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Honors + Awards - British To Italians
AUG. 1945 - JAN. 1947

Subject : Italian Honours and Awards.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Major General L. Browning, C.B. O.B.E. M.C.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.

DO/2

8 May, 45.

My dear

1. Thanks for your DO/7066/MS3 of 5 May.
2. Yes, actually I do know the situation as regards the matter of awards both to and from the Italians as the Field Marshal talked to me about this when he inspected Mantova Group the other day.
3. I have already told both the Ministry of War and General Infante that the British are not allowed to accept Italian decorations and, so far as I know, none have been offered to any officers in M.M.I.A. However I will make a point of repeating the statement to them again.
4. I think that what has happened is that the Italian Combat Group Commanders have been agitating to be allowed to decorate their B.L.U's, but as these are under command of Armies, I have taken no action.
5. I will also warn my M.M.I.A. officers in the sense of your last paragraph.
6. I sympathise with you in all this which is very difficult for you, particularly as the Americans have willingly accepted Italian decorations.

Yours

L.B.

Colonel G.H. Hunt, O.B.E.,
Military Secretary's Branch,
A.F.H.Q.

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From: Colonel G.H. HUNT, OBE.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Military Secretary's Branch

DO/1066/MS3

Allied Force Headquarters

5th May, 1945

Dear *General,*

You are no doubt aware that a certain number of British Officers with Italian formations are being embarrassed by the offer of Italian decorations. In spite of strong representation to the War Office both personally by the Field Marshal and ourselves regarding the rewarding of Italian and acceptance of their awards, considerable difficulty is being experienced and we are making little or no headway.

In order to avoid further misunderstanding would you be good enough to explain to the Italian High Command that foreign decorations cannot be accepted by British personnel whilst acting in a liaison capacity. I think it would be as well if this information were brought to the notice of Prince Umberto as well, who is apparently taking an interest in certain cases.

Could you also tell any of your officers that this is the line they should take if offered awards, but not to make any promise about future acceptance in case, as appears possible, they do not subsequently become eligible. They are not of course, strictly speaking Liaison Officers, but what I have suggested seems the best method of avoiding any complications and personal embarrassment.

Yours

Sincerely

G.H. Hunt

To: Maj.-Gen. L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC,
Comd. M.M.I.A.

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ITALIAN DECORATIONS.

- A. Ordine di San Maurizio e Lazzaro.
- B. Ordine della Corona d'Italia
 - 1. Gran Cordone
 - 2. Grand'Ufficiale
 - 3. Commendatore
 - 4. Cavaliere Ufficiale
 - 5. Cavaliere.

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M.M.I.A.

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Rank.	Name.	Personal Number.	Regt or Corps.	Category
Maj Gen	L. Browning, CB., OBE., MC.	P/5253	Gen List	
Brig	C.C. Duchesne, OBE., MC.	13502	R.E.	B2
Col	H.G. Pilsley, DSO., OBE., MC.	27836	A.E.C. late Inf.	A2
Col	F.J. Noakes, OBE.	75763	Manch. R.	A2
Lt Col	H.B. Finch, MC.	P/12365	R.A.S.C.	B3
Lt Col	G.H. Moriarty	146615	R.A.	B4
Lt Col	W.A. Heggie, MBE., MC.	96612	R.A.M.C.	B3
Lt Col	The Hon. H.A.C. Howard	P/58083	Coldstream Gds	B3
Lt Col	P.M. Majoriebanks-Egerton MBE.	27188	R.Ir Fus	B3
Lt Col	W.H.M. Wilcox, MBE.	42317	R.A.S.C.	B3
Lt Col	S.M. Ingledew, OBE.	126305	U.D.F. Transval Scottish	A3
Lt Col	K.F. Curtis	52927	R.A.S.C.	B3
Lt Col	R.A. Curties	52947	R.A.	B3
Major	B.G. Carew-Hunt MBE.	36575	Queens	B4
Major	C.F. Baumann, MBE.	253995	Int Corps	A4
Major	R.M. Phillips	53047	R.E.	B4
Major	B.G. Butterworth	78814	R.A.	B4
Major	C.A. Hall	109150	R.E.M.E.	B4
Major	G.A. Fleming	58972	R. Sigs	B4
Major	J.R. Maonico	187355	Int Corps	B4
Major	J.A. Bourne	256896	Int Corps	B4
Major	S.W. Camm	105576	R.A.S.C.	B4
Major	A.M. Newton	140052	Cheshire R	B4
Major	J.A. Dobbs MBE	78119	R.A.	B4
Major	D.S.L. Gregson MBE	69290	5th. R.I.D.G.	B4
Major	E. Ryatt	181250	Int Corps	B4
Major	C.F. Murrell			B4

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Major	C.F. Baumann, MBE.	253995	Int Corps	A4
Major	R.M. Phillips	55647	R.E.	B4
Major	B.G. Butterworth	78814	R.A.	B4
Major	C.A. Hall	109150	R.E.M.E.	B4
Major	G.A. Fleming	58972	R. Sigs	B4
Major	J.R. Monaco	187355	Int Corps	B4
Major	J.A. Bourne	256896	Int Corps	B4
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Major	A.M. Newton	140052	Cheshire R	B4
Major	J.A. Dobbs MBE	78119	R.A.	B4
Major	D.S.L. Gregson MBE	69230	5th. R.I.D.G.	B4
Major	E. Eyatt	181250	Int Corps	B4
Major	C.F. Murcell	153213	Int Corps	A4
Major	H.B.P.F. Thrupp	67395	S. Staffs	B4
Major	F.R. Selby	170282	R.T.R.	B4
Major	F.A. Cole	160812	S. Lan. R	B4
Major	J.G. Bird MBE	63315	Green Howards	B4
Major	J.G. Letanar, OBE.	133105V	S.A.E.C.	B4
Major	S.P. Archer	129389	R.A.	B4
Major	O.C. Papineau	111979	R.A.S.C.	B4

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Major	A.J. Head	126111	R.A.O.C.	B4
Major	A.M.G. Gelardi	121734	R.A.	B4
Major	W.H.D. Crawford	75231	R.A.S.C.	B4
Major	R. Newton	164940	R.A.C. (Reece)	B4
Major	M. Fieldman, MBE.	157277	Gen List.	B4
Major	L.J.N. Stainton	134112	Queens	B4
Major	W.N.R. Maxwell	129772	P.A.	B4
Major	W.N.M. Miles	148756	R.A.S.C.	B4
Major	H.F.H. Edwards	237305	R.E.M.E.	B4
Major	C.E. Baker	161585	R.E.M.E.	B4
Major	W.L. Medlam	42286	Kings Regt	B4
Major	F.G.W. Taylor	167707	R.A.O.C.	B4
Capt	J.H. Craig	219774	R.A.S.C.	B5
Capt	F.H. Gentle	193555	R.E.	B5
Capt	F.J.A. Clark	176466	R.Ir. Fus	B5
Capt	P. Herbert	68464	R. Fus	B5
Capt	C.W.D. Clayton, MBE.	83522	R.A.	B5
Capt	K. Freeland	232628	R.A.S.C.	B5
Capt	V.C.J. Thrupp	76056	S. Staffs Regt	B5
Capt	E. Mouch-Mason	210140	R.A.S.C.	B5
Capt	The Lord Westbury	231610	R.E.	B5
Capt	W.A.A. Evans	145946	R.E.	B5
Capt	E. O'Donnell	162730	Int Corps	B5
Capt	G.C. Fox	109028	R. Berks	B5
Capt	T.A. Yearsley	164423	R. Warwick Regt	B5
Capt	R.G.A. Groves-Haines	212236	Int Corps	B5
Capt	L.W. Marm	172702	R.A.	B5
Capt	J. LamL	174555	Baver	B5

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Capt	J. Laml	174555	Essex	B5
Capt	E.A.G. Balfour	149133	Soots Gds	B5

LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR ITALIAN AWARDS AND
MEDIALS FOR ITALIAN RESISTANCE.

(Arranged in Groups of Awards)

Name		Unit	Remarks
GR.	1 Gen.	ARMANDO GELICO	War Ministry
	2 Lt-Col.	FRANCESCO PAOLO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
	3 " "	GIULIO ARGOLO	Terr. Gen. M. M. M. M. M.
GR.	1 Maj-Gen.	GIULIO MASTROLO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
	2 " "	FRANCESCO AD-DE	ASG
	3 " "	GIULIO GIAN. PATULATO	Milit. Under Secretary of War
	4 " "	FRANCESCO MASTROLO	Dir. Gen. of Communications
	5 " "	FRANCESCO ATTILIO	Ministry of War
	6 " "	FRANCESCO MASTROLO	Gen. 228 M. M. M.
	7 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
GR.	1 Maj-Gen.	GIULIO GELICO	Director Gen. of Engineer Services
	2 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Ministry of War
	3 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Deputy Gen. and General Military Schools
	4 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Assistant to Ch. of S. S. S. S. S.
	5 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Minister General of Army and Air
	6 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	(Services M. of S.)
	7 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
	8 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
	9 " "	FRANCESCO GELICO	Ch of S. S. S. S. S.
GR.	1 Colonel	FRANCESCO GELICO	Head of technical branch of War Ministry
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1	Col.	FRANCESCO GIOVANNI	Head of 1st Div. of War Ministry
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Note; All the personnel recommended under this note
are to be contacted through

Ufficio Stralci, Corpo Volontario della Libertà,
Comando Regionale Veneto,
PADOVA. Italy.

