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REORGANIZATION OF IAF COMMANDS & HEADQUARTERS
(POLICY ON RECALL OF GENERAL OFFICERS)
DEC. 1944; AUG. 1945 - SEPT. 1946

TO: S.I.O and OGC I.

On 25th March I spoke with Doctor Devolette (Air Minister) concerning progress made in the work of the six Commissions reviewing the retirement of Officers. It appears that these Commissions have been formed and will shortly begin their work. In about a week's time will S.I.O. please check that something is happening.

MB

Director.

26th March 1946.

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April 12.

The position at the moment is that the Commissions have been formed and will commence their sittings on April 24th. The setting up of these commissions is unpopular with the Air Force types because of the coming elections, and it is felt that a stable government should be in power before the Commissions start their deliberations, and there the matter rests for the time being.

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Thanks.

Always would be unpopular - some chiefs have been retired in the I.A.F. (as in the R.A.F.!).

MB 17/4.

*Pls. Please to file (as on Post)
at Post by me 15/5*

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FROM: AIR VICE MARSHAL I.S. KUTNEY, C.B.E.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,

ALLIED COMMISSION,

R O M E .

16th September, 1946.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.AFSC/268/TG.ALLIED MEMORANDUM.

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(iii) Similarly I understand that new regulations are being studied for the reduction of the Italian Air Force and for retirements. These studies, I suggest, should be done by officers holding posts within the Italian Air Ministry and not be Special Commissions, (though I admit I agree to the formation of these Commissions in our letter

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ADOC/360/2/ONG., of 6th April, 1949 - largely so as to start the jobs and get them done quickly). In other words the regulations and the actual reviews should now be done by a Committee within the Italian Air Ministry; if existing office holders would thereby be overworked, they might be re-inforced with some less senior officers than are at present employed on the various commissions, and these officers must be men who are known to have taken an active part in the Allied cause (several have recently been sent home on promotion).

(iv) There is also considerable uncertainty within the Air Ministry because there is a strong rumour that it is proposed to put two Generals above two Colonels, who have, and are still, doing their jobs very efficiently, namely in the Department of Construction (Colino) and the Signals Directorate (Di Vincenti). You informed me that you intended to leave things as they are (in these two cases).

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4. If you wish your opinion on the new draft regulations for the reduction of the Italian Air Force, for retirements and for promotions, we will be only too glad to help you.

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7. Air Council. As a part of the re-organisation of the Air Ministry, I still feel strongly that very little really satisfactory action will be taken until such time as the Air Council is meeting regularly (once a week). I realize, however, that the existing (Fascist) law does not decree an Air Council as we visualize it and that to get the law changed will take some time, but meantime I cannot see any reason why the Air Council (as we wish it) should not meet regularly without being called "the Air Council". In order to get over this difficulty you might well issue a ministerial instruction that the Heads of Departments of the Air Ministry shall meet on a specified day and at a specified time each week; you might, for example, call it the Air Ministry Inter-Departmental Committee. It must have

executive responsibility (as distinct from a purely advisory role) in that decisions are taken at the meetings which would be under the chairmanship of the Air Minister, or in his absence under the chairmanship of the Under Secretary of State for Air. In order to ensure the best decisions, I see no reasons why additional officers or officials (but without votes) should not be co-opted to attend these meetings in specific cases where technical, administrative or humanitarian advice is required.

8. Appointments. I must again re-iterate that it is not my function to suggest to the Italian Air Ministry who shall be put into various appointments, but I would appreciate it if you would remind your staff that the instructions from higher authority still lay down that intended appointments and changes down to and including Lieutenant Colonel have to be referred to the Air Forces Sub-Commission before the appointment is announced or effected.

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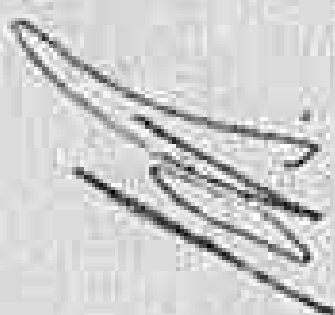
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Copy for the Council of the Air Force

APPENDIX "A" TO "AIRS SUMMARY"

LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE DURING L.A.M. & A.P.S.C.
ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND AIR MINISTRY
AND AIR COUNCIL, ETC.

SUBJECT	YOUR INTENTS	OUR REPLY
(i) <u>Air Council</u>	Stato Maggiore 33507/od.3 of 11/9/45 Air Minister Personnel of 27/9/45. Air Minister 33575/6091/coll. of 11/9/45 Air Minister 158/11.6.4/205 coll. of 25.1.46 Air Minister 10831/1037 coll. of 9/5/46.	AFSC/351/ORG., 22/9/45. AFSC/351/ORG., 4/10/45. AFSC/368/ORG., 8/12/45. AFSC/368/ORG., 15/2/46. AFSC/368/ORG., 24/4/46.
(ii) <u>Air Ministry</u>	Prime Minister 652/1.2.2 of 9/4/45. Air Minister Personnel of 15/9/45. Air Minister Personnel of 11/9/45. Air Minister Personnel of 11/9/45.	Chief Commander 637/4/30. 21.5.45 (Copy to Air Minister under AFSC/368/ORG., 24/3/45 (important). AFSC/351/ORG., 22/9/45 (important and see para. 4 in particular).
(iii) <u>Italian Air Force (down to Squadron Level)</u>	Stato Maggiore 34236/od.2/6126 coll. of 11/11/45 Stato Maggiore 1807/20/1797/od.2, of 25/4/46.	AFSC/368/ORG., 21/12/45 to Air Ministry. AFSC/367/2/ORG., 25/3/46. Meeting with G.A.S. and D.C.A.S. and Director of A.P.S.C. on 4/4/46. AFSC/367/2/ORG., 21/5/46.
(iv) <u>Promotions</u>	Stato Maggiore 012515/sg.U/6567 coll. of 11/12/45. DPM/177/5/2033 coll., 27/5/46. 242076/5.1/1559/1537 coll., 17/4/46.	AFSC/368/ORG., 21/12/45. to Gen. Limone-Get. AFSC/368/2/ORG., 6/4/46. AFSC/368/7/ORG., 24/5/46.
(v) <u>Reduction of I.A.F.</u>	Stato Maggiore 012515/sg.U/6567 coll. of 11/12/45. Prot.N.200766/od.3/788/coll., 25/2/46. Prot.200150/od.2/173/coll., 13/2/46. Prot.201140/od.3/1036 coll., 14/3/46.	Reply to your letter similarly marked. AFSC/368/2/ORG., 6/4/46. AFSC/368/ORG., 24/1/46.

FROM : I.A.F. "STATO MAGGIORE" (2nd Section, Personnel Section, Rome)

TO : A.F.S.C. A.C. Rome

Copy to : Minister's Cabinet, Secretary Rome
(Ref. letter No. 9474 dated 14.4.1946.)

Ref : 242078/P.R.1./PERS/1537 Coll.

Date : 17th April 1946.



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Ref. your A.F.S.C./364/2/ORG. dated 6th April, we inform you that the Air Minister, on proposal of the "Stato Maggiore" has approved the constitution of the Commission which will examine the importance and select the Officers holding senior ranks such as, Generals, Colonels, Lt. Colonels and Majors, in order to make the necessary reductions in the strength.

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| - Gen. S.A. GIOVINE | Vittorio | - Member. |
| - Gen. S.A. MATRICARDI | Attilio | - Member. |

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| - Gen. B.A. PEZZI | Mario | - Secretary. |

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Screening of Lt. Colonel and Majors.

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| - Gen. B.A. CUPINI | Ranieri | - Member. |
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- Col. A.A.r.n. CIGERZA	Enrico	- Secretary.

The above Commissions will screen Italian Air Force Officers. Officers in the Engineering and other Branches will be screened gradually by the Commissions for Officers holding the ranks of Generals and Colonels.

The Officers who compose the above Commissions have been asked by the Military Personnel Directorate, to assemble and initiate the works on the 24th April 1946.

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
SOTTO CAPO
Col. Remondino

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
II Reparto - Ordinamento
Sezione Personale

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ALLA AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

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Cell in data 9 Aprile 1946)

OGGETTO: Revisione cartelle personali Ufficiali R.A2-

e per conoscenza

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AL GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO - Segreteria -
(rife.f.n° 9474 in data 14.4.1946)

In riferimento al foglio n° AFSC/268.20RG del 6 aprile c.a., si comunica che il Sig. Ministro dell'Aeronautica, su proposta di questo Stato Maggiore, ha approvato la composizione delle Commissioni che dovranno procedere alla valutazione dei Generali, Colonnelli, Ten. Colonnelli e Maggieri, per la conseguente selezione ai fini dei previsti sfellamenti dei quadri.

Le commissioni risultano così composte:

1°)- Commissione Superiore per la selezione del Personale Ufficiali

a)- Valutazione dei Generali di Divisione:

- Gen.S.A. PORRO	Felice	- Presidente
- " " GIOVINE	Vittorio	- Membro
- " " MATRICARDI	Attilio	- "

b)- Valutazione dei Generali di Brigata:

- Gen.S.A. PORRO	Felice	- Presidente
- " " MATRICARDI	Attilio	- Membro
- " D.A. BONOLA	Augusto	- "

c)- Valutazione dei Colonnelli (e sanzione del giudizio di 1° grado emesse per i gradi inferiori dalle Settecommissioni):

- Gen.S.A. PORRO	Felice	- Presidente
- Gen.D.A. MONTI	Adriano	- Membro
- " " BRIGANTI	Alberto	- "
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2°)- 1° Settecommissione per la selezione del personale Ufficiali 1.-

Valutazione dei Ten. Colonnelli e Maggieri:

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Le Commissioni suddette procederanno alla valutazione degli Ufficiali dell'Arma Aeronautica. Per gli Ufficiali del Genio e dei Corpi saranno volta a volta immessi nelle Commissioni Ufficiali Generali e Colonnelli del Genio e dei Corpi rispettivi.-

Gli Ufficiali componenti le Commissioni suddette sono stati convocati dalla Direzione del Personale Militare per iniziare i loro lavori il 24 c.m.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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IL CAPO DELLO STATO MAGGIORE
DELLA R. AERONAUTICA
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L'Unità Aerea which was organized after the 8th September, has gathered every unit of the Italian Air Force, who has fought with the Allies during the war of liberation.

