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Honours & Awards - Italian -
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K.
Chief Commissioner

approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
information.

I agree with 1(G) of 14 above.

NS 26/A

OCT 26 REC'D
14 36950

13. (cont)
 to be accepted and Italian Decretion of American
 Personnel Vide 8A in the file. Est. Sec. are
 taking action.

ML

14/9

- 14 -

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. With reference to 12a I have only the following remarks, presuming only
 comments are required, on the actual nominal roll submitted by I.H.S.

a) No American Red Cross Personnel are included in the list. It may

be that they are being dealt with separately.

b) There is only one IC on the list. The following two additional

names have been suggested by Public Health Sub-Committee:

S/Sgt. Jarry G. A. DICKIN

S/Sgt. Joseph G. RICHARD

(who has now left for U.S.)

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etc., on the list are no longer in this Theatre. Their present location,

so far as is known, has been entered in pencil on the list at 12b. But,

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as the situation changes daily.

Col. Det. PAF.
 24 Oct 45.

Am. Sec.

ML

W. G. Sec. 12b.

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Col. Art. 325,
 24 Oct 43.

Kind No.

ML

W. J. A. Section,
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b/

L.A. Sec.

*Letter typed & signed by cc. Copies have been
 submitted for cc & SC files. p 2 1/2*

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Exec. Comm.

9. /
 Brig. 4 p. 10. VP. Civil Affairs has frequently expressed his opposition to the acceptance of Honorary Degrees and Est Memo 26 ~~was~~ ^{was} included there at his instance. It is considered that this limitation should not be removed without discussion at the Exec Comm? Conference, which it is requested however that the discussion on this point should await Brig. Carr's return.

It is requested therefore that no action should be taken to amend Est Memo 26 pending this discussion.

CA.S
8 SEP. 1945

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Agreed. Remond to take no action in connection

W.E.S.

11.

Ex. Commissioner:

Done. copy herewith.

Sp. Sec.

W. L. W. L. W. L.

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should be taken to amend Ex. Memo 20

this discussion

W. W. 10/1

CA.S
8 SEP 1963

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W.E.S

11.

Ex. Commission:

Done. copy herewith.

Sp. Sec.
8 Sept 63

W. W. 10/1
Capt. P. D.
for Col. V. D.

12.

Cso to R.P.C.H.

19 Dec 11^A and 10.

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C.S.O. C.A.S.

Travis (Koch) at the Ex. Commis meeting
the morning it was agreed that Ex. Memo No 26 should stand
except that it should be amended to allow of freedom of cities

Establishment Section.

Please see minute 5 from Civil Affairs Section, referring to the Signal sent by your Section which is quoted in para 2 of folio 9A.

Will you please inform C.A.S., through this office, as to whether there has been any change in policy regarding acceptance of Italian awards and degrees since Estab. Memo. 26 and CC's instruction at 8A were issued. If not, Piemonte Region should be so informed accordingly.

7/9/45.

CSO

To Executive Commissioner.

Stott & Hall

7.

Executive Commission:

Civil Affairs Section.

1. The present policy for American officers is as laid down at 8A.

2. The policy, insofar as British officers are concerned, is that Italian government decorations may not be accepted (See para 3, folio 8A). No objection exists to acceptance of such non-governmental awards as honorary degrees, freedoms of cities, etc.

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Sr. Sec.
7 Sept 45.

W. L. W. L. W.
Capt. A. L. W.
for Col. V. P.

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CSO CAG

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S. L. W. L. W.

7/5/45 4947

Dr. Commission

Letter for CC's signature please

17 July bi-attendance list

Approved draft

SS 18/7

W. B. Humphreys
CAS L. 601

(6)

C. C.

Submitted for signature

7/27/1977

CC 1037
JUL 19 1977

6.6. Section

Letter signed as requested & returned herewith for
despatch. Copies have been withdrawn for cc SEC files.

20 July 45

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Exec Comm.

Refer q. A.

The policy of this HQ is laid down in SEC Memo 26
which so far as this Sec is aware has not been varied

6. Section

Letter signed as requested & returned herewith for despatch. Copies have been withdrawn for cc SEC files.

20. July. 45.

G. H. Gordon

Spec ~~Comm.~~

Refer GA.

The policy of this Bill is laid down in Est. Memo 26 which so far as this Sec is concerned has not been ^{varied} except ~~as~~ as is Italian Government's acceptance of which has been previously cleared by MTOUSA. (see 8A)

The honours referred to in GA are neither Government nor have they been awarded.

It is not known under what authority GA was issued. But it is requested that this section may be cancelled if the policy as Educational Institutions is to be changed.

If the existence of Est Memo 26 has been overlooked during the appropriate corrective action is taken please.