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- ①. List arranged according to awards as recommended. I have noted in pencil the most obvious discrepancies.
- ②. Legnano recommendations (for 23 names) not yet submitted on AFW 3121. Further Signal sent.
- ③. There is doubt whether the Knips Medal is administered to POWs.
- ④. Scale is 1 in 100. The Gumpri are all probably used within scale. No, but the impossible to take as personal work either independently or with Bill Rine.

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A. 132. - about 14 Aug.

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3. Negroes recommendations (for 23 names) not yet transmitted
on AFW 3121. Further Signal sent.

3. There is doubt whether the Kings Medal is administered
to soldiers.

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planned work either independently or with British Army.

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A.132 - cable 14 Aug.

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Copy from 1947 sent to
the War Office
for the purpose of
re-issuing the medal
to the King's
Medal for the
War with
Germany 1939-45

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TEL : Padua 22252

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : Honours and Awards

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

1027/MS3

8 Jan 47

HQ MFA

Reference your 245 A dated 3 Jan 47.

It is not yet known whether any of these awards will be approved, or if so, when they will be published. Advice will, however, be requested on the matter.

G.F. Denton
G.F. DENTON, Major,
D.A.M.S.,
for Lt-Col.,
Assistant Military Secretary.

GFD/MJE

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 266

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MILIA) CMF

245 A ✓

3 Jan 47

GHC., CMF.

SUBJECT: Honours and Awards to Italian Officers.

With reference to this HQ No A 245 dated 6 July 46.

Will you please say whether it is intended to publish honours and awards to the Italian Army "pari passu" with the signing ~~and~~ ratification of the peace treaty, and how this matter now stands.

AMG/fg.

M.H.G. L.L.
Major-General,
GOC, MILIA.

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DEFENCE SECURITY OFFICE,
AUBERGE DE CASTILLE,
VALETTA,
MALTA.

Ref: SF 827.

27th November, 1946.

G.O.C. MMIA.
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, C.M.F.

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Many thanks for your letter of
18th November numbered 245 A and its enclosure
- certified copy of citation made by MUSSOLINI
on the occasion of the award of Medaglia d'oro
to Carmelo BORG PISANI -

Your assistance in this matter is
greatly appreciated.

B.G. Atkinson
(B.G. ATKINSON)
for Lt-Colonel. D.S.O.

A. Brach
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMT

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18 Nov 46

British Embassy (Consular Section)
R O M E

Subject : Legalisation of signature on a document
concerning BORG PISANI.

Ref your letter No 29-2, dated 31 Oct 46.

Receipt of papers referred to in your a/m letter
is acknowledged.

WKB/wf

[Signature]
Major-General
GOC, MMIA

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 380

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

✓ 245 A

18 Nov 46

Command HQ, MALTA.

Subject:- Award of Medaglia d'Oro to BORG PISANI.

1. Certified copy of citation in connection with the above is forwarded herewith as requested by you.
2. Delay is greatly regretted but this was due to circumstances beyond the control of this HQ.

WKB/WF

[Signature]
for Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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British Embassy,
(Consular Section)
Rome.

31st October, 1946

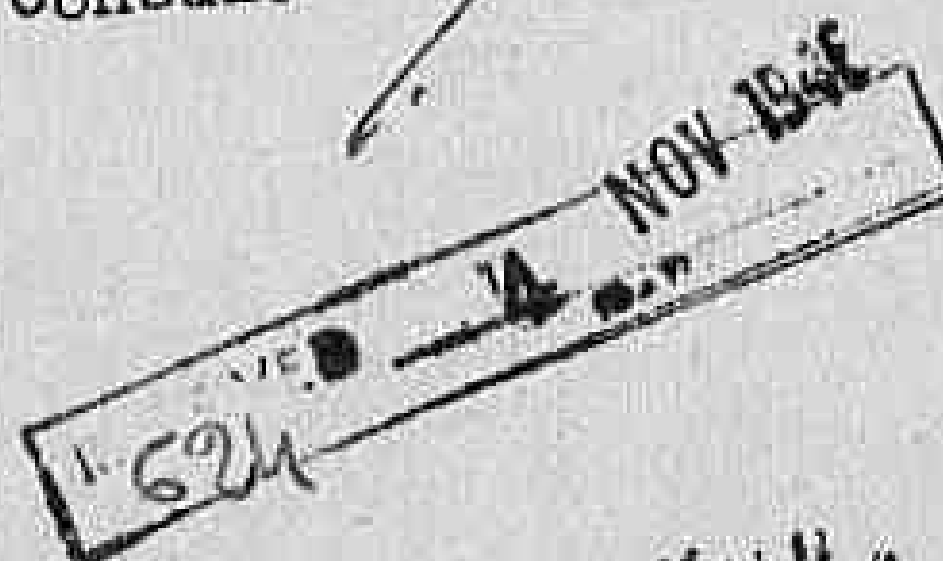
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To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMA)
Rome. A/245.

Subject: Legalization of signature on a document
concerning Borg Pisani.

We have been requested by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to legalize the signature of their official, Mr. Janni, appearing on a document concerning the conferring of a Gold Medal on the Maltese Carmelo Borg Pisani, and to return the documents to you. This has been done and the papers are attached hereto. We shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge receipt.

A. B. Grenville-Terry
Acting British Consul.



WBNT/lw.

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Oggetto: Concessione di medaglia d'oro al maltese BORG PIERA MI

L'AVV. TORRELLI SUP. CONS. A. C. (MILIT.)

ROMA - 4/245 = 22 MAGGIO 1946.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

1. Il Comando Generale di Malta ha fatto richiesta a questo Ufficio di ottenere da cotesto Ministero una copia autenticata della citazione relativa all'assegnazione della medaglia d'oro a BORG PIERA, nato a Malta il 10 Agosto 1916. Si acclude copia della citazione stessa.
2. Affinchè la firma dell'ufficiale che autenticerà la copia possa a sua volta essere autenticata da un funzionario del Consolato Britannico, si prega di inviare la copia autenticata al Ministero degli Affari Esteri perchè essa venga a sua volta autenticata da un funzionario la cui firma sia nota al Consolato Britannico, e ciò prima di restituire la copia a questo Ufficio.
- 3/ Il Comando di Malta ci ha pregato di trattare la questione con estrema urgenza.

P. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE MILA
F/to Maggiore Stocler

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI 2023

Si allega l'autenticata

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P. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE MILA
P/ro Maggiore Stocker

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI 2023

Si attesta l'autenticità

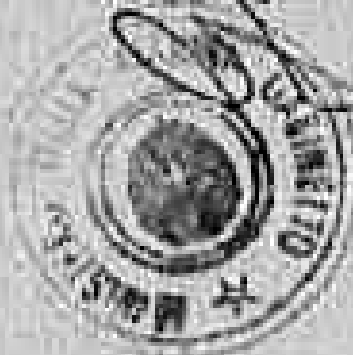
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Amintore Biscione

21.8.46

Roma,
DIRETTORE DEL MINISTERO

[Signature]



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SECRET : Award of Croix de Guerre to DI MARCO Domenico.

Land Forces Sub Comd. SC.
(H.M.I.A.), E O M E.
Tel: 489061 Ext: 380.

1 Oct 46.

TO : Commandant Militaire Français en Italie: 1st Bureau.

1. The Italian Ministry of War have asked the Mission to forward to you a request that the Croix de Guerre won by the a/s soldier, of the Bersaglieri Legion, at SANGIULIANO on the 11 April 1945 may be sent to his parents.

2. Copies of your letter H.6406/SEP-1 dated 30 November 1945 addressed to Sig Giuseppe DI MARCO, father of the a/s soldier and the citation, are attached hereto for reference.

J. H. S. Rockley
Major General,
H.M.I.A.

Copy to: Ministry of War.

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TRANSLATION

(59)

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 503/946/On.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 11 September 1946.

SUBJECT:- Soldier DI MARCO Domenico.

Di Marco Giuseppe and Cedano Olimpia, parents of DI MARCO Domenico, a soldier of the Foreign Legion who was killed in the Battle of Tannenberg on 11 April 1945 and decorated by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic with the Croix de Guerre with palm, have approached this Ministry to obtain the relative decoration.

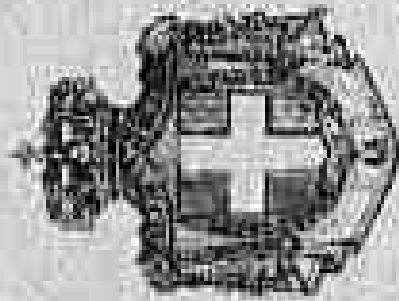
We enclose copy of letter with attached citation regarding the award in question, received some time ago by the parents of Di Marco. We beg you to kindly approach the French Military H.Q. in Italy in order that the said decoration may be sent to the parents of the soldier in question.

sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

R.A.G.

*Letter to French. 1717.
30/9.*

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Ga/Sp.

Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto

Ufficio Onorificenze e Ricompense

Divisione

Sez.

P. I. N. 303/946/104 Allegato 2

OGGETTO

soldato DI MARCO Domenico.

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.

N. 2

ROMA

11 SET. 1946

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(MIA)

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12 SET 1946

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Si allega copia della partecipazione e unita decisione riguardante la ricompensa di cui trattasi, a suo tempo ricevute dai coniugi Di Marco, con preghiera di voler interessare il Comando Militare Francese in Italia per l'invio ai richiedenti della decorazione indicata.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Giambardi

1530

date 12/9

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12 SEP 1946

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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P.C. 30 novembre 1945.

COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE
MISSION GUERRE
1^{er} BUREAU
N. 6.100/CMF-1

le General Le COUTELX de CAUMONT
Commandant Militaire Francais en Italie

al

Sig. DI MARCO Giuseppe

via Panisperna, 95

R O M A

Allegata alla presente le rimetto traduzione della
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all'ordine dell'Esercito Francese ottenuta dal suo figlio,
caduto in combattimento l'11 aprile 1945 in circostanze
particolarmente gloriose.