It therefore personifies and assumes the tradition of all the Italian Airmen, safeguard them and keep their records.

Although the wartime operational duties have ceased, its existence is more necessary than ever the survival of the Air Force as it provides:-

- (a) A pool for coordinating all Training and Operational Activities carried out by all Units.
- (b) To put forward their requests and necessities to the Principal Units of the Ministry so as to guarantee their efficiency.
- (c) To furnish H.Q. with all subjects relating to new arrangements and orientation of Units gained by the experience of war.
- (d) To observe if the results obtained from the suggestions put forward to the H.Q. are feasible, and in what manner these should be revised to satisfy the exigencies of Modern War.
- (e) To see that what has been left intact and essential to the R.A. is not dispersed.

The various Presidi and C.A.R. are opposing the Unità Aerea's activities thus tending to eliminate its existence.

These Presidi and C.A.R.s' who have been formed in the main towns during the war of Liberation, ~~had~~ had to gather all disbanded personnel, select, reform and administer them.

According to their importance, Salvage Detachments were also attached to these Presidi and C.A.R.

Now a year after the Liberation these Presidi and C.A.R. have finished their functions and activities exclusively to justify the presence of a number of personnel who would otherwise be without work.

They represent a dead weight for the ~~the~~ Italian Air Force and an obstacle for its return to normal.

I think that they should be disbanded according to their importance, even if also by degrees, taking over useful personnel and putting the remained for disposal.

*In other words - another little
for the Ministry!*

To an Org. file.

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COMANDO UNITA AEREA
OPERATION ROOM.

BARI 11th March, 1946.

To: Commanding Officer Nucleo Comando I.Z.A.T.
MILAN.

Ref :- No. 002592/3/CP.

SUBJECT :- GENOA AIRPORT-

From a recent inspection of the Genoa Seaplane Station, carried out by the Commanding Officer of the Italian Seaplane Wing it has been found that the Comando Presidio has not observed the instructions set out by (Stato Maggiore) R.A.) the Italian Air Force Headquarters in their letter Ref. 34852/OD 2 dated the 29th December 1945.

It has been pointed out that very frequently the Comando Presidio interferes in matters concerning the service, the employment of means placed at the disposal of the Base and in other matters of an Operational character for which the Commanding Officer of the Base is solely responsible.

It has been particularly noticed that the Comando Presidio has been interfering on the following matters:-

- 1/ Signalling the serviceability of the Base
- 2/ Directionscontrolling the use and employ of surface craft assigned to loading and unloading passengers and stores from the Courier Aircraft.
- 3/ Regarding the use of M/T put at the disposal of the Seaplane Base (which is, in all respects a Detachment of the Seaplane Wing.

Owing to the Shortage of Italian Air Force M/B Coxwains required for the courier service, the Commanding Officer of the Seaplane Wing asked the authorization to employ two Civilian M/B coxwains.

The Directorate of Civil Affairs in their letterref 221585 dated 15th February authorized the employment of the above mentioned coxwains.

The Comando Presidio of Genoa, in their letter ref. 5429/1-6 dated 2nd March 1946interfered on this question asking this Command not to employ the two Civilian Coxwains as the personnel of the Base was sufficient for carrying out this service.

This is also contrary to the instructions set out in the letter from Stato Maggiore, R.A., ref. 34852/OD dated 29/12/46, and contrary to instructions set out by the Seaplane Wing in their letter ref. 0297/CP ID dated 20/2/46

The Seaplane at Genoa is in all respects a Seaplane Wing Detachment.

In consideration of the above and so, as to avoid in the future further noxious interferences to the smooth running of the service, we beg you to inform the Comando Presidio Aeronautico at Genoa to observe more scrupulously the instructions set out in circular letter ref. 34859/OD 2 dated 29/12/45 S.M.R.A. to settle in a definite and

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Owing to the Shortage of Italian Air Force M/B Coxwains required for the courier service, the Commanding Officer of the Seaplane Wing asked the authorization to employ two Civilian M/B coxwains.

The Directorate of Civil Affairs in their letter ref 221585 dated 15th February authorized the employment of the above mentioned coxwains.

The Comando Presidio of Genoa, in their letter ref. 5429/F6 dated 2nd March 1946 interfered on this question asking this Command not to employ the two Civilian Coxwains as the personnel of the Base was sufficient for carrying out this service.

This is also contrary to the instructions set out in the letter from Stato Maggiore, R.A., ref. 34852/CD dated 29/12/46, and contrary to instructions set out by the Seaplane Wing in their letter ref. 0297/CP ID dated 20/2/46.

The Seaplane at Genoa is in all respects a Seaplane Wing Detachment.

In consideration of the above and so, as to avoid in the future further noxious interferences to the smooth running of the service, we beg you to inform the Comando Presidio Aeronautico at Genoa to observe more scrupulously the instructions set out in circular letter ref. 34852/CD 2 dated 29/12/45 S.M.R.A. to settle in a definite and unequivocal manner that they must not interfere in questions of an operational nature of which the Commanding Officer of Seaplane Station is responsible.

The Comando Presidio Genoa must, however, inform the Seaplane Wing its lack of good will or abuses noticed in the general smooth running of the service so as to ~~prevent~~ permit more accurate control of the base.

(SGd) COMMANDING OFFICER,
General B.A. Giuseppe GASTA.

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(B) The service pension is not such an advantage as it is made out compared to civil life, all staffs of commercial firms, banks, insurance companies and so on have superannuation schemes.

Answer. Actually such superannuation schemes are the exception rather than the rule in almost every case where they exist they are contributory pensions. i.e. the man has to put aside part of his weekly pay for the pension fund and as far as I know in no case are these civilian pensions payable at such an early age as the service pension.

(C) Very few airmen will be able to qualify for the maximum rate. Answer. It is true that no airmen can qualify for the rate unless he is selected for and completes one of the new long service engagements. I cannot say at the moment what proportion of airmen will be able to re-engage for long service comes but we intend to allow a substantially higher proportion to re-engage than before the war. We shall see to it that this does not result in stagnation promotion as it has been suggested it will do we shall have to have a higher proportion of warrant and senior non commissioned officers than in the old days, and the retention of re engagements will depend to some extent on how many in these ranks we shall need on establishment. This is one of the most important details still being worked out.

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Secondly, plans have been laid to provide married quarters to scale in the U.K. in the post war Air Force but obviously their progress must be governed by such factors as the availability of building lay out in the present acute shortage. Nevertheless, the provision of these quarters will receive equal priority with civilian building, and it is hoped to make a start during the next twelve months. Obviously not every married man will be able to have a quarter but married personnel should note particularly in the new pay code that if a man is separated from his family by the exigencies of the service and is living in barracks he continues to draw his full married allowance. 17. The occupation of married quarters overseas is governed largely by the amount of shipping available to convey married families to overseas theatres (as explained in AWO A992/45) but before an airman applies for a passage for his family he must have ensured that married quarters are available, and that he has permission to occupy them on failing that that suitable accommodation is available on the vicinity.

FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESEDIOTRANSLATIONI.A.F. GARRISONS (PRESEDIO)General Notes

Division 15A.
 as requested
 at Monthly
 STAFF Conference
 12/3/46

The "Aeronautical Garrisons" is formed out of I.A.F. Squadrons and Units situated in a certain locality or a built up area.

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The Command of the "Aeronautical Garrison" will be undertaken by an IAF Officer in the Aircrew Branch or Specialist Branch holding the highest rank or seniority amongst the Officers in the area.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE A.F. GARRISON COMMANDER

The Air Force Garrison Commander : -

- a) - represents the Air Force when dealing with other Military Authorities of the National Armed Forces, as well as when in contact with political and administrative authorities in the area;
- b) - he exerts his authority on all I.A.F. military personnel on the strength of the ("Presidio") Garrison or personnel on temporary duty, as long as these hold an inferior rank and seniority to his own, in matters pertaining to discipline outside barracks, and behaviour between military and Civilian personnel;
- c) - he has authority only on personnel directly under his command, and apart from the duties of Commanding Officer, he is responsible for instructions, discipline and I.A.F. Units;
- d) - he stabilises the limits of the Air Force Garrison jurisdiction including all the I.A.F. Units in the suburbs, bearing in mind, however that, should there be another Military Authority in the area, the Garrison jurisdiction must be limited to I.A.F. Units only; he must make arrangements to enable all the personnel working in the Garrison to be fully aware of the a/m limits of jurisdiction, by means of publications extensively distributed to all Squadrons, Units and amongst Garrison personnel;
- e) - he regulates all the services described in the part four of the "Regulations for Garrison Services" of the Royal Army;

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- f) - he details the employment of personnel and aircraft located in the area under the Air Force Garrison jurisdiction, in order to safeguard public order, as laid down in part four of the "Regulations for Garrison Services" of the Royal Army;
- g) - he arranges for all military parades on special occasions; orders the attendance of military personnel at all Official gatherings and public festivities;
- h) - he regulates all the normal services of the Departments and Sections of the Garrison, fixing the date and time they have to be carried out;
- i) - he watches over the general sanitary conditions of the Garrison;
- l) - he must be aware of the number of Officers, NCOs and ORs who are on the Air Force reserve list and located in the area;
- m) - he is in charge of all the funeral arrangements for Officers, NCOs and ORs of outside Air Force Units.
(The Funeral arrangements for Officers, NCOs and ORs who served with the Garrison, are carried out by the Officer in charge of the Section concerned.)
- n) - for all important occurrences concerning Military Service, public order and public security or safety, he must immediately inform the Commanding Officer of the Z.A.T. and, in very urgent cases, even the Air Ministry. Detailed Reports on the events will be forwarded through the normal channels. He must also inform the local Army Garrison and the local Naval Garrison;
- o) - he notifies the Z.A.T. Command of the presence of uniforms liable to be mistaken for I.A.F. uniforms;
- p) - he notifies the Air Ministry, through the useful office channels of any attacks made by the local press or public gatherings, against the Air Force.
When the attack is directed against a Department, Section or Institute, the Officer in charge of the Section or Department concerned will report the matter to the Air Ministry. In both the above-mentioned cases, the Minister will decide and issue the necessary instructions to the Authorities concerned.
When a serviceman is the victim of a similar attack, concerning discipline and his service in the Air Force, he must inform the Ministry of his intentions and await the necessary authority, before he takes up the matter with the judicial authorities;
- q) - he issues the daily instructions on the services of the Departments and Sections of the Garrison, and informs the Intermediary Authorities of same;
- r) - he carries out all the Garrison duties and the duties assigned to him in

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in the same office. He must however keep files for matters pertaining to the Garrison separate from other files so as to enable the Officer who will temporarily or permanently succeed him in his post of Garrison Commander; to carry on with the work;

- s) - he must notify the Z.A.T. Command whenever he must be absent from his post, and also supply the name of the Officer who will substitute him.

