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CCRR, IRREGULAR PROMOTIONS
DEC. 1943 - JUNE 1946

COMMANDING GENERAL CC.RR.

N.138/8-68

27 June 46.

SUBJECT : Brigadier Zazzaro Vincenzo
special promotion.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

With reference to your letter AC/14601/17/2/PS dated 11th inst. Referring to Brig. Zazzaro Vincenzo's statement, I inform you that the n.c.o. had been proposed by this General Command to the Ministry of War for promotion to adjutant.

Such proposal, together with those concerning brigadier Lo Moro Quinto and vice-brigadier Calvino Nicola, was, though, decided negatively by the competent commission, of the Ministry of War, because it did not fall in with the particulars requested by art.5 of the R.D.L. N. 1519, 5 Sept 1938, which sanctions that promotions for merits of war can only be conferred to military who have given eminent proof of commanding action on the battle field.

In order to meet with the desire expressed by the Allied Commission, the a/m three n.c.o.s were later proposed for special promotion for 'institutional merits' and were immediately promoted by the Ministry of War, expressly prescribed by the dispositions of the law in course for such promotion.

Concerning the above, it is not possible to grant to said n.c.o. any recognition other than that obtained.

I deem it necessary to add that the matter was settled directly a long time ago, with Maj. General Browning, as shown in the attached letter.

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Commanding General

/s/ Brunetti.

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Rome 29 July 46.

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Dear General,

Concerning the interest taken by you I am glad to inform you that Brigadier Lo Moro Quinto and the Vice Brigadiers Calvino and Zazzaro, by decree of the Ministry of War dated 16 June 46, have been conferred with the promotion to superior rank for institutional merits.

Best regards

/s/ Simoncini Major.

N.H. General
Langley Browning
Land Forces S/C M.M.I.A.
Allied Commission.

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Rome 10 June 46.

Dear General,

The correspondence effected for the promotion to 'battle adjutant' for special merits of war in favour of Brigadier Quinto Lo Moro and Vice Brigadiers Vincenzo Zazzaro and Nicola Calvino was dealt with, with the greatest of interest, both by my predecessor Gen.Orlando and I, we well knowing how much at heart these compensations were to the Allied authorities for the good services rendered by the above men during the military operations of Salerno.

And truly, Gen.Orlando, in his letter to you of the 7th Jan. 46 informed H.E. Chatrian, successor to H.E. Oxilia, that he had assured you of a favourable decision, thru Major Byatt.

In spite of H.E. Chatrian's intervention, the Ministry of War returned the proposals, pointing out that the special commission had decided negatively, not having noticed, in the praiseworthy activities carried out by the 3 n.c.o.s the requirements expressly established in art.5, R.D.L. N.1519 of 5th Sept.1938, which determines that special promotions for merits of war are solely reserved to n.c.o.s of the army who, having operated on the battle field have carried out, in an eminent manner actions of command.

The very Ministry then renewed the proposals for special promotions 'for institutional merits' foreseen in art.2 law N.401 of 23 Nov.1944 concerning CC.RR. n.c.o.s who have carried out 'police operations of an outstanding nature'.

On 31st March I took action on the new proposals informing H.E. Chatrian for his further intervention.

From what I see, the Ministry of War have the files which are being attended to.

I have to point out though, that, due to such proposals, the " n.c.o.s will be able to obtain the immediate rank superior to the one they hold, and not that of 'battle adjutant' which, according to law, can only be given for merits of war. 3217

Nevertheless I have informed H.E. Chatrian of the contents of your letter to me.

Please, General accept my best wishes and the assurance of my keen interest.

P.C.C.
Chief of Office
/s/ Emilio Simonetti Major

Translation ac/



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri ~~Reali~~

UFFICIO PERSONALE SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

N.138/8-68 di prot.

Roma, il 27 giugno 1946

Risposta al foglio del 11 corrente n. AC/14601/17/2/P.S.

OGGETTO: Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo - promozione straordinaria.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

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In relazione all'esposto del brigadiere

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comunico che il sottufficiale era stato proposto da questo Comando Generale al Ministero della Guerra per la promozione per merito di guerra ad aiutante di battaglia.

Tale proposta, insieme a quelle riguardanti il brigadiere LO MORO Quinto ed il vicebrigadiere CALVINO Nicola, fu però decisa negativamente dalla commissione competente presso il Ministero della Guerra, perchè non ricorrevano gli estremi richiesti dall'art.5 del R.D.L.5 settembre 1938 numero 1519, il quale sancisce che le promozioni per merito di guerra possono essere conferite soltanto ai militari che hanno esercitato in modo eminente azione di comando sul campo di battaglia.

Allo scopo di venire incontro al desiderio espresso dalla Commissione Alleata, i tre sottufficiali suddetti vennero successivamente proposti per l'avanzamento straordinario per "benemerienze d'istituto" e furono dal Ministero della Guerra promossi al grado immediatamente superiore a quello

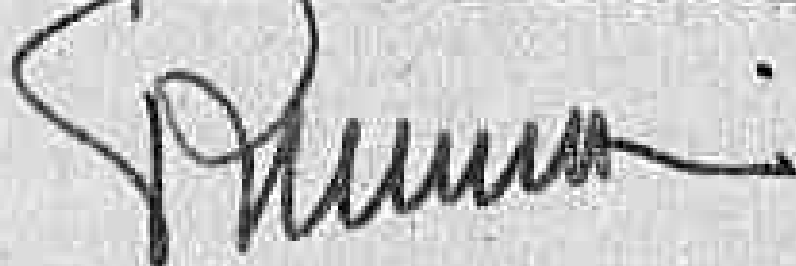
ricoperto, come è tassativamente prescritto dalle disposizioni di legge in vigore per tale specie di avanzamento.

Per quanto sopra, non è possibile, accordare al sottufficiale riconoscimento diverso da quello che ha avuto.

Reputo opportuno soggiungere che la questione venne da tempo definita direttamente col Maggiore Generale Browning, come risulta dalle lettere che unisco in copia.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

-Brunetto Brunetti-



Roma, li 29 luglio 1945.

Gentilissimo Generale,

in relazione al Suo interessamento mi è gradito comunicarLe che al brigadiere LO MORO ed ai vicebrigadieri CALVINO e ZAZZARO, con decreto del Ministero della Guerra in data 16 giugno c.a., è stata conferita la promozione al grado superiore per benemerenza di istituto.

Con i più cordiali saluti,

N.H. il Generale
Langley Browning
Land Forces Sub - Commissione (M.M.I.A.)
Commissione Alleata

R O M A



P. C. C.

MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO
Emilio Simoncini -

Simoncini

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Roma, li 10 giugno 1945

Gentilissimo Generale,

le pratiche svolte a suo tempo per l'avanzamento ad "aiutante di battaglia" per merito straordinario di guerra in favore del brigadiere Quinto Lo Moro e dei vicebrigadieri Vincenzo Zazzaro e Nicola Calvino furono seguite col maggiore interessamento possibile, sia dal mio predecessore, Generale Orlando, sia da me, sapendo entrambi quanto stesse a cuore alle Autorità Alleate il vedere ricompensati, con questo tangibile riconoscimento, gli utili servigi resi dagli stessi sottufficiali durante le operazioni militari di Salerno.

