



MARIO COLONNA

† 9 Luglio XVI

Nel cielo di Roma



20th July

My heartfelt thanks
to you both for
your kind expressions
of sympathy—
Sincerely Yrs
Helena Colvile

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The same sunny souvenirs
will unite us when we
meet again!
ROME. 20/6/38 Villa de Heursta.

Terrace where we dined

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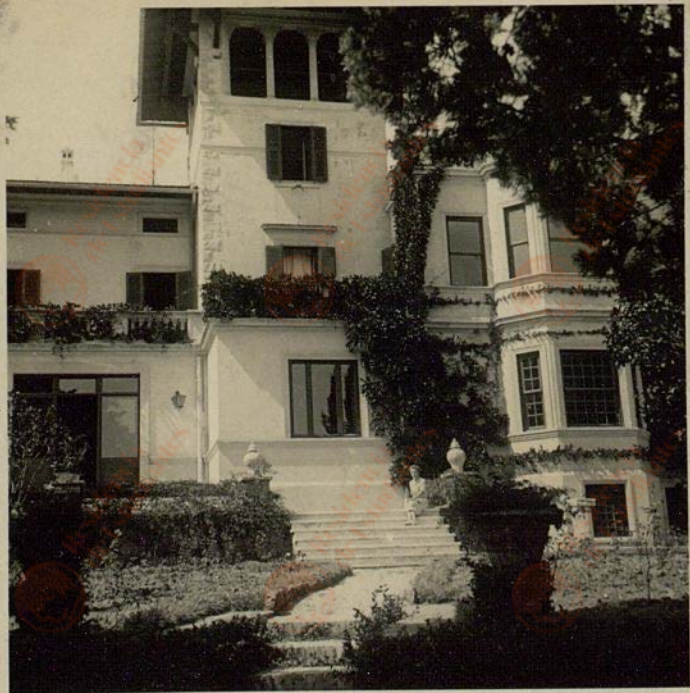
Hoping to see you
back here soon!

Adeline Colonna

Villa Colonna - Rome 20/5/38

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Leone where we lived



.. Here with a little Bread beneath the Bongli
 .. a Flask of Wine / to heels! Say when! Here's how! "
 .. To two sweet dames and you and me & our "
 .. a Roman Summer Solstice made it's bow! "

With apologies to Oscar Khayyam and
 and you forget Rome. June 20th 1938

Mavis Thomas

Terrace where we dined

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... WAS FRIEND OF BRITAIN

One of the champions of Italo-British understanding, Prince Mario Colonna, brother of the Governor of Rome, was killed during the week-end when an Italian tourist plane crashed into the river Tiber.

It is only four months ago that Prince Colonna described in an article in the Daily Sketch how essential friendship was to both Britain and Italy.

ITALIAN PRINCE KILLED

From Our Own Correspondent

ROME, Sunday. Prince Mario Colonna, Duke of Rignano, was killed here yesterday morning when a tourist plane in which he was flying crashed into the River Tiber from a height of 300 feet. Signor Viero Menghi, the pilot, who has trained several thousand young Italian pilots, was on board the plane and also lost his life.

Prince killed when plane falls in river

Prince Mario Colonna, brother of the Governor of Rome, was killed when a plane in which he was passenger crashed into the River Tiber at Rome. The pilot was also killed. The prince's widow, formerly Miss Adeline Munro Drysdale, is British. There are four children.—British United Press.

Terrace of the Villa Colonna

View from the Terrace:
and of the Rocky Cypress.

Evening Standard

Won Three "V.C.s"

THERE is a certain tragic irony in the death of Don Mario Colonna, as a mere passenger in an airplane which crashed into the Tiber.

Handsome and broad-shouldered, with iron-grey hair and a fine Roman nose, Don Mario was the embodiment of the old Roman legionary.

His courage won him the Italian equivalent of three Victoria Crosses on the Piave front during the war. He was in fact, so reckless that the Government, for fear of losing so valued a patriot, removed him from the war zone and sent him to the Embassy in London.

Don Mario was the centre of a dramatic encounter during Mussolini's March on Rome. It was he, with a detachment of the Royal Bodyguard, who met Mussolini and his followers at the top of the Corso Umberto.

Made History

He had to decide whether to stop the march, which would inevitably have meant bloodshed, or to let it go on to the Quirinal. He let it proceed, and so made history.

Later he became a staunch supporter of Fascism.

