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Ltr, Hq M.T.O. USA, Subj: Presentation of Decoration, Capt. Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, dtd 19 Aug. 46.

S: 14 September 1946.

200.6/586 1st Ind. CBM/RE/gE

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 20 Aug. 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, APO 794, US Army.

Attention directed to basic communication. Report of action taken will be returned through this headquarters on or before 14 September 1946.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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A 245/1 2nd Ind. RCV/as
HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA) AC. 21 Aug. 46.

TO : Commanding Officer Air Forces Sub-Commission A.C. APO 794 U.S. Army

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

S; 19 September 1946

19 August 1946

AG 201-P-Rossoni, Paolo (Ital Off)

SUBJECT : Presentation of Decoration.

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

TO : Commanding Officer, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. The recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) to Captain Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, has been approved and concurred in by the Italian Authorities.

2. Attached are copies of the official citation.

3. It is requested that presentation be made to the next of kin: Mrs. Daledda de Angeli Rossoni (Wife), Piazza Spalato 9, Padua, Italy.

4. It is further requested that this headquarters be informed when presentation has been accomplished.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(POSTHUMOUS)

Captain Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, serving with the Office of Strategic Services as Chief of the "Pear Team", Italian Division, rendered meritorious service in northern Italy from January to December 1944. Accompanied by a radio operator, he was infiltrated by submarine near Venice and moved on to Padua, where he set up his radio and sent an accurate description of the air station and landing ground and gave valuable suggestions for the infiltration of other teams. He reported bombardment results and target data to the Fifteenth Air Force, accounts of various counterespionage centers, and military intelligence on troop movements, fortifications, traffic, dumps and bridges. In Venice he played a leading part in the resistance movement, organizing an elaborate intelligence net and a group of saboteurs. Arrested by Fascists while performing his duties, he was reportedly executed at Mauthesen on 29 December 1944. By his fearless, skillful intelligence work and leadership, Captain Rossoni contributed materially to the Allied cause.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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245/1.

Ref; 260/EC

20 August 1946

SUBJECT: Awards

TO : Asst: G-1.
MMLA

RECEIVED 20 AUG 1946

1. Reference your 245/1 dated July 15th

2. Attached is Italian Governments approval of American Awards for those Italian civilians listed in the a/c communication.

3. Citations are returned herewith.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

G. McMarti 2nd Comd AFC

for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Mod. 60

Roma, 6 agosto 1946 — 19

Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Al la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

ROMA

Divisione
Prot. N. 35657/26662 Allegati 10

Risposta al Foglio del 3 giugno
Div. Sez. N.260/133/EC

OGGETTO Onorificenze.

Nulla si oppone da parte del Governo Italiano alla concessione della onorificenza della medaglia della libertà ai sottoindicati cittadini italiani:

1) Zanotti Bianco Umberto
2) Masturzo Tullio
3) Asta Antonino
4) Baduel Cesare
5) Barluzzi Francesco
6) Reggiani Enrico

Non si è in grado di esprimere alcun giudizio sul sig. Tassinari Enrico, di cui non sono stati comunicati il recapito e le generalità.

Si restituiscono le 7 note inviate con la lettera succitata.

Analogamente non è possibile dare riscontro alla successiva richiesta del 5 luglio concernente i signori Massimiliano Alberti Lewis Perotti Enrico , Venanzi Elena, in quanto non sono indicati i rispettivi indirizzi.

Si restituiscono perciò anche le tre note relative a questi ultimi nominativi.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

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D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER STAR

MASSIMILIANA ALBERTI LEWIS, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from December 1943 to January 1946. As Countess Alberti, she rendered aid and comfort to American airmen shot down in the vicinity of her home, in the Dolomitè Alps. Apprehended in the act of transmitting messages for Allied personnel, she was sentenced to death and was saved only by the timely arrival of the American Forces. Since the cessation of hostilities, her knowledge of conditions and personalities in Northern Italy have been of outstanding value to the War Crimes Branch, Mediterranean Theater.

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C O P Y

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ENRICA PEROTTI, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 6 June 1944 to 12 January 1946. Her valuable aid and advice, loyalty to the principles of Allied Democracy, diplomacy and integrity in the pursuit of duties connected with the allied occupation of Rome aided the United States and the Allied Armies in the prosecution of the war against the enemy in Italy.

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C O P Y

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ELENA VENANZI, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 23 February to 6 June 1944. Miss Venanzi ably assisted Allied Personnel who had escaped from German Prison Camps with complete disregard for her own personal safety as well as that of her family. The courageous services, generosity and kindness of Miss Venanzi, contributed greatly to the morale of Allied Personnel.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ENRICO TASSINARI, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States while serving as a member of the Office of Strategic Services in Italy from 19 March 1944 to 6 May 1945. Infiltrated into enemy held territory, Mr. Tassinari achieved great success in his first mission despite circumstances which greatly handicapped his actions. Parachuted into enemy occupied territory for his second mission, Mr. Tassinari performed great services for the United States Army. Parachuted into enemy occupied territory for his third mission, Mr. Tassinari displayed for the third time his sound judgment, keen foresight, and the services rendered on this, his third mission were of the same high standard which he has established and maintained throughout his entire association with this organization. In addition, with disregard for his own personal safety, Mr. Tassinari with courage and daring carried his radio operator to safety over many miles after he had been wounded during a particularly heavy enemy mortar shelling, at the risk of being captured by the enemy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ENRICO MAGGIANI, Engineer, Genio Civile Ministry of Public Works
For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1944 through the termination of hostilities in Italy. As Liaison officer between the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission and the Ministry of Public Works, he exhibited most commendable efforts in facilitating and co-ordinating the great tasks of reconstruction and rehabilitation on highway public buildings, ports and other war damaged public works. His impartiality and fairness in presenting the many questions which had to be decided between the Allied Commission sub-commission and the Ministry was of extraordinary value in expediting and carrying on important military and civilian projects of vital interest. His efforts in the field served to convince the Italian field engineers of the urgency and importance of accomplishing the tasks for the welfare of the Italian nation. His devotion to duty and his accomplishments reflect the highest credit upon himself, his own government, and have contributed very materially to the success of the United States and the Allied cause in Italy.

