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Honors + Awards American TO Italian

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 00834/41
Date: 28/1/47

Subject: Location requests. -

Letter 245/1 dated 8/10/46 has been replied to with letter 11464/41 dated 18/10/46, copy of which is attached. -

We confirm that the name of GATTA William is unknown - Anyhow further enquiries are being carried out and further information will be forwarded. -

.sgd.

Gandini
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 11464/41
Date: 18/10/46

Subject: Request for data. -

We forward the data requested:

- 1 - Reserve Maj. Military Judge Malfitano Giovanni
- - - Naples Military Tribunal;
- 2 - Reserve M.O. Capt. Franceschelli Nicola has been demobilized and is now living in Via Borgazzi, 4 Milan
- 3 - Reserve Arty Capt. Carta Arturo has been demobilized and is now living in Via Bengasi n° 5, Biella, with the Borri family.
- 4 - Reserve Carabinieri Capt. Dini Vittorio - Carabinieri Mobile Battalion of Naples.
- 5 - Capt. Gatta William - unknown - further information required. -

sgd. Gandini
Gen.

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Ministero della Guerra
Direz. Gener. Pers. Uff. 11

Roma 28-1-1942

ALLIANCE FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Divisione Movimenti e Segr.
Rot. N. 00831/41 Allegato 1

Risposta al f. del
Dir. Sec. N. 2

Oggetto: Richiesta di ubicazione.

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

ALLO S.M.E. Nucleo Traduttori,

S E D E
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Alla lettera 245/1 dell'8 ottobre u.s., è stato risposto con foglio 11464/41 del 18 stesso ottobre, che si unisce in copia.

Si conferma che il nominativo GATTA William è sconosciuto. - Comunque si stanno facendo ulteriori indagini e si fa riserva di riferire in merito.

P. IL MINISTRO

(Gen. di Brig. G. Gandini)

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Ministero della Guerra
Direz. Gener. Pers. Uff. 11

Roma, 18 Ott. 1916

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COM-
MISSION A.C. (L.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Divisione Movimento *La Segr.*
Tel. N. 11464/41 *Allegato*

Proposta al fido
Dir. *Sec.* *A.*

Oggetto: Richiesta dati.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE E. NUCLEO TRADUTTORI
rif. traduzione 2621/C del 11 u.s.

S E D E

Si comunicano i dati richiesti:

- 1) Magg. giustizia milit. cpl. MALPITANO Giovanni
Tribunale Militare Napoli;
- 2) Capit. med. cpl. FRANCESCHELLI Nicola -
è in congedo a Milano Via Borgazzi, 4
- 3) Capit. art. cpl. CARTA Arturo - è in congedo a
Biella - Via Bengasi 5 presso Borri
- 4) Capit. CC. cpl. DINI Vittorio - Battaglione Mobile
CC. di Napoli
- 5) Capit. William GATTA - sconosciuto - occorre pre-
cisare meglio le generalità.

P. IL MINISTRO
F/to Gen. di Brig. C. Gandini

P.C.C.
Gruppo Capo Divisione
(Col. P. C. Gandini)

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

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20 Jan 47

Ministry of War.

Subject:- Request for Location.

1. Reference our letter reference number A 245/1 Subject: "Location of Capt William GATTA", dated 5 Nov. 1946, and letter 22 Nov. 1946, same subject. 155
2. No reply has been received from either letter. Request information as to when a reply from you can be expected. 163

JDL/wf

JDL
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

*Ans. received 6/2/47
see folio 154*

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20 Jan 47

Commanding General, MTOUSA,
APO 512 U.S. Army.

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Subject: Request for Location.

1. Ref. AG 201-P-GATTA, William (It. O), dated 15 January 1947.
2. Our request to the Ministry of War has not been answered to date.
3. Will forward information as soon as this headquarters receives a reply from Ministry of War.

JDL/wf

JDL
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

15 January 1947

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AG 201-P-Gatta, William (It. O)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 November 1946, requesting this headquarters be informed of any further available information as to the present location of Captain William Gatta, Italian Army.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AF (MAIA) CME

✓ 245/1 A

15 Jan 47

Commanding General, WFOUSA,
APO 512 U.S. Army.

Subject:- Award to Italian.

1. Reference your AG 201-P-COSSETTA Luigi (It Sp Agent) AAD 827465 dated 27 July 1946.
2. The Italian Ministry of War has authorized Il Maresciallo dei Carabinieri COSSETTA Luigi to accept the American Bronze Star Medal.
3. Il Maresciallo dei Carabinieri COSSETTA Luigi is located at MILAN G.I.C. Detachment - 3 Zone - 8 Via Telesio, MILAN.

JDL/wf

[Signature]
Major-General,
COS, MAIA.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

245/1

Ref: 480/46
Date: 9/1/47

Subject: American decorations -

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Ref. letter 245/1 dated 14/12/46. -

Carabiniere W/O COSSETTA Luigi is still on the strength
of the Milan C.I.S. Detachment - 3 Zone. -

This Ministry authorises the Senior NCO to accept the
American Bronze Star medal. -

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Supino
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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -
Ufficio Ric. e Onorif.

Divisione *Sec.*
Int. N. 480/46 *Allegati*

Roma

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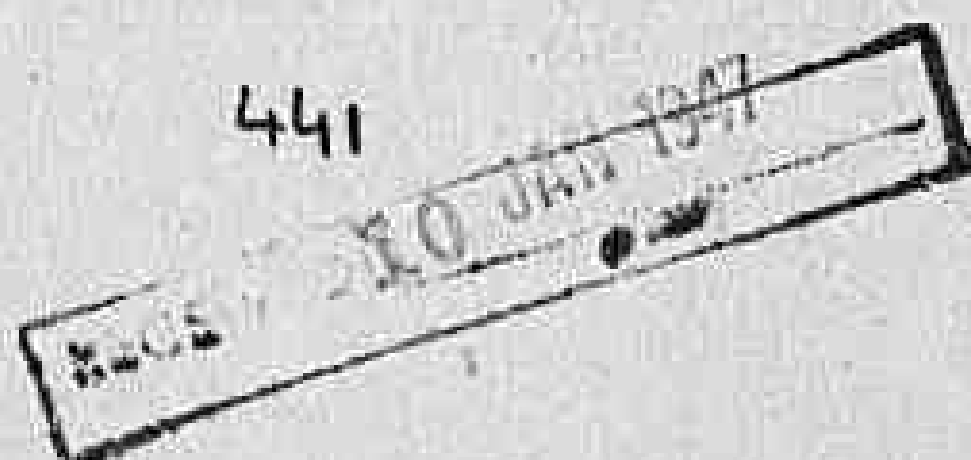
All la LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Responsabilità del 14/12.1946
Dir. *Sec.* *N. 245/1*

OGGETTO: ricompensa americana.

Il maresciallo dei Carabinieri
COSSETTA Luigi è tuttora aggregato al C.I.S.
distaccamento di Milano - Zona 3^a.

Questo Ministero autorizza il sot-
tufficiale ad accettare la ricompensa della
Stella di Bronzo Americana.



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Lupino

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by

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TIME	1200
IN	Date 10/1
9	Time 11:00
OUT	Date 14/1

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) GMP

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13 Jan 47

Commanding General, MTOUSA,
APO 512.
(Attn: Asst. Adj. Gen.)

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Subject: Presentation of Decoration.

1. Attention is invited to letter, your Headquarters, file AG 201-P-BOZZA, Ottorino (Ital. G) dated 6 Jan 1947.
2. Attached copy of letter addressed to your Headquarters dated 30 Dec 1946, is resubmitted for your information.

JDL/wf

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Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

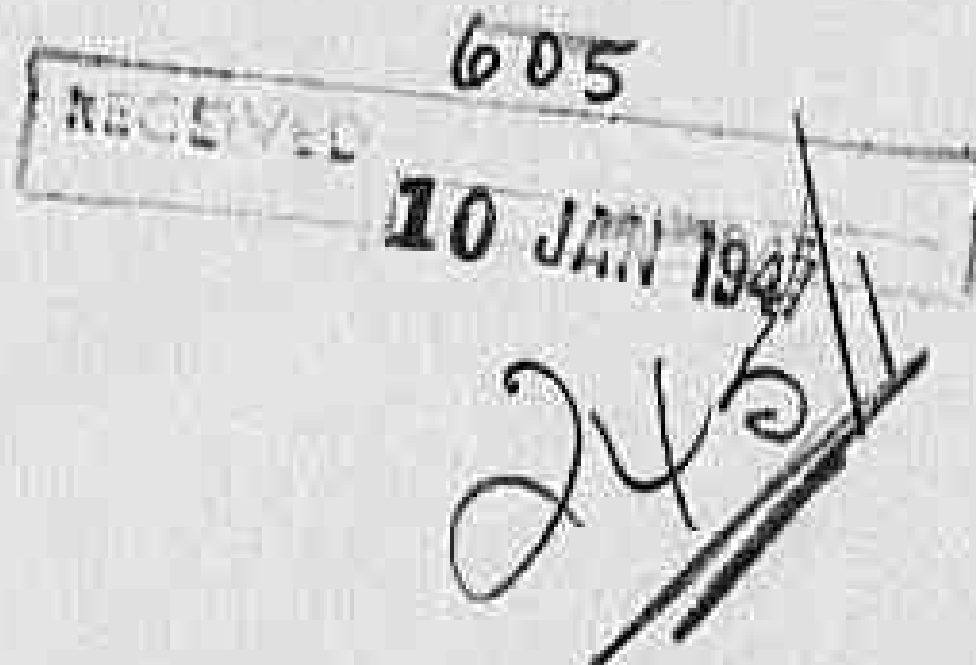
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In reply
refer to

8 January 1947



AG 201-P-Bozza, Ottorino (Ital O)

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian
Army, APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters,
file 245/1A, dated 8 November 1946.

2. It is requested this headquarters be informed of
the action taken to effect presentation of the Bronze Star
Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Ottorino Bozza, Italian Army.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

V R Weiss
V. R. WEISS
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

245/1 A ✓

11 Jan 47

Ministry of War.

Subject:- Award to Italian.

Virginio GIOVANNETTI,
Residence: 51 Viale Michelangelo,
FLORENCE, ITALY.

1. Request permission be granted to present the a/n (formerly a 1st Lt. in Italian Army) with the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. The following is the citation:

COPY

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO GIOVANNETTI, Italian Civilian, formerly First Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 12 January 1946. Immediately following the Italian Armistice he entered the hills near Grottenare, Province of Ascoli Piceno, Italy, and began the hazardous occupation of feeding, clothing, hiding and evacuation to Allied territory prisoners of war who had escaped from near by camps. In full knowledge that immediate death would result if he were captured by Germans or Fascists, and with a price of three million lire on his head, he continued these activities until the end of hostilities as the outstanding member of an Allied Intelligence organization. He furnished his services out of deep conviction for the Allied cause and manifested in his original voluntary efforts, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself.

JDL/wf

[Signature]
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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8 January 1947

AG 201-P-Giovannetti, Virginio (Ital. Civ.)

SEE FOLD 187

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, APO 794,
U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letter your headquarters, subject as above, dated 3 January 1947, and inclosure thereto from the Italian Minister of Interior, file 70086/26662, dated 26 December 1946.

2. Information at this headquarters indicates that Virginio Giovannetti, Italian Civilian, formerly First Lieutenant, Italian Army, was born in Livorno, Italy, and is presently residing at 51 Viale Michelangelo, Florence, Italy.

3. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Mr. Giovannetti in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm in order that presentation may be made as soon as practicable.

4. Inclosed herewith is a copy of the proposed citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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JAN 10 1947

V. R. Weiss
V. R. WEISS
Major AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO GIOVANNETTI, Italian Civilian, formerly First Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 12 January 1946. Immediately following the Italian Armistice he entered the hills near Grottamare, Province of Ascoli Piceno, Italy, and began the hazardous occupation of feeding, clothing, hiding and evacuation to Allied territory prisoners of war who had escaped from near by camps. In full knowledge that immediate death would result if he were captured by Germans or Fascists, and with a price of three million lire on his head, he continued these activities until the end of hostilities as the outstanding member of an Allied Intelligence organization. He furnished his services out of deep conviction for the Allied cause and manifested in his original voluntary efforts, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself.

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
6 Jan 1947	Air Force Sub-Comm, a/c	245/1 A	Subject:- <u>Request for Location.</u> Ref. attached communication HQ MFOUSA dated 23 Dec 1947 and ref. 260/213/EC dated 4 Jan 1947 For your information and any further action you may deem necessary.

[Signature]
Major-General,
GOC, MIA.

JDL/wf

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For your information and any further action
you may deem necessary.

JDL/wf

JDL
Major General,
GOC, MHA.

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Ref. : 260/213/EC

4 January 1947

SUBJECT: Awards

TO : Ministry of the Interior
Rome.

1. American Military Headquarters wish to present Mr. RIGGARD VANEZETTI, alias GIACINTO GEORGIA, Italian Civilian with the award of the Bronze Star Medal.

2. The present location of Mr. Vanezetti is not known and it would be appreciated if you could ascertain his address and notify this office of same as soon as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

McMaster

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : MMLA

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 266

LAND FORCES COMM, AG (MMIA) GME

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3 Jan 47

Commanding General, MPOUSA,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

Subject :- Awards to Italians.

1. Ref. your AG 200.63/044-P. (175)
2. Copies of letter from Italian Minister of Interior ref. No: 70086/26662, dated 26 Dec 1946 and statements of citations, together with last known addresses of cited persons are forwarded herewith.

JDL/wf

[Signature]
Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 260/208/EC

30 December 1946

SUBJECT: Awards.

TO : Asst G-1
MIA

Reference is made to your minute sheet of 24 September 46 on this subject.

Attached is a copy of the Italian Government's reply.

The citations received from the Italian Government are enclosed.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

Alamy Kuisly
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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5 Encl.

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Translation

MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Gabinetto del Ministro

Rome, 26 Dec. 46

No. 70086/26662

TO : The Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT : Conferring of Decorations.

Reference is made to your letter No. 260/201/EC dated
10 Dec. 46.

The Italian Government have no objections to the confer-
ring of the Liberty Medal to the under-mentioned Italian subjects:

Contessa VINCI PALLAVICINI Anfreola
Conte VINCI Giovanni
Giuseppe Nerazio VOLPE

As regards Sig. GIOVANNETTI Virgilio, we inform you that
he is unknown at the address of 52 Viale Michelangelo, Florence,
neither is he registered with the register of births deaths and
marriages of that city.

We beg you further indulgence for a reply concerning
PASQUALE SCOGNAMIGLIO and Antonio Pisapia as this office is not
yet able to express an opinion for lack of precise information.

