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Camp 16 Awards + Medals

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Sept. 1945. May 1946

Subject: Awards - General Services Medal with Class "Palestine"

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.A.I.A.) H C M E .

A 378

7 May 1946.

To : List 'A' and 'B'

1. A.C.I. 311/45 is republished hereunder for information:-

"1. Officers who have been awarded the General Service Medal under Army Order 247 of 1939, and who have not yet received it should write to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office (A.G. 4 (Medals)), Whitehall, giving the address to which they wish the medal to be sent. Officers serving abroad are strongly advised to nominate a person at home to receive and take charge of the medal.

2. The medals of other ranks have been forwarded to G.S. i/c records for disposal to:-

- (a) those still serving at home;
- (b) those discharged or released from the Service;
- (c) the next-of-kin of those who have not lived to receive them.

Applications should NOT be made to the War Office.

Medals of other ranks will not be forwarded to personnel serving overseas but will be held by G.S. i/c records until recipients return to the United Kingdom.

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2. It is suggested that officers who have been awarded this medal might like to forward the necessary particulars to A 3 Branch this HQ in order that a consolidated list may be rendered

4418

Mon / Maj DAAG.
Major General,
M.V.I.A.

/as

Long

Subject : Honours And Awards

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E .

A 370 27. Apr. '46.

To : List 'A' and 'B'

Ref L.O.I. 238/46 para 5. Would those officers and ORs who have NOT received awards as specified in the A.O.I. under ref. kindly forward the following particulars on preferred att. as Appx 'A' to this letter:-

- (a) Decoration or award not yet received
- (b) Full name, rank, and personal R
- (c) Date of award in London Gazette (if known)
- (d) Name and address of person to whom the decoration or award should be sent (in case of the following decorations only) :-

MRC, MC, MM, DFC, DFM, OBE, MBE, REM.

4917

J.M.D. Mac
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

/as

Claim for decorations and awards

while AGI 288/46 para 5

Serial No.	Personal No.	Rank	Full name	Decoration or award.	Date of D.C.	Address of person to receive award if applicable.
						9167

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Citation for SILVER STAR.

"George Lewis 1079325 Gunner 3rd. Field Regt. Royal Artillery, British Army for gallantry in action on 21st November 1943 near St. Angelo, Italy. When forward Observation Officer, when he was accompanying an Observation Post Assistant was killed, Gunner Lewis assumed command of the entire Observation Post Party and continued to attack under continuous and accurate enemy mortar fire. Later when a determined enemy counter-attack forced a withdrawal, Gunner Lewis remained with his party at this post until the last moment before withdrawing to the Sangro River carrying a wounded officer down precipitous slopes for two miles under heavy enemy mortar fire. Arriving at the river bank it was found that the level of the water had risen about four feet and had become a raging torrent. Realising the officers need for urgent medical attention, Gunner Lewis and the two remaining members of his party attempted to cross with the badly wounded officer. In this effort his two companions were drowned and Gunner Lewis, after much struggle, crossed the river and reached the main Observation Post. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Gunner Lewis are worthy of the highest praise and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

4915

(embossed with stamp: "The African H
of the Allied Armies in Italy")

Presentation made by Maj. Gen. L.L. Lemnitzer U.S. Army on 29 Aug 64 near Florence, Italy; in the presence of Brig. Bull, the G.O. R.A. and members of 3rd. Field Regt. R.A.

Subject:- Campaign Stern.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Military Mission to the Italian Army.
A.F.O. 1951.
C.M.F.

Reference: Camp/15/9.
Dated 3rd/April/46.

To:- G.H.Q.
2nd. Echelon.
C.M.F.

P/10065 Camp. HUEL, J. (Par. - Gorpa)

Herewith please find A & B. 2070 in respect of the a/c duly signed.

Field.
cm.

LL
Captain Camp Commandant,
Military Mission to the Italian Army.

4914

Subj ct:- OR's Records.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.S.
Military Mission to the Italian Army.
Rear Area Allied Command.

Reference No Camp/16/8.
Date 30th March/46.

To:- O.C.
16 L of C Signals,
(211 Sub-Area.)
C.M.F.

2376582 Sigm. Calladine, J.A. (39)

Please record the following awards in the a/n OR's A.S. 6.
 Part I.

"Awarded the 1939/45 Star and Italy Star.
 C25 CME PXC To X19, dated 13th Mar/46.

