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COMMAND OF GGFF
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Ref: 9/1.1/CA.

28 March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have given consideration to the appointment of General Oxilia as Commander of the Guardia de Finanza and am pleased to inform you that it has the approval of the Allied Commission.

Yours very truly,

W. Ellery W. Stone

WILLIAM W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
Rome.

Copy to: Finance Sub-Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL

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14012/20. 23 March '45

SUBJECT: Guardia di Finanza. Appointment of 'Comandante Generale'.

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

1. Reference Executive Commissioner's letter 2810/22/EC dated 15 Mar. '45, concerning the appointment of Gen. OXILIA Giovanni Battista as 'Comandante Generale della Regia Guardia di Finanza (GG.FF.)'.
2. Copies of the following documents relating to Gen. OXILIA are attached :-
 - a) SD/260.05, 22 Mar 45 Public Safety S/C (Security Division) report Ministry of War. Personal Record Card.
 - b) M.N.I.A. letter G/28, 25 Dec 44, "Appreciation of Services".
 - c) "Cantachiaro" 17 Mar 45. Translation of article.

3. Gen. OXILIA figures in the AFHQ.MG. Section's "Who's Who" of 26 Dec. '42 as :-
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6. Under R.D. 14 June 1923 No. 1281, Art. 1 the CG.PF. is part of the public and military forces of the State and, in time of war, cooperates in military operations. Under Art. 2, the CG.PF. must be commanded by a Corps General in permanent active Army service. Under Art. 5, the selection is made by the Council of Ministers, on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance in agreement with the Minister of War.
7. Of the Army generals still in service and available for the appointment, OXILIA appears to be the best choice, on his post 8th Sept '43 record, the very strong commendation given by the Commanding General of MMIA, and his military and administrative ability.
Approval of his appointment is recommended.

(Signed) J. L. W. M. A. Commander (J. L. W. M. A.)
Joint Director.
Finance Sub Commission.

Copy to Director Public Safety S/C

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

22 March 1945

REF : SD/69.05

SUBJECT : Gen. OXILIA Giovanni Battista

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. Subject was born on 18.11.1887 and entered the Italian Army in 1907.

2. In 1941 he was sent to Yugoslavia as Head of the Italian Military Mission to Croatia. The main object of this Mission was to organise and train the Croatian Army and the Croatian Fascist Militia (USTASIA) in the new State created by MUSSOLINI after the occupation of that country.

3. Gen. OXILIA's appointment to such an important and delicate post suggests that he was very favourably regarded by the Fascist authorities as this Mission was as much political as military.

4. In 1942 OXILIA reported to the Italian Government that 80% of the population in Croatia was against PAVELICH the Head of the State appointed by MUSSOLINI and that the CHETNIKS and partisans had not been liquidated as claimed by the Axis authorities. When this report was received by the Croatian Government they demanded and eventually secured his removal. He later took over the command of the 'Brigata Venezia' (Venezia Brigade) and remained in Yugoslavia. After 8th Sept. 1943 he is reported to have refused to obey the order to surrender to the Germans and immediately attacked them. He joined TITO's forces and formed the Geribaldi Division which fought with the partisans until recently. This Division is now being repatriated to Italy bringing with them a good reputation and it is understood they will shortly join the other units of the Italian Army now fighting with the Allies.

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3. Gen. OXILIA suggests that he was very favourably regarded by the Allies as this Mission was as much political as military.

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6. It is reported that OXILIA is better as an administrator than as a soldier. 4286

7. He was Under Secretary of the Ministry of War in the first BONOMI government.

8. Gen. OXILIA was recently the subject of an article in the weekly satirical paper "CANTACHIARO".

A. H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR

Cabinet

PERSONAL RECORD CARD

of Major General OXILIA Giovanni Battista

son of Nicolo and of Bruna Giovanna

born at Torino on 18.11.1887

Seniority of rank 31.1.1942

Corps Arty. Category Reg. Army

Staff College Certificate Yes

Other qualifications Turin Mil. Academy. Arty. & Eng. School.

Languages French (translator and interpreter); Spanish (translator) German (translator and interpreter); Hungarian (translator and interpreter); English (translator and interpreter)

Honours Knight of SS. Maurice and Lazarus. Grand Off. of the Crown of Savoia.

Decorations Off. of the Mil. Order of Savoia.

Campaigns 1915/18 (Italo-Austrian war).

Appointments held - C. of S. of the Milan Territorial HQ.; Mil. Attaché at Budapest; C. of S. of the Italian Contingent in the Saar; Arty. Comdr. of the Albania Army Corps; Arty. Comdr. of the 4th Army; Comdr. of the Italian Mil. Mission in Croatia; C. O. of the 'Brescia' & 'Venezia' Inf. Divs. Deputy C. of S. of the Army.