CAPT. BERARDUCCI

Translated by SGT. CUMBO.

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Confidential

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME
 TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
 DATE : 6TH APRIL 1946
 REF : AFSC/368/2/ORG

REVIEW OF I.A.F. OFFICERS RECORDS
SIX COMMISSIONS

From recent conversation as between AVM Brodie and the Air Minister and the Capo di Stato Maggiore, it seems that there may be some misunderstandings about whether or not Allied authority to the formation and operation of the six commissions which it is your intention to convene for the purpose of reviewing the records of officers with the ultimate aim of retiring those who are surplus to establishments (as required by the strength shown in your monthly blue book "Italian Air Force Strength State" as distinct from the current decree law establishment board on the pre-armistice figure of 2000 aircraft).

2. I wish to confirm that we welcome your decision and hereby authorize the formation of three commissions which should begin their review as soon as possible.

3. We would however like to have an up to date list of the officers whom you have appointed to sit on each commission showing the seniority of the officers that each commission will be considering.

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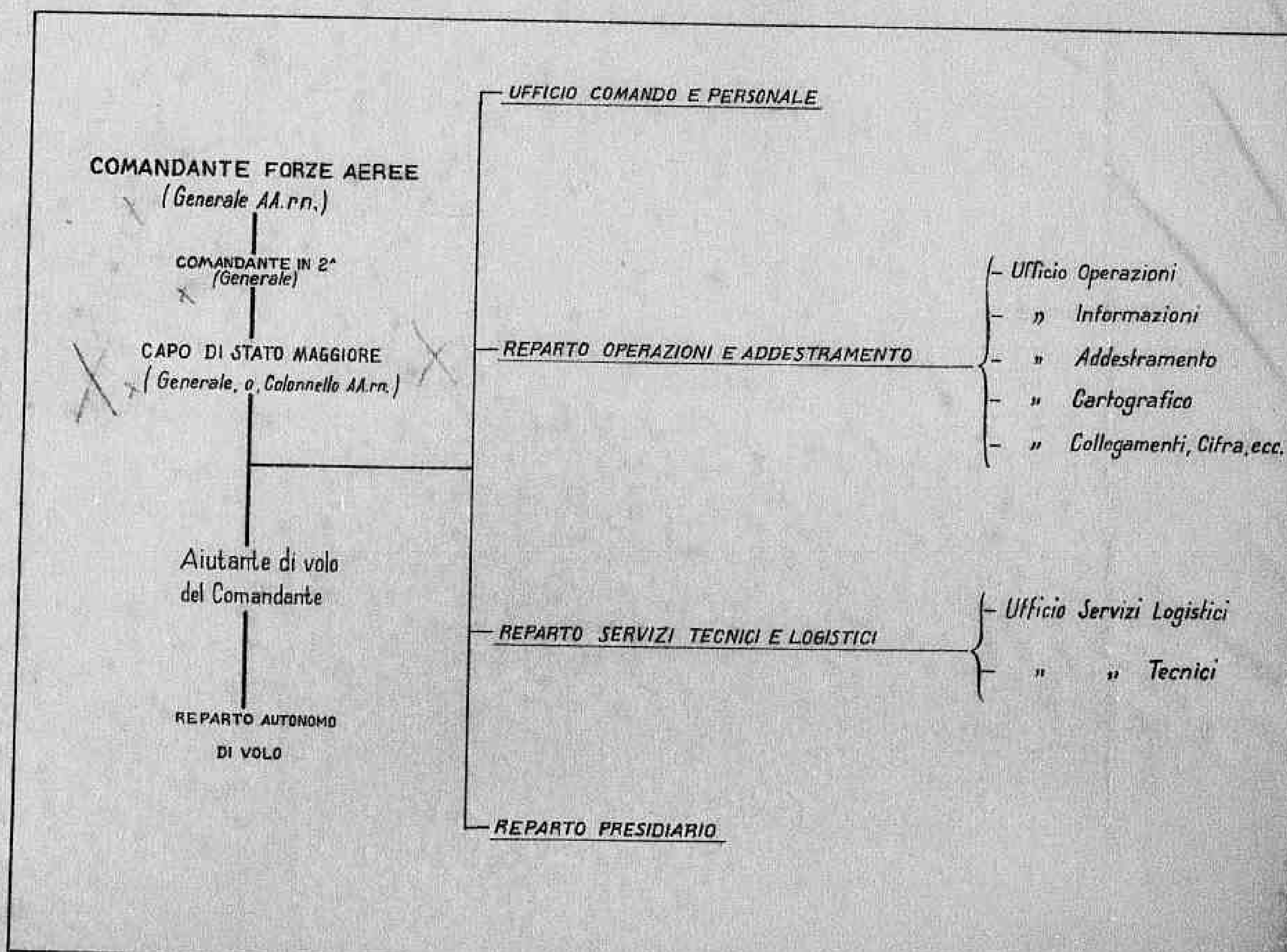
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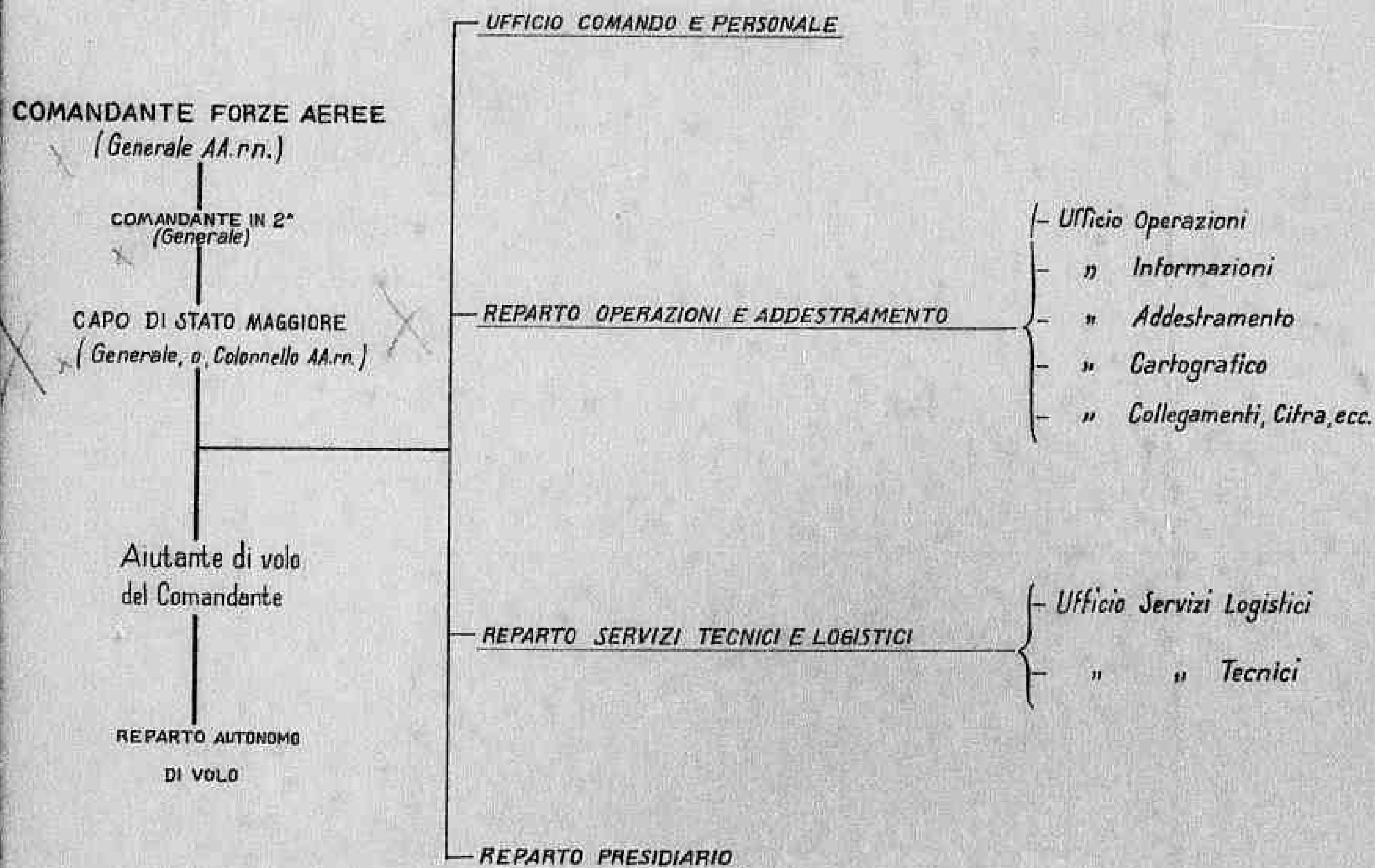
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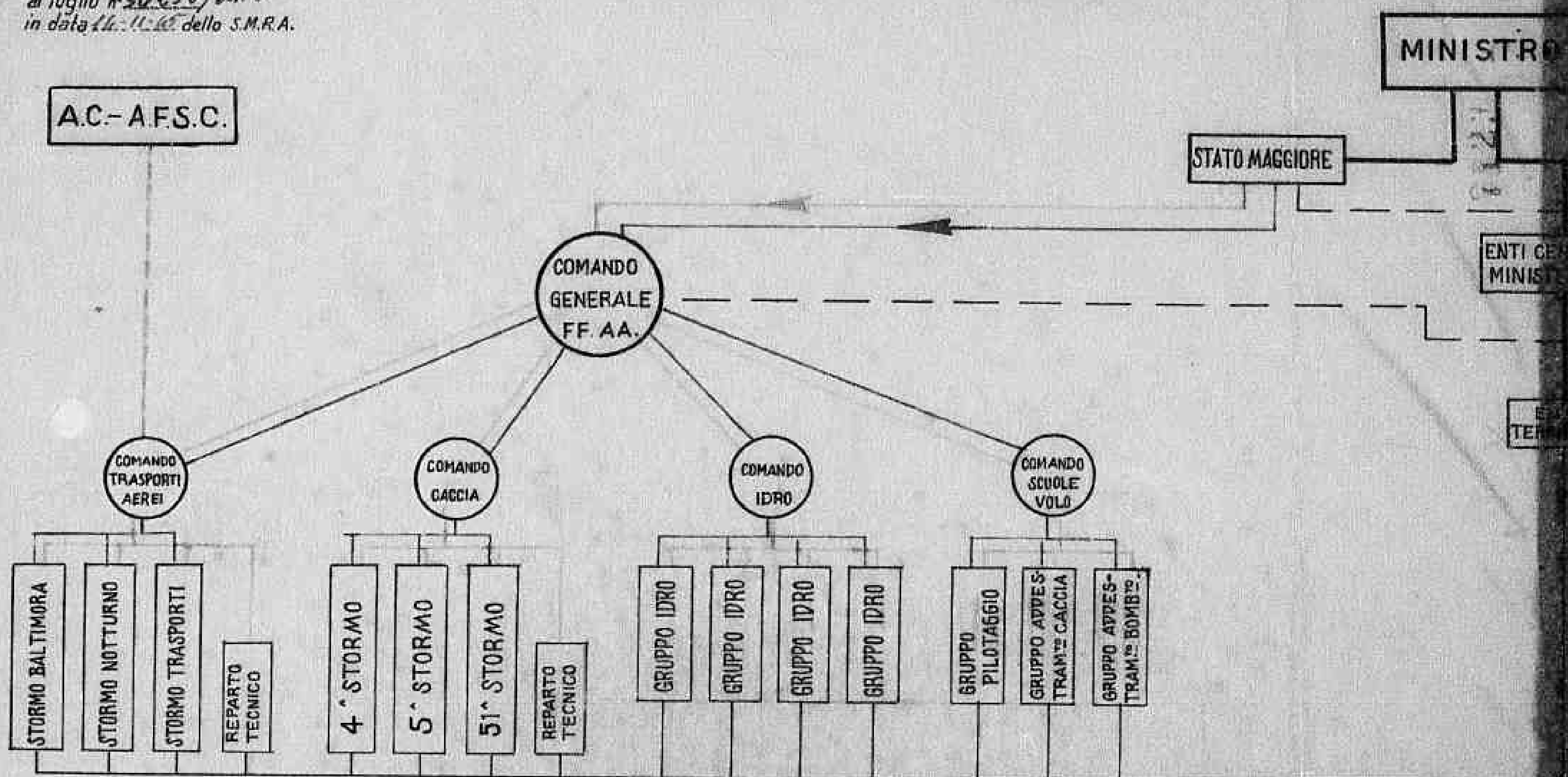
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(Ordinamento)