Field.
 gvw.

for
 Captain: Camp Commandant,
 Military Mission to the Italian Army.

4313

Subject:- OR's Records.

2 AA Bde HQ Signals.

32/x.

27 Mar 46.

33 Military
Mission (MMIA).

2378123 Sigm Wilkie AH

1. Please record the following awards in the a/n OR's
AB 64 Pt.I.

"Awarded the 1939/45 Star and Italy Star.
O2E CMF PTO 250 dated 4 Mar 46."

JLE.

He ~~was~~ Lieut. R Signals.
Commanding 2 AA Bde HQ Signals.

44.2

Subject: Campaign Stars.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Mil. Mission Italian Army
C.M.V. A.P.O. S.551
Ref: Camp/16/7

To: GHQ.02E.CMF.

S/4347692	W/SQMS	ROBINSON A.	(RASC)
6470822	SGT	BENBOW L.J.	(R.FLS)
2376843	SGN	BORRETT C.R.	(R. SGNS)

Herewith please find AB.BS. 2070 in respect of the a/n
duly signed.


Capt; Camp Commandant
Mil Mission Italian Army.

Field
12 Jan 46
CM

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Subject: Camp in State

To: CHS 141 CHS

1. Camp Forces Sub Commission AC
 2. Mission Italian Army

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5th Jan 45

1. Camp Commandant
 2. Mission Italian Army

19. 6

SUBJECT: - Honours and Awards.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

1068/MS3

20 Dec 45

A/S7.

Further to 1068/MS3 dated 19 Dec 45.

The following amendments have been received by signal from the War

Office:-

Page 18.

S/267296	A/NO II	R.H. DODD	RASC
S/262115	A/SQS	F. ECKERSLEY	RASC

delete and insert under MHE on page 8.

Pages 6, 8 and 9.

Delete all reference to :-

T/95244	NO II (CSM)	J. BALMAIN	RASC
7599517	NO II (A.M.S.)	F. CUNNINGHAM RELE	
S/114837	NO II (SQS)	S.S. FIELDS	RASC

These are still under consideration and have not yet been confirmed.

27/12/45.

G.F. Denton.

G.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.M.S.,

TV/25244 NO II (CSM) J. BALDWIN RASC
 7599517 NO II (A.M.S.) P. CUNNINGHAM REBE
 S/114837 NO II (S.M.S.) S.S. FIELDS RASC

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Distribution :- GHQ India.

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P & SS.

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V & RS.

Camp Commandant.

Supervising Officer.

PAE.

G-5.

G.F. DENTON, Major,
 D.A.M.S.,
 for Colonel,
 Deputy Military Secretary.

ZFI.

ADATS.

4969

G.F. Denton

27/12/45

Army Form B.2070

CAMPAIGN STARS.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ARMY SERVICE.

(For conditions see White Paper Command 6633)

Part I

1. Surname (BLOCK LETTERS) CURTIES
2. Christian or First Names Reginald Arthur
3. Permanent Home Address 90 Lloyd Bank Con Kings 6 Pall Mall
S.W.1

PRESENT ARMY PARTICULARS

(or those last held before ceasing to serve)

4. Personal or Army Number 52947
5. Present Rank T/LT COL
6. Regiment or Corps R.A.
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7. If you have been granted an Honour, a Decoration, a Mention in Despatches, or a Military commendation for brave conduct, state:—
- (a) Name of Honour, etc. _____
- (b) Operational area in which served at the time of award, with dates _____
8. If you were wounded, state:—
- (a) If granted a wound stripe _____
- (b) Operational area, with date _____
9. If you were captured in operations, state:—
- (a) Time spent as a prisoner of war (dates) _____
- (b) State where captured _____
10. If you were evacuated from the theatre of operations owing to a disability other than wounds, state nature of sickness and date _____
11. If you have served since 3.9.39 in the R.N., R.M., R.A.F., M.N. (or with a civilian organisation in an operational area) give particulars of the _____
- Service Branch _____ Rank _____ No. 4908
- Date of release _____

12. YOU SHOULD NOW COMPLETE PART II OF THIS FORM (Overleaf).

- (a) Officers who served in the ranks during any particular operation should state their former Army number in the column with their rank.
- (b) If you have already been awarded the Africa Star or the 1939-43 Star, write "already awarded" and if possible quote at Part II (overleaf) items (a) or (b), the Number and date of the Part II/III order.
- (c) If the 1939-43 Star has already been awarded for less than 180 days' service, full details of the operation will be shown at Part II, item (a).

