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ACCEPTANCE OF ITALIAN HONORARY AWARDS
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82.

After address of recipients are checked, documents neatly done up, will be forwarded.

Letter of thanks to the High Commissioners at 81. I don't know whether you think the letter at 82 should be sent or not.

W.S. 24/2.

83.

c/c. Col. De Pree has now gone to the States, please find his address from 918 A. Brig. Dunlop is leaving Venice, but please send his document to the usual address as soon as possible.

W.S. 24/2.

84.

P.R.C. You may find 48 of some interest for the Bulletin.

W.S. 26/2.

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Next 7/1/24

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70.

C.S.O.

Ref. minute 69, herewith letter submitted for approval. Col. Stearns said that CC would like to see the letter before it was sent out.

7 Jan. 46.

CRB.

72.

Chief Commissioner.

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Amiel

9 Jan. 46.

Lt. Col.

JAN 9 1946

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Ex Com. (CSO)

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10 Jan '45

Amiel Stearns
AL Col Ad
So to CC

APC

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18/2.

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Approved. 17/18/2

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80.

Mr L. You in 79 above agreed. Some of the
recalls will want a little re-packing, & I
should check up carefully on the address.
St. L. 20/2.

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CSO - Ex Com:

6 EC

Col Bowman should send a
proposed list together with
brief statement concerning reasons
for recommendation. These reasons
after clearance by CC will be taken
up with proper station Agency
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Ching Clerk - P. 57 shd. be confidential.
why has min 56 taken all their
time to reach me?

T-1-11-11
29/10.

Spoke to Col McHenry & explained. 60%
PA 30/10 29/10.

58.

Ex-Com. P. 67 - leave - am anyone you wish

to recommend. T-1-11-11

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P. 67. Have - an anyone you will
to recommend. /

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Littadem, Gelfati, Fabriedi, Bombassi.

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Col Parker

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Ref Jorio 2nd. Can you please
direct reply to Parker's letter
between red line to enable,
C. to reply to Col Bowman.

S. 1375

E. 54.

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Est. Sec.
14 Sept. 1945

C. M. Parker
C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President.

E. 53

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To

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S. 1379

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Actg Vice President.

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May Stearns

52. This requires answering. To
enclose line to draft bill you ask CC
his views on para 3 of Col Parkin's
in. 54 above

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Executive Commission

for 40 + 41 are for information

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for CBO.

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Mr 25/7

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done by 24/7. PA.

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Mr. Tamm

Please find out from
 Marchese C'itadini whether the
 order is an Ital. file or a
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23.

C.S.O. Your 22.

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 Vatican. The order existed, but had fallen into disuse until
 revived by one branch of the GALITZIN family, who appointed
 themselves high officials of the order.

16 June 45.

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 25/6/45 for info.

See 24. This is a matter for Est Sec
 who would no doubt want to know
 the nature of the proposed award.

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A/E. Commission

for 32 in information.

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/a CSO

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11 See 32

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hdt:

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Ref hint 11. I agree that the matter is on for AFHQ (See hint 12) & I am sure the officers concerned went through training. In view of our own rules in the matter however (Est memo 26) I feel some difficulty in the matter. On the whole I think the duties of B.H.Q.s are so different from A.C. Officers not only in the hazards that they run but also in that they have (unlike A.C. Officers) no opportunities of getting to know ~~it~~ in the course of duty those who may want to shower awards on them that we should forward the letter to AFHQ with a favorable recommendation.

(7 May)

YPM

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 The Italian Govt. has not asked leave to decorate
 them - they, rightly with to decorate the A.O.s & B.O.s
 & combat POWs. This should have gone farther
 to AFHQ copy to 75' A.G. without comment, Action
 accordingly W.D.
 DSV (22/4)

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To see 4 - Brig Ufford's summary of the Italian "Hanging and Awaiting" situation. ^{10/2/45}

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Chief Commissioner -

I cannot see that being proclaimed, without person who, at present, events in some university can be regarded as a breach of discipline. As such the authorities, post factum must, in courtesy, be understood. And as there is no on your behalf. But you may wish to mention the comment which is in the

Mr. [unclear]

the PM. on present.

CC 18
JAN 3
RECD

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and

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

To Mr. [unclear]

17 - CASES MARKING. [unclear]

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- 1. Land Forces S/c } Replies 9 & 10 for Comment and
 - 2. Civil Affairs Section } appropriate recommendations
- is any? -

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I cannot see that being proclaimed, without provision, as present events in some university can be regarded as a breach of regulations. As such the admission, post factum, must, in courtesy, as a counterbalance, be kept out of your report. But you may wish to mention the counter argument which refers to

the F.M. en passant.

CC 18
JAN 3
RECD

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W.D.

DCOS C.A.S.

To be. MS 5/1/45

- CASUALTY MARKING. W.C.

