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LIAISON DIVISION

25 March 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO : Col. H.E. Fiske.

SUBJECT : Awards (Sersante Franco
Ricardo Orlando)

1. File 173/CA, drafts of proposed Recommendations for Awards in above cases, copy of Cir. 26 NATOUSSA 6 March 1944, and accompanying papers, attached.

2. Par. 3, cited circular, comes closest to covering these cases but in my opinion does not invite of the context, apply to Italian civilians.

3. Date and time of the Ricardo Orlando incident cannot be determined from available papers, and have been omitted.

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

Ref/173/20/CA

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26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Citation to Italian Civilian (Sersante Franco).

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Your signature is requested on the enclosed citation of an Italian civilian who voluntarily assumed great personal risk in saving the life of a British soldier.
2. The case has been thoroughly investigated, and is substantiated by affidavits (see attached).
3. This matter has been taken up with AAI through our liaison officer, and the action reflected by the proposed citation is in response to a suggestion from that headquarters.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

CITATION
for
GALLANTRY

Not Used

I, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, award this citation to Sersante Franco for most meritorious service in behalf of our cause.

Without regard for his own personal safety, he did save the life of Pte. Loyd Darling, 1st Transport Pln., RCA, at 1100 hours, 19 February 1944, in the port of Salerno, Italy. When the vehicle driven by Pte. Darling plunged off the ramp of a lighter into 30 feet of water and when the force of impact shut the partially opened door of the vehicle and pinned Pte. Darling helplessly in the cab, Sersante Franco jumped into the water without a moment's hesitation, with great presence of mind and with utter disregard for the danger to himself, succeeded in extricating Pte. Darling from the truck and assisted him to the safety of the quay. It is beyond question that but for the presence of mind and bravery of Sersante Franco, Pte. Darling would have lost his life, and Sersante Franco's courageous conduct merits the highest possible praise. By this heroic act Sersante Franco has earned the respect and deep appreciation of all concerned.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & W.G. SECTION
Liaison Division
APO 394

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Decorations & Awards for Italian Civilians.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. The above matter is being attacked from several angles.
2. I have forwarded to Colonel Spjohn over your signature a request for his opinion as to the express or inherent implied powers of the Commission to permit action without reference to any higher echelon.
3. The matter was discussed informally but at length with Major Van Dusen during his recent visit here. He will take it up with Colonel Spofford on his return to AFHQ and will let me have the Colonel's preliminary reaction.
4. As a third line the subject is being pursued at Headquarters, AAI through Major Friend Jones. In his judgment after preliminary discussion at his headquarters the matter may be most successfully carried up through that channel by a specific recommendation for appropriate action in the form of a citation in a specific case. He is also of the opinion that the likelihood of success will be greater if the citation is personally signed by the Chief Commissioner.
5. I have selected the case of Sersante Franco for this purpose because (a) it was the first one which was brought to our attention, (b) it involved a conscious and apparent assumption of risk by the citee to a degree not present in the other cases and (c) unusual effort and perseverance were required for the successful completion of the act.
6. Proposed citation is attached for the signature of the Chief Commissioner. If you will return it to me after it has been signed I shall cause it to be transmitted to Headquarters, AAI by proper letter of transmittal through liaison channels.

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ALFRED G. BORMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

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JWC/ard
31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Citations to Italian Civilians

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

1. Your signature is requested on the enclosed citations to two worthy Italian civilians who voluntarily assumed great personal risk in behalf of the Allied cause.

2. The two cases have been thoroughly investigated. They are substantiated by affidavits from witnesses and found to be deserving.

3. Even though one of these men made the supreme sacrifice and gave his life there is no appropriate medal for such heroism owing to the present political status of Italy. Therefore, these citations and a monetary reward or compensation are all that can be done now.

JERMAN E. NISSE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO : Commanding General, A.A.I.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a suitable medal or award be conferred upon SERSENTE FRANCO, civilian, an employee of 6th Port Headquarters, Sub Port of Salerno,

FOR exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service,

IN THAT HE DID, at 1100 hours, 19 February 1944, at the risk of his own life, save the life of Pte. LOYD DARLING when the vehicle driven by Pte. Darling plunged off the ramp of a lighter into 30 feet of water, the force of impact shutting the partially-opened door and pinning Pte. Darling helplessly in the cab. Sersente Franco, who was engaged in unloading the lighter, jumped into the water without a moment's hesitation and with utter disregard for the danger to himself, after a struggle succeeded in extricating Pte. Darling from the truck, and assisted him to the safety of the quay. It is beyond question that but for the presence of mind and bravery of Sersente Franco, Pte. Darling would have lost his life, and Franco's conduct merits the highest possible praise, and suitable recognition.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO :

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Ricardo Orlando of Lorrenzo, an Italian civilian, now deceased, be posthumously awarded the

_____.

FOR exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service,

IN THAT HE DID, on the _____ day of _____, 1944 at _____ hours, volunteer to guide a patrol of 44 Recce Regiment to Castelforte through a known German minefield, as a consequence of which he was killed by the explosion of a German "S" mine. His conduct showed clear evidence of great sympathy with the Allied cause; was entirely voluntary and in complete disregard of his personal safety; and is deserving of the highest commendation. He left a widow, three sons, and a daughter.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LIAISON DIVISION
APO 394

21 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Major Enoch Brown

Subject; Recognition of Acts of Galantry.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter of 20 February 1944 relating to an act of gallantry beyond line of duty by Sersante Franco, an Italian civilian employee of Peninsular Base Section.