We return herewith the copies of the citations regarding
the a/m persons.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH SILVER PALM

ANDREOLA VINCI, Countess, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in Italy from September 1943 to December 1945. Placed in an extremely hazardous position due to the occupation of her home by an enemy headquarters, she nevertheless gave comfort and assistance to several hundred American and British escaped prisoners of war. In addition, she made possible the continued existence of and assisted in the activities of an Allied Intelligence Organization, organizing friends and local inhabitants in further assisting escapees and evaders. After the cessation of hostilities, Countess Vinci continued her efforts in behalf of the Allied Forces by assisting in the proving and payment of rewards to persons who previously had aided her in her efforts to assist escaped prisoners, thus reflecting great credit upon herself and her organization.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION :

Villa Boccabianca,
Cupramarittima, Ascoli
Piceno, Italy

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH SILVER PALM

GIOVANNI VINCI, Count, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 15 September 1943 to 31 December 1945. Placed in an extremely hazardous position due to the occupation of his home by an enemy headquarters, he nevertheless gave comfort and assistance to several hundred American and British escaped prisoners of war. In addition, he made possible the continued existence and assisted in the activities of an Allied Intelligence Organization, organizing friends and local inhabitants in further assisting escapers and evaders. After the cessation of hostilities, Count Vinci continued his efforts in behalf of the Allied Forces by assisting in the proving and payment of rewards to persons who previously had aided him in his efforts to assist escaped prisoners thus reflecting great credit upon himself and his organization.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION :

Villa Boccabianca,
Cupramarittima, Ascoli
Piceno, Italy

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO GIOVANNETTI, Italian Civilian, formerly First Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 12 January 1946. Immediately following the Italian Armistice he entered the hills near Grottamare, Province of Ascoli Piceno, Italy, and began the hazardous occupation of feeding, clothing, hiding and evacuating to Allied territory prisoners of war who had escaped from nearby camps. In full knowledge that immediate death would result if he were captured by Germans or Fascists, and with a price of three million lire on his head, he continued these activities until the end of hostilities as the outstanding member of an Allied Intelligence Organization. He furnished his services out of deep conviction for the Allied cause as manifested in his original voluntary efforts, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION :

52 Vaile Michelangelo,
Florence, Italy

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HEADQUARTERS

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE NERAZIO VOLPE, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 12 January 1944 to 12 January 1946. As First President of the Court of Appeal of Cagliari, later Bari, and as Procuratore Generale, Court of Appeal of Naples, Dr. Volpe contributed notably to the enforcement of the law. By the meritorious and outstanding manner in which he performed his duties, by his issuance of severe instructions to the magistrates under his control and to the public ministers as to the gravity and prompt prosecution of Allied interest cases and by his constant efforts to cooperate with the Allied authorities in Italy, Dr. Volpe reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Magistracy.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION :

Attorney General,
Court of Appeal of Naples

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HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, MMIA, A.G.
APO 794, US ARMY.

30 December 1946.

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

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1. Ref. your AG 201-P- BOZZA OTTORINO, basic commu-
nication.

2. The award of the Bronze Star Medal was made to
Lt. Col. OTTORINO BOZZA, Italian Army, at SAN SEV SO near
FOGGIA, on Saturday 28 December 1946, by representatives
from this Mission.

3. At the request of this Headquarters a large
public ceremony had been arranged by the local Sindaco and
the Carabinieri. An enthusiastic crowd attended and listened
attentively to the speeches that were made. A light lunch
was served by the Sindaco after the ceremony.

4. Publicity was arranged by Colonel FIORI VERMAZZA,
Public Relation Officer for the Italian War Ministry, acting
in conjunction with this Headquarters.

RCV/if

Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Commander, MMIA.

CC -

Col. FIORI VERMAZZA,
Italian War Ministry.

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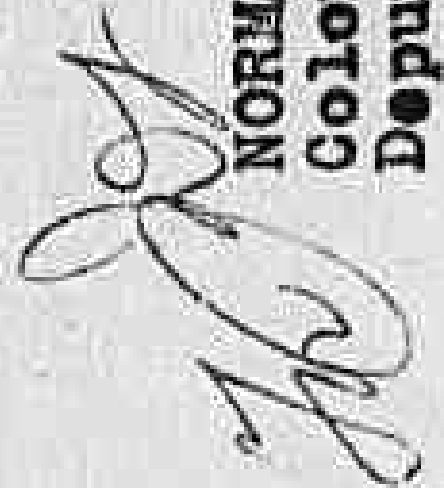
Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
30 Dec 1946	Ex, Comm	245/1 A	<u>Subject: Request for Location.</u> Ref. attached correspondence Italian HQ MTOUSA, 23 Dec 46. Since this is a civilian matter suggest you handle it. JDL/wf <i>[Signature]</i> NORMAN E FISKE, Colonel Cavalry, Deputy Comd.

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Italian HQ MESSINA, 20 Dec 40.

Since this is a civilian matter
suggest you handle it.

JDL/wf


NORMAN E FISKE,
Colonel Cavalry,
Deputy Comd.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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23 December 1946

AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (It Off)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

162.10 : Chief Commissioner, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied
Commission, APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to letter from Land Forces, Sub-
Commission, Allied Commission, Military Mission, Italian Army, File
245/1A, dated 22 November 1946.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the
present location of Mr. Riccardo Vanzetti, alias Giacinto Georgia,
Italian civilian, so that presentation of award of Bronze Star Medal
may be made to subject individual as soon as practicable.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

W. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

DD for action

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Subject:- Honour & Awards.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 Ext. 25
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To:- M.M.I.A.

19 Dec 46

Ref your 245/1 A of 14 Dec 46.

1. Luigi Cossetta is on the strength of Milan Legn CC, and is still serving with C.I.C. Milan Detachment, 8 Via Telesio, Milan.
2. I am also informed that the name of the American Officer under whom he is serving is Maj TONINI.

Milan.
HB/SGD

*31/1/46
Italian character
not yet defined. He is
has reported character from CC. He
but he is by no means to date. Information
stated by him. Officer - Capt. Clifton.
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Maj. H.*

W. H. Jones
Maj.
DAA & QMG.

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In reply
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17 December 1946

AG 200.6/056

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Ribbons

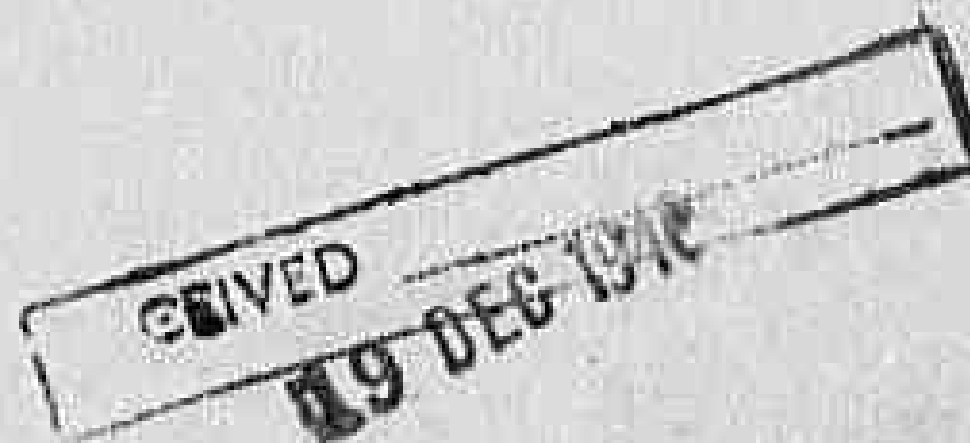
TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army
Attention: Colonel Norman Fiske

In compliance with telephonic request, inclosed herewith are
ten Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer ribbons.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
10 Ribbons



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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 266

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (M.M.I.A.) CME

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19th Dec 46

CG MTOUSA -
APO 512, US Army.

Subject:- Request for Italian
Clearance.

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1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P of 14 Dec 1946, copy attached.

2. At the time request for clearance was made on this Headquarters for Alice FABBRI, Ottino CARACCILO and Bovio CACCIAGRANO, Italian Civilians, it was passed to the Ex. Commissioner's office for action since it was a civilian matter and had to be cleared through the Ministry of Interior. We are again asking the Ex. Commissioner to make inquiry as to when a reply may be had and as soon as it is received it will go forward.

RCV/wf

ZC V
NORMAN E FISKE, Colonel
Deputy Comd. (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to:- CC - Ex. Comm. Office.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

14 December 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

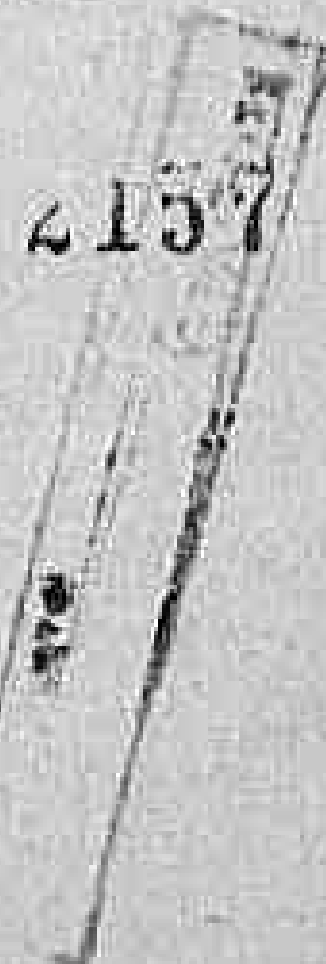
TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy.

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 14 October 1946, requesting Italian clearance be obtained for Alice Fabbri, Ottino Caracciolo, and Bovio Cacciagrano, Italian Civilians, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom. A tracer was initiated and forwarded to your headquarters 14 November 1946. To date no reply has been received.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General



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Telephone:
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (NMIA) CMT

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Commanding General, MTOUSA,
APO 512, US Army.

Subject: Legion of Merit Ribbons.

1. Ref attached communication.
2. Am returning the Legion of Merit ribbons forwarded, less three. These are in the wrong degree, they should have been officer not commander.
Please forward 10 ribbons, degree of officer.

200
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Commander, NMIA.

NEF/if

1 Incl:
Ribbons (7)

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 266

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) GMP

245/1 A

14 Dec 46

Ministry of War.

102 Subject: - American Award for COSSETTA, Luigi,
(Italian Army Special Agent)

1. Ref your 480/1946/ON of 8 August 46.
2. We are now advised that Luigi COSSETTA, Agent SIM Maresciallo CCRN was attached to the Counter Intelligence Corps, Milan Detachment, Zone 3. Please confirm that he is located at this address. If so, is he authorized to accept an American Bronze Star Award?

RCV/wf

Kc-D
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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Telephone:
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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

245/1 A

14 Dec 46

3 BLU - MILAN.

Subject: - American Award for COSSETTA, Luigi,
(Italian Army Special Agent).

1. Ref copy of attached letter to Ministry of War.
2. To expedite this matter please determine if special agent COSSETTA Luigi is located at the address indicated and if he is please advise.

RGV/wf

RCW
Lt-Col,
AAG, MMIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA)CMF

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Dec 46

CG MTOUSA APO 512,
US Army.

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Subject:- American Awards for Italians.

1. Ref your AG 201-P-Fano, Mario (Ital. Civ.), see copy attached.
2. Since your original request of 11 October 1946 concerned a civilian matter we passed it to the Ex-Commissioner's office for necessary action. We are asking that office to expedite the matter.

ROV/wf

200
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

✓ 245/1 A

Dec. 4.

13th

CG MPOUSA,
APO 512, US Army.

Subject:- American Award to Italian
Officer.

Folio 124
1st packet

1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P of 20 Sep 1946 relative to Lt. Alberto ORLANDI, see copy of your letter attached.
2. The Ministry of War has authorized Lt. ORLANDI to accept the Medal of Freedom Award with Bronze Palm. His present address is War Criminal Branch, Viale Michelangelo No: 51, FLORENCE.

RCV/wf

CCV
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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12 December 1946

AG 201-P-Fano, Mario (Ital Civ)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 11 October 1946, requesting Italian clearance be obtained for Mario Fano, Italian civilian, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm, and further requesting present location of subject individual.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent) 1st Ind
(9 Dec. 1946)
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 11 December 1946

CH/mjk

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

Records at this headquarters indicate that Luigi Cossetta,
Agent SIM (Maresciallo CC:RR) was attached to the Counter Intelligence
Corps, Milan Detachment, Zone 3, from the Italian Military Information
Service as late as 25 June 1946.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Ltr, 21 Nov. 46 (cy)

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Rome 489031 Ext 266

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

245/1 A

9th Dec 46

CG MTOUSA,
APO 512, US Army.

Subject:- AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi
(It Sp Agent).

1. Ref your AG 201-P-Cossetta Luigi (It Sp Agent),
see copy of letter attached.
2. The Italian Territorial Headquarters at TURIN and
our BLU at the same place were asked to try and locate
Cossetta Luigi but we have been advised that they have not
been able to do so. Can you give us any additional infor-
mation about him except to the effect that he entered service
from TURIN? If you have any additional information please
forward it.

RCV/wf

W. C. Santuk May
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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In reply
refer to

GH/rjk

21 November 1946

AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent)

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letters, your headquarters, file A 245/1, dated 21 September and 2 August 1946, informing this headquarters that a request for Italian clearance in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal, by Special Agent Luigi Cossetta, Italian Army, was made to the Ministry of War, and further stating that the War Ministry had not yet been able to furnish the present address of Special Agent Cossetta. No further information has been received to date.

2. It is requested this matter be expedited and this office notified of the action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. RICHMOND
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

245/1 A ✓

13 Dec 46

CG MTOUSA - APO 512,
US Army.

Subject: Request for Italian Clearance.

1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P concerning Alice FARRI, Ottino GARACCIULO and Benio CACCIAGRANO, Italian civilians.
2. Your request for clearance was passed to the Executive Commissioner's office for action since it involved a civilian matter. Efforts are being made to expedite this matter so that the awards may be made without further delay.

RCV/wf

ECV
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

CG - For Ex. Comm. office.

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9 Dec 46

CG MFOUSA,
APO 512, US Army.

NSA Subject:- AG 201-P-Gossetta, Luigi
(It Sp Agent).

1. Ref your AG 201-P-Gossetta Luigi (It Sp Agent), see copy of letter attached.
2. The Italian Territorial Headquarters at TURIN and our BLU at the same place were asked to try and locate Gossetta Luigi but we have been advised that they have not been able to do so. Can you give us any additional information about him except to the effect that he entered service from TURIN? If you have any additional information please forward it.

RCV/wf

ECV
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

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CH/mjk

In reply
refer to

21 November 1946

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AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent)

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letters, your headquarters, file A 245/1, dated 21 September and 2 August 1946, informing this headquarters that a request for Italian clearance in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal, by Special Agent Luigi Cossetta, Italian Army, was made to the Ministry of War, and further stating that the War Ministry had not yet been able to furnish the present address of Special Agent Cossetta. No further information has been received to date.

2. It is requested this matter be expedited and this office notified of the action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet.

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
5 Dec 46	Air Force Sub-Comm.	245/1 A	Subject: - DELLA ROCCA DE CANDAL, Giovanni (Ital.O).

