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GUARDIE DI FINANZA, ORGANIZATION, 1943 - 1947
(JUN. 1942); AUG. 1943 - JAN. 1947

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GUARDIE DI FINANZA

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TO JAN 14 1947

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HEADQUARTERS A. S. G. O. C.
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section

AMGOT/1039/PS

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17 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Finance Division

From Lt. Col. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety. *22/7/8*

- (1) One of the Civil Police Organizations now on duty is the Guardia di Finanza.
- (2) In general the duties previously performed by this organization embraced the guarding of finances, collection of certain taxes and fees, prevention of illegitimate trade etc. The whole organization is in need of reorganization if it is planned to use it in this specialized field.
- (3) There is requested that you furnish us with a general summary of the Finance system of Allied Military Government including the basic regulations and orders and the points which if not covered will affect your system.
- (4) We will use the information you furnish as a basis of interpretation and training and confer further with you.

Russell A. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division 2370
Sgt. Civil Police

22/7/8
C.R.O.
*Spencer
11/8/43
is meeting 22/8/43*

*I do not understand
what he wants under (3).
Will you confer with Lt. Col
Snook.
app 22/8*

Minute 5

To : Civil Affairs Section.

Draft of letter to Minister of Finance submitted for approval and signature.

I again protest against having this S/C used as the secretarial office for other S/C's. These matters of the status of G.I. F.F. as Italian army and of sending a unit to the front as combat troops are of no concern to this Sub-Commission. Both of these matters are wholly within the jurisdiction of Land Forces S/C and that S/C should have done the staff work.

Chapman C.L.

10/5/45 D.P.S. I have no comment on above minute. Nottingham 10/6/45

V.P. for signature 11 May

*Finance S/C attention Lt. Col. Buxton:-
Reference to 73A-B-C. The G.I. F.F. were excluded in units of Italian Army by combined chiefs of staff. Their decision is final. They will not make any decision which will involve an increased commitment for every nation.*

Chapman C.L. P.S.

10/5/45

V.P. for signature

11 May

D.P.S.

I have no comment on above minutes. *W. H. H. H. H. H.*

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Finance S/C Attention Lt. Col. Boxter:-
Reference is made to 73A-B-C. The G.G.F.F. were excluded in
units of Italian Army by combined efforts of staff. Their
division is final. They will not make any decision
which will involve an increased commitment for any
reasons.

Chapman
6/10/45 P.D.

29 June 1945-

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Deputy Director, Public Safety.

63 A and minute 7 above
note - many thanks.
R. J. L. L. L. L. L.
C. J. L. L. L. L. L.

1 July 1945.

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Transportation Co.
Rads.

Please see 69A. Can never say Rail Transport Co.
made available. There were no reports required for further

Control Duties.

W. H. H. H. H.
for S.D.

20/6/45

To: Deputy Director of Public Safety.

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This can be arranged if you will see me here
re request in writing. I'll return the request to you. I'll return the request to you.

Ref Minute 2.

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VP I feel that Folio 60A and Minute 2 is correct in calling on us to
reply as the present position of GGF in Allied eyes is Police. A
good case is made for bringing them into the Army but I suggest
that P.S. recommendations are the only practical answer. Shall I draft
a reply?

4 May

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ADP/Bentham/John L'61

CC PS

Please note CIA & despatch thru your registry

W. H. H. H.

CA Sec
5 May 61

Minute 1

Director of Public Safety

Re 60A. A copy of M MIA letter (60B)
and translations of GGGF documents (60C & 60J)
are now attached.

for your view, please.

~~Subsex~~
W.C.

2nd May 1965

Minute 2

V.P. CA Section.

When the Italian Army ceiling was fixed by
the Allies the Royal Fucina Guards were not included
as part of the Italian Armed Forces.

It is understood that this decision was made by
the Combined Chief of Staff on the recommendation of
AFHQ (presumably advised by M MIA) in the past.
Public Safety has had no say in the fixing of the
Italian Army strength, but if our advice is asked

2 May 1965

Minute 2

V.P. CA Section.

When the Italian Army ceiling was fixed by the Allies the Royal Finance Guards were not included as part of the Italian Armed Forces.

It is understood that this decision was made by the Combined Chief of Staff on the recommendation of AFHQ (presumably advised by MMIA). In the past, Public Safety has had no say in the fixing of the Italian Army strength, but if our advice is asked we see no reason for reconsidering the status of the Royal Finance Guards at this moment.

^{The question}
of the re-organisation of the Italian civil police has recently been submitted to the Prime Minister, & the future of the Royal Finance Guards should be carefully considered by the Italian Government in relation to the other Police Forces.

Since the letter from the Ministry of Finance is addressed to MMIA (the competent authority in this matter) it would seem proper for them to reply especially as they have access to the ruling excluding the Finance Guards.

Chapman - Director of Public Safety

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Telephone
Room 429081 Ext 218

LAND FORCE HQ CANADA, LG (P.S.) CAMP

SD/100/2/1

10 JAN 47

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Beretta Automatic Carbines

Ref. your 250630/II dated 9 Dec 46.

After confirmation by AG (Public Safety Div) and AMH,
this HQ agrees to your proposal to issue to GND GC RF on
repayment, two thousand five hundred BERETTA automatic carbines.

ARCS/cb

for *Major-General,* *GOC, HIA.*
atol *61*

Copy to: AG (P.S. Div)
AG/140012/P.S. dated 7 Jan 1947.

Internal:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

AC/14012/PS

7 January 1947

SUBJECT : Automatic Weapons for
Finance Guards.

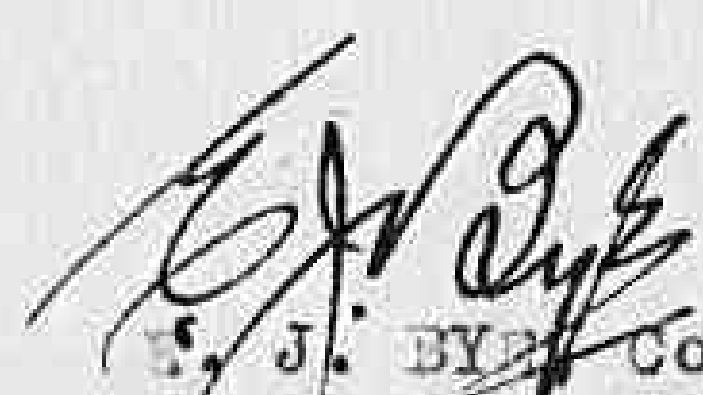
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
(MMIA), CMF.

103^A

Reference your SD/109/2/A of 13 December.

1. This matter was referred to AFHQ who have now replied that they have no objection to the proposed transfer of 2500 automatic carbines to the Corps of Finance Guards, providing that these are of Italian manufacture.
2. It is suggested therefore that you advise the Ministry of War accordingly.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,


E. J. BYRNE Colonel
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.25 P

4 January 1947

SUBJECT: Automatic Weapons for Finance Guards.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference is made to your letter AC/14012/PS dated 23 December 1946.

This Headquarters has no objection to the proposed transfer of 2,500 automatic carbines to the Corps of Finance Guards, provided these are of Italian Manufacture.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

for *A. L. Hamblen* Col
A.L. HAMBLIN,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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AG/U.012/PS

23 December 1946.

SUBJECT : Automatic weapons for Finance Guards.

TO : C-3, A.F.H.Q.

1. Application has been received from the Ministry of War addressed to L.H.L.A. for approval to be given to the transfer by the Ministry to the Headquarters of the Finance Guards, on repayment, of 2,500 automatic carbines. The Ministry of War states that it is in a position to make these releases, if approved, as the Carabinieri deficiencies have been made good.

2. The Corps of Finance Guards is a revenue police force under the Minister of Finance. Their duties are mainly connected with customs, border surveillance to prevent smuggling etc. but they are also at the disposal of the Minister of Interior for the purpose of preserving public order if so required by him. They are in this sense a police body though recruited and trained on military lines.

3. It is realized that your ruling regarding arms for police forces is that this is a matter for the Italian Government and in the light of this ruling, unless you decide to the contrary in this particular case, it is proposed to reply to the Minister of War that this Commission has no objection to the transfer of these arms to the Finance Guards.

4. As you consider please.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ME 2005
 L. GALT, Brigadier
 Executive Commissioner.

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Telephone
Rome, 48908; Ext 218

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

SD/109/2/A

13 Dec 46

AC (PS Div) ←

14 DEC 1946
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Subject: Automatic Weapons for Finance Guards.

103^B

Ref attached copy of a letter from M. of W. to MMIA.

This HQ has no objection to the proposed issue to
GG.FF.

Please state whether you are in agreement.

ARCS/mm

for 
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF : 230630/II

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 9/12/46

S I G N A L

Ref your letter SD/109/2/A dated 28 Oct 1946.

Finance Guard G.H.Q. reports that the armament of the 30,000 men, although it has certainly been improved with the recent distribution of 1500 automatic carbines Beretta cal 9, is still deficient according to the requirements of the Corps(.). Therefore said GHQ requests a further assignment of the weapon in question(.). This Ministry can issue on repayment a further 2500 automatic carbines since the deficiencies of the carabinieri have been made good and that said quantity would not hinder the exchange of the automatic carbine Thompson, at present on issue to army units, with the automatic carbine Beretta (.). Kindly say whether you have any objection regarding the issue of the second quantity of the weapon in question(.).

sgd. SUPINO

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AC (Public Safety)

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Telephone:

Rome 489081 Ext 218

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC(MMIA) SMF

3D/102/2/A

25 Nov 46

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Arms for Finance Guards

Not Received

Ref your 228171/II dated 12 Nov 46.

After consultation with HQ Allied Commission and Public Safety Division, A.C. approval is now given for you to issue fifty (50) machine guns Fiat Mod 35 cal .8, with suitable ammunition to Finance Guard HQ.

The delay in decision is regretted.

AROS/rr

See 100^A-101^A

for Major General, *W. Col*
GOO. MMIA. *GS*

Copy to: Allied Commission —
(Public Safety Div)

Internal: 'Q'

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

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AC/14012/PS

22 November 1946

SUBJECT: Arms for Finance Guards

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. Public Safety Division was unaware of the application by the Ministry of War for authority to issue machine guns to the G.C.F.F. until 16th Nov.'46.
2. This Commission offers no objection to the authority asked for being given.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

E. J. BYE, Colonel
Director

EJB/rlk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

18 NOV 1946
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16 November 1946.

Director, Public Safety Division.

During a discussion with Major General Goulburn this morning it was stated that there was still an outstanding application for 40 or 50 machine guns for Finance Guards on which no decision had been taken. It was stated that you and Brigadier Hope knew all about the matter.

Please take this matter up with LFSC and ensure that necessary action to deal with the matter is taken.

M. Carr

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Exec. Comm.

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Telephone
Rome, 489081 Ext. 218

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

P. SAFETY

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PA SD/109

5 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

8 - NOV 1946

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WS

Subject: Manufacture of Arms - BERETTA

Ref your letter 86310/18254 dated 26 Oct 46, para 2. — 98"

1. This HQ is bound to deprecate the issue of 1100 BERETTA auto-pistols Cal .9 type 34 to the Finance Guard and Public Security, in view of the fact that CC.RR. are reported still to be deficient of very large numbers of this weapon.
2. You are therefore requested to review the matter, and the respective priorities and requirements of CC.RR. viz a viz Finance Guards and Public Security.

ARCS/sb

A. J. G. Smith
for Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

Copy to : AC (for Public Safety) ←

Internal: 'Q'
CC.RR.
SD/109/2A

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P. SAFETY

Our SD/109 AG (for Public Safety) of 5 Nov refers

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98ⁿTRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

To : H.M.I.A.

8 - NOV 1946

Ref : 80310/18254

Date : 26 Oct 46

SUBJECT: Manufacture of small-arms at the "P. BERETTA" Firm.

Reply to letter 9 009 dated 9/9/46 and further to letter 74837/17430 dated 17 Oct 46.

1. Further information will be forwarded regarding the production of non-military small-arms.

2. "Beretta" automatic pistols - cal. 9 type X.

Up to today's date, 2700 pistols have been issued by "P. Beretta" Arm Factory, of which:

- 500 have been issued to the Udine Detached Artillery Section as stated in letter 71552/15561 dated 2/10/46;
- 1100 have been issued to the Carabinieri;
- 1100 have been stored at the Brescia Detachment Artillery Section, to be issued to the Finance Guard and Public Security.

3. Beretta automatic carbines - cal. 9

Up to today's date 11,000 carbines have been issued by the "P. Beretta" Arm Factory, of which:

- 8367 have been issued to the Carabinieri to complete the W/E scale of issue.
- 2633 have been stored at the Brescia Detached Artillery Section, and their distribution is under consideration.

(sgd) E. RUSCO,
Gen. 2998

AC for Public Safety ←

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SUBJECT: Automatic Carbines for Finance Guard

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MEMIA)

(489081 Ext. 218) SD/109/2/A

28 Oct 46TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 226178/II dated 17 Oct 46.

In view of your assurance that the armament of Carabinieri and army units will not be prejudiced, this HQ has no objection to your transferring 1500 Automatic Carbines Beretta to GHQ Finance Guard.

ARCS/sb

Ant. G. G. G.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A.C. ←
Internal: 'Q'
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Recd 28/10

DPS *[Signature]*

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF : 226178/II

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17/10/46

P H O N O G R A M

G.H.Q. Finance Guard pointed out the urgent necessity of having as first assignment 1500 Automatic Carbine Beretta Cal. 9 to be issued to approximately 3000 Finance Guards (.) This Ministry could fulfill said request without affecting the armament of carabinieri and army units (.) Kindly inform this Ministry if you have any objection regarding the assignment of the arms requested (.)-

Sgd.

LOMBARDI
Col.

Internal: SD/109/2/A
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

N. 93988

28 Sept. 46.

Rec'd 14/10

SUBJECT : GG.FF. in Eritrea.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

ADPS - G/12

14012.

With reference to previous correspondence, I inform you that the Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, having taken an interest in the money assignments due to the families of our military in Africa, communicates having regularised the position of half of them, whilst for the others steps are being taken.

By order of the
Generale di Brigata addetto
(G.Mancinelli)

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Translation ac/

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Ministero delle Finanze
COMANDO GENERALE GUARDIA FINANZA

- Uff. Gen. Add. - Sez. Aff. Militari -

Roma, 28 settembre 1946

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LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE P.S.

P.M. 394

Divisione
Prot. N. 93988
Ter. Alghero

Richiesta al. Foglio del
Gen. Ter. N. 11/10

OGGETTO Guardia di Finanza in Eritrea.-

Con riferimento alla precedente corrispondenza, si comunica che il Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, interessato in merito alla mancata corrispondenza degli assegni spettanti alle famiglie dei nostri militari in Africa, ha comunicato di aver regolarizzato la posizione di una metà del contingente, mentre per l'altra metà sono in corso le pratiche relative.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI BRIG. ADDETTO
(G. Mancinelli)
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d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI BRIG. ADDETTO
(G. Mancinelli).

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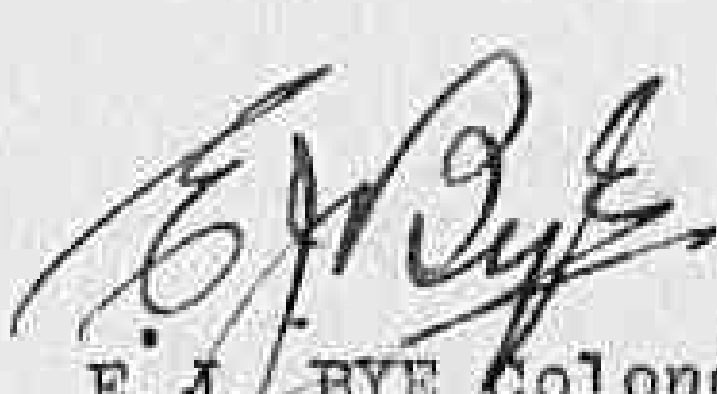
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AC/14012/PS

6 September 46.

SUBJECT : Finance Guards in Eritrea.
TO : Ministry of Finance
R.G. of Finance General Command
Sect. U.G.A.

1. With reference to your letter 66491 dated 6th July 46.
2. May a reply now be given to the letter from this Hq. AC/14012/PS dated 2/7/46.

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E.J. BYE Colonel 2993
Acting Director.

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No. 12116/52/CA.

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH,
GHC., MELB.

29th August, 1946.

HQ. Allied Commission,
R O M E.

A.D.P.S.
GUARDIA FINANZA - FAMILY ALLOWANCES.

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I am directed to refer to your letter
No. AC/14012/P.S. dated the 22nd July, 1946 and to enquire
whether there have been any further developments in this
matter.

G.A.B. Goullieb
(G. A. B. GOULIEB)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

/AH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

Tel: 489081-365

22 July 1946

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Guardia Finanza Family Allowances.

TO : A/Chief Secretary, Civil Affairs Branch,
G.H.Q. M.E.F.

1. Reference is made to your 12116/4.1/GA undated.
2. This matter has been referred to the Ministry of Italian Africa by the Ministry of Finance.
3. You will be informed of the result.

FJN/ac

F. J. Byrne
F. J. BYR, Colonel
Acting Director.

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TRANSLATION P.O.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
R.G. of Finance General Command
Sect. U.G.A. - Military Matters
No. 66491

Rome - 6 July 1946

Re: Allied Commission
Public Safety S.C.
ROME
and for information
To: Ministry Africa Italiana
ROME

SUBJECT: Military Eritrea Corps liquidations.
see 91A 100

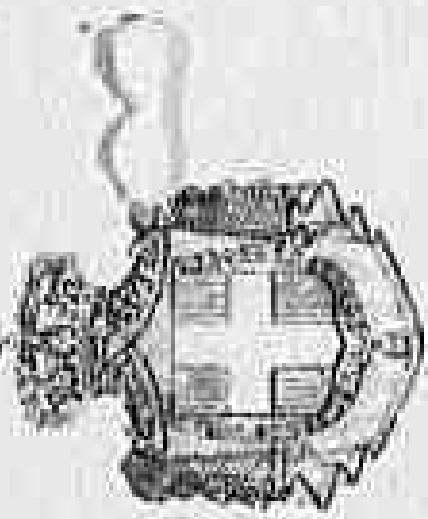
Ref. to AG/14012/RS of 2/7/46.

We beg to inform you that in connection with the liquidation owed to the families of the military of the Eritrea Corps, this General Command has duly concerned the Ministry of Africa Italiana. A reply from same is expected in regard.

General G. Mancinelli

TO	DATE	DATE
DIRECTOR	<i>6/10/27</i>	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF WORKER	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF A. H.E.G.	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF OFFICE	<i>6/10/27</i>	
SECURITY	<i>6/10/27</i>	
CHIEF CLERK	<i>6/10/27</i>	

cc
B/F in 1 week psc
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Ministero delle Finanze

COMANDO GENERALE R. G. DI FINANZA

- Uff. Gen. Add. - Sez. Aff. Militari -

Divisione
Prot. N. 286491
Allegato

Roma 5 LUGLIO 1946

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALEMATA
- Sottocommissione di P.S. -

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO AFRICA ITALIANA

ROMA

Risposta al foglio del

Dir. Sez. 24/2

OCCETTO Finanziari in Eritrea.