2. Instances of this kind are becoming quite frequent, and it is the desire of the Deputy Executive Commissioner to find or devise a means of appropriate recognition -- preferably in the form of a medal or decoration.

3. The matter has been carried as far as it can at present with PBS with negative results.

4. Will you please conduct additional research and investigation at Headquarters, AAI (Adm Echelon) to determine whether some form of appropriate official recognition in such cases is now available, and if not, whether some action cannot be initiated to this end.

Alfred C. Bowman

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lieutenant Colonel
Chief, Liaison Division.

Neither the American or British Contingent here at AAI know of any procedure or 178 whereby a civilian of another nation can be awarded a medal by either the US or UK Armies

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Subject: Act of Gallantry.

3 District CMF
Tel Ext 18
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27 Feb 44.

Main HQ ACC

Ref the att copy report from 6th Port HQ Tn Corps Salerno.

1. I am directed by Comd 3 District to request you to convey, through the Italian government, his grateful thanks to SERGENTE FRANCO for the gallant action which undoubtedly saved the life of a soldier.

/s/ H. B. Tylison
Maj-Gen
Comd

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6th PORT HEADQUARTERS
TRANSPORTATION CORPS
SUB-PORT OF SALERNO

WJS/vtn

20 February 1944

Subject : Act of Gallantry by Civilian Worker - Serranto Franco

To : Major Turner Colas. U.S.A. Salerno City

1. At about 1100 hrs. on 19 February 1944 Serranto Franco, a civilian employee of 6th Port Hq., Sub Port of Salerno, did at the risk of his own life save the life of Pvt. Lloyd Darling, 1st Transportation Platoon, R.O.A.

2. Serranto Franco was assisting with the discharge of lighters on the slipway at East Quay Salerno docks when, due to a tug-boat mishap, the vehicle driven by Pvt. Darling was plunged off the ramp of the lighter and into 30 feet of water. Pvt. Darling attempted to jump but the force of the water, striking the partially opened door of the vehicle, pinned his back in a helpless position. Serranto Franco, without a moment's hesitation and with utter disregard for the danger of being himself caught beneath the weight of the settling vehicle, dove into the water and, with great presence of mind, freed the injured driver from the truck and assisted him to the safety of the Quay. It appears quite certain from witness's statements that, had it not been for his prompt action, the driver would have been drowned.

3. Serranto Franco's exemplary conduct, in the face of emergency, is worthy of the highest of commendation.

/s/ Kenneth E. Jackson
/s/ KENNETH E. JACKSON
1st Lt., P.S.

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Col. Bowman

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 25 March 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, R.C. and
M. G. Section, Liaison Division, APO 394, U.S. Army.

Attached herewith is copy of communication sent to Signor Sersanto
Franco by the Commanding Officer, 6th Port Headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

L.C. Sutton Jr

L. C. SUTTON, JR.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't Adj. General

Encl: Cpy Ltr 20 Mar 44.

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6TH PORT HEADQUARTERS
TRANSPORTATION CORPS
OFFICE OF THE PORT COMMANDANT
APO 765, U. S. ARMY

WMC/wm

20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Act of Gallantry.

TO: Signor Sersanto Franco, 100 Via Porto, Salerno, Italy.

THRU: Assistant Port Commander in Charge of Satellite Ports.

1. It has been recorded at this office that on the 19th day of February 1944, that your instant and courageous action at Salerno, Italy, saved the life of Private Lloyd Darling of the British Army.

2. When a truck driven by Private Darling plunged off the ramp of a lighter into 30 feet of water and Private Darling failed to free himself from the vehicle, you did without hesitation and regard for your own safety, dive into the water and with great presence of mind free the driver from the truck and assist him to safety.

3. Your action in this emergency proves that you are imbued with the traits of character which exist only in the bravest of soldiers.

4. I congratulate you on your action and extend my deepest personal appreciation for your voluntary service which saved the life of an Allied Soldier.

R. H. CLARKSON,
Colonel, T. C.,
Commanding.

cc
Allied Control Commission.