Roma

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Doctor Engineer, FRANCESCO BARLUZZI, civilian Italian of the Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. As an electrical Engineer in the Electrical Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Dr. Barluzzi has devoted his entire efforts to the reconstruction and restoration of the electrical industry in Italy. He has served as interpreter on highly technical translations for the Director and Chiefs of the Sub-Commission with Ministers and Officials of the Italian Government. He has served with the National Electric Committee of Italy and those of the various Regions. He also has contributed greatly to the establishment and operations of the Master Control Centre, established in Rome to keep a close and even distribution of the available power in Central Italy. Dr. Barluzzi's intimate knowledge of the technical phase of electric power operations and distribution as well as his ability to translate these from one language to the other, has made him most valuable in establishing a grid system of uniform frequency. His devotion to duty and co-operativeness reflects the greatest credit upon himself, the Allied Commission and the Allied Forces, as well as to the benefict and credit of his own country. Dr. Barluzzi resides at Piazza Cenci No. 56, Rome, Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Doctor CESARE BADUEL, Inspector General of the Italian Red Cross, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from August 1944 to September 1945. Doctor Baduel, a distinguished Italian medical doctor whose Red Cross work in known throughout the world, was of immense assistance to the Fifth Army and its Allied Military Government by utilizing the full facilities of the Italian Red Cross in the Allied Cause. By opening an office in Florence and staffing it with administrative personnel of the Italian Red Cross, as well as assigning such personnel to field work, Doctor Baduel made possible the accomplishment by the Italian Red Cross of welfare work highly essential to the civilian population which would have been extremely difficult if not impossible of accomplishment by Allied Military Government teams under combat conditions. By his personal attention and enthusiastic direction of Italian Red Cross activities to solve these problems, Doctor Baduel contributed materially to the success of the military campaign and saved the Allied Military Government long hours of additional welfare work with the civilian population, thus reflecting great credit upon himself and his organization.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Professor Engineer ANTONINO ASTA, civilian Italian of the Italian Government, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Liaison Engineer between the Electrical Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission Allied Commission and the Ministry of public Works, Engineer ASTA has devoted his entire efforts to co-ordinating electric rehabilitation work of Allied Commission and the utility companies with that of the Italian Government. His efforts in the formation and as vice Chairman of the Advisory Committees on Electric Power for Italy have contributed much to the success of those Committees in the orderly restoration of the electric power facilities of Italy. His technical background, combined with his knowledge of factors in the grouping together into a common pool of five different generating and transmitting systems in Central Italy at a common frequency and under a central control in Rome, permitting an even distribution of power available for Central and Southern Italy. His co-operativeness and willingness to assist in every way reflect credit upon himself, the Allied Forces, as well as to the benefit of his own country. Professor ASTA resides at Via Benaco 7, Rome, Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

BRONZE PALM

TOLLIO MASTURZO, Doctor of Engineering, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. As General Manager of the Società Meridionale Elettricità of Naples, Italy, which supplies electric power in Southern Italy, he devoted his entire efforts to the restoration and maintaining of electric service for military and essential civilian needs. He cooperated most efficiently with the military engineer services of the Allied Armies, Allied Commission, and Allied Military Government. His leadership of the utility company's operating personnel in the face of shortage of food, threatened strikes, lack of funds, transportation equipment and supplies resulted in electric service being maintained with a minimum of interruptions to factories, repair shops, food processing plants, and dock services during the preparation for the successful campaign against the enemy during 1944 and the winter of 1945. His cooperativeness and willingness to assist in every way reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his company, the Allied Forces, as well as to the benefit of his country. Doctor Masturzo is a resident of Naples, Italy.

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MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

ZANOTTI BIANCHI, President of the Italian Red Cross, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Allied cause in Italy from August 1944 to September 1945. At a time when the Allied Armies were at the height of the campaign and when every resource of the Allied Military Government was strained, Mr. Bianchi organized the services of the Italian Red Cross without delay and put them at the disposal of the Fifth Army and its Allied Military Government. Under his direction an Office of the Italian Red Cross was established in Florence and personnel assigned for administration and for field work in Florence and elswhere, to relieve the Allied Military Government of responsibility for dealing with welfare problems. This essential welfare work would have been almost impossible for the Allied Military Government to do because of shortage of personnel. The Italian Red Cross, under Mr. Bianchi's direction, assumed much of this. His wholehearted cooperation with the Allied Military Government released Allied Military Government teams for other essential work under fighting conditions. He thus contributed to the success of the campaign and to the work of Allied Military Government.

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Subject : American Awards for Italian Officers

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

A 245/1

21 Aug. '46.

To : CG LFCOMSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref your MI 201-P-Tarasca, Caterino A. (Ital O) x-Di Lorenzo, Achille (Ital O) of 1 Aug 1946 see copy attached.