Forwarded as a matter pertaining
to your section.

RCV/wf

RD
Major-General,
COC, MMIA.

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Forwarded as a matter pertaining
to your section.

RD

Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

RCV/wf

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19 November 1946

AG 201-P-Della Rocca de Candal, Giovanni (Ital. O)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 9 October 1946, requesting Italian clearance be obtained for Lieutenant Colonel Giovanni Della Rocca de Candal, Italian Air Force, in the acceptance of the award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, and further requesting an effort be made to obtain the present location of Lieutenant Colonel Della Rocca de Candal.

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FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. RICHESON
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Telephone
Rome 489081 Ext 380

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AG (MBIA)GTF

245/1 A

22 Nov 46

Ministry of War

SUBJECT : Location of Capt. William GATTA

155.

Reference our letter of even reference of 5 Nov 46, may a
reply now be given please.

JJA/ml

[Signature]
Major General,
GOC, MBIA.

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Rome 489081 Ext 380

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

245/1 A

22 Nov 46

CG MFOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army.

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Subject:- Request For Location.

1. Reference is made to your AG 201-P-Vanzetti Riccardo (It Civ) of 15 November 1946.

2. As Captain Richard VANZETTI was an Italian Air Force officer, your original communication of 28 Oct was passed to Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission for action. It is understood that Air Forces Sub-Commission will reply directly to your Headquarters within a few days.

JJS/wf

[Signature]
Major-General,
GOC, MMIA.

Copy to: Air Forces S/C,
(herewith copy of Para 1 reference).

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AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (It Civ)

15 November 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 28 October 1946, requesting a check be made and present location of Mr. Riccardo Vanzetti, Italian Civilian, be furnished this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

See also file 156

Letter written
by Capt. Ward
file 162

M G Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

To : MMIA

Ref: 515/46/On

Date: 14/11/46

Subject: Medal of freedom with Bronze palm. -

Ref. letter A/245/I dated 5/9/46. ±

We thank you for the contents of letter referred to above and we authorize Lt. ORLANDI Alberto to accept the a/m award. -

The above officer is at present employed at the War Criminal Branch, A.C., Viale Michelangelo n° 51 - Florence.

sgd.

Lombardi
Col.

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Pa/Sp.

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -
Ufficio Onorificenze e
Ricompense

Divisione Ter
Prot. N. 315/46/On. Allegati

Roma, 17 NOV 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.E.I.A.)
R O M A

Rapresentant del S. G. C. A.
Dir. Ter N. A/245/1

Oggetto: Medaglia della Libertà con palme di
bronzo.

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di
cui alla lettera in riferimento e si auto-
rizza il tenente ORLANDI Alberto ad accet-
tare la ricompensa in oggetto.

L'interessato presta attualmente
servizio presso la Commissione Alleata cri-
mini di guerra, viale Michelangelo, 51 -
Firenze.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Guarini

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AG 201-P-Gatta, William (It Off)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 28 October 1946, forwarding information on Captain William Gatta, Italian officer, as requested in your letter, 245/1A, subject: American Awards to Italians, dated 24 October 1946.

146. 2. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of any further available information as to the present location of Captain Gatta in order that award may be made as soon as practicable.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

Action taken
See file 163.
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AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
Rome, Italy.

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected:

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 14 October 1946, requesting Italian clearance be obtained for Alice Fabbri, Ottino Caracciolo, and Bovio Cacciagrano, Italian Civilians, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON *Jm*
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMA) CMF

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8 Nov 46

CG MFOUSA
APO 512, U.S. Army

SUBJECT : Lt-Col Ottorino BOZZA, Italian Army.

1. Ref. your AG 201-P-Bozza, Ottorino (Ital Off) of 22 May 1946, copy attached.

2. The presentation of the Bronze Star Medal for Lt-Col BOZZA Ottorino has not been accomplished as yet because it was first passed to the Carabinieri Section, Italian Army to handle and then returned because Col. Ottorino BOZZA had reverted to a civilian status and was located at San Severo, Foggia. The award has been passed to Col. MORSE of this Headquarters for presentation in connection with an inspection which he expects to make of US-ITA units in that area. It has been difficult for him to arrange proper plane connections for Foggia and return, hence the delay in presentation of the medal.

3. As soon as presentation is completed your Headquarters will be advised.

RCV/AS

REV
Major-General,
CGC, MMA.

Copy to: CG 7406 Regt.

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Telephone:
Room 489024 Ext 266

LOD FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MIA) CMB

245/1 A

\$ Nov 46

Air Force Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Request for Location

1. Ref. attached correspondence, Capt. VARETTI Riccardo.
2. Forwarded to you as a matter pertaining to your office.

Rev
Major-General,
COC, MIA.

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Telephone:
Rome 436084 Ext 266

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MIA) CMF

215/1 A

\$ Nov 46

Ministry of War

SUBJECT : Location of Capt William GATTA

1. Ref. your 11464/42 of 15 Oct 1946.
2. The only information we have on Capt. William GATTA is that he was attached on the 4th February 1944 to the Adriatic Base Command (U.S.) as Italian Liaison Officer, Bari, Italy. Capt. GATTA attended Bari University and it is believed that his residence is in Bari.

RCV/AS

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Major-General,
GOC, MIA.

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In reply
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JBM/emf

28 October 1946

AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (It Off)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 5 September 1946 and to 1st indorsement, Headquarters Air Forces Sub-Commission, AC, 21 September 1946.
2. The Commanding General, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, to whom award was forwarded for presentation, reports inability to locate Mr. Vanzetti at the address given or through the carabinieri at Torino.
3. It is requested that a further check be made and present location of Mr. Vanzetti furnished this headquarters as soon as practicable.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT E. GAMERILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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3021 *M. M. I. A.*
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AG 201-P-Gatta, William (It Off)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, your letter 245/IA, subject, American Awards to Italians, dated 24 October 1946, information available on subject officer is as indicated herein.

2. Captain Gatta was assigned on 4 February 1944 to the Adriatic Base Command (U.S.) as Italian Liaison Officer, Bari, Italy. Services for which he was recommended were completed on 1 October 1945. Captain Gatta attended Bari University and it is believed that his residence is in Bari.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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RCV/fg

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HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME, 1 Nov. 1946.

To: CO, RAC, WFOUSA, APO 794, US ARMY.

In conformity with your request, am attaching translations of the supporting papers upon which my recommendation was originally premised plus oral information submitted to me by General Cadorna, Chief of Staff Italian Army.

Norman F. FISKE,
Colonel-Cavalry,
Deputy-Commander.

5 Incls:-

- 1 Statement by Count Paolo Verdun.
- 1 Recommendation for award.
- 1 Letter from Undersecretary of War.
- 1 Report from 182 Parachute Regt. "NEMBO".
- 1 Statement concerning Capt. Verdun.

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Ltr, Hq Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, Subj: Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal for Captain Paolo Verdun, dtd 14 October 1946.

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3d Ind.

GBM/RE/gg.

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 29 October 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106 Regiment, Allied Commission, APO 794, US Army.

1. Returned for compliance with paragraph 11 e and MTOUSA Circular 82, 1946 as requires the statement of the originator of his personal knowledge of the service rendered or that other supporting papers testifying to the service will be submitted.

2. Attention is directed to Appendix A and B above Circular.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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Subject : Citation of Personnel in the 210 Italian Infantry Division.

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

245/1 A

28th Oct. '46.

To : Ministry of War.

It is requested that proper disposition be made of the inclosed certificates to the former members of the 210 Italian Infantry Division.

K.O.V.
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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7 Incls:

- 1 Certificate of Commendation in Italian
- 2 Citation for 210th Italian Infantry Division
- 3 Certificate in Italian
- 4 Certificate in Italian
- 5 Certificate of Commendation dtd 30 Jan 45 for Severino
- 6 Certificate of Commendation dtd 30 Jan 45 for Giovanni
- 7 Certificate of Commendation in Italian

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Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 25 October 1946

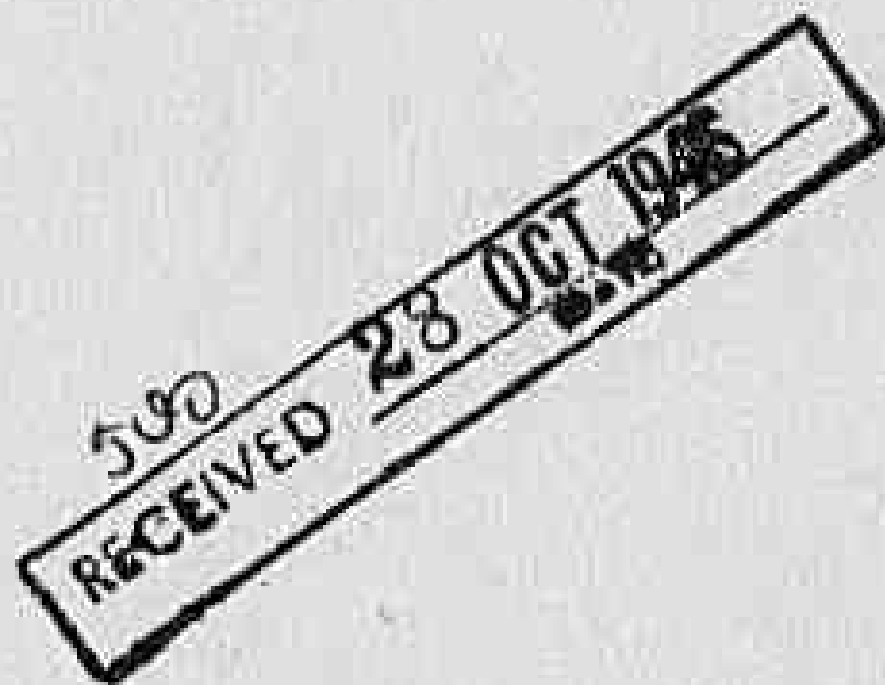
TO: Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

It is requested that attached certificates be delivered to Italian soldiers concerned.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

7 Incls:
n/c

Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General



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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AGPD-H 200.6
(17 Oct 46)

17 October 1946

SUBJECT: Citation for the 210th Italian Infantry Division

To: Commanding General
US Army Forces in the Mediterranean
Theater of Operations
APO 512, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Attention is invited to the inclosed citation for the 210th Italian
Infantry Division , which is returned for disposition.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:


Adjutant General

7 Incls:

- 1 Certificate of Commendation
in Italian
- 2 Citation for 210th Italian
Infantry Division
- 3 Certificate in Italian
- 4 Certificate in Italian
- 5 Certificate of Commendation
dtd 30 Jan 45 for Severino
- 6 Certificate of Commendation
dtd 30 Jan 45 for Giovanni
- 7 Certificate of Commendation in Italian

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SUBJECT:- American Awards for Italians.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

245/1 A 7 Oct. 46.

To :- CG, MTOUSA,
AFD 512, U.S. Army.

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1. Ref. your AG 200.63/044-F of 22 Oct. 46 and of the 20 Sept. 46, copies attached.

2. The action taken was that upon receipt of your communication on 24 Sept. 46, the names of the Italian civilians listed were passed to the Executive Commissioner, AC, for the reason that it was civilian matter and had to be taken up with the Italian Ministry of Interior. Considerable delay will necessarily result because we asked to be furnished the present addresses of the civilians indicated. At the same time this Headquarters made a request on the Italian War Ministry for clearance on the proposed award to the Italian Officer. We have not heard from either communication. As soon as answers are received they will go forward immediately.

Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 200.63/044-P

2451
22 October 1946

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Attention is invited to letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 20 September 1946, requesting appropriate Italian clearance be obtained in the acceptance of the awards indicated for the individuals named therein, and further requesting location of subject individuals.

2. Information is requested as to what action has been taken in this matter.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Ltr, this hqs, dtd 20 Sept 46(cy)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

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20 September 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained in the acceptance of the awards indicated for the individuals named herein:

First Lieutenant Alberto Orlandi, Italian Army, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm
Pasquale Scognamiglio, Adjutant of Combat, Finance Guards, Italian Army, Medal of Freedom
Andreola Vinci, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm
Giovanni Vinci, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm
Virginio Giovannetti, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm
Antonio Pisapia, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom
Giuseppe Nerazio Volpe, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom

2. It is further requested that the present location of these Italian officers and Civilians be shown in order to expedite presentation.

FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

7 Incls:

- Citations re:
1- Orlandi, MF w/BP
2- Scognamiglio, MF
3- Vinci, MF w/SP
4- Vinci, MF w/SP
5- Giovannetti, MF w/BP
6- Pisapia, MF
7- Volpe MF

ROBERT E. CAMERILL
Major, AOD
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject : American Awards to Italians

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

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24 Oct. '46.

To : CC METOURA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref. your AG 200.63/04-P of 1 October 1946 copy attached.
2. In conformity with our request the Italian War Ministry has furnished us with the following information :
 - (a) Military Justice reserve Maj. MALFITANO Giovanni -
Military Tribunal of Naples
 - (b) Reserve Medical Capt. FRANCESCHIELLI Nicola - has been released
and is at present at Milan, Via
Bergami No. 4.
 - (c) Arty reserve Capt. GATTA Arturo - has been released and is at
present at Biella, Via Bergami No. 5,
at Borri.
 - (d) CC reserve Capt. DEMI Vittorio - Mobile Battalion - CC of
Naples.
 - (e) Capt. William GATTA - unknown.
3. As to Capt. William GATTA it is requested that more information
concerning him be forwarded if available.

R.C.V.
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M. of W.
To : MIA
(for info): S.M.E. Translators Nucleus.
(Ref. translation 2621/C
dated 11th inst.)

Ref: II464/42

Date: 18/10/46

Subject: Request of data.

In reply to 1245/1 dated 8 Oct. 46.

We forward the data requested:

- a. Military Justice reserve Maj. MALFITANO Giovanni -
Military Tribunal of Naples.
- b. Reserve Medical Capt. FRANCESCHILLI Nicola - has been
released and is at present at Milan,
Via Borgazzi n° 4. -
- c. Arty reserve Capt. CARTA Arturo - has been released and is at
present at Biella, Via Bengasi n° 5,
at Borri.
- d. CC reserve Capt. DINI Vittorio - Mobile Battalion - CC of
Naples.
- e. Capt. William GATTA - unknown - *hardly found more*
~~it is necessary to specify~~
the particulars.

G.F.

sgd.

Gandini.

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SEE FOLIO 153.

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Ministero della Guerra
Dirz. Gener. Person. ufficia.

Roma

18 OTT. 1946

1a LAND FORCE SUB COM-
MISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
S E D E

Divisione Movimento / Segr.