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Liaison Division
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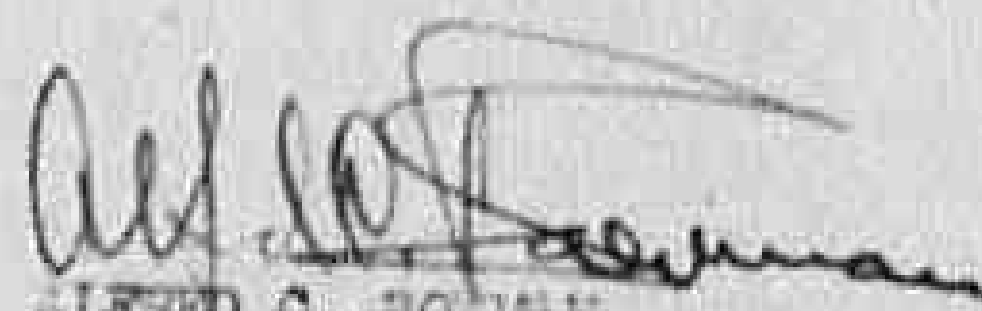
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SUBJECT: Act of Gallantry - Sergeant Franco.

TO : Lt. Col. T. K. Lynch
Executive, G - 1
Peninsular Base Section.

1. Copies of letters concerning the above subject discussed
with you by phone today are attached.

2. Advice as to nature of action taken in this matter will
be appreciated.


ALFRED C. BOMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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Subject: Act of Gallantry.

3 District CSM
2nd Ext 18
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17 Feb 44.

Ref the att copy report from 6th Port HQ 2nd Corps Salerno.

1. I am directed by Comd 3 District to request you to convey, through the Italian government, his grateful thanks to SERENUS PRINCE for the gallant action which undoubtedly saved the life of a soldier.

/s/ H. E. Ryliac
Maj-Gen
Comd

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6th PORT HEADQUARTERS
TRANSPORTATION COMDT
SUB-PORT OF SALERNO

REB/rtm

20 February 1944

Subject : Act of Gallantry by Civilian Worker - Sergeant Franco

To : Major Turner Coles. C.A.C. Salerno City

1. At about 1100 hrs. on 19 February 1944 Sergeant Franco, a civilian employee of 6th Port Hq., Sub Port of Salerno, did at the risk of his own life save the life of Pvt. Loyd Darling, 1st Transportation Platoon, R.C.A.

2. Sergeant Franco was assisting with the discharge of lighters on the slipway at East Quay Salerno Docks when, due to a tug-boat mishap, the vehicle driven by Pvt. Darling was plunged off the ramp of the lighter and into 30 feet of water. Pvt. Darling attempted to jump but the force of the water, striking the partially opened door of the vehicle, pinned him back in a helpless position. Sergeant Franco, without a moment's hesitation and with utter disregard for the danger of being himself caught beneath the weight of the settling vehicle, dove into the water and, with great presence of mind, freed the injured driver from the truck and assisted him to the safety of the Quay. It appears quite certain from witness's statements that, had it not been for his prompt action, the driver would have been drowned.

3. Sergeant Franco's exemplary conduct, in the face of emergency, is worthy of the highest of commendation.

/s/ Kenneth E. Jackson
/s/ KENNETH E. JACKSON
1st Lt., P.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICA THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

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AG 200.6/117 A-0

24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO : All Concerned.

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1. In amplification of the instructions contained in JATOSA Circular 26 os, concerning the award of the Bronze Star Medal, it is desired that the following conditions also apply.

a. For the present, the award will be recommended only for personnel in the combat arms for actions performed in combat.

b. The award of the Bronze Star Medal will be considered appropriate for service and other non-combat personnel, only in rare instances and for highly exceptional services. In such cases the recommendation will be forwarded to the Theater Commander for action.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AM,
Adjutant General.

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APO 732, 27 May 1944.

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7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : See Distribution.

Cable, F-40230, MAYOUSA, cite NAAGE 0316553 is published for information and appropriate action:

"Incorporated as change to Army Regulations in the following clarification of paragraph 16, change 1 dated 9 March 1944 to Army Regulation 600-45 AGWAR message WX 30463 advises. Then in opinion of Officer making the award no confirming evidence is possible, wounded soldiers unsupported statement may be accepted in unusual or extenuating circumstances but the statement should if possible be substantiated. The word "Element" as used in definition of "Wound" in connection with Award of Purple Heart refers to weather and permits Award to personnel severely frost bitten while actually engaged in combat. Trench foot would not merit Award. Words "at the same instant" are meant to prevent multiple Awards of Purple Heart for 2 or more injuries of wounds received from the same agent, explosion, missile or force.

By command of Major General LARSEN:

/s/ J. V. Sheldon
J. V. SHELDON,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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LIAISON DIVISION

23 March 1944.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: U.S. Regulations re Awards to Civilians.

Apparently the only award is the Medal for Merit, information on which may be found in War Department Bulletin No. 9, Washington, May 4, 1943 (PWS has only a file copy)

Sections II and III of the Bulletin concern the Medal for Merit. Section II is a quotation of Executive Order No. 9332 (Medal for Merit, establishment). Section III is a statement of rules governing the conferring of the medal.