2. The Italian War Ministry has approved the acceptance of the proposed Bronze Star awards for the following named officers:-

1st Lt. Caterino A. TARASCA
2nd Lt. Achille DI LORENZO

3. The officers indicated are not listed on the records of the Italian War Ministry. Can any additional information be given as to the present assignment, location of these officers or the military district to which they belong?

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Incl. 1

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

RCVK/as

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2451.

From: M.of W.
To : AMIA

Ref: II2I/45/On
Date: I3/8/46

Subject: American awards to two Italian Officers.

We authorise the following Officers to accept the award of the Bronze Star Medal :

Lieutenant TARASCA Esterino A.
2nd Lt. DI LORENZO Achille.

The two Officers are not listed and therefore this Ministry is unable to give their present whereabouts on the basis of information given by your AMIA.

We ask you therefore to kindly give further information on the two a/m Officers (Corps or Military District to which they belong)

sgd. Lombardi
Col.

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Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto
Ufficio Ricompense e Onorificenze

Roma 13 AGO 1946

Div. Sez.
N. T. A. 1121/45/On. Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. 946 N° A/245/1
Div. Sez. 1°

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)
ROMA

OGGETTO: ricompense americane a due ufficiali italiani.

Si autorizzano i seguenti ufficiali ad accettare la ricompensa della Bronze Star Medal:

tenente TARASCA Esterino A.
S/ tenente DI LORENZO Achille.

I due ufficiali non risultano censiti e pertanto questo Ministero non è in grado di far conoscere il loro attuale indirizzo sulla base delle sole generalità indicate da codesta MMIA.

Si prega pertanto voler cortesemente fornire ulteriori dati atti a definire l'attuale posizione dei due ufficiali(corpo o distretto militare di appartenenza).

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

A 245/1

16 Aug. '46.

Subject : Awards to Italians

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

1. Ref attached correspondence.

2. The present location of the individuals you requested follows:-

Mr. Bianco MANOTTI and
Dr. Cesare BADINI may be located

c/o Italian Red Cross,
Via Toscana 12,
Rome.

Mr. Emilio TASSINARI's address is

Sant'Alberto,
Ravenna.

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R.G. VAN KIRK, Major.
for Major General, 2390
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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15 August 1946

SUBJECT: Awards and Decorations.

TO : Major Van Kirk, M.M.I.A.

1. Ref. attached correspondence.

2. Mr. Bianco ZANOTTI and
Dr. Cesare BADUEL may be located

c/o Italian Red Cross,
Via Toscana 12,
Rome.

3. Mr. Ennio TASSINARI's address is

Sant'Alberto,
Ravenna.

4. Correspondence is returned herewith.

RECEIVED 15 AUG 1946

For Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Inter - Branch Mirute Sheet

AUG 13 1946

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
13 Aug 1946	Ex. Comm.	attached	1. Ref attached request from MTOUSA. 2. Will you please have the proper agency furnish this Headquarters with the present location of the following individuals:- Mr. ZANOTTI BIANCHI, President of the Italian Red Cross. Dr. Cesare BADUEL, Inspector General of the Italian Red Cross. Mr. Ennio TASSINARI, Italian Civilian, former member of Office of Strategic Services. 3. As soon as this information is received we will pass it to MTOUSA.

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

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Mr. ZANOTTI BIANCHI, President of the Italian Red Cross.

Dr. Cesare RADUEL, Inspector General of the Italian Red Cross.

Mr. Ennio TASSINARI, Italian Civilian, former member of Office of Strategic Services.

3. As soon as this information is received we will pass it to MEDUSA.

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

RCV/as

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Subject : American Award for COSSETTA Luigi

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

A 245/1

13th Aug. '46.

To : Ministry of War

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1. Ref your 400/1946/Cm of 8 August 1946.

2. Attached is a copy of the proposed citation for COSSETTA Luigi, Special Agent. You will note that he entered service from TUNIS, which fact may assist you in locating his present address.

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

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Translation

From:- Ministry of War
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 480/1946/On
Date: 8 August 46

Subject:- American award for COSETTA Luigi
(Italian Army special agent)

Reference letter A/245/1 dated 29/7/46.

COSETTA Luigi is not on the strength of either this Ministry or the S.M.E. Intelligence Office.

This Cabinet cannot therefore supply his present home address.

We request you therefore to kindly let us have all his particulars specially the Military district to which he belonged.

sgd.Lomabrdi
Col.

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Roma 8 AGO 1946

Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -
Ufficio Ricompense e
Onorificenze

Div. Sez.
Prot. N. 480/1946/Ch Allegati

Alla LAND FORCES SUB.
COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)
R O M A

Rispettata del 29.7.946 N°A/
Div. Sez. N° 245/1

OGGETTO: ricompense americana a COSSETTA Luigi (agente speciale dell'esercito italiano)

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L'agente COSSETTA Luigi non risulta in forza nè a questo Ministero nè allo S.M.E. Ufficio Informazioni.

Questo Gabinetto pertanto non è in grado di fornire i dati relativi all'attuale residenza dell'interessato.

Si prega in conseguenza voler cortesemente far conoscere le complete generalità dello stesso con particolare riferimento al distretto militare di appartenenza.