Ed invero, il Generale Orlando, come ebbe a riferirLe con lettera in data 7 gennaio c.a., informò S.E. Chatrian, succeduto nella carica di Sottosegretario alla Guerra a S.E. Oxilia, che questi aveva a Lei assicurato, per mezzo del Maggiore Byatt, una sollecita favorevole decisione.

Nonostante l'intervento di S.E. Chatrian, il Ministero della Guerra restituì però le proposte, rappresentando che l'apposita commissione si era pronunciata negativamente, non avendo rilevato nella lodevolissima attività svolta dai tre sottufficiali gli estremi tassativamente stabiliti dall'art. 321 del R. decreto legge 5 settembre 1938 n°1519, il quale precisa che la promozione straordinaria per merito di guerra è riservata esclusivamente ai sottufficiali dell'esercito operante "che sul campo di battaglia abbiano esercitato in modo eminente l'azione di comando".

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Brig. Langley Browning
Land Forces Sub-Commissione (M.M.I.A.)
Commissione Alleata

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Lo stesso Ministero invitò allora a rinnovare le proposte ai fini dell'avanzamento straordinario "per benemerenze di istituto" previsto dall'art. 2 del decreto legislativo luogotenenziale 23 novembre 1944 n°401 nei riguardi dei sottufficiali dei CC.RR. che abbiano partecipato ad "operazioni di polizia di rilevante entità".

In data 31 marzo ho dato corso alle nuove proposte e ne ho informato S.E. Chatrian per il suo ulteriore intervento.

A quanto mi risulta, le pratiche sono tuttora in corso di istruzione presso il Ministero della Guerra e continuano ad essere seguite attentamente.

Devo però farLe presente che, in seguito a tali proposte, i tre sottufficiali potranno ottenere il grado immediatamente superiore a quello che ora rivestono, e non già quello di "aiutante di battaglia" che, in base a tassativa disposizione di legge, può essere conferito soltanto "per merito di guerra".

Comunque ho comunicato a S.E. Chatrian il contenuto della lettera da Lei inviata.

Voglia, Gentilissimo Generale, accogliere i miei cordiali saluti e l'assicurazione del mio vivissimo interessamento.

P. C. C.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO

- Emilio Simoncini



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/14601/17/2/PS

11 June 1946

SUBJECT : Irregular Promotions.

TO : Commanding General CC.WR.

1. The attached correspondence has been received from CC.WR. Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo.
2. This matter was dealt with by Maj.Gen. L. Browning of the Land Forces S/C (MMA) personally with General Orlando in December 1944 and the case was settled.
3. May writer be informed please that the subject is closed.
- see 608*

PJW/tm

B. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

Copy to: - AFHQ, G-5
(your G-5: 940.11/dated 6 June refers).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.11

6 June 1946

SUBJECT: Efficiency and Morale, CCRR.

8 GIU. 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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1. Attached hereto is a translation copy of letter from Vincenzo ZAZZARO, Corporal in CCRR dated 15 May 46, copy of which was addressed to SACMED.

2. You will please acknowledge receipt of the letter and take appropriate action, inasmuch as no action will be taken by this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl: as above

N.F.A.

Action Taken See 321. A

P.O. etc.
for attention p.l. 9/6.



14601/17/2

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.A.)

AS/11

27 Dec 44

My dear *Lamont*

1. Thanks for your 4/1/GSI dated 19 Dec 44 seen by me on return from a visit to ENGLAND on duty.

2. I have now gone into the whole matter myself and contacted General ORLANDO who was Minister of War up to June and was then appointed head of the CC RR.

3. ORLANDO knew about this case and has been most helpful and sympathetic, but the state of affairs is this:-

(a) It was never legal to promote those 3 CC RR men to the rank of officer. The CC RR officer at the time had no legal authority to approve. Such a procedure is contrary to the Italian Military Code and has never been done. It would need alteration of the existing law and approval of the Italian Government to alter the law so as to make it possible.

(b) The internal control of the Italian Army has been handed back to the Italian Government and we cannot order it to alter the Military Code. **3214**

(c) Promotion to "Aiutante di battaglia" is a very high honour, rarely given. Strictly it is awarded for valour "at the head of his men". However, ORLANDO has stretched a point and interpreted the words literally if not completely legally.

(d) In the men's own interest it would be a serious disadvantage to them to be promoted to officer in one bound. They would not know the duties of an officer and would be penalized thereby both in their duties and in the stiff exams and selection boards which they have to pass. The men under them would resent this unique exception and it would be bound to be difficult for these 3 in their dealings with other officers.

(e) It is NOT a fact that the Minister of War approved the promotions. Gen ORLANDO points out that he could not have approved as it is contrary to the Military Code. He also says that he did NOT approve. He spoke to Acting Chief Commissioner and said he would examine the possibility of such promotions. This was not possible - see 3 (a) above.

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(f) Gen ORLANDO has promised me to:-

(i) Promote these men to "Aiutante di battaglia"

(ii) Give them a special course so as to enable them to pass their exams etc and be promoted officer as soon as possible.

(iii) Take a personal interest in them and help them all he can, in view of our particular concern in the matter

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2. I think this is a very fair and sound solution. The men are being treated handsomely and, with ORLANDO behind them, they will be "all set" for higher spheres.

5. I know ORLANDO and have worked a lot with him. He is a good chap and keeps his word. I can assure you that there is no procrastination or jibbing, so far as I can see. I do not consider that our prestige suffers at all with the procedure in 3 (f) and we certainly do not want to harm these 3 CC RR men by trying to insist on something not lawful and contrary to their own interests. In this connection one must consider what might happen after we leave ITALY.

6. I hope you now agree that what is being done for them is the best answer.

7. I have discussed all this with Public Safety Sub-Commission who deal with the Internal Affairs of the CC RR and they agree with me.

Hope you are going strong

Yours,

Langley Browning

Major Gen G. LAMBLE CB. MC.
COC No. 3 District

(Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.
together with a copy of 3 Dist 4/1/CSI dated 4
Dec 44)

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

From: Maj Gen G. LAMME

3 District
EXT 10
4/1/GSI

4 Dec 44

My dear BROWNING:

I should like to call your attention to a case which has been dragging on for about a year, and where it would appear that the Italian authorities are determined to disregard our wishes by a policy of procrastination.

The facts are briefly as follows:-

During the SALERNO landings, exceptional gallantry was shown by a number of CC RR NCOs who threw in their lot with our troops while the issue of the operation was still in doubt.

In order to reward them for their meritorious conduct under fire, several promotions were made by us with the full consent of the CC RR officer commanding the detachment. CC RR Legion HQ, however, when approached at a later date for the confirmation of these promotions, refused to do so. The names of the members of the CC RR concerned are as follows:-

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V/Brigadiere GALVINO Nicola:
V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo.

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I feel that unless strong action is taken to ensure that these promotions are confirmed forthwith, there will be still further delay on the part of the CC RR Comd.

As I have already stated, this is a matter of our own prestige, and CC RR regulations must not be allowed to stand in the way of these men receiving confirmation of promotions which were given to them in the field by the British Commander in reward for their services to the Allied cause.

I should be glad therefore, if you would take the matter up personally with the Commanding General Carabinieri in order that a satisfactory result may be promptly obtained.

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(Sgd) G. LAMARIE

Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.
Army Sub Commission ALCOM.