The award can be made only by the President of the United States or at his direction.

"Awards of the Medal for Merit may be made to such civilians of the nations prosecuting the war under the joint declaration of the United Nations and of other friendly foreign nations, as have, since the proclamation of an emergency by the President on September 8, 1939, distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Awards of the Medal for Merit made to civilians of foreign nations shall be for the performance of an exceptionally meritorious or courageous act or acts in furtherance of the war efforts of the United Nations and shall have the prior approval of the Secretary of State."

Recommendation must be submitted to a Board of the Secretaries of the Navy Army and the Secretary of State. The latter is the chairman of the board. The recommendation is submitted to the President if approved by the board.

Recommendations made be made by persons having knowledge of the situation meriting award, whether or not they actually saw or observed the situation. Affidavits will help the recommendation.

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

Ref/176/3/CA

3 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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M. S. LUEN
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Political Section.
Economic Section (10)
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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 334

CIRCULAR)

6 March 1943

NUMBER 26)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The following circulars, this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the instructions below, together with War Department publications listed in Appendix "A", substituted therefor: Section I, Circular Number 60; Section III, Circular Number 103; Circular Number 126; Section II, Circular Number 152; Section III, Circular Number 216; Section I, Circular Number 243.

1. Authority to Award. a. Under the provisions of and subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 8, Section II, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, the Theater Commander hereby delegates his authority to award United States military decorations as follows:

- (1) To Commanders of any force or command which is commended by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal.
- (2) To Commanding Generals of Fifth Army, Seventh Army, and Army Air Forces, ITO: Distinguished Service Cross.
- (3) To Commanders of any force or command of the Army Air Forces, ITO commanded by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal.
- (4) To the Commanding Generals of Fifth Army, and Seventh Army: Air Medal to Field Artillery Liaison Pilots and Observers.
- (5) Commanding General, Fifth Army, may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, and Bronze Star Medal to members of the French Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c(3), AR 600-45.
- (6) Commanding General, Army Air Forces, ITO, may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Air Medal to members of the French Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c(3), AR 600-45.

b. Recommendations for awards both combat and non-combat to British personnel, all grades, will be forwarded to this headquarters for final decision.

c. The authority to award the Purple Heart is contained in paragraph 8, Section II, of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and to expedite the award it is further extended to include: commanders of combat teams, regiments, or

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similar units and of separate battalions; commanding officer of base sections; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force; United States Army medical officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, and on the Theater Commander's staff; United States Army commanders of any hospital or medical installation, including regimental, battalion, or similar organization dressing stations. (See paragraph 10b).

2. Legion of Merit. - To provide a more comprehensive and uniform basis for the submission of recommendations for the Legion of Merit, the following instructions will apply:

a. The provision of AR 600-45 that:

"The accomplishment of the duty for which the award is recommended should have been completed, or it should have progressed to an exceptional degree if the person rendering the service has been transferred to other duties prior to its full accomplishment."

is interpreted as follows:

A recommendation for an award may be made regardless of the fact that the officer or enlisted man continues in the same position, if the accomplishment can properly be considered as completed in connection with one of the following phase lines:

The end of the Tunisian Campaign, May 13, 1943.
The end of the Sicilian Campaign, August 17, 1943.
The capture of the Volturno River line in the Italian Campaign, October 13, 1943.
(Other phase lines will be announced from time to time.)

This will not be construed as authority to recommend a second or subsequent award of the Legion of Merit for duty performed while the officer or enlisted man occupies the T/O position in which he performed the duties on which the original award was based.

b. Unless otherwise directed, at least 50% of all recommendations will be for enlisted men.

c. An allotment of a certain number of awards will be granted by this headquarters each three months, first period to end 31 May 1944, to all major commands (i.e. higher headquarters, armies, air forces, base sections, etc) in this theater. Such commands will in turn divide their allotment among those units serving under them. Due care will be exercised to see that a proper balance is maintained between units. Prior to the start of a three months period each command will be advised by letter from this headquarters of the number of awards allotted for the period. This number will be based on the strength of a command at the time of the allotment, the number of Legion of Merit awards previously granted to members of the command, and its operational functions. The allotment granted will also eliminate the present disparity which exists in the number of awards granted personnel of higher headquarters and those granted lower units. It is the Theater Commander's desire that the number of awards to personnel of lower units be increased.