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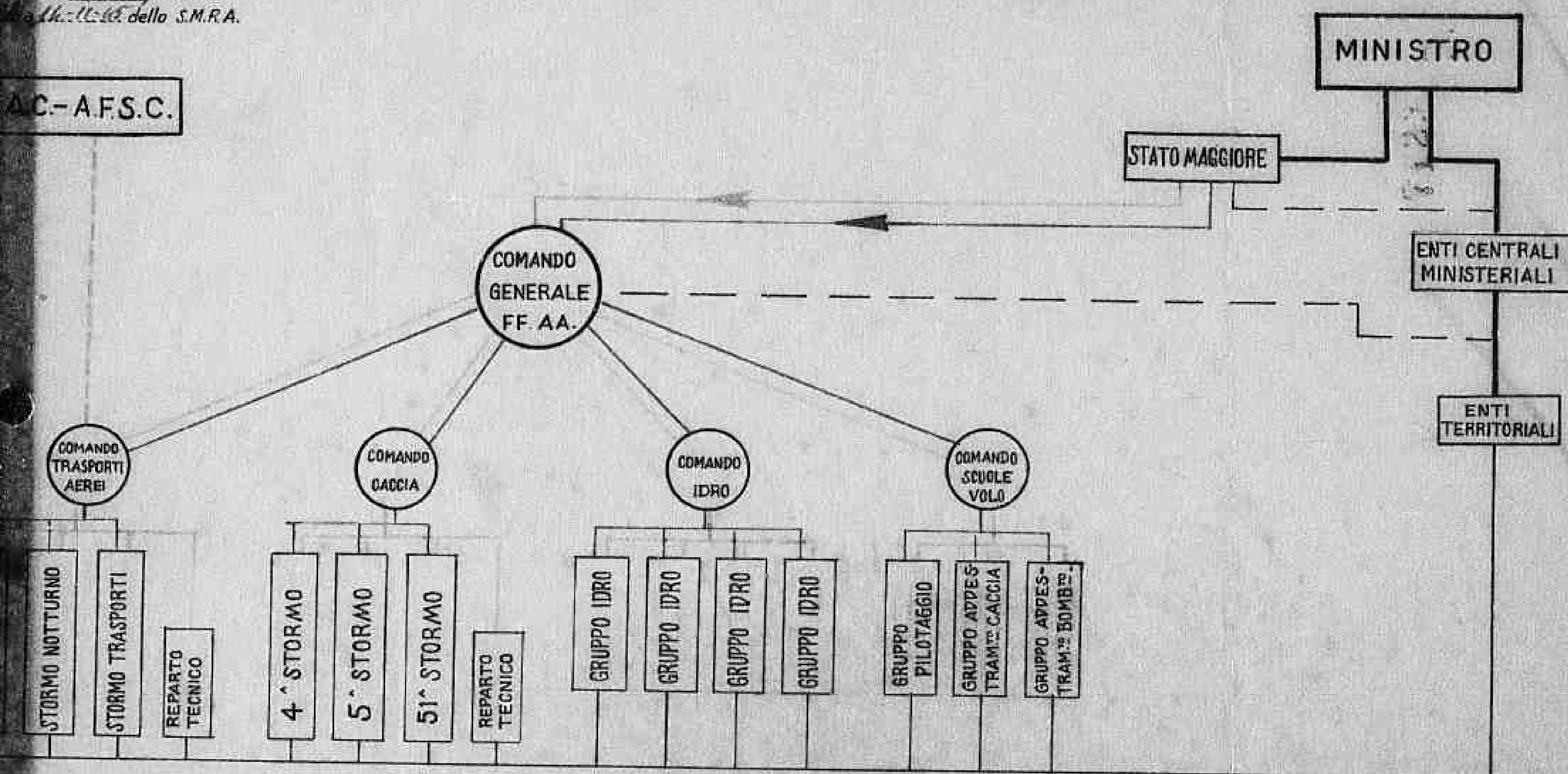
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TRANSLATION

From : I.A.F. "Stato Maggiore".
To : A.F.3.C., A.C. ROME.
Date : 14th March, 1946.
Ref. : Prot. 201140/od.3/1036 Coll.

DISBANDMENT OF THE "IAF NUCLEUS COMMAND - CAMPANIA".

Reference your letter no. AFSC/368/Org. dated 24-1-1946, of your Sub-Commission.

We would like to inform you that we have to-day given necessary instructions for : -

- 1) - the disbandment of the "IAF Nucleus Command - Campania" w.e.f. 31st March, 1946;
- 2) - the forming up of the "IAF Regional Garrison Command - Naples" (Comando di Presidio del Nucleo Aeronautico di Napoli), depending from the 3rd ZAT - Nucleus Command w.e.f. 31st March, 1946.

This Garrison will have under its jurisdiction the same area at present under the "IAF Nucleus Command - Campania".

for THE CHIEF OF STATO MAGGIORE
Col. REMONDINO

Translated by Maria Teresa.



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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
II° REPARTO - ORDINAMENTO
Sezione Ordinamento

Roma, li 14 MAR 1946

ALL' A.F.S.C. - A.C.

= Tramite Ufficio Collegamento =

Prot. N° 20440/ed.3.- 1036 Coll.R O M A

OGGETTO: Scioglimento del "Comando Nucleo Aeronautica della Campania" .-

Riferimento foglio n° AFSC/368/Org. datato 24 gennaio 1946 di codesta Sottocommissione.-

Si comunica che in data odierna sono stati impartiti gli ordini necessari:

1°) - per lo scioglimento, in data 31 marzo 1946, del Comando Nucleo Aeronautica della Campania;

2°) - per la sostituzione, sotto la stessa data ed alle dirette dipendenze del Nucleo Comando 3° Z.A.T. del "Comando di Presidio Regionale Aeronautico di Napoli" .-

Detto Presidio avrà come giurisdizione territoriale quella corrispondente all'attuale giurisdizione del Comando Nucleo Aeronautica della Campania.-



CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
d'ordine
SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
DELLA R. AERONAUTICA
(Col. P. A. Remondino)

TRANSLATION

From : I.A.F. "Stato Maggiore". ROME

To : I.A.M. All Detachments.
"Unita' Aerea Command".
General Command I.A.F. - North Italy.
Nucleus Commands 1st, 2nd, 3rd ZAT.
4th ZAT Command.
I.A.F. Command Sardinia.
I.A.F. Nucleus Commands Sicily and Campania.
a.f.i.
I.A.M. Cabinet of the Minister - ROME.
A.F.S.C., (Through Liaison Office).

Date : 25th Feb. 1946.

Ref. : Prot. N. 200766/0a3/788/Coll.

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DISBANDMENT OF THE GENERAL I.A.F. COMMAND - NORTH ITALY

W.e.f. the 15th March, 1946, the "General I.A.F. Command - North Italy" will be disbanded.

On the same date the Nucleus Command of the 1st and 2nd Z.A.T. will take over as applicable the charges and the duties as laid down by the present ZAT Command regulations.

All disbanded personnel will be put at the disposal of the Direction of Military Personnel and School, pending posting instructions.