PA Bk

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- 1.) Panel Forces S/c } Refolios 9 & 10 for Comment and
- 2.) Civil Affairs Section } appropriate recommendations if any? -

12th May.

A.C.

If such requests were made as by War Ministry we should obtain and act on orders from A.F.H.Q. at present British officers and men cannot accept Italian honours.

W. Stans
May

W.P. Order C.A.S. M.M. 1A
13 May.

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Ref: 7003/31/43

21 February 1946

SUBJECT: Honorary Citizenship.

TO : The High Commissioner for Sardinia
Cagliari, Sardinia.

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1. Reference your letter of 31 January 1946.
 2. These documents have been safely received at this headquarters and will be forwarded to the addressees as soon as possible.
 3. Would you please inform the Mayor of Cagliari of the above and also transmit to him the recipients' deep and humble thanks for the honour which has been conferred upon them.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. W. HIND-SMITH

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

see 1782, 883 84 & 85.

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TRANSLATION

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA
SARDEGNA

Cagliari, 31 January 1946

FEB 15 1946

To: ALLIED COMMISSION, Rome.

The Mayor of Cagliari asked me to forward the attached six documents concerning the honorary citizenship of this city to the following Seniors Officers of the former Allied Commission and Allied Forces for Sardinia.

- Gen. DUNLOP - Allied Regional Commission Venezia
- Gen. MATTHEW GARR - H.Q. Allied Commission Rome
- By* - Gen. WEBSTER R. - c/o War Department Washington USA
- Col. MAC FLEE Eugene R.T. - H.Q. Allied Military Government ~~Torino~~ *V. Giulia*
- Col. J.A.C. PENNYQUICK - H.Q. Military Government Naples Commune
- Ten. Col. Edward POWELL PRICE - St Cynfelyn Road, Newton Abbot - Devon, England

As I suppose there must be some changes in the above mentioned addresses, on account of the importance of the matter I forward the documents with the kind request that the Allied Commission will forward them to the above mentioned addressees.

You are kindly requested to inform this office as to the nature of the reply to be given to the Cagliari Commune, I remain,

yours
(illegible)

*all sent
25/2/46*

See M. 79, 79A, 80,

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UFFICIO COMUNICAZIONE PER LA SARDEGNA

Cagliari 31 gennaio 1946 ⁷⁷

ON.LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
R O M A

Il Sindaco della Città di Cagliari mi ha pregato del recapito agli interessati degli allegati 6 plichi contenenti gli atti di concessione della cittadinanza onoraria di questo Capoluogo ai seguenti Ufficiali Superiori della disciolta Commissione Alleata e della Guarnigione Alleata per la Sardegna:

Gen. Dunlop - Allied Regional Commission Venezia
Gen. Matthew Carr - H.Q. Allied Commission Roma
Gen. Webster R - c/o War Department-Washington USA
Col. Mac Phee Eugene R.T.-H.Q.Allied Military Government - Torino
Col. J.A.C. Pennycuik - H.Q. Military Government Naples Comune
Ten.Col.Edward Powell Price - St.Cynfelyn Road Newton Abbot.Devon - England.-

Poichè ho ragione di ritenere che si siano verificate delle variazioni negli anzidetti indirizzi, data l'importanza degli atti in questione, trasmetto i plichi stessi a codesta On.le Commissione con preghiera di volersi cortesemente interessare a farli pervenire ai destinatari.

Rimango in attesa di un cortese cenno di conferma per poterne informare il Comune di Cagliari.

Ringrazio

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Gen. D. Carr *3803*

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Ref: 7003/76/20

25 January 1946

SUBJECT: Honours and Awards

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government.

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1. Reference your letter dated 20 January 1946 requesting information about Lt Colonel King.

2. This office kindly informs you that the address of Lt Colonel Edward G. King, ASN O-194276 is: 160 Cascade Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, USA.

3. As there were three Lt Colonel Kings' registered in this theater this office checked back to the Finance Officer, Finance Subcommittee, Allied Commission who indicated that the above Lt Colonel was the officer who formerly served in their department of the Property Control Division.

Victor L. Oddi
Capt,
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

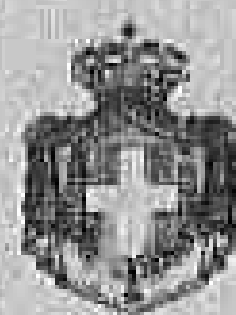
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

JAN 25 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Lieut. Colonel U.S. Infantry KING.

1. H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom has conferred the Order of the Crown of Italy (Cavaliere Ufficiale) upon Lieut. Colonel KING.

2. Lieut. Col. King is a United States Infantry Officer who in June last was serving with the 5th Army (Senior Financial Officer). The distinction has been bestowed upon him in recognition of his assistance in retrieving valuables belonging to this Ministry.

3. It would be appreciated if the Allied Commission could kindly ascertain the present address of Lieut. Colonel King. A

Rome, January 20th, 1946



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Ref: 7003/74/EC.