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IN 31 Time 1600 Date 9/8
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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In reply
refer to

6 August 1946

AG 200.63/044-P
AGO 820463

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, MTOA

1. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the present location of the Italian Civilians named herein:

Mr. Zanotti Bianchi, President of the Italian Red Cross

Dr. Cesare Baduel, Inspector General of the Italian Red Cross

Mr. Ennio Massimari, Italian Civilian, former member of Office of Strategic Services

2. It is further requested that this matter be expedited inasmuch as this headquarters desires to present decorations to the above mentioned individuals at an early date.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject : Awards to Italian Air Corps Officers

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

A 245/1

12 Aug. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P see copy attached.

2. Permission has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Air for the Acceptance of the following American awards for the persons indicated:

Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm - Lt-Col Virginio REDDERO, Italian Air Force

Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) - Capt. Paolo ROSSONI, Italian Air Force.

3. When orders are out request you forward the necessary medals and Col. MARET Senior American Officer with the Air Forces Sub-Commission will make the presentation.

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

RCV/ea

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 1116/45/On
Date:- 7 August 46

Subject:- American decorations

66.

Ref your N245 dated 27/6/46.

The requested addresses of the u/m military personnel are forwarded to you:

Sgt.Major RIGONI Vittorio - ex 144 Engineer Bn.- is living at Marola (Vicenza)- Carabinieri of Marola.

Cpl. FOCACCIA Carlo - ex 21st Infantry Regt. - is living at Florence in Via Fra Giovanni Angelico No.62.

Pte. PALAZZO Luigi - ex 22nd Infantry Regt.- is living at Lecce in Via S.Giacomo Filippo No.23

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sgd. Lombardi

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Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

Roma - 7 AGO 1946

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Div. Sez. N. 1116/45/On Allegati

Risposta al f. del 27.6.946 A/245

Div. Sez. N.

Oggetto: decorazioni americane.

Alla LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION AC. (LLIA)
ROMA

Si comunicano gli indirizzi richiesti dei sottonotati militari:

serg.magg. RIGONI Vittorio - già del 144° batt.genio domiciliato a Marola(Vicenza) - Carabinieri Marola;

caporale FOCACCI Carlo - già del 21° fanteria - domiciliato a Firenze - via Fra Giovanni Angelico, 62;

soldato PALAZZO Luigi - già del 22° fanteria - domiciliato a Lecce - via S.Giacomo Filippo n.23.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

17.00

IN

Date 8/8

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Time 0900

Date 10/8

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Subject : Location of Italian Officers

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

A 245/1

9th Aug. '46.

To : OC MEDUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

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1. Ref your AG 200.63/0Ll-P MED 93466 of 3 Aug 46 and your AG 200.63/0Ll-P MED 73068 of 17 July 1946 copies attached.

2. Request for information on the location of the officers listed was made on the Italian War Ministry on the 19th of July but no reply has been received.

3. Will ask one of our liaison officers to the Italian War Ministry to make inquiry as to when a reply can be expected. As soon as the information is received it will go forward.

R.C. VAN KING, Major, 2380
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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3 August 1946

AG 200.63/044-P
A&D 9346S

SUBJECT: Delayed Correspondence

TO : Commanding General, MMLA

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

Letter, this headquarters, file as above, subject: Request for Location, dated 17 July 1946, requesting your headquarters take action to obtain the present location of nine (9) Italian personnel.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
C/O, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject : American Awards to 2 Italian Officers

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

A 215/1

7th Aug. '46.

To : Ministry of War

1. It is requested that the following Officers be authorized to accept Bronze Star Medal awards:-

First Lieutenant Caterino A. TAMASCA
Second Lieutenant Achille Di LORENZO,

Copies of the proposed citations are attached.

2. It is further requested that you furnish us with the present address or location of the officers indicated.

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

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In reply refer to

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1 August 1946

AG 201-P-Tarasca, Esterino A. (Ital O)
x-Di Lorenzo, Achille (Ital O)
A&D 9146S

SUBJECT: Italian Concurrence

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant Esterino A. Tarasca and Second Lieutenant Achille Di Lorenzo, Italian Army.

2. Previous unanswered requests were forwarded to the ex-Lieutenant General of the Realm, Prince Umberto, and to General Adolfo Infante on 10 October 1945 and 20 May 1946 respectively.

3. Copies of the official citations are forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.

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

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ESTERINO A. TARASCA, First Lieutenant, Quartiere Generale, Italian Liaison Officer, Adriatic Base Command, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 23 October 1943 to 30 August 1945. Lieutenant Tarasca as Italian Liaison Officer was responsible for the creation and maintenance of an excellent state of cooperation and good feeling between the Headquarters of Adriatic Base Command and the local civil and military authorities in the Bari, Italy area. Lieutenant Tarasca was responsible for the procurement of more than seventy Italian vehicles put to military use, and for the locating of numerous depot sites and other essential real estate. By his unswerving devotion to Allied interest and by the exercise of a great amount of initiative and perseverance he was instrumental in the discovery and procurement of numerous items of supply needed in military operations which resulted in a great saving of shipping space from the United States. By his services he reflected great credit upon himself, and his work was an example of the finest type of cooperation between the Italian Army and the Army of the United States.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ACHILLE DI LORENZO, Second Lieutenant, Royal Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with Allied military operations in Italy from 1 October 1943 to 31 August 1945. Volunteering first as a civilian, Second Lieutenant Di Lorenzo was commissioned in January 1945 in the Italian Army in recognition for the work he had already done for Allied Military Government. As liaison officer between Allied Military Government and the Italian Government, Army and various municipal and provincial agencies, he advised Allied Military Government officers and initiated suggestions on relations with the Italian people, public opinion reference to Allied Military Government, proper contacts in newly-liberated cities and work with Italian military headquarters. His invaluable advice and thorough knowledge of southern and northern Italy, plus his tact and initiative in dealing with diplomatic situations, smoothed the way for Allied Military Government officers in most of the large Italian cities from Naples to Milan. A volunteer who often performed duties beyond those normally required, Second Lieutenant Di Lorenzo acted as an invaluable link between Allied Military Government authorities and the Italian civil and military persons with whom intimate and cooperative contact had to be maintained. This effective coordination and smooth operation between Allied Military Government Section of the United States Fifth Army and Italian agencies was often due to the work of Second Lieutenant Di Lorenzo. His unselfish actions on behalf of better relations between his country and the Allies, his devoted work for the Allied cause and his contribution to its success are a worthy demonstration of faith and good will and are a reflection of the best traditions of the military service.

