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MEMORANDUM T[illegible] : UNITA AEREA (UFFICIO OPERAZIONI)

SUPPLIES FOR THE "GARIBALDI" DIVISION.

Reference is made to your letter 001227/3 dated 25th August, 1944, requesting the assignment of a further S.82 for use on supply dropping to the "Garibaldi" Division.

2. Forwarded herewith is copy of letter BAI/2280/4/S.O. dated 27th August, 1944 received in reply to a similar request made by the Comando Supremo.

for F.M. DERRY, G/CAPT.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, BARI.
28th August, 1944.
AFSC/S/5/AIR.
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Copy to:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, ROME (Your letter AFSC/INT/21 dated 12th August, 1944 refers).

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COPY.

From : Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, R.A.F., C.M.F.

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

Date : 27th August, 1944.

Ref. : BAF/2280/4/S.O.

SUPPLIES FOR THE GARIBALDI DIVISION.

Please refer to your letter AFSC/S5/AIR dated 14th August, 1944. The matter has been referred to the B.M.M. to the J.A.N.L. who consider in view of the shortage of our sorties and the very urgent demands for supply dropping to the J.A.N.L. everywhere in Jugoslavia, that no increase to the Garibaldi Division can be sanctioned.

2. Will you please inform the "Commando Supremo" accordingly.

(S'gd.) P.L. MARETT,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
BALKAN AIR FORCE.

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SECRET.

FROM:- AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C. BARI.

TO:- HEADQUARTERS, BALKAN AIR FORCE, R.A.F. C.M.F.

DATE:- 16th. August, 1944.

REF:- AFSC/S.5/Air.

SUBJECT: WT CRYSTALS DEVICE.

Reference Headquarters Force 266 letter G.Air/15/344 dated 1st. June, 1944 and this Headquarters letter S/1/Air dated 14th. June, 1944.

2. The attached letter from the Comando Supremo reference 14695 dated 9th. August, 1944 and translation thereof is forwarded for such action as you consider necessary.

R. Lee.

D.I.ROWELL, S/CAPT.,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to A.P.S.O. A.C.C. BARI.
(AFSC/INT/21 dated 12th. August 1944 refers.)

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P.M.135, 8 Agosto 1944

C/ze Bari

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

N° 14685 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O: Aviorifornimenti alla divisione "Garibaldi".-

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Come è noto a codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo, la Divisione "Garibaldi" ha ridotto progressivamente la sua forza dal mese di ottobre '43 in avanti: da 12.500 uomini si è scesi a circa 3.000 uommini nel mese di giugno c.a.- I motivi di tale riduzione devono ricercarsi nelle perdite gravissime subite in combattimento, in quelle provocate da epidemie di tifo esantematico e malattie ed infine nelle sottrazioni di reparti combattenti e lavoratori che il Comando Supremo dell'Esercito Partigiano Liberatore Jugoslavo ha affiancato a varie unità partigiane.

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L'integrale e regolare invio di tali materiali in Montenegro è però impedito dal limitato numero di aerei da trasporto - un S.82 e un CZ. 1007 - assegnato attualmente allo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito per l'effettuazione degli avioriformimenti diretti alla Divisione "Garibaldi".

Sulla base delle richieste che pervengono giornalmente da tale Unità, dei materieli già approntati e della capacità di trasporto dei velivoli S.82 e CZ. 1007, lo S.M.R.E. ha calcolato che, elevando l'aliquota da 2 a 4 aerei, si potrebbe far fronte con tempestività alla richieste della Divisione ed evitare che i materiali rimangano per lunghi periodi di tempo, accantonati sull'aeroporto di Lecce.

Per quanto sopra, si prega vivamente codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo di volere intercedere presso il Force 399, affinchè l'aliquota dei velivoli trasporto da mettere a disposizione della Divisione "Garibaldi, sia elevata nella misura desiderata.=

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(Arturo Scattini)

COMANDO SUPREMO

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI

To : MR. PHILIP BROAD;
OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI OF THE
MINISTER RESIDENT AT ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
BARI.

Copy : ALLIED FORCE H.Q. G.2 SECTION.

Date : 4th August 1944

Ref. : AFSC/704/P1.

ILLICIT TRAVEL FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

With reference to the first adressees letter to Mr. Caccia of the 16th July 1944 and the second adressees letter to this Sub Commission B/389.506/75 of the 29th July 1944, I have to inform you that Majot Ricci has been removed from his Command of Fighter operations at Nuova, and has been posted to an administrative unit, and that 2nd Lieutenant Biondi has been awarded seven days imprisonment.

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

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From : Air Forces(ub Commission
Allied Control Commission
BARI

To : Mr.Philip Broad
Office of the Representative at Bari of the
Minister Resident at Allied Force Headquarters
BARI

Date : 28th July 1944

Ref. : AFSC/7C4/P1.

UNAUTHORISED AIR TRAVEL

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J. WALTON,SQUADRON LEADER,
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copies to : Mr.Harold Caccia, Political Section, Allied Control Commission,-Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

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

TO : Mr. Philip Broad,
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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME
To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION BARI
Date : JULY 22nd 1944
Ref. : AFSC/INT/9

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Philip Broad of the Office of the Representative at Bari of the Minister Resident at Allied Force Headquarters to Mr. Harold Caccia of the Political Section of the A.C.C.

Mr. Caccia would be interested to have the Italian Air Force version of the incident and it is suggested that if an enquiry has been held the result of the same be submitted to this office for communication to the Political Section.

(P. de Haan)
Squadron Leader
Deputy Director A. F. S. C.

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
BARI

16th July 1944

My dear Harold,

I am afraid there has been another incident between the Partisans and the Italians, but on this occasion the Italians seem to have got the better of it.

Briefly, the facts are that an Italian aircraft flew across to Vis the day before yesterday to take spare parts for an Italian fighter which had crashed on the island (there are a few Macchis operating from Vis). Somehow or other the aircraft succeeded in bringing out eight men stated to be Italian prisoners of war held by the Partisans. Quite why they were allowed to be wandering loose near the airport is not at present known.

Anyhow the aircraft got them to Lecce, and the story came to our notice through being reported to the R.A.F. authorities at the airport. We have heard nothing about the matter from the Partisans yet. If they do, we propose to take the line that the Partisans themselves have got away with this sort of thing on many occasions in the past and they really have no grounds for complaint if, on one occasion, the Italians succeed in playing the same game.

In the meantime, we are making enquiries as to exactly who these eight men can be. Personally, I imagine that they may be among those who have been shanghai'd by the Partisans from Italy, but it is just possible that they may be genuine prisoners of war and Fascists who ought to be held. There is therefore, a security angle which makes it necessary for us to find out as much as possible about the business.

Under any circumstances there could not, of course, be any question of our returning these men to the Partisans. And even if we wanted to do so, I do not think that there would be any opportunity, for I feel that the Italians will take another leaf out of the Partisans' book and make sure that the eight men disappear.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Minister Resident at Algiers, the Foreign Office and Noel Charles.

Yours ever

Signed) Philip Broad

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