11 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Honours and Awards.

TO : Dep. Asst. Mil. Sec.
HQ Allied Commission.

Reference your AC/594/MS dated 29 December 45.

The following is the list of Italians who have shown exceptional service with the Office of the Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission, and whom it is wished to recommend for recognition by the Italian Government.

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2. Giorgio BOMBASSETTI-FRASCANI di VETTOR: Representative at Allied Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from October 1945: Consul second class: cavaliere ufficiale of the Corona d'Italia.

3. Count Ruggero Bruno FABRICOTTI: Liaison Official at Allied Commission.

4. Lt. Comdr. Peter APOSTOLO, It. R.N.R. Liaison Officer at Allied Commission since September 1943.

All these officials with their keenness, tact and courtesy have performed their difficult duty with exceptional merit and are warmly recommended for recognition.


Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Cpl. H

See item 73.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Add name & particulars
to above & type for signature pl.

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Subject:- Honours & Awards.

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Distribution:- See reverse.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

C.M.F.

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29 Dec 45.

The Italian Ministry of War have asked that they be given the names of any Italian personnel who are serving or have served with the Allied Commission and who are deserving of recognition by the Italian Government for services rendered in the Allied cause.

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

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3 November 1945
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Government Decoration

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt, AC, APO 394, US Army

Pursuant to the instructions contained in MTOUSA letter from the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated 7 August 1945, it is recommended that permission be granted to Major ARTHUR PICCINELLI to accept an Italian decoration as proposed by His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl.
Cy of ltr to Adm
Stone fr Gen Infante,
ref o/210 of 28 Oct 45
& incl thereto

Executive Commissioner

MISS SAMPSON
(ART 11116)

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Translation

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Rome, 28 October 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

According to your wish expressed in your letter
O.C. 511, dated 9th inst., I hereby enclose a copy of the letter
sent to Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A. in relation with the award to
be granted to Major Arthur Piccinelli, controller of the Pied-
mont Financial Institutes for A.M.G.

Believe me,

Truly yours,

S. A. Infante

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Headquarters Allied Commission
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Rome, 28 October 1945

HEADQUARTERS M.T.O. U.S.A.
G-1 Division A.P.O. 512

Attention A.C. of S, G-1

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the realm, on the proposal of the Governor of the Bank of Italy thought of awarding the Cross of Cavaliere ufficiale of the Order of the Crown of Italy to Major Arthur Puccinelli, comptroller of the Piedmont Financial Institutes for A.M.G., to acknowledge his active and disinterested collaboration with this banking Institute.

Would you be good enough to advise me for the granting of this award.

THE FIRST AIDE DE CAMP GENERAL
Generale di Divisione
(Adolfo Infante)

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00 511

3 November 45

NOV 3 1945

Dear General Infante:

Thank you for your letter file 237 of 30 October regarding the Italian decorations and awards granted American military personnel.

In regard to your letter file 210-65 of 28 October concerning the recommended award to Major ARTHUR PICCINELLI, the American Regiment of the Commission is compiling the necessary personal data and will forward it to MTOUSA so that it will be properly co-ordinated with your letter to G-1, MTOUSA.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
The First Aide de Camp General to
H.R.H. The Lieutenant General of the Realm,
ROME

Copy to Executive Commissioner

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(MISSAMPSON)
(KSO)

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CO 511

1. November 45

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Red Cross Decorations

TO : Commanding General, MTCUSA
(through: CO, 2675th Regt, AC, APO 394)

1. Pursuant to instructions received from Adjutant General, MTCUSA, (Awards and Decorations), the enclosed list of American personnel recommended by the Italian Red Cross for decoration is forwarded for review. It is understood that such review is in accordance with the authority contained in paragraph 33b, AR 600-45.

2. It is recommended that permission be granted to accept these awards.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Cy ltr to Adm Stone
fr Sec Gen INO dtd
14 Oct 45 & incl.
thereto.

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CG 511

30 October 1945
NOV 1 1945

Dear General Infante:

Thank you for your letter 6297/A.G. of 10 October. In regard to your inclosure 1, listing the names of the personnel you had cancelled from the consolidated list which was forwarded to you with my letter of 3 October, a thorough investigation of this matter has just now been completed.

I am enclosing herewith true copies of the original documents in which the personnel were nominated for decoration. Specifically, it appears (as per inclosures 1 and 2) that the awards recommended for Colonel Weber and Sergeant Stein were initiated by the Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia. The award for Captain Seafidi was initiated by the Ministry of Aeronautics (inclosure 3), while the award to Captain Comstock was recommended by the Republic of San Marino (inclosure 4).