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	6/10/41
COL. YOUNG	6/10/41
LT. COL. WILCOX	6/10/41
MAJ. UCKMAN	6/10/41
MAJ. WILSON	6/10/41
MAJ. HINBU Y	6/10/41
MAJ. BALLANCE	6/10/41
CAPT. POWELL	6/10/41
CHIEF CLERK	6/10/41

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

Ref: AO/14601/17/2/23.

25th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Promotion of CO, RR for gallantry.

TO : The Commanding General, CO, RR.

1. It is understood that the Ministry of War has in hand the question of the promotion of the following members of the CO, RR:-

Brigadiere LIMBO Quinto;
V/Brigadiere SALVINO Nicola;
V/Brigadiere MAZZARO Vincenzo.

2. Since this matter has been passed to you, we be informed how the position now stands, 3208

Handwritten signature: Frank Wilson
Colonel, J.A.S.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

1. Maj Byatt spoke on 28/12/44
2. MNIA have written to Maj Gen Lammie on this subject refusing Officer rank but giving promotion for valour.
3. Copy letter will be received from MNIA.

28/12/44

Copy to Major General G. Lammie, CBE, MC,
Headquarters 3 District, G.M.F.
(Ref. 4/1/GHI of 25th Nov. 44).

FJW/ca.

SUBJECT: Promotio. - CC.RR

Acting Chief Commissioner
HQ, ACC.

Ref this HQ letter 4/1/GSI of 2 Oct 44.

May this HQ be informed whether or not final approval and regularization has been given by the Commanding General Carabinieri to the promotion of the three members of the CC.RR concerned.

TO	DATE
COL. CHADMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT COL. WILSON	
MAJ <i>Luckman</i>	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HENBRY	
MAJ	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWELL	

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(CF PARKS) Lt col GS
for Maj Gen

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SUBJECT: - Promotions - CORR

Acting Chief Commissioner
Hq ACC

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3 District
Ext 9
4/1/GSI

2 Oct 44

Your A/CC 014.13 of 27 Sep is acknowledged with thanks.
It is requested that you inform this HQ when the action in your
para 2 has been completed.

E. P. Wana

(MR WAHNER) Lt col GS
for Maj Gen
Comd

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5 OCT 1944
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SUBJECT: Promotions - CC.RR.

TO : Major General G. Lammie, CBE, MC.
Headquarters 3 District, C. M. F.

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1. In reply to your 4/1/GSI of 21 September and further to my ACC 014.13 dated 16th September I have now been informed that the Minister for War has approved promotion of the three members of the CC.RR. concerned.

2. The matter is now in the hands of the Commanding General Carabinier for final approval and regularization.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Administrative Section

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Hq ACC Secy Gen.

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27 September 1944

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ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Administrative Section

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Date Time	28 SEP 1944
Via	AG 0910
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Promotions - CC.RR.3 District
Ext 9
4/1/GSI
21 Sep 44Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ ACC, APO 394.

1. Your A/CC 014.13 of 16 September is acknowledged with thanks, and it is noted that you anticipate that the promotions will be made shortly.
2. As a year has now passed since our landings at SALERNO, and many months since the recommendations were first made, you are requested to do all in your power to ensure that there are no further delays in this matter on the part of the Italian Ministry of War.
3. As the District Commander stated in his letter of 25 June, this is a matter of our own prestige and CC.RR. regulations must NOT be allowed to stand in the way of these men receiving confirmation of the promotions which were given to them in the field by the British Commander in reward for their services to the Allied Cause.
4. Please inform this HQ as soon as the promotions have been confirmed.

/s/ E. P. Warner

Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

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for

Major General
Commanding
3 District

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A/CC 014.13

16 September 1944

Subject: Promotions - CC. RR.

To : Major General G. Lamsie, CBE, MC.
Headquarters 3 District, C. M. F.

1. It is regretted that as yet the promotions referred to in your confidential letter of 6 September 44 have not been confirmed. However, it is anticipated that they will be forthcoming shortly. A copy of Army Sub-Commission's letter on the subject to the Minister of War is attached herewith for your information.

2. The delay was largely entailed by the difficulty in securing proper citations for the individuals concerned. These have been forwarded with the original of the letter to the Minister of War.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Army S.C., dtd Sept 44.

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Hq. ACC, Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date: 17 Sept 1944
Via: Hq.
By: OAR

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MEMORANDUM

TO:- Acting Chief Commissioner.

ACC/14601/17/2 PS

SUBJECT:- Promotions CC.PP.

25 Sept., '44.

Further reference to your ~~acc/14601/17/2 PS~~ dated 10th September, additional information has been received from the Military Mission to the Italian Army on this subject (a copy of which is attached for your information).

Should you wish to make a further reply to Major General LAMBE Commanding 3 District, a letter has been prepared for your signature and has been also attached hereto.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

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for action information

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Adm. Officer . . .

REMARKS

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G. P. UPJOHN, Brigadier.
V. P. Admin. Section.

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Subject: Promotion of CC.RR for Gallantry.Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M B
AC/11/2

22 Sep 44

ADM Section, HQ ACC.

Further to this HQ letter AC/11/2 of 12 Sept
(copy to you).

1. Information has now been received that regularisation of the promotion of the three Carabinieri mentioned in the a/g letter has been approved by Ministry of War, and that the matter has now been passed to HQ CC.RR for final approval by G.O.C. Carabinieri.

2. You will be advised when further information is received.

SP Archer Capt.

~~1. J. NORTON Lt. Col. A.O.D.~~
For Major General.
W. M. L. A.

SPA/hh

Copy to: HQ No.3 Dist.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14601/17/2/PS

12 Sep 44.

SUBJECT : Irregular Promotions CC. RR.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC.

Reference your ACC/017/013 dated 10 September 1944.

- 1 The promotions referred to in the confidential letter (no number) from Major General LAMMIE, 3 Distr. dated 6 Sept. 44 have not as yet been confirmed. However it is anticipated that they will be forthcoming shortly. A copy of Army Sub-Commission's letter on the subject to the Minister of War is attached herewith for your information.
- 2 The delay was largely entailed by the difficulty in securing proper citations for the individuals concerned. These have been forwarded with the original of the letter to the Minister of War.

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Brigadier,
Vice President Admin. Sec.

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Incl: Copy Army Sub-Commission - Attn AC/11/2 dated 12 September 44

49A
Subject: Promotion of CCRR for Gallantry.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/11/2

✓✓ Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Brigadiere LEMORO quinto.
V/Brigadiere CALVINO Nicola.
V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo. *see 47A*
see 51A

1. The above Carabinieri showed outstanding bravery, devotion to duty, and co-operation during the Allied landings on 9 Sep 43, and were promoted on the field to the rank of officers.
2. Copies of the recommendations from Comd. 94 Sub Area, which have the full approval of Maj - Gen. Collier, Comd. No.3 District, are forwarded herewith.
3. It is requested that the Ministry of War confirm with effect from 9 Sep 43, the promotions, which were given to these Carabinieri for their excellent service.
4. Please treat as urgent.

JB/nh

Edmond
Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: HQ No.3 District.
HQ ACC. Adm Sec.

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CONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/hjp

A/CC 014.13

10 September 1944

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section, Hq ACC

1. On 29 June 44 there was sent to your office A/CC 014.13 subject "Promotions - CC.RR" and letter dated 25 June 44, 4/GSI from Gen. Collier, 3 District, for action.