He was in London a few months ago, on an unofficial visit of "good will."

Don Mario's widow, a Scotswoman by birth, is a Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen of Italy. All his children inherit his enthusiasm for aviation, and his daughter is the youngest airwoman in Italy.

The Daily Telegraph

PRINCE MARIO COLONNA

Prince Mario Colonna, Duke of Rignano, whose death at the age of 52 has occurred at Rome in a flying accident, was a member of one of the most illustrious families of the ancient Roman nobility.

Their origin dates back to the time of the Roman Emperors. In the Middle Ages they supported the Ghibellines, and their opponents, another princely family, the Orsinis, supported the Guelphs in the wars which took place during those years. They fought for centuries, and were only united by matrimony a few years ago.

Prince Mario was a brevetted air pilot and an officer in the Italian cavalry. He leaves a widow, the former Miss Adeline Drysdale, of Buenos Aires, two sons and one daughter.

His father, Don Prospero Colonna, was at one time Mayor of Rome, and his brother, Prince Piero Colonna, is the Governor of Rome.

The Times

DON MARIO COLONNA

Our Correspondent in Rome reports the death on Saturday of Don Mario Colonna, Duke of Rignano, who was a passenger in an aeroplane which crashed into the Tiber outside Rome.

Don Mario, who inherited the Papal dukedom of Rignano, created in 1828, from his mother, who was the daughter of Don Emilio Massimo, third Duke of Rignano, and Donna Teresa Doria-Pamphili-Landi, was son of Don Prospero Colonna, Prince of Sonnino, at one time Syndic of Rome, who died last year, brother of Don Piero Colonna, the Governor of Rome, and first cousin of Prince Colonna, the present head of the family.

Don Mario had many British friends, for he had received part of his education at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and in 1917 had married a Scottish lady, Miss Adeline Drysdale, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. His expansive and enthusiastic nature made him passionately interested in a number of things, of which aviation was one. He was a daring and skilful pilot and an officer in the Reserve of the Italian Air Force. He had likewise been a keen soldier and served through the Libyan campaign and the Great War with a fine record. He threw himself ardently into the Fascist cause from the first and did much propaganda for it abroad. His responsibilities as a great landowner led him into the eager pursuit of scientific farming and his study of Italy's economic problems had led him to devote both time and money to testing the practical application of certain theories.

"O Roma, felix quae duorum principum ex coarctato sanguine..." "Rome July 1938.



The Terrace of the Villa Colonna.

The Villa Colonna

COLONNA, a noble Roman family, second only to the Gaetani di Sennoneta in antiquity and first of all the Roman houses in importance. The popes Marcellinus, Sixtus III and Adrian III are said to have been members of it but the authentic pedigree of the family begins with Pietro, Lord of Columna, Palestrina and Paliano (about 1100) probably a brother of Pope Benedict IX. His great grandson Giovanni had two sons, respectively the founders of the Colonna-Romano line. The third or Colonna Romano line is descended from Federigi Colonna (1223). In the 12th Century we find the Colonna as Counts of Tusculum and the family was then famous as one of the most powerful and turbulent of the great Roman Clans. Its feuds with the Orsini and Gaetani are a characteristic feature of mediaeval Rome and the Campagna; like the other great nobles of the Campagna the Colonna plundered travellers and cities and did not even spare the pope himself if they felt themselves injured by him. Boniface VIII confiscated their estates. He proclaimed a crusade against them and captured Palestrina but they afterwards revenged themselves by besieging him at Anagni and Sciarra. Colonna laid violent hands on His Holiness, being with difficulty restrained from actually murdering him (1303). In 1347 the Colonna, at that time almost an independent power, were defeated by Cola di Rienzi but soon recovered. Pope Martin V (1417-31) was a Colonna and conferred on his family immense estates including Marino, Frascati, Rocca di Papa and other fiefs in Romagna and Umbria. Their goods were frequently confiscated and frequently given back and the house was subject to many changes of fortune: during the reign of Alexander VI. they were again humbled; but they always remained powerful and important and members of the family rose to eminence as generals, prelates, and statesmen in the service of the Church or other powers. In the war of 1522 between France and Spain there were Colonna on both sides and at the battle of Lepanto 1571 Marc Antonio Colonna, who commanded the papal contingent greatly distinguished himself. A detailed record of the Colonna family would be a history of Rome. Today there are three lines of Colonna: (1) Colonna di Paliano with two branches, the Princes and Dukes of Paliano and the Princes of Stigliano (2) Colonna di Sciarra with two branches, Colonna di Sciarra, Princes of Carlaghano and Barberini - Colonna Princes of Palestrina and (3) Colonna-Romano. The Colonna palace, one of the finest in Rome was begun by Martin V and contains a valuable gallery.