Prot. N. 11464/4 Allegati

Rispostato al

Div. Seg. N.º

OGGETTO: Richiesta di dati.

e, per conoscenza:

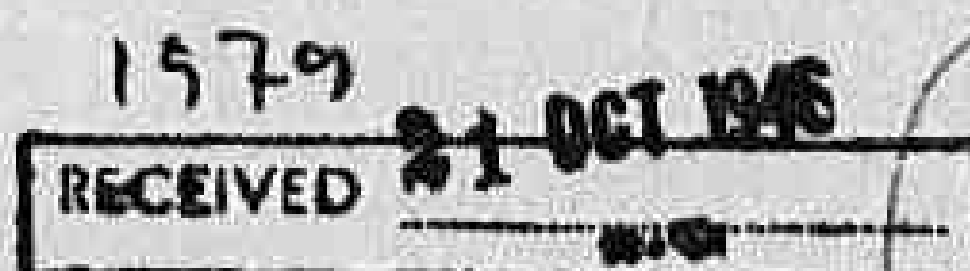
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(Rif. traduzione 2621/C del 11 u.s.)

S E D E

Si comunicano i dati richiesti:

- 1) Maggiore giustizia Milit. cpl. MALFITANO Giovan-
ni - Tribunale Militare Napoli;
- 2) Capitano medico cpl. FRANCESCHELLI Nicola -
è in congedo a Milano - Via Borgazzi, 4
- 3) Capitano art. cpl. CARTA Arturo - è in congedo
a Biella - Via Bengasi, 5 presso Borri
- 4) Capitano CC. cpl. DINI Vittorio - Battaglione
Mobile - CC. di Napoli
- 5) Capitano William GATTA - sconosciuto - occorre
precisare meglio le generalità.

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. di Brig. C. Gandini)



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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

To : MMIA

to Mil.Terr.HQ (for info)

(ref. letter 1/14744 dated 10th inst.)

Subject: Regular Infantry Capt. FERRARISI Giuseppe.

Ref: 536/946/On

Date: 17/10/46

We forward herewith the attached application from the a/m Officer for the purpose of obtaining the decoration "Bronze Star Medal" which was conferred on him.

We beg you to forward a direct reply to the HQ mentioned above.

sgd.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: 1. of W. - General Directorate Officers
1ch Office for Military awards.

SUBJECT: Bronze Star Medal for Capt. Reg. Army
FERRARESI Giuseppe.

I, the undersigned Capt. Inf. Reg. Army FERRARESI Giuseppe son of Arnaldo, 1922 class, belonging to 5 CAR. Modena, could not attend the ceremony held on the occasion of the award of Bronze Star at Milan on 26th June 1946. I would like to know to which Allied or Italian Command I must report to get the decoration awarded.

Modena 19/9/46

Capt. FERRARESI Giuseppe

5 C.A.R. H.Q.

The above application was made on 19th Sept. 1946 and was forwarded this day.-

In order not to distract Capt. FERRARESI from his Unit, during the training of recruits which is being carried out, I suggest that the decoration be forwarded directly to the CAR. which would consign it to the officer concerned.

Modena 24/9/46

Sgd. MONTEZEMOLO
Col.

MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND
UDINE

I agree with the suggestion made by the O/C 211 CAR.

Padova 30/9/46.

Sgd. CESSARI
Gen.

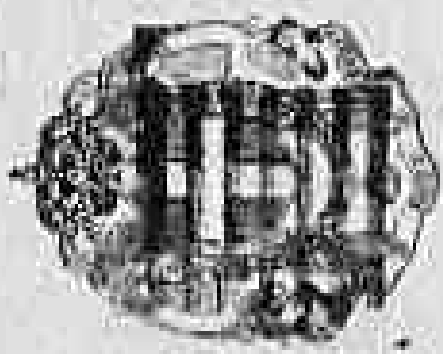
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MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND
UDINE

We forward the opinion of GOC the Territory - Gen.
Quirino Armellini concerning the application made by Capt.
Inf. Reg. Army FERRARESI Giuseppe son of Arnaldo, regarding
the Bronze Star Medal.

Seen - forwarded to office concerned.-

Sgd. QUIRINO ARMELLINI
Gen.



La/Sg.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Ufficio Onorificenze e Ricompense

Prot. N° 535/945/On Allegati 1

Risposta al fido

Roma, 17 OTT 1946

Da: *Sg. N°*

OGGETTO: capitano fant. spe. FERRARESI Giuseppe.

Al LA LAND FORCES SUE COMMISSION A.G. (L.M.I.A.)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

(rif.f. del 10 c.m. N° 1/14744)

UDINE

Si trasmette l'unita domanda dell'ufficiale in oggetto, intesa ad ottenere la decorazione della "Bronze Star Medal" di cui venne insignito, con preghiera di dare diretta risposta al Comando in indirizzo.

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e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

(rif.f. del LC c.m. N°1/14744)

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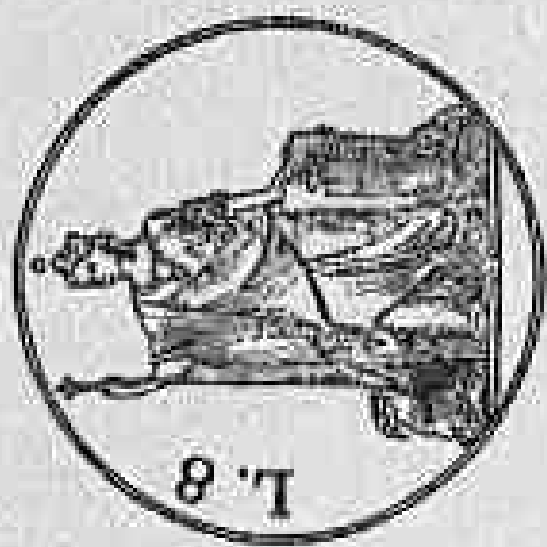
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Al Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale
Ceremonie Ufficiali - Ufficio ricompense ed
onorificanze.

Oggetto: Bronze Star Medal del Capitano
Tommaso P. Ferraresi Giuseppe.

Il sottoscritto capitano di Fonti, m. p. e.
Ferraresi Giuseppe di Ansaldo, classe 1912,
affettivo al 5° C.A.R. di Modena, non avendo
potuto presenziare alla cerimonia del conferimento
Sella "Bronze Star", esultava a Milano
nel giorno 26 giugno c.a., chiese presso
quale Comando Dilecto o Polidoro egli Seb.
ha presentarsi per ritirare la decorazione
di cui è stato insignito.

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Milano 14.9.1916 *Prof. m. p. e. Ferraresi*

COMANDO 5° CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE

La presente domanda mi è stata presentata

Oggetto: Bronze Star Medal del Papà:
 Tomo o. p. Ferraresi Giuseppe

Il sottoscritto capitano di Fanti. m. 2. p. e.
Ferraresi Giuseppe di Anselmo, classe 1912,
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di cui è stato insignito.

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COMANDO 5º CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE

La presente domanda mi è stata presentata

il 19 settembre 1946 e viene inoltrata in data

odierma. -

Allo scopo di non distogliere il Capitano

Ferraresi dal reparto in periodi di addestramento

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delle reclute proporrei che la decorazione venisse inviata, se possibile, direttamente al C.A.R. che ne curerebbe la consegna all'interessato. -

Modena, 24 settembre 1946

COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
CAESARE MONTEZEMOLO

Montezemolo



COM. MILITARE TERRITORIALE
UDINE
COMANDO DELLA FANTERIA

Condivido la proposta fatta dal comandante del

5° C.A.R. -



COLONNELLO COMANDANTE

(Ruggero Cessari)

R. Cessari

Padova 30/9/46

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
- ufficio personale -

UDINE, 11 8 ottobre 1946

PARERE ESPRESSO DAL COMANDANTE DEL TERRITORIO - GENERALE DI C.D'A.
QUIRINO ARMELLINI - SULLA DOMANDA PRESENTATA DAL CAPITANO FTR. SPE
FERRARESI GIUSEPPE DI ARNALDO TENDENTE AD OTTENERE LA "BRONZE STAR
MEDAL".-

VISTO: inoltro per debito d'ufficio.-



IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Quirino Armellini -

Quirino Armellini

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

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Ex. Comm.

Ref. attached correspondence.
Since this is a civilian matter suggest you handle it.



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RCS
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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RCS
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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In reply
refer to

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14 October 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
Rome, Italy

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for the individuals listed in the acceptance of the American decoration indicated:

Medal of Freedom	Alice Fabbri	Italian Civilian
Medal of Freedom	Ottino Caracciolo	Italian Civilian
Medal of Freedom	Bovio Cacciagrano	Italian Civilian

2. Copies of the proposed citations are forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.

3. It is further requested that an effort be made to obtain the present location of subject individuals.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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In reply
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11 October 1946

AG 201-P-Fano, Mario (Ital Civ)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Mario Fano, Italian Civilian, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

2. A copy of the proposed citation is forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.

3. It is further requested that an effort be made to obtain the present location of subject individual.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT E. GAMBRIEL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
15/10/46	Air Force Sub-Comm.		Ref. attached correspondence. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Headquarters.

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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your
Headquarters.

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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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9 October 1946

AG 201-P-Della Rocca, Giovanni (O)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Lieutenant Colonel Giovanni Della Rocca, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Legion of Merit.

2. A copy of the proposed citation is forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.

3. It is further requested that an effort be made to obtain the present location of Lieutenant Colonel Della Rocca.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT E. CAMERILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject : COSSETTA Luigi (It. Sp. Agent)

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

— A 245/1 9th Oct 1946.

To : 1 BLU TURIN

1. Ref. attached citation for COSSETTA Luigi.
2. The Italian Ministry of War has been unable to locate COSSETTA Luigi or furnish us with his address. He is listed as having entered service from TURIN. Will you please make inquiry as to his present address and if you can determine what it is we will advise MTCUSA for that Headquarters has an American Bronze Star Medal for him.

RCW
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Location of Italian Officers

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

A 245/1

8 Oct 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. Ref.our A 245/1 of 19 July 1946 copy attached.
2. We submit the following information concerning the officers your Headquarters is having difficulty in locating.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAST KNOWN ADDRESS</u>
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	Giovanni Malfitano, Lieutenant Colonel	Ministry of Grace and Justice and the Ministry of War, Kingdom of Italy
Medal of Freedom	Nicola Franceschini, Captain	Medical Section of Allied Military Government, Fifth Army
Medal of Freedom	William Gatta, Captain	Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 60th (M Base Depot
Bronze Star Medal	Ariano Carta, Captain	Liaison Section, PRS
Bronze Star Medal	Vittorio Dini, Captain	Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, Co. "G" 265th Regiment, Allied Commission

3. Attached are copies of the citations for these officers. If you can locate them MCOEA will issue orders in accordance with the citations and medals will be presented to them.

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P.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : LEPORE, Romolo (Ital. G.)

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

A 245/1 gk Oct 1946.

To : Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Headquarters.

RCV
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

CH/amf

1 October 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: American Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters, file A 245/1, dated 24 September 1946, requesting additional information for assistance in locating certain Italian personnel eligible for American decorations.

2. The only available information at this headquarters is indicated herein:

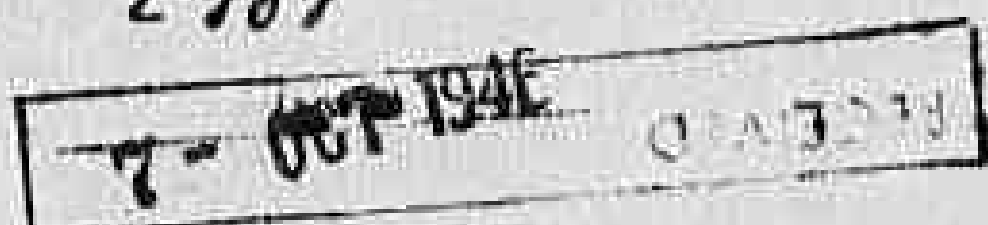
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Bronze Star Medal	Arturo Carta, Captain	Liaison Section, PBS
Bronze Star Medal	Vittorio Dini, Captain	Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, Co. "S" 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission

3. In view of the fact that this matter has been pending for quite some time, it is requested that it be given early consideration.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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In reply
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5 October 1946

AG 201-P-Lepore, Romolo A. (Ital O)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome, Italy

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant, Senior Grade, Romolo A. Lepore, Italian Navy.

2. Copies of the official citation are forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.

3. It is further requested that the present location of this Italian officer be shown in order to expedite presentation.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT : Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
for Captain Paolo VERDUN.

Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission.

✓ APO 794 140r 300 46.

✓ A. 2471

To : The Commanding General,
HQUUSA APO 512 U.S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600 45 as amended, it is recommended that Captain Paolo Verdun of Valle San Nicolao and Cantogno, Italian Army, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for rendering outstanding services in support of the American Fifth Army from March 1944 to May 1945 in Italy.
2. Captain Paolo Verdun Di Cantogno was a Reserve Officer in the Italian Army for a number of years, but had never been called to active duty by the Fascist Regime because of his anti-fascist leanings.
3. At the time of Italy's capitulation to Allies on 8 September, 1943, Captain Verdun was located at Gaeta and joined other patriots in resisting the destruction of an Italian Naval radio-station and from that time on the Germans attempted to capture him but without success for he escaped through the German lines and joined the Corps for Italian Liberation. Captain Verdun was assigned to the 184th "Nembo" Artillery Regiment as a liaison officer with the American Fifth Army.
4. On the 19th of March 1944 Captain Verdun volunteered to cross into German territory for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the German positions. Operating at night, he located the enemy's artillery positions, the location of their troops and their minefields extending along the line of Monte Christo, Gaeta, and Formis. This vital and constant

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To : The Commanding General,
MTOUSA AFO 512 U.S. Army.

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5. Subsequently Captain Verdun serving with the Italian "Nembo" Regiment continued to demonstrate his devotion to duty, his continued loyalty to the Allied cause exercising at all times great force, initiative and energy. Captain Verdun

displayed outstanding tact and understanding in all his dealings with American Units.

6. Captain Verdun's courage, devotion to the Allied cause and to duty as he saw it, reflects great credit upon himself and the Allied Armed Forces all of which contributed substantially to the War effort in Italy, is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best traditions of military service.
7. The services upon which this recommendation is based have just been certified to me by General Cadorna, Chief of Staff, Italian War Ministry and former Commander of all Partisan Units in Italy.
8. Grade and assignment at the present time is: Captain, Italian Army.
9. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.
10. Previous Awards, no American.
11. Proposed Citation: See enclosure.

Norman E. FISKE
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

Incl. : - pro. citation.

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9. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

10. Previous Awards, no American.

11. Proposed Citation: See enclosure.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

Incl. : - pro. citation.

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Proposed Citation.

Paolo VERDUN, Captain Italian Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from March 1944 to May 1945.

On 19th March 1944 while serving as liaison officer from the Italian "Nembo" regiment with the American Fifth Army Captain Verdun volunteered to cross into German territory for the purpose of obtaining information concerning their positions. As a result he secured vital and important information concerning the enemy's installations extending along a line, Monte Christo, Gaeta and Formia. This important information contributed materially to the subsequent elimination of the Germans from that area and facilitated the advance of the Fifth Army. Captain Verdun's heroic efforts, his loyalty and devotion to the Allied cause reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

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Ltr. Capt. Verdun, Paolo (Ital O). Subj: Recommendation for
Bronze Medal., dtd 14 Oct 46.