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Comdr. of the 4th Army; Comdr. of the Italian Mil.
Mission in Croatia; C.O. of the 'Brescia' & 'Venezia'
Inf. Divs. Deputy C. of S. of the Army.

Conduct rating

"Good with 1" in 1909, "Good with 2" in 1911,
"Good with 3" in 1912/14, "Outstanding" for the other
years.

Remarks

Under Secretary of State for War - July to December '44.

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C O P YCONFIDENTIAL 143Subject:- Appreciation of Services.Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/28

25 Dec 44

The Minister of War

On return from a visit to ENGLAND on duty, I find that General OXILIA is to be replaced by another officer as Under Secretary of State for War.

While accepting the change, I would like to put on record my appreciation of the valuable services rendered by General OXILIA to the Allied Cause.

Both as Deputy Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E. and as Under Secretary of State for War, General OXILIA has co-operated with me and my Sub-Commission most loyally, conscientiously and efficiently during the period (9 months) that I have been in command of Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(MMIA). He has in my opinion, served the cause of the Allies and of ITALY most faithfully and I hope that proper credit will be given to him for his excellent work and that use will continue to be made of his undoubted ability.

(Sgd) L. BROWNING

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Extract from the "Cantachiero" of 17 March 1945.

Agg Gen. Oxilia.

The ineffable Gen. Oxilia having gone out of the door, comes back through the window. Gen. Oxilia is not a negligible man.

Having obtained the hospitality of a too generous daily newspaper, he has taken the trouble to tell us the exploits of the Garibaidi Division commanded by him, after the 8th September in the Balkans.

Gen. Oxilia was drying the powder. In fact, a few days later, he has been appointed Commander of Guardia di Finanza.

We have already written and denounced sufficiently about Gen. Oxilia, chief of the fascist military mission with the murderer Ante Pavelich, organiser, with the deputy of the fascist party with the ustascia movement Federal secretary Balestra and Chief of the Press Office Luigi Fioca of the ustascia bands. A fervent fascist (otherwise his appointment as chief of a fascist military mission cannot be accounted for) he took over the command of Garibaidi Division after the armistice.

What has been said of many other like him, can be said of him: That twenty years of unshaken fascist faith, cannot make up for twentyfour months of rash and hasty repentance.

The same thing can be said for him as for other turncoat generals.

And it is rather strange that the Government, after the failure of the criminal Roatta's flight, should have disinterred the faded and squalid figure of Gen. Oxilia.

We ask therefore (not Minister Casati who has proved to be more liberal than the liberty of conscience) but the Minister of Finance Pesenti who has been asked for approval of the appointment of this bad servant of the late regime, what motives have prompted him to choose such a 'striped' footman.

After which, we shall be very pleased to hail Gen. Oxilia as the most genuine and invaluable representative of the democratic legion of fascist generals who adorn with their names and not to be forgotten exploits the cadre of the Italian Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION16012/20
13A
15 February 45

Ref 4/32A/CA

SUBJECT : FAN 487

TO : Chief of Staff.

Reference para 2 (d) of FAN 487.

1. It is requested that the following be put on the list of personnel whose appointment requires the approval of A.C. :-

- a. Director General of Pubblica Sicurezza.
- b. Commanding General CC.RR.
- c. Chief of Staff CC.RR.
- d. Commanding General CC.FF.

2. It is felt essential having regard to the vital importance of maintaining public order and to the necessity for maintaining the closest relationship with the above officers in connection with police affairs in AMG territories that their appointment should be subject to approval by AC.

G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Sec.
DCCG AC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 257

17 September, 1944.

ACC/14012/20/PS

SUBJECT : Premature publication of News.

TO : Public Relations Office.

1. Translations of two letters referring to the premature announcement in the Italian Press of the appointment of a new Commanding General of the Royal Finance Guards are attached :

- i) Letter dated 8 September 1944 from the Minister of Finance. — 9A
- ii) Letter dated 11 September 1944 from the Under Secretary of State, Presiding of the Council of Ministers. — 10A

2. In the second letter it is said that the Italian Secretariat for the Press has not the power to prevent such unauthorised announcements. You may wish to enquire into this matter.

A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

AEC/14012/20/PS

15 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Commanding General of
the Royal Finance Guards.

TO : His Excellency,
The Minister of Finance.

It is understood that the letter from this office, copy attached, respecting the appointment of the Commanding General, CG.FF, has not been received by you.