Mentre richiedo al suo comandante le informazioni
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di guerra che mi premurerò inviarle non appena mi sarà per-
venuta.

Trattanto Le porgo i più distinti saluti.

P.O. Chef de Bataillon R. MESNARD
Chef de la Mission Guerre
F.to Mesnard

P.C.C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(F. Fornato)

2019

Sig. DI MARCO Giuseppe

via Panisperna, 95

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P.C.C.
IL COINTELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(V. Firmato)

2019

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Dal giornale Ufficiale della Repubblica Francese
del 18 novembre 1945.

DECISIONE N°1075

Dietro proposta del Ministero della Guerra, il
Presidente del Governo provvisorio della Repubblica Francese,
Capo delle Armate, cita all'ordine dell'Esercito:

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demente al buon esito dell'operazione.

"Ha trovato morte gloriosa tentando di catturare uno "snipper"
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Questa citazione comporta l'attribuzione della Croce di Guerra
con palme, e verrà pubblicata nel Giornale Ufficiale della Re-
pubblica Francese.

Parigi, 29 agosto 1945.

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE
MISSION GUERRE
1^o BUREAU
N.6 101/CMF-1

COPIE CONFORME

Rome le 29 novembre 1945
Le Generale LE COUËTAUX de CAUMONT
Comandant Militaire Français en
Italie

P.O. CHEF de BATAILLON R. MESNARD
Chef de la Mission Guerre
F.to Mesnard

P.C.C.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(E. Fornato)

2018

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE
MISSION GUERRE
1^o BUREAU
N.6 101/CAT-1

CORPS COMTORE

Rome le 29 novembre 1945

Le Generale Le COUTEAUX de CAUMONT
Comandant Militaire Français en
Italie

P.O. CHEF de BATTAILLON R. MESNARD

Chef de la Mission Guerre

F;to Mesnard

P.C.C.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO

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2018

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Subject : Claim for certificate.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489084 Ext: 380.

A 245

16 Sept 46.

To : Marco Leone RAZINI.
Comando Militare Colla C.F.I. No 58.
1 Pizzo M E R A N O.

Your application for a certificate has been forwarded to the Ministry of War.

[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

ms/f.s.

2017

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Subject : Claim for certificate, Leone RANZINI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext:380.

245

16 Sept 46.

To : Ministry of War.

The attached claim for certificate of merit has been received by this HQ and is forwarded to you for any action considered necessary.

[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

JDS/f.s.

2016

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TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
General Headquarters
CMF

AO (56)

To: S
M.M.I.A.

245.

Date 2nd September, 1946.

Would you please deal with the attached correspondence on behalf of the C.-in-C.

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[Signature]

2015

TRANSLATION

Sir,

I beg your pardon if I write to you once again; but I am going to ask you a favor I am sure you will grant to me. According to the suggestion you gave me in your letter of 3rd August I have written a letter to "MIA" in order to obtain the certificate of merit you know about. As I don't know the address of this Office I am inclosing the letter in the one I am sending to you.

Please, send my letter to the MIA by recommending them to take into consideration my request. I am convinced that, through your interest, they will accede to my request by issuing me the coveted certificate.

Encouraged by your fine feelings of generosity and goodness I am sure that you will help me as much as you can. I thank you in advance for everything you will do on my behalf. I will be indebted to you forever. God bless and reward you. After 33 months of serious bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis, aggravated by the presence of a pulmonary abscess, I feel now a little better.

How are you? I hope well. I am proud for having cooperated with the "Priuli" Combat-Unit and for having fought aside with the British 8th Army in the war of liberation against Germany. It is to me motive of pride to have been a member of the glorious 8th Army.

General Sir Richard Mc. Greery, 8th Army General Commander, and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander in Chief visited us while fighting on the Bologna Frontline.

I wish you good health, prosperity and whatever you aspire to. In the certainty that you will accede to my request, I send you my sincerest and best regards.

s/ Leone Razzini

Long live the glorious British 8th Army
Long live the glorious American 5th Army
Long live the glorious United Nations
Long live the President of the United States
Long live the Allied glorious Army, Navy and Air Force.

2014

Address: Fante Leone Razzini
Ospedale Militare della S.M.I. No 38
(ex Albergo Bristol) 1 piano - Merano

Original sent to
MOW. 13/8.

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Form No. 160
(Rev. April 1941)

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SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT : Honours and Awards to Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
A 245
6 July 46.

TO : G.H.Q. M.S. for D.M.S.

As verbally requested I forward herewith two lists of recommendations for honours and awards to Italian Officers.

List "A" is composed of Officers and men from various units the citation being initiated by unit commanders and countersigned by the G.O.C. MMIA or by Gen. McCreery.

List "B" is composed of Officers recommended by me.

In accordance with your verbal instructions citations have not been submitted for "Mention in Despatches"

L.B.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SUMMARY

AWARDS	Armies	102
	MMIA	<u>34</u>
	Total	<u>136</u>
MENTIONS	Armies	64
	MMIA	<u>20</u>
	Total	<u>84</u>

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2013

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

(Initiated by M.M.I.A.)

Brigadier	ZANUSSI Giacomo	Deputy Comd. CAVALMONTA Combat Gp.
Colonel	CERMONESI Alessandro	Head of Recruiting Branch Pers. (OR)
Colonel	BOGLIACCINO Orazio	Head of Mov. Branch SAME
Colonel	MELONI Nicolo'	Head of Q Branch SAME
Lt. Col.	TORSIELLO Mario	Head of Trg Branch SAME
Lt. Col.	ALOIA Giuseppe	Q (MT) SAME
Lt. Col.	PIZZOMMA Vincenzo	Auxiliary Tps Inspectorate SAME
Lt. Col.	CHECCHIA Alfonso	Q (Ord) SAME
Lt. Col.	SANTONE Enrico	Liaison Office War Ministry
Lt. Col.	SALVI Gennaro	WE Sec. SAME
Major	PINTOZZI Saverio	of the Statistical Branch SAME
Major	MAIOGHI Pietro	of the Statistical Branch SAME
Major	MAREU Francesco	Trg. Branch SAME
Major	LUNARDONI Arnaldo	V & R Sec. SAME
Major	PASCHETTA Furio D'annunzio	Cps Branch SAME
Major	SOLASCIA Ugo	SD Branch SAME
Major	TAGLIONI Albino	Mobilization Office SAME
Major	CAUDA Ernesto	Interpreter Sec. SAME.
Col.	PALLAVICINO Arnaldo	PA. to G. of S.
Col.	SECCO Gustavo	Translator, Army Directorate

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Lt. Col.	PIZZONIA	Vincenzo	Auxiliary Ops Inspectorate SMRE
Lt. Col.	CHROCHIA	Alfonso	Q (Ord) SMRE
Lt. Col.	SANSONE	Enrico	Liaison Office War Ministry
Lt. Col.	SALVI	Gennaro	WT Sec. SMRE
Major	PINTOZZI	Saverio	of the Statistical Branch SMRE
Major	MAIOCHI	Pietro	of the Statistical Branch SMRE
Major	MIRREU	Francesco	Trg. Branch SMRE
Major	LUNARDONI	Arnaldo	V & R Sec. SMRE
Major	PASCHETTA	Turilo Emanuele	Cas Branch SMRE
Major	SCIASCIA	Ugo	SD Branch SMRE
Major	TACCHIONI	Albino	Mobilization Office SMRE
Major	CAUDA	Ernesto	Interpreter Sec. SMRE.
Col.	PALLAVICINO	Arnaldo	Pl. to C. of S.
Col.	SECCO	Gustavo	Translator, Army Directorate

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LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRITISH AWARDS AND
DECORATIONS FOR ITALIAN PERSONNEL.

(Arranged in Groups of Awards)

Rank	Unit	Remarks
CR. 1 Gen.	ORLANDO Federico	War Ministry
2 Lt-Gen.	RELANDI Paolo	C of S. S.M.R.E.
3 " "	GERICA Angelo	Terr. Comd. FLORENCE and BOLOGNA
ONE 1 Maj-Gen.	CHICCHIA Raffaele	C of S S.M.R.E.
2 " "	INVERNIZIO Adolfo	ADG
3 " "	CHICCHIA Giov. Battista	Milit. Under Secretary of War
4 " "	PERAZZINI Raffaele	Dir. Gen. of Commissariat
5 " "	CHICCHIA Attilio	Ministry of War.
6 " "	NERVO Ettore	Com. 228 A.M. Div.
7 " "	ARIMIO Carlo	Actg C. of S. S.M.R.E.
ONE 1 Maj-Gen.	CELVARO Oreste	Director Gen. of Engineer Services
2 " "	MAZZONI Enrico	Ministry of War
3 Pr-Gen.	LEONARDI Giorgio	Deputy Comd Central Military Schools
4 " "	PROFESSI Pier Giulio	Assistant to C. of S. S.M.R.E.
5 " "	MAZZONI Oreste	Director General of Army and AF
6 Colonel	PIACENTINI Piacentino	(Services M. of W.)
7 " "	LEONARDI Luigi	(2 1/2 LUNARO until 1/45 then to
8 " "	PIZZI VERBAZZA Rinaldo	Ross Terr. Comd. Spec. Dep.)
9 " "	MAZZONI Oreste	Head of SD Branch S.M.E.
ONE 1 Colonel	PERAZZINI Giovanni	Chief of Cabinet of War Ministry
2 " "	CHICCHIA Attilio	" " " "
3 " "	PULLICCI Giuseppe	" " " "
4 " "	CAMPAGNA Giovanni	Head of technical branch AF Direct.
5 " "	LEONARDI Ettore	Head of Trg. Branch S.M.E.
6 " "	PERAZZINI Rinaldo	Head of Ops Branch S.M.E.
7 Lt-Col.	DI RIVERO Francesco	Head of Mov. Branch S.M.E.
8 " "	CHICCHIA' Fiorino	Head of Adm. Branch, Army and AF
9 " "	PIACENTINI Giuseppe	Directorate, Min of War.
10 " "	LEONARDI Oreste	Head of Liaison Branch, M. of W.
11 " "	MAZZONI Aldo	OC 23 Regt. S.M.E.
12 " "	CHICCHIA Attilio	Head of Mobilization Office S.M.E.
13 " "	PULLICCI Giuseppe	Head of Ops Branch S.M.E.
14 " "	PERAZZINI Rinaldo	Head of a Sup Sec in the Commissariat
15 " "	MAZZONI Aldo	Head of 1st Bureau of War Ministry's
16 " "	CHICCHIA Attilio	Cabinet
17 " "	PULLICCI Giuseppe	Head of an Ord Sec in the Commissariat
18 " "	PERAZZINI Rinaldo	Directorate War Ministry
19 " "	MAZZONI Aldo	Head of WE Office S.M.E.
20 " "	CHICCHIA Attilio	Head of WE Office S.M.E.