Entrance to the House.

Entrance to the Villa Colonna.



St. Peters

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The Palazzo Venezia.

The Balcony from which
the Duce speaks between

the fasces





Parade in the
Piazza Venezia
in honour
of the
Piave.



Troops passing the top
of the Cors Umberto.

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The banners going up to
the tomb of the
Unknown Warrior in
the Vittorio Emanuele.

Monument?





Parade in the
Piazza Venezia
in honour
of the
Piave.

The farmers going up to
the tomb of the
Unknown Warrior in
the Vittorio Emanuele
Monument.





Troops passing the top
of the Cors Umberto.

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Fr. Sebastian Bulloch and Père
Louis Kachance at the Angelicum.



The Baroness de Heemstede and I
—after lunch at Luigi's



Père Louis and I





The Baroness de Heemstra and
the Marchese Covalletti
(just off the Cors' Umberto)

Outside Luigi's



The Baroness de Heemstra
and the Marchese Cavalletti



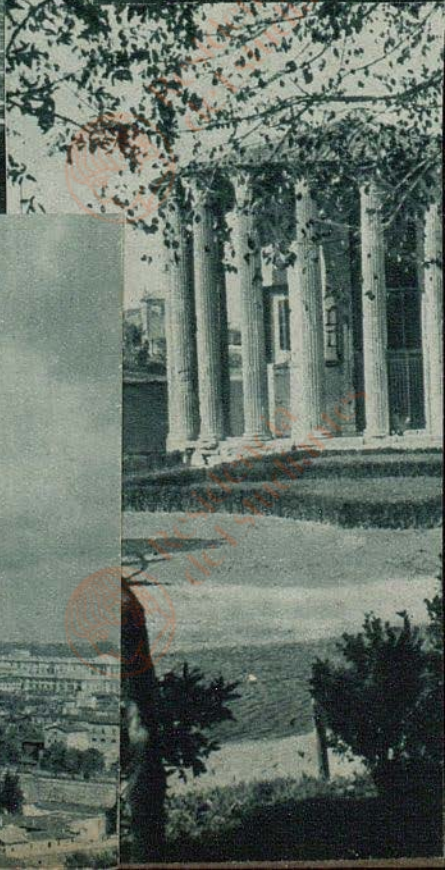
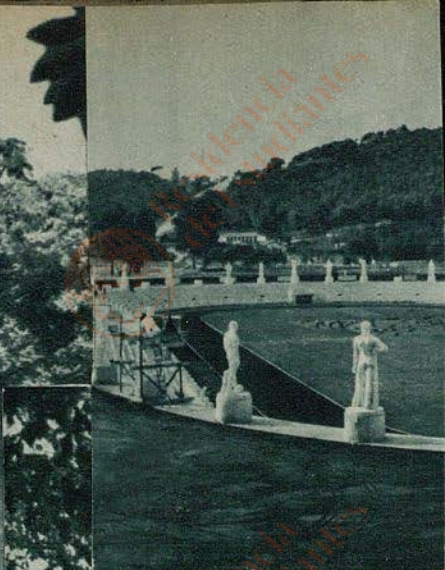
On the Piazza di San Pietro.

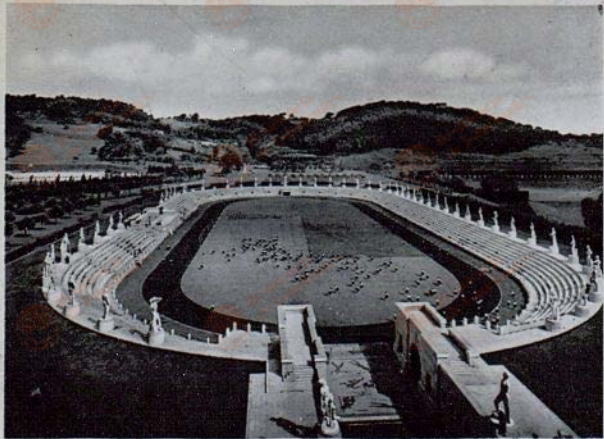


and also of my
first flight. This was
with Menghi who was
killed soon after and
who christened me
"Bambino"