2. On 17 July 44 a follow-up was sent you.

3. Attached is copy of letter on the subject from Gen. Lammie, HQ 3 Dist, CMF, dated 6 Sept 44.

4. May I have report upon which to base a reply to General Lammie.

1 Incl:
as per para 3 above

Stone

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CONFIDENTIAL

C O P Y

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: Maj Gen G LAMMIE, CBE, MC.

HQ 3 District
C.M.F.

6 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Promotions - CC.RR.

May I be informed whether the promotions referred to in your A/CC 014.13 dated 29 June 1944 have been confirmed by the Italian Authorities.

/s/ G. Lammie

Major General.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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FILES A-B

File
RESTRICTED3 District
Ext 6
4/GSI

47A

SUBJECT : Promotions - CO. RE

3 Aug 44

Adm Sec.

HC ACC, AFO. 394

Ref your ACC/14601/17/2/PS dated 25 Jul 44.

1. Herewith "Citations" covering the action of the u/m and signed by the Sub Area Commander who was in command at SALERNO at the time.

Brigadiere LOMORO Quinto
V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo
V/Brigadiere CALVINO Nicola.

(T C TOWNSEND) Capt.
for Maj. Gen. 3192
Comd.

1st IND

Tel. 473708

6 August, 1944

From : Administrative Section.

To : Army Sub-Commission.

See 49A

The above letter with "Citations" referred to are forwarded as requested.

G. J. UPJOHN
G. J. UPJOHN
Colonel,
A/Head Admin. Section.

Enclosures:

3 "Citations."

Copy to Acting Chief Commissioner.

During the Allied landing on 9 September, 1943 Brigadiere LOMORO Quinto actively resisted the German forces who tried to disarm him and carry him off. Brigadiere LOMORO was one of three who remained in SALERNO with Capt. IACONIS when the remainder fled to the hills with all the local officials. This man was of extreme value to the Allied Forces and worked with 35 FS Section while the town was under heavy enemy mortar and shell fire. He accompanied this Section when it moved forward and has been rendering valuable service during the advance North. In consultation with Capt. IACONIS this man was promoted to Tenente. It is strongly recommended that this promotion be confirmed. I was personally present during this period and can vouch for the outstanding services rendered by this man to the Allied cause.

31 Jul 44.

R. Harold Graham
Colonel
Comd 94 Sub Area.

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During the Allied landings on 9 September, 1943, V/Brigadiere CALVINO Nicola actively resisted the German forces who tried to disarm him and carry him off. V/Brigadiere CALVINO was one of three who remained in SALERNO with Capt. IACONIS when the remainder fled to the hills with all the local officials. This man was of extreme value to the Allied Forces and worked with 35 FS Section while the town was under heavy enemy mortar and shell fire. He accompanied this Section when it moved forward and has been rendering valuable service during the advance North. In consultation with Capt. IACONIS this man was promoted to Maresciallo Maggiore. It is strongly recommended that this promotion be confirmed. I was personally present during this period and can vouch for the outstanding services rendered by this man to the Allied cause.

31 Jul 44.

R. Harold Graham
Colonel.
Comd 94 Sub Area.

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During the Allied landings on 9 September, 1943 V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo actively resisted the German forces who tried to disarm him and carry him off. V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO was one of three who remained in SALERNO with Capt. IACONIS when the remainder fled to the hills with all the local officials. This man was of extreme value to the Allied Forces and worked with 276 FS Section while the town was under heavy enemy mortar and shell fire. He was attached to this Section until it moved forward since when he has been with 37 FS Section. In consultation with Capt. IACONIS this man was promoted to Sotto Tenente. It is strongly recommended that this promotion be confirmed. I was personally present during this period and can vouch for the outstanding services rendered by this man to the Allied cause.

31 Jul 44.

R. Harold Graham
Colonel
Comd 9431900.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SEC.
APO 394.

Tel: 439081
Ext: 502

ACC/14601/17/2/PS

25th July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Promotions, CC.RR.

TO : G.O.C. No.3 District C.M.F.

With reference to letter 4/GBI dated 25th June 1944, respecting promotion of 3 CC.RR. N.C.O.S. at Salerno, this matter has been again referred to the Minister of War.

The Ministry is eager to regularise the promotions, but has asked that an individual "Citation" in respect of each N.C.O. be procured.

May these Citations be obtained please.

BP/G.

Copy to A/C.C.

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GERALD R. UPJOHN
Acting Head
Admin. Section.

42A

PS

18 JUL 1944

Please write letter for VP
Sgt. informing CC of present
position

[Signature]

42B

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

FILE No. A/CC 014.13

SUBJECT: Promotions - CC.FR.

17 July 1944 194X

TO: Administrative Section, Hq ACC

It would be appreciated if a reply could yet be given to my
memo A/CC 014.13 of 29 June, subject as above.

WOR

J. A. Quayle.
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Promotions - CC.RR.

FILE No. A/CC 014.13

TO: Administrative Section, Hq ACC

29 June 1944

Attached correspondence is passed to you for action. The Chief Commissioner supports the request of General Collier.

Please inform me in due course what result is achieved so that a reply may be sent to General Collier.

J. A. Quayle.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

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DSH 412
30 JUN 1944

Subject: Promotions - CC.RR.408
PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL.3 District. HQ ACC, APO 394
Ext 10. Sec'y Gen.
4/GSI. Rec'd 27 June 1944
25 Jun 44. By *[Signature]*

Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, KCB, DSO, MC,
HQ, Allied Control Commission.

1. I wish to bring to your attention the case of certain Carabinieri who showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to the Allied Cause under critical conditions during the landings at SALERNO. A detailed report, addressed to this HQ, by OC 276 FS Section is attached.

2. These men were promoted in the field by the British commander, and Colonel MOULD GRAMAM who was present at the time and still commands at SALERNO (now under my command) has confirmed to me that these men did indeed render most conspicuous service, and he supports 100% the recommendation that the promotions of these men be now confirmed.

3. It cannot be disputed that the original action of the British commander was ultra vires, but I feel very strongly, both for reasons of our own prestige and also to reward justly those who gave us real support when the issue of the landings still hung in the balance, that it is most desirable that these promotions be properly confirmed with the appropriate ante-dates. If you agree with this I hope that you will be able to arrange accordingly with the Italian authorities.

AIC/HF.

A. L. Collier
Maj Gen,
Comd.
(A. L. COLLIER).

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COPY.

CONFIDENTIAL. 40c

276 FCS
Phone 2306
Ref: SEC/19
7 Apr 44.

TO : GSI(b), HQ 3 District.

Subject: Emergency Promotions, CC.RR SALERNO.

1. During the fighting around SALERNO city, immediately following landing operations on 8 Sep 43, at a time when all local authorities except one CC.RR officer and a handful of men had fled into the hills, CC 35 FCS in conjunction with G.3 I(b) 10 Corps, requested and obtained from the above CC.RR officer the assistance of three suitable CC.RR NCOs with good local knowledge for attachment to FS. After a trial period of about a week during which they gave excellent service, and after consultation with the CC.RR officer these men were promoted as shown under:-

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V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo to be Sotto Tenente.
V/Brigadiere CALVINO to be Maresciallo Maggiore.