(NOTE—Application for an award of the "Defence Medal" will be made on A.F.B. 2068)

[P.T.O.]

Part II.

(Details of operational service are to be completed by the applicant)

State ports and dates of embarkation for service overseas *Liverpool 28 May 43*

	(i) Army or Personal No., Highest Rank held, and Regiment or Corps during the period in Col. (iv)	(ii) UNIT with which served	(iii) Operational Area (i.e. actual country)	(iv) DATES	
				from	to
(a) 1939-45 STAR (3.9.39 to 8.5.45)	<i>52947</i> <i>T/lt Col.</i>	<i>70 L.A.A.</i> <i>Regt.</i> <i>HQ. 1 District</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Africa</i> <i>Italy</i>	<i>27</i> <i>June</i> <i>43</i>	<i>8</i> <i>May</i> <i>45</i>
(b) AFRICA STAR (10.6.40 to 12.5.43) 8TH ARMY (23.10.42 to 12.5.43) 1ST ARMY (8.11.42 to 12.5.43) H.Q.18 A.G.P. (15.2.43 to 12.5.43)					
(c) PACIFIC STAR (8.12.41)					
(d) BURMA STAR (11.12.41)					
(e) ITALY STAR (11.6.43 to 8.5.45)	<i>52947 T/lt Col.</i>	<i>HQ. 1 District</i>	<i>Italy</i> <i>Italy</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Aug 43</i>	<i>8 May</i> <i>45</i>
(f) FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR (6.6.44 to 8.5.45)					
(g) ATLANTIC STAR (3.9.39 to 8.5.45)					
(h) AIR CREW EUROPE STAR (3.9.39 to 5.6.44)					
Signature of Claimant		<i>R. C. Cunningham</i> Date <i>10 Dec 45</i>			

Part III.

(To be completed by the authority who has duplicate copy of B199A/D420/B103)

- (1) I am satisfied that he/she is entitled to the
- | | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Star | Clasp | Star | Clasp |
| Star | Clasp | Star | Clasp |
| Star | Clasp | Star | Clasp |
- (2) I am satisfied that he/she is not entitled to any of the above stars.
- (3) I am unable to verify the service at _____ and submit the same for consideration.

Signature of Authority referred to above

Overseas Command or Station

Date

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE.

14th July, 1945

GS/GENERAL/8137

A.O. 108/1945

CAMPAIGN STARS AND CLASPS AND DEFENCE MEDAL

1. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the institution of the following Stars and Clasps and Defence Medal to commemorate service in the war:—

1. The 1939-45 Star.
2. The Atlantic Star.
3. The Air Crew Europe Star.
4. The Africa Star.
5. The Pacific Star.
6. The Burma Star.
7. The Italy Star.
8. The France and Germany Star.
9. The Defence Medal.

The order in which the Stars will be worn is as above.

The general qualifications for the Stars and Clasps and Defence Medal are described in the succeeding paragraphs, and details concerning the conditions of their award are given in Army Council Instruction 829 of 1945.

CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD

2. The following classes will be eligible for the award of these Stars, Clasps and Defence Medal:

- (a) All officers (including women officers) and other ranks of the British and Colonial Military Forces, and those of Dominion and Indian Forces serving in the British Army.
- (b) Nursing officers.
- (c) Officers and auxiliaries of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.
- (d) Officers and members of Voluntary Aid Detachments.
- (e) Specially approved categories of uniformed civilians.
- (f) Allied Nationals commissioned or enlisted into the British Forces.

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**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN STARS,
CLASPS AND DEFENCE MEDAL**

3. **The 1939-45 Star** (originally designated the 1939-43 Star).—Instituted to recognize service rendered in operational Commands during the present war. The currency of the 1939-43 Star has been extended and will be granted for service in operations from 3rd September, 1939 to 8th May, 1945, and possibly to a later date as regards the Far East.

4. The ribbon of the 1939-45 Star is dark blue, red and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. The dark blue stripe is intended to mark the service of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy, the red stripe that of the Army, and the light blue stripe that of the Royal Air Force. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

5. **Clasp to the 1939-45 Star.**—A Clasp to the 1939-45 Star has been instituted for air crew of fighter aircraft engaged in the Battle of Britain between 10th July and 31st October, 1940, and the award of this is to be denoted by a gilt rose Emblem when the ribbon alone is worn.