Certified true copy

Translated by Maria Teresa.

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THE CHIEF OF "STATO MAGGIORE"

Gen. AIMONE CAT



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Espresso 2/3/46

ROMA 25 febbraio 1946

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
UFFICIO - ORDINAMENTO

Sezione Ordinamento

Prot. n. 200706/003/106/Col.

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - tutti
gli Enti Centrali -
AL COMANDO UNITA' AEREA
AL COMANDO GENERALE AERONAUTICA ALTA
ITALIA
AL NUCLEI COMANDO 1° - 2° - 3° ZAL
AL COMANDO DELLA 4° Z.A.I.
AL COMANDO AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDI NUCLEO AERONAUTICA SICILIA
E CAMPANIA

OGGETTO: Scioglimento del Comando Generale Aeronautica Alta Italia -
e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro
ALL'A.F.S.C. - A.G. (Tramite UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO)
(rife I.N.A.R.C./506/ORG. del 24 gennaio 1946)

SEDE
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Sotto la data del 15 Marzo 1946, il "Comando
GENERALE AERONAUTICA ALTA ITALIA" si scioglie. -

Sotto la stessa data i nuclei Comandi 1° e 2°
Zona Aerea territoriale riassumono, in quanto applicabili,
le attribuzioni e le dipendenze previste dalle vigenti di-
sposizioni per i Comandi di Z.A.I. -

Il personale che, per effetto del predetto scio-
gimento, si renderà disponibile, deve intendersi a disposi-
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le ulteriore impiego in altra destinazione. -

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

F.to : Almonio CAT

PER COPIA CONFORME

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

IL CAPO UFFICIO

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Prot. n° 200706/045/706/Coli.

AL COMANDO GENERALE AERONAUTICA ALTA
ITALIA
AL NUCLEI COMANDO 1° - 2° - 3° ZAL
AL COMANDO DELLA 4° Z.A.I.
AL COMANDO AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDI NUCLEO AERONAUTICA SICILIA
E CALABRIA

Oggetto: Scioglimento del Comando Generale Aeronautica Alta Italia -
e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro
ALL'A.F.S.C. - A.C. (Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
(rife I.N.A.RSC/300/ORG. del 24 gennaio 1940)

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Sotto la data del 15 Marzo 1940, il "Comando
GENERALE AERONAUTICA ALTA ITALIA" si scioglie. -

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

F/to : Almonio Gai

PER COPIA CONFORME



IL CAPO UFFICIO

Il CAPO UFFICIO (firma)

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FROM: AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, RCE.
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.
DATE: 24TH JANUARY, 1946.
REF: AFSC/368/ONG.

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CHANGES IN THE I.A.F. SQUADRS AND COMPANIES
STATIONS.

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With reference to your letter AFSC/200150/ed.2/173.Coll dated 13th January, 1946, we agree to the proposals you have kindly sent us as being a step in the right direction to reduce over-lapping and a reduction in overheads.

2. It is requested that you inform this formation of the appointments which you propose to make of all Officers of the rank of Lt/Col and above. We note that each ZAF will be Commanded by a General and the Commands in Sicily and Sardinia will be Commanded by a Colonel.

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BF on about 30/1. When
change if no reply. Recd.
Noted. S.W.P. 1946
25/1/46.

[Signature]

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

[Signature] 18/2

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TRANSLATION

From : I.A.M. "Stato Maggiore".

To : A.F.S.C., A.C. ROME.
(and for information: I.A.M. Cabinet of the Minister - ROME)

Date : 13th January, 1946.

Ref. : Prot. 200150/ed.2/173 Coll.

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CHANGES IN THE I.A.F. CENTRES AND COMMANDS STATIONS 368/029

1. It would be the intention of this "Stato Maggiore" to proceed with the execution of the following variations in respect of some centres and Commands of the I.A.F.

- a) disbandment of the I.A.F. General Command - North Italy;
- b) " " " I.A.F. Nucleus Command - Campania - and its transformation into "Regional Command I.A.F. Garrison" depending to the present 3rd ZAT Nucleus Command.
- c) Reinstatement of the already existing ZAT of the I.A.F. ^{with} which the national territory is divided, namely:

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" "	II ZAT
" "	III "
" "	IV "
" "	I.A.F. SICILY
" "	" " " SARDINIA

MILAN - General Biffi?
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ROME
BARI
PALERMO
CAGLIARI

Yes 1
establishing a General to be commanding Officer in each ZAT and a Colonel in each Air Force Station Command.

2. As it is known, both the I.A.F. Nucleus Command - CAMPANIA - and the I.A.F. General Command - NORTH ITALY were formed only temporarily, due to the exigencies of the time. In fact the first was constituted due to transport and communication difficulties, and the second for the very delicate political position of Northern Italy, soon after its liberation.

It is believed that the present situation is such that it does not require any longer the up-keep of the two a/m Commands.

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This provision would be a plan of a gradual reduction and disbandment which this "Stato Maggiore" would like to put in action, in respect of those Centres and Commands actually created to face the emergency situation occurred

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from the 8 September 1943 onwards, and will be superfluous to the I.A.F. in the gradual return to normal.

3. Should the AFSC be in agreement with this "Stato Maggiore", it will be very much appreciated if you could give the necessary approval to actuate the above suggested changes.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Translated by Maria Teresa

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G/VC:

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
II REPARTO-ORDINAMENTO

Roma, 11

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Sezione Ordinamento

Prot. N° 200150/ed. 2

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ALL' A. F. S. C. - A. C.
Tramite UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO

= S E D E =

OGGETTO: Variazioni nell'Ordinamento di Enti e Comandi della R. Aeronautica.-

e. per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro - Segreteria
(Rif. f. n. 183 del 10-11-1945)

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1°) - Sarebbe intendimento di questo Stato Maggiore procedere alla pratica attuazione delle seguenti variazioni nei confronti di alcuni Enti e Comandi della R. Aeronautica:

- a)- scioglimento del Comando Generale Aeronautica Alta Italia;
- b)- scioglimento del Comando Nucleo Aeronautica Campania e sua trasformazione in "Comando Presidio Aeronautico Regionale" alle dipendenze dell'attuale Nucleo Comando 3° Z.A.T.;
- c)- ripristino delle già esistenti denominazioni dei Comandi Territoriali della R.A., fra i quali è suddiviso il territorio nazionale, e cioè:

- Comando 1° Zona Aerea Territoriale
- Comando 2° Zona Aerea Territoriale
- Comando 3° Zona Aerea Territoriale
- Comando 4° Zona Aerea Territoriale
- Comando Aeronautica della Sicilia
- Comando Aeronautica della Sardegna

- MILANO
- PADOVA
- ROMA
- BARI
- PALERMO
- CAGLIARI

stabilendo che a ciascun Comando di Z.A.T. sia assegnato, quale Comandante un Generale A.A.r.n., ed a ciascun Comando di Aeronautica un Colonnello A.A.r.n.-

2°) -

Come noto, sia il Nucleo Comando Aeronautica Campania come il Comando Generale Aeronautica Alta Italia furono costituiti, con carattere di provvisorietà, in relazione alle particolari contingenze del momento; con riguardo alle difficoltà dei trasporti e delle comunicazioni il primo, in relazione alla particolare e delicata situazione politica in Alta Italia subito dopo la sua liberazione, il secondo.

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Si ritiene che l'attuale situazione sia tale da far ritenere superfluo il mantenimento dei due predetti Comandi.-

Tale provvedimento rientrerebbe in un programma di graduale riduzione e soppressione che questo Stato Maggiore intende attuare nei confronti di quegli Enti e Comandi che, costituiti per fronteggiare le situazioni di emergenza manifestatesi dall'8 settembre 1943 in poi, si rileveranno superflui e superati contemporaneamente al graduale ritorno alla normalità.-

3°) - Qualora codesta A.F.S.C. fosse concorde con questo Stato Maggiore, si prega di voler comunicare il proprio benestare necessario per la pratica attuazione dei provvedimenti di cui sopra.-



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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STATO MAGGIORE
ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

31/12/5.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal Brodie,

I thank you for your A.F.S.C. letter 369/OPS of the 21st December.

2. I wish to confirm by means of this letter that which I mentioned in my preceding letter, to which your aforementioned letter was an answer, and that is that no officer of higher rank than Lieut. Colonel will be employed temporarily or permanently without his name and his appointment and his career being submitted to you for your examination and approval.

3. In this event it will always be clearly specified whether the officer in question is to be employed as a supernumery or in substitution of an other officer of equivalent rank.

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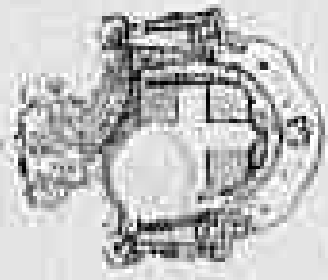
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(Sgd) M. ALMONTE CAT.

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

Roma, li _____

AL AIR VICE MARSHALL I.E. BRODIE
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Generale di Squadra Aerea
(Mario AJMONE-CAT)

Luogo *Mario Ajmone-Cat*

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ~~AD~~ JED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/368/ORG.

21st December, 1945.

Dear

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Yours

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General M. Aimone Cat,
Chief of Air Staff,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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I agree in principle, but will agree to a temporary situation only. All officers recalled should have it made clear to them that it is only for temporary duty and that when their job is finished they are to be released.

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I quite agree
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Rome, 11th December 1945.

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A.F.S.C./A.C.

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In actual fact, the officers who are at present serving, are so completely absorbed by ordinary administration that they cannot be put forward for posts which require intense and assiduous application; neither are all the young officers serving at the moment with the various units, although they possess most praiseworthy aptitude, in possession of the knowledge and maturity necessary to the carrying out of the particular tasks mentioned above.

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5) I have not renounced the hope of being able to get back for temporary duty, some of the best high-ranking officers of the Service who have suffered unjustly for reasons which were more opportunist than real and founded. But while awaiting for this to be verified I shall be obliged to employ the military personnel which was found in the north and has returned from imprisonment or deportation. Especially as among this personnel there are a few high-ranking officers (Generals and Colonels) of the best

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It is well to remember in this connection, that in revising personnel for the constitution of the new lists it would be neither just, possible, nor proper to keep in service only the personnel who was in the south or who went to the south as a result of the crisis of 8.9.43 because a great many other excellent people were left, because of force majeure in a position where they could not get to Puglia or to the Islands but in spite of this they behaved magnificently suffering serious and painful consequences to themselves and to their families and property.