It would be appreciated, in view of the inclosures, if this office could be informed as to whether or not, in the case of the Italian decorations, the recommendations are still valid.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
First Aide-de-Camp General to HH
the Lieutenant-General of the Realm,
ROME

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WWS/hjp

Ref: 1/9.1/CA

26 October 1945

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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. Pinciare

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 MTOUSA 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 MTOUSA together with the necessary personnel statistics.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Ugo Theodoli
Italian Red Cross
Via Toscana, 12
Rome

cc: Civil Affairs Section
Executive Commissioner
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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 7003/57/EC

29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Decorations

TO : SCAO, Venezia Giulia

Reference your DO letter 130/AMG/62 dated 26 August 1945 addressed to the Chief Commissioner, would you submit to this HQ a list of officers who, in your opinion, should be awarded Italian decorations, with a brief statement of the activities of each officer.

/s/ F. H. McCarty
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Extract from SCAO, 13 Corps letter 13C/AMG/62/
dated 26 August 1945.

"On the subject of decorations, I noted recently in the A.C. Daily Bulletin that the former restrictions against the acceptance of decorations from the Italian Government have been withdrawn. Presumably, the Italian Government will shortly award a certain number of decorations to Allied Military Government officers.

So far as I have been able to learn, no special machinery has been set up in the Commission or in the Regiment for this purpose and action will in each case be initiated by the Italian Government. If this is true, it would be a little hard on the officers of Venezia Giulia, who in the nature of things are out of contact with the Italian Government but who have nevertheless in the past made contributions to the ~~rehabilitation~~ rehabilitation of Italy equal to and in many cases greater than officers now employed in Italian Government Territory or in the territory which will be turned over next month.

I am thinking particularly of officers like Robertson, Freese, Weil, Simoni, Albright, Burns, Kucera, Foden, Natale, and others whose work toward the reconstruction of a sound Italy has been far above and beyond normal requirements of duty. I have also a considerable number of enlisted men and other ranks who should have their share of kudos, if and when they are passed out.

I should be glad if some means could be devised to insure that the last thin red line of heroes over here, who are no longer working for Italy proper, might be remembered in this connection."

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GROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Comitato Centrale
Il Segretario Gen.

Rome 14th October 1945

OCT 20 1945

TO: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

My dear Admiral Stone,

With reference to your letter 1.9.4/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 AMG in recognition of their services in assisting the Association to revive its activities to the benefit of the Italian population.

I will be grateful if you will kindly let me have your comments on the enclosed list, so as to enable the President General of the I.R.C. to proceed with the distribution.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Ugo Theodoli

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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

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| 1. Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone | Chief Commissioner |
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Medal of Merit Gold

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|------------------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1. Col. Charles J. Farinacci | Public Health | AMG |
| 2. Col. Thomas H. Page | Public Health | AC |
| 3. Lt. Col. Lenden Snedeker | Public Health | |

Medal of Merit Silver

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. Col. Martin E. Griffin | Medical Supplies | AC |
| 2. Lt. Col. Orpheus J. Bizzozzero | Public Health | AC |
| 3. Lt. Col. Raymond Kenny | Welfare | AC |
| 4. Lt. Col. John McSweeney | Welfare | AC |
| 5. Major John W. Ballew | Welfare | AC |
| 6. Major Paul S. Savage | Administrative | AC |

Medal of Merit Bronze

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| 1. Major Fausto Giulini | Public Health | AMG |
| 2. Major Everett E. Carrier | Public Health | AMG |
| 3. Major Joseph L. Ruasi | Public Health | AMG |
| 4. Major Edmund E. Turner | Sanitation | AMG |
| 5. Cap. Vincent F. Tuzio | Public Health | AMG |
| 6. Cap. George H.V. Brown | Welfare | AMG |
| 7. Lt. William W. Sampson | Sanitation | AMG |
| 8. Lt. Colonel Emerio I. Dobos | Public Health | AC |
| 9. Lt. Colonel Hubert Spencer | Malaria | AC |
| 10. Major Thomas P. Anderson | Sanitation | AC |
| 11. Cap. Manlio A. Manzelli | Malaria | AC |
| 12. Cap. Francis W. Bushard | Medical Supplies | AC |
| 13. Lt. John S. Wahrel | Administrative | AC |
| 14. St. Sgt. Cosmo Spinoso | Public Health | AC |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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14 August 1945

AUG 16 1945

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

TO : See Distribution.

To avoid any misunderstanding, paragraph 3 of the Chief Commissioner's letter, subject and file as above, dated 8 August 1945, which begins "Because the status of the relationship" is amended so that this paragraph will read: "Because the status of the diplomatic 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."

Amended 6/8g

W. W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Air Forces Sub-Com
War Material Disposal & POW Sub-Com
Communications Sub-Com
Public Relations Branch

(Miss L. L. L.)

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CC 511

8 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Commanding General, MTOUSA has just informed me that he has approved certain modifications of policy which now permit American personnel of AC/AMG to accept Italian Government decorations provided they are previously cleared by Headquarters, MTOUSA.