6. The 1939-43 Star, re-designated the 1939-45 Star, may now be earned in addition to the Africa Star.

The Clasp and silver rose Emblem for North Africa previously awarded with the 1939-43 Star in the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Merchant Navy for special service in the North African Campaign on and after 22nd October, 1942, will be transferred to the Africa Star.

7. **The Atlantic Star.**—Instituted to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic is primarily intended for personnel of Convoys and their Escorts, Anti-Submarine Forces, and for fast Merchant Ships that sailed alone.

8. To qualify for the award of the Atlantic Star an individual must have completed six months' service afloat between 3rd September, 1939, and 8th May, 1945, in the areas as defined in Army Council Instruction 829 of 1945.

9. Personnel who qualify for the Atlantic Star, the France and Germany Star and the Air Crew Europe Star, or two of these, will be awarded the first Star earned only. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the second Star has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.

10. The ribbon of the Atlantic Star is blue, white and sea green, shaded and watered, the design being intended as a symbol of service in the Atlantic. The ribbon is to be worn with the blue edge furthest from the left shoulder.

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11. **The Air Crew Europe Star.**—Instituted as an award for service in operational flying over Europe, including the United Kingdom, from United Kingdom bases between 3rd September, 1939, and 5th June, 1944. The time qualification will be two months in air crew so employed.

12. Personnel who qualify for the Air Crew Europe Star, the Atlantic Star and the France and Germany Star, or two of these, will be awarded the first Star earned only. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the second Star earned has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.

13. The ribbon of the Air Crew Europe Star is light blue with black edges, and there is in addition a narrow yellow stripe on either side. The design is symbolic of the continuous service of the Air Forces by night and day.

14. **The Africa Star.**—Instituted to commemorate the expulsion of the enemy from the continent of Africa.

15. To qualify for the award of the Africa Star an individual must have been on the strength of a unit or formation in a qualifying command as laid down in Army Council Instructions.

16. The ribbon of the Africa Star is pale buff in colour, with a central vertical red stripe and two narrower stripes, one of dark blue and the other light blue. The background is intended as a symbol of the desert, the central red stripe stands for the Army, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

17. **Emblems denoting Clasps to the Africa Star.**—The following Emblems denoting Clasps have been approved for wear on the ribbon of the Africa Star:—

- (a) a silver Arabic "8" for personnel who served in or with the Eighth Army between 2nd October, 1942, and 12th May, 1943, both dates inclusive.
- (b) a silver Arabic "1" for personnel who served in or with the First Army during the period 8th November, 1942, to 12th May, 1943.
- (c) a silver rose for personnel who served on the staff of Field Marshal (then General) Sir Harold Alexander at 13th Army Group Headquarters during the period 15th February, 1943, to 12th May, 1943.

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Only one Clasp of the above three will be granted to any individual. In the event of double or treble qualifications, the Clasp will be granted for the Army or Headquarters in which the individual first qualified, and the appropriate Emblem will be worn on the ribbon.

The Clasp and silver rose Emblem for North Africa previously awarded with the 1939-43 Star in the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Merchant Navy for specified service in the North Africa campaign after 22nd October, 1942, will be transferred to the Africa Star.

The detailed conditions of qualification for the Clasp are laid down in Army Council Instruction S29 of 1945.

18. **The Pacific Star.**—Instituted to commemorate entry into operational service in the Pacific Theatre from 8th December, 1941, until further notice.

19. Personnel who qualify for the Pacific Star and the Burma Star will be awarded only one of these, the Star first earned. If the Pacific Star is awarded a Clasp will be granted for service which would have qualified for the Burma Star. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.

20. The ribbon of the Pacific Star is dark green with red edges and with a central yellow stripe. There are also two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and yellow stand for the forests and the beaches of the Pacific, the red edges for the Armies, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navies, and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

21. **The Burma Star.**—Instituted to commemorate entry into operational service in the Burma Campaign from 11th December, 1941, until further notice.

22. Personnel who qualify for the Burma Star and the Pacific Star will be awarded only one of these, the Star first earned. If the Burma Star is awarded under these conditions, a Clasp will be awarded for service which would have qualified for the Pacific Star. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.

23. The ribbon of the Burma Star is dark blue with a central red stripe, and in addition two orange stripes. The red stands for the British Commonwealth Forces, and the orange for the sun, and these are placed on a contrasting background of dark blue.