ONE	1	Major-Gen.	QUARANTA Raffaele	Director Gen. of Engineer Services
"	"	"	ADG	Ministry of War
"	"	"	LUIGI ADOLFO	Deputy Gen. Central Military Schools
"	"	"	GIULIA GIOV. Battista	Assistant to G. of S. S.M.M.
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"	"	"	"	Head of technical branch AF Direct.
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"	"	"	PIACENTINI Piacentino	
"	"	"	LOMBARDI Luigi	
"	"	"	PIRELLA VINCENZO Rinaldo	
"	"	"	BARONCINI Guido	
ONE	1	Colonel	FERARI Giovanni	Head of Try. Branch
"	"	"	QUEROLA Attilio	Head of CPS Branch
"	"	"	PALLINI Giuseppe	Head of Mor. Branch
"	"	"	CAMPAGNA Giovanni	Head of Adm. Branch, Arty and AF
"	"	"	"	Directorate, Min of War.
"	"	"	LEGER Italo	Head of Liaison Branch, H. of W.
"	"	"	BENZI CAMILLO Eugenio	OG 23 Reggt. S.M.M.
"	"	"	DI BINCATO Francesco	Head of Mobilization Office
"	"	"	"	Head of Ops Branch
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"	"	"	"	OG 25 Gruppo S.M.M.
ONE	1	Major	MASTROTTI Luigi	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	BARONCINI Ugo	
"	"	"	BARONCINI Renzo	

2011

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRITISH AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
TO ITALIAN PERSONNEL

(Initiated by Br. s/v. Corps).

(Arranged in groups of Awards)

OBE.	RANK	NAME	UNIT	REMARKS
1	Gen.	SCARFONI Arturo	Artillery Group	Commander
2	Gen.	PRINZIBI	Cremone Co.	
3	Lt. Col.	GIUSEPPE		
1	Officer	BOLLEONI Arigo	23 Garibaldi Bde.	Inf. Div. Marche Regt.
2	Capt.	Col. Carlo Francesco	7. March Bn.	
3	Lt. Col.	GIUSEPPE		
1	Lt. Col.	MARZAIOLI Giuseppe	No 1 Spec Force	att. It. War Ministry Liaison Mission in N. Italy
2	Lt. Col.	PALUSO Vittorio	No 1 Spec Force	
3	Lt. Col.	MARIS Benvenuto	FRULLI	
4	Lt. Col.	CARLEO Mario	"	
5	Col.	DE MICHELIS	POLIGONE	
6	Col.	FORNARI	"	
7	Col.	PACINOTTI	"	
8	Col.	RONCO	"	
9	Lt. Col.	STELLA	"	
10	Capt.	TESEI	"	
11	Gen.	BOLOGNA Guido	MANTOVA	7 CDB (Commander of Gp)
12	Col.	GIORDANO Aldo	"	
13	Col.	OTTONE	"	
14	Col.	OSERZANI		
15	Col.	SCARPA	LEGNANO	
16	Col.	BRUGNOLI	"	
17	Maj.	BASILE	7 Bers. Regt.	
18	Lt. Col.	DE MARTINO	PULIGNE	
19	Gen.	TRICIONE Giancarlo	TRIULI	
20	Col.	DE VIGANI Achille	"	
21	Col.	GIANNARIELLA Fulvio	"	
22	Gen.	DEPENALI Giovanni	LEGNANO	
23	Col.	DE RUFFI Eusebio	"	
24	Col.	ROSSETTI Guido	"	
25	Lt.	INCHI GIORGIO	No 1 Spec Force	
26	Capt.	RUCANO Pietro	"	
27	Gen.	FRILLI Roberto	LEGNANO	
28	Pr. Gen.	MARINI Mario	234 Div.	
29	Col.	BUCCI Giuseppe	37. Bn.	

DEB. 1 1st Lt. BOLLEA Luigi
2 Capt. GAY Carlo
3 Lt. COLIZZO Giuseppe

23 Garibaldi Bde.
T. Regio Sup.
PULICONE

Col. 2nd. Nardo Regt.

1 Lt. Col. MARZAIOLI Giuseppe
2 Lt. Col. PALMERO Vittorio
3 Lt. Col. PIZZIS Raimondo
4 Lt. Col. CAZZULO Mario
5 Col. DE MICHELIS
6 Col. FOSCARI
7 Col. PACINOTTI
8 Col. BONDIO
9 Lt. Col. STELLA
10 Capt. FESSI
11 Gen. BELGARA Guido
12 Col. GIORNANO Aldo
13 Col. OTTONI
14 Col. CERRAZZI
15 Col. SAMP
16 Col. BRUSILLI
17 Maj. BASILE
18 Lt. Col. DE MARTINO
19 Gen. TIOSTONE Giancarlo
20 Col. DE DIANE Achille
21 Col. CLAUDIPIA Fulvio
22 Gen. IMPERIALI Giovanni
23 Col. DE RIZZI Edoardo
24 Col. BOSCHETTI Guido
25 Lt. IRON Giorgio
26 Capt. RIZZOPIETRO Pietro
27 Gen. ULLI Umberto
28 Maj. NANNI Mario
29 Col. BOTTI Giuseppe

att. It. War Ministry
Liaison Mission in R. Italy

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1 Lt. Col. JUNG
2 Capt. BAUD
3 Capt. SARDONI Giacomo
4 Lt. ARDINI Andrea
5 Lt. BUNTA Paolo
6 P.O. GRANDE Tarcisio
7 Maj. LAMPALONE Antonio
8 Capt. LI GORBI Alberto
9 Capt. CIOGNA Alessandro
10 Maj. RICCI Tito
11 2/Lt. VANDERLIT Michael
12 Maj. ASSINI Giuseppe
13 Maj. CULPOMI Sebastiano
14 Vissara Luigi
15 Col. GARAPOLI Federico

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16	Capt.	MAZZI Alfredo	PRIVATI
17	Maj.	PIEMONTE Agostino	"
18	2/Lt.	RINALDO Ivo	"
19	Capt.	BARBARO Cirio	PIEMONTE
20	Maj.	DEBBI	"
21	Maj.	PAPALIZIO	"
22	Maj.	ROSSA	"
23	Maj.	PALAGIANI	"
24	Maj.	PONTELLI	"
25	Maj.	GISSA	"
26	Capt.	ZANINI	"
27	Maj.	MONTICANO	MANTOVA
28	2/Lt.	CINGIATI	"
29	Maj.	FORNIVANTINI	GENOVA
30	Maj.	FERRE	"
31	Maj.	TOFFERINI	"
32	Capt.	VENTURI	"
33	2/Lt.	DE FAVENECCHI	"
34	2/Lt.	RANINI	"
35	2/Lt.	VISMARA	"
36	Maj.	CARLEO	231 It. Div.
37	Capt.	PISSAVINI	4 It. Pack Tps. Coy.
38	Lt.	BRANDI	Att. Lowat Scouts
39	Capt.	FORNARI	33 Inf. Div.
40	Lt.	SESTI	No 1 Spec. Force
41	Capt.	POLESE	Att. 4 G.O.L.
42	Lt. Col.	St. FIER	LATINO
43	Lt.	RICOLANDI	Att. 2/18 R. Central Rif. 100
44	Lt.	TRACILLI	Att. 6 D.O. 15000
45	Lt.		1st Force Reg.

<u>NO.</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1	Lt.	BOCCAZZI Alfonso	Cirio No 1 Spec. Force
2	2/Lt.	DE FELICE Carlo	"
3	Capt.	CATALANO	CRISTINA
4	2/Lt.	BELLI	"
5	2/Lt.	GERARDI	"
6	2/Lt.	SMILAVINI	LEMANO

<u>NO.</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1	Aviere	CARLONI Pietro	No 1 Spec. Force
2	Sgt.	D'AMICO Luigi	"
3	Aviere	BARBATA Donato	"
4	Pte.	SESTI Vittorio	7 Force Reg.
5	Pte.	CARLONI	CRISTINA
6	Pte.	BONA Giovanni	7 Force Reg.