2. These promotions were made principally for meritorious conduct under fire, as not only had the above named actively resisted the Germans who tried to disarm them and carry them off by force, but were also of extreme value to FS while the city was under heavy enemy mortar fire. These promotions were also necessary at the time in order to reinforce the authority of the CC.RR who had remained, and to make an example of their loyalty to the Allies. They were made on the understanding that as soon as NAPLES was taken, and CC.RR Legion HQ re-established the matter would be regularised there and the promotions confirmed.

3. In actual practice this has not yet occurred as passive resistance has been encountered on all sides in AMG Region 3 and in CC.RR Legion HQ, who persist in quoting the CC.RR regulations with regard to promotions, apparently overlooking the fact of the unique circumstances in which they were made and the fact that while these men were assisting the Allies actively in SALERNO, the senior officers of Legion HQ, NAPLES were more concerned about their own safety than CC.RR regulations or the success of the Allied cause.

4. In Nov 43, matters reached the point where Legion HQ not only refused to confirm the promotions but actually ordered these men to be posted away from SALERNO in their original ranks, to what were little more than punishment stations in remote mountain communities. At this point, this Sec, in the interests of Allied prestige and authority managed to obtain from IIE Marshal BADOGLIO a written order to the effect that these men would remain working with the Allies where they were, in the same conditions, until such time as a proper inquiry was made into the matter. This order was passed to HQ Region 3 Public Safety Division, but apparently had little effect.

5. The position is now that LOMORO and CALVINO who left SALERNO with 56 Div, and S/Ten ZAZZARO who has been working with this Sec since it took over the present area have still not had their promotions confirmed. This Sec has adjusted the salary of ZAZZARO by paying the difference (1607 Lire per month) between his pay as V/Brigadiere and the salary he should receive as S/Tenente. Apart, however, from this unwarranted drain on I(b) Funds, the question of Allied prestige is still at stake in the matter.

6. It has been pointed out to various CC.RR officers and to Public Safety, Region 3 that it is fully realised by this Sec, as it was fully realised by the original officers who made the promotions, that it would be unwise to indulge in indiscriminate promotions of this nature, and indeed there was never any intention of doing anything of the sort.

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What it has not been possible to impress on any AMG or CC.RR official so far is that the promotions were made in most extraordinary circumstances for work which was definitely of extreme value in the SALERNO operation.

7. It is therefore requested that this matter may be taken up with the appropriate CC.RR authority and the position finally clarified.

(BB RATTIER)

Capt

Int Corps

Copy to 14601/3

AMG/421/PS

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

39A

SUBJECT: Promotion of CCRB officers

18 April 1944

TO : Commanding General, CCRB.

1. Soon after the occupation of Salerno by the Allies in Sept. 1943, the following promotions of CCRB were made by the Officer Commanding 35 F.S.B. Allied Forces:

Brigadiere Quinto LOMONO	to the rank of Tenente
V/Brigadiere Vincenzo ZAZZARO	" " " " Sotto Tenente
V/Brigadiere Nicola CALVINO	" " " " Mariaciale

2. These three men were, with the consent of their Commanding Officer, attached to the F.S.B. and their local knowledge proved of the greatest assistance.

3. It has been ascertained from the F.S.B. that the promotions were made principally for meritorious service under enemy fire, the three men having actively resisted the Germans who tried to disarm them and carry them off by force.

The F.S.B. also considered that the promotions were necessary at that time to reinforce the authority of the CCRB who had remained at their posts and to reward their loyalty to the Allied.

4. This information is forwarded to you in accordance with your request.

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

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PAW/nd

See file 421

for further info.

John 67 + 68.

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68A
276 FSS
Phone 2306
Ref: SEC/19
15 Apr 44 *37A*

To: Major Wilcox
Public Safety
ACC HQ

Subject - CC.RR. promotions

68B 37B
Herewith copy of letter relating to
CC.RR. promotions made at the time
of the SALERNO operation in Sep 43, as
requested.

TOS. *1000*.....

RR Rafter
Capt.,
Int. Corps.

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276 FSS

Phone 2306

Ref: SEC/19

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7. It is therefore requested that this matter may be taken up with the appropriate CCRR authority and the position finally clarified.

sgnd B B RAFTER
Capt.,
Int Corps.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

MR.

37A

PS/3.1.7

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion of Carabinieri.

TO : HQ. (Rear) A.C.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(Att. Major Wilcox)

Reference your telephone call of last night, requesting information on the above mentioned subject, attached hereto is correspondence on same for your information and retention (if so desired)

Francis

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C. T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G; L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

/dr

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No
CRR Promotions
Policy

1460/1318*

SUBJECT: Emergency Promotion of Carabinieri Real.

28 FEB 1944

A.C.C.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech.
C.M.F.

3073/2/1.2.

26 Feb 44.

Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

Reference AMG/421/FS of 22 Feb 44.

1. The information given in paras one and two of your letter of 22 Feb 44 is noted.
2. It is hoped that the cases of these officers will receive full consideration and that they will receive as generous treatment as is practicable, in view of the services they rendered.
3. It will be appreciated if this H.Q. may be informed of the final outcome.

OMP/AEW.

C.H. 10 Feb 1944
Major-General,
D.C.A.C.

file
 HEAD INSTRUCTIONS
 UNITED STATES COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Public Safety Sub-Commission

AW/22/78

23 February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Irregular Promotions of C7.11.

TO : A.P.S.C. Region III.

The attached copy of the Executive Commissioner's reply to A.P.S.C. Adv. Adm. Action on this subject, is forwarded for information reference your P.S.3.1.7 of 11 February, 1944.

Your file is returned herewith.

W. J. Hill
 W. J. Hill

Colonel, Infantry.
 Chief, Public Safety
 Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

AG/421/PS.

22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized promotions of CO.RR

TO : D.C.A.O.,
AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F.

1. With further reference to your 3073/2/A.2 of 5 Dec 43 the matter of the promotions in the SALERNO Group of the CO.RR has not yet been disposed of entirely.
2. In the course of a discussion which the Chief of the Public Safety Sub-Commission had with Major General SANMIO the latter proposed transferring the officers concerned following an assurance from the G.O.C. Carabinieri that they would then be reduced to one rank higher than that which they held when the meritorious services, for which they were promoted, were performed. Failing this assurance they will remain in the SALERNO Group.
3. There is every reason to believe that the G.O.C. Carabinieri will give this assurance.

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M. S. TASH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/3.1.7

11 February 1944

SUBJECT: Irregular promotions of CC.RR.

TO : HQ. ACC., APO 394.

1. Reference is made to AF HQ Adv Adm Ech 3073/2/A.2 of 5 December 1943 attached and attendant papers.

2. General Sannino CC.RR. has been interviewed by me today when he stated that he had conferred with Colonel Kirk, Chief of Public Safety ACC. on the matter and that the position of the men of the CC.RR. had been fully explained to him.

For Regional Civil Affairs Officer:

Douglas N. Batson
DOUGLAS N. BATSON,
1st Lt. CMP,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

WD/tp.

10-12 Feb. 1944

In conference with Gen. Sannino, agreed
a) officers concerned to be transferred, following receipt of assurance from Gen. Riche that they will ~~not~~ thereupon be reduced to a grade in CCRR next higher to that which they held when the meritorious services were performed. If this commitment not made, men to remain in Region 3.
III — O'Kirk

Copy for Region III.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

23
16 February 1944

AMG/421/PS

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There is every reason to believe that the G.O.C. Carabinieri will give this assurance.