Riferimento foglio AS/14012/P. S. del 2/7/1946.

In relazione al foglio cui si risponde si comunica che per la liquidazione degli assegni dovuti alle famiglie dei militari del Corpo in Eritrea, questo Comando Generale ha interessato il Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, dal quale attende risposta.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI ERIC. ADDETTO

Riferimento foglio AO/14012/P.S. del 2/7/1945.-

In relazione al foglio cui si risponde si comunica che per la liquidazione degli assegni dovuti alle famiglie dei militari del Corpo in Eritrea, questo Comando Generale ha interessato il Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, del quale attende risposta.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI BRIG. ADEMETTO
(G. Mancinelli)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

91A

AC/14012/PS

2 July 46.

SUBJECT : Finance Guards in Eritrea.
TO : Commanding General GG.PF.

1. Reference is made to your 63651 dated
24 June 46, attaching original letter from Civil
Affairs Branch, GHQ CMF. 90A

2. The contents of your letter 57805 dated
12 June 46 have been noted. 90D

3. May we be informed please if steps are
being taken to adjust the question of unpaid family
allowances raised in Para 4 and 5 of letter from
GHQ CMF.

E. J. Bye
E.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director.

FJW/ac

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Ministry of Finance

N.63651

90A

24 June 46.

SUBJECT : Finance Guards in Eritrea.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

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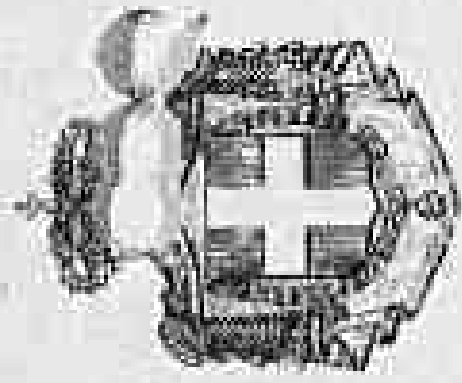
by order of

The General of the Brigade
/s/ Mancinelli.

Translation ac/

DATE	INITIALS	NAME

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Ministero delle Finanze

COMANDO GENERALE R.G. DI FINANZA

Uff. Gen. Add. Sez. Aff. Militari

Divisione *Ac.*

Prot. N. 33654 Allegato

Oggetto Guardia di Finanza in Eritrea.-

R O M A

Rispostand. Foglio del
Dir. Gen. N. AC/14012/FS

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI P.S.
APO 394

Pub. Safety

24 GIU. 1946

Roma

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Con riferimento a quanto in oggetto, si trasmette
la richiesta originale.-

Si restituisce l'intero incarto.-

Referring to the a/m in subject, attached herewith
is the original letter requested.
The documents are returned herewith.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA ADDETTO
(Giuseppe Mancinelli)

Mancinelli

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d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA ADDETTO
(Giuseppe Mancinelli)

Giuseppe Mancinelli

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
G.H.Q.

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H.Q. Allied Commission,
R O M E.

Command. Gen.

LA GUARDIA DI FINANZA, IN ERITREA
FAMILY ALLOWANCES/PAYABLE IN ITALY

I am directed to inform you that reports from Eritrea indicate considerable discontent amongst the members of the Guardia di Finanza at the inadequacy, and even complete absence, of the payment by the Italian Government of the allowances due to their families and dependents in Italy.

2. There are at present serving in Eritrea 207 men of the Guardia di Finanza and a nominal roll is sent herewith showing the names and last known addresses of the dependents.

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5. I am therefore to request that you will approach the appropriate authorities in order that the present unsatisfactory state of affairs may be remedied at the earliest possible date.

enclosure:
AS/PEM.

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A. SILLERY
Lt. Col.

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 439081-365

22 June 1946

AC/14042/PS

SUBJECT : Finance Guards in Eritrea.

TO : Commanding General CG.FE.

1. Reference is made to your 57805 dated 12 June 1946.
2. Nothing is known at this Headquarters of the letter from Civil Affairs Branch CHD, MET mentioned by you. This letter is addressed to H/Q Allied Commission, and would appear to have reached you in error.
3. It would be appreciated if the original could be forwarded to this Headquarters when the matter will receive attention.

FJW/ae

Frank Gibson Lt Col.
F. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

*Public Safety S/O.
Please if this matter
is being handled by you
JFK 18/6. 9017*

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
Hq. of Finance Guards
Off. Gen. Add. - Sez. Aff. Mil.

Rome, June 12 1946

To the Allied Commission in Italy
R O M E
and, for knowledge, to the the Ministry of Italian Africa
R O M E

N. 57805 - 1 Encl.

Subject: Finance Guard on duty in Eritrea and Lybia.

With reference to letter n. 12116/41 of Civil Affairs Branch G.H.Q.-M.E.F. here attached in copy and according to information received from officers who have come back from the colonies, we point out to you:

1) A considerable number of soldiers and N.C.O.s of the Royal Finance Guard, regularly organized and depending from the Allied Government are now making their duty in Aeeritrea and Lybia. They are utilized for tasks normally entrusted to the Finance Guard and local Governors are satisfied with their capacity and their spirit of sacrifice;

2) their moral and material situation is not however satisfactory, because:

- a) they all feel morally depressed because they have their families in Italy whom they have not seen these last five years and they have now no possibility of repatriating;
- b) They moreover suffer of economic discomfort because they are paid very little in a measure barely sufficient for their living;
- c) their families are suffering poverty in Italy because subventions paid by the Ministry of Italian Africa with respect to their present situation is not absolutely adequate to present cost of life in Italy and even such subvention had to be suspended for some of them;

We have already recalled the attention of ²⁹⁸⁴ above Ministry on this point.

- d) Finance soldiers in Aeeritrea and Lybia greatly suffer

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because none of their officers is near them to protect them and assist them in their daily work.

3) With respect to the above we beg you to interest yourself with competent Allied centers, to improve the position of those Italian soldiers who have cooperated and are cooperating on a useful scale with the Allies, while they fulfill a duty which is highly important in colonial policy as it ensures important tax receipts to the Allied administration of Aseritrea and Lybia.

We suggest you on this point the following solutions which, if adopted by you, might considerably improve the general situation of that Finance corps:

a) sending to Lybia and Aseritrea one officer at least of the Finance Corps, who may be agreeable to the Allied Administration, as responsible commander of all Italian Finance Guards on duty there;

b) granting them the same pay they would have in Italy, including food rations; beside a special colonial indemnity equal at least to the entire pay, all indemnities included;

c) granting them the faculty of sending money to their families in Italy, in order to help their relatives who are since long without the material and moral support of their family chief.

We thank you beforehand for the interest you will certainly take in the matter and we would furtherly like to know your decisions.

Division General f.g.s.
General Commander
(G.B. Oxilia)

TRANSLATION (from the Italian Translation)

n. 12116/41/CA

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1 Enclosure

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH - G.H.Q.-M.E.F.

To Headquarters Allied Commission - R O M E

Finance Guard in Aseritrea - Relief to families payable in Italy

1 - Informations from Aseritrea point out that much ill-feeling is spreading among soldiers of the Royal Finance Guard because the Italian Government fails to pay or inadequately pays relief subventions to their families and relatives.

2 - 207 soldiers of the Royal Finance Guard are now on duty in Aseritrea according to list here enclosed, showing addresses of their families and relatives.

3 - With a letter n. 54364 of 27th October 1945, Division General Oxilia informed the Italian Officer commanding the Finance Guard that the above soldiers remaining in Aseritrea were fulfilling their duty towards their own country and ensuring them that subventions due would have been paid to their families.

4 - The following cases, which are not the only ones, show that the promise has not been kept:

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n° 3	"	"	"	"	30 Oct. 45
n° 19	"	"	"	"	Sept. 45

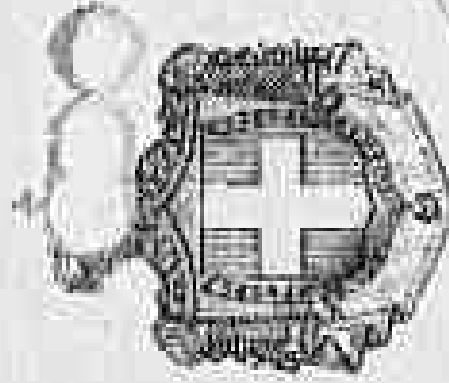
From the last news appears that families of 35 soldiers only are receiving subventions.

5 - We therefore ask you to put yourself in contact with competent authorities to solve difficulties as soon as possible

/s/ A. Sillery Lt. Col.
Acting Chief Secretary

17 GIU. 1946

Roma, 12 giugno 1946/19



Ministero delle Finanze

COMANDO GENERALE R.G. DI FINANZA

Uff. Gen. Add. - Sez. Aff. Mil.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA IN ITALIA

All R O M

e, per con.:

AL MINISTERO AFRICA ITALIANA

R O M A

Divisione

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Prot. N. 57805 Allegato 1

Risposta al Foglio del

Dir.

N. 4

OGGETTO Guardia di Finanza in servizio in Eritrea e in Libia.

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- 2) la loro situazione morale e materiale non è però soddisfacente per i seguenti motivi:
 - a) i militari si trovano in condizioni di assoluto disagio morale in quanto quasi tutti hanno la famiglia in Patria, famiglia dalla quale sono separati da oltre un quindennio; e attualmente nessuna possibilità è data loro di poter rimpatriare;
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 - c) molti dei familiari dei militari sopracennati, vivono in misere condizioni economiche, non essendo assolutamente adeguato al costo attuale della vita in Italia, l'asiguo assegno corrisposto dal Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, in dipendenza della posizione dei loro congiunti, assegno che per molti è stato sospeso.
- 3) In merito questo Comando ha già interessato il suddetto Ministero. d) i finanzieri in Eritrea ed in Libia soffrono molto della mancanza di ufficiali del Corpo, che possano tutelare i loro diritti ed assisterli nella loro quotidiana fatica.

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3) In relazione a quanto sopra questo Comando Generale, prega codesta Commissione voler interessarsi presso gli organi Alleati competenti, al fine di migliorare la situazione di questi nostri militari, che hanno fornito e tuttora forniscono un rilevante contributo alla causa Alleata, esplicando con perfetta disciplina e alto rendimento uno tra i principali servizi di polizia coloniale, che assicura un rilevante gettito di tributi all'Amministrazione Alleata della Libia e dell'Eritrea.

Al riguardo si formulano le seguenti proposte che se accettate potrebbero portare un sensibile miglioramento alla situazione generale di questa aliquota del Corpo dislocata oltremare:

a) invio in Libia e in Eritrea di almeno un ufficiale del Corpo di fiducia dell'Amministrazione Alleata con funzioni di comandante responsabile dei distaccamenti della R. Guardia di Finanza colà di stanza.

Ove questo fosse possibile, autorizzare un ufficiale con compiti di assistenza morale e materiale ad eseguire un giro di ispezione presso tutti i reparti di finanzieri dislocati in Colonia;

b) concedere alla R. Guardia di Finanza in servizio in Eritrea e Libia lo stesso trattamento economico vigente in Italia, compresa la razione viveri; il tutto maggiorato di una indennità coloniale speciale, pari almeno allo stipendio intero comprese tutte le indennità relative;

c) una volta concesso questo trattamento, offrire ai militari la possibilità di inviare rimesse in denaro ai familiari residenti in Patria, in maniera di allievare le misere condizioni economiche di molte famiglie prive ormai da tanti anni de-l'appoggio morale di un capo, e del sostegno materiale necessario alla vita.

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COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.E. Orilia)

G. Orilia

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CIVIL AFFAIRE BRANCH
G.H.Q. M.E.F.

AL QUARTIERE GENERALE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

R O M A

LA GUARDIA DI FINANZA IN ERITREA - SOCCORSO ALLE FAMIGLIE PAGABILE
IN ITALIA.

1.- Si informa che comunicazioni dall'Eritrea riportano un notevole malcontento tra i militari della Regia Guardia di Finanza per l'indegnato o mancato del tutto pagamento da parte del Governo Italiano degli assegni spettanti alle loro famiglie e congiunti in Italia.-

2.- Attualmente vi sono 207 militari della R. Guardia di Finanza che prestano servizio in Eritrea giusta come risulta dall'accluso elenco del quale si rivelano anche gli indirizzi ultimamente a loro conoscenza delle loro famiglie e congiunti.-

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4.- I seguenti casi, che non sono gli unici, dimostrano che l'assicurazione di cui sopra non è stata mantenuta:

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5.- Si chiede pertanto a codesto Quartiere Generale di prendere contatto con le competenti autorità allo scopo di risolvere al più presto possibile il lamentato inconveniente.-

F/to A. Sillery
Lt. Col.

Acting Chief Secretary



IL TEL. COL. ADDETTO
(Giuseppe Barbera)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14012/PS.

28 August 1945.

SUBJECT : C.C.R.R. for Frontiers Service

TO : Commanding General C.C.R.R.

1. Reference your 228/50-944 dated 16 August 45
2. There is no objection to the return to normal duty of those C.C.R.R. in Naples assigned to frontier control duty.

Franklin D. White
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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GENERAL COMMAND OF THE CC.RR.
Mobilization Office

27 AGO. 1945

Rome August 16 - 1945

N° 228/50-944 Secret File

To the Sub Commission for P.S.
of the Allied Commission
R O M E

SUBJECT: CC.RR. formed for frontier service.

As it is noted before North Italy was liberated, where formed in Rome and at Naples two groups with the force of 350 and 210 CC.RR. to be employed in police service at the frontier.

When the liberation happened, by order of this Sub Commission, the Group that was formed in Rome departed to the North for the a/m service.

For the group of Naples instead this Office order that the should stay engaged to be ready with the special charge to leave at 8 days notice.

With the constitution of the legions in the North Italy, they are already stationed there the same that before always made that service in the frontier.

Therefore it is believed by this Command that it as ceased the necessity to keep that group appositely prepared for that reason.

Will be very grateful to this Sub-Commission if it will kindly see the possibility to consent that the group formed in Naples will be dissolve and the personnel send back to their proper legions.

The General Commandant
Brunetto Brunetti

TO	DATE	INITIAL
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
SPECIAL AGENT		
CHIEF CLERK		

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20 AGO. 1945



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO MOBILITAZIONE

N. 228/50-944 di prot. Segreto

Roma, li 16 agosto 1945

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Militari dell'Arma approntati per il servizio di
polizia di frontiera.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

R O M A

Com'è noto, prima che l'Alta Italia fosse liberata, furono approntati a Roma ed a Napoli due reparti, rispettivamente della forza di 350 e 210 militari per essere impiegati nei servizi di polizia alla frontiera.

A liberazione avvenuta, per disposizione di codesta Sottocommissione, il nucleo costituito a Roma partì per il nord onde disimpegnare il servizio di cui sopra.

Per il nucleo di Napoli invece codesto Ufficio dispose che i militari restassero prenotati per lo speciale incarico e si tenessero pronti a partire con preavviso di 8 giorni.

Con la costituzione delle legioni dell'Italia Settentrionale, si trovano ormai in luogo gli organi territoriali che hanno sempre, in passato, eseguito il servizio di polizia alla frontiera. Pertanto è cessato - a parere di questo comando - la necessità dell'es

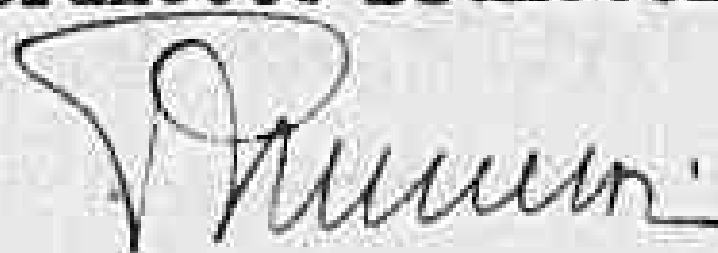
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Sarei quindi grato a codesta Sottocommissione se volesse cortesemente esaminare la possibilità di consentire che il reparto approntato a Napoli venga sciolto ed il personale fatto rientrare alle proprie legioni.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-



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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

General Command of GG.FF. - Secretariate -

No. R.O.

24 July 1945

SUBJECT : GG.FF. 1st Area Command transferred to Milan.

TO : A.C. Public Safety S.C.

As your Sub-Commission and the Allied Regional Office for the P.S. of Liguria (Major B.J. Hefford) have been informed by our letter 558 R.O. dated 3rd inst, this Command, owing to service exigencies, had disposed the GG.FF. 1st Area Command to be transferred from Genoa to Milan.

Such removal was required to give the same Command the possibility to effect timely and thoroughly its control on the Legion of Milan the most important and populous of its dependent Legions both in consideration of the fiscal and the frontier-line surveyance.

In fact, the a/m Legion, besides having a personnel figure (organico) almost twice as much as that of the Legions of Turin and of Genoa (each of them belonging to the same 1st Area), includes in its jurisdiction the leading houses in the country and has the frontier-line the most difficult and dangerous in regard to the fiscal surveyance.

On giving the proper orders to Colonel Alfredo MALGERI, designed as commander for the 1st Area, this General Command disposed that the removal should be effected by the said officer on 16th inst in accordance with the Allied Regional Office for Liguria.

But we are informed by Col. Malgeri that Major Hefford, the director of the a/m office, has not yet authorised such transfer having no disposition by your Commission.

Consequently we beg you again to give instruction to Major Hefford in order he may authorise the removal from Genoa to Milan of the a/m GG.FF. 1st Area Command.

General of Division ²⁹⁷⁶ P.G.S.
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/S/ G.B. Oxilia

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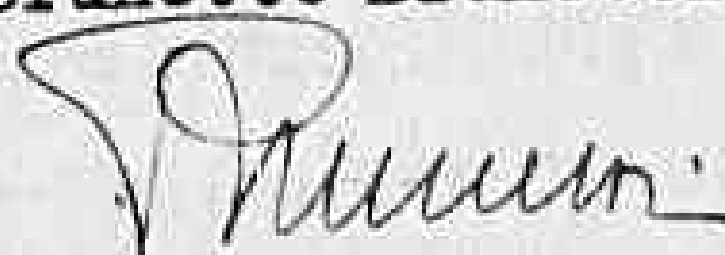
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N. di prot. R.O. All. N.

Roma, addì 24 - 7 - 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per la Pubblica
Sicurezza R O M A
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Risposta al foglio del .

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Trasferimento a Milano del Comando della I^a Zona R. Guardia
di Finanza.-

Con foglio 558 R.O. del 3 corrente mese, questo Comando Generale ebbe a comunicare a codesta Sottocommissione ed all'Ufficio Regionale Alleato per la P.S. della Liguria (maggiore B.J. Hefford) che, per necessità di servizio, aveva disposto il trasferimento del Comando della I^a Zona R.G.F. da Genova a Milano.

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Nell'impartire le relative istruzioni al Colonnello Malgeri Alfredo, designato -quale comandante della I^a Zona, ~~questo~~ ^{questo} Comando Generale disponeva, altresì, che - previ accordi da prendersi dal

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predetto ufficiale con l'Ufficio Regionale Alleato di P.S. per la Liguria, il movimento si effettuasse il 16 corrente mese.