I am issuing instructions to all personnel of AC/AMG that requests for acceptance of Italian decorations will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Commissioner for my action prior to forwarding to MTOUSA.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

CC: Executive Commissioner
Establishment Section
Chief Commissioner

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7 August 1945

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My dear Admiral,

Reference is made to your letter of 27 July regarding the acceptance of Italian decorations by American officers of the Allied Commission. In accordance with your request this question has been re-examined. As a result thereof the Commanding General MTOUSA has approved certain modifications of policy which will now permit your American officers to accept decorations from the Italian Government provided previous clearance to such acceptance is given by Headquarters MTOUSA. I suggest, therefore, that you now refer to Headquarters MTOUSA your recommendations for any such awards as may be pending.

In view of the above you should now feel free to accept the award of the Order of Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurizio and St. Lazzaro, which the Italian Government has indicated that it desires to present to you and which has been duly cleared by the U. S. Navy Department as indicated by the correspondence which accompanied the above-mentioned letter. This correspondence is being retained at Headquarters MTOUSA for purposes of record.

My heartiest congratulations to you on this well-earned and richly-deserved award.

Sincerely,

L. L. LEMNITZER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

cc: Exec Commr.
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Chief Commr.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

8 August 1945.

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AUG 9 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/ANG 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 COMNAVNAW. 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.

Diagnostic - See Para 49

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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- Communications Sub-Com
- Public Relations Branch

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To: See Distribution.

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DIPLOMATIC - SEE FILE 49

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Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

31 July 1945

Dear Professor:

AUG 1 1945

The Italian Government's proposal, reference your letter of 23 July, to reward officers of the Public Health Sub-Commission with the "Benemeriti della Saluti Pubblica" is sincerely appreciated. However, as expressed in my letter of 6 December 1944, instructions from higher authority still do not permit officers of the Allied Commission to accept awards of this character.

I have again referred this matter to higher headquarters with the recommendation that the restriction be lifted, and will inform you as soon as a reply is received.

Very truly yours,

ELMER E. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The Minister of the Interior
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Executive Commissioner
VP, Establishment Section
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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Comitato Centrale

Roma 11.....July.25..1945..
Via Toscana 12.

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JUL 26 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

My dear Admiral Stone,

I thank you for your letter 1/9/41/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 fields 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,

Ugo Theodoli

Sec. Gen. IRO.

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Ref : 1/9.1/CA

20 July 45

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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 relation-ship 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,

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

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Marchese Theodoli,
Italian Red Cross,
Via Toscana, 12
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17 July 1945.

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Dear General Infante:

With further reference to your letters of 5 and 28 June, files 3866/AG and 4180/AG respectively, regarding Italian awards for personnel of the Allied Commission, I have just received a policy ruling from Allied Force Headquarters on the subject.

As a matter of Theater policy, AFHQ informs me that the United States and British members of the Allied Commission are precluded from accepting Italian decorations during their tenure in the Commission. Accordingly, it is understood that, upon leaving the Commission, acceptance of such awards will be permitted.

I shall be glad to make arrangements to have your office notified as soon as any of the personnel recommended leave the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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General Adolfo Infante,
Aide de Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy To: EX. COMM.

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G-5: 200.6-3 1st Ind. HRT/nch
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, G-5 Section, APO 512, 14 July 45

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. U.S. members of the Allied Commission are precluded by theater policy from accepting Italian decorations during their tenure in the AC.

2. Equally as a matter of theater policy at present, no British officer or O/R/^{WAC} may accept decorations from the Italian Government.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. R. Thompson
H. R. THOMPSON,
Major, GSC,
Estabs. & Pers. Off.(A).

Incl:
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SUBJECT: Awards by Italian Government to Allied Commission Officers.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. In compliance with paragraph 11, Circular 73, HQ MICUSA DATED 12 May 45, and other pertinent regulations, the attached correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The Chief Commissioner recommends that the proposed awards be given favorable consideration.

/s/ L.W. Starnes

L. W. STARNES
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

Incl.-ltr 2866/R.G. from Lieutenant
-translation of above ltr.

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Translation

4280/A.G.

Rome, 28 June 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Colonel Edmund O. Howell has just be mentioned, to be given an Italian decoration. It seems he was in charge of the operations in Fortezza for the transport to Rome of the numismatic collection of H.M. the King.

Referring to my letter of the 5th, N. 3866/A.G., I beg you to add his name to the list of the officers to whom H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom meant to grant a decoration, if you have nothing against it.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

a. Gen. A. Infante

Rear Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
A.G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File: 155-156/EST

13 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Government Awards

JUL 15 1945

TO : All Concerned

1. The following information relative to the acceptance and wearing of awards from the Italian Government, is published for the guidance of all concerned.