For the Commanding General:-

M/ S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

Letter File, PS/ 3.1.7

20th Feb. 1944

SUBJECT: Emergency Promotion of CC.RR.

TO : A.D.A.G., AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Ech. CMP.

Reference your letter dated 24th Dec. 1943
and 19th Jan. and 18th Feb. 1944, N° 3073/2/A2.

1. The papers on this subject were passed to
HQ. ACC. (Public Safety) at their request.

2. General Sannino CC.RR was consulted and he
undertook to consider the matter and advise as to what
could be done to put the position on a proper basis.

3. On 11th Feb. 1944 the General called at
these Headquarters and stated that he had been in consulta-
tion with Col. Kirk, Chief of Public Safety, ACC. I under-
stood he is prepared to give each man some recognition of
his services, probably by advancement to the next rank but
the promotions already made cannot stand. In order, however,
not to make things too difficult for the men concerned he
will probably transfer them first.

For the Regional Commissioner.

DOUGLAS N. BATSON
1st Lt, CMP.,
Actg asst adj Gen.

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REC'D 18 FEB. 1944

P.S.

SUBJECT:- Emergent Promotion of
Carabinieri Reali.A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech.
C.M.F.

3073/2/A.2.

18 Feb 44.

R.C.A.O.,
Region III.Further to our letter of even
number dated 19 Jan 44.It would be appreciated if a reply
could now be forwarded to our letter of
24 Dec 43.

HD/AMW.

Brigadier,
A.D.A.G.

3.17.

VBA
Salerno (A)
11 Feb 1947

Dear Francis,

I have made several attempts to get you on the phone during the past few days but in vain.

Gen. Sannino was here a few days ago to discuss the question of three promotions made in the C.A.R.R. Salerno Group in the early days at the instance of the C.C.

Towards the end of Dec I wrote from Bari suggesting that the matter be taken up informally with Sannino.

He has been put in a very difficult position but is prepared to give each man some recognition of his services, probably by advancement

to the next rank but the
promotions cannot stand. In
order, however, not to make
things too difficult for the
men concerned he will probably
transfer them first.

Col. Kirk does not wish
the matter to be pursued by
correspondence and is happy
to leave it to Sen Samino.
He also wishes me to let you
know the present position,
although Salerno has since
passed out of Region III's
jurisdiction.

Hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely

Alfred Martin

File
H.H.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/3.1.7

11 February 1944

SUBJECT: Irregular promotions of CC.RR.

TO : HQ. ACC., APO 394.

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fully explained to him.

For Regional Civil Affairs Officer:

WD/tp.

DNB
DOUGLAS N. BATSON,
1st Lt. CMP,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

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REC'D 25 FEB 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Safety Sub-Commission

AMG/421/PS

23 February, 1944.

SUBJECT : Irregular Promotions of CC.RR.

TO : R.F.S.O. Region III.

The attached copy of the Executive Commissioner's reply to A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon on this subject, is forwarded for information reference your P.S.3.1.7 of 11 February, 1944.

Your file is returned herewith.

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

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File 3.17*

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

11 February 1944

PS/3.1.7

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DOUGLAS N. BATSON,
1st Lt. CMP,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

WD/tp.

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COMANDO 3^a DIVISIONE CARABINIERI REALI

N. *24/2* di prot. Napoli, li 27/1/944
 Risposta al del n.

OGGETTO } Promotions irregular of Carabinieri Reali
 carte annesse n.

TO: Colonel Francis,
 Regional Civil Police Officer.

The question of the irregular promotions of those Carabinieri is still being studied, because it is in relation with the Captain Jaconis, commander of the Company of Salerno, who has been also proposed for a promotion.

If You will be kind to wait for a day or two, I will sent to You an answer.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL.
 (Ernesto Sannino)

E. Sannino

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*Recd 27/1 1100
 File 3-17.*

General Sannino 1 J 23A
going to give an answer
as soon as possible
26/1/44 Maj. Zander

3173

REC'D GEN. 1340

SUBJECT:- Emergency Promotion of
Carabinieri Reali.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech.,
C.M.F.

3073/2/A.2.

19 Jan 44.

R.C.A.O.,
Region III.

Reference: our letter of even number, dated 24 Dec 43.

Please state whether there is any further information
available on this question.

HD/RM.

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File 5-1-7.

Admin
Mays 3171
Colonel
A.D.A.G.

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SUBJECT:- Emergency Promotion of
Carabinieri Reali.A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech,
C.M.F.

3073/2/A.2.

24 Dec 43.

R.C.A.O.,
Region III.

1. Ref 15 Army Group letter No. AMG/421 of 20 Dec 43, in which it is suggested that you contact Maj-Gen. Ernesto SANNINO on the question of the granting of some recognition to the men referred to in our letter No. 3073/2/A.2 of 5 Dec 43.

2. Please keep this H.Q. informed of the results of your representation.

HD/AJW.

Major
Colonel
A.D.A.G.

3175

Subject:- Emergency Promotion of Carabinieri Reali.

AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref.AMG/421/
20 December 43.

R.C.A.O.,
Region III.

With reference to A.F.H.Q. Advance Adm.Ech 3073/2/A.2 of 5 Dec 43, copy of which was sent to you, it is agreed that the promotions were irregular.

In order, however, that the services rendered to the Allies by these Carabinieri should receive recognition it is suggested that the matter should be taken up by you with Major-General Ernesto SANNINO, Commanding the NAPLES Division CC.RR.

Having had considerable experience of the problem in Sicily, Gen. SANNINO can be expected to do everything possible to satisfy all concerned and he will not be slow to appreciate the recognition of his position in the matter.

Colonel,
R.J.P.THORNE-THORNE,
Chief Staff Officer.

RJM/ES.

Copy to A.F.H.Q. Adv.Adm.Ech.

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File 3.1.7.

Col. Francis discussed this matter with 3170
Gen. Sannino on 27th Dec. 1943. Gen. Sannino
will let us know the result of his inquiries (JW).

File
P.S.D.

Public Safety

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U. S. ARMY

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11 December 1943

SUBJECT: Irregular Promotions of CC. RR at Salerno.

TO : D.C.A.O., A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Ech. CMP.

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1. With reference to your letter dated 5 December 1943 on the above subject.
2. This Headquarters is not in possession of the facts on which the proposed promotions of CC.RR in Salerno were based.
3. Deeds of bravery or merit may warrant the award of a medal or an "Incomie" (a commendation entered on personal record).
4. It is suggested that the full facts be transmitted to the Commander of the Legion of CC.RR in Naples either direct or through this office, in order that a suitable reward may be given.

For the Commanding Officer:-

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE
Major, ACD,
Adjutant GeneralAFW/fjm
P.S.D.

3169

SUBJECT: Emergency Promotions of Carabinieri Regt.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Sch,
C.A.R.

3075/2/1.2.

5 Dec 43.

A.M.G.,
15 Army Group.

1. Shortly after the occupation of Salerno, C.O. 55 F.S.S., by arrangement with Maj. MacMILLAN of A.M.G., had attached to P.S. for special duties certain members of the local Coy of C.O.R.R. These men, in view of the nature of their duties and since they had actually fought Germans who tried to disarm them and carry them away, were promoted as under:-

- (i) Brigadiere LOMORO Quinto to TENNIS.
- (ii) Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo to 3/REGGIA.
- (iii) V/Brigadiere CALVINO Nicola to MASSOLINO.