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CBN/RE/gl.

HEADQUARTERS ROKE AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 21 November 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regiment, Allied Commission,
APO 794, US Army.

Returned for two affidavits from eye witnesses or persons having knowledge of the service since the Commanding Officer does not have personal knowledge of the acts.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

5. Incls: n/c

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGO
Adjutant General

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COPY TRANSLATION

FROM: HQs 183 Parachute Regt. "NEMBO"

REF: 03/R 1787

TO : First Captain Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO

DATE: 30.8.46

SUBJECT: Report.

I am glad to inform you that, owing to duties you have displayed with this Regiment, Headquarters, as liaison officer, during war operations, I deemed opportune to address the following letter to HQs of your 184 Assault Artillery Regt:

No 03 R P/247

MP. 146
9 August, 1946

TO HQs OF THE 184 "NEMBO" ARTILLERY REGT.

I accomplish the duty of reporting the activity displayed by the First Captain of Artillery Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO, who served with this Regt.

Although of a mature age and physically tired, owing to hardships suffered by him during his voluntary crossing of the line to escape from German and Fascist domination, First Captain VERDUN operated actively with youthful enthusiasm and faith into the future of our country.

Despite danger, he bravely reached positions fiercely, hammered by enemy's fire, to display his activity as a liaison officer, being a good example of spirit of sacrifice and duty, and of intelligent military action.

A man of the old standard, deeply faithful to tradition and to the spiritual patrimony of his noble family, persuaded by military virtues which were always characteristic of his pure Piedmontese race, First Captain VERDUN has continuously been an example to the young officers of my regiment.

In stating the above, it is my duty to suggest that First Captain VERDUN, for the experience acquired at his age, for the calm he showed in war actions, for his intelligence and culture, for his indifference before danger and his attachment to duty, for the activity he is daily displaying with the Italian Liberation Corps, is worthy of being exceptionally promoted to higher rank.

The Commander of the Regiment
/s/ Giuseppe QUARONI 2099
Col.

With best wishes and congratulations

The Commander of the Regt.
/s/ Giuseppe QUARONI

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Affidavit of Colonel GUARONI, Italian Army.

Ministry of War.

Rome, Dec 46.

Colonel Giuseppe GUARONI being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is a Colonel in the Italian Army and that he is acquainted with Captain Paolo VERDUN DE CANTOGNO and his military career and that he is familiar with the facts concerning Captain VERDUN as related in the papers supporting the recommendation for an American Award for the Captain and that the statements therein contained are true.

Col. Giuseppe Guaroni
.....
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this..... day
of *January* 1946.

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REPUBLICA ITALIANA.....
Officer authorized to
administer oaths.

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Affidavit of General CADORNA.

Ministry of War.

Rome, Italy.

Raphael CADORNA being duly sworn according to law
deposes and says:

That he is a General in the Italian Army, the present
Chief of Staff of the Italian Army and former head of par-
tisan Units in Italy; that he is well acquainted with
Captain Paolo VERDUN DE SANTOGGI and his military career
and that on the 8 Sep 1943 the Captain did assist in resist-
ing the destruction by the Germans of the Italian radio-
station at CAIATA, that he subsequently escaped through the
German lines and joined the Corps for Italian Liberation,
that on the 19th of March 1944, Capt VERDUN near CAIATA did
cross into German Territory and obtained enemy information
for the American 5th Army that this information was sub-
mitted to the proper headquarters and Capt VERDUN was con-
gratulated for his efforts.

Affiant further states that he has read and is familiar
with the contents of the report made by Italian Colonel
Giuseppe QUARONI for an Italian Award for Capt VERDUN and
the other supporting instruments being forwarded in connection
with the recommendation for an American Award and that the
statements therein contained are true.

Raphael Cadorna
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Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this 13th day
of December 1946.

Major A. B. F. ...
Officer authorized to
administer oaths.

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CONTE PAOLO VERDUN DI VALLE SAN NICOLAO E CANTOGNO
SOSTITUTO PROCURATORE DELLO STATO

già volontario di guerra, dopo
aver passato le Alpi, nella Divisione
Paracadutisti. Nembo, dove ha
combattuto quasi tutta la guerra
di liberazione. È stato preso:

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sto dal Gen. Cadorna al Col.
Fischer per la "Bronze Star",
per benemerite rese agli
Alleati in territorio occupato
dai tedeschi prima del suo pas-
saggio delle linee. È decorato al
Valore Militare in questa guerra
su proposta dello stesso capo di
Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito.
L'ultimo è stato rimesso
dal Gen. Cadorna al Col. Fischer.

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C O P Y.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Army Chief of Staff.

Ref: ?

TO : Colonel FISH
M.M.I.A.

DATE: 23/9/46

Dear Colonel,

Two friends of mine who, according to documents here attached did very well in the liberation war, are anxious to be awarded the American Bronze Star. They insist of course for me to express you this wish of theirs.

Please tell me whether you can give them satisfaction. Even if I did not succeed, consider my effort in trying to obtain from the Ministry of War that General Clark be awarded the highest degree of the Military Orders of Savoy.

Excuse me for the trouble I am causing you and believe me yours truly.

Sgd. CADORNA,
Gen.

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He was a volunteer before he crossed the front in the paratroop division "Nembo" where he fought the whole of the war for liberation. He has been proposed by Gen. Cadorna to Col. Nisker for the bronze star for honours rendered to the allies in territory occupied by German troops before he crossed the lines. He got decorated for military valour in this war because he was proposed by the Chief of Staff. All documents belonging to this man have been given to Col. Nisker by Gen. Cadorna.

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SUBJECT : Captains Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO
and Giuseppe CORNETTO.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

A 245/1 27 Sep 46.

To : General CADORNA, Chief of Staff .
Italian War Ministry.

Dear General,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd of September. Acting upon your excellent suggestion am causing to be prepared recommendations for American Bronze Star Medals for the captains you mention. It may be that higher Headquarters will change my recommendations to a Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm but am reasonably certain something will come of it.

Thanking you for all past favors I am,
Very cordially yours,

Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Army Chief of Staff.

REF: ?

TO : Colonel FISH
W.M.I.A.

DATE: 23/9/46

Dear Colonel,

Two friends of mine who, according to documents here attached did very well in the liberation war, are anxious to be awarded the American Bronze Star. They insist of course for me to express you this wish of theirs.

Please tell me whether you can give them satisfaction. Even if I did not succeed, consider my effort in trying to obtain from the Minister of War that General Clark be awarded the highest degree of the Military Orders of Savoy.

Excuse me for the trouble I am causing you and believe me yours truly.

Sgd. CADORNA
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

The following motive for awarding the war cross to

Count Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO

First Captain in the "NEMBO" Parachute Div. is to be shortly published by the Military Bulletin:

"Reserve officer, never previously promoted because of his anti-Fascist feeling, although free from Military duties owing to his advanced age, finding himself at Gaeta on Armistice day, joined the personnel of a Navy radio station to resist disarmament by the Germans.-

"Being inspired by a youthful spirit and his hatred against the enemy, he gave an efficient, moral and material support to that group which was commanded by an N.C.O.

"Having been denounced to the Germans for his behaviour and being actively pursued by the enemy, after several dangerous experiences he managed to cross the line and be assigned to an artillery regiment to cooperate in the liberation of the country.

"As a liaison officer with the 183 "NEMBO" Parachute Rgt., although physically tired, he displayed great activity with competence and bravery, voluntarily exposing himself to the enemy's fire to be a continuous example to his dependants.

War of Liberation 7 Sept. 30 Aug. '44

30 June 1945

Sgd. RONCO
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

I, undersigned, Count Paolo VERDUN of Valle San Nicolao and Cantogno, declare on my honour that I passed the line on the night between 19 and 20 March. I presented myself to the American HQs, I was conducted before an American Lieutenant and a British Captain of the name of BUTT. The latter spoke perfect Italian because, as he told me, he had been living 12 years at Milan. I could show them ~~all~~ fire position of the German artillery on the map and on American air photographs.

I did also show trenches and mined fields along the shore from Forria and Gaeta as far as Mount...^{Criveto}... I had gathered all these elements during night in order to supply them to the Allies. Captain BUTT praised me highly.

Rome 23 August 1946

Sgd. Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO
First Captain of Artillery in the
Reserve at the "NEMBO" Division -
A voluntary in the Liberation War.

TRANSLATION

RESISTANCE FRONT
CIVIL AND MILITARY HQs
OF THE TOWN OF ROME AND ITS TERRITORY
IN THE WAR ZONE

THE CIVIL AND MILITARY COMMANDER OF ROME AND ITS
TERRITORY IN THE WAR ZONE, BY VIRTUE OF POWERS
CONFERRED TO HIM BY THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
SUPREME HQs ON 22 MARCH 1944

GRANTED

The Silver Medal for military bravery on the field to
Captain CORNETTO Giuseppe of the Royal Army for the
following motive:

"As a commander of a hard fighting band of patriots he
had himself formed and strengthened through many
difficulties, during nine months of underground activity,
on the territory occupied by the enemy, he gave proofs of
being a brave combatant for liberty, ready to endure hard
sacrifices for his country. Notwithstanding rapid
researches of the oppressors and serious risks he was
continuously running, he bravely continued sabotaging and
undermining the enemy's power until the arrival of
liberating troops, thus efficiently contributing, through
his constant and brave war conduct to liberate his
oppressed country. He has been a noble example of high
military virtues, disdain of danger and attachment to the
national cause".

September 1943- June 1944

From the Capitale, 5 June 1944

The Civil & Military Commander
sgd. BENCIVENGA
Gen.

N. 45/F-RC.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Navy Enquiry Commission

REF: I232

TO : The Secretary of the
undersecretary of War.

DATE: 6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Captain Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNA.

An excerpt of evidence given by an N.C.O. about the behaviour of the above officer on armistice declaration is forwarded to you.

The evidences of another N.C.O. and other persons confirm the praiseful behaviour, the spirit of genuine country love, of dignity and military honour always shewn by Captain VERDUN under present difficulties.

Sgd. MICHELIGNOLI
Commander

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TRANSLATION

FROM : HQs I83 Parachute Regt. "NEMBO"

REF: 03/R I787

TO : First Captain Paolo VERDUN DI
CANTOGNO.

DATE: 30/8/46

SUBJECT: Report.

I am glad to inform you that, owing to duties you have displayed with this Rgt. HQs, as liaison officer, during war operations, I deemed opportune to address the following letter to HQs of your I84 Assault Artillery Rgt:

N° 03 R P/247

MP. 146

9 August 1946

TO HQs OF THE I84 "NEMBO" ARTILLERY RGT.

I accomplish the duty of reporting the activity displayed by the First Captain of Artillery Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO, who served with this Rgt.

Although of a mature age and physically tired, owing to hardships suffered by him during his voluntary crossing of the line to escape from German and Fascist domination, First Captain VERDUN operated actively with youthful enthusiasm and faith into the future of our country.

Despising danger, he bravely reached positions fiercely hammered by enemy's fire, to display his activity as a liaison officer, being a good example of spirit of sacrifice and duty, and of intelligent military action.

A man of the old standard, deeply faithful to tradition and to the spiritual patrimony of his noble family, persuaded by military virtues which were always characteristic of his pure Piedmontese race, First Captain VERDUN has continuously been an example to the young officers of my regiment.

In stating the above, it is my duty to suggest that First Captain VERDUN, for the experience acquired at ²¹2188 age, for the calm he shew in war actions, for his intelligence and culture, for his indifference before danger and his attachment

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to duty, for the activity he is daily displaying with the Italian "Liberation" Corps, is worthy of being exceptionally promoted to higher rank.

The Commander of the Rgt.
(Sgd) Giuseppe QUARONI
Col.

With best wishes and congratulations

The Commander of the Rgt.
(Sgd) Giuseppe QUARONI
Col.

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Subject: Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
for Captain CORNETTO Giuseppe.

Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

APC 794 16 Oct. 1946.

A 245/1

TO : The Commanding General,
MTOUSA, APO 512 U.S. Army
(Through the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600 45 as amended it is recommended that Captain CORNETTO Giuseppe, Italian Army, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as a Commanding Officer of a band of patriots from 8 Sep. 1943 to 4 June 1944 in Italy.
2. Captain CORNETTO Giuseppe was a reserve officer in the Italian Army for a number of years but had never been called to active duty by the Fascist Regime because of his known anti-fascist views.
3. Immediately subsequent to Italy's capitulation to the Allies on 8 September 1943, Captain CORNETTO organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which was assigned a sector north of Rome in the regions of Abruzzo, Umbria and Toscana. While operating from 8 Sep. 1943 to 4 June 1944 in this area which was under German occupation, Captain CORNETTO's band had numerous skirmishes with the Germans, constructed many road blocks, wrecked 3 German supply trains, cut the German telephone and telegraph lines and disrupted their lines of communication whenever possible. Captain CORNETTO's band operated at a great disadvantage, under great difficulties, and was always handicapped because of a lack of supplies and equipment. This band carried on against almost unsurmountable odds but the determination and the indomitable will of its commander kept the band fighting the Germans to the end that many of them were captured or killed and large quantities of enemy material was either destroyed or captured by the patriots and used for their own supply purposes. Captain CORNETTO's life was constantly in danger, a large reward having been posted by the Germans for his capture dead or alive. But notwithstanding all of this he continued to carry out his directives to sabotage the German War effort whenever possible. Captain CORNETTO was in constant touch with the underground forces who were planning to assist in the capture of Rome by the American Fifth Army. He came to Rome a few days before its fall and actively participated in the liberation of the city from the Germans on the fourth of June 1944.

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4. On the 5th of June, subsequent to the capture of Rome, Captain CORNETTO was decorated by the then existing Italian Government with the Italian Silver Star Medal for bravery on the field of battle. He was immediately called to active duty as an officer in the Italian Army and ordered to report to the Italian troops in the British 8th Army where he continued to demonstrate his devotion to duty and his loyalty to the Allied cause.

5. Captain CORNETTO exercised at all times great force, courage, initiative and energy. He was devoted and loyal to duty as he saw it and to the Allied cause to the end that he has made a substantial contribution to the War effort and the liberation of Italy from the enemy all of which is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best traditions of military service.

6. The reason for the delay in making this recommendation is that the services upon which this is based have just been certified to me by General Cadorna, Chief of Staff, Italian War Ministry and former Commander of all Partisan Units in Italy.