2. American Personnel:

a. Direct combat award: Allied Commission American personnel, attached to an Army unit, are authorized to accept and wear Italian decorations, provided the services for which such award is made, were performed with the Army or a unit thereof, prior to 12 May 1945, and further provided that the Army Commander concurs in the acceptance of the award in question.

b. It is not known, as yet, whether the provisions of Circular Number 73, MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945, will be interpreted as reversing previous policy as to the acceptance of Italian awards by Allied Commission American personnel. It is anticipated, however, that some expression of policy from MTOUSA should issue shortly. Upon its receipt, appropriate announcement thereof will be made.

3. British Personnel:

No authority for the acceptance or wearing of Italian decorations by British personnel is now existent.

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C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Actg Vice President.

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Subject: Acceptance of Foreign Awards.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

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7 July 45

JUL 8 1945

1. As American personnel are eligible to receive Italian decorations under instructions contained in MTCUSA 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 debarred 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.

1s/VAM.

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For Information:-

M.M.I.A.
CO. 2675 Regiment, HQ.AC.

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1s/WML

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

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S.C.A.O. Eighth Army
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LO Catania
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For Information:-

M.M.I.A.
CO. 2675 Regiment, HQ.AG.

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From: Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Dear Evan,

4 July, 1945

JUL 6 1945

Thank you for your letter of the 30th June and for your amusing report about the Order of St. Hubert. I shall be well advised.

Do come up and see us again soon. Naturally we are all waiting with interest for any repercussions on the Admiral's memorandum and similar such matters.

Lt. Col. Evan Talbot
Grenadier Guards
Headquarters
Allied Commission
APO 394

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Ref: 7001/EC.

30 June 45.

My dear Brigadier

I meant to speak to you when you were here the other day about the Order of St. Hubert.

On receipt of your letter of 11 June telling us that you had been offered the Grand Cross of this Order I asked the Italian Government representative here to find out for me what the organisation was. The following is his rather damping reply :-

"This is an order which is not recognised by either the Italian Government or the Vatican. It had fallen into disuse until revived by one branch of the Galitzin family, who appointed themselves high officials."

It was very nice seeing you the other day. May we meet again soon, undisturbed by any thoughts of two-day conferences!

Yours sincerely

(Sd) ~~Hubert~~

Brigadier J.K. Dunlop,
Headquarters,
Venetia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

21 June 1945

21 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Awards from Cobelligerent Nations

TO : Establishment Section

1. On 8 June this office forwarded to G-5, AFHQ, correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm concerning correspondence covering a list of Allied officers of this Headquarters to whom it is desired to grant the Order of the Crown of Italy as a reward for the recovery of the King's coin collection. Copies of this correspondence are enclosed.

2. In accordance with telephone conversation between Major Thompson (G-5, AFHQ) and 1st Sgt Giuliano (of G-1A, this Hq), it will be necessary that all officers mentioned in this list submit individual affidavits in accordance with paragraph 11c of MTOUSA Circular No. 73, dated 12 May. Please take appropriate steps to have individual affidavits submitted by all the officers concerned in this matter and upon completion forward them directly to G-5, AFHQ.

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L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to Chief Commr.

cc: Exec. Commr.

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Para 11. Acceptance of Awards from Co-belligerent Nations

a. In accordance with paragraph 33 b, Change 3, AR 600-45, dated 24 April 1944, offers by the Governments of co-belligerent nations of the American Republics of decorations, orders, medals, and emblems to United States Army personnel, except offers of immediate awards which may be concurred in by the senior field commander present, will be forwarded through channels to the Theater Commander for concurrence in their acceptance, containing the statement in paragraph c below.

b. Officers and enlisted men engaged in transactions involving the allocation of Lend Lease materials or credits will not be permitted to accept decorations from the nations with which they are dealing. This includes those individuals who participate in negotiations for Lend Lease allocations, or who make recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations, or who are members of boards, rearment committees, or other agencies charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocations of Lend Lease materials. This prohibition does not apply to the acceptances of 'immediate' or combat awards, or to persons who are merely engaging in shipping or transporting Lend Lease materials.

c. Requests for authority to accept cobelligerent awards will be forwarded through command channels and contain the following statement: 'I have not participated in negotiations for Lend Lease negotiation allocations, nor made any recommendations to any agencies authorized to act on such recommendations. I am not a member of any board, rearment committee, or other agency charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocation of Lend Lease materials.'

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Ref: 7003/27/70.

18 June 45.

Subject: Italian Awards.

To: Establishment Section.

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Attached please find letter received from Colonel
BENNETT on the above subject, together with a copy of our reply.
Will you please deal with him direct on this matter.

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C.S.O.

To Executive Commissioner.

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ITALIAN AWARDS.

Ref: 7003/27/70.

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18 June 45.

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Ref: 7003/26/100.

18 June 45.

Subject: Italian Awards.

To: Colonel W.E. Bohrens.

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Ref. your AG/4075/1/L of 15 June. This is a matter for the Establishment Section, who would no doubt wish to be informed of the nature of the proposed awards. I have passed your letter on to them for action.