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d. Once an allotment has been made by a command to a unit under it, it will not be changed by reason of reassignment or attachment of the unit to another command. However, units no longer under the headquarters which granted their allotment will transmit their recommendations through their present headquarters to the headquarters which made the grant. Direct correspondence between headquarters is authorized in this connection.

e. Recommendations may be forwarded as soon as an allotment is received, it being desirable for administrative reasons that the recommendations be spread over the period, and will contain a statement as to which allotment period they are for (i.e. For allotment period ending 31 May 1944).

f. The granting of an allotment to a command does not mean that each recommendation submitted to this headquarters as a part thereof will of necessity be approved, or that each command is required to furnish the number involved. If a unit does not fill its allotment in a particular period the unfilled part will be cancelled; it may not be transferred to another unit nor continued into the next allotment period. Unless each recommendation clearly shows the award to be justified, it will be returned disapproved and counted as part of the allotment. "Disapproved" recommendations will not be forwarded to this headquarters.

3. Bronze Star Medal. a. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving on or after 7 December 1941, in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, distinguishes or has distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations, not involving participation in aerial flight, against an enemy of the United States.

b. The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for acts of gallantry or meritorious service either in actual combat or in direct support of combat operations. It provides a means for recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of a Silver Star or Legion of Merit. This medal should be used freely by the Infantry, with increasing restraint as the distance from the area of close combat increases, to recognize minor acts of heroism and courageous conduct in combat.

c. Awards will be announced in General Orders including name, Army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where action occurred for which the award is made only. Such orders are similar to those now used by the War Department in announcing award of Air Medals.

4. Purple Heart. - Paragraph 16, AR 600-45, is construed to apply to one receiving a bona fide injury to any part of the body, sustained in action, directly resulting from an outside force (concussion, material or object set in motion), element (weather), or agent (fire, gas), in the face of the enemy, provided treatment by a medical officer is necessitated. Borderline cases will be forwarded to higher headquarters for final decision. 165

5. Air Medal. a. Field Artillery Liaison Pilots and Observers qualify for the award of the Air Medal only after completing the following prerequisites:

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- (1) Thirty- five (35) sorties.
- (2) Any single meritorious act while participating in aerial flight.

b. Definition of "sorties": A sortie is deemed to have taken place when a flight has been ordered which involves:

- (1) Adjustment of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (2) Surveillance of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (3) Registration of artillery fire in enemy territory.
- (4) Front line reconnaissance of at least one hour duration.
- (5) Any flight in which the airplane has been attacked by enemy aircraft.
- (6) Credit for only one sortie will be given regardless of any combination of the above missions which may be accomplished on any one flight.
- (7) Credit for sorties will be given only when every effort for the success of the mission has been made. Such credits will be specified and approved by the battalion, group, brigade, division, corps, or army artillery commanders.

6. Awards to Units. - In addition to the provisions of Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, the following procedure is prescribed:

a. A company, battalion (air force squadron or group), or similar unit which is cited by the commander of a division, or of a comparable organization, will be entitled to a battle streamer upon approval of the citation by the Theater Commander, Army Commander, or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO. Such approved citations will automatically be confirmed by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders. Upon approval of the citation by the Army Commander or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, a request will be submitted to this headquarters to have citation published in War Department orders to which there will be attached two (2) official copies of the citation.

b. Any unit larger than a battalion, or group, which is cited by the commanding officer of the next higher unit, will become entitled to a streamer only when the citation is approved by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders.

7. Battle Participation Awards. a. A list of battles and campaigns in this theater recognized by the War Department has been published in General Orders Numbers 75 and 83, War Department, 1943.

b. A list of units entitled to battle honors, together with the campaigns for which such awards are authorized, has been published in secret letter, this headquarters, dated 23 December 1943, file AG 200.6/263 P-O, subject: "Battle Participation Awards", as amended by secret letters this

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headquarters, dated 16 January 1944 and 17 February 1944, same file and subject. As units become entitled to battle honors by virtue of participation in operations, this list will be amended to include such units. Units omitted from any list published by this headquarters announcing battle honors, which are entitled to such honors under the provisions of AR 260-10 and as outlined herein, may be included by making application to this headquarters through channels.

c. Streamers to indicate service in this theater, which are attached to the staffs of colors or standards, will bear the names and dates of campaigns or battles for participation in which the unit is entitled to battle honors. See Change 13, AR 260-10.

d. This headquarters will authorize battle honors, after careful study of official reports, for certain units not entitled to such honors for any designated campaign, who qualify under any of the items "antisubmarine", "ground combat" or "air combat" now listed without reference to combat zones, time limitations, or units in the general orders and publication referred to in paragraphs a and b, above. These items are to cover actual participation in combat against the enemy in areas or at times which, by reasonable interpretation, are definitely distinct from and cannot be associated with any of the named battles or campaigns.

e. Individuals who are eligible to wear the appropriate theater service ribbon may wear bronze service stars on the appropriate theater service ribbon to indicate battle participation (see Circular 62, WD, 1944).

- (1) Provided the individual served honorably, in the combat zone, as a member of a unit, or attached to a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit therefor under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 260-10; or
- (2) In cases of individuals not members of or attached to units, provided the individual is awarded a combat decoration or served honorably under competent orders in the combat zone at some time between the limiting dates of the battle or campaign as established by War Department General Orders.

8. Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges. - The following requirements are prescribed in addition to those outlined in War Department Circular Number 269, dated 27 October 1943.

a. Combat Infantryman Badge. - To qualify for this badge under the provisions of paragraph 16 of War Department Circular Number 269, 1943, an individual whose basic branch is Infantry must satisfactorily perform duty in action against the enemy in one of the following, which are hereby announced as major operations as distinguished from campaigns announced in War Department General Orders Number 75 and 83, 1943.

(1) Algeria - French Morocco.

(a) Combat Zone - Algeria, French Morocco, and adjacent waters.

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(b) Time Limitation - 8 to 11 November 1942.

(2) Tunisia.

(a) Combat Zone - Tunisia and Algeria east of a north-south line through Constantine, and adjacent waters.

(b) Time limitation - 8 November 1942 (air), 17 November 1942 (ground) to 13 May 1943.

(3) Sicily.

(a) Combat zone - Sicily and adjacent waters.

(b) Time limitation - 14 May 1943 (air), 9 July 1943 (ground) to 17 August 1943.

(4) Italy.

(a) Combat zone - Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters.

(b) Time limitations - 18 August 1943 (air), 9 September 1943 (ground). Final date to be announced later.

b. Expert Infantryman Badge. - In addition to the method prescribed in War Department Circular Number 322, 1943, this badge may be awarded for satisfactory performance of duty in any action against the enemy not necessarily those listed above.

c. Eligibility. - It is emphasized that these awards are for Infantry personnel only, that they will not be awarded indiscriminately, and that they must be clearly earned.

d. Former Members of Unit. - Action will be taken by units to determine whether any of their former members are entitled to either award. Regimental and similar commanders will have published in orders the names of former members, deemed to have qualified, and will mail two (2) copies to each recipient, through channels, with the request that his present commander secure the necessary emblem and present it to him.

2. Recommendations. a. Recommendations for all awards which must be acted upon by the Theater Commander, together with supporting papers, will be forwarded so as to reach this headquarters in duplicate.

b. Particular emphasis should be placed on the recommendation, and the facts contained therein, with the accompanying citation being a concise summary of the recommendation.

c. Each recommendation will indicate all previous awards made to the individual or unit, including designation of the headquarters and general order number announcing the award. If the recommendation is being resubmitted,

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that fact will be shown.

d. Recommendations will be submitted in a manner similar to that shown on the Model Form, Appendix "H", and forwarded through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval. Grade and assignment at the time service was rendered as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made must be shown.

10. Publication in Orders. a. Paragraph 4, Section I, AR 600-45, directs that awards of decorations made by authorized commanders be announced in general orders of their commands. Such announcement will include name, army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where the action occurred for which the award is made. The home address, address at the time of entry into the service, or entry into the United States Military Academy will be shown. In cases of posthumous, missing in action or prisoner of war awards, the full name, relationship, and address of the next of kin will be included in the general orders.

b. The above instructions are also applicable to the general orders announcing the award of the Purple Heart. For suggested form see Appendix "C".

c. The Commanding General of the command will establish pertinent policies concerning the type of information which should be omitted from the citation as published in general orders and furnished the individual. Copies of the general orders furnished this headquarters and the War Department will contain all of the information required in subparagraph a, above.

d. General orders will be classified RESTRICTED, and in addition to the copies required by the War Department, one (1) copy of all general orders will be furnished this headquarters, marked: Attention, Personnel Division, AG Section. The copies for the War Department will be forwarded promptly direct to The Adjutant General, Attention: Decorations and Awards Branch, Munitions Building, Washington 25, D. C.

e. The individual may be furnished official copies of the citation which will contain no more information than was published in the general orders. These official copies will not be classified. It is not necessary to prepare letter orders. A copy of the citation to the individual will suffice.

f. Medal numbers will not be published.

g. Awards of decorations, other than the Purple Heart, to United States soldiers of Italian extraction will be reported to this headquarters by air mail.

h. Two copies of citations awarding decorations to members of the French forces will be forwarded to this headquarters by separate letter.

11. Presentation. a. As prompt recognition of services increases the value of awards, every effort will be made to expedite their presentation.

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b. No request to present a decoration awarded to any individual posthumously, missing in action, or prisoner of war will be sent to The Adjutant General or other headquarters, and under no circumstances will medals be forwarded. The War Department will make presentation to the next of kin upon receipt of general orders announcing such awards. No report of presentation is necessary.

c. Should an individual to whom an award has been made depart prior to presentation, a report will be forwarded without delay, setting forth all pertinent facts and requesting that presentation be made. A copy of the general orders announcing the award will be inclosed. If the recipient's new location is known and is within this theater, direct correspondence is authorized. No medal will be forwarded, nor will any medal be engraved, when it appears that that specific medal will not be presented.