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

A 225/1

2nd Aug. '46.

Subject : AG 201-P-COSSETTA, Luigi (It Sp Agent)
AGO 027.6S

To : CG MEDUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref your letters of 27 July 1946 and 24 July 1946 copies attached.

2. Both communications have been received and this Headquarters took action in accordance with your request on the 29th of July 1946. No reply as yet has been made by the Ministry of War. As soon as approval is granted and we have Special Agent COSSETTA's present address the information will go forward to you.

R.C. [illegible], Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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27 July 1946

In reply
refer to
AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent)
A&D 827468

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RECEIVED 31 AUG 1946 DATE

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Special Agent Luigi Cossetta, Italian Army in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal.

2. A copy of the official citation is forwarded for information in obtaining the clearance.

3. It is requested that this matter be expedited and this office also be notified of the present location of Special Agent Cossetta.

4. This is a duplication of a letter of 24 July 1946, which may have been lost in the destruction of a courier truck. If the letter of 24 July 1946 has been received, disregard this one.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bender

ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

Incl:
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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LUIGI COSSETTA, Special Agent, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Mediterranean Theater from 26 December 1943 to 12 January 1946. As Special Agent attached to the Fifth Army Counter Intelligence Corps from the Italian Military Information Service, Special Agent Cossetta successfully accomplished missions of a counter intelligence and counter-sabotage nature, frequently under enemy fire and in collaboration with combat troops. He rendered a vital contribution to the operations of the Fifth Army by obtaining confessions from numerous dangerous enemy agents and information about the enemy intelligence system. His exemplary execution of Special Agent Cossetta's assignments, characterized by his capabilities and good judgment, tireless energy, and his constant application to duty, was an example to other members of his Italian unit, who were serving with the Allies, and brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Turin, Italy.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Ref. 333/425

Rome, 23 July 1946.

TO : Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner
Rome

SUBJECT: Vice-Questor Dr. Dosi Giuseppe
Award.

This Ministry has been very glad to take action of the citation concerning the Vice-Questor Dr. Dosi. We send back the above citation and inform you that nothing prevents this Ministry for the concession of the Medal of Freedom, to the above mentioned man.

THE CHIEF OF POLICY

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EC DIST - 1/8/46

ACTION - Land Forces S.C. (MMIA) (attn - Maj Van Kirk)

INFO - E.C.

Action Taken Sec 89

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 23 luglio 1946

Divisione Personale Sez. 1ª
Prot. N. 333/425 Allegati 1

Oggetto Vice Questore DOSI Dr.Giuseppe 200/170-EC
Premiazione -

All'On.le Quartiere Generale della Commissione Alleata Ufficio del Commissario Esecutivo -
ROMA

Risposta al f/dat 12.7.1946
Div. Sez. f.

Il Ministero ha preso atto con vivo compiacimento della segnalazione relativa al Vice Questore Dr.Dosi e nel restituire, unita alla presente, la segnalazione stessa, è lieto di esprimere il proprio nulla osta alla concessione, a favore del predetto funzionario, della Medaglia Americana di Libertà.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE DOSI, Commendatore Dottore, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 6 June 1944 to 5 May 1945. Doctor Dosi's loyalty, integrity, and selfless devotion to duty were of invaluable assistance to the Counter Intelligence Corps, U.S. Army. His broad experience and relentless efforts were responsible for the destruction of some of the enemy's most poised intelligence organizations. The skill, understanding, and untiring efforts of Doctor Dosi contributed greatly to the security of the Allied military establishment and his conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Subject : Accretion Award to COSTETTA Luigi (It.Army Re.Agent)

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

A 245/1 14th Jul. '46.

To : Military of War

1. It is requested that special agent COSTETTA Luigi, Italian Army, be authorized to accept an American Bronze Star award. A copy of the proposed citation is inclosed herewith.

2. It is further requested that you furnish this Headquarters with present location of Special Agent COSTETTA.

R.C. VAN KEEK, Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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In reply
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24 July 1946

AG 201-P-Cossetta, Luigi (It Sp Agent)
A&D 824468

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Special Agent Luigi Cossetta, Italian Army in the acceptance of the Bronze Star Medal.

2. A copy of the official citation is forwarded for information in obtaining the clearance.

3. It is requested that this matter be expedited and this office also be notified of the present location of Special Agent Cossetta.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

Incl:
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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LUIGI COSSETTA, Special Agent, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Mediterranean Theater from 26 December 1943 to 12 January 1946. As Special Agent attached to the Fifth Army Counter Intelligence Corps from the Italian Military Information Service, Special Agent Cossetta successfully accomplished missions of a counter intelligence and counter-sabotage nature, frequently under enemy fire and in collaboration with combat troops. He rendered a vital contribution to the operations of the Fifth Army by obtaining confessions from numerous dangerous enemy agents and information about the enemy intelligence system. The exemplary execution of Special Agent Cossetta's assignments, characterized by his capabilities and good judgment, tireless energy, and his constant application to duty, was an example to other members of his Italian unit, who were serving with the Allies, and brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Turin, Italy.