CH. S.
FSE. 1043

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WES/hjz

Ref: 1/9.1/CA

26 October 1945

My dear Marchese Theodoli:

Thank you for your letter, file no. 13847/G, of 14 October 1945, in regard to the acceptance by American personnel of decorations from the Italian Red Cross.

I have carefully reviewed and concur in your proposed list. I would, however, like to recommend that you add the following two names to the list proposed for the Medal of Merit Bronze:

S/Sgt Jerry G. Andiorio
S/Sgt Joseph G. Pinclaro

Both of these enlisted men, in connection with their duties in the Public Health Sub-Commission, worked very closely with the Italian Red Cross.

Under present WTCUSA policy it will be necessary to submit your final list to higher headquarters before formal acceptance. On receipt of your approval I will have the recommendations forwarded to WTCUSA together with the necessary personnel statistics.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Elmer V. Stone

ELMER V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Ugo Theodoli
Italian Red Cross
Via Toscana, 12
Rome

cc: Civil Affairs Section
Executive Commissioner
CC Files

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

13847/G

OCT 16 REGG

Roma, il 14th October 1945
Via Tracane, 12

20 OCT. 1945

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner,

ALLIED COMMISSION.

SA

My dear Admiral Stone,

With reference to your letter 1.9.1/ CA of July 20th 1945, I understand that the acceptance by American personnel of Italian decorations is now allowed.

I have therefore the honour to submit to your approval a list of the awards the Italian Red Cross desires to confer upon American Officer of the A.C. and A.M.G. in recognition of their services in assisting the Association to revive its activities to the benefit of the Italian population.

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Yours sincerely

Ugo Theodoli
(Ugo Theodoli)

E.C. DIST- 19 OCT 45

ACTION : Officer
INFO : Chief Commr

Ex Commr.

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SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION OF I.R.C. DECORATIONS TO AMERICAN
OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH A.C. AND A.M.G.

Cross of Merit

1. Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone

Chief Commissioner

Medal of Merit Gold

1. Col. Charles J. Barinacci
2. Col. Thomas N. Page
3. Lt. Col. Lenden Snedeker

Public Health
Public Health
Public Health

AMG
AC

Medal of Merit Silver

1. Col. Martin E. Griffin
2. Lt. Col. Orpheus J. Bizzozzero
3. Lt. Col. Raymond Kenny
4. Lt. Col. John McSweeney
5. Maj. John W. Ballew
6. Maj. Paul S. Savage

Medical Supplies
Public Health
Welfare
Welfare
Welfare
Administrative

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Medal of Merit Bronze

1. Maj. Fausto Ciulini
2. Maj. Everett E. Carrier
3. Maj. Joseph L. Ruisi
4. Maj. Edmund E. Turner
5. Cap. Vincent F. Tuzio
6. Cap. George H. V. Brown
7. Lt. William W. Sampson
8. Lt. Col. Emeric I. Dobos
9. Lt. Col. Hubert Spencer
10. Maj. Thomas P. Anderson
11. Cap. Manlio A. Manzelli
12. Cap. Francis W. Bushard
13. Lt. John S. Wehrel
14. St. Sgt. Cosmo Spinosa

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Administrative

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FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND PIERMONT REGION

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8 SEPT 45

PRIORITY

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UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER THREE SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE NUMBERED PETER
ROGER SLANT EASY DOC SLANT TWO ONE SLANT ONE SIX PD

PARA TWO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND PIERMONT REGION FROM ALUM CITE ACCEST PAREN

PARA TWO PD NO ACCEPTANCE HONORARY DEGREES IS AUTHORIZED AT PRESENT PD

PARA THREE PD MATTER NOW UNDER DISCUSSION PD

PARA FOUR PD YOU WILL BE ADVISED DECISION

cc: Ex. Commissioner

Establishment Section

Ext: 301

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NICKLAS PIERBINO
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 391

File No: PR/ED/21/16
Subject: Honorary Degrees
To : Director
Ed Sub Commission

3 September 1945.

1. The following wire was received from HQ AC:
GR 57 BT
 1. REFERENCE YOUR 154.
 2. NO DIRECTIVE EXISTS ON ACCEPTANCE OF HONORARY DEGREES FROM ITALIAN COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES, HOWEVER THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO ACCEPTANCE THEREOF ON EITHER BRITISH OR AMERICAN IMI SIDES.
2. This was sent to clarify whether or not a Colonel in this Region could accept an honorary degree from the Politecnico. I had stated that as long as this Region was under AMG control and he was a member of this Region that he could not accept a degree from a University in this Region.
3. When was this changed?