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29	Maj.	NOTTAWAY	231 It. Div.
30	Maj.	FERRE	4 Lt. Pack Tpt. Coy.
31	Maj.	SCHUBERT	Att. Lowt Scouts
32	Capt.	VENTURI	Co Inf. Div.
33	2/Lt.	DE FRANCESCHI	No 1 Spec. Force
34	2/Lt.	RAMINI	Att. 4 J.O.E.
35	2/Lt.	VISMARA	LACERNO
36	Maj.	CARRO	Att. 2/13 A. Caval Rifles
37	Capt.	PISSAVINI	Att. 6 D.C.O. Engineers
38	Lt.	FRANCOSI	1st Spec. Force
39	Capt.	FORTANA	
40	Lt.	MARINI	
41	Capt.	SEVERI	
42	Lt. Col.	POLESE	
43	Lt.	ST. JESSE	
44	Lt.	RICCIARDI	
45	Lt.	TRUILLINI	

1	Lt.	BOUZZI Alfonso	No 1 Spec. Force
2	2/Lt.	DE FELICI Carlo	"
3	Capt.	CHALAND	CHALAND
4	2/Lt.	DONDI	"
5	2/Lt.	SCARFONE	"
6	2/Lt.	SALVARE	LACERNO

1	Aviere	CARRO Pietro	No 1 Spec. Force
2	Sgt.	D'AMICO Luigi	"
3	Adjutant	GRANITA Donato	"
4	Pte.	SEVERI Vito	No 1 Spec. Force
5	Pte.	CARRO	CHALAND
6	Pte.	DEMA Giovanni	No 1 Spec. Force
7	Cpl.	BORRERI	CHALAND
8	Sgt. Maj.	LANDINI	"
9	Cpl. Maj.	RELLINI	"

1	Maj. Cap.	BALDASSINI	CHALAND
2	Corp.	MELIARDI	"
3	Pte.	PISTOLINI	"
4	Pte.	GIANNONE	"
5	Genier	CARRO	No 1 Spec. Force
6	Marin R.	BORGIO Renato	No 1 Spec. Force
7	Sgt. Maj.	DE GIOVANNI Umberto	No 1 Spec. Force
8	S/Capt	PAGINI	No 1 Spec. Force

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MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

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Lt.Col.	LA STELLA, Alfredo Vincenzo	FRUIT Div. H.Q.
Lt.Col.	LIBERTI, Gerardo Pasquale	" " "
Lt.Col.	ROCCA, Riccardo Enrico	" " "
Lt.Col.	LOI, Alfo Luigi	38 Regt.
Lt.Col.	DURAN, Antonino Gaspare	35 Arty Regt.
Lt.Col.	VEDOVATO, Guido Ferdinando	" " "
Lt.Col.	DEL PRETE, Florio Rodrigo	Engineer
Maggiore	PREUDENTI, Flavio Emilio	Div. H.Q.
Maggiore	MANZO, Giuseppe Simone	" " "
Maggiore	FLAVONI, Giulio Cesare	87 Inf. Regt.
Capt.	JOVARA, Luigi Alfonso	Div. H.Q.
Capt.	MIRELLI DI TEORA, Luigi Francesco	" " "
Capt.	MAZZUCCHETTI, Emilio Alfredo	S. & T. Coy.
Cav.	RUSPOLI, Eugenio	
Lt.	GIOMTONTI, Umberto	
Magg.	MATERA, Giuseppe	
Capt.	VERGANI, Silvestro	
Capt.	PELUSATO, Aldo	
Capt.	MESURA, Giovanni	
Capt.	CATTOLINI	
Lt.	PERINI, Guido	
Maresciallo	SENVIDA, Piero	
Cap.Mag.	CELANO, Piero	
Sold.	CICERI, Angelo	
Serg.Maj.	PERCO, Ferruccio	
Serg.Maj.	SEMIOT, Guilio	

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Lt. Col.	VIDOVATO	Guido Ferrinando	"	"	Engineer
Lt. Col.	DEL PRATE	Piorio Rodrigo	"	"	Div. H.Q.
Maggiore	BENEDETTI	Flavio Emilio	"	"	"
Maggiore	MANZO	Giuseppe Simone	"	"	87 Inf. Regt.
Maggiore	FLAVONI	Cinlio Cesare	"	"	Div. H.Q.
Capt.	JOVARA	Luigi Alfonso	"	"	"
Capt.	MIRELLI DI TIORA	Luigi Francesco	"	"	S. & T. Coy.
Capt.	MAZZUCHELLI	Emilio Alfredo	"	"	
Cav.	RUS POLI	Eugenio	"	"	
Lt.	GIONTONI	Uberto	"	"	
Magg.	MATERA	Giuseppe	"	"	
Capt.	FERRARI	Silvestro	"	"	
Capt.	PELUFFO	Aldo	"	"	
Capt.	MESSINA	Giovanni	"	"	
Capt.	GIANNONI		"	"	
Lt.	PETRI	Guido	"	"	
Maresciallo	SENEVITA	Piero	"	"	
Cap. Mag.	CELLANO	Piero	"	"	
Sold.	CICERI	Angelo	"	"	
Serg. Maj.	PERCO	Ferruccio	"	"	
Serg. Maj.	SENICI	Guglielmo	"	"	
Cap. Maj.	GATTI	Giovanni	"	"	
Corp.	PIRANTI	Lamberto	"	"	
Capn.	ANGELI	Ivo	"	"	
Serg.	BASILICA	Luigi	"	"	
Serg. Maj.	DECIO	Paolo	"	"	
Serg. Maj.	REVALLO	Salvatore	"	"	

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Serg. Maj.	GIURANNA	Luigi	FOLGONE	Workshops.
Parac.	TAMBURELLI	Amato	"	"
Parac.	TOMIOLLO	Sante	"	LAD Eng. Bn.
Sold.	PACIGALUPO	Guido		Workshops.
Serg. Maj.	PURTO	Vittorio		Div. H.Q.
Serg. Maj.	IOP	Libero		1 Eng. Coy.
Serg.	MUSSANTI	Natale		Div. H.Q.
Cap. Maj.	ASTOLFI	Oreste		" "
Major	FINOGLIO		MANICOVA	Div. H.Q.
Major	PIGA		"	" "
Capt.	CENTI		"	" "
Major	VESCOVINI	Enzo	LEGHANO	
Pte.	COFFOLA	Biagio	"	
Bers.	ALFONETTI	Adelbore	"	
Capt.	O RULLI	I.S.	ORUSONA	
Geniere	TUCCI	Caglielmo	"	
Sgt. Maj.	SCANNI	Francesco	"	
Serg.	ROMON	Defendi	"	
Capo R.T.	ROCCO	Angelo		No. 1 Spec. Force
2/Lt.	DE BERNARDINI	Mario	"	"
Lt.	FISHER	Henry	"	"
Capt.	POLCHI VICI	Marco	"	"
Capt.	GIORDANA	Cian	"	"
Capt.	GRASSI	Candido	"	"
Aviere	NAPPI	Seetano	"	"
Capt. R.T.	VITTULO	Salvatore	"	"
Capt.	ZETTI	Italo	"	"
Capt.	ORISTI	Adriano	"	"

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Lt-Col A.R.C. SOUTHEY DSO. Rifle Bde
GSO I(SD) LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

11 Jun 46

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'A' Branch MMIA

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Ref your letter A 245 dated 9 May 46.

Herewith as requested supplementary list of
Officers of FRIULI Div recommended for Mention in Despatches.

A. R. C. SOUTHEY
W. Col
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENTION IN
DESPATCHES OF ITALIAN OFFICERS
WHO SERVED WITH FRIULI DIVISION

DIVISION HQ

Ten-Col ftr (Inf)	LA STELLA, Alfredo Vincenzo
Ten-Col ftr (Inf)	LIBERTI, Gerardo Pasquale
Ten-Col ftr (Inf)	ROCCA, Riccardo Enrico
Maggiore ftr (Inf)	GIANUZZI, Nicolo Carlo
Maggiore ftr (Inf)	BARBIERI, Nicola Rinaldo
Maggiore Comm	BENEDETTI, Flavio Emilio
Maggiore Aut	KANZO, Giuseppe Simone
Capitano ftr (Inf)	JUVARA, Luigi Alfonso
Capitano Cav (Security)	MIRELLI DI TEORA, Luigi Francesco

87 INF REGT

Maggiore ftr (~~Inf~~) FLAVONI, Guilio, Cesare

88 INF REGT

Ten-Col ftr (~~Inf~~) LOI, Alfo Luigi

35 ARTY REGT

Ten-Col Art DURAN, Antonino Gaspare
Ten-Col Art VEDOVATO, Guido Ferdinando

ENGR BN

Ten-Col Genio DEL PRETE, Florio Rodrigo

S & T COY

Capitano Aut MAZZUCHELLI, Emilio Alfredo

Maggiore Comm
Maggiore Aut
Capitano ftr (~~Inf~~)
Capitano Cav (~~Gen~~)
MANZONI, Flavio Emilio
MANZO, Giuseppe Simone
JUVARA, Luigi Alfonso
MIRELLI DI TEORA, Luigi Francesco

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Capitano Aut MAZZUCHELLI, Emilio Alfredo

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
FLORENCE.

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REF: HLU/3

24 May 1946

Subject: Honours and Awards to Italian Personnel.

To: HQ., M.M.I.A.
ROME.