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Subject : American Awards for Italians

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

A 245/1

22nd Jul. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 c/o PM NYC

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1. Ref. your AG 201-P-Dosi, Giuseppe (Ital Civ) of 5 July 1946 copy attached.

2. Approval has been granted by the Ministry of Interior through the Allied Commission's Liaison Officer Doctor BARBASSI for the acceptance of the proposed American award for Doctor Giuseppe DOSI.

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

RCV/as

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Subject : American Awards for Italians

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

A 245/1

22nd Jul. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
AFO 512 c/o PM NYC

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1. Ref. your AG 200.63/044-F of 26 June 1946 see copy attached.

2. Approval has been granted by the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the following American awards for the persons indicated :-

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

Colonel	Aldo	REMONDINO	Italian Air Force
Italian Civilian	Massimiliano	ALBERTI LEWIS	

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

Lieut-Colonel	Walter Galileo	ARCHER	Italian Air Force

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Italian Civilian	Enrica	PERUTTI
"	Elena	VENANZI

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

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Subject : American Awards to Italian Officers

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

A 245/1
22nd Jul. '46.

To : CC HTOUSA
APO 512 c/o PM NYC

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1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P AGD 812468 of 12 July 1946, copy of your communication attached.

2. Approval has been granted by the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the following American awards :-

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

Luigi	CAPUTO	Royal Carabinieri	Italian Army	Major
Alessandro	MARTINENGO	Infantry	Italian Army	Major
Riccardo	VALERTI	Royal Carabinieri	Italian Army	Major

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

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Subject : American Awards for Italians

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

A 245/1
22nd Jul. '46.

To : CG MEDUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

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1. Ref. your AG 200.63/OAM-P of 17 May 1946, see copy attached.

2. Approval has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Interior through its Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission Doctor [illegible], for the acceptance of the following American awards for the persons indicated:-

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

ZANOTTI	Bianchi	Italian Civilian
CASTORRO	Tullio	Italian Civilian

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Antonino	ASTA	Italian Civilian
Cesare	BATTEL	Italian Civilian
Francesco	BA LUZZI	Italian Civilian
Enrico	[illegible]IANI	Italian Civilian
Ennio	TASSINARI	Italian Civilian

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

RCV/as

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Subject : Awards to Italian

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

A 245/1

22 Jul. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 c/o PM NYC

1. Ref. your AG 200.63/004-F of 9 July 1946 copy attached.

2. Approval has been granted by the appropriate Italian authorities for the acceptance of the American awards as indicated :-

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Pietro	FERRARO	Italian Partisan Leader
Ferruccio	TROMBETTI	Italian Partisan Leader
Enzo	BOSRI	Italian Civilian
Riccardo	VANZETTI	Italian Civilian
Mario Marcello	DE LEVA	Italian Civilian

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 463/1946/on.

TO: M.M.I.A. 24311 DATE: 20 July 1946.

SUBJECT:- American awards to Italian officers. 40

We thank you for letter A 245/1 of 15th inst.

The officers in question have been authorised to accept the awards.

sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

R.A.G.



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Protocollo N. 463/1946 o.r. Allegati

Risposta al foglio del 15 c.m.

Roma, 20 LUG 1946

Divisione Sezione N. A 245/1

Oggetto: ricompense americane per ufficiali italiani.

Alla L.F.S.C., A.C. (MEIA)

ROMA

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento e si sutorizzano gli ufficiali in essa indicati ad accettare le ricompense in oggetto.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Subject : Location of Italian Officers

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

A 225/4

1944 Jul. '46.

To : Ministry of War

1. The Headquarters of MFOMA has asked us to furnish them with the present assignment and address of the following Italian officers:-

Lieut-Gen.	Angelo CERICA
Lieut-Col.	Giovanni MALFITANO
Lieut.	Vincenzo CARRARA
Capt.	Nicola FRANCESCHELLI
Capt.	Gaetano GATTA
2nd Lt.	Romano ANFOSSI
Lieut-Col.	Siro BERNARD
Capt.	Arturo CARTA
Capt.	Vittorio DONI
Lieut-Col.	Agostino SCIALLA

2. Of course we know that General Cerica is the Commander of the 5th Territorial Mil at Bologna, but are not familiar with present addresses of the other officers.

3. Request this information be expedited for MFOMA is desirous of presenting American awards to these officers at the earliest possible moment.

F.C.C.

R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, 2333
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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17 July 1946

AG 200.63/044-P
A&D 73046S

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SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Attention is invited to letter, your headquarters, file A 245/1, Subject: American Awards to Italians, dated 15 July 1946.

