary of State for Air, and is to be brought to the notice of all personnel. Quote : On my own behalf, and on behalf of the Chief of Air Staff, and the rest of the Air Council, I send you, and all ranks under your command, warmest congratulations on the magnificent part played by the R.A.F. and the Air Forces of the Dominions and Allies in the long and arduous campaigns in Italy, culminating in the total surrender of the enemy's forces in that theatre. Side by side with their comrades in the United States Army Air Forces, they fought hard, and worked hard, in the air, and on the ground, to achieve and maintain mastery of the Mediterranean sky, and then, by disrupting the enemy's communications, and by direct support of the Allied Armies, they contributed decisively to the resounding victory now won. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for this massive accomplishment. Archibald Sinclair. Unquote.

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Original Naples Office.

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

TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

DATE: 6TH MAY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/756/P1. ✓

SA

I enclose a copy of the Italian Air Minister's letter of the 3rd May and my reply dated 5th May, for your information. I would like to suggest that a message be sent to the Italian Air Minister from the Deputy/Air C-in-C, giving some praise to the achievements of the Italian Air Force operating against the Germans.

2. You will note that my letter is very non-committal, as it would be dangerous for me to compliment the Italians, although I observe that both Mr. Winston Churchill and the Supreme Commander have done so.

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I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR CHIEF COMMANDING.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/756/P1.

5th May, 1945.

8A

On behalf of the Air Forces Sub-Commission I thank you for the kind message contained in your letter of the 3rd May. I shall have much pleasure in forwarding a copy of it to higher authorities.

2. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the co-operation of the Italian Air Force in our fight against the Germans.

3. I also look forward to the further assistance which it may be possible that you will be able to give to the Allies in that good spirit of co-operation which I am pleased to reaffirm.

Yours



I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING 7.138

H.E. Doctor Luigi Gasparotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

9A.
TRANSLATION FROM NEWSPAPER "DISORGANIZATO LIBERALE"
DATED 4TH MAY, 1945.

ITALY'S CONTRIBUTION TO VICTORY.

Reuter states that H.E. SIR NOEL CHARLES, British Ambassador to ROME, today conveyed to H.E. IVANKE BONOMI the following message from Prime Minister CHURCHILL:

"On occasion of the surrender of the German Armed Forces in Italy, I send you, your Excellency, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, a message of warm congratulations on the final liberation of Italian territory from our common enemy, and particularly for the part played by Italian regular forces and Patriots behind the lines.

The knowledge that the Italians have contributed to the unprecedented victory, and have materially accelerated the cleansing of their country's soil, will be, I am sure, a source of strength to the Italian people in the no less strenuous days ahead. It is a matter for great satisfaction to His Majesty's Government, as it will undoubtedly be to Your Excellency's Government that the defeat of the German Armies in Northern Italy should have been accomplished with so little human suffering, and with relatively little damage to that part of your country.

I extend to your Excellency the good wishes of His Majesty's Government for the great work of reconstruction which now faces the Italian Government and people.

I look forward to the time which cannot be long delayed when Italy, whose forces have co-operated in war with those of the United Nations, will work with the United Nations in the more fruitful labours of peace.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

ROME, 3/5/45.

Italian Air Ministry.

Ref: 13246.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

On an occasion when the United Nations and Italy celebrate the surrender of the enemy on our territory, I am very pleased to extend my appreciation to the glorious Air Forces represented by you, in the name of the Italian Air Force who gave its modest contribution to the war of liberation.

I hope that Prime Minister Churchill's message to my Country will pave the way to collaboration with the great Victorious Nations.

*Copy attached
for study
Reference*



(Sgd) GASPAROTTO.

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A.V.M. I.E. Brodie, OBE,
A.F.S.C. A.C. Rome.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica
IL MINISTRO

13246

Roma, 11 3-5-45 ^{8A}

Signor Maresciallo,

nel giorno in cui
le Nazioni Unite e l'Italia celebrano la re-
sa del nemico sul nostro territorio, mi è
grato inviare un riconoscente saluto alle glo-
riose Forze Aeree da Voi rappresentate, a no-
me dell'Aviazione italiana che ha dato il suo
modesto concorso alla guerra di liberazione.

Possa l'alto messaggio del Primo Mini-
stro Churchill schiudere al mio paese la via
della collaborazione con le grandi Nazioni
vittoriose.-

Oct. Lajvarotti

A.V.M. - I.E. BRODIE - O.B.E.
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C.
= R O M A =

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ARMED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/756/P1.

18th April, 1945.