Senonchè, il Colonnello Malgeri ha segnalato che il maggiore Hefford, Capo dell'Ufficio Regionale anzidetto, non ha, fino a questo momento, ritenuto di autorizzare il trasferimento, non essendogli pervenuta ancora da parte di codesta Sottocommissione alcuna disposizione in merito.-

Per quanto sopra rinnovo la preghiera perchè siano fatte pervenire al Maggiore Hefford le necessarie istruzioni, affinchè egli autorizzi il trasferimento del Comando della predetta I^a Zona da Genova a Milano.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

14012/175

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Ref. : LIG/SAF/573

27 July 1945
recd 31 July 45

Subject : GG.FF.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission ✓
Hqs Allied Commission APO 394

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1. On 18th July a letter was forwarded to P.S. S.C. Reference LIG/SAF/573 asking for directions regarding the replacement of the Commander of the Zone and transfer of the Headquarters to Milan.

2. Can a reply to this letter be forwarded here please.

see 84A
JUL 20 1945

For the Regional Commissioner

B.J. Hefford

B.J. HEFFORD, Major
Regional Public Safety Officer

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TRANSLATION M.C.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

General Command of G.G.F.F.

14012

N.558 R.O.

3 July 45

SUBJECT : Transferment to Milan of R.Guards of Finance.

The 1st zone Command in Genoa had not always succeeded in controlling the command of the most important legion that is in its dipendence, the Milan Legion, for besides having a staff almost double to those of the Turin and Genoa Legions, also depending on same Command, it has under its jurisdiction the chief Italian commercial and industrial activities, as well as the vigilance of our dangerous frontier line.

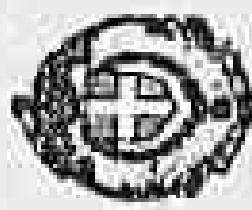
We dispose of, therefore, the transferment of the 1st zone Command to Milan, prior agreement between the Allied Command for P.S. and Colonel Malgeri.

The transferment should take place on the 16th inst.

TO		
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General Commander
G.B. Oxilia

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

Roma, addì 3 luglio 1945

COMANDO GENERALE

DELLA

R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Risposta al foglio del

N. di prot. 558 R.O. All. N.

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Trasferimento a Milano del comando della I^a Zona della

R. Guardia di Finanza.-

Al Comando I^a Zona R. Guardia di Finanza
Al Colonnello MALGERI Alfredo

e, per conoscenza:

Al Ministero delle Finanze - Gabinetto -
Alla Sottocommissione Alleata per la P.S.
All'Ufficio Regionale Alleato per la P.S.
della Liguria
(per il maggiore B.J. HEFFORD)

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B.Oxilia)

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G. Oxilia

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

N.566 R.D.

Rome, July 5 45

SUBJECT : Military Guards of Finance - Legion of Trieste

TO : AC Sub-Commission P.S. Rome

The A.M.G. in Trieste organising a special Police Corps for this territory is aggregating also military guards of Finance willing to belong to it.

I had a telephone call as regards to it, from Col. Marini Parsirio -Padova previously Commander of the Trieste Legion .

I ordered the said high officer to make agreement with the A.M.G. of Trieste so as all the military men belonging to the Corps, not wanting to enter the special a/m corps, be concentrated at Udine. Marini will assume temporary the command of the Legion, his duty being to reorganise the units.

The II Area Command, owing to the too great number of military men of Udine Legion being superior to the present necessities, will assess all the men coming from Trieste to the Area. A list of names and destinations for each man will be forwarded to this Gen. Com.

Col. Marini will forward, to this Gen.Com. if possible, the list of the mil. guards of Finance enlisted in the special Police Corps of Trieste.

Division General F.G.S.
General Commander
(G.B. OXILIA)

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE
DELLA
R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Ufficio di Segreteria

N. di prot. 566 R.O. Allegati

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Militari della R. Guardia di Finanza della Legione di

Trieste.

Roma, addì

3 Luglio 1945

Al Comando II Zona R.G. Finanza - VENEZIA
All'Uff. Stralcio del C.G.P.A.I. - MILANO
Al Comando Legione R.G. Finanza - UDINE
e, per conoscenza:
Al Ministero delle Finanze - Gab. - ROMA
Alla Sottocommissione Alleata
per la P.S. - ROMA

Risposta al foglio del

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Al riguardo ho avuto una comunicazione telefonica da Padova da parte del colonnello MARINI Persirio, già comandante della legione di Trieste.

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Il colonnello MARINI, se possibile, farà tenere a questo Comando Generale l'elenco dei militari del Corpo che hanno assunto servizio nella polizia speciale di Trieste.

J. C. C.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
Jto (G.B. Oxilia)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427 - 580

25 July 1945

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Guardia di Finanza

TO : R.F.S.O., Liguria

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1. Ref. your IIG/SAP/573, dated 18 July, 1945.
2. The matters raised in your letter have been discussed with Commanding General of GG.FF. today and no cogent reason can be adduced not to fall in with his changes.
3. As you remark yourself, Milan is a more central point from which to command the north west of Italy and so long as Liguria and Genoa in particular are not being imperilled in the change, the alteration, which is purely an administrative one, should be effected.
4. In regard to the changes in command; it has been ascertained that these will be for the good of the service in that certain persons being deposed had actually been in retirement and recalled to service with the republican government and in consequence have compromised themselves and as such will require to undergo investigation by the appropriate Italian committee.

W.A.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

REF : LIG/SAP/573
SUBJECT : Guardia di Finanza
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, 14012
Hqs. Allied Commission, APO 394

18 July 1945

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1. On Friday, 13th July 1945, Col. MALGERI of the Guardia di Finanza, visited my office and produced copies of letters he had received from his General Command in Rome. Copies of these letters are attached.

2. It will be seen that the General Command in Rome have ordered as follows :

- (a) That General De Filippis, Commander of the 1st Zone be sent on leave from 16th July.
- (b) That Colonel Malgeri takes over the command of the 1st Zone from 16th July.
- (c) That the Headquarters of the 1st Zone be transferred from Genoa to Milan.

3. Copies of these letters were subsequently received in this office direct from the General Command.

4. I have considered the orders put out from Rome and the following are my views on the matters :

- (a) Since this territory was taken over by A.M.G. General De Filippis has co-operated in every way and has, so far as I am aware, carried out his duties efficiently under very difficult circumstances. I appreciate that he is the Zone Commander and as such is responsible for other Legions in Northern Italy and that his appointment or retirement is one for a higher level than me but I am of opinion that this should be done through P.S. Sub-Commission in Rome, who in turn would direct R.P.S. Officers accordingly.
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(b) I do not know the qualifications of Col. Malgeri but here again this is a matter for a higher level.

(c) As to the transfer of the Zone H.Q. to Milan, I do not think the present is the time to transfer H.Q.s. It may be true that the strength of Milan is greater than Genoa but this Legion is the hub of activity in the Zone, besides being the principal Port and I suggest that the transfer be postponed at any rate for a time.

5. As indicated above I realise that the whole question should be dealt with at a higher level and anticipating that these arrangements have been made without the cognizance of Public Safety Sub Commission. I have requested General De Filippis and Colonel Malgeri to postpone the effect of the orders until such time as instructions can be received from HQ.AC.

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MINISTERO DE  E FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

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n. 558 R.O

Rome, 3rd July 1945

SUBJECT : Transfer of the Command of the 1st Zone to Milan.

The Command of the 1st Zone with HQ. in Genoa, has not always been in a position to carry out completely and in good time its directing activity of control of the most important and most numerous legion depending on same, e.g. the legion of Milan, which, besides having nearly the double strenght of the other two legions of Turin and Genoa, both depending of the same zone, covers within its boundaries the largest part of industrial and commercial activity of Italy and comprises the most difficult and dangerous part of frontier with regard to financial vigilance.

It is therefore ordered herewith to transfer the Command of the 1st Zone to Milan , subject to the agreement which Colonel Malgeri is going to make with the competent Allied Command for P.S.

The transfer should take place on 16th July 1945.

Signature

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE - COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Translation

Nº. 560 R.O.

Rome, 3-rd July, 1945

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subject: Command of the first zone of the R. Guardia di Finanza

In consideration of the letter AC/14012/PS of 18th June, 1945 of the Allied Sub-Commission for P.S. by which all decisions with regard to the Generals De Filippis Ferdinando and Vinay Carlo are left to this General Command, the following order is issued:

- with 1-st of August 1945 the Brigadier General De Filippis Ferdinando is again transferred into auxiliary service. From 16th inst. he will be on leave with pay in accordance of circular Nº. 200500/II of 30th January 1945 issued by the Minister of War;

- General Vinay Carlo will remain on absolute permanent leave, pending verification of his behaviour during the period between 8th September 1943 and 26th April, 1945 and pending verification of the reasons for which he has been placed in absolute permanent leave by the Republican Government;

- Colonel Malgeri Alfred takes over the Command of the 1-st zone beginning with 16th July, 1945. He will arrange for the transfer of the Command from Genoa to Milan, for which orders have been issued by letter 558 R.O. of same date as the present letter, and this as soon as General De Filippis will have handed him over his command.

Signature

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

14012/23

Ref. : Lig/Saf/573

11 July 1945.

Subject : GG.FF. In the North

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission
Hqs Allied Commission, APO 394

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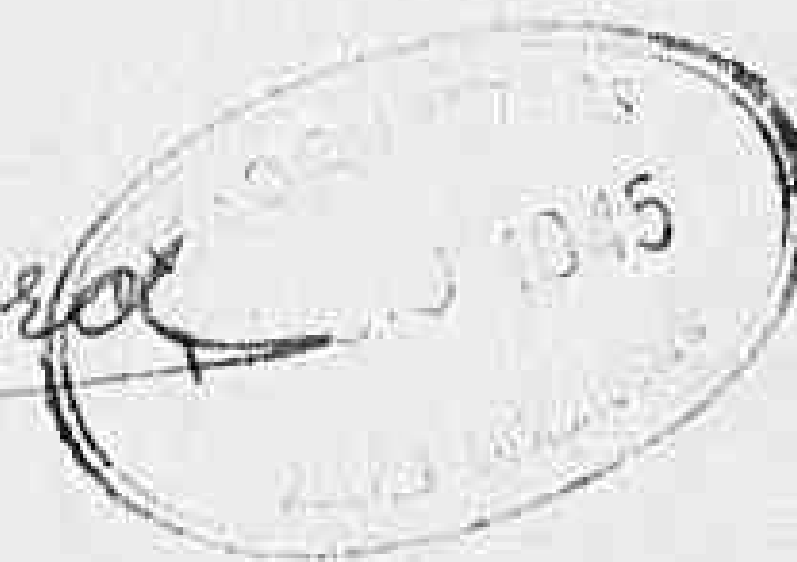
1. Reference your letter of July 45, A.C./14012/PS.

2. So far as Liguria Region is concerned since the arrival of A.M.G. the GG.FF. has, on my instruction, been under the General Command of Rome, and only Orders, Directives etc. emanating from Rome have been carried out.

For the Regional Commissioner :



B.J. NEFFORD,
Major,
Regional Public Safety Officer.



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DIRECTOR	11/19/45	
DEPT. OF JUSTICE	17/12	
EXEC. ORDER	17/12	
POLICE	17/12	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel: 489081-365

16 July 1945

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : GG.FP Officers

TO : R.C. Liguria (Att: RPSO)

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1. Reference your Lig/Saf/573 dated 12 June 45 and our letter of even number dated 18 June addressed to Commanding General GG.FP, copy to you. 70 A

2. The circumstances of the service of General VINAY Carlo during the period 8 Sept. 43 to 26 April 45 are being examined by the Minister of War, and you will be advised of the result.

3. Brigadier General DE FILIPPIS Ferdinando will be placed on reserve as from 1st August 45 and his place taken by Col. Malgeri Alfredo.

Handwritten: *Handwritten signature*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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Translation E R

Rome 7th July 1945

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Ministry of Finance

No: 560 R.O.

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Subject: Command of the 1st zone of R. Guards of Finance;

To : A.C. P.S. Sub Commission - Rome

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Ref your AC/14012/PZ of the 18 June in which it is transferred to this HQ the decision of Generals DEFILIPIS FERDINANDO and VINAY CARLO, it is decided as follows:

- 1/ Brigadier General DE FILIPPIS FERNANDO is placed in reserve beginning 1st August 1945. He will receive a leave with pay beginning July 1st - Circular No. 200500/II of the 30th January by the War Ministry.
- 2/ The behaviour of General VINAY CARLO during the period of 8th Sept. 1943 and 26 April 1945, is expected to be precised so that the reason for his dismissal could be ascertained.
- 3/ Colonel MALGERI ALFREDO, will be in charge of the 1st zone beginning 16th July 1945. He will look after the transference of the HQ from Genova to Milan. Authority granted with circular No. 558 R.O. of the 7th July 1945; after that He takes over from Brigadier General DE FILIPPIS Ferdinando.

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EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	Wd	14/7
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ADM. OFFICER		
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CHIEF CLERK		

The General of the division
Commanding General
(G.B. Oxilia)



MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE

DELLA

R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Roma, addì

3.7.1945

Risposta al foglio del

N. di prot. 560 R.O. All. N.

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OGGETTO: Comando della I^a Zona R. Guardia di Finanza.-

Al Comando I^a Zona R.G. di Finanza
Al Colonnello MALGERI Alfredo

e, per conoscenza:

Al Ministero delle Finanze - Gabinetto-
Alla Sottocommissione Alleata per la P.S.
All'Ufficio Regionale Alleato per la P.S.

della Liguria

(per il Maggiore B.J. HEFFORD)

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GENOVA

Visto il foglio AC/14012/PS del 18 giugno 1945 della Sottocommissione Alleata per la P.S. con cui viene rimessa a questo Comando Generale ogni decisione nei riguardi dei generali DE FILIPPIS Ferdinando e VINAY Carlo, si dispone quanto appresso:

- il generale di brigata DE FILIPPIS Ferdinando è ricollocato in ausiliaria a decorrere dal 1° agosto 1945. Egli dal 16 andante fruì della licenza con assegni di cui alla circolare n. 200500/II del 30 gennaio u.s. del Ministero della Guerra;

- il generale VINAY Carlo, in attesa che venga precisato il suo comportamento nel periodo intercorrente tra l'8 settembre 1943 ed il 26 aprile 1945 e che siano accertati i motivi per i quali venne inviato in congedo assoluto dallo pseudo governo repubblicano, re-

Al Comando I^a Zona R.G. di Finanza
Al Colonnello MALGERI Alfredo

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- il colonnello MALGERI Alfredo, a decorrere dal 16 luglio 1945, è incaricato del comando della I^a zona. Egli curerà il trasferimento del comando stesso da Genova a Milano, disposto col foglio n. 558 R.O. di pari data della presente, dopo che avrà ricevuto le consegne del generale DE FILIPPIS Ferdinando.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s. 246
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G. B. Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

REF : PR/PS/7/9

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: GC.FF. in the North

TO ; HQ. A.C. APO 394 (Attn. Director Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

Reference your AC/14012/PS dated 5/7/45. — 45A

1. Col MALGERI Alfredo ceased to have jurisdiction in this Region as from 1st July 1945. I see no reason why the Legion should not be administered centrally.

For the Regional Commissioner.

TO	DATE	INITIALS
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. AD.		
POLICE		
LC. & HQ.		
PROSEC.		
ADM. & LOG.		
SECURITY		
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C.R. Briggs
C.R. BRIGGS
Lt. Col.
Regional Public Safety
Officer

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 324

Tel: 489081-365

11 July 1945

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : GG.FF in the North

TO : Commanding General GG.FF

1. Reference your 451 R.O. dated 13 June 45.
2. There is no objection to the return of the Legions of the North to Central Administration. Col. Malgeri's duties will be confined to the Milan Legion.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/3.4

9 July 1945

SUBJECT : Royal Finance Guards in the Northern
Regions.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

Reference your AC/14012/PS of 5 July
1945, there is no objection to the return of the
Northern Regions to Central Administration.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. Francis
C.T. FRANCIS
Lt Colonel
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
LC. & REG.		
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CHIEF CLERK		

TRANSLATION C.C.

ROMA 2/7/45

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

GENERAL COMMAND OF THE GG.FF. (R. Guardia di Finanza)

Ufficio di Segreteria - Rep. 2° -

N. 32106

Object : Enrollment of GG.FF. during nazi-fascist period.

To: Ministry of Finance - cabinet - and for information to:

Ministry of War - cabinet -

To : Allied Subcommittee (A.C. Public Safety S.C.)

During the period of German occupation, various Commands of the GG.FF. in northern Italy recruited a few hundreds of young men for the pseudo General Command of Brescia at which they swore allegiance to the Italian social republic.

Some were enlisted to do real service with the GG.FF. Others enlisted probably to avoid actual service in the republican army or for a notorious anti-fascist's sentiment then prevailing in said Institute on account of the propaganda from the "fronte clandestino di Resistenza"; otherwise because the Institution forbade the characteristic introduction of that warlike and political purveyance.

A good many of them are students, and now, after the liberation of the country, they would like to retake the studies interrupted on account of the war.

Granted that, and considering the peculiar conditions in which the said recruitment took place, we propose:

- 1) To annul the recruitment effected by the pseudo republican government and to proceed immediately to the acquittal of the time established for the enlisted, with the exception for those that are placed under penal proceedings for censurable behaviour under the nazi-fascist domination.
- 2) To consent to a new recruitment of that corps with the rules in force for all those concerned. The new recruitment should take place about the end of this year, or even before, if the actual crisis of quartering in barracks be solved with the "Legione Allievi di Roma"

The decision of the Minister of Finance will be greatly appreciated.

TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF OF STAFF		
CHIEF OF BUREAU		
CHIEF OF SECTION		
CHIEF OF SUBSECTION		
CHIEF OF BRANCH		
CHIEF OF DIVISION		
CHIEF OF OFFICE		
CHIEF OF CLERK		

THE DIV. GENERAL f.g.s.
GENERAL COMMANDER
(G.B. Oxilia)

MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

- Ufficio di Segreteria - Rep. 2° -

- 2 LUG 1945

Roma, 11

N. 32106 di prot.

OGGETTO: Militari arruolati nella R. Guardia di Finanza durante il periodo nazi-fascista.-

AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

Gabinetto

R O M A

e, per conoscenza;

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

R O M A

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI P.

