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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

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Marshal Badoglio has, at his own request, been relieved of the office of Viceroy of Abyssinia, and Marshal Graziani has been appointed to succeed him.

Marshal Badoglio's request was communicated to Signor Mussolini during a meeting at which he also made a long report to the Duce on questions concerning the development of Abyssinia. The Marshal will now immediately resume his activities as Chief of the General Staff of the Italian Army. In granting his request Signor Mussolini informed Marshal Badoglio that the King had created him Duke of Addis Ababa.

The bestowal of this honour is welcomed in the Press as a fitting recognition of the Marshal's military achievements in Abyssinia. He will, it is declared, now be able to devote himself more directly to his duties as Chief of the General Staff. These duties are described by one newspaper as "particularly delicate and complex at a moment such as the present, when, while an imposing contingent is under arms oversea for the complete occupation and organization of the Empire, the armed forces are now perfecting their machine in accordance with a highly modern, agile, and powerful structure, which has already had in Africa its illuminating experience."

Marshal Badoglio this morning received the Fascist membership card for the current year from the hands of the vice-secretary of the Fascist Party. Its presentation was marked by a short but impressive ceremony at the party headquarters, which was attended by the Under-Secretaries of State for the Fighting Services.