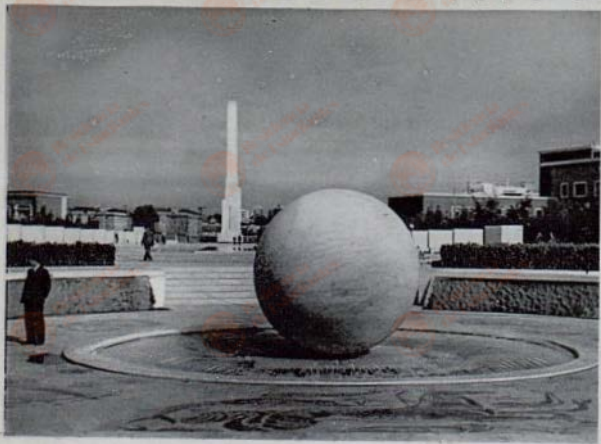
The Marchese Covalletti and I.





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Foro Mussolini - Stadio dei Marmi
Forum Mussolini - Stade des Marbres
Mussolini Forum - Marble Stadium
Forum Mussolini - Das Marmor-Stadion



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Foro Mussolini - La Fontana della Palla

Forum Mussolini - La Fontaine de la Boule

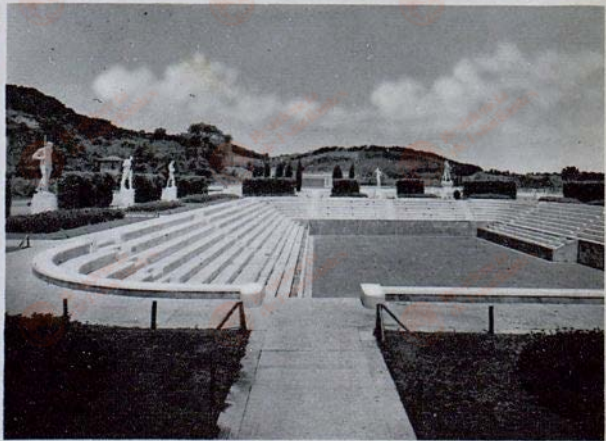
Mussolini Forum - The Ball Fountain

Forum Mussolini - Der Kugel-Brunnen



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Foro Mussolini - Panorama
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Foro Mussolini - Stadio del Tennis

Forum Mussolini - Court de tennis

Mussolini Forum - Tennis Courts

Forum Mussolini - Das Stadion der Tennisplätze



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Foro Mussolini - Accademia Fascista

Forum Mussolini - Académie Fasciste

Mussolini Forum - Fascist Academy

Forum Mussolini - Die Faschistische Akademie



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Foro Mussolini - Stadio del Marmi - Dettaglio

Forum Mussolini - Stade des Marbres - Détail

Musso'ini Forum - Marble Stadium - Detail

Forum Mussolini - Einzelheit aus dem Marmor-Stadion

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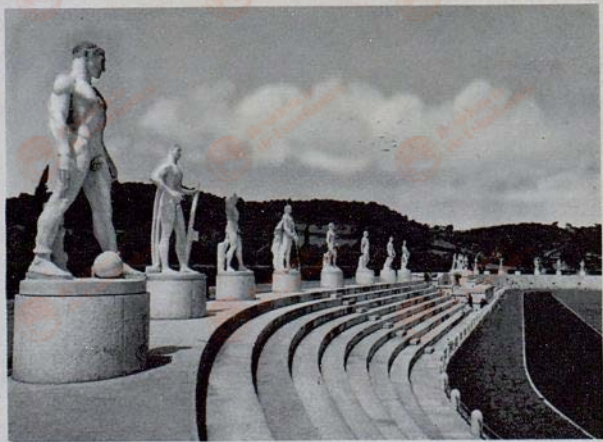
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Forum Mussolini - Stade des Marbres

Groupe en bronze

Mussolini Forum - Marble Stadium - Bronze Group

Forum Mussolini - Das Marmor-Stadion, Bronzegruppe



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Foro Mussolini - Stadio dei Marmi - Dettaglio

Forum Mussolini - Stade des Marbres - Détail

Mussolini Forum - Marble Stadium - Detail

Forum Mussolini - Einzelheit aus dem Marmor-Stadion



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Foro Mussolini - Particolare di mosaici