R O M A

Durante il periodo dell'occupazione tedesca, vari Comandi di Legione della R. Guardia di Finanza dell'Alta Italia reclutarono, per ordine dello pseudo Comando Generale di Brescia, alcune centinaia di giovani, i quali prestarono giuramento alla repubblica sociale italiana.-

Alcuni di essi si arruolarono quali aspiranti a far realmente servizio nella Guardia di Finanza, allora dipendente dallo pseudo governo repubblicano, altri si arruolarono sia per sottrarsi all'esercito repubblicano, sia perché erano noti i sentimenti antifascisti e l'azione patriottica svolta dal Corpo nel fronte clandestino della resistenza, sia perché i comitati d'istituto mantenevano la guardia di finanza estranea a prestazioni di carattere politico e bellico.- Buona parte sono studenti e, avvenuta crolla la liberazione, aspirano a riprendere gli studi interrotti.-

Ciò premesso, considerate le particolari condizioni in cui ebbe luogo il reclutamento anzidetto, si propone:

1°)- di considerare nulli tutti gli arruolamenti effettuati dallo pseudo governo repubblicano e di procedere all'immediato proscioglimento

di coloro che eventualmente

vizio nella Guardia di Finanza, allora dipendente dallo pseudo governo repubblicano, altri si arruolano sia per sottrarsi all'esercito repubblicano, sia perché erano noti i sentimenti antifascisti e l'azione patriottica svolta dal Corpo nel fronte olandestino della resistenza, sia perché i comitati d'istituto mantenevano la guardia di finanza estranea a prestazioni di carattere politico e bellico.- Buona parte sono studenti e, avvenuta ora la liberazione, aspirano a riprendere gli studi interrotti.-

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2°)- di consentire un nuovo arruolamento nel Corpo, con le norme vigenti, a coloro che ne facciano richiesta. Tale nuovo arruolamento, potrebbe aver luogo verso la fine del corrente anno, o anche prima, qualora si riesca a risolvere l'attuale crisi dell'accasermamento presso la Legione Allievi di Roma.-

Tornerà gradito conoscere al riguardo la decisione di S.E. il Ministro delle Finanze.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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TRANSLATION S.D.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE - G.C. of the GG.FF. - Secretariate -
N. 451 R.O.

Rome, June the 13th 1945

Subject : Temporary General Command of GG.FF. of Milan
To : A.C. Public Safety S.C. - Rome -
Copy to : The Ministry of Finance - Cabinet - Rome
The Ministry of the War - Cabinet - Rome

On May the 2nd, 1945, owing to a disposition from the C.L.N. for the Northern Italy in Milan, Col. MALGERI Alfredo, the Commander of Territorial Legion of GG.FF. of Milan, was appointed Temporary General Commander of GG.FF. Corps acting in Northern Italy (Jurisdiction comprehending the Legions of Genoa, Turin, Milan, Bologna and Venice.

It is not known whether the above Temporary General Command had been formed with the authorisation of Allied Authorities: but, as it seems, it could be considered a body which continue, with different criteria, the work of the Republican Command of GG.FF.

During the last decade of May and the first days of June, I inspected, previous authorisation of Allied Authorities, the Legions of Genoa, Turin, Milan Bologna and Venice. So I myself realised the actual general situation of the GG.FF. in the Northern Italy.

Particularly I ascertain that it needs to resume Surveyance Services at the French and Swiss Frontier. I trust that the above measure might also be applicable to the East-Frontier, owing to the temporary negotiations between Allied and Yugoslav Authorities about Venezia Giulia.

Besides it needs:

- to make available several sections of the GG.FF. Corps in Northern Italy (owing to disbandment occurred during Nazi-Fascist occupation);

- to supply many barracks which had been pillaged by Germans;
- to procure clothing for disbanded men who are to return to their Units and for soldiers coming back from Germany or from other countries;
- to give the same economical treatment to the GG.FF. Corps in Northern Italy as in Central and Southern Italy;
- to distribute the strength among various Legions in relation to the Services needs;
- to unify the GG.FF. service in all of Italy.

The above duties have to be unfolded by the same General Command. In regard to the Northern Italy, Col. NALGERI Alfredo told me he has no possibility to command the services of all 8 Legions on account of his work for the re-forming of the Legion of Milan, which has in force 3099 men (81 officers, 657 N.C.O. and 2361 O.R.) and includes the very important Italian-Swiss Frontier-line along which services of control are about to be re-organized.

So I beg you to suggest to the H.Q. of Allied Command the necessity to abolish the a/m Temporary General Command of GG.FF. acting in Northern Italy and to dispose that on the 1.7.1945 (the beginning of the financial year 1945/46) the GG.FF. Legions of Genoa, Turin, Milan, Bologna, Trento, Venezia, Udine e Trieste will be restored to our Command.

With such measure the situation of the GG.FF. Corps and that of the Italian Army will be uniform.

It is understood that the GG.FF. of the various Legions in Northern Italy will continue to receive orders and to work directly under the Regional Allied Command until that territory is given to the Italian Government.

The General Commander
Gen. B.G. Oxilia

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DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
I.C. & REG.		
INTELLIGENCE		
ADJ. GEN.		
SECURITY		
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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE
DELLA
R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Ufficio di Segreteria
N. di prot. 451 R.O. All. N.

Roma, addì 13 giugno 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata -Sottocommissione
per la Pubblica Sicurezza- ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
Al Ministero delle Finanze-Gabinetto- ROMA
Al Ministero della Guerra-Gabinetto- ROMA

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Comando Generale Provvisorio della R. Guardia di Finanza del-

L'Alta Italia con sede in Milano.

U R G E N T E

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Inoltre, occorrerà provvedere a rimettere in efficienza molti reparti del Corpo dell'Alta Italia a causa degli sbandamenti. Gli sbandamenti verificatisi durante l'occupazione nazi-fascista, a rifornire di materiali numerose caserme che furono devastate dai tedeschi, a procurare il vestiario per gli sbandati che si vanno ripresentando ai reparti e per i militari del Corpo che pressimamente rientreranno dall'internamento in Germania o in altri Paesi europei già occupati dai tedeschi, a sistemare il trattamento economico dei militari dell'Alta Italia per adeguarlo a quello goduto dai finanzieri dell'Italia Centro-Meridionale, ad estendere al personale del Nord il beneficio della somministrazione gratuita del vitto, a distribuire la forza fra le varie Legioni in relazione alle esigenze dei servizi, ad assicurare,

infine, unità d'indirizzo organico e disciplinare per tutto il Corpo ora che l'Italia intera è stata liberata.

Tutti questi compiti debbono, per ovvie ragioni, essere assolti da un solo organo centrale, e per quanto concerne l'Alta Italia non è in grado, per esplicita dichiarazione da lui fattasi, di provvedere il colonnello MAIGRI Alfredo. Infatti, poichè egli è fortemente impegnato per provvedere al riassetto e alla ricostituzione dei reparti della Legione di Milano, che ha la forza organica di 8099 uomini (81 ufficiali, 657 sottufficiali, 3361 militari di truppa) e che comprende nel suo territorio l'importantissima frontiera italo-svizzera lungo la quale si stanno riorganizzando i servizi di vigilanza, gli manca la materiale possibilità di occuparsi dell'andamento di ben otto Legioni.

Tanto premesso, interesse la cortesia di codesta Sottocommissione di compiacersi far presente al Comando Supremo Alleato l'opportunità di addivenire alla soppressione del suindicato Comando Generale provvisorio della R. Guardia di Finanza dell'Alta Italia, disponendo nel contempo che col 1° luglio 1945, inizio dell'anno finanziario 1945-46, le Legioni della R. Guardia di Finanza di Genova, Torino, Milano, Bologna, Trento, Venezia, Udine e Trieste passino, come era prima del 1° 8 settembre 1943, alla dipendenza organica, disciplinare ed amministrativa di questo Comando Generale, assicurando così quell'uniformità di direzione, coordinamento e controllo che sola può garantire l'efficiente azione dell'intero Corpo per la tutela delle finanze dello Stato e per l'esecuzione degli altri compiti richiesti dalle autorità Alleate.

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE F.G.S.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(B.G. Cxilia)

G. M. L.

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: *Guanchi di Tumenya.*

FILE No.

TO :

*Major Ballance**Public Safety Division, See*

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Please see the attached. You have probably received an appeal on the same line from the G. di T. direct.

Is it proposed to raise the question again? Have you communicated with G. di T. on the subject recently.

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*Agg. [Signature]
[Signature]*

Ministry of Finance
The Minister

Prot.No. 3491

Rome 22 June

73B

Subject : RGF Military Position.

To : =AC.HQ.Civil Affairs Section.
• =RGF HQ.

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To acknowledge receipt of your letter AC/14012/PS dated 11 May '45 informing us of the impossibility of considering, mainly on food ground, the RGF as an armed force of the State.

However, we cannot avoid to point out that such wrong treatment is cause of a great dissatisfaction affecting the delicate services entrusted to the RGF who has, in this hard time, fulfilled with praise, besides his lawful duty, special services commended by General Mark W. Clark, GC of the 15th Group of Allied Armies.

For these reasons we beg you to re-consider at opportune time this question and we hope in a decision in favour of the RGF.

The Minister

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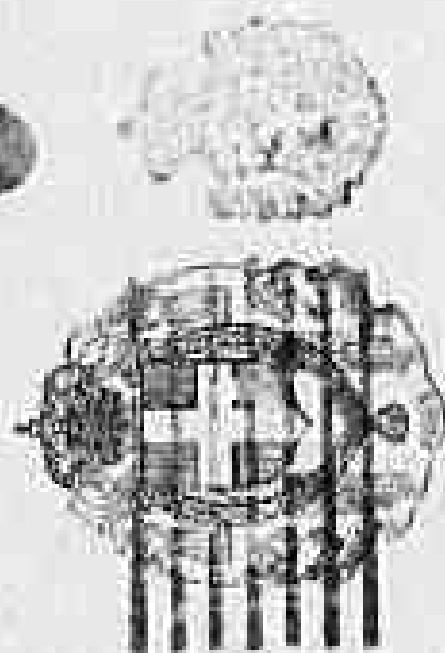
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Ministero delle Finanze

IL MINISTRO

Proc. N. 3491

Oggetto: Posizione militare della Guardia di Finanza.

Si è preso atto di quanto è stato riferito col foglio AC/14012/ES dell'11 maggio u.s., in cui si fa presente la impossibilità di consentire la R. Guardia di Finanza, ai fini soprattutto del vettovagliamento, alla stessa stregua delle altre forze armate dello Stato.

Non si può, però, fare a meno di rilevare al riguardo che tale in giusto trattamento cres nel Corpo un senso di grave malcontento, che ha serie ripercussioni nello svolgimento dei delicati compiti affidati alla Guardia di Finanza, la quale ha disimpegnato lodevolmente - nel difficile momento che l'Italia attraversa - oltre ai normali compiti di istituto, anche servizi di altra natura, che hanno riscosso l'elogio del Comandante del 15° Gruppo Armate Alleate, Generale Mark W. Clark.

Per quanto sopra, si saràcreti se codesta Commissione volesse riprendere in esame, al momento opportuno, la questione per quelle favorevoli decisioni che questo Ministero confida saranno adottate nei confronti della Guardia di Finanza.

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Roma, 22 GIU 1949 A

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IL MINISTRO

Present

== Alle Commissione Alleata
Sezione Affari Civili

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e per conoscenza :

== Al Comando Generale della
R. Guardia di Finanza
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

Tel: 489081-365

AG/14012/PS

19 June 1945

SUBJECT : Organization of GG.FF.

TO : PG Liguria (Attn: RPSO).

1. Reference your Lig/Saf/573 dated 19 May and our letter of even number dated 25 May addressed to Commanding General GG.FF. copy to you. 64A 68A

2. Arrangements have now been made to ensure that La Spezia will remain under the GG.FF. Legion of Genova.

FJW/ae

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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TRANSLATION NO.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

N/ 26792

Rome 16th June 1945

Subject : GG.FF. Organisation.

To : Allied Commission Public Safety S:C.

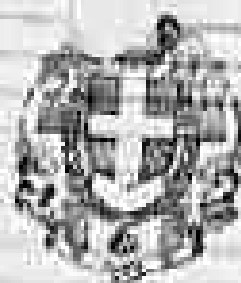
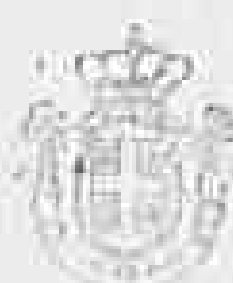
Reply : AC/I4012/PS.dated 25th May 1945

With reference to the a/m letter, it is reported that this Command has issued dispositions to the dependent commands so that the Circle of La Spezia, will be under the GG.FF. Legion of Genova jurisdiction.

TO		
Directorate		
Chief of Staff		
Chief of Operations		
Chief of Intelligence		
Chief of Logistics		
Chief of Communications		
Chief of Security		
Chief of Administration		
Chief of Finance		
Chief of Legal Affairs		
Chief of Medical Services		
Chief of Veterinary Services		
Chief of Postal Services		
Chief of Civil Affairs		

Division General
Commanding General

G.B. Oxilia. 29/6



Ministero delle Finanze

COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

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Roma

AL QUARTIERE GENERALE
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI P.S.
Posta Militare 394

Risposta al f. del 25 maggio 1945

Per N° AC/14012/PS.

OGGETTO Organizzazione della Guardia di Finanza.

In riferimento al foglio sopra indicato,
si comunica che questo Comando Generale ha impar-
tito ordini ai comandi dipendenti affinché il Circo-
lo de LA SPEZIA passi sotto la giurisdizione
della Legione R. Guardia di Finanza di Genova.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

Tel: 478427-580

18 June 1945

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : GG.FF. in 1st Zone.

TO : Commanding General,
Royal Finance Guards.

see 69A

1. The Regional Public Safety Officer AMG in Genoa has reported that General De Filippis, commanding 1st Zone GG.FF. had reported to him for instructions. He has been advised to remain in office until instructions have been received from you. In addition he was instructed to communicate with you.

2. General Venay Carlo, previous Commander of the Zone until he was sent on leave on May 1944 for alleged lack of cooperation has reported to General De Filippis and he awaits your instruction as to disposal.

Walter Doherty
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

Copy to RPSO Liguria Region.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

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Ref. : LIG/SAF/573

12 June 1945

Subject : GG.FF. Commanding General

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission
HQ. Allied Commission

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1. On 5th May, 1945, General De Fillipis Ferdinando, Commanding General of the 1st Zone Guardia di Finanza, reported to me for instruction as to the action to be taken by him regarding his Organisation since Allied Military Government had been established. I directed him to remain in charge of the Zone as far as it affected Liguria Region and to reorganise and reestablish his command.
2. General De Filippis also presented General VENAY Carlo, previous Commander of the Zone, who was sent on leave on 30th May, 1944, for lack of collaboration with the Fascist and German Government. He asked instructions as to calling General VENAY back into Service. I told General De Fillipis that this was a question for the GG.FF. General Command in Rome and requested him to take up the matter direct with Rome in the meantime General Venay was to keep in touch with him.
3. Both Generals are still here and it is suggested that the question of General Venay's position be now taken up by Public Safety Sub-Commission direct with the General Command of the Guardia di Finanza in Rome.

TO		For the Regional Commissioner	
Director	JWH	15/6	
Deputy Director	G.D.	13/6	
Executive Officer	MA	18/6	
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Chief			

B.J. Hefford
B.J. HEFFORD, Major
Regional Public Safety Officer

16 JUN 1945 29/5

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

25 May, 1945.

AG/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Organization of CG.FF.
TO : Commanding General CG.FF.

1. When plans were being made for the Allied Military Government of the North, the following provinces were stated by you to be under the jurisdiction of the Genoa legion CG.FF.

Genoa
Savona
Imperia
La Spezia
Apuania
Parma.

2. Information has been received by the Regional Public Safety Officer Liguria Region, from the CG.FF legion Commander in Genoa, that it is proposed to transfer the CG.FF Company of La Spezia to the legion of Florence. Nothing is known of the matter by this sub-Commission.

3. The headquarters of APO Liguria Region are at Genoa, and it is desirable and necessary that the CG.FF legion Commander at Genoa should control the four provinces of Liguria Region, that is Imperia, Savona, Genova and La Spezia.

4. May we be assured please that during the Allied Military Government phase, La Spezia will remain under the control of the CG.FF legion Commander at Genoa.

JOHN E. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.F.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Finance S/C
R.F.S.O. Liguria
(Your 110/545/573 dated 19 May refers).

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

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see 68A

19 May 1945

Ref. : LIG/SAF/573
Subject : G.G.F.F.
To : P.S. Sub-Commissioner H.Q. A.C.

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1. Verbal information has been received here that the G.G.F.F. Company of La Spezia has, by order of the Central Command in Rome, passed to the jurisdiction of the Legion of Florence.
2. Confirmatory orders have not been received from Public Safety Commission, H.Q. A.C. regarding this and in view of the difficulties likely to be encountered by this change it is suggested that the G.G.F.F. General Command in Rome be requested to leave the La Spezia Company under the jurisdiction of the Legion Commander of Genoa.

For the Regional Commissioner

B.J. Hefford

B.J. HEFFORD, Major
Regional Public Safety Officer

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12 May 1945

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GENERAL GEORGE GEORGE FOX FOX PARER

PARA TWO PD COMANDO GENERALE ROGER GUARDIA DI FINANZA ROMA COSCORA
NELLA PROPOSTA COMANDANTE COMPAGNIA RIDUCENDO PERO LIGENZA DA GIORNI
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SI PRESENTI COMANDO GENERALE GUARDIA FINANZA ALTO PD

Public Safety S/C

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F.J./WILSON Lt Col

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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COMAND OF GUARDA DI FINANZA

Col Wilson 654

12 May 1949

The CGFF Command of Rome agrees to the proposal of the Company Commander, reducing the leave from 30 days to 15. The Guards may be assigned to Legions either in South or North. The Company Commander must submit nominative list of assignments to General Command. Company Commander will report to this General Command of CGFF as soon as he has liquidated that unit.

General Oxilia

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12 maggio 1945
MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

APPUNTO di risposta per la Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione di Pubblica Sicurezza.-

Comando Generale R. Guardia di Finanza Roma *concorda* nella proposta comandante compagnia riducendo però licenza da giorni trenta a giorni quindici stop militari possono essere destinati legioni del nord e del sud stop comandante compagnia trasmetta comando Generale elenco nominativo destinazioni date ai singoli militari stop comandante compagnia solleciti liquidazione ufficio stralcio e a lavoro ultimato si presenti comando Generale Guardia Finanza. Alto

Generale Oxilia

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Translation.

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Incoming Message

10 May 1945

N. 3902

From : AMG 5 Army For Hume Cite 171
To : HQ Allied Commission for P.S. S/C for CG. Royal
Finance Guards.