1. Ref. your HQ letter A.245 of 9 May '46 and ^{releas} ~~tele~~ (GILLMORE - MARKES) on same subject.
2. Attached at Appx "A" is a nominal roll of Officers and OR's of the former FOLGORE Combat Group whom I recommended (in my capacity as ex-GSO.II., and GSO.I. of 53.B.L.U.) for "Mention in Dispatches".
3. It will be noted that those recommended are personnel of Div.HQ and other HQ or rear installations, and exclude "forward troops".
4. The reason for this is that there are so many "forward troops" of the Combat Group who have merited and have in fact been awarded Italian Decorations "for gallantry", that the award of "Mentions" to the more rearward personnel is considered merited both in view of the fact that they have closely and efficiently collaborated with all branches of the British Liaison Unit, and also because their opportunities of earning Italian awards have been limited by the nature of their duties.
5. The recommendations are in order of merit, and it is understood that previous recommendations for awards (by 53.B.L.U.) will take precedence at the head of attached list.

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Lt. Col.
GSO.I.

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1. Ref. your HQ letter A-249 on 9 May 40 and same subject.
2. Attached at Appx "A" is a nominal roll of Officers and OR's of the former FOLGORE Combat Group whom I recommended (in my capacity as ex-GSO.II., and GSO.I. of 53.B.L.U.) for "Mention in Dispatches!"
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Lt. Col.
GSO.I.

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APPENDIX "A" to 7

Nominal Roll of Officers and O.R.'s of former FOLGORE COMBAT GROUP recommended by ex-53.B.L.U.
for award of "MENTION in DISPATCHES"

Rank.	Surname & Name.		Unit or Appointment.
1	Maggiore.	(Major)	D.A.D.O.S. FOLGORE Div.
2	Capitano.	(Capt)	FOLGORE Div. Workshops.
3	Capitano.	"	HQ., FOLGORE Div. (English)
4	Capitano.	"	HQ., " " "
5	Capitano.	"	OC., No. I. Eng. Coy. FOLGORE
6	Tenente.	(Lieut)	FOLGORE Div. Workshops.
7	Maresciallo.	(W.O.)	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
8	Cap. Magg.	(Cpl)	FOLGORE Italian Increment
9	Soldato.	(Pte)	" " "
10	Serg. Magg.	(S/Sgt)	FOLGORE Workshops.
11	Serg. Magg.	"	L.A.D. NEMBO Regt.
12	Cap. Magg.	(Cpl)	FOLGORE Workshops.
13	Capor.	(L/C)	" " "
14	Capor.	"	" " "
15	Sergente.	(Sgt)	" " "
16	Serg. Magg.	(S/Sgt)	" " "
17	Serg. Magg.	"	L.A.D. FOLGORE Arty. Regt.
18	Serg. Magg.	"	FOLGORE Workshops.
19	Parao.	(Parachutist)	" " "
20	Parao.	"	L.A.D. FOLGORE Eng. Bn.
21	Soldato.	(Pte)	FOLGORE Workshops.
22	Serg. Magg.	(S/Sgt)	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
23	Serg. Magg.	"	1 Eng. Coy. FOLGORE Div.
24	Serg.	(Sgt)	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
25	Cap. Magg.	(Cpl)	" " "

MATERA Giuseppe.
FERRARI Sivestro.
PELUFFO Aldo.
MESSINA Giovanni.
CENTONZE
PETRI Guido.
SERVIDA Piero.
CELANO Piero.
CICERI Angelo.
PERCO Ferruccio.
SENICI Guglielmo.
GATTI Giovanni.
PIRANTI Lamberto.
ANGHELELLI Ivo.
BASILICA Luigi.
DECIO Paolo.
REFOLO Salvatore.
GIURANNA Luigi.
TAMBURELLI Amato.
TONIOLO Sante.
BAGICALUPO Guido.
PUFFO Vittorio.
IOP Libero.
MUSSATTI Natale.
ASTOLFI Oreste.

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Apex "A" to 7 B.L.U. letter BLU/3 dtd 24 May '46

Officers and O.R's of former FOLGORE COMBAT GROUP recommended by ex-53.B.L.U. (Lt.Col.MARKES)

for award of "MENTION in DISPATCHES"

Surname & Name.

Unit or Appointment.

MATERA	Giuseppe.	D.A.D.O.S. FOLGORE Div.
FERRARI	Sivestro.	FOLGORE Div. Workshops.
PELUFFO	Aldo.	HQ., FOLGORE Div. (English Interpreter)
MESSINA	Giovanni.	HQ., " " " "
CENTONZE		OC., No.I. Eng.Coy. FOLGORE Div.
PETRI	Guido.	FOLGORE Div. Workshops.
SERVIDA	Piero.	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
CELLANO	Piero.	FOLGORE Italian Increment to 53.B.L.U.
CICERI	Angelo.	" " " "
PERCO	Ferruccio.	FOLGORE Workshops.
SENICI	Guglielmo.	L.A.D. NEMBO Regt.
GATTI	Giovanni.	FOLGORE Workshops.
PIRANTI	Lamberto.	" "
ANGELELLI	Ivo.	" "
BASILICA	Luigi.	" "
DECIO	Paolo.	" "
REFOLO	Salvatore.	L.A.D. FOLGORE Arty. Regt.
GIURANNA	Luigi.	FOLGORE Workshops.
TAMBURELLI	Amato.	" "
TONIOLO	Sante.	L.A.D. FOLGORE Eng. Bn.
BAGICALUPO	Guido.	FOLGORE Workshops.
PUPPO	Vittorio.	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
IOP	Libero.	1 Eng. Coy. FOLGORE Div.
MUSSATTI	Natale.	HQ., FOLGORE Div.
ASTOLFI	Oreste.	" " "

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Subject : Award of Medaglia d'Oro to BORG PISANI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

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22 May 46.

To : Ministry of War.

1. We have been asked by Command Headquarters, MALTA, to obtain from your Ministry a certified copy of the citation for the award of the Medaglia d'Oro, to BORG PISANI, born in Malta on 10 AUG 1915. A copy of the citation is attached hereto.
2. In order that the signature of the officer certifying the copy may be authenticated by an official of the British Consulate, may the certified copy be passed to the Foreign Affairs Ministry for authentication by an official whose signature is held by the British Consulate before being returned to this HQ.
3. We have been asked by Command HQ Malta that this matter may be dealt with as one of extreme urgency.

J.D. Stocker
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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From:- Major G.F. DENTON, Y & L.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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14 May 46

Dear

Gillmore,

Further to your A.245 of 19 Apr 46 and my visit on 4 May 46.

I have not yet received the facts and figures discussed in writing from you yet, so that I can make application to the War Office as to the number of recommendations likely to be acceptable. I did however report the gist of our conference with Col PIDSLEY to Col HUNT, and he has suggested that you submit your recommendations in some order of priority or in such a manner that a 10 % or even 25 % cut could be made if necessary. I should be glad if you could let me know the practicability of this.

I am going over to Greece on temporary duty for a fortnight, but should be back early in June. In the meantime Bill HOATHER could cope with any urgent queries.

Kind regards to Col PIDSLEY, John MOTT and yourself. I was most grateful for the hospitality of the weekend.

Yours

Sincerely,

G.F. Denton.

Lt Col A.H. GILLMORE, OBE,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

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Subject : Honours and Awards to Italian Personnel

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

A 245
9 May 1944.

TO : Lt-Col A.C. MARDE, NO 7 B.L.G. FLORENCE ✓
Lt-Col A.P.C. SOUTHEY CBE, HQ M.M.I.A. ✓
Lt-Col A.R. GIBSON CBE, NO 10 B.L.G. NAPLES ✓

1. CC BLG's have already made recommendations for Honours and Awards to Italians who served with the Allies during the period September 43 to May 45.
2. In the case of certain Combat Groups further recommendations for "Mention in Despatches" only can be accepted.
Should you wish to make any further recommendations will you please submit up to 25 names to this HQ as soon as possible.
3. No citation is required, rank, full names and units should be shown.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Honours and Awards to Italians.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 245

14 May 46.

To : GHC.

1. The enclosed citations received from HQ 13 Corps cover members of Partisan Forces.

2. MMIA by the terms of the directive they received, were only concerned with the Regular Units of the Italian Army. There is no one on the Staff of this Mission who is in a position to judge the activities of the Partisans or who knows the numbers involved or length of time they were employed in active operations. These citations have not therefore been included in the lists which are being consolidated at this HQ. and are forwarded to you for necessary action.

3. Should you wish MMIA to take any steps in this matter will you please inform this HQ. You will observe that some 8 citations are unsigned.

W. P. Dudley
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 13 Corps.

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Subject : Honours and Awards to Italian Personnel

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

A 245

14 May 1946.

To : Gen for ME

1. Reference visit of Maj. G. BENTON to this HQ. We shall shortly forward to your HQ a nominal roll with citations recommending Honours and Awards to Italian Army personnel.

2. The period covered is Sept 43 to May 45. For your information the numbers involved were as follows:-

Employed under Command of the Allies for 18 months average number 200,000. Of this number 25,000 were engaged in Active Operations for 9 months and a further 50,000 in Active Operations for 3 months.

3. The list is likely to contain some 150 names recommended for Honours and Awards and some 100 recommended for "Mentions in Despatches".

Will you please confirm that these numbers will not be considered excessive.

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Fa Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- Mention in Dispatches
MANTOVA Inf Div

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9 May 46

Land Forces Sub Comm: AC., (MILIA)
ROME ("A" Branch) (2)

Reference conversation Lt Col Gillmore - Lt Col Gibbon of 4
May 46.

1. 56 BLU made four recommendations for periodical awards, and five recommendations for mention in Dispatches, for personnel of the MANTOVA Inf Div. Copies of the relevant correspondence are enclosed for easy reference. (56 BLU 22 G of 6 Nov 45 and 18 AG of 16 Nov 45).
2. 10 BLU are not now in a position to add to these lists. It is therefore suggested that 2 BLU be asked to add say 20 names, after consultation with GOC MANTOVA Division.
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Capt CETTI Div HQ

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May 46.

