

Sir Brian Robertson



Benchè ritiratosi dall'esercito nel 1934, Sir Brian Robertson, allo scoppio della seconda guerra mondiale rientrò in servizio e operò con il grado di tenente colonnello in Oriente, Nord Africa e Italia fino alla fine della guerra, sotto il comando di Harold Alexander.

Dal 1945 Robertson fu vice governatore militare e dal 1947 governatore militare e membro britannico del Consiglio di Controllo Alleato per la Germania. Fu pertanto un personaggio fondamentale nella gestione della realtà tedesca nel periodo post bellico. Infatti, affiancò il Generale Clay nella situazione critica di Berlino durante il blocco sovietico. In riferimento a quest'esperienza importante, dichiarò in un'intervista del 1970:

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“Il Generale Clay era una persona molto autorevole...io non sono altrettanto forte, probabilmente, ma ho i miei modi per averla vinta. Comunque sia, è certo che la linea politica seguita in Germania fu emanata in grande parte dal Generale Clay e da me.”

Dopo Berlino, Robertson, nominato generale nel 1947, ricevette altri incarichi di responsabilità fino al ritiro definitivo nel 1953. Nel 1961 venne nominato barone Robertson di Oakridge.

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Although he retired from the army in 1934, Sir Brian Robertson, at the outbreak of World War II, got back to service as Lieutenant Colonel in the East, North Africa and Italy until the end of the conflict under the command of Harold Alexander. Robertson was appointed Vice Military Governor in 1945 and starting from 1947 he was Military Governor and British member of the Allied Control Council for Germany. Therefore he was fundamental in managing the German condition in the post-war period. In fact, he flanked General Clay in the critical situation of Berlin during the Soviet blockade. Referring to this important experience, he declared in an interview in 1970:

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After Berlin, Robertson, appointed General in 1947, received other responsibility tasks until his official retirement in 1953. In 1961 he was appointed Baron Robertson of Oakridge.