N Four R communicates. As a result of the end of the war operations in the European theatre, the unit commanded by me will be in the near future dissolved according to order issued by AMG 5th Army, as the tasks, concerning the supply of food to the civil population, on the part of this Military Body are completed and the soldiers have to be released. As the personnel composing the unit is to the greater part from the various Regions of Northern Italy, I ask the Command kindly to authorise me to grant, at the moment of dissolution of the unit, immediate leave of 30 days, including the travel, to all military who are not employed in the a/m detachment, as reward for praiseworthy conduct in the operation zones. Please authorise me also to send single soldiers to the Legions preferred by them. Company Command with an Office will remain at the last place in order to settle the dissolution of the last detachment and various administrative and accounting matters. All matters regarding single soldiers transferred to other Legions will be personally dealt with by the undersigned. The Proposal has been approved by Lt. Vol. TSCANI undersigned. Telegraphic reply through Rome Allied Commission is requested.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P.S. SAFETY

Original Reference: 3902
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 101859R

Message Centre No: E/286
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 110830R
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG 5 ARMY FOR HUMB. CITE 171.
 TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION FOR CG, ROYAL FINANCE
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N QUATTRO R COMUNICA. DI SEGUITO CESSAZIONE OPERAZIONI BELLICHE SU TERRITORIO EUROPEO UNITA DA ME COMANDANTO ESE IN FUTURO SCIOGLIMENTO PER ORDINE AMG QUINTA ARMATA ESSENDO ULTIMATI COMPITI VETTOVAGLIAMENTO POPOLAZIONE CIVILI DA PARTE DETTO ENTE MILITARE RIMANENTI MILITARE DEBBONSI PORRE IN LIBERTA. ESSENDO MASSA PERSONALE COMPONENTE REPARTO DI VARIE REGIONI DELL'ITALIA SETTENTRIONALE PREGO CONDESTO COMANDO VOLEMMI AUTHORIZZARE AT MOMENTO SCIOGLIMENTO REPARTO INVIO IMMEDIATO TUTTI MILITARI NON INPIGNATI IN PREDETTO DESTACAMENTO LICENZA PREMIO TRE ZERO GIORNI COMPRESO VIAGGIO PER LODEVOLE COMPARTAMENTO ZONA OPERAZIONI. PREGO INOLTRE VOLEMMI AUARIZZARE AT INVIO SINGOLI MILITARE IN LEGIONI DA LORO PREFERITA. COMANDO COMPAGNIA CON UFFICIO STRALICIO RIMARREREBBE AT ULTIMA SEDE PER SCIOGLIMEN TO FINALE ULTIMO DESTACAMENTO ET VARIE PRATICHE AMMINISTRATIVE E CONTABILI. TUTTE PRATICHE DEI SINGOLI MILITARE TRASFERITI AD ALTRA LEGIONE VERRANNO TRATTATE DIRETTAMENTE DAL SCITTOSCRITTO. PROPOSTA APPROVATA DAL TEN COL TSCANI DI SOTTO SEGNATO. PREGASI RE CORTESE RISPOSTA TELEGRAFICA TRAMITE ALLIED COMMISSION DI ROMA.

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11 MAY 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

See 73A

Tel : 478427-686

11 May, 1945

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Guardia di Finanza

TO : Minister of Finance

1. The matter of considering the G.F. as a part of the authorized Italian Army, which is the subject of your letter dated 27 April 1945, and addressed to MMIA, has been ably presented by the Commanding General of the G.F. in his letter to MMIA dated 21 April 1945.

2. This Commission has given careful consideration to this subject on several occasions and is quite sympathetic to many of the arguments advanced. However, the decision of this Commission as communicated to General Gyllia under date of 5 May, 1945, must continue to be that at this time any attempt to alter the status of the G.F. is not possible.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec

JWC/wg.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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ACTION

16012/PS.

Tel: 735

Ref: 3626/81/EC.

5 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Guardia di Finanza.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

PS 25 Apr.

Reference to 3626/EC dated 24 April 1945 enclosing letter from Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA), attached hereto is a further communication from Land Forces Sub-Commission dated 3 May 1945 with its enclosure from the Ministry for Finance dated 27 Apr 1945. It is suggested that one reply to both letters can now be sent.

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ADM. OFF.	
SECURITY	
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E. Sharden
 Chief Staff Officer,
 to Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
 as above

Copy to: Economic Section.
 Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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SUBJECT : GGFF

TO : HQ, AC (for Executive Commissioner)LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
AC (MMIA)
SD/473 May 45

In continuation of my SD/47 of 23 Apr :-

1. Herewith copy of a further letter on the matter from the Minister of Finance.
2. Apart from what I have already said, as the war in Italy is to all intents and purposes over and as it would take some time to organize a GGFF "token force", it seems to me that this whole business is a nonsense.
3. Will you please take action.

/s/ L. BROWNING

Major-General
MMIA

cgl.

P.S. Since dictating the above, the Surrender of the Germans in ITALY removes the whole matter from discussion !

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Finance Ministry

Ref: 2342

TO : MMIA

DATE : 27 April 1945

SUBJECT : Participation of the R. Finance Guard in military operations.

The G.O.C. the R. Finance Guard has submitted to me the earnest desire and wish of the Corps to take active part at the present moment in the military operations on the Italian front by means of a representative contingent, by the side of the other State Armed Forces which are fighting heroically for the total liberation of the nation.

M.M.I.A. knows the military traditions of the R. Finance Guard which has taken praiseworthy part with the revolutionary armies for the liberation of Italy, as in all the military campaigns carried out by the nation for its independence and unity and because of which it's exclusion from the campaign against the Germans and Nazi-Fascists today places upon the Finance Guard an unmerited inferiority as compared with the other Armed Forces of the State.

In view of the foregoing I should be very please if MMIA would kindly take into consideration the hopes of the "Yellow Flames" assuring you that in the event of the request meeting with the approval of the Allied Command the representative contingent would be prepared within a very few days.

I should be pleased of a kind note in reply on the matter.

Sgd. ILLEGIBLE

Minister

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: ACC/14012/PS

5 May 45

SUBJECT: Guardia di Finanza.

TO: Ministry of Finance,
(Attn. General Dillie.)

- 1 Very careful consideration has been given to your letter of 20 Apr 45 which was addressed to Major General Frowning.
- 2 This Commission is sympathetic to many of the arguments which you put forward. It is felt, however, that the whole question is one which cannot usefully be discussed any further. The problem of the future organization of all Italian Police Agencies has very recently been referred to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the Italian Government, and the future status and organization of the Royal Finance Guards is a matter which should, it is thought, be included in any consequent deliberations.
- 3 This Commission has no doubt that any approach to AFHQ for an alteration of the present ruling can only meet with a refusal at this stage of the war and a recommendation on the same lines as that made above.

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G. G. JOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section,

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

20 APR 1945

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Tel: 735

Ref: 3626/EC.

24 April 1945.

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SUBJECT: Guardia di Finanza.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is letter from Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) enclosing letter from Ministry of Finance dated 20 April 1945 and an accompanying report.

2. This you will see is a plea for reconsideration of the status of the Finance Guards, so that they would become a part of the Italian armed forces.

3. Will you please take necessary action, sending a copy of your reply to this Office.

TO	
DIRECTOR	
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ADM. AFF.	
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Incls: as above

G. Gordon
Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner.

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This was received
by me on the
afternoon of 30th
April without
the MMIA letter
which was subsequently
retrieved. Translation
now in hand. *W. J. Cox*
11/6/45

Copy to: Economic Section
Land Forces Sub-Comm (MMIA)

CONFIDENTIAL 60B

SUBJECT : Guardia Finanza.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

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23 Apr 45

TO : HQ, AC (for Executive Commissioner)

I have just received the attached from Gen OXILIA, head of the GGFF.

It seems to be a matter for you and connected with the somewhat analogous CORR status.

GGFF is specifically exempted by AFHQ from being part of the Italian Army.

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Major General
MMIA

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Finance

REF:

TO: Major General Browning

DATE: 20 April 1945.

SUBJECT:

Sir,

I have sent today, officially, to M.M.I.A. a report requesting the re-examination of the situation of the Finance Guard.

From the report itself and from the documents attached thereto, in my opinion it can be clearly seen that the Corps of Finance Guards forms part of the Italian Armed Forces and as such should be considered f.a.p. a military organism and not one of civilian police.

I feel sure that the officers appointed to do so will examine the matter most carefully. Nevertheless, and bearing in mind the moral and disciplinary effects which A.F.H.Q.'s decision may have on the personnel of the Corps, well aware of the consideration you have always shown towards me, I take the liberty to request you most earnestly to give your authoritative support in order that the Finance Guards may be recognised as a military Corps even by the Allied Authorities.

I take advantage of this opportunity to send you my kindest regards.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Sgd. OXILIA

F.M.De J./O.D.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Finance Ministry

REF: 17168

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 21 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Military Position of the Royal Finance Guard.

1) - As is known, the Royal Finance Guard is considered, by the Allied Authorities, as a civilian police Corps and therefore *in the same category* comparable with firemen, P.S. agents, and State Watchmen. This is because A.F.H.Q. considers that the Finance Guard does not form part of the Italian Armed Forces (para. 3, (b) of A.F.H.Q. letter A.G.400/105 D.O., dated 22nd. September 1944.

It is to be thought that A.F.H.Q. has not, in the past, been supplied with all the necessary particulars ~~which~~ that might enable them to be of the opinion that the Royal Finance Guard could be considered as being on the same level as the other Italian Armed Forces, and ~~they have~~ perhaps, therefore committed the error of considering that Corps as a civilian police organisation. Yet the Finance Guard, as a consequence of the laws in force and the activities which, like the CC.RR., it has carried out and continues to carry out in the military field, forms, to all intents and purposes, a military organisation, placing it on a level with the Navy and the Air Force.

To prove this assertion we would point out the following:-

a) - LAWS OF A MILITARY NATURE CONCERNING THE R.FINANCE GUARD

- because of art.1 of Law No.1281 of the 14th. June 1923, confirmed by Law No.915 dated 4th. August 1942 (enc.1), the R.Finance Guard forms an integral part of the Armed Forces of the State and has, amongst others, the duty of collaborating in the military and political defense of the frontiers and, in the case of war, in military operations;

- because of art.8 of Royal Decree 1281 of 14th. June 1923 (enc.2), the Finance Ministry, through G.H.Q., establishes with the Ministries of War and The Navy, even in times of peace, the measures for the warlike preparation and training of the personnel of the Corps; not to mention the forming and assembling of special units of the

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R.Finance Guard for military operations in case of mobilisation.

- because of art.5 of the above mentioned decree, the G.O.C. of the Corps is a Lieutenant General of the Italian Army;
- the troops of the R.Finance Guard are placed under military jurisdiction for any crime or offence laid down in the Penal Code or Army Discipline Regulations, respectively (art.16 of the afore-mentioned decree);
- because of art.11 of Royal Decree N.3170 of 31st. December 1923, (enc.3), the troops of the R.Finance Guard receive the rates of pay laid down for the equivalent ranks of the CC.RR.

We omit, for the sake of brevity, quotations from other laws which show that the judicial and administrative position of personnel of the R.Finance Guard is governed by the same rules in force for the Army (CC.RR Corps).

A.F.H.Q. states, moreover, that "in order to be considered members of the Armed Forces, personnel of the Armed Corps must be subjected to the rules of war and the Geneva convention". In this respect there can be no doubt as regards the personnel of the R.Finance Guard since the various thousands of prisoners of the Corps, captured on the battlefield, have been considered as being on the same level as ~~other~~ prisoners of the other Armed Forces.

Finally, it is pointed out that arms and equipment for the troops of the Corps have always been supplied by the War Ministry.

b) - MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE R.FINANCE GUARD

- the R.Finance Guard took part in the 1915 - 1918 war with 18 battalions and in the present conflict with another 16 battalions;
- all the coastal and frontier brigades of the Corps were mobilised, during this war, for the surveillance and defence of the shores and frontiers. Moreover, the Fleet of the Corps, during warlike operations, was handed over at the entire disposal of the Navy with all its ~~crew~~ equipment.

1) - VARIOUS TASKS ENTRUSTED TO THE R.FINANCE GUARD BY THE ALLIES

At present the Corps is largely employed by the Allies both in duties of a military nature, as, for example, counter-espionage groups which operate under the direct control of the Allied Armies and ground and naval units employed on coastal defence duties (Bari - Cagliari - Ancona, Legions); on the execution of various tasks discharged by units following up the 5th Army; guard duties on ports, railways, and stores containing Allied goods; providing escorts for merchandise, control of foodstuffs, olive oil campaign, suppression of black market, etc..

We would also point out that, following orders of the Allied Command, the Corps must prepare a contingent of 1200 finance guards to be sent, as soon as possible, to the French - Italian, Swiss - Italian frontiers, for duties of fiscal, political, and military nature.

From the foregoing it can be seen that the Corps, because of the legislation which governs it and the tasks entrusted to it, is clearly different from the ordinary civilian police and forms a real and proper Armed Force of the State.

- 11) - The wish to deny membership in the Armed Forces of the Italian State to the Finance Guard produces appreciable moral and material troubles, and creates in the Corps, which has already received many recognitions of merit from the Authorities and the Allied Command, an ~~undignified~~ ^{undignified} and mortifying feeling of inferiority.

The Finance Guards, in fact, educated in the ancient military traditions of the Corps, and subjected, throughout their life and service, to the same laws and regulations as those in force for the Italian Army, feel deeply moved, in their military sentiments, to see themselves considered as merely civilian police, and can not but ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ make bitter comparisons - also noted in the press of the Capital - with the Corps of the CC.RR and auxiliary units of the Army, which are very differently treated even though carrying out, for the most part, similar tasks to those entrusted to the Finance Guards (counter-espionage, guards, escorts, etc.).

This question deserves to receive due consideration, bearing in mind the negative effects it can have both in respect of discipline and in the discharge of the duties entrusted to the Corps. The numerous, delicate, and complex 2927

missions entrusted to the Finance Guard, require of the personnel a strong spirit of sacrifice and a pronounced sense of honesty and duty, without which unworthy practices and disobedience of instructions are made possible, with eventual cases of corruption.

In respect of the differences of treatment which exist between the Finance Guard, the CC.RR, and the auxiliary units of the Army, we beg of you to examine the table which we enclose (encl.4), bearing in mind, moreover, that the civilian units whose duty it is to issue rations to the units of the Finance Guard do not always have at their disposal the rations required, because of which many foodstuffs are not issued. This becomes particularly serious when it concerns a lack of fats and oils or when, as recently occurred at Messina, for a certain period of time the larger part of the rations is not issued. Some proposals intended to improve the service of rationing the units of the Corps are also included in the same enclosure (4).

The opinion that the Finance Guard are not to be considered as belonging to the Armed Forces causes other serious difficulties, often unsurmountable, in arranging for the clothing, equipping, and barracks accommodation of the Finance Guards, because of which the personnel find themselves, in this field also, in an appreciably inferior position as compared with the CC.RR. It is advisable to point out, in this respect, that the most secure sources for the supply of clothing and footwear are blocked for the benefit of the Armed Forces and therefore exclude the Finance Guards.

The officers of the Corps in command of units do everything in their power to relieve this state of hardship and to avoid it having reflections on the discipline and functioning of the service, but, in the main, their initiative runs up against the difficulties caused by the fact that the Allied Authorities consider the Finance Guard as civilian police.

This G.H.Q. therefore considers it necessary to submit the problem in question to M.M.I.A. with the request that A.F.H.Q. be approached for a kind re-examination of the status of the Finance Guard, according to this Corps the position of an Armed Force with the consequent concession of similar treatment to that accorded to the CC.RR. in respect of the supply of rations, clothing, and equipment.

We would point out that the War Ministry, the Army General Staff, and the Italian Supreme General Staff, on being approached on the matter have expressed a favourable opinion on the acceptance of this proposal.

I beg of M.M.I.A., with its well known competency and kind spirit of comprehension so many times shown to the advantage of the Italian Armed Forces, to kindly give this delicate question a careful and benevolent consideration, a question which seriously affects the morale and physical state of the personnel of the R. Finance Guard.

Sgd. G.B. OXILIA

Maj. Gen. G.O.C.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Inclosure N. 1

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Law N. 915 - 4 August 1942

Art. 1

The R. Guardia di Finanza depends from the Ministry of Finance and is part of the Armed and Public Forces of the State. The tasks of the R. Guardia di Finanza are:

- a) prevent, ascertain and denounce financial infringements.
- b) control, in the limits established by law, the politic and economic interests.
- c) co-operate in the political and military defense of the borders and in case of hostilities in the war operations.
- d) co-operate in keeping public order and safety.
- e) perform other safety and security services for which their intervention is requested as per special law dispositions.-

Inclosure N.2

ROYAL DECREE N.1281 DATED 14 JUNE 1923 MODIFYING THE RULES OF THE REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA.-
(Published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale on 30.6.1923)

Art. 1

The R. Guardia di Finanza depends from the Ministry of Finance and is part of the Armed and Public Forces of the State. The task of the R. Guardia di Finanza is:

- a) prevent, repress and denounce smuggle and any other infringement of finance laws and regulations;
- b) protect the executive finance offices;
- c) control on behalf of the State the collection of duties
- d) co-operate in the defense of public order and public safety and in case of a war take part in the military operations.

No member of the Corps is allowed to perform any other activity besides those connected with the services of the Corps itself.

The R. Guardia di Finanza of the colonies depends from the Governors as in the Righ it depends from the Ministry of Finance.

Art. 5

The General Commander of the Corps is appointed by the Council of Ministers on designation of the Ministry of Finance agreed upon by the Ministry of War and he is nominated with Royal Decree.

Art. 8

The service performed in the Corps is considered to any effect military service and the Guardia are not liable to be drafted.

In the case of mobilisation those who belonged to the Guardia di Finanza will be attached to the GG FF on duty, provided they had not been previously banished from the Corps.

The Ministry of Finance establishes in peace time, in agreement with the Ministry of War and with the Ministry of the Navy, rules for the military training of the personnel of the Corps and for the setting up of special Units that have to take part when necessary in military operations.

During mobilisation the personnel of the GG FF continues to wear the same uniform and draw the same pay plus the war bonus foreseen for Infantry.

Inclosure N. 3

ROYAL DECREE N. 3170 Dated 31 Dec. 1923

Art. 4

The last comma of art. 2 of the R.D. N. 128, 14 June 1923, is substituted by the following:

"During mobilisation the personnel of the R. Guardia di Finanza continue to wear the usual uniform and to draw the usual pay, but they also benefit of the war bonus and facilities foreseen for the Infantry. The priorities established in the regulations for territorial service still remain."

Art. 11

"The articles 24 and 25 of the R.D. N. 1281, 14 June 1923, consist in what follows:

The personnel of the CC FF are entitled to the same pay given to the Carabinieri.

As regards deductions from the pay, bonus and so on the regulations in force for the RR CC are applied to them.

The payments for the hospitalisation of CC FF non-commissioned officers and soldiers who are not in active service because of sickness must be deducted from their pay.

When the payment for the hospitalisation exceeds the amount of their pay the difference to be payed must be drawn from the Finance budget."

Inclosure N. 4

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
GENERAL COMMAND OF THE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA
-Ufficio Militare-

SUBJECT : - Difference between the food rations of the Army and those of the R. Guardia di Finanza.

On the inclosed list the food rations of the Regia Guardia di Finanza are shown compared to those of the Army and of the Carabinieri.