At that time it was impossible to refer to any higher C.O.R.R. authority as not only was the Legion R.A. at NAPLES in enemy hands, but the local group Comd, Maj. MORICCA, had left his post and retired to the Abbey at CAVA with the other town dignitaries. The group was therefore in sole command of Capt. Umberto IACONE, the first Italian authority to welcome the Allied troops into the town and put himself and his men at their disposal.

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3. Similar arrangements were made to attach C.O.R.R. to F.S.S. 46 Adv, to move with them, and here again, in view of the circumstances, emergency promotions were made.

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6. This H.Q. has also discussed the matter with Lt-Col. WILSON, but he states that the promotions were irregular and therefore cannot be approved.

7. Whilst appreciating the reasons for Lt-Col. WILSON's ruling, it is considered that this is a case where suitable recognition should be given to the services of the men concerned, and it is suggested that the promotions be considered if the services

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- (ii) Brigadiere LOMORO Vincenzo to S/MAESTRE.
- (iii) V/Brigadiere CALVINO Nicola to MARSEGLIA.

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RM/MS.

Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

Copy to:- Director Public Safety (ref your letter of 30 Nov 43).
A.O. No. 3 Region.

Recd 8/12
File 3.17

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. ARMY
OFFICE DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY

30 November 1943

18/3.17

SUBJECT: Irregular Promotions of C.C.R.R. at Salerno

TO : DAG,
A.P.H.C., Adv. Adm. Ech.
C.M.F.

1. Your letter Ref. 3073/2/A.2. dated 19 November 1943.
2. The following policy has been adopted in relationship with the Carabinieri: that no CCRB officer shall be required to perform any official act that he is not authorized to perform by Italian law or by CCRB regulations.
3. The confirmation of the irregular promotions in question would require a violation of this basic policy, and consequently cannot be made.

GERALDO W. WILSON
Lieut. Colonel
Public Safety Division

OWB/BJM

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 864, U.S. ARMY
OFFICE DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY

30 November 1943

SUBJECT: Irregular Promotions of C.C.R.R. at Salerno

TO : HQ 94 Sub-Area.

1. Your letter reference A/560 dated 21 November 1943.
2. The following policy has been adopted in relationship with the Carabinieri: that no CCRR officer shall be required to perform any official act that he is not authorized to perform by Italian law or by CCRR regulations.
3. The confirmation of the irregular promotions in question would require a violation of this basic policy, and consequently cannot be made.

CVT/fjm

ORLANDO W. WILSON
Lieut. Colonel
Public Safety Division

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. Army

Pub Safety

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P.S.D

24 November 1943.

(PSA)

SUBJECT: Carabinieri.

TO: See Distribution.

1. No suspensions, dismissals, demotions, promotions, or transfers of Carabinieri Regli from one district to another should be undertaken except through a Carabinieri Regli officer normally authorized by Carabinieri Regli Legion HQ to effect such a change.

2. This means that no personnel changes shall be made except through the usual Carabinieri Regli channels and that no orders shall be given to a Carabinieri Regli officer the execution of which would entail his exceeding his normal authority.

3. As a guide, the powers of officers of the Carabinieri Regli are as follows:-

The Legion Commander, Group Commander and Company Commander can punish officers and NCO's. They cannot dismiss, demote or promote officers or NCO's. The Legion Commander only can transfer officers or NCO's.

The Commander of the Legion, Group, Company and tenenze can punish NCO's.

4. When a Carabinieri Regli commits an offense, he will be arrested and a report of the offense forwarded to this HQ. Carabinieri Regli will be tried for all offenses against the Italian Penal or Military Code by the appropriate Italian court and in the case of war crimes and offenses against the Allied Forces or under proclamations by Allied Military Courts.

By order of Colonel HUGH:

DOUGLAS H. HUGH,
1st Lt., USA,
Acting Adjutant General.

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Col Wilson

SUBJECT :- Carabinieri - SALERNO

CONFIDENTIAL.

HQ 94 Sub-Area.
A/560
21 Nov 43.

Director of Public Safety,
H.Q. Region 3,
A.M.G.

1. It is understood that an order from H.E. Marshal BADOGLIO suspending the transfer of certain Carabinieri away from SALERNO, pending special enquiry into their promotions, was sent to you on 14 Nov 43 for onward transmission to CCRR Legion HQ, NAPLES.
2. So far the SALERNO Group Commander of CCRR has received no notification of this order and it would be appreciated if you would expedite matters with the CCRR Legion HQ.
3. Attached is a certified copy of the original order.

BBR/JGH.

R. H. H. Graham
Colonel,
Comd 94 Sub-Area.

*Read 24/11
File 3-17*
*dist. to
J. H. H. Graham
from
CCRR
SAPS.*

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See 3-17
 SUBJECT:- Emergency Promotion of Carabinieri Reali.

BA
 A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech.,
 C.M.F.

Col. O. WILSON,
 C.A.P.O. A.M.G.,
 Region 3,
 NAPLES.

3073/2/A.2.

19 Nov 43.

Not needed
 With reference to letter No 276/PF/1 dated 29 Oct 43., from O.C. 276 F.S. Section, addressed to Comd. 94 Sub Area, with copy to you, the following points are submitted for your consideration.

1. The Carabinieri mentioned performed very valuable services and were promoted with the full knowledge and approval of their officer, Capt. UMBERTO IACONIS.
2. The Comd. 94 Sub Area strongly recommends that the promotions be confirmed and personally vouches for the excellent work carried out by the Carabinieri who remained in SALERNO.
3. The special circumstances and reasons for making these promotions.
4. The detrimental effect which may result from the cancellation of these promotions all of which were awarded for merit during a critical stage of the operations.

In view of the above it is strongly recommended by this H.Q. that every effort is made to confirm these promotions whilst fully realising that other factors may be involved and that the final decision in this matter must rest with you.

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 SJM/PM.

Recd 22/11

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Smith H. Col.
 Colonel,
 D.A.G.

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MOST SECRET
OFFICER ONLY

Ref SEC/19

To S.C.A.O.
A.M.G., SALERNO
From C.O. 276 F.S. Section

Subject - Carabinieri Promotions

1. Ref conversation S.C.A.O. - F.S.O. of today.
2. Att is the written order on the above subject given to a representative of this Sec by Marshal BADOGLIO on 10 NOV 43 at BRINDISI.

Field,
12 Nov 43

BBB/K 318
C.O. 276 F.S. Section,
Intelligence Corps.

Translation

Comando Militare Marittimo
E Della Piazza Marittima Di Brindisi
L'ammiraglio

The carabinieri rewarded by the Allied Headquarters for what they did during the landing at Salerno, must remain at their posts until one of my delegates examines the situation on the spot.

(signed) BADOGLIO

10-X1-43

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Copia

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COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO
E DELLA PIAZZA MARITTIMA DI BRINDISI

L'AMIRAGLIO

I carabinieri premiati dal Comando alleato
per il loro comportamento allo sbarco di Salerno
devono rimanere ai loro posti, finchè un mio delegato
non esamini sul posto la situazione.

