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Anti-Liban operations
Italian assistance

Recommends that in view of the valuable services rendered by the Italians he should be mentioned that receive a British decoration

Mr. Bakenley Mr. G. Smith

Dear Parcell, I do think that when he is mentioned in the report he was very full of the valuable assistance afforded by the Italian authorities in the recent successful Anti-Liban operations. I hoped that it would be possible for something to be done on the lines which he suggested. I don't know what prospects there are of any decorations being given but I think the first thing to do is to consult the Foreign Office.

and ascertain his views

I submit dt. 27/11/19

accordingly and also dt.

copy to Major Porcell:

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The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street.

36
21, Bayly Mansions,
Lancaster Gate,
London, W.

11th February, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that
just previous to leaving Nairobi for England I received
from G. M. the Acting Governor of East Africa, a copy
of a Confidential Colonial Office despatch dated 11th
October, 1918 with reference to the Sulima operations,
of which I was in charge.

With reference to para. 5, re the valuable services
rendered by the Italians on the left bank of the Tana
river, I laid as great emphasis as possible on the
value of those services, and now venture to suggest
that, taking into consideration the fact that had there
been no Italian troops to co-operate, the operations
which terminated so successfully would have been
impossible. As there would have been nothing to prevent
large numbers of the enemy with their stock from
crossing the river unobserved, that therefore the
thanks of His Majesty's Government should be conveyed
in some more concrete form than words only. It would
therefore suggest that the following would, if possible,
be awarded a British decoration.

1. Cav Gasparini, the acting Governor of Italian Somaliland, who agreed to send the troops, at my request.

(Major Chianche)
The Major Commanding the Italian troops on the Juba. His name is mentioned in my despatch contained in Confidential Despatch No. 74 of April 15th, 1918, from the Officer administering the Government of East African Protectorate.

3. The Italian Medical Officer at Bardera, who attended our wounded and sick, during the absence of the British M.C. with the troops. He is named in the same despatch.

4. Lastly Signor Coronaro, Italian Resident at Margharita, on the Juba, who on my earnest representations agreed the acting Governor to co-operate with the troops under my command, when he had at first refused to take any action. This Officer also materially helped me by supplying most accurate intelligence and in every possible way.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. B. Celli
MAJOR

King's African Rifles.

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A. Poverelli
M. Poverelli

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... to act. the
... of your letter of Feb
12th in which you suggest
that British decorations
might be awarded to
certain officials of Italian
Armistice in recognition
of the valuable assistance
rendered by the local
Italian authorities in
Carabinieri units, recent
operations against

the Arabian in jordan

r. B. 11/11/11 for each line

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due consideration

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Paraphrase of Telegram from the Secretary
of State to the Office Administering the
Government of the East Africa Protectorate,
25 Feb 1919.

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With ref to your confidential despatch
No 74 KHR of the 16th of April it is
suggested by Parvelli that the following
Italians should be considered for British
decorations in recognition of the assistance
given by them in the Arabian operations:-
Car Gasparoni, Acting Governor of Italian
Somaliland, Major Chiampo, Doctor
Chieffo, Signor Corvino, Telegraph
Post office, Shulei.