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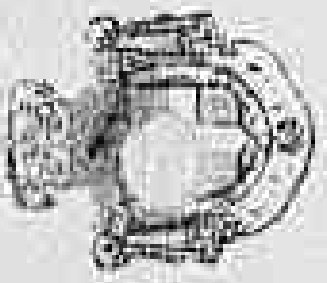
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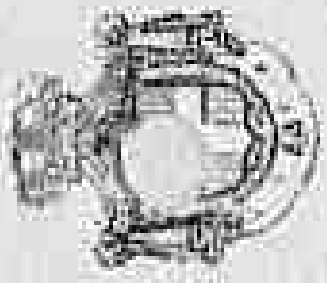
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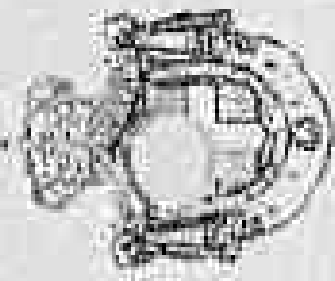
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dimento fin d'allora, l'aver allontanato soltanto una parte di questo personale senza concedermi la facoltà richiesta, mentre ha provocato deprecevoli conseguenze di carattere morale e spirituale, mi ha causato gravi imbarazzi che mi hanno costretto a ritardare l'impianto e la condotta degli studi che lo Stato Maggiore, così com'è costituito e date le sue intense e pesanti attribuzioni attuali, non può svolgere. Si sono così persi parecchi mesi che sarebbero stati molto meglio impiegati, ove si fosse accettata ed attuata la mia proposta.

- 5) Io non ho rinunciato alla speranza di poter recuperare, per impiego temporaneo, qualcuno dei migliori alti Ufficiali dell'Arma ingiustamente colpiti per ragioni più opportunistiche che reali e fondate. Ma nell'attesa che ciò possa verificarsi, sarò costretto ad impiegare il personale militare recuperato al Nord, della prigionia e della deportazione. Tanto più che fra questo personale vi sono alcuni alti ufficiali (generali e colonnelli) di ottime qualità e di ottimi precedenti aeronautici che dovranno comunque rimanere in servizio nell'interesse stesso della nostra Arma e che godono larga stima e considerazione fra i gregari dell'Arma stessa.

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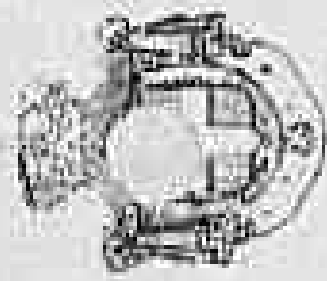
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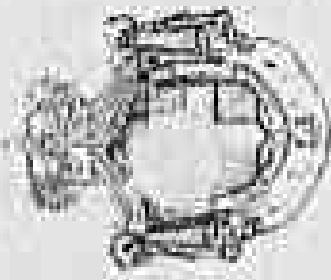
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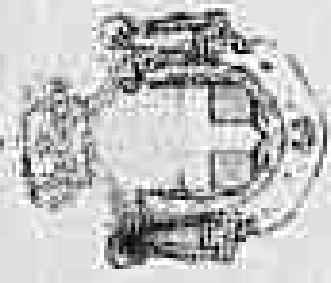
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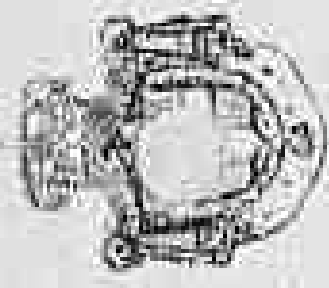
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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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Gen.DA	BRIGANTI Alberto	22/12/50	5	=	4	6		" " "	CA
" "	BONOLA Augusto	3/11/48	2	11	2	5		" " "	SI
" "	SCARONI Silvio	12/5/47	1	5	=	11		" " "	SA
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"	BUONAMICO Giovanni	24/4/55	9	4	8	10			
	<u>G.A.r.i. Tech.</u>								

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GRADO

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NOTE

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VESPIGNANI

Ottorino

" " "

MACERATINI

Giuseppe

" " "

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"	ALIPPI Carlo	2/7/59	13	5	12	11		
"	TORRE Pier Luigi	6/2/60	14	10	14	4		

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

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE: 21ST DECEMBER, 1945.

REF: ARGC/368/CMC.

REORGANISATION OF THE COMANDO UNITA
AND LOCAL GROUP E.Q'S.

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

4th. December, 1945. 3A

The following notes were made as a result of a conversation with Col. Remondino this morning for the purpose of clarifying the documents at 11A relating to the re-organisation of the Comando Unità Aerea.

1. It was stated that the I.A.M realised the necessity of the dissolving of the Unità Aerea which had been an unavoidable growth during the war when the I.A.F. was actively working with B.A.F.
2. That it was proposed to effect the dissolution as a gradual process, the first step of which would be the transformation to the proposed new Operational Command called the "Comando Forze Aeree."
3. The new Command will have the duties detailed at 11A. This will mean briefly that the only noticeable change will be the divorce of the onus of the Supply Services from it and the imposition of that on the Z.A.Ts.
4. The said Command will merely have a supervisory control of the Z.A.Ts. in their carrying out of the Supply Services.
5. The morale of the Flying Units is already low ^{on account} ~~due to~~ the the reduction in food, cigarettes and money due to the cessation of their operational functions with the Allies. The removal of the Unità Aerea without the substitution of any Operational Command would cause a further grave fall in the morale of the Flying Units. Apart from their dependence for discipline, the question of supplies during the present circumstances ~~wof~~ the shortage of all material and food would place the Flying Units in a disadvantageous position. This would be caused by them having demand their supplies directly from the Z.A.TS. who it is suspected would give precedence to their own Units to the prejudice of the Flying Units. It would also be a much longer process to obtain material without there being some high authority to supervise this demanding from the Z.A.Ts;
6. On account of all these circumstances existing at present, as stated in the preface to E.11A, the High Command considers it opportune to adopt the said proposals and awaits the approval of the A.F.S.C. before putting them into practice.

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THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE COMANDO UNITA AEREA AND THE
LOCAL GROUP H.Q.'S.

1. Preface.

The Comando Unità Aerea has recently been subjected to changes in its constitution (there has been a re-absorption by the Air Force and ZAT H.Q.'s, of the duties previously performed by the Intendenza, reference to ✓ ARSC/672/EQ dated 26th April, 1945, of this Sub-Commission).

It would seem, therefore, that the dissolution of the said Command can be proceeded without any remarkable inconvenience; if the number of various activities belonging to the large Unit H.Q.'s, such as those relating to the work of Air Force Departments and to their training and the administration of their personnel, will not come to an end due to this dissolution. Such activities could not be assumed by the Stato Maggiore of the Italian Air Force if the latter is to maintain its particular supervisory functions both of the organisation and the co-ordination and control of each Air Force Unit.

Therefore for the moment it would appear useful while awaiting the decision on the general organisation of the Air Force in relation to its future composition - to delegate the operational functions which are intended for the Comando Unità Aerea and Raggruppamenti to the territorial Z.A.T. and Air Force H.Q.s.

However, it is opportune to point out not only the necessity as shown by your Sub-Commission of keeping the Air Courier Service under a Central Command, but also the necessity of not burdening the territorial Commands, particularly those of N. Italy, which must still maintain an intense activity in the Air Force re-organisation of the Zones and in the recovery of personnel and material, which is still of great importance.

Consequently this High Command deems it useful to adopt the measures attached herewith, which have been formulated for the purpose of bringing the present organisation to a working perfection avoiding as much as possible any excessive infraction on the organisation system which, as previously indicated, will be re-examined on basis and concepts more relative to necessity, as soon as the concrete facts on the Air Force future are known, thus constituting into definite lines the activity, strength and constitution of the Air Force Units.

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think. But not exactly clear on the details. W.L.D.P.
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- ORGANISATION OF UNITA AEREA COMMANDS AND SQUADRONS -

10) - Transformation of H.C. Unità Aerea into the :

" COMANDO FORZEE AEREE "

Comando Forze Aeree :

a) - assumes the following duties :

The using and training of subordinate squadrons (including Flying Schools.) Issue and perfect orders, relating to the technical and professional preparation of the dependent squadrons, and their co-ordination with the various trades.

Studying and proposing to the R.A. Stato Maggiore, problems relative to the use and employment of trades, characteristics and serviceability of material, resulting from practical observations.

- control over serviceability, equipment and general set-up of aerodromes where the dependent units are stationed. These are entitled to direct all their requests to the local Z.A.T. H.Q. or equivalent Command who are responsible for the necessary actions to be taken with regards organisation. Any matter beyond the competence or jurisdiction of the Territorial Command, must be referred to the R.A. Stato Maggiore.

- Supervision on the functioning between sections and Unit Commands. Particular attention is paid to supply of dependent problems from Unit Commands to subordinate sections. Reports on these functionings are forwarded to the Stato Maggiore R.A.

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b) - ~~assumes the responsibility for granting authority for all matters dealt with in paragraph "A"~~

c) - Flying units and Air Force Commands will depend for their proper employment, and any administrative and disciplinary actions resulting, on this newly formed command. Employment of units, especially Air Transport Services will also be subordinated to the needs expressed by competent Allied Authorities, from time to time.

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- d) - Everything concerning the use of flying sections, their training, the consequent disciplinary actions to be taken is the direct responsibility of the Stato Maggiore; all corresponding matters dealing with normal administrative procedures and not involving the competence of Stato Maggiore will be dealt with by the Air Ministry.
- e) - Maintain close and authoritative cooperation with the E.A.T. Commands (or equivalents) on the running of the technical, logistical and administrative services of dependent units. For the administrative-LOGISTIC functioning of the Command itself, *in the absence of an AVALANCHING TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANISATION they may dispose of a CHASSEN BRAT.*
- 3) - Transformation of the present Raggruppamento Commands into specific commands as stated below:

- Fighter Raggruppamento Command into: "Fighter Command"
- Bomber Raggruppamento Command into: "Air Transport Command"
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The specialized Command (Fighter, Transport and Sea Plane) will assume the following functions: -

- a) - The same attributions and organization as detailed in para 1 for the "Comando Forze Aeree" but in a subordinate way and in the spheres of its specific activities.