SVE/tb

Sam V. Noe
Sam V. NOE, Capt. A. U. S.
Regional Education Officer
Piemonte Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 511

8 August 1945.

Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

To: See Distribution.

1. Commanding General MTOUSA has approved certain modifications of policy which now permit American personnel of AC/AGC to accept Italian Government decorations provided they are previously cleared by Headquarters, MTOUSA.
2. All requests for acceptance of Italian decorations by American personnel will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Commissioner for his action before forwarding to MTOUSA, or, in the case of Naval personnel, to COMNAVNAV. The Italian Government has been so notified.
3. Because the status of the relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations.

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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SCAO, Venezia Giulia
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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

13463/G

[Handwritten initials]

Rome, Italy July 25, 1945
246 Esplanade 12

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

R O M E

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My dear Admiral Stone,

I thank you for your letter 1/9/1/CA of the 20th inst. on the subject of recognition on the part of the Italian Red Cross, of meritorious services rendered by Allied officers in their co-operation with the Association

The President General welcomes your suggestion that for any outward form of recognition it is preferable to wait until he will be in a position to have a bird's eye view of the respective services rendered by the various Allied officers who have co-operated in the field of health and welfare. The President General will then be able to bestow tangible tokens of our gratitude. Meanwhile, whenever a special case is brought to our notice, we shall write a letter of appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
Ugo Theodoli

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Yours sincerely,

by Theodor
Theodor

Sec. Gen. I.R.C.

EC II 15T - 26 JULY 45

ACTION: C. A. SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMM

EXEC. COMM

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Ref: 4/9.4/CA

20 July 45

My dear Marchese Theodoli,

Members of the Allied Commission, of the various Red Cross organisations and others have been working in close touch with the Italian Red Cross for many months now and our joint efforts have been productive of much good in the restoration of the health of the Italian people and refugees.

Some of our officers have left and others will be leaving in a comparatively short time; it is possible that the Italian Red Cross may have in mind the granting to some officers of some outward form of recognition for the close co-operation and the months of united hard work which we have been through together.

I believe, however, my dear Marchese, that it would be better to leave such considerations over for the time being.

When the work of the Allies in the field of health and welfare has drawn to a close and the day to day relationship between the Allies and the Italian Red Cross has come to an end, then the I.R.C. may want to review the whole field of Allied activity and to give some individual recognition; that is a matter for the I.R.C., but I believe any question of immediate recognition would be out of place, would lead only to difficulties and embarrassment and would be out of keeping with the spirit in which the Allies have liberated Italy.

Yours sincerely,

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Marchese Theodoli,
Italian Red Cross,
Via Toscana, 12
ROME.

Copy To: C. Com.
Ex. Com.

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Subject: Honours and Awards.

CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

C.H.F.

AC/597/MS.

Regional Commissioner
LOMBARDIA.

17 July 45.

Copy to: V.P. C.A.S.

18 AUG 1945

T/Major P.E. COXHEAD (279389) Gen List.

Your RC/G-1B/214 of 12 July.

The recommendation together with all particulars were forwarded to A.F.H.Q. (MS) under my AC/590/MS of 9 June 45.

No further information has been received from A.F.H.Q. but it is pointed out it takes considerable time to obtain War Office sanction to honours and awards and specially in case of foreign decorations.

W.A. Morris

W.A. MORRIS, Major.
Dep Asst Mil Sec.

rap/WAM.

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Subject: Acceptance of Foreign Awards.

CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

C.M.F.

AC/589/MS

7 July 45

7 AUG 1945

1. As American personnel are eligible to receive Italian decorations under instructions contained in MTOUSA Circular No. 73, the following was forwarded to AFHQ by this Headquarters in order that a ruling might be given as regards similar awards to British personnel:

"As British personnel are still de-barred from accepting such decorations, it is requested that this Headquarters may be informed whether it is intended to allow British personnel to accept co-belligerent decorations subject to the same conditions as laid down for American personnel."

2. In their reply AFHQ have stated that for the present the ruling for British personnel still stands and recommendations for Italian awards cannot be considered.

3. Until such time therefore, as the above policy is altered, it is requested that such recommendations which may have been submitted be retained, as they cannot be forwarded to higher authority.

ls/WM.

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M.M.I.A.
OO. 2675 Regiment. HQ.AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.O. 391
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525.

Ref: W9.1/CA ✓

1 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Honours and Awards from Italian Institutions.

TO: Chief of Staff.

- 1 - Reference the Minutes of COS Meeting 30 Dec 44, para 10. Presumably the Chief Commissioner would prefer to speak to the Prime Minister, rather than write.