This is very much regretted, but assurance is given that the letter was forwarded from this Headquarters on the 6th instant.

A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director,
Public Safety
Sub -Commission.

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Translation RV.

Presidency of Ministers' Council.
Secretariat for the Press and informations.

N. 1882

11 September 1944.

Answer letter 8 September 1944, n. 25

Subject : New General Commandant of GG.FF.

To : Ministry of Finance - Cabinet.

To : Presidency of Ministers' Council - Cabinet and for information

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission

To : A.C.C. Finance Sub-Commission

- R O M A -

Ref. a/m letter, it is to be noted, that both H.E. Fenosaltea and att. Rossini, chief of the Press of this Under-Secretariat, had notified the correspondents of the Roman Press, that the information concerning the appointment of the Army Corps General H.E. Aldo Aymonino as General Commandant of GG.FF. was not yet official and therefore not publishable.

The publication of said information by some newspapers depends that this Under-Secretariat has not the power to forbid the Press to publish informations, which it succeeds in procuring through its proper informative sources.

Public Safety Sub-Commission The Under-Secretary of State
Folio for action/information Sig. G. Spataro

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Ministero delle Finanze

Prot. n. 25 Les

8 September 1944

Subject: New Commanding General of G.I.F.F.

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The "Carriere di Roma" and "Risorgimento Liberale" see 12A
 "L' Italia Nuova" and other daily newspapers are
 publishing that Army Corps Commanding General,
 S.C. Aldo Gimonumo, would be appointed as the
 Commanding General of the G.I.F.F.

Since the appointment of the new Commanding
 General has not been confirmed by me pending the
 approval of the Allied Control Commission, I must
 bring to your attention that information published
 on the newspapers is to be considered "premature"

Publication of any nature which is not of
 official character will be avoided in the future

The Minister

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To: A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

7 September, 1944.

ACC/14012/20/PS

SUBJECT : Commanding General of
the Royal Finance Guards.

TO : His Excellency,
The Minister of Finance.

1. Reference is made to your letter N.23 Ris. dated 1st September 44, and N.24 dated 6 September 1944.
2. The appointment of S.E. Aldo AYOMENING as Commanding General of CG.FF meets with the full approval of this sub-Commission. This view is shared by the Director, Finance Sub-Commission to whom this matter has also been referred.

A. E. Young
A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Director
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

6 September 1944.

N. 24

Subject : General Commandant of GG.FF.

Referring to letter n. ACC/14012/20/PS, dated 3 September 1944, we are submitting the attached "detailed biography" regarding the Army Corps General, Aldo AYMONINO, who is to be appointed as Commanding General of GG.FF., in accordance with the proposal made to your Commission on 1st September 1944, n. 23 restricted.

The Minister

To : A.C.C. Public Safety S/C

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Army Corps General AYMONINO Aldo

Appointed 2nd Lt. of cavalry in 1899.

Participated in the Libyan campaign in 1911 and 1912 as Captain on duty at the Staff.

Participated in the 1915 - 1918 war with functions of "staff" attached to large units. Later on he was also attached to Supreme Command, where he ultimately performed his duties as chief of foreign missions group.

After the war, with the rank of colonel he was appointed: under-chief of staff of Army Corps; chief of staff of the military governor of Fiume; Commandant of the cavalry regiment "Savoia" and later chief of staff of the Army Corps in Rome.

From brigade General (March 1927) he was placed at the head of III superior cavalry Command and veterinary services : which position he held while he was also Divisional General.

In 1933-1935 he commanded at first 12th territorial Division and afterwards the 2nd mechanized Division. In March 1935 was appointed 1st "camp-aide" of H.R.H., the Prince of Piemonte.

Army Corps General on 1 January 1936. Commandant of Army Corps of Florence from 15 March 1938 to 1st September 1940.

Successively, in January 1941 he was appointed Commanding General of GG.FF., position which he retained even though he was placed on the reserve retired list in April 1943.

To the many and delicate exigencies of the Corps, General Aymonino has provided always in conformity with the necessity, caring, among others, for the mobilization of battalions (requested by R.Army Staff) with the prevailing task of guarding frontiers for the purpose of fiscal and military vigilance.

Eager for the material and moral welfare of the personnel and even in the crisis of the units, he has always planned matters in such a manner so that the Corps could fully satisfy the necessities, revenue, adopting or providing immediately for necessary measures.