As you can see the greatest differences are the following:

- 1) BREAD - The daily bread ration of an Army soldier exceeds the ration of a Finance Guard of 125 grams. Moreover the quality has a superior nourishing value. In fact the flour used for the Army bread is mixed to the 65% while the flour used for the CG FF bread is mixed to the 91% like the one for the civil population, with barley too in it.
- 2) CHEESE - This is the greatest difference there is in the rations. The Army soldiers get 4 gr. cheese for maccheroni and 24 gr. other cheese daily, while the Guardia di Finanza get none at all.
- 3) DRIED FRUIT - Army soldiers get 28 grams peeled fruit daily while the CG FF get 28 grams peel included. As the difference between peeled fruit and that with the peel is of about 50% we can say that the CG FF get half the ration of the Army.
- 4) MEAT - The Army soldiers get either 84 grams canned meat or fish or 200 grams horse meat daily. The CG FF get 100 grams Meat and Vegetable Stew daily.
- 5) OIL AND FATS - The Army soldiers get 42 grams oil daily while the CG FF only get 28 grams.
- 6) CIGARETTES - Army soldiers get 5 cigarettes a day besides those they can draw on payment while there is no gratuitous distribution for the CG FF.
- 7) MATCHES - Army soldiers get 40 matches a week and the CG FF none.
- 8) SOAP - Army soldiers get 250 grams a month and the CG FF get 100 grams only which are very seldom distributed.

- 9) COFFEE - The Army soldiers get a daily ration of 14 grams and the GG FF get none.

PROPOSALS

If possible -

- 1) Give to the Guardia di Finanza the same rations as the Army soldiers and Carabinieri get.

If not possible to grant the first request:

- a) increase the daily bread ration from gr.425 to gr.551;
- b) grant them a daily ration of 4gr. cheese for maccheroni and 28 gr. other cheese;
- c) give them a monthly ration of 250 gr. soap;
- d) give them a daily ration of 5 cigarettes and a weekly ration of forty matches;
- e) grant that their meat ration be of canned red meat and not of Meat and Vegetable Stew. In that case their ration could be decreased from 100 grams to 84 grams.

and possibly also
- f) give them 14 grams coffee daily
- g) increase their daily oil ration from 28 gr. to 42 gr.
- h) give them 28 gr. peeled dried fruit.

In both cases proposed authorize them to collect the rations they can't get from the Sepral from the Sussistenza Militare.

Of course they'll give in the regular ration coupons with which the Sussistenza Militare will be able to get back from the Sepral the goods that they have given out.

ENCLOSURE 3. 605

MINISTRY OF WAR
Cabinet.No. 206114/II
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P.M. 2808, 16th March, 1945.

SUBJECT : Position of the Royal Finance Guard.

TO : The Royal Finance Guard General, Rome.
Ref. 5004 of the 2nd February, 1945.

and for information to:

General Staff Headquarters, P.M. 1600.
(Ref. 3117/5/A.V. of the 10th March, 1945.

Army Hq., Rome.

(Ref. 10803/rd of the 18th February, 1945.

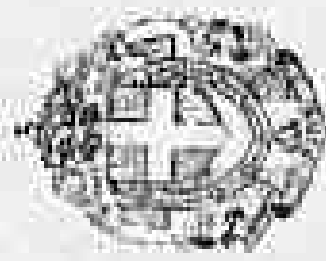
With reference to the subject matter of the letter under reference this Cabinet considers it to be just and opportune that the Royal Finance Guard should be considered as part of the Armed Forces.

General Staff Hqs and Army Hqs. who have been approached on the subject, also concur with the view of this Cabinet.

As regards the treating of this subject with the Allied authorities, tending to modify the dispositions issued, it is considered, since the Finance General Command does not depend on this Ministry that it should be carried out by the Ministry of Finance, to whom the General Staff can confirm, if requested, the favourable opinion already expressed with regard to the qualification of Armed Force being applied to the Royal Finance Guard.

THE HEAD OF THE CABINET

- Lombardi -



Ministero delle Finanze

GUARDIA DI FINANZA
IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

Roma, 20 aprile 1945

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Signor Generale,

ho inviato oggi, d'ufficio, alla L.F.S.C. una relazione con cui prego voler riesaminare la situazione della R. Guardia di Finanza.

Da quanto esposto nella relazione stessa e dai documenti ad essa allegati, ritengo possa apparire, esaurientemente, che il Corpo della Finanza fa parte delle Forze Armate Italiane e che perciò debba essere considerato a tutti gli effetti un organismo militare e non di polizia civile.

Sono certo che gli ufficiali preposti esamineranno scrupolosamente tale questione. Tuttavia ed in considerazione dei riflessi morali e disciplinari che le decisioni dell'A.F.H.Q. potranno avere sul personale del Corpo, avuto presente la benevolenza sempre dimostrata, mi permetto pregare vivamente Lei, Signor Generale, voler interporre il suo autorevole intervento, affinché alla R. Guardia di Finanza venga riconosciuta, anche dalle Autorità Alleate, la qualifica di Corpo militare.

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Con devozione e ringraziamenti mi creda.

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Al Maggior Generale
L. B R O W N I N G
Land Forces Sub-Commission M.M.I.A.
Via Vittorio Veneto = R O M A =

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

- Ufficio Militare -
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21 APR 1945

Roma, - - - - -

N° 17168 di prot.

OGGETTO: Posizione militare della R. Guardia di Finanza. =

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (M.M.I.A.) = R O M A =

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE - Gabinetto -  
(Seguito relazione a S.E. il Ministro  
in data 6 aprile u.s. n° I3011) = R O M A =

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -  
(Rif. f. n° 206114/II in data 16 marzo u.s.) = P. M. 3800 =

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA PUBBL. SICUR. = R O M A =

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E' da pensare che, a suo tempo, non siano stati forniti all'A.F.H.Q. tutti gli elementi di giudizio necessari per far sì che la R. Guardia di Finanza fosse considerata alla stessa stregua delle altre Forze Armate Italiane, donde è forse derivato l'errore di paragonare il Corpo medesimo ad un organismo di polizia civile. - La Guardia di Finanza, invece, in conseguenza delle leggi in vigore e delle attività che, come

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A dimostrazione di tale asserito si espone quanto appresso:

- a)- LEGGI DI CARATTERE MILITARE INTERESSANTI LA R.G. FINANZA
 - per effetto dell'art. 1 della legge 14 giugno 1923, n° 291
 I201, confermata da quella in data 4 agosto 1942, n° 915

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(allegato 1) la R.Guardia di Finanza fa parte integrante delle Forze Armate dello Stato ed ha, fra l'altro, il compito di concorrere alla difesa politico-militare delle frontiere ed in caso di guerra alle operazioni belliche;

per l'art.8 del R.D. 14 giugno 1923, n°1281, (allegato 2) il Ministero delle Finanze per tramite del Comando Generale, stabilisce con i Ministeri della Guerra e della Marina, fin dal tempo di pace, le norme per la preparazione e l'addestramento bellico del personale del Corpo; nonché per la costituzione ed il concorso di speciali reparti della R.Guardia di Finanza alle operazioni militari in caso di mobilitazione;

per l'art.5 del decreto suddetto, il Comandante Generale del Corpo è un Generale di Corpo d'Armata del R.Esercito;

i militari della R.Guardia di Finanza sono sottoposti alla giurisdizione militare per qualunque reato o mancanza previsti, rispettivamente, dal Codice Penale o dal Regolamento di Disciplina per l'Esercito (art.16 del decreto già citato);

per effetto dell'art.11 del R.D. 31 dicembre 1923, n°3170, (allegato 3) ai militari della R.Guardia di Finanza spetta il trattamento economico stabilito per i pari grado dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali.

Si omette, per brevità, la citazione di altre leggi da cui risulta che lo stato giuridico ed amministrativo del personale della R.Guardia di Finanza sono regolati dalle stesse norme in vigore per il R.Esercito (Arma dei CC.RR.).

L'A.F.H.Q. afferma, inoltre, che "per poter essere considerati membri delle Forze Armate gli appartenenti ai Corpi Armati devono essere soggetti alle leggi di guerra ed alla convenzione di Ginevra". Al riguardo non vi può essere alcun dubbio per gli appartenenti alla R.Guardia di Finanza, poichè le varie migliaia di prigionieri del Corpo, catturati sui campi di battaglia, sono stati considerati alla stessa stregua dei prigionieri delle altre Forze Armate.

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altri 16 battaglioni;

- tutte le brigate costiere e di frontiera del Corpo sono state mobilitate, durante l'attuale guerra, per la sorveglianza e la difesa delle coste e del confine terrestre. -- Inoltre, il Naviglio del Corpo durante le operazioni belliche è passato a completa disposizione della R. Marina con tutti gli equipaggi. --

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Attualmente il Corpo è largamente impiegato dagli Alleati sia in servizi di carattere militare, quali, ad esempio, nuclei controspionaggio che operano alle dirette dipendenze delle Armate Alleate e unità navali e terrestri addette alla vigilanza costiera (Legione di Bari - Cagliari - Ancona); sia per l'esecuzione di compiti vari disimpegnati da reparti al seguito della V^a Armata; sia per la vigilanza ai porti, agli scali ferroviari, ed ai magazzini contenenti merci degli Alleati; sia per scorte di merci, controlli annonario, campegna olearia, repressione mercato nero, ecc. --

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Tale questione merita d'essere presa nella sua giusta considerazione tenendo presente i riflessi negativi che può avere sia nei riguardi della disciplina, sia nell'assolvimento degli incarichi affidati al Corpo.- Le numerose, delicate e complesse mansioni affidate alla Finanza, richiedono al personale un accentuato spirito di sacrificio ed uno spiccato senso di onestà e del dovere, senza di che si rendono possibili dei precabibili adattamenti, infrazioni alle consegne ed eventuali casi di corruzione.-

Nei riguardi della differenza di trattamento esistente fra i finanzieri, i CC.RR. e le unità ausiliarie dell'Esercito, si prega di esaminare la tabella che si unisce (allegato 4) tenendo presente, inoltre, che gli Enti civili incaricati della distribuzione delle derrate ai reparti della Finanza non sempre dispongono dei viveri occorrenti, per cui molti generi non vengono distribuiti.- Ciò assume particolare gravità quando vengono a mancare i grassi o quando, così com'è avvenuto recentemente a Messina, per un certo periodo di tempo non si distribuisce la maggior parte dei viveri.- Dallo stesso allegato 4 risultano alcune proposte tendenti a migliorare il servizio di vettovagliamento per i reparti del Corpo.-

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Questo Comando Generale ritiene pertanto doveroso prospettare il problema in questione a codesta Sotto commissione con preghiera di interessare l'A.F.H.Q. ad un compiacente riesame della posizione della R. Guardia di Finanza riconoscendo a tale Corpo la qualità di Forza Armata con la conseguente concessione di un trattamento analogo a quello dei Carabinieri Reali per quanto concerne il rifornimento dei viveri, del vestiario e dell'equipaggiamento. --

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Si fa presente che il Ministero della Guerra, lo Stato Maggiore del R.Esercito e lo Stato Maggiore Generale Italiano, interessati in proposito hanno espresso parere favorevole all'accoglimento della presente proposta (vds. allegato 5).-

Prego codesta I.F.S., con la sua ben nota competenza e benevolo spirito di comprensione tante volte dimostrato a vantaggio delle Forze Armate Italiane, di voler prendere in attento e benevolo esame la delicata questione che notevolmente influisce sul morale e sullo stato materiale dei componenti la R.Guardia di Finanza.=

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Allegato 1
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Art. 1

La R. Guardia di Finanza dipende dal Ministro per le Finanze,
fa parte integrante delle Forze Armate dello Stato e della Forza

Pubblica ed ha il compito di:

- a)- prevenire, ricercare, accertare e denunciare le violazioni finanziarie;
- b)- vigilare - nei limiti stabiliti dalle singole leggi - sull'osservanza delle disposizioni d'interesse politico-economico;
- c)- concorrere alla difesa politico-militare delle frontiere e, in caso di guerra, alle operazioni belliche;
- d)- concorrere al mantenimento dell'ordine e della sicurezza pubblica;
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REGIO DECRETO 14 GIUGNO 1923, N° 1281 PORTANTE MODIFICAZIONI ALL'ORDINAMENTO DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA.-

(Pubblicato nella Gazzetta Ufficiale 30.6.1923)



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Il Corpo della R. Guardia di Finanza dipende dal Ministro delle Finanze, fa parte integrante della Forza Pubblica e delle Forze Militari dello Stato è deputato a:

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- c)-vigilare per conto dello Stato sulla riscossione dei dazi di Consumo;
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Nessuno appartenente al Corpo della R. Guardia di Finanza può essere impiegato altrimenti che per il servizio del Corpo medesimo.-

La R. Guardia di Finanza di stanza nelle Colonie ha verso i Governatori la stessa dipendenza che ha nel Regno verso il Ministro delle Finanze.-

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Il Ministero delle Finanze, per tramite del Comando Generale, stabilisce coi Ministeri della Guerra e della Marina, fin dal tempo di pace, le norme per la preparazione e l'addestramento bellico del personale del Corpo, nonchè per la costituzione ed il concorso di speciali reparti della R.Guardia di Finanza alle operazioni militari in caso di mobilitazione.-

Durante la mobilitazione i militari della R.Guardia di Finanza conserveranno la divisa, i gradi e i soldi del proprio Corpo, con l'aggiunta degli assegni di campagna stabiliti per la fanteria e

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REGIO DECRETO 31 DICEMBRE 1923, N° 3170.-  
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Art. 4

L'ultimo comma dell'art.8 del R.D. 14 giugno 1923, n°1281, è sostituito dal seguente:
" Durante la mobilitazione i militari della R.Guardia di Finanza mobilitati conservano la divisa, i gradi ed il trattamento economico del proprio Corpo, e godono dei diritti, degli oneri, delle ricompense e degli assegni di campagna stabiliti per la fanteria, ferme restando le precedenzae stabilite dal regolamento pel servizio territoriale".-

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Gli articoli 24 e 25 del R.D.14 giugno 1923, n°1281, sono costituiti dal seguente:

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Per la riduzione e la sospensione degli stipendi, delle paghe e degli altri assegni o indennità fisse, si applicano ai militari della R.Guardia di Finanza le disposizioni vigenti per l'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali.-

Gli stipendi e le paghe dei sottufficiali e militari di truppa che non prestano servizio, perchè ricoverati nei luoghi di cura sono ridotti della retta d'ospitalità che devesi corrispondere alle disposizioni degli ospedali o ad altri stabilimenti di cura.-

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Qualora la retta anzidetta sia superiore allo stipendio o alla paga del militare ricoverato, la differenza starà a carico dell'Amministrazione delle Finanze".-

Allegato 4

MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

- Ufficio Militare -



OGGETTO: Differenza fra la razione viveri del R. Esercito e quella della R. Guardia di Finanza.

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Nell'allegato prospetto sono riportate: la razione alimentare per il R. Esercito, compresi i Carabinieri Reali, e quella della R. Guardia di Finanza.

Come si rileva, le differenze più salienti, delle quali alcune incidono notevolmente sul complesso medio delle calorie, sono le seguenti:

- 1°) PANE - La razione giornaliera di pane del soldato è superiore di 126 gr. a quella del finanziere. Essa, oltre che per la quantità, ha un potere nutritivo maggiore anche per la qualità. Infatti, la farina adoperata per il pane dell'Esercito è abburrattata al 65 % circa, mentre quella adoperata per il pane per il finanziere, che è poi la stessa distribuita alla popolazione civile, non solo è abburrattata al 91 %, ma è anche miscelata col 20% di orzo.
- 2°) FORMAGGIO - Questa del formaggio è, forse, la differenza più sostanziale tra il trattamento alimentare del soldato, a cui ne spettano 4 gr. giornali da raspa e 28 da tavola, e quella del finanziere che ne è completamente privo.
- 3°) FRUTTA SECCA - La razione del soldato è di 28 grammi sbucciata, mentre quella del finanziere è di gr. 28, compresa la buccia. Poiché la differenza tra quella sbucciata e quella con la buccia è di oltre il 50 %, si può affermare che la razione del finanziere è la metà di quella del soldato.
- 4°) CARNE - Per il soldato è prevista una razione di 84 gr. giornali di carne pura in scatola o pesce conservato, sostituibile con 200 gr. di carne di cavallo. per il finanziere è fissata una razione di gr. 100 di carne con vegetali stufati (Meat and vegetable Stew). Il beneficio quindi di gr. 16 in più è però neutralizzato dal fatto che essendo la razione del finanziere costituita da patate o fagioli mescolati con piccole percentuali di carne, il potere nutritivo dello insieme è nettamente inferiore.

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6°) SIGARETTE - Per il soldato è prevista una razione giornaliera di 309
sigarette, oltre quella da prelevarsi a pagamento, mentre per il
finanziere nessuna distribuzione viene fatta gratuitamente.

7°) FIAMMIFERI - Per il soldato è prevista una razione settimanale di
40 fiammiferi, mentre per il finanziere nessuna razione gratuita
di fiammiferi è stata distribuita.

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- 8°) SAPONE - Al soldato è prevista una razione mensile di gr. 250 mentre per il finanziere nessuna razione è prevista e saltuariamente è stata distribuita in razione di 100 grammi.
- 9°) CAFFE' - Per il soldato è prevista una razione giornaliera di 14 grammi, mentre nessuna razione è prevista per il finanziere

P R O P O S T E

1°) In via principale -

Accordare ai finanzieri la stessa razione viveri prevista per i militari del R.Esercito, compresi i Carabinieri Reali.

2°) In via subordinata e qualora non sia assolutamente possibile accogliere la prima proposta:

- a) aumentare la razione giornaliera di pane da gr. 425 a gr. 551;
- b) stabilire una razione giornaliera di gr. 28 di formaggio da tavola e gr. 4 di formaggio da raspa;
- c) stabilire una razione mensile di gr. 250 di sapone;
- d) stabilire una razione giornaliera di cinque sigarette e settimanale di 40 fiammiferi;
- e) stabilire che la razione di carne sia in prevalenza di carne pura in iscatola (Red meat) e non carne e vegetali (Meat vegetable Stow) e Si potrà stabilire che quando viene distribuita la carne pura (Red meat), il quantitativo potrà essere abbassato da gr. 100 a gr. 84;

e possibilmente anche:

- f) stabilire una razione giornaliera di gr. 14 di caffè;
- g) aumentare la razione giornaliera di olio da gr. 28 a gr. 42;
- h) stabilire che i gr. 28 di frutta secca debbano essere considerati di frutta sbucciata e non di frutta col guscio.

- 3°) In entrambi i casi previsti al N° 1 e 2: fermo restando il principio che i reparti del Corpo debbono prelevare i generi a pagamento con i fondi allo scopo stanziati, concedere l'autorizzazione a prelevare presso la Sussistenza Militare tutti i viveri che non è possibile prelevare presso la SE.PR.AL. - Naturalmente i reparti del Corpo presenteranno alla Sussistenza Militare i regolari buoni di prelevamento dei generi, di cui pagheranno l'importo e di cui la Sussistenza Militare stessa potrà poi chiedere la restituzione alla SE.PR.AL.