Forum Mussolini - Mosaïque

Forum Mussolini - Mosaik

Mussolini Forum - Mosaic Work



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Foro Mussolini - Stadio dei Marmi - Discesa allo Stadio
Forum Mussolini - Stade des Marbres - Descente au
Stade

Mussolini Forum - Marble Stadium - Descent to the
Stadium

Forum Mussolini - Das Marmor-Stadion, Abstieg zum Sta-
dion



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Foro Musso'ini - Accademia Fascista e Palestra coperta

Forum Mussolini - Académie fasciste et gymnase couvert

Mussolini Forum - Fascist Academy and Covered
Gymnasium

Forum Musso'ini - Die Faschistische Akademie und der
gedeckte Sportplatz



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Foro Mussolini - Accademia Fascista - Ingresso
Forum Mussolini - Académie Fasciste - Entrée
Mussolini Forum - Fascist Academy - Entrance
Forum Mussolini - Die Faschistische Akademie
Der Eingang



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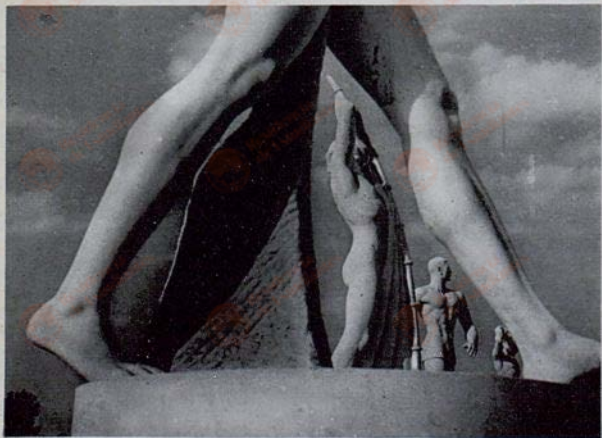
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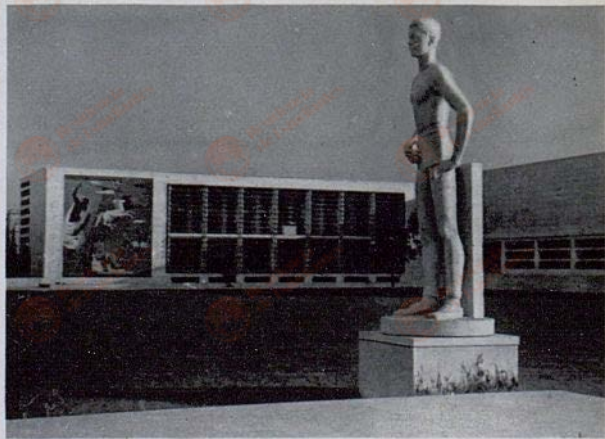
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Mussolini Forum - Marble Stadium - Detail

Forum Mussolini - Einzelheit aus dem Marmor-Stadion



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Foro Mussolini - Statua del Balilla e Accademia di Scherma

Forum Mussolini - Statue de Balilla et Académie d'escrime

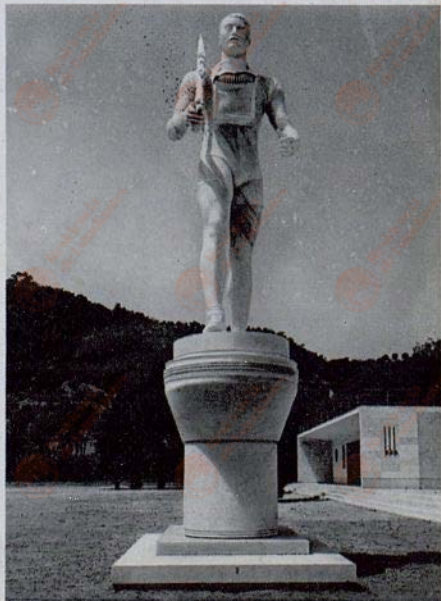
Mussolini Forum - Statue of Balilla and Fencing School

Forum Mussolini - Die Balilla-Statue, im Hintergrund die Fechtakademie



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Foro Mussolini - Il Monolite
Forum Mussolini - Le Monolithe
Mussolini Forum - Monolith
Forum Mussolini - Der Monolith



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Foro Mussolini - Monumento al Balilla
Forum Mussolini - Monument au Balilla
Mussolini Forum - Balilla Monument
Forum Mussolini - Das Balilla-Denkmal

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Castel Gandolfo