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GERMAN AWARDS TO ITALIAN OFFICIALS
FEB. - APR. 1944

Date

Minute sheet No. 4

April 4

V.P. Policy falls under ①

2 headings A. To hand in as not wanted or

B. Not to work but retained. Can be left to individual choice as long as words understood in B, are definite.

Could be best effected by Royal Decree - repeated through repeated Italy by Conf Comis order if Italian Govt. agrees - I see no reason to refer to other sub. commission. Re application with the universal final.

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Int. Please see below at 9A.

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S. P. M.

Public has
to see

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Int. Please see below at 10A (sub B)

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repeated through repeated Italy by aircraft carrier order
if Italian Govt. agrees - I see no reason to refer
to other sub. commissions. The application is the
universal final.

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Int: Please see letter at 9A.

Admin
5 Apr.

[Signature]
L. S. C.

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Int: Please see letter at 10:4 am (B)

Admin
9 Apr.

[Signature]
L. S. C.

COPY/

351/CA

2nd Ind.

RST/ard

Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, R.C. & M.C. Section.
31 March 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

It is recommended that the action envisaged in the basic letter be authorized if approved by you and by the Army Subcommission.

For Colonel Norman E. Fiske.

(SGD) J. Wm. GIBLERT,
Capt., A.G.D.

SHW/gal.

ACC/80/INT.

3rd IND.

SHW/gal.

HQ (REAR) ACC - ADM SEC.

9 Apr 44.

SUBJECT : German Awards to Italian Officials.

TO : RCMG Sec.

Pages 1 to 5 enclosed.

Refer you 351/CA of 31 Mar and the attd papers.

After consultation with the Army and Interior Sub Commissions, the question was referred to the Chief Commissioner for decision and I have today heard from the Deputy Chief Commissioner that the 6 Brigade of Carabinieri of Palermo are to be informed that the action to be taken on the requests of Lt Cols SELLITTO and PAOLANTONIO to be allowed to surrender German decorations is one entirely for the Italian Govt to decide.

SH. WHITE, Major,
for VP Adm Sec.

Copy to RBSO, Sicily Region Hq, APO 394,
ref RBS .014.1 of 22 Mar 44.

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Decision: Approved

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

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Secretary General

HQ ACC APO 394

Rec'd 7 Apr 1944

By [Signature]

ACC/80/INT

6 Apr 44

SUBJECT : German Awards to Italian Officials.TO : Chief Commissioner.

- 1 Two Lieut. Colonels of the Carabinieri have asked leave to hand in German decorations awarded to them, for return to the German Government, and their Brigade General has submitted the question to this HQ.
- 2 The question raised does not concern only the Carabinieri. Officers of every other branch of the services may have received German decorations.
- 3 Two courses appear to be open; either;
 - (a) That we may answer the present letter to the effect that this is a matter for the Italian Government, or
 - (b) That the Italian Government be asked to issue general instructions concerning German decorations and orders. Such a request to them is, of course, not a matter for the Adm Sec.
- 4 (a) appears the simplest plan. May we have instructions please.

Stansgate

STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

1st Ind.

EWS/hjp

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, Hq ACC, APO 394. 8 April 1944

To: Vice-President, Administrative Section, Hq ACC.

Proposal in paragraph 3 (a) is approved.

[Signature]
WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Interior

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- 1 This was started purely from the Coker point of view. But as you will see from the top part of page 2 of the translation it is a matter which affects generally and upon which the Italian Govt should have the instructions of universal application.
- 2 With the concurrence of the Army Sub. Com. the papers are passed to you for you to coordinate action and obtain the concurrence of other sub-coms interested.
- 3 The policy as to the request of any which should be made to the Italian Govt has first to be decided.
- 4 Will you please register the 2nd subcom. D/31 Mar. and open the appropriate file. Done SD

Admin
+ Apr.

AW Major
for CSE:

Report Copy.

Command of the 6th. Division of GUR.

No. 83/I ref. 3./to

Palermo, 18 February 1944.

Subject: German honors conferred to officers of this Unit.

To the Command of the 3rd. Division of GUR.

Baylis.

CONFIDENTIAL

As is generally known the German Air Corps (G.A.F.) stationed in Sicily during 1941 and beginning of 1942 were responsible of numerous incidents towards the civilian Italian population, such as assassinations, burials, violence, and abuse of power, and that in the period of six months alone 200 victims were reported who had met with road accidents caused by German troops.

The commanders of GUR sections in places where there were landing grounds used by the German troops, not only did they complain to the German Commanders but also informed the Italian authorities of this state of affairs providing after-reports and statistics pointing out the gravity of the situation.

On hearing of the first serious incidents General Fische who was then commanding the 3rd. Division, had told the General commanding the 6th. Brigade of GUR in Palermo to intervene energetically with the Commanders of German Units in order to curb the criminal activities of their troops. Subsequently General Axel, commanding the 6th. Italian Army ordered that the Commander of the 6th. GUR brigade report in his name to the German commander regarding

conduct of troops under his command.