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CMP
AWG/rvm

Lt Col,
GS.

[Signature]

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020C O P YCONFIDENTIALSubject :- Recommendations - Italian Officers56 BLU
22 G

6 Nov 45

MMIA 'A' Branch

Reference your A 350 dated 15 Sep 45.

1. Herewith recommendations for periodical awards for officers of MANTOVA Inf Div. The recommendations are in the following order of priority.

GENERALE DI BRIGATA	I.G.S.	GUIDO BOLOGNA	OBE
COLONNELLO FANT	S.P.E.	ALDO GIORDANO	OBE
MAGGIORE BERSAGLIERI	S.P.E.	FRANCESCO FORMISANO	MBE
S/TELENTE ART	S.P.E.	GIOVANNI CAGLIATI	MBE

2. Can it please be confirmed that these recommendations should be sent direct to MMIA, and not through 2 District ?.

CMF
AWG/dp

(Signed)

A.W. GIBBON

Lt Col,
GS.

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SUBJECT :- Mention in Dispatches - Italian Army Personnel

56 BLU
18 AG

16 Nov 45

MTA ("A" Branch)

The following personnel of MANTOVA Infantry Division are recommended for mention in Dispatches.

The list is in order of priority.

Ten/Col	GAETA	Ciro
C.C. 2/76 Infantry Regiment.		
Major	PICCA	Pietro.
O.C. 6 Group 155 Artillery Regiment.		
Cpl	BENDINI	Ernesto
10 Company 76 Infantry Regiment.		
Pte	COLAGIOVANNI	Domenico.
6 Company 114 Infantry Regiment.		
Cpl	BIONDO	Domenico.
6 Battery 155 Artillery Regiment.		

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O.C. 2/76 Infantry Regiment.

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In the Field.
AWG/Is

(Signed) A.W. GIBSON

Lt Col,
GS.

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Subject : Honours and Awards to Italian Personnel

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

A 245

9 May 1946.

To : Lt-Col A.C. WATKINS, NO 7 B.L.G. FLORENCE
Lt-Col A.C. BOUTBY OBE, HQ M.M.I.A.
Lt-Col A.C. GIMON OBE, NO 10 B.L.G. NAPLES

1. M.M.I.A. have already made recommendations for Honours and Awards to Italians who served with the Allies during the period September 43 to May 45.
2. In the case of certain Combat Groups further recommendations for "Mention in Despatches" only can be accepted.
Should you wish to make any further recommendations will you please submit up to 25 names to this HQ as soon as possible.
3. No citation is required. Rank, full name and units should be shown.

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H.H. Gillmore L'Col

Major General,
Ta M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Honours and Awards.

A 245
CONFIDENTIAL

MAIN HQ 13 CORPS

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7 May 46

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC
(MMIA)
ROME

Reference your A 350 dated 26 Feb 46.

Completed AFs W3121 are forwarded herewith in respect of
Italian personnel listed in/attached nominal roll.

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GMR

*See Supplementary
File A350*

Wince
Major,
for Lieut General,
Commander, 13 Corps.

Subject:- Certificates of Merit.

A. 245
HQ Movements ROME
A.P.O. S.551
C.M.F.
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To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

27 Apr 46

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1. Ref your A.245 dated 20 April 1946.
2. All the Officers concerned have worked with the Italian Delegazione Trasporti, Roma. Their duties generally have been liaison between M.C.A.F. and the I.S.R. and they have been concerned with the movement of Italian units under British Command.
3. The following are personal details:-
 - Col. PAGANI - Came from Naples to Rome on 7th June 1944 and appointed C.O. of Italian Delegazione Trasporti.
 - Maj. ZACCONI - Adjutant to Col. PAGANI since 8th Nov 1944.
 - Ten. TUFARELLI - Since 23rd Sept 1944 has worked with R.T.O's at Tiburtina, Smistamento and Termini. He has worked as Liaison Officer and interpreter.
 - 2nd Lt. PILOTTO - Came to Rome on 7th June 1944 and has since worked as Liaison Officer with the H.Q.

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H.G. Harris
(H.G. HARRIS) Lt. RAC,
Administrative Officer
for D.A.Q.M.G.(M).

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SUBJECT : Certificates of Merit.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(L.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 439081 Ext: 320.

VA 245

20 Apr. 46.

TO : HQ Movements Rome.

Ref. your letter of 18 April.

1. We are obtaining further information of the certificates you refer to from Ministry of War, and will forward the names in your a/q letter when this is known.
2. Meanwhile, it may save time if you would send to us further details of the service of these officers with your HQ, to include the period they have been with you and type of duties.
3. We will inform you of any further development.

V.D. Strocker
Major General,
L.M.I.A.

maf.

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Subject:- Certificate of Merit.

To :- "A" Branch,
M.M.I.A.

A 245
HQ Movements ROME
A.P.O. S.551
C.M.F.

18 Apr 46

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1. It is understood that the Italian War Ministry is issuing Certificates of Meritorious Service to Italian Officers who have served with the Allied Forces during the War.
2. The following Officers are recommended for their services with H.Q. Movements ROME, w.e.f. dates shown, and it would be appreciated if their recommendation could be forwarded to the Italian Ministry of War:-

Colonnello di Fanteria PAGANI Italo - June 1944
Maggiore dei Granatieri ZACCONI Pietro - Nov 1944
Tenente di Cavalleria TUPARELLI Giorgio - Sept 1944

L.A. Westley
(L.A. WESTLEY) Lt. RA,
Administrative Officer
for D.A.Q.M.G.(M).

LAW/dc

*Letter written to HQ New Rome
saying question of certificates is 'very serious'
will inform them of full position later.
LAW.*

*(Passing Major Pantera note to AAG next week re D.O. 1990
information regarding certificates).*

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Lt. Col. A. H. GILLMORE
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 245

19 Apr. 46.

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Dear

Ref. your DC/1027/MS dated 5 Apr. 46.

I shall be ready with the lists of recommendations for Honours and Awards by Saturday 27 April if it would suit you to come down on that day and have a look at our recommendations.

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There are one or two points on which your advice will be appreciated. In some cases the award recommended has been stated as "KING'S MEDAL"; I have assumed that Italian Military personnel are not eligible for this. In other cases the award stated is "CERTIFICATE NO. 17"; we don't know what that is or whether there are any such certificates available. Lastly it is hoped that "Mentions in Despatches" will be allowed, and that there will be no difficulty in getting, if necessary, a special Gazette Notice published to include them. In drawing up the lists I have assumed that Mentions will be allowed.

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Major G.F. DENTON, Y & L
M.S. Branch,
G.M.C., C.M.F.

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Yours

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SUBJECT:- Honours and Awards

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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16 Apr 46

See Supplementary
file A350.

Further to our letter of even reference
dated 8 Feb 46.

The attached recommendations for Italian
officers are forwarded for confirmation and
insertion of the appropriate recommendation; and
co-ordination with the main list.

G. F. Denton.

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

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FILE A 245

J.D. Stocker
J.D. STOCKER, Major.

Subject: - Honours and Awards
Italian personnel

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13 APR 1946

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Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
Ref.: 4/3/22-28

To: HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (AC)
M.M.I.A. R O M E

9 April 1946

- 1.) With reference to your HQ letter A 350 dated 31 Jan 46 the citations referred to are returned herewith duly retyped in triplicate on AFW 3121 as requested.
- 2.) In forwarding these there are certain points however which I should like to bring to your notice:
- (1) Acting on instructions received British Increment (A Branch) Rear HQ Fifth Army in their letter No 39 A dated 14 May 45 (copy attached) no recommendation has been made in respect of the GOC the Gruppo (General UTILI).
It is earnestly requested that a recommendation in his favour will not be overlooked.
 - (2) Recommendations include ORs vide. AFHQ letter No 1027/MS dated 2 Jan 45 (copy attached). The heading of your letter A 350 dated 31 Jan 46 refers to Officers only.
 - (3) One recommendation has been made for the King's Medal with the alternative of the MM or BEM since AFHQ letter No 1012/MS 3 dated 11 Apr 45 (copy attached) states that this decoration is open to foreign civilians, but no mention is made of military personnel.
 - (4) Recommendations have been made for decorations (MC, MM etc) in addition to honours (OBE, MBE etc) vide AFHQ letter No 1027/MS 3 dated 28 June 45 (copy attached)
 - (5) Attached also is a copy of my previous correspondence (52 BLU AQ/31/19 dated 22 Aug 45) on the subject of Honours & Awards for easy reference. It will noted that para 8 thereof is now amended by the order of precedence list submitted hereunder, and that para 6 and 7 are not now therefore entirely applicable.
- 3.) The names of officers as listed hereunder are in the order of precedence in which it is now considered that the honour or awards should be made; the precedence for each particular award (e.g. MBE) is shown by Groups in the Column on the left, whilst the order of merit for some form of recognition is shown in the column on the right: -

- 2 -

C.B.E.
1.) Generale IMPERIALI

DSO or OBE
1.) Colonello SCARPA
2.) Colonello de RENZI

OBE or MBE
1.) Colonello BOSCETTI
2.) Colonello BRUNELLI
3.) Colonello GAROFOLI
4.) Ten Col POLESE

MBE
1.) Capit MURERO
2.) " PAROLIN
3.) Ten VISTARINO
4.) Maggiore VESCOVINI
5.) " TERRANOVA
6.) " CATALANA
7.) " SCOPPETTONE
8.) Capit GEROSA
9.) " GERULI
10.) " BORROMEO
11.) Ten BRIZIO
12.) Capit RICCHEZZA
13.) " WAR
14.) Magg SCAPATI

MC or MBE
1.) Sottoten SCHIOVANI
2.) Ten FRANCIOSI

DCM or MM
1.) Cap. Magg. BELIGNI
2.) Serg. Magg. BANDINI

GM or MM
1.) Cap BORTIGNON

M.M.
1.) Sold. COFFOLA

King's Medal or MM or BEM
1.) Bersgl. ALBONETTI

"Order of Merit"

1.) Gen IMPERIALI
2.) Col SCARPA
3.) " de RENZI
4.) " BOSCETTI
5.) " BRUNELLI
6.) " GAROFOLI
7.) Ten FRANCIOSI
8.) Sottoten SCHIOVANI
9.) Cap Magg BELIGNI
10.) Sgt Magg BANDINI
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12.) Sold COFFOLA
13.) Bersg. ALBONETTI
14.) Capit MURERO
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18.) Magg VESCOVINI
19.) Magg TERRANOVA
20.) Magg CATALANA
21.) Magg SCOPPETTONE
22.) Capit GEROSA
23.) " GERULI
24.) " BORROMEO
25.) Ten BRIZIO
26.) Capit RICCHEZZA
27.) " WAR
28.) Magg SCAPATI

1984

12th May 1984

Lt. Col.
GS

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Subject: - Honours and Awards - Italians

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British Increment
(A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: Lightning
Rear 162

39 A

14 May 1945

52 B.L.U.

Reference attached copy of AFHQ letter 1027/MS dated 2 Jan 45.