24. **The Italy Star.**—Instituted to commemorate entry into operational service in the campaign in Sicily and Italy from the capture of Pantellaria on 11th June, 1943, until the end of active hostilities in Europe on 8th May, 1945.

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25. The Italy Star will be awarded to those who have earned it whatever other Campaign Stars may be granted in addition for services in the present war.

26. The ribbon of the Italy Star is in the Italian colours, green, white and red. These are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

27. **The France and Germany Star.**—Instituted to commemorate entry into operational service in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany from 6th June, 1944, until 8th May, 1945.

28. Personnel who qualify for the Air Crew Europe Star, the Atlantic Star and the France and Germany Star, or two of these, will be awarded the first Star earned only. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the second Star earned has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.

29. The ribbon of the France and Germany Star is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag, and these colours are also used as a symbol of France and the Netherlands. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in blue at either edge and one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

Clasps to Atlantic, Air Crew Europe and France and Germany Star

30. Only one Clasp will be awarded in addition to any one of these Stars.

31. **The Defence Medal.**—Instituted to commemorate:—

- (a) service with the Forces in non-operational areas subjected to air attack, or closely threatened;
- (b) for non-operational service with the Forces overseas from, or outside, the country of residence;
- (c) for Civil Defence or other specified civilian service in military operational areas;
- (d) for Civil Defence service in non-operational areas subjected to air attack, or closely threatened.

The time qualification will be three years for (a), (c) and (d) except for Mine and Bomb Disposal Units of the Forces in (a), for which the period will be three months. For (b) the time qualification will be one year. Military or Civil Defence service in the territory of residence, neither subjected to air attack nor closely threatened, will not be a qualification for the Defence Medal.

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32. Those qualified for any one of the Campaign Stars are eligible for the Defence Medal, in addition, provided they qualify as in para. 31.

33. The ribbon of the Defence Medal is flame coloured in the centre, and the edges are green, symbols of the enemy attacks on our green and pleasant land. Two black stripes represent the black-out.

MANUFACTURE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND DEFENCE MEDAL

34. The Stars and Defence Medal will not be manufactured until after the war. The appropriate ribbons and emblems will, however, be issued to qualified personnel as soon as possible.

DISPOSAL OF AWARDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

35. Campaign Stars and Medals of those who have not lived to receive them will be disposed of in accordance with King's Regulations, 1940, para. 1076.

(A summary of this Army Order is No. 144 in the series "Notice Board Information".)

By Command of the Army Council,

I. Darnley.

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NOTICE BOARD INFORMATION

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOULD READ THIS

144. Campaign Stars and Clasps and Def

1. An Army Order (No. 108 of 1945) has just been published, stating that the King has been graciously pleased to approve the institution of eight Stars, with Clasps, and the Defence Medal, in recognition of service rendered during the war. The detailed conditions of award, method of applying for the Stars, Clasps and Defence Medal will be found in A.C.I. 829 of 1945.

2. Brief notes on the eight Stars and Defence Medal:—

- (i) **The 1939-45 Star.**—This was formerly called the 1939-43 Star, but its "life" has been extended to 8th May, 1945, that is, to the end of the war with Germany, so it was necessary to change its name. It is possible that the "life" of this Star may be further extended to the end of the war in the Pacific.
- (ii) **The Atlantic Star.**—A new Star intended for service in the Battle of the Atlantic.
- (iii) **The Air Crew Europe Star.**—A new Star intended for service in operational flying over Europe.
- (iv) **The Africa Star.**—There is nothing new about this Star: it is the one granted for service in Africa and Malta between 10th June, 1940, and 12th May, 1943.
- (v) **The Pacific Star.**—A new Star for service in the Pacific Theatre of war.
- (vi) **The Burma Star.**—A new Star for service in the Burma Campaign.
- (vii) **The Italy Star.**—A new Star for service in Italy, Sicily and Mediterranean since 11th June, 1943, to 8th May, 1945.
- (viii) **The France and Germany Star.**—A new Star for service in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany since D-Day, 6th June, 1944, until 8th May, 1945.
- (ix) **The Defence Medal.**—A new Medal for non-operational service.

They will be worn in the above order.

3. Of the above eight Stars it is possible for Army personnel to wear five, as follows:—

- (a) 1939-45.
- (b) Africa.
- (c) Pacific or Burma.
- (d) Italy.
- (e) France and Germany, or Atlantic, or Air Crew Europe.