Herewith a few notes for his use:

- (a) By Establishment Memorandum No. 26 dated 17 Oct 44 the Policy was reaffirmed that no awards, etc., should be accepted by members of AC from the Italian Government, local subdivisions thereof or Italian institutions.
- (b) In spite of this the University of Rome has proclaimed certain members of AC "grandi benemeriti", an honour conferred on them without their knowledge and which requires neither acceptance nor rejection. See attached letter from Maj. "ashburne".
- (c) I have known of other cases, e.g. where Legal Officers have been inscribed in the rolls of advocates at a provincial Court of Appeal and there was a case in Naples where certain members of AC were declared honorary citizens.

All these acts were purely unilateral and required neither acceptance nor rejection.

- (d) On the whole where some such honour is conferred it would seem churlish to refuse to acknowledge graciously an intended honour and the recommended solution is for the Chief Commissioner to explain to the Prime Minister AC's policy and to ask him to issue through the appropriate Ministries, instructions to cities, institutions, universities, etc., asking them to refrain from conferring any honours.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section,
ECOS AC.

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11/9-11/CA
To VP May 1 Spent RAC
MEMO

26 Dec 44

TO : CSO for VP

1. The attached Memorandum from Education Sub-Commission bring to a head an old question on Academic honours, that was decided one way some time ago and ~~was~~ reaffirmed later.
2. As Major Washburne indicates, we are in an embarrassing position.
3. More important, however, is the question of consistency and liaison.
4. Major Washburne, should prepare a letter for the C.C.'s signature on the subject, informing the University of Rome politely, that the honour is not valid if we are to be honest.
5. Saying nothing would put us in a really equivocal position.
6. Has anybody asked the C.C. whether the policy should not now be modified? A few articles which I have seen from the press of the U.K. and U.S.A. accuse us of being unnecessarily curt, and they cite the policy about Military and Academic honours as an example.
7. *W.D.* regulations permit such honours from co-belligerents and AC, the very agency which deals with factors to create friendly relations officially forbids what the rest of the Armed Forces are permitted.
8. The Armed Forces have a great many dealings and personal relations with Italian agencies from whom they accept such thanks= without feeling that they have been compromised.
9. AC is being more royalist than the king in the present policy, and I believe, gaining little by seeming more virtuous than the Armies.
10. The C.C. might well wish to consider the position now.
11. At any rate a clear cut stand on the present honours from the University of Rome is required, or we shall lose "face" with the Italians.

W. A. S. Dollard
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD
Major

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No 26
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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23 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Honors from the University of Rome

1/9.1/CA✓

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

1. The Education Subcommittee was the first to take a strong stand against its officers accepting honorary degrees, etc., from Italian universities and learned societies. Both my predecessor and I, and, as far as I know, all the other members of the Subcommittee have felt that the receiving of such honors was highly improper, and since the first much regretted actions taken by Sicilian universities during the fall of 1943, we have prevented any such degrees or honors from being given to members of our Subcommittee.
2. The stand taken by us was quickly followed by a general AC directive to the same effect applying to all AC officers, and more recent orders have strengthened the first one.
3. Now I find officers in the Education Subcommittee in an embarrassing dilemma. I have just received a communication from the University of Rome, stating that the Academic Senate had, on 9 November, 1944, proclaimed "grandi Benemeriti" (great well-deservers) of the University of Rome, Brig. Gen. Hume, Lt. Col. T.V. Smith, Capt. Vella, and me. This is not an honorary degree, but it is, in a certain sense, an honor. It was voted to us without any knowledge on our part, and there is no action that we can take to accept or reject it. Nothing is offered to us—the University simply records, formally, that it considers these officers to have benefitted it and that it honors them for it.
4. The University knew our rule against honorary degrees. It sought, by this action, to avoid our prohibition and yet to express its appreciation. Had I known that any such action was contemplated I would earnestly have requested that it be not taken.
5. Now, however, there seem to be only two alternatives:
Either we let the matter stand and forget it; or I request

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the Academic Senate to rescind its action. I would prefer the latter alternative were it not that, in the first place, we could not force it to do so, and in the second place it would appear extremely ungracious and would seem to imply that we suspected ulterior motives on the part of the university — an implication which is hardly justified since the University is no longer in Military Government Territory.

4. I am distressed and puzzled about the matter.
I shall appreciate your counsel.

Carlton W. Washburne

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/176/3/CA

8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Honorary Awards from Italians.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. It has come to the notice of the Chief Commissioner that Italian authorities have been offering honorary academic degrees and honorary ranks to Allied Officers in the A.C.C.

2. Allied Officers will discourage such offers. Acceptance of them is forbidden just as is acceptance of gifts or other tokens from Italians. The reason must be obvious to all.

3. For the same reason the formation of mixed Allied-Italian Social clubs is forbidden.

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