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PETITION FROM MR. GIAMA OSMAN AHMED CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United
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TO: H.E. E. ANZILOTTI, THE ADMINISTRATOR, MOGADISCIO
TO: THE UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL, MOGADISCIO
COPY TO: DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MOGADISCIO

I the undersigned, Giama Osman Ahmed, a Somali and an inhabitant of
Mogadiscio, have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

(1) I am an ex-serviceman, having served in the armed forces under the
former colonial Italian Government of Somaliland for over thirty years.
I am fifty years of age, unemployed and have several children to support.

(2) I submitted many requests to the Administration asking for the
payment of the pension to which I am entitled, but yesterday the District
Commissioner of Mogadiscio sent me a negative reply which states that I
have no right whatsoever to a pension. In his letter No. 94/C-15 of
20 June 1955 the District Commissioner of Mogadiscio has sent me a harsh
reply that repudiates any right of mine to a pension.

(3) The information supplied by the information agencies and the so-called
Commission for assistance to Somali ex-servicemen regarding my military
service record is completely untrue and denies all my rights. I now
request you to examine my case thoroughly. Witnesses can be found
anywhere in Somaliland who will testify to my military service record
during the first war in the Migurtinia.

I have enclosed one of the letters I sent to Mr. Spinelli. If this latest request is not considered impartially I shall be obliged to write to the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and to the United Nations, giving a full report of the treatment I have received from the Administration. I hope that this, my latest request, will be given favourable consideration. I request you to re-examine my case with the greatest impartiality.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) Giama Osman Ahmed, Somali

TO: THE ADMINISTRATION

TO: H.E. SPINELLI, SECRETARY-GENERAL, MOGADISCIO

TO: THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MOGADISCIO

I, a former Muntaz Somali, Giama Osman Ahmet Omar Mohamud, a resident of the village of Hamaruin-Scuran, send you the following, further to my letter of 19 October 1954 addressed to the Department of Internal Affairs and my letter of 15 January 1955 to the Office of the Regional Commissioner.

I ask Your Excellency to include my name in the list of those receiving assistance from the Administration and to that end I send you the following record of my military service:

(1) In 1915 enlisted in the armed forces in the Banco Armate regulars; from that date until 1941 remained on active service in the regular army under the command of Major Becchis, Yuzbashi Iusuf Giumale Averghidir and Yuzbashi Osman Harare.

(2) Campaigns: occupation of the Migiurtinia under the command of Major Becchis, the above two Somali non-commissioned officers, as also Captain Sodre, Captain Rolle and Bimbashi Ghelle Kahie; the Italo-Ethiopian campaign with the 17th Brigade, 66th Battalion, 2nd Company, under the command of Major Franzoni, Captain Farmaghelle, Captain Angelini, Yuzbashi Mohamed Maho', Bimbashi Nur Iero', Yuzbashi Elmi Giama and Yuzbashi Mohamed As Assei, an Arab; the Italo-British campaign with the 20th Brigade, 75th Battalion, 2nd Company, under the command of

Captain Giglio Coperto, Captain Cortesi, Yuzbashi Mohamed Auod, Yuzbashi Abdulla Mohamed, Yuzbashi Ali Hassan, Bimbashi Hassan Ali Bin Ali and Bimbashi Giama Mohamed.

(3) Wounds: in the battle of Harar during the Italo-Ethiopian war, and again at Hadaame.

(4) Decorations: Croce di guerra and medal for the above campaigns.

I do not understand why my name is still excluded from the list of Somali ex-servicemen who are receiving assistance from the Administration. I am completely destitute, unemployed and the father of seven children. After assiduous verification the Police of Beit ER Ras have confirmed the facts concerning my large family and the truth of the statements in this request. I hope that my case will be considered favourably.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Unsigned)

Mogadiscio, 30 March 1955