E. Talbot

C.S.O.

To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to :- Establishment Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

11 June, 1945.

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TO : H.Q. Allied Commission.
(Attn: Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT : Awards and Decorations.

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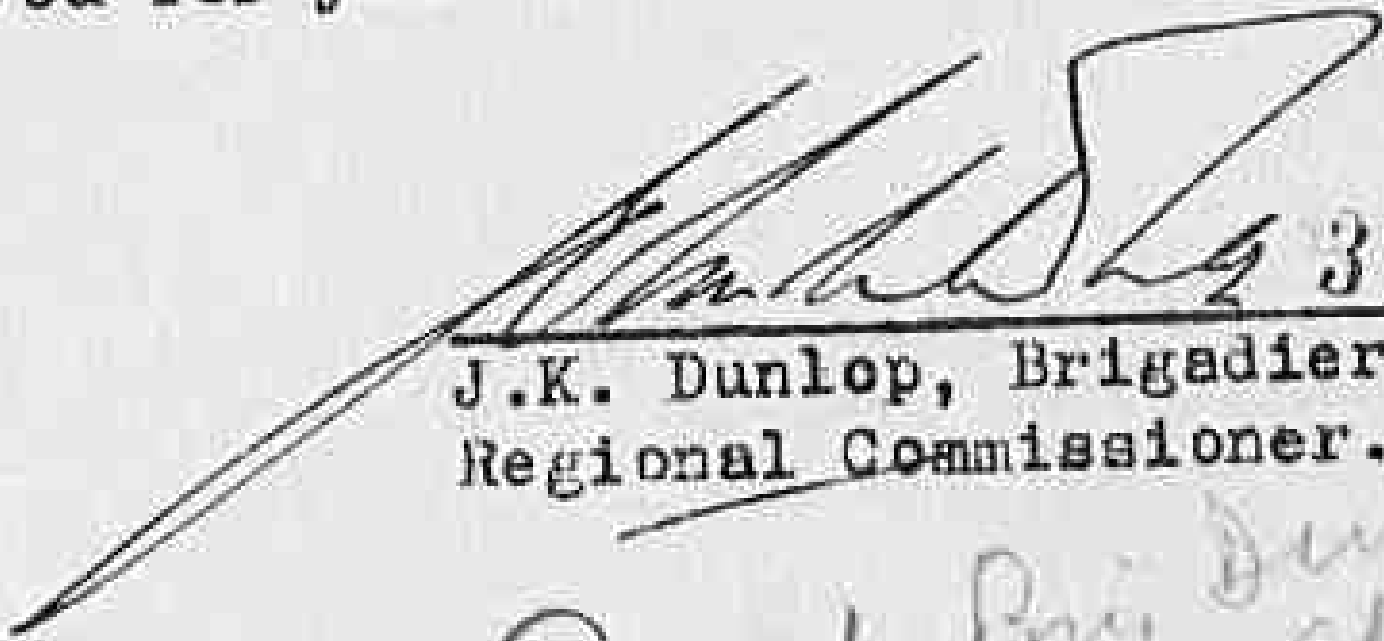
I have received today a visit from the local representative of the Italian Order of St. Hubert. The official style appears to be in Latin:-

Capitularis Ordo
Sancti Huberti
Lorenensis Ac Barenensis
Gran Croce

They wish to present me with the Grand Cross of the Order.

I am not even sure whether this is an Italian Government Order or a non-governmental organization. At any rate I have said, in as courteous a manner possible, that I am not allowed to accept any order or decoration without the approval, on the highest level, of the War Office. It may be that they will write directly to you. I therefore wish to put this matter before you for your consideration.

See Memo 100-23


J.K. Dunlop, Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner.

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Be to Brig Dunlop
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8 June 1945.

JUN 8 1945

SUBJECT: Awards by Italian Government to Allied Commission officers.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. In compliance with paragraph 11, Circular 73, HQ MEUSA dated 12 May 45, and other pertinent regulations, the attached correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The Chief Commissioner recommends that the proposed awards be given favorable consideration.

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

Incl.-ltr 3866/A.G. from Luogotenente
-translation of above ltr.

cc. Ex. Comm'r. ←
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(Lt Col TALBOT)

S. W. P. M. 11/6

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Rome, 5 June 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

the Allied Officers mentioned in the enclosed list have most efficiently contributed to recover the numismatic collection of H.M. the King.

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom would be happy to give these officers a token of his gratitude for the work they have done, granting them the order of the Crown of Italy.

Will you kindly let me know whether you have any objection to make on this subject.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S.A. Infante

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Admiral Ellery Stone

A.G.