If Army personnel qualify for more than one of the Stars at (c) or more than one of the Stars at (e), the Star first earned will be worn. An Emblem will also be worn to indicate that service has been performed which qualifies for an alternative Star.

4. **1939-45 Star and Africa Star.**—It will be remembered that previously no one

5. **Conditions of award.**—Except for the 1939-45 Star by aggregating service in any of the overseas theatres of war or France and Germany Stars, or Air Crew Europe Stars. In the case of the 1939-43 Star by **LESS THAN** part in Commando Raids or operations **MONTHS' OPERATIONAL SERVICE** for one of the **NEW** Stars.

6. (a) Individuals with less than honour, decoration, mention in despatches, sickness due to service during a campaign Star may be awarded, qualify for 1 Star, without regard to the six months.

(b) Those whose only operations during the last six months of operational qualifying service for the 1939-45 Star or France and Germany Stars. This that they had served in Italy or North Africa, or France, etc., during the last six months of 1945, have not aggregated six months or France and Germany Star unless para. 6(a).

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Here are some examples which show the four Stars for which the qualification is required. Suppose Private "A" has already served with the B.E.F. and he arrived in France on D-Day he qualified for the completed six months' operational service.

Now suppose Private "B" too arrived in France on D-Day. Before he becomes eligible for another 179 days, to make a total of 180 days of operational service.

NOTICE BOARD INFORMATION

IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOULD READ THIS**Stars and Clasps and Defence Medal.**

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6. (a) Individuals with less than six months' operational service who have won an honour, decoration, mention in despatches, or who have been evacuated for wounds or sickness due to service during a campaign for which one of the new Stars or the Africa Star may be awarded, qualify for both the 1939-45 Star and the particular campaign Star, without regard to the six months rule.

(b) Those whose only operational service has been in Italy or North-West Europe during the last six months of operations there, could not give the required six months' qualifying service for the 1939-45 Star, and in consequence could not qualify for the Italy or France and Germany Stars. This would mean that they would have no Star to show that they had served in Italy or North-West Europe.

To meet these circumstances individuals who entered into operational service in Italy or France, etc., during the last six months of the campaign in Europe, and by 8th May, 1945, have not aggregated six months' operational service, will qualify only for the Italy or France and Germany Star unless they qualify for the 1939-45 Star as well under para. 6(a).

Individuals not so qualified for the 1939-45 Star may earn it by operational service elsewhere later.

7. A word about the phrases "qualify or begin to qualify for" and "becoming eligible for or begin to qualify for" used in paras. 5 and 6 above. In the case of four of the new Stars, i.e., the Pacific, Burma, Italy and France and Germany Stars, personnel "qualify" or "become eligible for" by entering into the operational command, in other words by service of one day or less. But in the case of the Atlantic Star six months' service is required, and for the Air Crew Europe Star two months' service is required, so that after completing the first six months' operational service, personnel "begin to qualify" for these two Stars by beginning the qualifying period.

Here are some examples which will help to explain the position. Let us take first the four Stars for which the qualification is entry into the operational command.

Suppose Private "A" has already qualified for the 1939-45 Star by six months' service with the B.E.F. and he arrived in France again on D-Day. The moment he landed in France on D-Day he qualified for the France and Germany Star, because he had already completed six months' operational service.

Now suppose Private "B" took part in a Commando Raid lasting only one day and qualified for the 1939-45 Star in respect of that service, and he, too, landed in France on D-Day. Before he becomes eligible for the France and Germany Star he must serve another 179 days, to make a total of 180 days, for which he qualifies for the 1939-45 Star. The next day, if operational service is continued, then the 1939-45 Star is earned.

They will be worn in the above order.

3. Of the above eight Stars it is possible for Army personnel to wear five, as follows:—

- (a) 1939-45.
- (b) Africa.
- (c) Pacific or Burma.
- (d) Italy.
- (e) France and Germany, or Atlantic, or Air Crew Europe.

If Army personnel qualify for more than one of the Stars at (c) or more than one of the Stars at (e), the Star first earned will be worn. An Emblem will also be worn to indicate that service has been performed which qualifies for an alternative Star.

4. **1939-45 Star and Africa Star.**—It will be remembered that previously no one could qualify for both the 1939-45 Star and the Africa Star. That restriction has been withdrawn and both may now be worn by the same individual, as shown in para. 3(a) and (b) above. Those who have already qualified for the Africa Star are also eligible for the award of the 1939-45 Star, provided they qualify as in paras. 5 and 6 below.