It is to be noted that:

- a) The law 11/7/1941, n. 686, which established the standards for the promotion of officers of the Corps during the actual war;
- b) the law 29/1/1942, n. 64, which stipulated the extension of the law in regard to the condition and promotion of the officers of the Corps; he modified partially the norms in regard to the recruitment of officers on permanent duty; instituted a special form of promotion to the rank of sottobrigadiere for those "appuntati", who have reached at least 18 years of service and distinguished themselves for special merits; modified the provisions regarding promotions of non/coms;
- c) the law 6/2/1942, n. 74, which created a new source of recruitment of temporary officers of the Corps, employing the officers on temporary duty of R. Army having a degree in law or in economics and commerce;
- d) the law 4/8/1942, which determined more exactly and widely the institutional tasks of the Corps; he regulated with

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greater clearness the government^{ing}, the employment and the administration of the personnel; he agreed to the appointment of Reserve officer of the sottobrigadieri, having a diploma, a degree; established admission to non/com candidates course exclusively after an examination; he regulated the promotion for non/coms and Finance guards retained in the service or recalled into the service;

e) the law 2/10/1942, n. 1203, which reduced the age-limits for officers generals;

f) the law 10/12 1942, n. 155, which provided for the qualifications necessary for the promotion of non/com and military of troop; regulated the promotion of wounded men and ill men in consequence of service duties; established the rules, according to which the promotion of military - prisoners of war - must be disciplined.

For the disciplinary management of the personnel, General Aymonino took a firm and particular care, praising and rewarding always promptly the most worthy men, and taking disciplinary action against those who manifested acts of serious infraction.

During his Command he visited many units, situated in isolated localities, on beaches and in the mountains, in order to bring personally a word of sympathy and comfort to military who were subjected to greater sacrifices.

The many activities performed by General Aymonino in favor of GG.FF. were possible, because said General acquired perfect knowledge of the organism of the Corps and of its needs in accordance with the importance of his position.

Nothing to be noted from a political point of view on behalf of General Aymonino his activities reflected the High Ideal of a soldier, which characterized his attitude in his military career.

He either asked nor received benefits from past Regime.

Resigned in September 1943 because he did not want to cooperate with the Germans.

Bronze-medal for military valor; cross of War.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
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Ref. : 140.17

5 September 1944

Subject : AYOMONINO, S.E. Aldo, Commanding General of
Royal Finance Guards.

To : Deputy Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. With reference to your letter (ACC/14012/20/PS)
dated 3 September 1944, respecting the above named.

2. Enquiries have been made, no record traced of
objection on military security grounds.

3. Subject was previously in Command of the Royal
Finance Guards but between 9th and 11th September 1943
was replaced, with the approval of the German Command,
by General CRIMI who was an active collaborator. AYOMONINO
appears to have been in retirement since that date.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

A.H. Ellis Capt.
A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

3 September, 1944.

ACC/14012/20/PS

SUBJECT : Commanding General of the
Royal Finance Guards.

TO : His Excellency,
The Minister of Finance.

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1. Reference is made to your letter 23 Ris. dated 1st
September 1944 nominating as Commanding General of the Royal
Finance Guards S. E. Aldo AYOMONINO.

2. May this Sub-Commission please be supplied with
biographical details including the experience and qualifications
of S.E. Aldo AYOMONINO.

A. E. Young

A. E. YOUNG, Col.
Deputy Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

AFW/G.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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CONFIDENTIAL

Tel : 478708

3 September, 1944

ACC/14012/20/PS

SUBJECT : Commanding General of the
Royal Finance Guards.

TO : Security Branch.

1. The Minister of Finance has nominated as Commanding General of GG.FF. S. E. Aldo AYOMONINO, General of the "Corpo D'Armata".
2. May enquiries please be made urgently as to whether there are any security reasons for objecting to the appointment. Any other information available would be welcomed.
3. It should not be disclosed that S. E. Aldo AYOMONINO has been proposed as Commanding General of the Royal Finance Guards.

Al Young
A. E. YOUNG Col.,
Deputy Director,
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Rome, 1 September 1944

Ministry of Finance

Prot. N. 23 Res.

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applicant approved

Subject: G. G. F. F. Commanding General

Following letter no. 8 Res. dated 24

August. I am informing your Sub-commission that in accordance with agreements with the Minister of War and in view of the necessity of nominating a new Commanding General of G. G. F. F., it has been decided to select S. E. Aldo Ayomonimo, General of the "Armed Corps". The Brigade General, Aristide Minucca, shall cease as Commanding General of the G. G. F. F. of Liberated Italy and shall be attached to the Ministry of War for special duties.

This Ministry would like to know whether there is any objection on the part of your Sub-commission in said matter.

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*Ministero delle Finanze*

IL MINISTRO

RISERVATA*Traslate*

Roma, 1 Settembre 1944

Prot. N. 23 Ris.