(firmato) RADOLFO

10.11.43

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Per copia conforme
Certified true copy
B.B. Rafter
Capt.

276 F.S. SECTION
14 NOV 1943
INTELLIGENCE CORPS

COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO
E DELLA PIAZZA MARITTIMA DI BRINDISI
L'AMMIRAGLIO

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I carabinieri prevenuti dal
Comando alleato per il loro
comportamento alla sbarra
di Salerno devono rimanere
ai loro posti; finché un
mio delegato non esaminerà
nel posto la situazione.

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AL LEGION OF CC.RR. OF NAPLES
COMMAND OFFICE.

Naples Oct. 5th 1943.

N. 2041/5

Sub.: PROMOTIONS of CC.RR.

To : ~~AM~~ A.M.G. NAPLES

Referring to the conversation that the undersigned had with Lt. Col. Wilson, here are the names of men belonging to this Legion, to whom the F.S.S. of Salerno and the Police Chief of A.M.G. have bestowed the rank below shown :

- 1)=LO MORO QUINTO : from sergeant-major to lieutenant;
- 2)=ZAZZARO VINCENZO: " sergeant to second lieutenant;
- 3)=De Concilio Raffaele: from carabinieri to sergeant;
- 4)=Giannelli Guido: from 2nd maresciallo to 1st maresciallo;
- 5)=D'Elcio Antonio: from 3rd maresciallo to 2nd maresciallo;
- 6)=Mureddu Andrea: from 3rd maresciallo to 2nd maresciallo;
- 7)=Cozzolino Ippolito: from sergeant-major to 3rd maresciallo;
- 8)=Cariello Italo: from sergeant-major to 3rd maresciallo;
- 9)=Ferrara Renato: from sergeant to sergeant-major;
- 10)=D'Onofrio Ugo: from sergeant to sergeant-major;
- 11)=Carbone Antonio: from sergeant to sergeant-major;
- 12)=Bellezza Giacomo: from carabinieri to corporal (appuntato);
- 13)=Politano Pasquale: " " " " "
- 14)=Mirra Vincenzo : " " " " "
- 15)=De Lisa Pietro : " " " " "
- 16)=Smeraldo Domenico: " " " " "
- 17)=Tufano Luigi : " " " " "
- 18)=Soprano Domenico : " " " " "
- 19)=Ruggiero Giuseppe: " " " " "

Attached hereto are copies of Salerno's F.S.S. referring to the promotions of Sergeant-major Lo Moro, sergeant Zazzaro and carabinieri De Concilio.

Also attached hereto are a copy of letter sent to this office by the Salerno's A.M.G. Civil Affairs Office, referring to Capt. Jaconis, and a copy of the answer to it.

An answer to this letter will be appreciated.

Signed: Col. Calabro'.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. ARMY
OFFICE DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY

25 October 1943

SUBJECT: Promotions of CC.RR by AMG and FSS.

TO : Colonel Armando Calabro,
Commandant,
Naples Legion CC.RR.

You are to disregard the 19 provisional promotions made
by AMG and FSS in Salerno.


ORLANDO W. WILSON,
Lieut. Colonel,
Public Safety Division.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 CC.RR
- 1 SCAO Salerno.
- 1 Capt. Cartwright - FSS.
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Sicily Province

15.10.13.

CC. RR. Promotions.

Referring to the list of promotions supplied by the CC. RR at Naples the position is as follows:-

Nos. (1) to (3), *Lo Morro*, *Leopoldo* and *De Concilio* were promoted by Captain Watt, C/O J. Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps. With regard to the remainder, a special recommendation for the promotion of the man was made to me in writing by Captain Jaconis of the CC. RR stationed at Salerno. I told him that the matter must be referred to Naples and again instructed him to refer his report to the Promotions. I marked the report "Promotions approved for the info-
Naples for confirmation."

He now tells me that he misunderstood and thought that as the P.S.S. apparently had authority to promote *Casabianeri* the same power was vested in A.W.F.O.M. *Chick*

I am inclined to think that Captain Jaconis, who is very anxious to be promoted to Major, willfully misunderstood my very clear instructions to him with a view to establishing a "promotion atmosphere" in which he might also benefit.

I feel that perhaps it would be rather unfortunate for these men who have been promoted to be returned to their former ranks through no fault of their own, especially as Jaconis assures me that, as these are junior promotions, had the recommendations been made to the proper quarter they would have been granted. I have therefore instructed him to attend personally at Naples and to explain the whole matter to Col. Calabro, when, if the Colonel confirms the promotions in writing, they can stand, failing which they will have to be considered null and void.

J. G. Green

Major.

Public Safety.

To Lt-Col. Wilson,
Director of Public Safety,
A.W.F.O.M., Region 3.

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referred to Waples and, subject to their approval I would also approve the promotions. I marked the papers "promotions approved" for the information of Waples and again instructed him to refer his report to Waples for confirmation.

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Director of Public Safety,
A.M.C.S.I., Region 3.

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Subject: Emergency Promotion of Carabinieri Reali.

AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

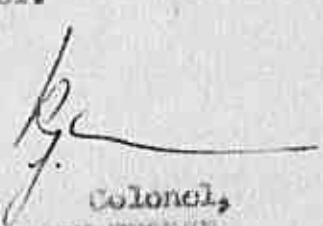
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29 December 43.

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R.J.P. THORNTON,
Chief Staff Officer.

RMV/S.

Copy to A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech.

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SUBJECT: Emergency Promotions of Carabinieri Reali.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Encl.
C.I.E.

DEC 1943

3073/2/A.2.

5 Dec 43.

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15 Army Group.

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H.Q. No. 3 Region.

Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT:- Carabinieri - Promotion.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

A.M.G.
Region III.

AMG/421/
13th December 43

Information has been received that some 19 members of the CC.RR. were given immediate promotion in recognition of their services after the occupation of Salerno. The promotions were irregularly made and Lieut-Col. Wilson, Chief of Public Safety, Region III, rightly pointed this out and the men promoted have unfortunately been called on to revert.

It is desirable that recognition of valuable service be brought to notice and it is proposed therefore to report each case to the General Commanding Carabinieri as soon as possible.

Will you therefore forward particulars and reports of all members of the CC.RR. who have been promoted since the occupation of Salerno.

R. J. P. THORNE THORNE
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer

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Copy to: G.S.I. (b) 15 Army Group. (For information)

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The General Commanding,
CC. RR.
Bari.

H. Q., A. M. G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

AMG/421/

13th December 1943

A report has been received of the granting of promotion to members of the CC. RR. in recognition of valuable work after the occupation of Salerno. The members of the Carabinieri were all working with F. S. Sections, and the promotions were approved by A. M. G. officers.

The promotions have now been cancelled, but particulars of each man, with a report on each case, has been called for and will be forwarded for your favourable consideration.

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Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Carabinieri - Promotion.H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.A.F.H.Q.,
Adv Adm EchAMG/421/
13th December 43

Reference your 3073/2/A2 dated 5th December 43,
on the subject of promotion of certain members of the
CC.RR. working with Field Security Section.

The promotions were made irregularly, but the
action taken can be appreciated, and the members of the
CC.RR. who performed their duties in a manner calling
for recognition will be brought to the notice of the
General Commanding Carabinieri at Bari with suitable
recommendations.

/SCH

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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