I should like to express my thanks, and those of the rest of this Sub-Commission, for the manner in which GENERAL AGNESI and his Staff tackled the question of providing the 3,000 Italian Air Force personnel for the American Units.

2. The time set was short, and I am well aware of the difficulties involved, especially as regards transportation and communications.
3. The co-operation of GENERAL AGNESI and his Staff are most praiseworthy, and are highly appreciated by us.

W.B.C.

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

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H.E. General M. Aiazona Cat,
Chief of Air Staff,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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From:- Headquarters, No.2 R.A.F. Base Area.

To :- O.C., No. 40 P.T.C.
 O.C., No. 15 Rest & Leave Camp.
 O.C., No. 3 G.S.T.S.
 O.C., No. 14 Signals Centre.
 O.C., No. 567A M.S.U.
 O.C., No. 2 Film Production Unit.
 O.C., School of Chemical Warfare & Fire Fighting.
 O.C., Air Forces Sub. Commission.
 O.C., H.Q. Special Operations (Med) RAF Element.
 O.C., No.2 R.A.F. Base Area Adv. Echelon.
 O.C., H.Q.(Unit) No.2 R.A.F. Base Area.

Date:- 16th April, 1945.

Ref :- 2BA/8/AIR.

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

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Forwarded herewith are copies of a Special Order of the Day issued by the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Theatre. There are not sufficient copies to enable an issue of one per person to be made, but supplies are to be distributed to the best advantage.

2. In addition, this Special Order of the Day is to be re-produced in the Routine Orders of all Units.

*17.4.45
 Copies of
 attached Special
 Order forwarded to
 all personnel at
 Home and all
 sent to all detachments*

for

W. J. J. J.
 Squadron Leader,
 Senior Administrative Officer,
COMMANDER, NO.2 RAF BASE AREA.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
April, 1945

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Forces
in the Mediterranean Theatre

Final victory is near. The German Forces are now very groggy and only need one mighty punch to knock them out for good. The moment has now come for us to take the field for the last battle which will end the war in Europe. You know what our comrades in the West and in the East are doing on the battlefields. It is now our turn to play our decisive part. It will not be a walk-over; a mortally wounded beast can still be very dangerous. You must be prepared for a hard and bitter fight; but the end is quite certain — there is not the slightest shadow of doubt about that. You, who have won every battle you have fought, are going to win this last one.

Forward then into battle with confidence, faith and determination to see it through to the end. Godspeed and good luck to you all.

H.R. Alexander 7133

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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T ADD
TO AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION HOME PERSONAL FOR GENERAL
MARIO AMONE DASH CAT

FROM CANNON
YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND
HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALL UNITS OF MY COMMAND.

BT 1509550
CR BT 151312
SENT 151141B MFS
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FROM: AIR FORCES SIG COMMISSION, A.O. ROME.
TO : HQ., M.A.A.F., CMF.

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY (.) BEGINS -
" TO MAJOR GENERAL JOHN K. CANNON AIR OFFICER COMMANDING M.A.A.F. (.)
THE ITALIAN AVIATORS EXPRESS TO YOU, SIR, AND TO ALL THE AMERICAN
AVIATORS THEIR PROFOUNDEST GRIEF FOR THE GREAT MISFORTUNE WHICH HAS
COME UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE WORLD
AWAITING JUSTICE AND PEACE (.) SIGNED - CHIEF OF STAFF I.A.F.
GEN. MARIO ALMONTE CAT ROME 14TH APRIL 1945 (.)
MESSAGE ENDS (.)

PRIORITY - ROUTINE.

J.G. WHITE, F/LT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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TO L/T GENERAL JOHN A. CANNON
OFFICER COMMANDING OF M.A.A.F.

The Italian aviators express to you, Sir, and to all the American aviators their profoundest grief for the great misfortune which has come upon the American people and the people of the whole world awaiting justice and peace.

Rome, 14th April 1945

CHIEF OF STAFF I.A.F.
GEN. MARIO ALMONTE CAI

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
R.O.E.

AFSC/756/P1.

31st March, 1945.

I must thank you very much on behalf of the Royal Air Force
for your kind message of condolence on the sad loss of the Under Secretary
of State for Air, Commander Brabner.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

W.B.

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

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H.E. Doctor Luigi Gasparotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/756/P1.

31st March, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter of condolence in the loss of Commander Brabner, the Under Secretary of State for Air, written by H.E. Doctor Luigi Gasparotto the Italian Air Minister.

2. I have replied to H.E. thanking him on behalf of the Royal Air Force, but thought that the relatives of Commander Brabner might care to have the letter.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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

The Under Secretary of State,
Air Ministry,
Whitehall,
LONDON.