7. Grade and assignment of the officer recommended at the present time is: -
Captain, Italian Army.

8. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

9. Previous awards: - No American.

10. Proposed citation: - See inclosure.

(s) NORMAN E. FISKE,
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander

Incl. - 1 - Pro. Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

GIUSEPPE CORNETTO, Captain, Stato Maggiore, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 4 June 1944 in Italy. Immediately subsequent to Italy's capitulation to the Allies on 8 September 1943, Captain CORNETTO organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which was assigned a sector north of Rome in the regions of Abruzzo, Uffria and Toscana. While operating from 8 Sep. 1943 to 4 June 1944 in this area which was under German occupation, Captain CORNETTO's band had numerous skirmishes with the Germans, constructed many road blocks, wrecked 5 German supply trains, cut the German telephone and telegraph lines and disrupted their lines of communication whenever possible. Captain CORNETTO's band operated at a great disadvantage, under great difficulties, and was always handicapped because of a lack of supplies and equipment. This band carried on against almost uncountable odds but the determination and the indomitable will of its commander kept the band fighting the Germans to the end that many of them were captured or killed and large quantities of enemy material was either destroyed or captured by the patriots and used for their own supply purposes. Captain CORNETTO's life was constantly in danger, a large reward having been posted by the Germans for his capture dead or alive. But notwithstanding all of this he continued to carry out his directives to sabotage the German war effort whenever possible. Captain CORNETTO was in constant touch with the underground forces who were planning to assist in the capture of Rome by the American Fifth Army. He came to Rome a few days before its fall and actively participated in the liberation of the city from the Germans on the fourth of June 1944. Captain CORNETTO exhibited at all times great force, courage, initiative and energy. He was devoted and loyal to duty as he saw it and to the Allied cause to the end that he has made a substantial contribution to the war effort and the liberation of Italy from the enemy all of which is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best traditions of military service.

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Affidavit of Colonel GUARONI.

Ministry of War.

Rome, Italy.

Colonel GUARONI being first duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

That he is a Colonel in the Italian Army and that he is well acquainted with Captain Giuseppe CORNETTO and his military career in the Italian Army and is familiar with the facts in connection with recommendation of Captain CORNETTO for an American Bronze Medal, that he has read the affidavit of General Raphael CADORNA in connection therewith and he knows that the statements therein contained are true and that Captain CORNETTO has at all times been loyal to the Allied War effort and that his entire service in the Italian Army has been honorable and that he has not received any American decorations.

Col. Giuseppe Guaroni
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this 15th day of January 1946.

Sp. Fernando Mucchi
Officer authorized to administer oaths.
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Affidavit of General Raphael GABORNA, Italian Army.

Ministry of War.

Rome, Italy.

Raphael GABORNA being first duly sworn deposes and says:

That he is a General officer and Chief of Staff of the Italian Army; that he was the former leader of all partisan Units in Italy; that he is well acquainted with Captain CUNETTO Giuseppe of the Italy Army and is acquainted with and has knowledge of the military career of Captain CUNETTO Giuseppe, that prior to world war II Captain CUNETTO was a reserve officer but was never called to active duty at the outbreak of the war because of his anti-fascist views; that immediately after Italy's surrender to the Allies on 8 September 1943, Captain CUNETTO organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which operated North of Rome, that from 8 Sep 1943 to 4 June 1944 Captain CUNETTO's band has skirmishes with the Germans, constructed road blocks against the Germans destroyed their lines of communications, captured or killed a number of Germans and captured their supplies and equipment.

Captain CUNETTO's band operated under great difficulties and his life was constantly in danger and rewards were offered by the Germans for his capture dead or alive. Captain CUNETTO kept in touch with the other underground forces which were planning the capture of Rome from the Germans. He came to Rome a few days before its liberation on the 4th of June 1944 by the American 5th Army. Captain CUNETTO has been rewarded by the Italian Government for his heroic efforts with the Italian Silver Star Medal and that a translation of his citation is attached hereto and made a part of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that he knows that Captain CUNETTO has at all times been loyal to the Allied War effort that his service in the Italian Army has been honorable and that he has not received any American decorations.

Raphael Gaborna
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Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this 13th day of December 1946.

Maja K. Salabini J.C.O.
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Officer authorized to administer oaths.

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TRANSLATION

RESISTANCE FRONT
CIVIL AND MILITARY HQs
OF THE TOWN OF ROME AND ITS TERRITORY
IN THE WAR ZONE

THE CIVIL AND MILITARY COMMANDER OF ROME AND ITS TERRITORY
IN THE WAR ZONE, BY VIRTUE OF POWERS CONFERRED TO HIM BY THE
ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SUPREME HQs ON 22 MARCH 1944.

GRANTED

The Silver Medal for military bravery on the field to Captain
CORNETTO Giuseppe of the Royal Army for the following motive:

"As a commander of a hard fighting band of patriots
he had himself formed and strengthened through many difficulties,
during nine months of underground activity, on the territory
occupied by the enemy, he gave proofs of being a brave combatant
for liberty, ready to endure hard sacrifices for his country.
Notwithstanding rabid researches of the oppressors and serious
risks he was continuously running, he bravely continued sabo-
ting and undermining the enemy's power until the arrival of li-
berating troops, thus efficiently contributing, through his
constant and brave war conduct to liberate his oppressed country.
He has been a noble example of high military virtues, disdain
of danger and attachment to the national cause."

September 1943 - June 1944

From the Capitale, 5 June 1944

N. 45/F-RC.

The Civil & Military Commander
sgd. BENCIVENGA
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 480/946 Om
Date: 26/9/46

Subject: American award for COSSETTA Luigi. -

Ref. *you* letter A/245/1 dated 13.8.46 -

From enquiries carried out at the Military Territorial Command of Turin, no trace has been found of the above named agent. -

For the purpose of carrying out further enquiries, we beg your M.M.I.A. to kindly forward the complete particulars of the agent in question. -

sgd.

Lombardi
Col.

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Divisione
Int. N. 480/946

A B/E 2/7
Roma 26 SET 1946

2a LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)
ROMA

Proposta del 13.8.1946
Per *GA/215/1*

OGGETTO: *ricompensa americana a COSSETTA Luigi.*
American award for COSSETTA, Luigi

Eseguite ricerche presso il comando militare territoriale di Torino, nessuna traccia si è potuta avere dell'agente segnato in oggetto.

Allo scopo di poter effettuare ulteriori ricerche, pregasi compiacersi comunicare possibilmente a questo Gabinetto le generalità complete dell'interessato.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Giulini

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IL CAPO D'ISTATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO	
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Roma, 23 settembre 1946

Caro Colonnello,

due miei amici benemeriti della guerra di liberazione (vedi documenti annessi) anelano ad essere decorati con la decorazione americana Bronze Star. E naturalmente mi spingono insistentemente perchè io mi faccia interprete presso di Lei per questo loro desiderio.

Voglia essere cortese di dirmi se è nella sua possibilità di accontentarli. Tenga conto della buona volontà che ho spiegato col Ministro della Guerra e se pure con risultato per ora negativo affinché il Gen. Clark venisse decorato col massimo grado dell'Ordine Militare di Savoia.

Mi scusi il disturbo e mi creda cordialmente

Giuseppe R. Padoa
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Colonel Normann FISH
A.C. - MMIA = Roma =

C O P I A

COMANDO 183° REGGIMENTO PARACADUTISTI "NEMBO"
"il cuore di rincalzo"

n°03/R. 1787 di prot.

P.M. 146 li 30 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Segnalazione.-

AL PRIMO CAPITANO PAOLO VERDUN DI CANTOGNO

S E D E

Sono lieto di partecipare ed ho ritenuto opportuno, in seguito al servizio da lei prestato presso questo comando di reggimento, quale ufficiale di collegamento, durante le operazioni di guerra di inviare al Comando del suo reggimento, 184 Regg. Artiglieria d'assalto, la seguente segnalazione di cui le trasmetto copia:

n°03/RP/247

P.M. 146 li 9/8/944.

AL COMANDO 184° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "NEMBO"

Segnalo per doverosa conoscenza, l'attività del primo capitano di Artiglieria Paolo Verdun di Contogno, comandato presso questo reggimento. Per quanto anziano di anni e stanco fisicamente, anche per le vicissitudini da lui vissute, durante il volontario passaggio delle linee, per sottrarsi al gioco tedesco e fascista, il primo capitano Verdun si prodiga instancabilmente con entusiasmo giovanile e con la fede nei destini della Patria.

Sprezzante del pericolo si è audacemente portato in posizioni intensamente battute dal fuoco nemico per svolgere la sua attività, di ufficiale di collegamento, dando bella prova di dedizione, al dovere ed esplicando intelligente attività militare.

Uomo di stampo antico, profondamente legato alle tradizioni ed al patrimonio spirituale della Sua nobile famiglia, convinto nelle virtù militari espresse in ogni tempo dalla sua pura razza piemontese, il primo capitano Verdun è costantemente di esempio ai giovani ufficiali del mio reggimento.

Nel segnalare quanto sopra, è mio dovere proporre che ritengo il primo capitano Verdun, per l'esperienza che gli deriva dall'età, per la serenità dimostrata nelle azioni di guerra, per l'intelligenza e cultura, per sprezzo del pericolo e dedizione del dovere, per l'attività che diurnamente presta nel Corpo Italiano di Liberazione, degno di un avanzamento eccezionale al grado superiore.

IL COLONNELLO

COMANDANTE IL REGGIMENTO 2076
F.to Giuseppe Quarone

Con i migliori auguri e congratulazioni

ciale di collegamento, durante le operazioni di guerra di inviare al Comando del suo reggimento, 184 Regg. Artiglieria d'assalto, la seguente segnalazione di cui le trasmetto copia:

n°03/RP/247

P.M. 146 li 9/8/944.

AL COMANDO 184° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA "NEMBO"

Segnalo per doverosa conoscenza, l'attività del primo capitano di Artiglieria Paolo Verdun di Contegno, comandato presso questo reggimento

Per quanto anziano di anni e stanco fisicamente, anche per le vicissitudini da lui vissute, durante il volontario passaggio delle linee, per sottrarsi al gioco tedesco e fascista, il primo capitano Verdun si prodiga instancabilmente con entusiasmo giovanile e con la fede nei destini della Patria.

Sprezzante del pericolo si è audacemente portato in posizioni intensamente battute dal fuoco nemico per svolgere la sua attività, di ufficiale di collegamento, dando bella prova di dedizione, al dovere ed esplicando intelligente attività militare.

Uomo di stampo antico, profondamente legato alle tradizioni ed al patrimonio spirituale della Sua nobile famiglia, convinto nelle virtù militari espresse in ogni tempo dalla sua pura razza piemontese, il primo capitano Verdun è costantemente di esempio ai giovani ufficiali del mio reggimento.

Nel segnalare quanto sopra, è mio dovere proporre che ritengo il primo capitano Verdun, per l'esperienza che gli deriva dall'età, per la serenità dimostrata nelle azioni di guerra, per l'intelligenza e cultura, per sprezzo del pericolo e dedizione del dovere, per l'attività che diurnamente presta nel Corpo Italiano di Liberazione, degno di un avanzamento eccezionale al grado superiore.

Con i migliori auguri e congratulazioni.



C. C.
DL. SEGRETARIO
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IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE IL REGGIMENTO 2076
F/to Giuseppe Quaroni

IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE IL REGGIMENTO
F/to Giuseppe Quaroni

MANIPOLAZIONE DELLA CROCE DI GUERRA AL V.M. concessagli é in corso di pubblicazione sul Bollettino Militare.

Conte Paolo VERDUN DI CANTOGNO

1° capitano nella Divisione Paracadutisti "Nembo".=

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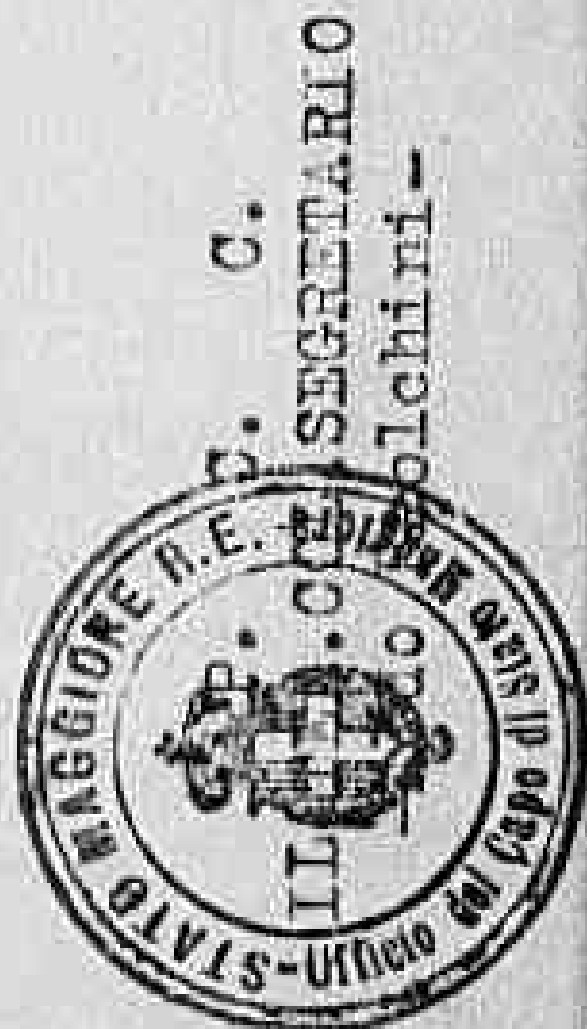
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Guerra di liberazione 7 settembre 1943-30 agosto 1944.

30 giugno 1945



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to Gen. E. Ronco

2075

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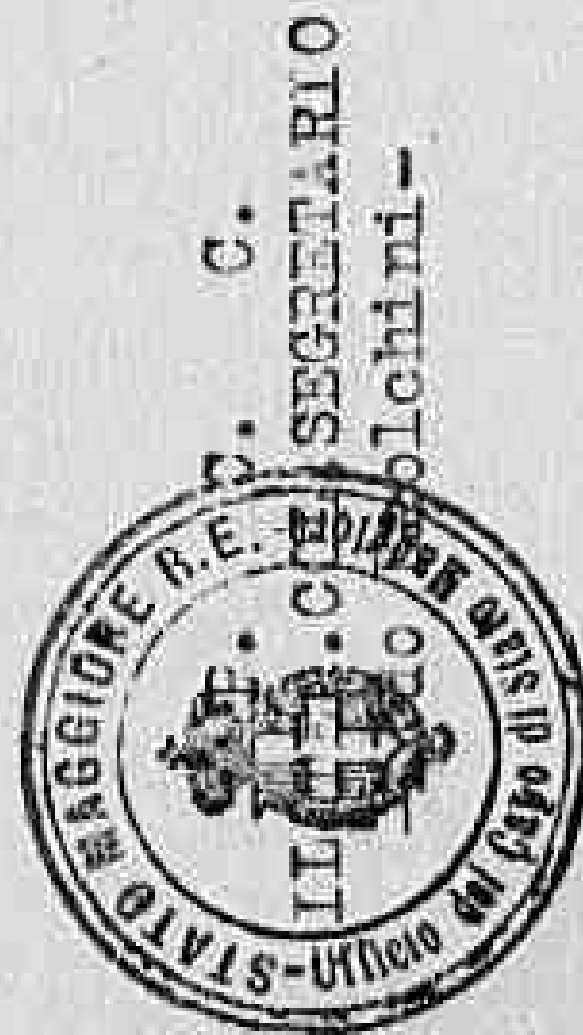
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2075



C O P I A

COMMISSIONE INCHIESTA C.R.E.M.