Furthermore the Command of Air Transport Services, unlike other specific Commands, centres under its own control all services connected with the activities of the Military Courier (Agency Service for passengers, material and mail)

- b) - Has under its authority and within the range of its training, disciplinary and employment activities, all the dependent flying sections (Storm and Autonomous Group) *(WINGS AND TAIL GROUPS)* Fighter and Transport Commands dispose of a technical Branch who looks after the maintenance of aircraft. Certain constructions and works needed by these sections are beyond the scope of the Storm Technical Branches and have to be undertaken by territorial organizations (Direction of the Construction Department at the Ministry-firms). *Second Technical* ~~Although~~ *the* Technical Section for repair and maintenance works depends on the authority of the local Squadron or Unit Command, it will, nevertheless for any other technical administration service come under the competent centralized Departments;

- c) - They all depend for their employment, training and consequent discipline on "Comando Forze Aeree". Air transport Command in particular, still depending on the above mentioned command, also carries out directives and orders given by Allied authorities.

- d) - For the administrative services, and in the absence of a corresponding territorial organization, they may dispose of a "Reparto Presidiario." *(Prison Unit)*

- 4) - Setting up of one "Comando Scuole di volo".

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4)- Setting up of one "Comando Scuole di volo".

This Command will:

- a) - assume the same functions as the above-mentioned Commands without ^{such a} developed organization ^{the} the very inferior number of its flying units.
- b) - has under its control all the ^{FLYING} schools so far established.
- c) - depend on "Comando Forze Aeree" for its employment, training, discipline activities and any other question arising in connection of its activities.

WHEN WORK HAS TO BE DONE WHICH EXCEEDS THAT WHICH IS UNDERSTOOD BY THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE STORM CHARACTERISTICS AND IMPORTANCE, AND YET IS NOT IN THE CATEGORY OF THAT WHICH THE 2.A.T. COMMANDS MAY DO (THE FIRMS FOR MINISTRY CONSTRUCTIONS).

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- 5) - The explanatory chart of the above mentioned is hereby attached with a heading "B".
This H.Q. will take dispositions in view of carry out this programme as soon as the AFSC will give its support to the above formulated programme.

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ALL' AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C.

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OGGETTO: Riordinamento Comando Unità Aerea e Comandi di Raggruppamento.-

1°) - PREMESSA -

Il Comando Unità Aerea ha recentemente subito varianti sulla sua costituzione (riassorbimento da parte dei Comandi di Z.A.T. e di Aeronautica dei compiti già svolti dall'Intendenza: lettera AFSC/672/Eg. in data 26 aprile c.a. di codesta Sottocommissione).-

Sembrerebbe quindi potersi procedere senza inconvenienti notevoli allo scioglimento di detto Comando, se con tale scioglimento una somma di attività varie - proprie dei Comandi di grande unità - come quelle relative all'impiego dei Reparti aerei, al loro addestramento ed al governo in genere del personale non venisse a cessare.- Né tali attività potrebbero essere devolute allo Stato Maggiore della R.A. se questo ultimo dovrà mantenere le sue peculiari funzioni di studio, previsione ed organizzazione dell'Arma e di coordinamento e controllo sull'attività di ciascun Ente aeronautico.-

Potrebbe apparire quindi utile sin da questo momento - in attesa di poter decidere sull'ordinamento generale della Aeronautica in relazione alla sua futura consistenza - devolvere ai Comandi territoriali di Z.A.T. e di Aeronautica oggi costituiti le funzioni operative previste per i Comandi Unità Aerea e di Raggruppamento.-

In proposito però torna opportuno rilevare non solo quanto prospettato da codesta Sottocommissione circa la necessità di mantenere accentrata in un unico Comando l'attività relativa al Servizio dei Corrieri Aerei, ma anche la necessità

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di non gravare di ulteriore lavoro i Comandi territoriali -
- particolarmente quelli dell'Italia Settentrionale - che
debbono tuttora svolgere un'intensa attività per la riorga-
nizzazione aeronautica dei loro territori e per il recupero
sia del personale che del materiale che riveste tuttora ca-
rattere di notevole importanza.-

Conseguentemente questo Stato Maggiore prospetta la
opportunità dell'adozione dei provvedimenti appresso speci-
ficati che si formulano al fine di avviare l'attuale organiz-
zazione ad un perfezionamento funzionale evitando tuttavia
di incidere soverchiamente sul sistema ordinativo in atto,
che - come già accennato - sarà riesaminato alle basi e su
concetti più aderenti alle necessità, non appena la conoscen-
za di elementi concreti sull'avvenire dell'Arma potrà costi-
tuire orientamento nella definizione dell'attività, consi-
stenza e schieramento dei Reparti aerei.*

2°) - PROVVEDIMENTI RIORDINATIVI DI COMANDI DI UNITÀ AEREA E DI
RAGGRUPPAMENTO -

1°)- Trasformazione del Comando Unità Aerea in :

"" COMANDO FORZE AEREE ""

Il Comando Forze Aeree:

a)- assume i seguenti compiti:

- impiego ed addestramento di Reparti aerei dipen-
denti (Scuole di volo comprese); attuazione e
perfezionamento di tutte le norme comunque in-
teressanti la preparazione tecnico-professiona-
le dei Reparti dipendenti e loro coordinamento
fra le varie specialità;
- studio e formulazione di proposte allo Stato
Maggiore della R.A. su provvedimenti e proble-
mi inerenti all'impiego delle specialità, alle
caratteristiche ed all'efficienza dei materiali
in base alla pratica esperienza;

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- controllo dell'efficienza, dell'attrezzatura e dei manufatti degli Aeroporti su cui risiedono i Reparti dipendenti con facoltà di richiesta ai Comandi di Z.A.T. (od equivalenti) territorialmente competenti di provvedimenti necessari al perfezionamento dell'organizzazione relativa.- Per ogni questione che esuli dalle possibilità o dalla competenza dei Comandi territoriali le richieste stesse sono formulate allo Stato Maggiore della R.A.;
 - controllo ispettivo sul funzionamento dei vari servizi in seno ai dipendenti Reparti con particolare riguardo al servizio dei rifornimenti da parte degli Enti territoriali ai Reparti medesimi; segnala allo Stato Maggiore della R.A. sul loro andamento;
 - movimenti, nell'ambito dei Reparti dipendenti e secondo le modalità stabilite dal Ministero dell'Aeronautica, degli ufficiali inferiori, dei sottufficiali e del personale di truppa per la perequazione e le necessità varie dei Reparti medesimi; per le assegnazioni od i trasferimenti degli Ufficiali superiori la competenza è devoluta unicamente al Ministero dell'Aeronautica.- Trattazione di tutte le questioni relative al personale con i competenti organi Centrali e territoriali;
- b)- assume l'ordinamento di cui all'allegato "A";
- c)- ha alle proprie dipendenze d'impiego, addestrative ed a quelle disciplinari che ne derivano, tutti i Comandi e Reparti Aerei dell'Arma.- Dette dipendenze per la parte impiego dei Reparti esercitanti l'attività dei Corrieri Aerei sono subordinate alle direttive generali in tale campo stabilite di volta in volta dalla competente Autorità Alleata;
- d)- dipende dallo Stato Maggiore della R.A. per ciò che concerne l'impiego e l'addestramento e la conseguente disciplina dei dipendenti Reparti aerei; corrisponde direttamente con il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, al quale fa capo per tutte le altre questioni di ordinaria amministrazione che non investono la diretta competenza dello Stato Maggiore;
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e)- mantiene con i Comandi di Z.A.T. (od equivalenti) relazioni di carattere coordinativo e di controllo sul funzionamento dei servizi tecnico-logistico-amministrativi interessanti direttamente i Reparti dipendenti. Per i servizi logistico-amministrativi del Comando vero e proprio, dispone - in assenza di analoga organizzazione territoriale - di un Reparto Presidiario.-

3°)- Trasformazione degli attuali Comandi di Raggruppamento nei Comandi di specialità sottospecificati:

- Comando Raggruppamento Caccia in "COMANDO CACCIA";
- Comando Raggruppamento Bombardamento in "COMANDO TRASPORTI AEREI";
- Comando Raggruppamento Idro in "COMANDO IDRO".-

Il Comando di specialità (Caccia, Trasporti Aerei, Idro):

a)- assume in linea subordinata e nell'ambito della propria specialità, attribuzioni ed ordinamento analoghi a quelli previsti nel precedente comma 1°) per il Comando Forze Aeree.-

Il Comando Trasporti Aerei inoltre, a differenza dei similari di altre specialità, accentra sotto il suo controllo tutti i servizi connessi con l'attività dei Corrieri Aerei Militari (servizio di agenzia per i passeggeri, i materiali e la posta da trasportare e relativo controllo);

b)- ha alle proprie dipendenze d'impiego, addestramento e disciplinari relative tutti i Reparti di volo (Stormie Gruppi Autonomi) della propria specialità.-

I Comandi Caccia e Trasporti inoltre dispongono di un Reparto Tecnico destinato alla revisione e riparazione dei materiali di volo per i quali risultino necessarie lavorazioni che esorbitano da quelle devolute ai Servizi Tecnici di Stormo, e non raggiungano le caratteristiche e l'importanza di quelle proprie delle organizzazioni territoriali (Direzione delle Costruzioni del Ministero - Ditte).-

Tale Reparto Tecnico, mentre per la definizione delle lavorazioni relativamente ai tipi di materiale da revisionare o riparare, al carattere delle lavorazioni medesime ed al loro ritmo e precedenza dipende direttamente dal Comando di specialità, fa capo per quanto è di stretta attinenza del servizio tecnico-logistico-amministrativo ai competenti organi Centrali;

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c)- dipende per l'impiego, l'addestramento e per la parte disciplinare conseguente dal Comando Forze Aeree al quale inoltre fa capo per tutte le altre questioni comunque connesse con la propria attività.- Il Comando Trasporti Aerei, particolarmente, pur conservando detta dipendenza, applica e realizza le direttive che nei riguardi del Servizio Corrieri Aerei Militari sono di rettamente stabilite dalle Autorità Alleate;;

d)- per i servizi logistico-amministrativi del Comando vero e proprio dispone - in assenza di analoga organizzazione territoriale - di un Reparto Presidiario.-

4°)- Costituzione di un unico "COMANDO SCUOLE DI VOLO" -

Tale Comando:

a)- assume la medesima veste ordinativa e di funzionamento dei Comandi di specialità più sopra trattati, senza peraltro raggiungere il livello organico in considerazione dell'inferiore numero di Reparti di volo dipendenti;

b)- ha alle proprie dipendenze d'impiego, addestramento e disciplinari tutte le Scuole di volo costituite;

c)- dipende per l'impiego, l'addestramento e per la parte disciplinare conseguente dal Comando Forze Aeree al quale inoltre fa capo per tutte le altre questioni comunque connesse con la propria attività.-

5°)- Lo schema ordinativo generico secondo quanto sopra esposto appare dall'accluso allegato "B".-
Questo Stato Maggiore compilerà per la diramazione le disposizioni esecutive, ivi comprese le formazioni organiche, non appena codesta Sottocommissione vorrà dare un cenno di adesione al programma sopra formulato.-



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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION UNITED COMMISSION FILE

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Date: 22nd August 45.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF AIR STAFF ORGANISATION IN THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE COMBINE SERVICE.