12. Awards to be Noted in Records. a. Awards of decorations and dates and places of presentation will be noted in the historical records of organizations, and in the service record of enlisted men, and for all others on WD AGO Form No. 66-1 (Officer's and Current Officer's Qualification Card), in appropriate personnel files and efficiency records. This will include entries pertaining to eligibility of individuals to wear appropriate Service Medals, Bronze Battle Stars, Bronze Star for the American Defense Service Medal, Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges, Distinguished Unit Badge, and all other badges. Unit commanders will cause a check to be made of such records to see that necessary entries are made for those men now present in their organization who are entitled to one or more battle stars for service rendered while a member of that or another organization.

b. The Purple Heart will be presented immediately after eligibility has been determined. In cases where the individual's personnel records are not available, entry of the award will be made on his Emergency Medical Tag or Report Card (WD AGO Form No. 52). The award will be announced in general orders and in addition to the distribution required in paragraph 11, above, one copy will be furnished the individual and the individual's unit commander.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICER:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGO,
Adjutant General.

3 Incls:

- Incl. 1 - Appendix "A", List of AR's, WD Bulletins and Circulars.
- Incl. 2 - Appendix "B", Model form of Recommendation for Award.
- Incl. 3 - Appendix "C", Model of GO.

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AR	Date	Subject
260-10	20 Nov 1931 (w/14 changes)	Flags, Colors, Standards, and Guidons - Description and Use.
600-35	10 Nov 1941 (w/28 changes)	Prescribed Service Uniform.
600-40	28 Aug 1941 (w/30 changes)	Wearing of Service Uniform.
600-45	22 Sept 1943	Decorations.
600-55	30 June 1928	Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.
600-65	20 Nov 1928 (w/1 change)	Award and Supply of Service Medals, Except Initial Supply of Victory Medal.
600-68	4 May 1943	Good Conduct Medal.
600-85	26 July 1940	Purpose and Supply of Service Ribbons, Bronze Stars, Miniatures, Lapel Buttons.
600-90	26 June 1943 (w/1 change)	Manufacture, Sale, Possession, and Wearing of Decorations, Medals, Lapel Buttons, Bars, Badges, Service Ribbons, Insignia.

WD Circulars	Section	Date	Subject
III	I	1942	American Defense Service Medal - Award and Supply.
104	III	1942	American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon.
180	V	1942	Award of Decorations.
240	II	1942	Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Award.
323	III	1942	Sale and Wear of Insignia, Decorations, Medals and Badges.
359	III, IV	1942	American Defense Service Medal - Award and Supply; Army of Occupation of Germany Medal - Award and Supply.
1	IV	1943	Campaign Medals for Current War.
6	IV	1943	Medals, Ribbons, Distinctive Emblems, Patches, Insignia, Badges, Chevrons, and Appurtenances.
119	I	1943	Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Award.
156	II	1943	Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal.
224	I	1943	Wound and War Service Chevron, Medals
269	I	1943	Combat Infantryman and Expert Infantryman Badges.
318	II	1943	Lapel Button for Honorably Discharged Military Personnel.
322	IV	1943	Standards for Expert Infantryman Badge.
333	IV	1943	Instructions Governing Unit Citations Awards.
14	II	1944	Badge - Standards for Expert Infantryman.
26	III	1944	Animal or Fowl in General Orders.
27	II	1944	American Defense Service Medal and Ribbon.
36	II	1944	Good Conduct Medal - Women's Army Corps.
62	II	1944	Campaign Medals for Current War.

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Subject

Officers and enlisted men of armed forces of the U. S. authorized to accept decorations, etc., tendered them by governments of belligerent nations or other American republics and creation of decoration to be known as "Legion of Merit" and "Medal for Merit".

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Amendment of Executive Order No. 8809, of 28 June 1941, establishing Good Conduct Medal.

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Medal for Merit, Establishment, Regulation: Governing Medal for Merit.

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Women's Army Corps Service Medal.

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Battle Honors.

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1944

Bronze Star Medal.

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Subject

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MODEL FORM

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Date _____

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO :

1. Under the provisions of _____ it is recommended that NAME _____

ASN _____, GRADE _____, ARM OR SERVICE _____, ORGANIZATION _____
(including staff section if on duty with a headquarters), be awarded the _____
(appropriate award - see reverse side) for _____
(appropriate remark - see reverse side) _____.

2. Complete description of action: In case of service awards such as Legion of Merit, a complete description of service rendered in detail should be listed. In recommendation for other awards, a detailed and factual description of the incident is of utmost importance. Do not use general statements. The most common error in recommendations is that they do not contain enough detail.

3. In recommendations for combat decorations, specific information should be included as nearly as is reasonably possible, regarding each of the following (using operations, maps, narrative statement, or any other convenient form):

- a. Character of the terrain, of hostile observations, and of enemy fire.
- b. Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions.
- c. Location of enemy.
- d. Morale, that of our forces and that of the enemy.
- e. Casualties sustained.
- f. Effect or results of deed in question, etc.