Roma, li 6 maggio 1945

Prot. 1232

ALLA SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DI S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO
DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

-R-O-M-A-

Argomento: Capitano Paolo VERDUN di Centogno

Trasmetto estratto di una deposizione di un sottufficiale
relativo al contegno all'armistizio dell'ufficiale in argomento.

Anche della deposizione di altro sottufficiale e persone
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IL CAPITANO DI FREGATA
Comandante
F/to Alessandro Michelagnoli

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ALLA SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DI S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO
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-R-0-4-A-

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F/to Alessandro Michelagnoli

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P.C.C.

p. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE a.p.s.

(Prof. Antonino Graffeo)

Maggiore Pier Carlo Boscardi

*Per l'armistizio. Capitano Paolo Verdun di Valle San
Nicola e di Cantogno. Dichiaro nel mio nome*

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Nella notte dell' 19 alle 20 lungo la strada
tra il giunto a Mondogone, presentandosi
al comando americano per condurre a casa
alcuna. Per immagini in mente
americano e al capitano Joseph Burt,
guasto ufficiale parlava perfettamente l'inglese
quando si incontrò, come egli mi dice, che
12 uomini a lui, nulla certa molti inglesi
e la fotografia dell'area intorno
poter indicarci tutte le posizioni e difficoltà
terreno, nonché sicuramente i campi minati
distinti lungo la zona di stanza e retrofante
della località Fornia. Fu così a lungo visto
dalle indicazioni e le avevo indicate. Per tempo
avevo indicato "notas" anche dove potevo fornire
con precisione agli alleati. Di questo è certo.

FRONTE DELLA RESISTENZA

COMANDO CIVILE E MILITARE
DELLA CITTÀ DI ROMA E SUO TERRITORIO
SITUATO IN ZONA DI GUERRA

IL COMANDANTE CIVILE E MILITARE DI ROMA
E SUO TERRITORIO SITUATO IN ZONA DI GUERRA
IN VIRTÙ DEI POTERI CONFERITGLI IN DATA 22 MARZO 1944
DAL R. GOVERNO E DAL COMANDO SUPREMO

HA CONCESSO

Al Capitano R.E. CORNETTO GIUSEPPE

la MEDAGLIA D'ARGENTO al Valor Militare

"*sul campo*,"

con la seguente motivazione:

Comandante di una agguerrita banda di patrioti da lui costituita e faticosamente potenziata, durante i nove mesi di dura lotta clandestina, in territorio occupato dal nemico faceva risplendere le sue doti di ardito combattente della libertà e di assoluta dedizione alla Patria. Malgrado le accanite ricerche degli oppressori, incurante dei gravi rischi cui si esponeva continuava imperterrito a sabotare e minare il potenziale del nemico, fino all'arrivo delle truppe liberatrici, contribuendo efficacemente con la sua costante ed ardita azione combattiva alla liberazione della Patria oppressa. Nobile esempio di alte virtù militari, sprezzo del pericolo e attaccamento alla Causa Nazionale.

Settembre 1943 - Giugno 1944.

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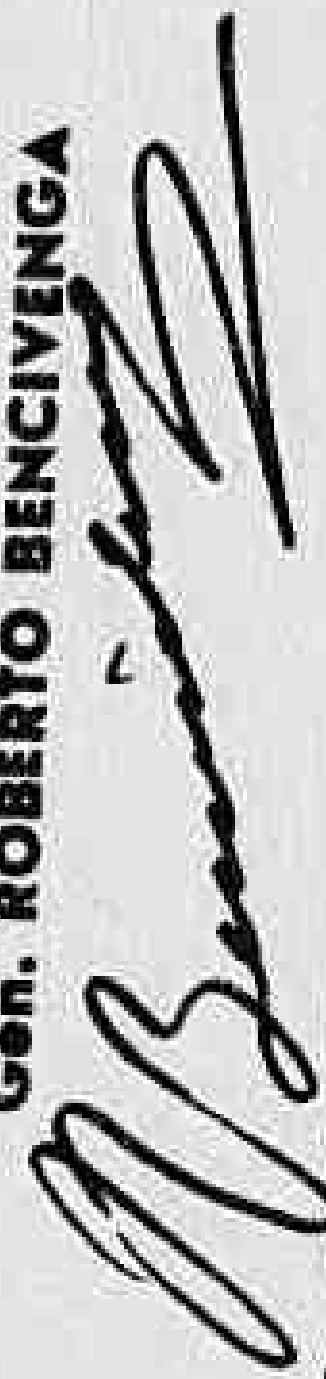
Settembre 1943 - Giugno 1944.

Dal Campidoglio, 6 giugno 1944

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IL COMANDANTE CIVILE E MILITARE
Gen. ROBERTO BENCIVENGA



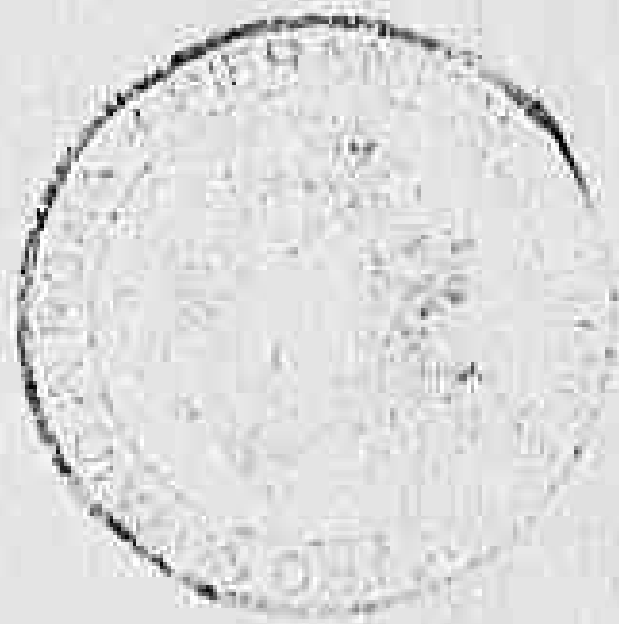
C E R T I F I C O

Io sottoscritto dott. Claudio FIERANTONI, Notaro in Roma,
iscritto presso il Collegio Notarile di questo Distretto, che la re-
trotesta copia è la riproduzione fotografica dell'originale esibito-
mi dal signor Ing. Giuseppe Cornetto, al quale l'ho restituito in una
alla presente.

In fede ecc.

Roma li trentuno Maggio 1900 quarantasei.

Claudio Fieranti



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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT : Location of Italian Officers.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

✓ A 245/1 24 Sep 46.

To : CG MTOUSA,
APO 513,
US Army.

1. Ref your communication of 17 July 1946 copy attached.
2. In accordance with your request, the Italian War Ministry has submitted the following information as to the present location or assignment of the officers indicated.

Lieut-Gen. Angelo CERICA, CG. 6th Terr. Comd, Bologna.

Lieut-Col. Vincenzo CARRARA, 144th Engineer Bn, Cremona
Div, Torino.

Lieut-Col. Siro BERWABO, Asst Chief of Staff, 3 Terr Comd,
Milan.

Lieut-Col. Agostino SCIALLA, L.O. 10 Terr Comd, Naples PBS.

3. As to the other officers listed in your letter the Ministry would like to have the following additional information, which if supplied will assist in locating them.

- (a) Whether officer has a temporary or permanent commission.
- (b) With what American Unit did the Officer serve.
- (c) Father's name if it is the same as that of the officer recommended.

KEV
Major-General
M.M.I.A. 2072

RGVK/wf

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT : MOORMAN, Frank W.

Land Forces Sub Comd. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 245/1 76 Sep 46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Ref attached certificate.
2. Please cause to be forwarded to this headquarters the diploma referred to in the certificate for onward transmission to Col. Moorman.

Rev
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RGV/fg.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT : Lt M.O. Res LANATA Norberto.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

A 245/1 26th Sep 46.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Ref your 502/946/RIO of 11 Sep 1946.
2. The Lieutenant refers to a certificate which he states he did not receive. No certificates are issued with American decorations, only the citation which the Lieutenant has apparently received, a copy of the orders and the Medal. If he did not get the Medal or a copy of the orders please notify us and we will make a request that they be supplied.

RCV
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RCV/wf

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Union - British Minute Sheet

Date	Page to (Section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
24 Sep 1946	Ex Comm.	attached	SUBJECT: <u>Awards for Italian Civilians.</u>

1. Ref attached citations.

2. MTOUSA has requested that this headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian Authorities for the acceptance by the Italians listed of the awards indicated:
Pasquale SCOGNAMIGLIO, Adjutant of Combat, Finance Guards, Italian Army, Medal of Freedom.

✓ Andreola VINCI, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm.

✓ Giovanni VINCI, Medal of Freedom, with Silver Palm.

✓ Virginio GIOVANNETTI, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

✓ Antonio PISAPIA, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom.

✓ Giuseppe Nerazio VOLPE, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom.

Will you please obtain the consent of the proper ministries and if possible furnish the present location of the persons indicated.

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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT : American Award for 1st Lt. Alberto ORLANDI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 245/1 25 Sep 46.

TO : Ministry Of War.

1. Ref attached citation of 1st Lt. Alberto Orlandi.
2. This headquarters is pleased to advise you that Lt. Alberto Orlandi has been awarded the American Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
It is requested that approval be granted for its acceptance by the Lieutenant.
3. Please furnish us with the present location and assignment of Lt. Alberto Orlandi.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RCV/Tg.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

CH/amf

20 September 1946

AG 201-P-Moorman, Frank W. (O)

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

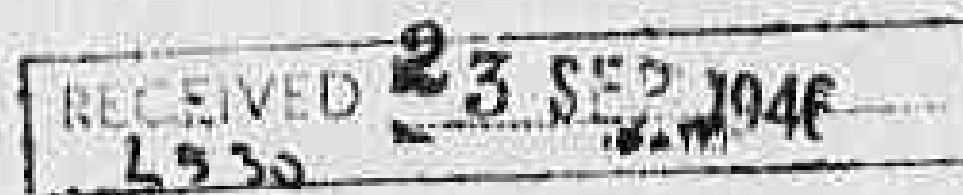
TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

Transmitted herewith is a certificate properly signed by Colonel
Frank W. Moorman.

FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert E. Gamberill
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Certificate



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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT : American Award for 1st Lt. Alberto ORLANDI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(N.H.I.A.), R O M H.

A 245/1 15 Sep 46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Ref attached citation of 1st Lt. Alberto Orlandi.
2. This headquarters is pleased to advise you that Lt. Alberto Orlandi has been awarded the American Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
It is requested that approval be granted for its acceptance by the Lieutenant.
3. Please furnish us with the present location and assignment of Lt. Alberto Orlandi.

RC W
Major General,
N.H.I.A.

DSN/26.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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In reply
refer to

20 September 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained in the acceptance of the awards indicated for the individuals named herein:

First Lieutenant Alberto Orlandi, Italian Army, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm

Pasquale Scognamiglio, Adjutant of Combat, Finance Guards, Italian Army, Medal of Freedom

Andreola Vinci, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm

Giovanni Vinci, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm

Virginio Giovannetti, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm

Antonio Pisapia, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom

Giuseppe Nerazio Volpe, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom

2. It is further requested that the present location of these Italian officers and Civilians be shown in order to expedite presentation.

FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert E. Gambrell

ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

7 Incls:

Citations re:

1- Orlandi, MF w/BP

2- Scognamiglio, MF

3- Vinci, MF w/SP

4- Vinci, MF w/SP

5- Giovannetti, MF w/BP

6- Pisapia, MF

7- Volpe, MF

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

ALBERTO ORLANDI, First Lieutenant, Stato Maggiore, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 15 October 1943 to 12 January 1946. From 15 October 1943 until the end of hostilities, Lieutenant Orlandi was an outstanding member of IS-9, an Allied Intelligence organization responsible for the rescue of service personnel from enemy territory. During this period he personally penetrated enemy territory for the purpose of bringing to freedom eight Allied ex-prisoners of war whose whereabouts he had learned. Upon organization of the War Crimes Branch, Judge Advocate Section, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, he volunteered to continue his work in behalf of the American forces and was largely responsible for the solving of many war crimes against American personnel. Lieutenant Orlandi's duties were always carried out with an outstanding display of personal courage, untiring energy, and quiet efficiency. His conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service and reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

52 Viale Michelangelo,
Florence, Italy

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

PASQUALE BOGNAMIGLIO, Adjutant of Combat, Finance Guards, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 20 February 1944 to 31 December 1945. Serving as a member of the Allied Counter Intelligence Corps, Mr. Bognamiglio greatly assisted in the pursuit, capture, and interrogation of a large number of enemy espionage and sabotage agents and the location and confiscation of explosives, radio transmitters, and other espionage and sabotage equipment. He constantly demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative, discipline, and judgment. By his skill, large knowledge of counter intelligence procedure, and devotion to duty, Mr. Bognamiglio reflected great credit upon himself and his organization.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

Counter Intelligence Corps,
U. S. Army, Rome Area,
Allied Command

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH SILVER PALM

ANDREOLA VINCI, Countess, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from September 1943 to December 1943. Placed in an extremely hazardous position due to the occupation of her home by an enemy headquarters, she nevertheless gave comfort and assistance to several hundred American and British escaped prisoners of war. In addition, she made possible the continued existence of and assisted in the activities of an Allied Intelligence Organization, organizing friends and local inhabitants in further assisting escapees and evaders. After the cessation of hostilities, Countess Vinci continued her efforts in behalf of the Allied Forces by assisting in the proving and payment of rewards to persons who previously had aided her in her efforts to assist escaped prisoners, thus reflecting great credit upon herself and her organization.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

Villa Boccabianca,
Capramarittina, Ascoli
Piceno, Italy

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH SILVER PALM

GIOVANNI VINCI, Count, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 15 September 1943 to 31 December 1945. Placed in an extremely hazardous position due to the occupation of his home by an enemy headquarters, he nevertheless gave comfort and assistance to several hundred American and British escaped prisoners of war. In addition, he made possible the continued existence and assisted in the activities of an Allied Intelligence Organization, organizing friends and local inhabitants in further assisting escapees and evaders. After the cessation of hostilities, Count Vinci continued his efforts in behalf of the Allied Forces by assisting in the proving and payment of rewards to persons who previously had aided him in his efforts to assist escaped prisoners, thus reflecting great credit upon himself and his organization.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

Villa Boccabianca,
Cupramarittima, Ascoli
Piceno, Italy

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO GIOVANNETTI, Italian Civilian, formerly First Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 12 January 1946. Immediately following the Italian Armistice he entered the hills near Grottanaro, Province of Ascoli Piceno, Italy, and began the hazardous occupation of feeding, clothing, hiding and evacuating to Allied territory prisoners of war who had escaped from nearby camps. In full knowledge that immediate death would result if he were captured by Germans or Fascists, and with a price of three million lire on his head, he continued these activities until the end of hostilities as the outstanding member of an Allied Intelligence organization. He furnished his services out of deep conviction for the Allied cause as manifested in his original voluntary efforts, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

52 Viale Michelangelo,
Florence, Italy

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ANTONIO PISAPIA, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 30 September 1943 to 12 January 1946. Serving as Chief Clerk and Court Interpreter in the Legal Office of Allied Commission in the Salerno Province from October 1943 to February 1944 and later as Technical Interpreter in the Legal Sub-Commission of Salerno, Mr. Pisapia rendered outstanding services in drafting orders implementing Italian legislation, preparing orders granting or denying petitions for pardon in Italian court cases, and in his liaison work with the Ministry of Pardon and Justice and the Supreme Military Tribunal. His intelligence, knowledge of both the English and Italian languages, initiative, and loyalty to duty rendered his services invaluable in the exacting role of Court Reporter. By his outstanding devotion to duty, talent and resourcefulness, Mr. Pisapia reflected great credit upon himself and the Allied Commission.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

Allied Commission,
Rome Area

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE NERAZIO VOLPE, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 12 January 1944 to 12 January 1946. As First President of the Court of Appeal of Cagliari, later Bari, and as Procuratore Generale, Court of Appeal of Naples, Dr. Volpe contributed notably to the enforcement of the law. By the meritorious and outstanding manner in which he performed his duties, by his issuance of severe instructions to the magistrates under his control and to the public ministers as to the gravity and prompt prosecution of Allied interest cases and by his constant efforts to cooperate with the Allied authorities in Italy, Dr. Volpe reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Magistracy.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION:

Attorney General
Court of Appeal of Naples

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SUBJECT : COSENTA Luigi (It. Esp. Agent)

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 25/1 21 Sep 46.