Introduction.

1. A visit was paid to the Italian Air Ministry on 22nd August by S/Gdr. Bissade, Acting S.S.O., in order to examine existing Air Staff Organisation, in the higher formations of the Italian Air Force. The purposes of the visit were as follows:

- (a) to ascertain how the Italians proposed to reorganise control of flying units with the dissolution of Italia Iree,
- (b) to check that the Courier Service would be integrated into the new set up in such a way as to ensure adequate direct control by the Chief of Staff and Air Forces SM, Command in,
- (c) to see what the Air Staff Section of the General Staff (at Air Ministry) actually did.

2. Existing Organisation of I.A.F. This is illustrated generally at Appendix 3 to enclosure 2A of this file (flagged). Points to be noted in considering the existing set up are as follows:

(a) The State Maggiore or General Staff is quite separate from the Air Ministry, although its functions in the same building. It gives orders to Units Actives on the C.A.S.'s behalf and makes operational plans in consultation with the various Air Ministry Departments. It is not itself an Air Ministry Department or Directorate.

(b) In spite of the last sentence of (a) above, the C.A.S. is responsible for the co-ordination of the work of the Air Ministry Departments as well as that of the General Staff.

(c) The regional I.A.F. Units (ZATS) have no connection with the General Staff (or Air Staff side) of the I.A.F. The Italians claim that their communications are too inadequate and their resources too meagre to allow for the degree of decentralisation of flying units required if the various I.A.F.s were to be given the Air Staff responsibilities of an I.A.F. Group.

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They do not possess any collated or grebbed statistic since the end of the war except ~~the~~ the monthly flying hours and a/c strength reports which they pass on to us from Units Area every month. Personnel working in the Section amount to about ten. They are responsible for planning any new schedules for the Courier Service, but having no other responsibilities for it, and little data about it.

4. Courier Service. There is a General Staff Section (Office at "Italian Air Lines", Via Regina Elena, 30. Lt. Col. Gussoni), responsible for the running of the Courier Service. They took over from Units Areas at the beginning of August and are gradually getting statistics into shape. At present they come directly under the a/c plane Section of the General Staff. In the reorganised scheme when it takes place they will either be under the newly formed Operational Command (with the ~~idea~~ that the I.L. is directly responsible to C.A.S. and A.O.C. A.F.S.C. for running the service in accordance with Allied requirements), or else it will be a separate command parallel with the new Operational Command and directly responsible to C.A.S. The Italians would prefer the latter.

Proposed "Air Forces General Command".

5. With the dissolution of Units Areas, the Italians propose to set up a new Operational Command with the a/c title. They say that the differences from the Units Areas will be as follows: -

- (a) It will be at Rome (but separate from the Air Ministry and General Staff).
- (b) It will be responsible only for flying and will give up certain administrative work that Units Areas had taken over from the I.A.T.s at Allied advice.
- (c) It will be considerably smaller than Units Areas.

The general layout is shown at Appendix B. If the Courier Service is not to be a separate Command, it will come under the Operations Section of this Command.

Conclusions.

6. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the existing proposal amounts to starting up a new Units Areas under another name in a new location. On the other hand it is perhaps essential to have a Command between Air Ministry and flying Units. If the I.A.T.s were suddenly reduced to the size of the I.A., it seems likely that the various Commands would be amalgamated into one Operational Command.

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On the other hand, the I.A.S. organization at present, and proposed seems to divorce Air Staff from Administration for too much. It would seem initially logical that A.A.S. should operate through with Air Staffs could directly under an enlarged Operations Directorate of the General Staff. However this proposal is not compatible with concentrating flying units of the I.A.S., nor with concentrating on the transportation, communications facilities and personnel.

Recommendations.

8. It is recommended that the I.M.F. proposal to reconstitute Units Aerees as a "General Command" as Rome be accepted until such time as flying Units become more dispersed through Italy, when ZAFs should have Air Staffs.

9. A considerable amount of care should be taken by A.F.S.O. to ensure that the new Command is smaller and more efficient than its parent.

10. The Courier Service may well be more efficient and more easily controlled if it is a separate Command coming directly under the General Staff and it is recommended that this be authorized.

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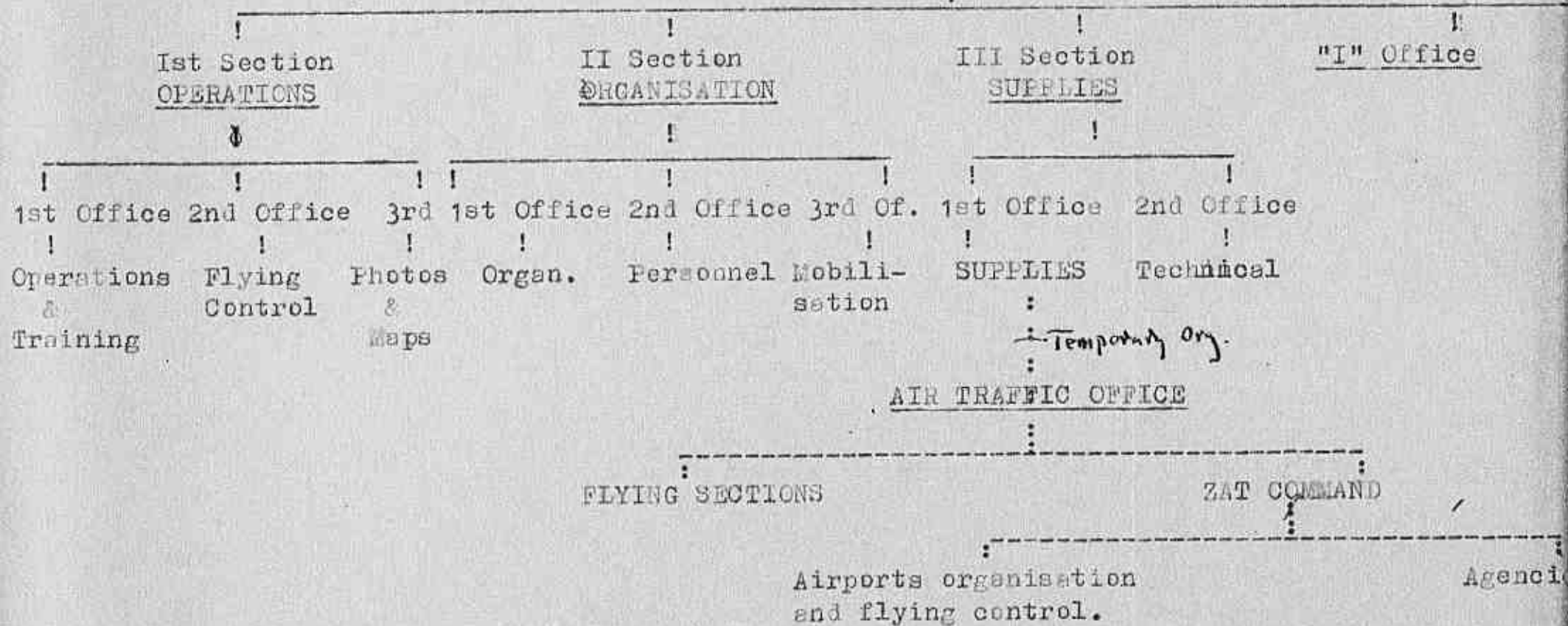
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ITALIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL STAFFCHIEF OF STAFF I.A.F.UNDER CHIEF OF STAFF. ——— Secretary.

Appendix A.ITALIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL STAFFCHIEF OF STAFF I.A.F.UNDER CHIEF OF STAFF. — Secretary.II Section
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1st Office	2nd Office	3rd Of.	1st Office	2nd Office
Organ.	Personnel	Mobili-	SUPPLIES	Technical
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: Temporary Org.

AIR TRAFFIC OFFICEFLYING SECTIONSZAT COMMANDAirports organisation
and flying control.

Agencies

Appendix A.

AIR FORCES GENERAL COMMANDGENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF I.A..GENERAL COMMAND^{ING} ~~ER~~ OF THE A. F. GENERAL COMMANDCHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCES GENERAL COMMAND →

O.C. UNIT

PERSONNEL

OPERATIONS-TRAINING-INFORMATIONAIR COURIER SERVICE

FIGHTER

SEAPLANES

ALLIES

{ for good running }
 { of air lines and }
 { use of a/c }

APPENDIX B

AIR FORCES GENERAL COMMANDGENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF I.A.F.GENERAL COMMAND ^{ING} ~~OF~~ THE A. F. GENERAL COMMANDCHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCES GENERAL COMMAND → Autonomous Flying Section

PERSONNEL

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FLYING CONTROL

AIR COURIER SERVICE

FIGHTER

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SCHOOLS