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Atlantic	3rd September, 1939	8th May, 1945	Six months: Air Crews: two months	" France Europe "
Air Crew Europe	3rd September, 1939	5th June, 1944	Two months	" France "
Africa	10th June, 1940	12th May, 1943	Entry into operational area	8th Army— 1942 and 1st Army— 1942 and 18th Army 15th Feb R.A.F.—f 1942 and R.N.—in sh 23rd Oct
Pacific	8th December, 1941	Continuing	Entry into operational area	
Burma	11th December, 1941	Continuing	Entry into operational area	
Italy	11th June, 1943	8th May, 1945	Entry into operational area	
France and Germany	6th June, 1944	8th May, 1945	Entry into operational area	" Atlan
Defence Medal	3rd September, 1939	Continuing overseas— 8th May, 1945, in the United Kingdom	Three years or one year, according to where service is given. Bomb Disposal Units— three months	

(Summary of Army Order 108 of 1945 and A.C.I. 829 of 1945, issued 14th July, 1945)

By Command of the Army Council,

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Then there is the case of Private "C" who had no operational service before he went to France on D-Day. On that day he was wounded and evacuated back to England. Owing to this he qualified for the 1939-45 Star and the France and Germany Star.

The same applies to the Pacific, Burma and Italy Stars.

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Six months, or less than six months by taking part in certain specified operations on land, by being awarded a decoration or mention-in-despatches, or by being wounded, etc.	"Battle of Britain" awarded to air crew of fighter aircraft.	Gold Rose.
Six months: Air Crews: two months	"France and Germany" or "Air Crew Europe".	Silver Rose.
Two months	"France and Germany" or "Atlantic".	Silver Rose.
Entry into operational area	8th Army —for service between 23rd October, 1942 and 12th May, 1943. 1st Army —for service between 5th November, 1942 and 12th May, 1943. 18th Army Group H.Q. —for service between 15th February, 1943 and 12th May, 1943. R.A.F. —for service between 23rd October, 1942 and 12th May, 1943. R.N. —in shore Squadrons, for service between 23rd October, 1942 and 12th May, 1943.	Silver "8". Silver "1". Silver Rose.
Entry into operational area	"Burma"	Silver Rose.
Entry into operational area	"Pacific"	Silver Rose.
Entry into operational area	Nil.	
Entry into operational area	"Atlantic" or "Air Crew Europe"	Silver Rose.
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Army Order 108 of 1945 and A.C.I. 829 of 1945, issued 14th July, 1945.

Command of the Army Council.

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4466

Subject; Medals.

To: Senior MYIA LO. Milan.

Land Forces Sub Commission. AC.
Mil. Mission Ita An Army.
CMF.
Ref. Camp/I6/5 Dated 7/11/45.

Ref. your MIL/4/D Dated 30/10/45, the position of MYIA at the moment regarding the submitting of claims for the ~~XXXX~~ 1939-45 Star, and the Italy Star, is as follows.

Supplies of AFAB 2070, and B 2068 are unavailable at No 21 Stationary Depot, and although ACI 529/45 para 92 states that supplies of the a/n forms will be distributed as soon as possible, this has not been done. The above quoted para also states that units over seas may reproduce the said forms, and that copies for this purpose would be issued to units, but these have not been received either.

Therefore as soon as we are supplied with the a/n forms, or are able to reproduce the required number, this HQ will distribute same to all outstations.

It would be appreciated, if you could obtain one copy of each form locally, for reproduction purposes, as RAAC are not in possession of them either.

Field.
GD.

B. G. Murray
Capt Camp Commandant.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

4905

SUBJECT: Medals.

M.M.I.A. N.Italy
Milan.

Camp

Phone: MILAN 13989
Ref : MIL/4/D

30 Oct. 45

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MMIA) Camp Comdt.

59 Area Routine Orders refer to A.C.I. 829/45
in connection with the Submission of AFs B 2070 and B 2068
for medals.

There are several members of this detachment
entitled to the 1939 - 45 Star, Italy Star etc. for whom,
as far as I know;no claim has been submitted.

Will you please inform me what procedure is
adopted by MMIA in this connection, as outstations have
never been asked to submit nominal rolls for the recently
awarded Campaign medals.

John E. ...

Lieut-Col.
Senior MMIA LC,N.Italy.

4906

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The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office, AG . 23.
London. S.W.1.