(Not applicable to Legion of Merit)

4. Statement as to personal knowledge of the initiating officer. If he has no personal knowledge of the incident or service rendered, two affidavits from eyewitnesses or persons having knowledge must be inclosed.

5. Each basic recommendation for the award of a decoration will show the exact status of the person who is being recommended at the time of rendition by him of the service upon which the recommendation is based. Grade and assignment at the time of this incident or at the time service was rendered as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made.

6. Statement that entire subsequent service of individual since performance of act cited has been honorable. In case of Distinguished Service Medal or Legion of Merit recommendation, statement that the individual has completed his service in the position, or that it was substantially complete at time he was transferred to other duty should be added.

7. List of previous awards to include general order number and headquarters of issue. **161**

8. Proposed Citation, which will include: a. Name, ASN, Arm or Service, Grade, Organization, period of time (inclusive dates) of service rendered, and the general or specific locality or campaign.

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b. .. condensation of the letter of recommendation including all pertinent facts upon which award is based. When an award is made, only the citation is published in orders; therefore, a resume of the act or service rendered must be in sufficient detail to justify the award.

c. The last sentence will include the individual's home town and state at time of enlistment, induction, entry into West Point, or present home address. (In cases of Posthumous, Missing in Action, or Prisoner of War awards, include name and relationship of nearest relative, house number, street or rural route, city and state.

(Forward through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval)

NAME
GRADE & ORGANIZATION
COMMISSIONING OR OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

MEDAL OF HONOR: Conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life, above and beyond call of duty, in action involving actual conflict.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS: Extraordinary heroism in action.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL: Exceptionally meritorious service in duty of great responsibility.

LEGION OF MERIT (in four degrees): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.
1. Chief Commander
2. Commander
3. Officer
4. Legionnaire

LEGION OF MERIT (without degree): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

SILVER STAR: Gallantry in action.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS: Heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Heroism not involving actual conflict.

BRONZE STAR: Heroic or meritorious achievement or service in action not involving participation in aerial flight.

PURPLE HEART: Wounded in action, or as a direct result of enemy action.

AIR MEDAL: Meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights.

MEDAL FOR MERIT (civilian award): Exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services or an exceptionally meritorious act in furtherance of the war effort.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL: Demonstrated fidelity by faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency, and behavior deserving commendation completing one year's service as an EM of US, after 7 December 1941, or three years after 27 August 1949.

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

JOHN J. DOE (00000000), Capt, F., Service Battery, 21st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 14 December 1943. Entered service from Norfolk, Va.

GEORGE W. BROWN (00000000), Pvt, Inf, Company A, 17th Infantry, Sicily, 15 August 1943. Entered service from Henry, New Jersey.

WILLIAM S. GREEN (00000000), Pvt, F., Battery D, 13th Armored Regiment, Tunisia, 13 May 1943. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JOHN L. SMITH (00000000), Hfc, F., Battery A, 99th Field Artillery Battalion, Corsica, 14 November 1943. Entered Service from New York, New York.

JEROME W. BROWN (00000000), Pfc, F., Company C, 307th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 15 December 1943. Entered service from Syracuse, New York.

By command of Major General BUTLER:

HARRY B. BLACK,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. L. Wallace

W. L. WALLACE,
Lt Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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29 February 1944

SUBJECT: The Bronze Star Medal.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Announcement has been made of a new decoration, the Bronze Star, established 4 February 1944 by the War Department for award to any person who, while serving, on or after 7 December 1941, in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguishes, or has distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States not involving participation in aerial flight.
2. The Bronze Star will take precedence below the Soldier's Medal and above the Purple Heart.
3. This new award provides a means for recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary, but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of the Silver Star or the Legion of Merit. The award of the Bronze Star may be merited by acts of gallantry, or meritorious service either in actual combat, or in direct support of combat operations. This medal should be used freely by the Infantry to recognize minor acts of heroism and courageous conduct in combat, with more restraint as the distance from the area of close combat increases.
4. It is desired that all unit commanders review past recommendations submitted by them which were returned disapproved on the basis that the actions described were not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of the Silver Star or the Legion of Merit. Such a survey, undoubtedly, will reveal some recommendations which may be resubmitted for the award of the Bronze Star.
5. Authority to make this award to members of the armed forces of the United States has been delegated to commanders not below the grade of Major General. Recommendations for the award of this decoration to persons serving with the military forces of co-belligerent nations will be forwarded through command channels to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, complying with the provisions of paragraph 8c (3), Army Regulations 600-45.
6. A supply of service ribbons is expected in approximately sixty days, and these ribbons will be issued to recipients in lieu of medals until such time as the medals become available.
7. The provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 and other administrative directives pertaining generally to decorations are applicable to the Bronze Star except as indicated above.

By command of Brigadier General PENCE:

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L. C. SUTTON, JR.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Asst Adj. General

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