- 1.) Will you please forward to this HQ any recommendations that you may consider it desirable to make in respect of individuals or units of the LEGNANO Gruppo, together with citations.
- 2.) It will not be necessary for you to forward a recommendation in respect of the GOC the Gruppo.

Sgnd. ????
for Col
DA & QMG.

C o p y

Subject: - Awards - Italians

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

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/MS
2 Jan 45.

Main HQ Eighth Army
Main HQ 13 Corps
Br Incr 5 (US) Army
No 1 District
No 2 District
No 3 District
HQ A.C.

In order that the position regarding awards to Italian personnel, or recognition of their services in the Allied cause, may be clear, War Office policy on the matter is summarised in the following paragraphs.

It has been confirmed that such personnel worthy of recognition, and about whom there is no doubt, cannot at present be considered for British Awards. A list of individuals is, however, to be maintained at this Headquarters for consideration at a later date.

In the meantime recognition of good or gallant service, in co-operation with the Allies, may be made in the form of a commendation to the Italian High Command.

Any recommendations for awards or commendations for individuals or Units of the Italian Armed Forces should therefore be forwarded to this Headquarters for appropriate action, together with citations.

Sgnd. G.H. HUNT
Colonel
A/Deputy Military Secretary

Copy to: Major General L. BROWNING CB, OBE MC
MMIA

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Tel Freedom 539

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
1012/MS 3
11 Apr 45

Subject: - Honours and Awards

AWARDS TO FOREIGN CIVILIANS

1.) There are now 4 classes of Awards open to foreign civilians, as follows: -

- a) George Medal for outstanding and exceptional gallantry
- b) OBE, MBE and BEM for great gallantry or service
- c) King's Medal for gallantry or service
- d) Certificate No 17 (otherwise known as Commendation).

Citations are required for all of the above.

2.) The King's Medal is a recent institution and is divided into 2 categories

- a) For courage in the cause of freedom, and
- b) For service to the cause of freedom.

These medals will not be struck until the end of the War, but ribbons will be made available at a later date.

3.) Italians are not yet eligible for any of the Awards mentioned in paras above, but suitable recommendations may be forwarded and will be sent to the War Office to be held pending further decisions.

Signed: G.H. HUNT
Colonel
A/Deputy Military Secretary

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Tel: Freedom 539

SUBJECT:- Honours and Awards

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1027/MS3

28 Jun 45

5 Army Br Incr

1.

In answer to your 39A of 12 Jun 45, it is not intended to make any set allotment for the various Gruppi. All recommendations will however be referred to MMIA and General BROWNING will advise as to proper proportion in view of the comparative services of the Gruppi.

2.

As regards the remaining questions.

- (a) The type of action or service is on a par with any similar British award to a British soldier.
- (b) The act or service need not be connected with a purely British effort.

but (c) it must be vouched for and cited by a British Officer.

(Sgd) G.H. HUNT,

for Brigadier
Deputy Military Secretary.

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(Sgd) G.H. HUNT,
for Brigadier 1980
Deputy Military Secretary.

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SUBJECT:-- Honours and Awards

52 British Liaison Unit,
AC/31/19
22 Aug 45

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (AC)
MMIA ROME

1. The attached citations on behalf of individuals of the LEGNANO Gruppo are forwarded for consideration by General BROWNING (vide copy of AFHQ letter No 1027/MS 3 dated 28 Jun 45 attached).
2. Under an earlier instruction from 'A' Branch (Brit Incr) HQ 5 Army, I was informed that it would not be necessary for me to forward a recommendation in respect of the GOC the Gruppo: No citation has therefore been included on his behalf.
3. The attached citations may be divided into 3 main categories:--
 - (1) For outstanding and exceptional gallantry.
 - (2) For courage in the cause of freedom.
 - (3) For service to the cause of freedom.
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5. As it is understood that no set allotment of awards is to be made (vide AFHQ attached letter 1027/MS3 dated 28 Jun 45, making it clear that no such guide is to be given) it is incumbent on me to include therefore all heads of departments, since in every case their services in the cause of freedom

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6. I have not included the names of two of the members of the Staff of the Operations and Intelligence Section as they cannot be correctly classified as heads of departments: the names of these two officers are:-

Captain RICHEZZA.

This officer was in charge of all intelligence work within the Gruppo - virtually G III (I), and the Intelligence Branch was probably the best organized of all.

Captain WAR.

This officer was officially the chief interpreter at Gruppo HQ, but was generally used on intelligence duties. A fluent

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English speaker he went out of his way to assist the BLU: he was courteous and cooperative in the extreme.

Both these officers rendered valuable assistance in the cause of freedom.

Other Staff Officers I have excluded from the list include the following:-

- (1) Chief of the Operations and Intelligence Section.
- (2) Chief of the Personnel Section.
- (3) Chief of the Welfare Section.
- (4) "Chief of the Carabinieri".
- (5) Chief of the 'FSS'.

With regard to (1) above I do not feel that it is possible for me to recommend Major SCAPATI for a British award in view of recent developments which have been the subject of previous correspondence. It is only fair however to point out that this officer has probably worked harder than any other officer in the Gruppo. During the period in the line he was indefatigable and at all times he has shown himself a conscientious and tireless worker. He issued clear and concise orders, and much of the success of the Gruppo in the field can be attributed to his tireless efforts. There is no doubt that his manner is his worst enemy.

7. As soon as I am notified of the final selection made by General BROWNING I will complete and despatch my recommendations on AF W 3121 in quintuplicate if so required.

8. Appended herewith is a nominal roll of the personnel to whom the attached citations refer, but it should be noted that these are NOT recorded in any order of merit:-

Service and Courage in the Cause of Freedom.

TATICO

General IMPERIALI
Colonel GAROFOLI
Lt BRIZIO
Captain MURERO
Captain CERULI

- Deputy Commander
- Chief of Staff
- Secretary to COG
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec)
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec)

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- Lt BRIZIO
- Captain MURERO
- Captain CERULI

SERVIZI

- Major TERRANOVA
- Lt VISTARINO

ENGINEERS

- Major VESCOVINI

SIGS

- Captain PAROLIN

MEDICAL

- Lt Col POLESE
- Capt GEROSA

- Deputy Commander
- Chief of Staff
- Secretary to COG
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) -G2
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) -ADG & G3(I)

- Staff Offr (Adm Sec) -AA & QMG
- Interpreter (Employed as AD S&T)

- OC Engineer Bn (CRE)

- OC Sigs Coy (CSO)

- Director of Medical Services (ADMS)
- CO 51 Sezione Sanità

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ORDNANCE

Major SCOPPETONE

- Chief of Commissariato Sec (ADOS)

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From:- Major G.F. DENTON, Y & L.

Military Secretary's Branch,

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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5 Apr 46

Dear *Colonel*,

Reference our conversation on Wednesday about awards. We shall be glad if you would get your list ready as soon as possible after the General's return. The scale of recommendations should not exceed 1 in 500 for every six months from the time the Gruppi went into action.

If I can be of any assistance in compiling the list, I shall only be too pleased to run up to Rome for 48 hours, but preferably at the weekend - say to work on Saturday morning as I can't afford to be away from my seat for too long.

Yours *Sincerely*.
G.F. Denton

Lt Col A.H. GILLMORE, Wore R.,
HQ MMIA.

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Subject: Officers on duty at A.C.

The following Officers on duty at A.C. have been reported
for granting "motu proprio" honours by H.R.H. the General
Lieutenant of the Kingdom:

Maj. Cav. reserve Calabrini Luigi

Capt. Arty. "S.P.E." Tavani Ino

Capt. Drivers reserve Battioni Attilio

Lt. Arty. reserve Grottanelli L. Vignini

2nd Lt. Inf. reserve Cavalletti Ugo.

In order to have a ruling about complying with the
a/m proposal, we should be grateful to know the opinion
of you, in regard to the behaviour and work of the a/m
Officers in the special service they do.

C/a

The Chief of Cabinet

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Informed LT Col Galle
that Major Calabrese &
LT Cavallotti
served with 17141 H - therefore
the granting of the honore is
approved. Other 3 will be known by
17141 H. 14/3/46



Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Division First
Det. 1st Allegato

Risposta al Foglio del
Dior. Fox. N^o

OGGETTO Ufficiali in servizio presso la C.A.

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