Naples.

CONFIDENTIAL

As is generally known the German Air Corps (D.A.F.) stationed in Sicily during 1941 and beginning of 1942 were responsible of numerous incidents towards the civilian Italian population, such as murders, burglaries, violence, and almost of rape, and that in the period of six months alone 285 victims were reported who had not with road accidents caused by German troops.

The commanders of GERM sections in places where there were landing grounds used by the German troops, not only did they complain to the German Commanders but also informed the Italian authorities of this state of affairs, forwarding other reports and statistics pointing out the gravity of the situation.

On hearing of the first serious incidents General Liscia who was then commanding the 3rd Division, had told the General commanding the 6th Brigade of GERM in Palermo to intervene energetically with the Commanders of German Units in order to curb the criminal activities of their troops. Subsequently General Boel, commanding the 6th Italian Army ordered that the Commander of the 6th GERM brigade report in his name to the German commander/representative conduct of troops under his command, and authorizing him to say that reprisals would have to be considered if these incidents did not stop.

Finally the Germans decided to examine the matter and General Loerper of the German Air Corps, by order of Marshal Kesselring, called on the commander of the 6th GERM brigade, in order to apologize and informing him that strict measures were being taken against the ones responsible for the incidents reported, and arranging for the intervention of Italian and German police whenever German troops were found to be the authors of disturbances and violence.

At the same time, in 1942, in order to evidently to appease the resentment of the Italian authorities, to obtain their sympathies and to make them forget these crimes, the Germans distributed various grades of German Eagle decorations, without any particular reason for their gesture, to prefects, chiefs of police, Federal secretaries, podestats, and commanders of CCNR groups (Catania, Giracusa, Galtanisetta, Trapani), in whose territories there were German airports, and also to commanders of CCNR of air units, and commanders of CCNR legions and brigades.

Of the above officials ^{now} present in this brigade the following officers, Lt. Col. Gallitto Alberto and Lt. Col. Macalantonio Giacinto.

These officers who have ~~been~~ for light months served the Allied Military Government with utmost fidelity and loyalty, who were obliged to receive the German honour not for any particular feat carried out in favour of the Germans, but, in fact, just for having defended with loyalty the interests of the Italian people, and wish to deposit these decorations with the Italian Government in order that they be returned to the German government, enemy of their country.

The Italian Federal Government

Simone Antonio Bruno

Translated from: I.I.C.O.

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following officers, Lt. Col. Salitto Alberto and Lt. Col. Raolantonio Giacinto.

The ~~23~~ officers who have ~~been~~ for eight months saved the Allied Military Government with utmost fidelity and loyalty, who were obliged to renounce the German honour not for any particular feat carried out in favour of the Germans, but, in fact, just for having defended with loyalty the interests of the Italian people, -- wish to deposit these decorations with the Italian Government in order that they be returned to the German Government, enemy of their country. --

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

18
18 Apr 1944
Date

Suspense _____

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
✓ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
Economic Section	
Reg. Control & M.G. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Public Health Sub-Commission	
Property Control Sub-Comm.	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives	
NAVY Sub-Commission	
ARMY Land Forces Sub-Commission ✓	
AIR	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Disposal Sub-Comm	
PRO	
Liaison Section	
Finance Sub-Commission	
G-1	
G-4	
Adjutant General	
Files	
Personnel	
Publications	
Message Centre	
Miscellaneous	
Pool of Interpreters	
Archives & Reference Library	
Cables	
HQ. Commandant.	
Sub-Commission: -	

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FOR:

Signature _____
Remarks/Recommendation ✓

Chief Commissioner
 Deputy Chief Commissioner
 Secretary General
 ✓ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
 Economic Section
 Reg. Control & M.G. Section
 Political Section
 Interior Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 Property Control Sub-Comm.
 Legal Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives
 NAVY Sub-Commission
 AIR Sub-Commission ✓
 AIR
 Telecommunications & Posts
 War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.
 PRO
 Liaison Section
 Finance Sub-Commission
 G-1
 G-4
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 Archives & Reference Library
 Cables
 HQ. Commandant.
 Sub-Commission: -

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FOR:

Signature
 Remarks/Recommendation ✓
 Information only
 Approval/Disapproval
 Appropriate Action ✓
 Investigation and Report
 Dispatch
 Return to Admin. Section

REMARKS:

Is it necessary
 that any action be taken in this
 case. Please make comment on it
 what action is recommended.

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1. KCMH suggestion
obviously not
2. Best evidence necessary
to get CCR & find
ground in location
Quincy was on the 1st
level. (P)

Pages 1 to 5 forwarded
to RCMG Section on 7-4-44
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S/Sgt.

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C. G. H.

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