Major J.R. MONICO (137355) Inf Corps.

The attached medal and relevant correspondence in respect of the above-named officer, received from Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) G.M.F. is forwarded for disposal please.

Major Monico entrained for U.K. Release Gp 15 and S.O.S. C.M.F. w.e.f. 23 Sept 45.

D. A. Robertson
Brigadier,
G.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.
G.D.

Copy to:- Camp Commandant, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) G.M.F.
(Your 16/5 dated 11 Oct 45 refers).

4903

Subject. Honours & Awards EL.

To. Major Crawford, M.D.

Land Forces Sub Commission.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.
CMF.

Ref: Camp/16/4 dated 20/10/35.

The attached letter is forwarded to you for information, and for any action you deem fit.

Field.
GD.

du
Capt Camp Commandant.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

4902

A.P.S.

02E/RO/C/231.12 Oct 45.

Camp Commandant, Commission. A.C.
Land Forces Sub Commission. A.C.
Mil. Mission Italian Army,
C.M.F.

SUBJECT:- Honours & Awards.A/Major W.H.D. CRAWFORD (75231) - R.A.S.C.

Reference your letter Camp/16/1 dated 7 Sep 45.

The following is forwarded for your information and future

guidance:

To be eligible for the award of the Efficiency T.A. Medal
an Officer must have completed 12 years qualifying service whilst
serving in the ranks.

Your attention is directed to A.C.I. 1894/42 which states:

"The question of whether service on a Regular Army Emergency
Commission may be allowed to count as qualifying service
for the award of the Efficiency Medal (T.A.), has been post-
poned for consideration until after the war. Accordingly
no claim will in the meantime, be submitted where the full
period of qualifying service has NOT been earned
independently of service on a Regular Army Emergency
Commission".

To be eligible for the Decoration, an Officer must be or have
been, a Commissioned Officer, serving on or after 23 Sep 1930 and
have completed 20 years qualifying service, Great War and this War
service as an embodied Officer counting double (including months), unless
peacetime service as single service. Service on the T.A.R.C., unless
embodied is inadmissible.

Time spent on supplementary reserve does not count as
qualifying service. Time served in the ranks of the T.A. half
service, but in war time this counts as single service. Total
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Time spent on supplementary reserve does not count as qualifying service. Time served in the ranks of the T.A., half service, but in war time this counts as single service. Time spent whilst temporarily unemployed during war, single service.

You are referred to the conditions of T.A. Regulations 1936
para 594/5.

C.M.E.
HHSB.

Phumfist
Brigadier,
DAG.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

Subject. Claim for Award of --
Africa Star.

To. 2nd Echelon.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.
C.M.F.
Ref. Camp/16/2. Dated 13/9/45.

S/3778924

Ptc.

Doyle. J.

RASC.

The attached application in respect of the a/n. is forwarded to you for the necessary action.

Field.
CD.

B. J. Hughes
Capt. Camp. Commandant.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

4950

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) (C.M.F.)
Ref. 16/3 Dated 11/10/45

To: G.H.Q. 2nd Ech.

187355 Maj. Monico. J.R. (Int Corps)

In respect of the above mentioned officer, who was posted to X(3) list UK under age/service group 15 on the 18th/Sept/45. Herewith enclosed medal which arrived after his release. Owing to his home address not being recorded with this unit, we are forwarding the forementioned for any action you deem advisable.

Field
EDW/


Capt Camp Commandant
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

4899

Tel: Bari 13859

Subject:- Claim for Award of AFRICA Star
-S/3778921 PTE. DOYLE, J.

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
C/o 54 Area, C.M.F.

LO/7/2/AQ

11 September 45.

To: HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)
att'n CAMP COMDT

Reference your Camp/16 dated 22 Aug 45.

1. Attached proforma in respect of a/m Soldier is returned as instructed by you, duly completed and signed.
2. Perhaps you will complete CO's Certificate, as relevant details are not known in this office.

F.L. Munn-Mason

Capt RASC.
for Senior LO
Eastern Italy

ELMM/baw

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Subject. Medals and Awards.

To: HHQ 2nd. Echelon.

Land Forces Sr. Commission. A.C.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

C.M.F.

Reference Camp/16/I. Date. 7/9/45.

The attached application in respect of Major Crawford is forwarded for the necessary action.

Field.
GD.

D.G. King
Capt. Camp Commandant.
Mil. Mission Italian Army.

1895