TO : C.G. ROMA APO 512 U.S. ARMY.

1. Ref your enquiry of 10 Sep 1946 copy attached.
2. The Italian War Ministry has not yet been able to furnish us with the present address of COSENTA Luigi.
Our only information was that he entered service from
TURIN.
3. As soon as we have more information it will go forward.

KCV
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RCV/fg.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 502/946/rio.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 11 September 1946.

SUBJECT:- Lt M.O. Res LANATA Norberto.

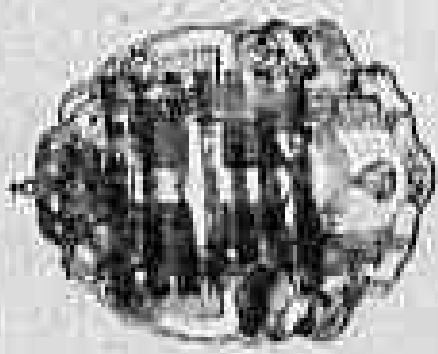
Lt M.O. Res LANATA Roberto has approached this Ministry to obtain his certificate for the medal of liberty with bronze palm, conferred upon him by G.O.C., A.F.H.Q. for reasons given in attachment.

We beg your M.M.I.A. to kindly approach the authorities concerned regarding the request.

sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

R.A.G.

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Roma, 11 SET. 1946

Reposta al f. del

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Oggetto: tenente medico cpl. LANATA Norberto.

Al la LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - M.M.I.A.

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Motivazione per la medaglia della libertà
con palma di bronzo

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Certified True Translation

U.S. MURPHY

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U.S. MURPHY

Major ACD

Adjutant General

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IL COL. CAPO UFFICIO
(Felice Formato-)

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SUBJECT : Lt.Col. BOZZA Ottorino.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O N E.

A 245/1 21st Sept 46.

TO : C.C. MFOUSA APO 512 U.S. Army.

1. Ref your letter of 12 Sep 1946 copy attached.

2. It has now been determined by Carabinieri General Headquarters that Lt.Col. BOZZA Ottorino has now been retired from active duty and is residing at SAN SEVERO, FOGGIA.

I am forwarding the medal to FOGGIA for presentation and as soon as completed will advise.

RCO
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RGV/fg.

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SUBJECT : CONSETTA Luigi (It Sp Agent)

Land Forces Sub Comd. AG,
(M.M.L.A.), R O M F.

A 245/1 19th Sep. 46.

TO : CC MTOUSA.

1. Ref your letter of 10 Sep 1946 copy attached.
2. We are again reminding the Italian War Ministry of our inquiry and as soon as we have an answer it will go forward to you.

FCD
Major General,
M.M.L.A.

RVV/mef.

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SUBJECT : American Award to COLONEL LILGI (It Army So Agent)

Local Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 245/1 14th Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Ref our letter of 29th of July 1946 copy attached.
2. May we have an answer to that inquiry.

Geo
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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10 September 1946

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AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent)
AGD 92446S

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

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1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters, file A 245/1, subject as above, dated 2 August 1946, informing this headquarters that a request for Italian clearance in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal by Special Agent Luigi Cossetta, Italian Army, was made to the Ministry of War. No further information has been received to date.

2. It is requested this matter be expedited and this office be notified of the action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL *Jm*
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ltr, Fg MTO, Bozza, Ottorino (Ital Off), Subj: Presentation of
Decoration, dtd 12 Sep 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 13 Sep 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission,
APO 794, US Army.

For complinace with basic communication. Report of action
taken will be returned through this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. Murphy
C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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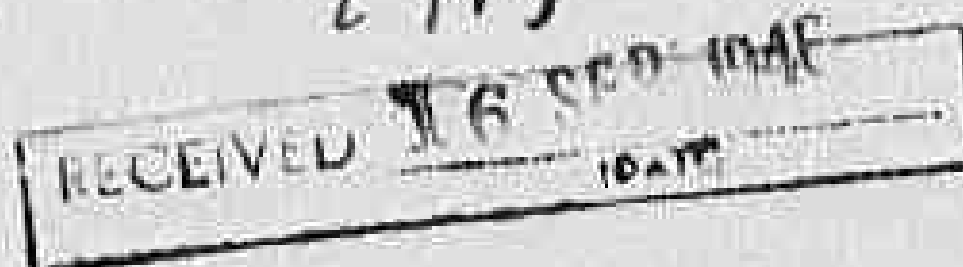
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x-201-F-Bozza, Ottorino (Colonel-Italian Army)
(12 Sept 46) 2nd Ind. JED/eps
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 794, U. S.
ARMY, 16 September 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, Military Mission Italian Army, APO 794, U. S. Army.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

John E. Durst
JOHN E. DURST
Captain, Inf.
Acting Adjutant



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UNITED STATES ARMY
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12 September 1946

AG 201-P-Bozza, Ottorino, (Ital Off)

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, U. S. Army

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Attn: Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 22 May 1946, in which the citation, General Orders, and Bronze Star Medal were forwarded for presentation to Lieutenant Colonel Ottorino Bozza, Italian Army (copy attached).

2. It is requested that this headquarters be informed as to date and place of presentation.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JAYNES:

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Ltr, this Hq, dtd 22
May 1946.

Robert E. Gambrell
ROBERT E. GAMBRILL
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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S: 22 June 1946

22 May 1946

AG 201-P-Bozza, Ottorino (Ital Off)

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Attention: MIA

1. The recommendation for the award indicated and to the individual named below has been approved:

a. Name of individual: Lt. Colonel Ottorino Bozza,
Italian Army

b. Award: Bronze Star Medal

2. Attached are copies of the official citation.

3. Request your headquarters take necessary action to present the award, and that this headquarters be informed when same has been accomplished.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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1. Citation (2 cys)
2. GO #95, Hq MTOUSA
dtd 17 May 46 (3 cys)
3. Bronze Star Medal

ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject : American Awards for Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 245/1

17th Sept 46.

To : C.G. MTOUSA APO 512.

1. Ref your letter of 5 Sept 46 copy attached.

2. The Italian War Ministry has been unable to furnish us with all the information requested by your headquarters. Our Liaison officer is however asking the Ministry to furnish us with the information now available.

As soon as it is received it will be forwarded and the remainder will follow as it is made available.

RCW
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : American Awards to Italians.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M S.

A 245/1 13th Sept 46.

TO : Air Forces Sub Commission.

1. Ref attached correspondence, Capt. VANETTI Riccardo.
2. Forwarded for necessary action for it now develops that Captain Riccardo VANETTI is an Italian Air Corps Officer. It was considered originally that he was a civilian and authority has been granted by the Ministry of Interior for him to accept the proposed American Award, see copy attached.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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AG 200.63/014-P
A&D 91946S

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SUBJECT: Request for Location.

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

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1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters, file A 245/1, subject: Location of Italian Officers, dated 9 August 1946, informing this headquarters that request for information on the location of the officers listed in letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 17 July 1946, was made on the Italian War Ministry on 19 July 1946. No further information has been received to date.

2. Request this matter be expedited in order that presentation may be made at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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5 September 1946

AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (Ital Off)
A&D 105463

SUBJECT: Request for Location.

TO : Commanding General, MHA

1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters, file A 245/1, subject: American Awards for Italians, dated 22 July 1946, extending Italian concurrence in the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Mr. Riccardo Vanzetti, Italian Civilian.
2. Records this headquarters indicate subject individual is presently a Captain in the Italian Air Force.
3. It is requested that further information as to the location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

*Action taken
by Maj Van. Hook.*

ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMAND
ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794

5 September 1946

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Medal of Freedom with bronze palm.

TO : The Commanding General, HHCUSA
AGO 512, U.S. ARMY

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended it is recommended that Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, Italian Army, be awarded the Medal of Freedom with bronze palm for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as Land Forces Sub-Command (HMLA) Chief Italian Liaison Officer to the Italian War Ministry and chief of the Italian Military personnel (M.M.I.A.) from the 1st of January 1945 up to and including the 12 of January 1946.

2. Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, having been a reserve officer in the Italian Army for a number of years was never called to active duty by the Fascist regime. Subsequent to September 1943 while living in Tuscany and before it was liberated by the Allies in September 1944, Major CALABRINI gave all possible assistance to the underground movement for the liberation of Italy aiding the Allies in every way possible. When Tuscany was liberated he immediately contacted General Hume of Fifth Army and volunteered his services to the Allied cause in any capacity in which he could be of benefit. At that time there were no vacancies for an Italian officer of his rank and age in the Italian Army so he was employed in the U.S. Censorship office at FLORENCE. On January 1945 he was ordered to active duty by the Italian War Ministry as a Major and assigned to the position which he now holds as chief Italian Liaison officer to the Italian Ministry of War. He has an excellent command of the English language.

3. Major CALABRINI has at all times demonstrated his absolute 2043
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Mission in the formation, organization, training and administration of the new Italian Army. He has complied most willingly with all requests made on him by this Headquarters having handled many situations which required tact and diplomacy. Major CALABRESE has occupied an extremely important position during all the period covered by this recommendation. His extreme devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the Allied Armed Forces. His important assistance has been appreciated especially by the American officers in this Mission, all of which contributed substantially to the War effort in Italy, is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best tradition of military service.

4. I have personal knowledge of the services upon this recommendation is made.

5. Grade and assignment at the present time is Major, Italian Army, Chief Liaison Officer, Headquarters Land Forces 1st Commission, Rome.

6. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

7. Previous awards: no American.

8. Proposed citations: see inclosure.

B.C. VAN KIM,
Major Inf.

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM
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Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, Italian Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from the 4 January 1945 to and including the 12th of January 1946. As Chief Italian Liaison Officer for Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.L.I.A.) with the Italian War Ministry he was responsible for the coordination and maintenance of proper liaison with the War Ministry exercising great force, tact and diplomacy in his dealings to the end that he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of Land Forces Sub-Commission in bringing the Italian Army to a high state of efficiency in a short period of time. He has performed all duties with great ability and discretion demonstrating a loyal and keen interest in his duties. Major CALABRINI, by his unselfish performance of his duties of high responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied War effort in Italy and the successful termination of the Italian campaign all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied cause. Entered service from Florence, Italy.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR MERITORIAL SERVICE (M.M.S.), APO 794 U.S. ARMY, ROY/as
& September 1946

TO : Commanding Officer, 8675 Regt., APO 794, U.S. Army.

In accordance with your suggestion the recommendation has been
rewritten for a Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

NORMAN E. FETTER
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.), APO 794 U.S. ARMY,
23 August 1946

TO : Commanding Officer, 2675 Regt., APO 794, U.S. Army.

Approved.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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x-Calabrini, Luigi Andrea (Major, Italian Army)
(23 Aug. 46) 2d Ind. RCR/OPG/eb
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD), APO 794, U.S.
ARMY, 26 August 1946.

TO : Deputy Comdr (American) MMIA.

Facts do not substantiate Legion of Merit in my opinion.
However I believe Medal of Freedom is warranted. Suggest this recommen-
dation be rewritten for the Medal of Freedom.

ROBERT C. ROSS
Lt Colonel, F.A.
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

23 August 1946

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Legion of Merit Award

TO : The Commanding General, MACUSA,
APO 512, U.S. Army

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended it is recommended that Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, Italian Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) Chief Italian Liaison Officer to the Italian War Ministry and chief of the Italian Military personnel (M.M.I.A.) from the 1st of January 1945 up to and including the 12 of January 1946.
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4. I have personal knowledge of the services upon this recommendation is made.

5. Grade and assignment at the present time is Major, Italian Army, Chief Liaison Officer, Headquarters Land Forces Sub Commission, Rome.

6. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

7. Previous awards: no American.

8. Proposed citation: see inclosure.

R. C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major Inf.

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, Italian Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from the 1 January 1945 to and including the 12th of January 1946. As Chief Italian Liaison Officer for Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) with the Italian War Ministry he was responsible for the coordination and maintenance of proper liaison with the War Ministry exercising great force, tact and diplomacy in his dealings to the end that he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of Land Forces Sub-Commission in bringing the Italian Army to a high state of efficiency in a short period of time. He has performed all duties with great ability and discretion demonstrating a loyal and keen interest in his duties. Major CALABRINI, by his unselfish performance of his duties of high responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied War effort in Italy and the successful termination of the Italian campaign all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied cause. Entered service from Florence, Italy.

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Subject : Awards to Italians

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

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22 Aug. '46.

To : CG MTCRIA
AFPO 512 U.S. Army

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1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P of 17 May 1946 copy attached.
2. The Italian government through the Ministry of Interior has given its approval for the following civilians to accept the awards indicated:-

Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm -	ZANOTTI BIANCHI, Italian Civilian		
	- Tullio MASTURZO,	"	"
Medal of Freedom	- Antonino ASTA	"	"
	- Cesare BADINI	"	"
	- Francesco BIANUZZI	"	"
	- Enrico REGGIANI	"	"
	- Emilio TASSINARI	"	"

It is pointed out by the Italian Ministry of Interior that they are not acquainted with the last named individual.

3. Copies of the proposed citations are attached.

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REC
R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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