Oggetto : Comandante Generale della R.Guardia di Finanza .

Facendo seguito al foglio N. 8 Ris. del 24 agosto u.s., si ha il pregio di comunicare a codesta On.Sottocommissione che, presi accordi col Ministero della Guerra, e nella considerazione che è necessario ed urgente procedere alla nomina del nuovo Comandante Generale della R.Guardia di Finanza, si è venuti nella determinazione di sceglierlo nella persona del Generale di Corpo d'Armata , S.E. Aldo AYOMONINO .- Il Generale di Brigata Oreste MORICCA cesserà dalla carica di Comandante della R.Guardia di Finanza dell'Italia Liberata, ritornando a disposizione del Ministero della Guerra per incarichi speciali.

Questo Ministero rimane nell'attesa di conoscere se codesta On. Sottocommissione abbia nulla da osservare al riguardo .-

IL MINISTRO

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
Cabinet of H.E. the
Minister.

28 August 1944.

N. 8

Subject : Commanding General of GG.FF.

Ref. to letter N. ACC/14012/20/PS, dated 15/8/44, it is deemed opportune to inform you, that as to the dispositions in question (art. 1 of the law 20/3/1940, N. 234), the Commanding General of the R. Finance Guard must be an Army Corps General on permanent duty.

The Brigade General of the R. Army Creste MORICCA, whose intelligent and efficacious activity has been appreciated, was appointed as Commander of the GG.FF. of Liberated Italy with R. Decree, dated 27/3/44, as a result of the institution of GG.FF. Command in Liberated Italy, taken place in basis of the R. Law Decree N. 98, dated 27/3/44, by virtue of which said Command had to function till the reconstruction of the GG.FF. Hq.

Now, after the liberation of Rome and the reinstatement in Rome of the GG.FF. Hq., it is necessary and urgent to definitively order the Corps, providing in the first place to the appointment of the Commanding General; and this not only because under dispositions in force the Commanding General must be an Army Corps General and not a Brigade General, but also in consideration, that especially at the present time, only a General of high rank can be more trusted and give more guarantee in the difficult work of the reorganization of the Corps.

Nevertheless, this Ministry, before proceeding to the definitive appointment, will apply to your S/C through the A.C.C. Finance S/C.

The Minister

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To : A.C.C. P.S. S/C.

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2, agosto 1944

Roma.



Ministero delle Finanze

GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

Prot. N. 8 ris.

Oggetto : Comandante Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza .

Con riferimento al foglio ACC/14012/20 PS del 15 corrente, si reputa opportuno far presente che a termini delle disposizioni vigenti in materia (art. 1 della legge 20 marzo 1940, N. 234), il Comandante Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza deve essere un Generale di Corpo d'Armata in servizio permanente effettivo . =

Il Generale di Brigata del R.E. Oreste MORICCA, di cui si è apprezzata l'opera fattiva ed intelligente, fu nominato Comandante della R. Guardia di Finanza dell'Italia Liberata con Decreto Reale 27 marzo 1944, in seguito alla istituzione del Comando della R. Guardia di Finanza dell'Italia Liberata, avvenuta in base al R. Decreto - legge 27 marzo 1944, N. 98, in virtù del quale detto Comando doveva funzionare fino alla ricostituzione del Comando Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza.

Ora, dopo la liberazione di Roma e con la ricostituzione in Roma del Comando Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza, si rende necessario ed urgente dare un assetto definitivo al Corpo, provvedendo in primo luogo alla nomina del Comandante Ge-

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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Comunque, questo Ministero, prima di procedere alla nomina definitiva, non mancherà di interpellare codesta On. Sottocommissione, per il tramite della Sottocommissione di Finanza della Commissione Alleata di Controllo.

IL MINISTRO

Signor...

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081

Ext : 489

15 August, 1944.

ACC/14012/20/PS

SUBJECT : Command of Regia Guardia
di Finanza.

TO : His Excellency, Stefano Sigliente,
the Minister of Finance.

1. In view of the fact that the command of the Regia Guardia di Finanza is normally held by an officer above the rank of Brigadier General, it may be that the Council of Ministers will consider making such an appointment now that additional territory has been turned over to the Italian Government for administration.

2. Before any such appointment is made, or final action taken by the Council of Ministers with respect thereto, the Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission should be informed and consulted.

3. The purpose of this letter is not to suggest or to recommend that any change be made since the performance of General Moricca has been most satisfactory in every aspect; - the purpose is to indicate the advisability of consultation with the Public Safety Sub-Commission before hand, in the event that the Italian Government does contemplate designating a new commander.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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