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TranslationOfficers of the Allied Army Forces

- Brigadier A.P. GRAFFREY-SMITH - (Br.) - Grand officer
 Joint Director
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Headquarters Allied Commission

- Colonel Robert B. MENAPAGE - (U.S.) - "
 Joint Director
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Headquarters Allied Commission
 (Commander of the Crown of Italy)

- Lt. Col. E.P. WATERS - (Br.) - Knight officer
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Headquarters Allied Commission

- Major B.E. TIMMONS - (U.S.) - "
 Assistant to the Joint Directors
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt. Laurence G. MOORE - (U.S.) - Knight
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt. Col. James H. PENICK - (U.S.) - Commander
 Chief of Allied Financial Agency

- Major E.J. GIBB - (Br.) - Knight officer
 Deputy Chief of A.F.A.

- Major W.F. COOK - (Br.) - " "
 Allied Financial Agency

- Major D.B. MATHIAS - (U.S.) - " "
 Allied Financial Agency

- Major S.L. ANDERSON - (U.S.) - " "
 Chief of A.F.A. Rome Branch

- Lt. Joseph A. OIGALA - (U.S.) - Knight
 Allied Financial Agency

- Lt. Nicholas I. GIUNTA - (U.S.) - Knight
 Allied Financial Agency.

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Ref: 7003/14/EC.

23 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Awards to Allied Officers.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

The attached correspondence received from The Ministry of Occupied Italy, Italian Government, requesting the names of those Allied officers who particularly distinguished themselves in connection with their duties in the Allied missions operating in North Italy during the course of the liberation is forwarded.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Tabet

LT COL.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ministero dell'Industria e Commercio

Ufficio IV. Area. ex. Est. E/145

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OGGETTO

Meritorious Allied Officers

MAY 11 Rec'd

The insurrection of the Patriots in Northern Italy, that, combined with the overwhelming advance of the Allied Armed Forces has brought to the national territory's liberation, was the conclusive phase of a vast plan thoroughly organized, to which many officers belonging to the Allied Armies have taken active part.

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With these officers appointed by the Allied Commands, who, with their patient, enduring and enthusiast work have greatly helped to achieve the magnificent results obtained by the Patriots Formations, we must not forget all those officers belonging to A.A.F., who managed to escape from captivity at the time of the armistice or after and joined the Patriots Formations.

These officers, who suffered long periods of captivity, have fought hard during the nazifascist occupation for victory on the common enemy.

It shouldn't be necessary to sanction officially all these sacrifices and heroism, but it is also fair that they should get somehow a tangible sign of gratitude by our Country.

I beg therefore the Allied Commission to transmit the names of A.A.F. officers who particularly distinguished themselves in various phases of the Patriots War, dividing them in two lists:

- a) Officers belonging to Allied Missions sent in Northern Italy or appointed however to Patriots Formations or C.V.I. Commands with special duties;

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Art. Mario Soccinato

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- b) Officers escaped from captivity or who joined Patriots Formations, and who fought with them during nazifascist occupation.

These lists will be delivered to the War Ministry in order to obtain for these gallant officers, military decorations for valour.

THE MINISTER

J.P. Cihodulic.



Ministero dell' *Italia Corrupta*

UFFICIO ALLEATI ED ESTERI

Ufficio

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OGGETTO Meritorious Allied Units

Many soldiers or graduates belonging to Allied Armed Forces, escaped from P.O.W. Camps at the time of the Armistice or after, have joined the Formations of Italian Patriots, and with them have fought months and months for the common victory on the enemy.

To them as well goes the gratitude of our Country, and I wish it should be expressed in a tangible way.

I beg therefore to transmit the names of those who particularly distinguished themselves in their fight side by side with the Patriots, in order to obtain for them by the War Ministry, military decorations for valour.

THE MINISTER

P.P. Ardorelli.

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TO : the Allied Commission

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Roma, May 2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525.

Ref: V9.1/CA'

1 Jan 45.

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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. Washburne.
- (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. Washburne
C. R. Washburne, Brig.,
V. C. Section,
COS AC.

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EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

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23 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Honours from the University of Rome.

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 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.

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

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(Sgd.) Carleton W. Washburne,
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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Extract of Minutes of CofS Meeting - 29 Dec

10. Honours from Italian Institutions. The policy of the Commission had been laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 26. CA Sec read a letter in which the University of Rome recorded appreciation of several officers, including Major Washburne, who had asked for a ruling on the matter. The position was awkward, as no honour had actually been given, and the officer was confronted with a "fait accompli." After discussion, COS agreed to ask CC to see the Prime Minister with a view to avoiding recurrence of such incidents.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APC 394

17 October 1944

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM)

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1. In accordance with the policy recently established by higher authority, awards, medals, decorations, honors, degrees and gifts of any nature whatsoever will not be accepted by members of the Allied Control Commission from the Italian Government, local sub-divisions thereof and Italian institutions. This prohibition applies whether the persons concerned are presently members of the Commission or have severed their connection thereto.

2. Executive Memorandum Number 81 is accordingly rescinded.

By command of Commodore STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

(C.M. Parkin)
C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Executive Officer (U.S.)

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