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MINISTERO DELLE GUERRA

- Gabinetto -  
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P. M. 3800; 16 marzo 1945.-

OGGETTO: Posizione della R.Guardia di Finanza.=

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AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R.GUARDIA DI FINANZA  
(Rif.f. 5004 del 2 febbraio 1945)

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ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
(Rif.f. 311775/A.V. del 10.3.1945)

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ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO  
(Rif.f. 10803/Ord. del 18.2.1945)

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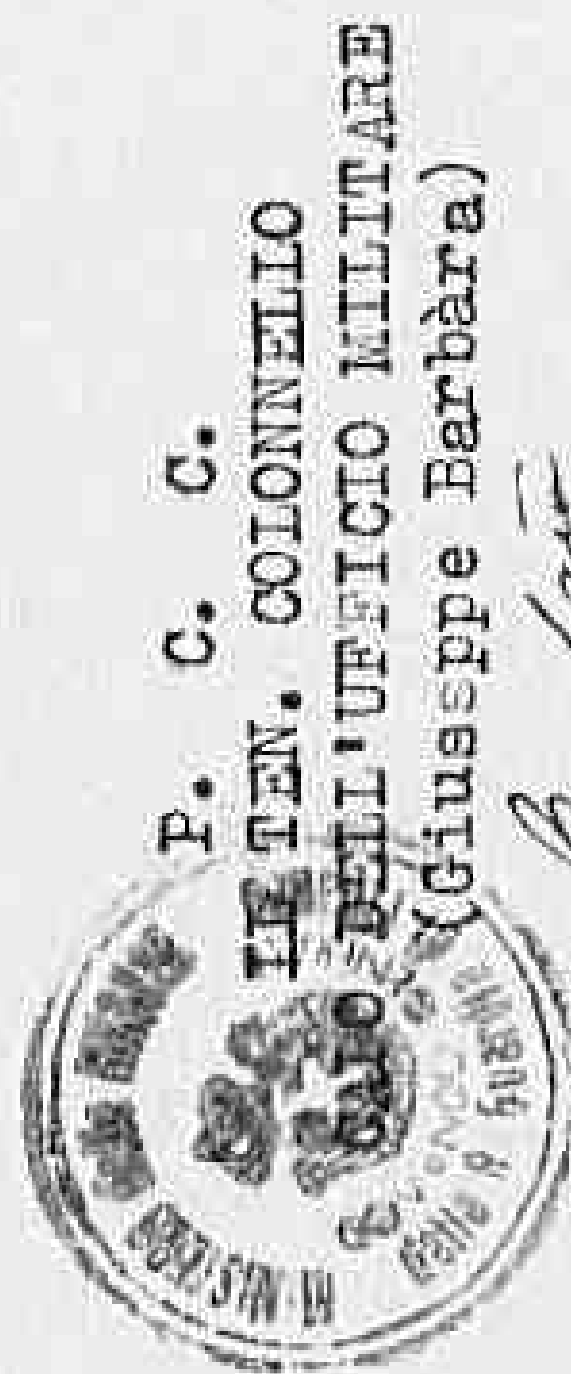
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d'ordine  
F.to Capo di Gabinetto  
Lombardi

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# RAZIONE VIVERI

| GENERI                                                                                                 | PER IL SOLDATO                                        | PER IL FINANZIERE                                          | DIFFERENZE |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| P A N E                                                                                                | gr. 551 (abburattata al 65%)                          | gr. 425 (abburattata al 91% e con aggiunta del 20% d'orzo) | - 126 gr.  | Ol anch è sf che per |
| P A S T A                                                                                              | gr. 84                                                | gr. 85                                                     | + gr. 1    | Le tuit fine pas     |
| R I S O                                                                                                | gr. 28                                                | gr. 28                                                     | -          | P lo                 |
| CARNE IN SCATOLA oppure PESCE CONSERVATO                                                               | gr. 84 (sostituibile con gr. 200 di carne di cavallo) | gr. 100                                                    | + 16 gr.   | i f con le più val   |
| LEGUMI SECCHI (Sostituibili con gr. 28 di verdura essiccata oppure con gr. 112 di vegetali in scatola) | gr. 56                                                | gr. 85                                                     | + 29 gr.   |                      |
| VERDURA ESSIICCATA                                                                                     | gr. 28                                                | gr. 28                                                     | -          |                      |
| CONSERVA                                                                                               | gr. 14                                                | gr. 14                                                     | -          |                      |
| GRASSI ( Olio )                                                                                        | gr. 42                                                | gr. 28                                                     | - gr. 14   |                      |
| FORMAGGIO DA RASPA                                                                                     | gr. 4                                                 | -                                                          | - gr. 4    |                      |
| FORMAGGIO DA TAVOLA                                                                                    | gr. 28                                                | -                                                          | - gr. 28   |                      |
| P E P E                                                                                                | gr. 0, 14                                             | gr. 0, 14                                                  | -          |                      |
| SALE                                                                                                   | gr. 19                                                | gr. 14                                                     | - gr. 5    |                      |
| VERDURA FRESCA                                                                                         | gr. 350                                               | gr. 350                                                    | -          |                      |
| V I N O                                                                                                | litri 1/2                                             | litri 1/2                                                  | -          |                      |
| FRUTTA FRESCA                                                                                          | gr. 28 (sguscia                                       | gr. 28 (col guscio)                                        |            |                      |

# RAZIONE VIVERI

| SOLDATO           | PER IL FINANZIERE                                                            | DIFFERENZE               | ANNOTAZIONI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| sostitui          | gr. 28                                                                       | -                        | Per il soldato è previsto so-<br>lo carne (Red Meat), mentre per<br>i finanzieri è stabilito carne<br>con vegetali (Meat And Vegetab-<br>le Stew).- La Differenza in<br>più viene annullata dal minore<br>valore nutritivo del prodotto.-                                                           |
| gr. 200<br>di ca- | gr. 100                                                                      | + 16 gr.                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | gr. 85                                                                       | + 29 gr.                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | gr. 28                                                                       | -                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | gr. 14                                                                       | -                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1/2<br>aguscia    | litri 1/2<br>gr. 28 (col guscio)                                             | -                        | La razione del soldato è<br>equivalente a quella del finan-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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n° 40

SAPONE

gr. 250 al mese

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gr. 250



280

|                |                     |         |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|
| 19             | gr. 14              | - gr. 5 |
| 350            | gr. 350             | -       |
| ri 1/2         | litri 1/2           | -       |
| 28 (sguscia)   | gr. 28 (col guscio) |         |
| I4             | -                   | gr. 14  |
| 28             | gr. 28              | -       |
| 5              | -                   | gr. 5   |
| 10 settimanali | -                   | n° 40   |
| 250 al mese    | -                   | gr. 250 |

La razione del soldato è sgusciata e quella del finanziere è col guscio.- Ciò che riduce il quantitativo del 50% in danno del finanziere.-

Spesso non viene distribuito per mancanza presso gli spacci della S.E.P.R.A.I.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
AFO 394

AC/14012/PS

3 January 1945

SUBJECT : Identity Cards.

TO : Commanding General Royal Finance Guards

58A

As requested in your letter reference 27437 dated  
16th Dec.. 1944, eight specimen Civil Police Identity Cards are  
forwarded herewith.

JOHN W. CHAFFIN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Enclosures; as above

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Ministry of Finance  
Gen. Mr. General H. C.

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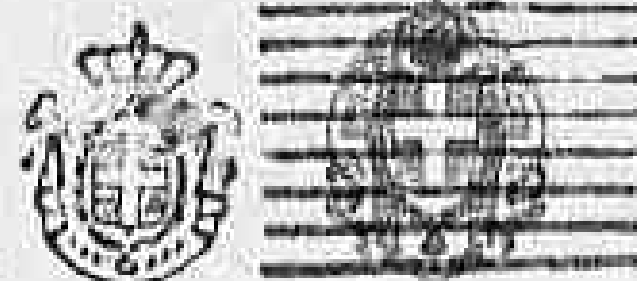
30 December 1944  
27497

57A  
REPLY : 10/14012/P3, dated 15/12/1944  
TO : Allied Commission - P.S. Subcommission  
SUBJ. : Identity card.

We acknowledge the above m. letter and we beg you to send us 8 samples unrolled of the "Civil Police" Identity Card issued by A.C., in order to show them to G.M. H.C. in AIG territories.

the Brigadier General attached to 2904  
R. Conti

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Ministero delle Finanze  
COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Roma 30 Dic 1944

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione P.S.  
APC 394 - Roma -

Direzione Personale 2°  
Tel. N° 24434 Allegato

Prospetto al f. del 16.12.944  
Dir. Tel. 1 AC/14012/  
PS

OGGETTO: Carte d'identità.

Preso nota del contenuto del foglio sopraci-  
tato, si prega di trasmettere a questo Comando Generale  
otto esemplari, in bianco ed annullati, della carta  
d'identità "Civil Police" dell'A.C. per poterli di-  
stribuire, in visione, ai Comandi della R. Guardia di  
Finanza dislocati nel territorio dell'A.M.G.

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA A DISPOSIZIONE  
( R. Conti )

*R. Conti*

| TO              | DATE     | TIME        |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| COL. CHAPMAN    |          |             |
| COL. YOUNG      |          |             |
| LT. COL. WILCOX | <i>W</i> | <i>8.55</i> |
| MAJ. LUCKMAN    |          |             |
| MAJ. WILSON     |          |             |
| MAJ. HANBURY    |          |             |
| MAJ. BALLANCE   |          |             |
| CAPT. BIRWEL    |          |             |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

16 December, 1944.

AC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Identity Card.  
TO : Commanding General  
Royal Finance Guards.

58A  
1. The specimen identity card enclosed in your letter reference 24205 of 14th December 1944 is considered adequate for recognition by Allied Authorities in Italian Government territory.

2. In Allied Military Government territory it is thought desirable that in addition to the R. Guardia di Finanza identity card officers and men should be issued with an Allied Control Commission Civil Police Identity Card (a specimen is attached).

This is the existing practice.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

AEC/G.

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P.M.

Ministry of Finance.

14-12-44

No. 24255

Sub: Identity Card.

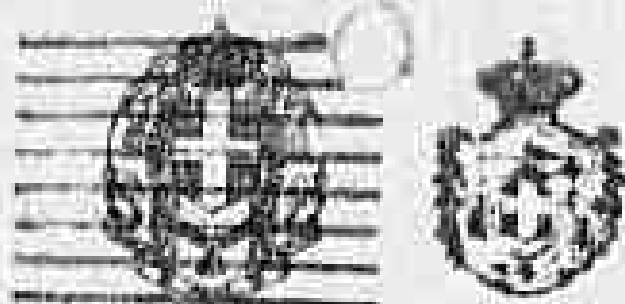
Officers and soldiers of the R. Guardia di Finanza to prove their identity in the work that they do, have expressly made identity cards with picture.

Please let us know if your sub-commission considers this document valid for recognition by all the Allied authorities.

For your knowledge we attach a card sample of the card.

|                |  |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Col. Thompson  |  |  |  |
| " Young        |  |  |  |
| 1. COL. WILSON |  |  |  |
| MAJ LUCKMAN    |  |  |  |
| WILSON         |  |  |  |
| Mr. Hanting    |  |  |  |
| MAJ. POWELL    |  |  |  |
| CHIEF CLERK    |  |  |  |

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*Ministero delle Finanze*  
COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

*Traslate*  
Roma

Mod II

14 DEC 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE  
ALLEATA - PUBLIC SAFETY  
ROMA

*Passare* Pers. *Tr* 2°  
*But* N° 24205 *Allegati* 1 tessera *Espresso al f. del*

*Per* *Tr* *N°*

Oggetto: Tessere di riconoscimento.-

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Gli ufficiali e i militari della R. Guardia di Finanza, per comprovare la loro identità nell'esercizio delle funzioni loro demandate, sono muniti di apposita tessera di riconoscimento con fotografia.-

Si prega di far conoscere se codesta Sottocommissione ritenga valido tale documento agli effetti del riconoscimento nei confronti di tutte le Autorità Alleate.-

Si allega, per conoscenza, un campione di tessera.-

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
( A. Aymonino )

*Aymonino*

2300

Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

GG.FF. Command of  
Liberated Italy.

Subject : Service stations.

To : A.C.C.

14012  
3 August 1944.

N. 39

I am forwarding to you:

- a plan of the Rome city, on which the positions of the Commands, detachments, control- and vigilance stations of the GG.FF. in Rome are shown;
- a list of service stations supplied daily or periodically by said Commands, detachments etc.

Those stations are not marked on the plan, because they are not Command offices, but only little guard units and because adding other names, the reading of the plan would lose its clearness.

Commanding General

- Creste Moricca -



*Ministero delle Finanze*

COMANDO ~~REDACTED~~ R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

dell'Italia Liberata

Ufficio Servizio

*Divisione*

*Prot. N° 39* *Ris. Suppl. vari*

OGGETTO Posti di servizio.

*Roma*

3 AGO 1944

Ala COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

*Risposta al f. del*

*Gen. L. V.*

Trasmetto:

- una pianta della Città di Roma con sopra indicata l'ubicazione dei Comandi, Distaccamenti, Posti di controllo e vigilanza della R. Guardia di Finanza in Roma;
- un elenco coi posti di servizio forniti giornalmente o periodicamente dai predetti Comandi, Distaccamenti ecc.

Tali posti non sono indicati nella pianta anzitutto perchè non si tratta di sedi di comando ma semplicemente di piccoli corpi di guardia; <sup>in</sup> secondo luogo perchè con l'aggiunta di altri nomi la lettura della carta perderebbe chiarezza.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
-Oreste Moricca-

*Moricca* 2890

2312

SUBJECT: Org and Comd of CC.RR (Carabinieri) and G.F.  
(Regio Guardia di Finanza.) + PA.

14012

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
SD/18

54A

17 June 44.

A.A.I.

Copy to: H.Q.ACC.

1. Your signal SD 1497 of 11 June 44.
1. Carabinieri Org and Comd (excl military CC.RR Sections) is shown in diagram at attached Appx. "A".
2. The nine legions (strength at 5 June 472 offrs, 28,844 ORs) shown in the Appx are employed principally on Public Security duties under the Ministry of the Interior working in conjunction with the Public Safety Sub Commission of the A.C.C.
3. In addition to the above nine legions there are the military CC.RR Sections (equivalent to British CMP) who are used solely for military duties. They are attached to Div and higher formation H.Qs, and at present total approximately 1,500 offrs and men.
4. The channel of demand for obtaining military CC.RR for provost duties with Allied units is AAI-MMIA- S.M.R.E. - CC.RR HQ. SALERNO.
5. CC.RR for Public Security duties come under Public Safety SubCommission and it is recommended that all demands for such personnel should be made direct to them, copy to MMIA for infm.
6. In case of interest, at Appx "B" attached is a diagram showing org and comd of the Regia Guardia di Finanza (Royal Customs Guard, strength at 5 June 192 offrs, 7586 ORs.)

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for Major General.  
Army sub Comm, ACC

tvb. BGR.

Appx "A" to MIA SD/18  
of Jun44

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CC.RR Org ( excel Military CC.RR Secs )

HQ CC.RR Liberated ITALY SALERNO  
(Comd Maj Gen. FIECHE)

Bde HQ  
Naples

Bde HQ.  
Palermo

Legion HQ Legion HQ Legion HQ  
NAPLES BARI CATANZARO

Legion HQ Legion HQ Legion HQ  
PALERMO CAGLIARI MESSINA

Notes:- (a) Liberated Italy is divided into six ZONES. In each ZONE is a CC.RR Legion with its HQ in the main province of the ZONE.

(b) In addition to Legions shown in diagram, there are three special Legions: ROMA for ROME, LAZIO (HQ in NAPLES) for LAZIO ZONE, ABRUZZO (HQ in CAMPORASSO) for ABRUZZO ZONE.

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Appx "B" to MBIA SD/18  
of June 44.

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"Guardia di Finanza" Org.

H.Q. R.G.F. Liberated Italy.  
SALERNO (Comd. Brig. Gen. MORICA.)

Legion HQ  
BARI

Legion HQ  
NAPLES

Legion HQ  
MESSINA

Legion HQ  
PALERMO

Legion H.Q.  
CAGLIARI

- Notes: (a) R.G.F. come under Ministry of Finance in conjunction with Finance Sub Commission, A.C.C. Are divided into a Land Branch and a Sea Branch. Legions contain personnel of both Branches.
- (b) Land Branch deals with Customs Control, prevention of contraband etc.  
Sea Branch are used on Coastguard duties, have liaison with the Ministry of Marine.

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TRANSLATION

May 20, 1944

Clarification of the enlistment of Guardia di Finanza.

Clarification on the enlistment of Guardia di Finanza, Salerno  
20, May 1944.

For the purpose of completing the information which appeared on the newspaper, "Il Corriere" on the 16 May 1944 under the heading of "Enlistment of 4300 Guardia di Finanza," it is opportune to clarify that Regia Guardia di Finanza is not an auxiliary branch of the police, although having all its attributes, but an agency organized on military basis and under the exclusive control of the Minister of Finance.

The "Regia Guardia di Finanza" is charged principally with the duty of enforcing the Revenue Laws. Food control constitutes an incidental function normally entrusted to other police agencies and which is being pursued at the present in view of its extreme importance it has assumed, and at the same time without abandoning the delicate duties of the Service.

The Regia Guardia di Finanza has always been ready even in the most difficult times, as the Allies themselves, have observed, who from the time of Italian invasion have solicited and appreciated their good deeds. The organization is composed of about 40,000 men, part of whom are performing their duties in liberated territory. It is solely for present exigencies of the service that it has been necessary to enlist 4000 Finanzieri and draw from the troops 300 "sotto-brigadiere" (sergeants).

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# MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

COMANDO SUPERIORE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA  
DELL'ITALIA FIDUCIARIA

DIVISIONE PERSONALE Sez. Speciale.

Prot. N. 6771.

Risposta a nota N.

dm

All. N.

Salerno, li 12 MAG. 1944

Al la COMMISSIONE AMM. ALLEATI  
di OCCUPAZIONE

Palazzo Giustizia

SALERNO

OCCORRENZA: Caserma della R. Guardia di Finanza.

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La regia Guardia di Finanza, sin dall'arrivo in Italia delle truppe anglo-americane, si è dedicata con entusiasmo allo svolgimento dei compiti che le sono stati affidati.

Per far fronte alle esigenze del servizio, e a quelle future, nel caso dell'occupazione di Roma e oltre, per far fronte all'arruolamento di 4000 finanzieri e di 300 allievi sottufficiali, si presenta perciò il problema delle caserme, poichè è soltanto nelle caserme che le giovani reclute possono trasformarsi in soldati, assorbendo a poco a poco, con la pratica quotidiana, i principi di ordine, pulizia e disciplina che sono il fondamento dell'educazione militare.

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Proprio accanto alla caserma della legione CC. RR. il comando del Circolo della R. Guardia di Finanza ed il Nucleo di P.T.I. hanno dovuto sistemarsi in due piani di un fabbricato civile, adibito

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a scuola comunale, promiscuamente con famiglie di civili .

Poco più oltre, il comando della Legione della R. Guardia di Finanza è sistemato nei vecchi locali d'una scuola, ove è materialmente impossibile che un reparto mantenga le caratteristiche militari.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
( Crete Moricca )

*T. Moricca*

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
( Crete Moricca )



For ref only  
see file 11-049

14012

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### Replacement of Italian Officials in AMO Territory.

1. It is appreciated that when a vacancy exists in AMO areas for the appointment of a senior Italian official; the Regional Commissioner will frequently be at a loss to find a candidate of sufficient experience and seniority within his own region to fill such a post. Instances have occurred in which under these circumstances; officials have been appointed to a status far beyond their normal expectations of promotion.
2. In most cases when such a vacancy occurs, a qualified replacement is available elsewhere but through lack of information, the R.C. is not able to give him consideration. There must, for example, be many qualified persons in Kingdom Italy who should be available for employment in AMO areas.
3. It is suggested that this problem of demand and supply be co-ordinated with the appropriate Ministries of the Italian Government by requesting them to recommend eligible candidates for appointment.
- It is anticipated that they would be more than willing to operate, since the proper selection of Italian officials would be of long term advantage to them, having regard to the time when they themselves will have to administer these officials.
4. If, when such a vacancy occurs in future, the Regional Commissioner will refer to this HQ, submitting also the particulars of any local candidate whom he wishes to consider. It would be desirable to ascertain from the Italian Government what other qualified persons are available for selection. The appointment would be made by the R.C. subject to the necessary confirmation required from this HQ. Such a method would ensure that the selection would be made from competent and acceptable candidates, and, furthermore that the choice would no longer be limited to an otherwise restricted field.
5. The following official appointments are those which are recommended for inclusion in such a scheme.

Prefect

Vice Prefect

Questore

Vice Questore

It is anticipated that they would be able to administer these officials.

4. If, when such a vacancy occurs in future, the Regional Commissioner will refer to this HQ, submitting also the particulars of any local candidate whom he wishes to consider, it would be possible to ascertain from the Italian Government what other qualified persons are available for selection. The appointment would be made by the R.C. subject to the necessary confirmation required from this HQ. Such a method would ensure that the selection would be made from competent and acceptable candidates, and, furthermore that the choice would no longer be limited to an otherwise restricted list.

5. The following official appointments are those which are recommended for inclusion in such a scheme.

Prefect  
Vice Prefect  
Questore  
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Director of Food Supply  
Transport, Employment, Postal Service  
Maritime Director  
Rector and Heads of Universities  
All Judicial Officials  
Intendants & Finance  
Regionali Capo (Chief Accountant)  
Commandanti of Fire Brigades

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6. The mechanics of such a project could be accomplished by removal of such requests from HQ's to the appropriate sub-commissionaries who would contact the Italian Ministry concerned and advise the HQ accordingly.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

*File 5016*  
24 April 1944.

ACC/14012/PS

SUBJECT: Employment of SCPT.

TO : RSCG's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII,  
Chief of Public Safety 5 and 6 Army.

1. The attached memorandum from the Finance Sub-Commission is forwarded for your information.

*Paul G. Kirk*  
PAUL G. KIRK, Major  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO394

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SUBJECT: Employment of R. Guardia di Finanza.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Regions I

(for attention of WFO)

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22 April 1944

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In the forward areas under the 5th and 8th Armies where the fiscal offices may not be fully functioning the employment of the R. Guardia di Finanza on non fiscal duties is permissible though even here if possible the Polizia Tributaria should not be so employed.

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S. W. Foley<sup>2858</sup>

Colonel,  
Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Hq. AMG 5th Army  
Hq. AMG 8th Army  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
File CRO/O.12

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 FINANCE GUARDS.

The Finance Guards have their origin from the Customs Officers. In 1906 it was thought of giving Customs Officers a Military standing.

The Officers of this body, militarised from one day to another, could only be recruited from amongst civil clerks who performed Customs duty, and from amongst a few Officers performing Customs duty. These Officers did not belong to the Army. Without any military discipline and organising experience these Officers could not build up any efficient organisation, nor could they build up any real "esprit de Corps". The recruiting was done from men who preferred to join in order to avoid Military Service, and in order to get an enlistment bonus. Many of these recruits had already been rejected by the Carabinieri, because of their moral or physical disqualifications. Many of the recruits in the Finance Guard did not mind serving in this body, or as prison warders in the Prison Service.

The duties of the Finance Guards are carried out chiefly on the frontiers, on the beaches, and at the ports, and as a result of this the personnel is scattered about. The strength is divided into groups of a few men, commanded by Non-Commissioned Officers, who have not got a thorough military training, and who are not continually controlled by their Officers. In such groups, especially those along the frontiers and at the ports, which are continually in contact with smugglers, there are frequent cases of collusion; many cases of corruption remain unpunished. On the whole there is much lack of discipline and widespread dishonesty.

When in 1915 the Government wanted to absorb into the Army units of the Finance Guard, certain war battalions were formed, but the results were completely negative, and they were only able to be used behind the lines.

In the period following the War, the condition of the Finance Guard became worse because of a series of circumstances, due to the fact that the real commander of the Finance Guard was the Minister of Finance, who for past 20 years has been a person completely devoted to the Fascist regime. Therefore the Finance Guard has always been completely in the hands of the regime, even if apparently the body had the reputation of having anti-Fascist tendencies. In the last years of Fascism, in order to dispel its anti-fascist reputation, the Finance Guard indulged in a series of exhibitions to show faithful Fascists they were. Such exhibitions were far beyond the limits allowed by military discipline.



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the co-operation of the Prefect, Questore and the Carabinieri, named MAGLIO as the absolute chief of the Police in Naples. It is said that Col. SCHOLL met MAGLIO in Milan before the war, and that both became intimate friends while working in the espionage service.

When the Allies arrived in Naples, Lt. Col. MAGLIO justified himself by saying that he had been obliged to accept Col. SCHOLL's order, because in the absence of his Commanding Officer he had been practically requisitioned by the Germans to accomplish that very unpleasant task.

But in any case the fact is that Col. OCCHIPINTI left his unit at a very difficult moment, when he ought to have stuck to it, and that Neapolitan people are very much shocked, because of the conduct of the Finance Guards, and of MAGLIO's position during the German occupation. MAGLIO has now been transferred to Messina. Many comments, mostly unfavourable are still made about Col. OCCHIPINTI who when the situation was re-established in Naples, came back to reassume his former position without any enquiries being made about his behaviour during the German occupation. To-day he aspires to become the second in command in the Hq of the Finance Guard in liberated Italy, and he is intriguing to bring this about.

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Lt. Col. PARENTE, commander of the Finance Guard of the City of Naples, is also well known to be a dishonest Officer. He is of Pure fascist feelings, which was shown during the last days of the

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German occupation in Naples. In the first moment he went out with his Guards to fight with the Germans and the Fascists, but later on when he realised that the game was up and that the Allies were due arrive at any moment, he went into hiding. Lt. Col. PARENTE and Col. OCCHIPINTI hate each other. The latter would like to transfer the former, but dare not do it because he knows that PARENTE knows too much about him and could make public everything he knows to the detriment of OCCHIPINTI.

Lt. Col. NATALE, until not so long ago was the Commander of a Special Squad of Finance Guards in Naples. So well known was his dishonesty that he had to be transferred elsewhere.

The 500 Finance Guard which are now billeted in the Grand Hotel, Naples, and which are bound for Rome, completely lack discipline. They sing subversive hymns and write subversive phrases on the walls of their billet.

In conclusion the Finance Guards requires complete renewal of the personnel. Complete, because with many men with big families recalled back into the service because of the war, corruption has become more frequent in the high ranks as well as the low ranks. As matter of fact, besides the above-mentioned names, even General MORICCA is accused of cultivating private and commercial interests, shielded by the appointment he now holds. Naturally, it is not easy to control all these whispers and accusations. But they can be more or less taken for granted if one considers the past of the Finance Guard and especially its behaviour in the last years.

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15 April 1944.

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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ACC/14012/PS.

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Guardia di Finanza.

TO : Economic Section ( Att. Executive Officer )

46A

1. Reference your letter dated April 9 , same subject , with attached cables from MIA.
2. You may assure the Finance Sub-Commission that your paragraph 4a is correct; and likewise 4b except insofar as emergency conditions may warrant their employment for general police purposes as a temporary measure.
3. The Finance Sub-Commission is invited to bring to our attention instances, in rear of Army boundaries, of the type characterized in paragraph 2 of your letter.

PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Inf.,  
Chief Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
APO 394

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*[Signature]*  
9 April 1944

ES/11

SUBJECT: Guardia di Finanza

TO : Administrative Section ✓  
(attn: Public Safety Sub-commission)

46B/C

1. Reference attached copies of cables from ASIA.  
The Guardia di Finanza was trained and organized for Treasury work in the fields of customs, direct and indirect Taxation and Monopoly.
2. Finance Sub-commission is of the opinion that much of this services time is taken up with guard duty and civilian traffic control, to the detriment of its proper functions.
3. Any serious effort to stabilise the finances of the Italian Government and to combat inflation necessarily involves vigorous revenue enforcement. The only trained group of revenue enforcement officers is the Guardia di Finanza.
4. May I assure the Finance Sub-commission that
  - a. the attached cables only refer to an attempt to regularise this services' drawing of rations from Italian Army services,
  - b. the Guardia di Finanza will be left free to carry out the important and specialised duties for which it was trained.

*[Signature]*

D. S. ADAMS  
Colonel, C. E.  
Executive Officer  
Economic Section

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FOR LUSH

Teletype

1. Further to my AQ 715 of 21 March copy to you. Hand book on Italian military forces TME 30-420 published in Washington August 1943 defines constitutional position of Carabinieri in page 8 as definitely part of the army. Guardia Finanza on page 14 are trained for combat and in wartime come under ministry of war. Public security police on page 15 come under ministry of interior only. As I read it we can claim in memorandum shortly to forward to Combined Chiefs of Staff that both Carabinieri and Guardia Finanza are in war part of Italian army but can not so claim for public security police. Above book should be available in PBS for your reference.
2. If in fact Carabinieri and Guardia Finanza are being employed on same duties suggest for your consideration that they be merged in order to have duplication and over heads.

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MMAI FROM DUCHESNE

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Ref your ACC/14601/8/PS of 17 March. First, Carabinieri accepted as an integral part of the Italian army entitled to share of Italian clothing resources existing which are mainly underclothing controlled by Ministry of War. In addition entitled rations and darkgreen battle dress and boots are of Allied origin controlled by MMAI through Ministry of War. These demands for boots and battle dressed should go through Ministry of War and can be met in reasonable quantities. Advise me what quantities are genuinely required separating mainland, Sicily and Sardinia. Second, Guardia Finanza at present accepted for rations as integral part of Italian army but this may nonconstitutional. I have asked for a policy decision from Chief Commissioner in my 0303 of today copy to you. Third, Agents of Public Security have not previously been claimed to be integral part of Italian army and copy of AFHQ letter dated 16 January forwarded refers only to stated request for captured stocks. Their duties not understood but claim does not appear strong. Submit to Chief Commissioner for policy decision. Fourth, The strength of all those entitled to rations boots and clothing of Allied origin must be included in strength states such as that forwarded to Quin Smith under my G/11/28 of 16 March. These figures are shortly to be forwarded to Allied Chiefs of Staff on their demand for authorization of future totals allowable. Question is therefore of urgent policy importance. Policy for supply organization Italian military is laid down in Freedom letter AG400-1 (ITALY GDS-AGM of 9 January addressed to Allied Control Commission.

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9 March 1944.

TO : Administrative Section.

The attached extract from the State of the Italian Army as of 20 Feb. 1944 is passed to you for information of Public Safety.

|          | CARABINIERI |        | GUARDIA DI FINANZA |        |
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|          | OFFR'S      | G. Re. | OFFR'S             | G. Re. |
| HAIRLAND | 168         | 11,053 | 101                | 4,579  |
| SARRENTA | 51          | 3,103  | 31                 | 1,057  |
| SISILE   | 118         | 9,046  | 15                 | 1,040  |
|          | 357         | 23,202 | 151                | 6,676  |

MOBILE  
LEADER

Lt. Col.  
(S. J. JIMENEZ)  
Army Sub-Commissioner

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

APC 394

8/2/44

FILE: RPS 014.1

SUBJECT: GUARDIA FINANZA

TO : Chief Public Safety Division, ACC OH

1. The normal organization of the Guardia di Finanza as affecting this Region was as follows:

Palermo Legion, responsible to Rome HQ and embracing the Provinces of Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltanissetta, and Brna.

Messina Legion embracing the provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, and Ragusa in Sicily and Foggia Calabria on the mainland, responsible to Rome HQ.

2. For control purposes the following provisional organization was established by Allied Military Government:

Palermo Legion left intact

Provisional Messina Legion under command of Colonel FIORENTINO embracing the four Sicilian Provinces mentioned above was established and directed to report to AMG through CG of the Palermo Legion.

3. When a change in made decision will be necessary respecting this provisional organization. Therefore instructions are requested.

CHARLES POLETTI  
Lt. Colonel  
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

ACC/14012/RS

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Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rear HQ. ACC., APC.394.

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18 February, 1944.

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ACC/14612/PS  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rear HQ. ACC., APO. 394.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

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Region I is now under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. The  
matter referred to must be decided by the Government representative concerned.  
The Commanding Officer, Guardia di Finanza in the Region should bring the  
question to the attention of the proper Government Authority.

*Paul C. Kline*  
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Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division

2 December 45

SUBJECT: Interview of Captain Carmelo Brancato, Capitano Guardia di Finanza, Palermo.

TO : Colonel PAUL G. KIRK, Chief, Public Safety.

On December 1st at Palermo Col. Martin Meaney and ✓ interviewed Capt. Carmelo Brancato secretary to Col. Biondi head of the Guardia di Finanza.

In answer to questions by Col. Meaney, Capt. Carmelo Brancato stated that their functions were the collection of the revenue; that the collections even under the existing circumstances were nearly up to normal and that consideration had been given to persons suffering property loss by bombings; that they were carrying 49 additional men on the payroll these men having previously been members of the corps and retired; that they were performing invaluable service and would be retained as temporary employees; that when conditions were again normal, they would revert to their former status on the retirement list.

Capt. Brancato stated that the single men lived in barracks and received rations; that the rations were sufficient under present conditions; that they had fish, meat, vegetables, and bread; that the men paid thirty liras per month toward their uniforms which cost five-hundred liras, and that boots, shirts, ties, and caps were included.

He further stated that the activities of the corps were directed toward the collection of taxes, and that they understood that in the event of disorders or emergencies, the corps would assist the Carabinieri in the restoration of law and order. In answer to Col. Meaney's question as to how many instances during the past three months they had been called upon to assist the Carabinieri and the law enforcement agencies, Capt. Brancato said none. He stated that he made daily verbal reports to Major Hafford on Black Market activities which had come to the attention of Personnel attached to the corps; that they took no action but merely passed the information along.

Capt. Brancato called upon a warrant officer to produce their table of organization and explained the assignment of personnel to the various zones, regions, sections, and brigades in the Province of Sicily; and also the allowance per meal to non-married men assigned to the corps. At the request of Col. Meaney, Capt. Brancato agreed to prepare a list showing the location of all units and personnel on the Island of Sicily. Capt. Brancato expressed a desire to visit Col. Kirk and Col. Biondi who would be glad to discuss all matters concerning the Guardia di Finanza. Capt. Brancato was most cooperative and helpful in answering the questions. It was clear that the morale and efficiency of the personnel of the Guardia di Finanza was very good.

SUBJECT : Organisation - Guardia di Finanza.

ANGOT HQ., SICILY,  
Public Safety Division,  
Civil Police Section,  
HQ., CC.RR. Palermo.

19 October 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. A report has been received from Colonel Biondi, Commanding Palermo Legion, Guardia di Finanza, that the 12th Messina Legion is operating from Cosenza, on the Continent.

2. The basic organisation of the Guardia di Finanza on the Island of Sicily is:-

- (a) Palermo Legion - composed of the Circoli of Palermo, Trapani and Agrigento, covering the Provinces of Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltanissetta and Enna.
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3. It is obviously unsound in principle, while the Allied Military Government is operating on a regional basis for one service to issue orders to its subordinate parts in another region. Therefore it is requested that provisions be made to avoid this conflict between regions in the Guardia di Finanza and the other police services.

*B.G. Defford*  
Major

WHEEL A SHOCK,  
Lt Colonel, C.M.P.,  
Supt. Civil Police.

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SUBJECT : Reorganisation of the  
Guardia di Finanza.

AMGOT HQ SICILY  
Public Safety Division  
Civil Police Section  
HQ CC. RR. Palermo

24 September 1943.

TO : The Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. I have to submit herewith certain factors respecting the operations of the R. Guardia di Finanza and its relations with representatives of the Allied Military Government, together with my recommendations on the various points raised.

2. Composition of the Guardia di Finanza.

- (a) The Guardia di Finanza was, prior to the Allied occupation controlled centrally from Rome by the Minister of Finance. There were two legions in Sicily,
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- (c) It is obviously essential that this matter should be adjusted at the earliest possible moment and I therefore recommend that the whole of the Corps throughout the Island should come under the control of the Legion Commander at Palermo, until such time as conditions are sufficiently stabilized on the mainland to justify reversion to original arrangements.

3.

Duties and Responsibilities.

- (a) The duties and responsibilities of the Guardia di Finanza are outlined in memorandum 1039/PS dated 3rd. September, 1943, but I would emphasise that there is a proviso in the regulations that the Guardia di Finanza can, in emergency, be used for ordinary police duty. This arrangement has, in fact, operated for some time.

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- (b) Numerous cases have been reported of interference with the Guardia di Finanza by Allied personnel, and reports concerning two such instances are attached at 'A' and 'B'. The most serious case occurred at Corleone, where the Guardia di Finanza premises were taken over as a house of prostitution for Allied troops. The report on this case is at 'B'.
- (c) It is quite clear that this state of affairs must not continue, and in order to place the organisation on a proper basis I recommend as follows:
- (i) That the control of the Guardia di Finanza should be vested in two Divisions of AMGOT, viz - Finance Division and Public Safety Division. Finance Division to be responsible for duties of the Corps, collection of taxes, laws and regulations relating to revenue interest, etc.
- (ii) Public Safety Division to be responsible for personnel, discipline, clothing and equipment, changes in organisation, transfers, etc.
- (iii) All reports pertaining to these matters to be submitted in duplicate to Public Safety Division, Civil Police Section.
- (iv) One copy of such report will be forwarded to Finance Division, who will add their comments and recommendations and forward it to the Commissioner, Public Safety Division. The other copy to be forwarded by Civil Police Section, who will add recommendations, to the Commissioner, Public Safety Division.

The Commissioner can approve or disapprove as he considers fit.

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- (iv) One copy of such report will be forwarded to Finance Division, who will add their comments and recommendations and forward it to the Commissioner, Public Safety Division. The other copy to be forwarded by Civil Police Section, who will add recommendations, to the Commissioner, Public Safety Division.

The Commissioner can approve or disapprove as he considers fit, and return both copies to Civil Police Section in order that arrangements can be made and the necessary instructions issued. 2876

- (v) I further suggest that S.C.A.O's and S.C.A.P.O's be forthwith instructed that changes in the organisation must not be made without the authority and approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety. Further that absence of leave must not be granted by S.C.A.O's or S.C.A.P.O's without the approval of the local Commander of the Corps.

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