2. It is requested that the present location for the individuals listed herein be furnished this office.

Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm	-	Lieut. Gen. Angelo CERICA
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	-	Lieut. Col. Giovanni MALFITANO
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	-	Lieut. Vincenzo CARRARA
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	-	Capt. Nicola FRANCESCHELLI
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	-	Capt. William GATTA
Bronze Star Medal	-	2nd Lt. Romano ANDREOTTI
Bronze Star Medal	-	Lieut. Col. Siro BERNABO
Bronze Star Medal	-	Capt. Arturo CARTA
Bronze Star Medal	-	Capt. Vittorio DINI
Bronze Star Medal	-	Lieut. Col. Agostino SCIALLA

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

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bender 2357
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutent General

RECEIVED 19 JUL 1946
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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
15-7-46	Exec.Comm.		Subject : American Award for Italian Civilian The CG MTOUSA has requested that our Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authority for the acceptance of a Medal of Freedom award to Enzo MARTUSCIELLO, Italian Civilian. Since this is a civilian matter it is desired that you obtain approval from the Ministry of Interior and advise in order that we may notify MTOUSA.

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

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The CG MTOUSA has requested that our Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authority for the acceptance of a Medal of Freedom award to Enzo MARTURCIELLO, Italian Civilian. Since this is a civilian matter it is desired that you obtain approval from the Ministry of Interior and advise in order that we may notify MTOUSA.

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

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

A 245/1

15th Jul. '46.

Subject : American Awards for Italian officers.

To : Ministry of War

1. The Commanding General MTOUSA has approved the following awards for the officers indicated:-

Medal	of	Freedom	with	Bronze	Palm	-	Major	Royal Carabinieri Luigi CAPUTO
"	"	"	"	"	"	-	"	Infantry Alessandro MARTINENGO
"	"	"	"	"	"	-	"	Royal Carabinieri Rinaldo VALENTI

2. Unless good cause exists to the contrary, it is desired that your permission be given for the acceptance of the awards indicated.

For

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

12 July 1946

AG 200.63/044-P
A&D 81246S

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

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

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

Luigi Caputo	Major	Royal Carabinieri	Italian Army
Allesandro Martinengo.	Major	Infantry	Italian Army
Ricardo Valenti	Major	Royal Carabinieri	Italian Army

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Enzo Martusciello		Italian Civilian

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

3. It is requested that action be expedited and this office be notified of action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

WITH BRONZE PALM

LUIGI CAPUTO, Major, Royal Carabinieri, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 18 December 1943 to 5 May 1945. Major Caputo demonstrated the highest degree of skill, judgment, and operational knowledge of counter intelligence procedure. He again and again exhibited his willingness to devote himself to the needs of the Allied Forces with which he served without regard to the overall difficulties of the tasks assigned. His efforts were in a great measure responsible for the actual apprehension of a number of enemy espionage and sabotage agents. Major Caputo accomplished his assigned duties with distinction, and thereby reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Army Intelligence Service. Entered service from Naples, Italy.



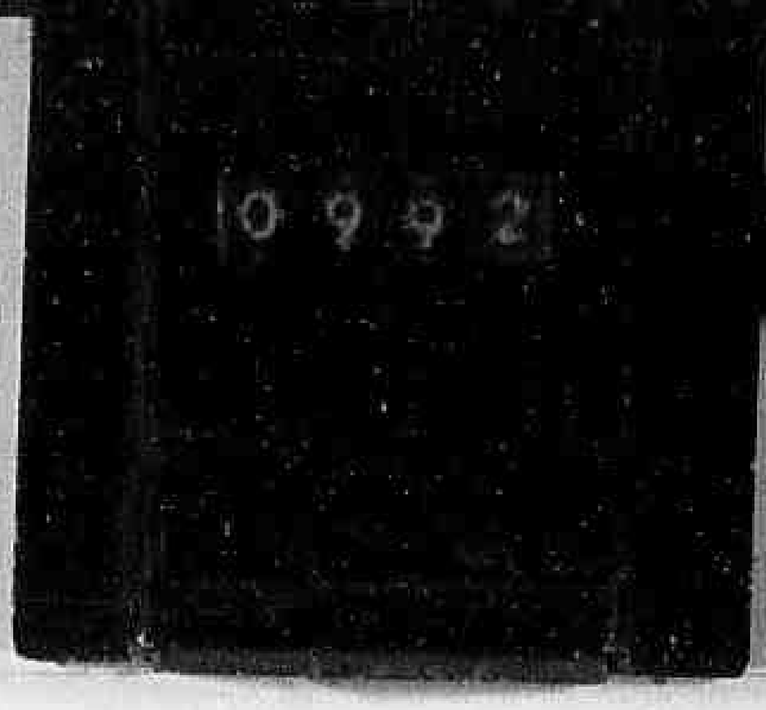
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

WITH BRONZE PALM

ALLESSANDRO MARTINENGO, Major, Infantry, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 28 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. Major Martinengo demonstrated the highest degree of skill, judgment, and operational knowledge of Intelligence procedure. Through his ability and efforts, the planning that preceded the liberation of many Italian cities, including Rome, Florence, and Turin, was greatly expedited. His intelligent leadership and wide experience were in part responsible for the successful landing and operating of intelligence agents behind the enemy lines. Major Martinengo accomplished his duties with distinction, thus reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Army Intelligence Service. Entered service from Turin, Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

RICARDO VALENTI, Major, Royal Carabinieri, Italian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 30 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Major Valenti's intelligent leadership, sound judgment and understanding of counter intelligence procedure were invaluable aids in the destruction of some of the enemy's most prized intelligence organizations. His unrelenting efforts resulted in the arrest of numerous enemy agents and the confiscation of several radio sets and other espionage and sabotage equipment. Major Valenti accomplished his assigned duties with distinction, thus reflecting great credit upon himself and the Italian Intelligence Service. Entered service from Naples, Italy.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

IPPO MARTINIELLO, Italian Civilian, Quartermaster Section, Purchasing Unit Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 7 December 1943 to 27 January 1946. Through his ability as an interpreter and an efficient administrative organizer, Mr. Martiniello effectively utilized native civilian personnel in setting up and maintaining the stock record account of Quartermaster supplies. Working with unceasing diligence, he effected continual improvements in the accuracy of the stock record system. Throughout the Army's redeployment phase, Mr. Martiniello proved himself one of the most highly valued employees of the Quartermaster Section. His conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service and reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered service from Naples, Italy.

Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
2 July 46	Air Force Sub-Commission		Subject:- American Wards for Italian Officer Ref. attached list of proposed awards to Italian Personnel. The CC MTOUSA has requested that this Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated by the officers listed. Suggest that you obtain approval from the Italian Ministry of Air and advise us so that we may notify MTOUSA. R.C.VAN KIRK, Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A. RCVK/gc.
12 July 46	Maj. Vankirk MMIA		1st. Indorsement. 2318 Refernce your basic letter of Awards and Decorations, approved has been received from the Italian Air Ministry for the

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Ref. attached list of proposed awards to Italian Personnel. The CC MTOUSA has requested that this Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated by the officers listed. Suggest that you obtain approval from the Italian Ministry of Air and advise us so that we may notify MTOUSA.



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

RCVK/ge.

12 July 46 | Maj. Vankirk MMIA

1st. Indorsment. 2319

Refernce your basic letter of Awards and Decorations, approval has been received from the Italian Air Ministry for the awards to Col. Alds Remondiro and Lt. Col. Walter Andrower.

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PATT FAVANO
1st. Lt., A.C.
Air Forces Sub-Commission

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
15-7-46 File 245/1	Exec.Comm.		Subject : American Awards to Italians The CG MTOUSA has requested that this HQ obtain approval from the proper Italian authority for the acceptance of the following awards:- MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM Manotti Bianchi — Italian Civilian Tullio Masturzo — Italian Civilian MEDAL OF FREEDOM Antonino Asta — Italian Civilian Cesare Baduel — Italian Civilian Francesco Berlusni — Italian Civilian Enrico Reggiani — Italian Civilian Ennio Tassinari — Italian Civilian Enrico Since this is a civilian matter it is desired that you obtain approval from the Ministry of Interior and advise this Headquarters in order that we may notify MTOUSA. 2316 Red R.C. VAN METER, Major, for Major-General, A.A.I.A.

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The CF MEDUSA has requested that this HQ obtain approval from the proper Italian authority for the acceptance of the following awards:-

MEDAL OF MERIT WITH BRONZE PALM

Zanotti Bianchi	Italian Civilian
Tullio Masturzo	Italian Civilian

MEDAL OF MERIT

Antonino Asta	Italian Civilian
Cesare Rafael	Italian Civilian
Francesco Berlucci	Italian Civilian
Enrico Reggiani	Italian Civilian
Ennio Tascinari	Italian Civilian

Enrico

Since this is a civilian matter it is desired that you obtain approval from the Ministry of Interior and advise this Headquarters in order that we may notify MEDUSA.

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

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Subject : American Awards to Italians

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

245/1 15 Jul. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

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1. Ref. your letter 17 May 1946 and 10 July copies attached same subject.

2. On receipt action was taken on basic communication as follows:-

(a) The Ex. Comm. AC was asked to obtain approval from the Ministry of Interior for the acceptance of awards by the Civilians listed. Since the original request was made three other requests have been made for a reply but the Ex. Comm. has been unable to get the Ministry of Interior or anyone in it to make a decision.

(b) The Air Forces Sub-Commission has obtained approval from the Italian Air Ministry for the acceptance of the awards indicated for the Italian Air Corps officers.

(c) This Headquarters has obtained approval from the Ministry of War for the acceptance of the awards listed for the Italian Army officers.

3. Since we have approval for the following officers to accept awards :-

Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm	-	Lieut.Gen.	Angelo CERICA
" " " " Bronze Palm	-	Lieut.Col.	Giovanni MALFITANO
" " "	-	Lieut.	Vincenzo GARRARA
" " "	-	Capt.	Nicola FRANCESCHELLI
Bronze Star Medal	-	Capt.	William GATTA
" " "	-	2d Lieut.	Rosario ANDREOTTI
" " "	-	Lieut.Col.	Siro BERNASO
" " "	-	Capt.	Arturo CANTA 2317
" " "	-	Capt.	Vittorio DINI
	-	Lieut.Col.	Agostino SCIALLA

suggest that these awards be forwarded

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" " "	-	Lieut.	Vincenzo CAPPARA
" " "	-	Capt.	Nicola MANGERONELLI
" " "	-	Capt.	William CATTA
Bronze Star Medal	-	2d Lieut.	Romano MORETTI
" " "	-	Lieut.Col.	Siro MENGARO
" " "	-	Capt.	Arturo CARTA
" " "	-	Capt.	Ettorio DINI
" " "	-	Lieut.Col.	Agostino SCIALLA

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suggest that those awards be forwarded and presentation made. In the meantime will again have the Executive Commissioner press the Ministry for a decision.

RCV

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

S: 23 July 1946

In reply
refer to

16 July 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Tracer

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

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

Letter, this headquarters, file as above, subject: Awards to Italians, dated 17 May 1946, forwarding a roster of Italian personnel and eighteen (18) citations through the Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Attention: MMIA and requesting your headquarters obtain necessary Italian concurrence for the individuals listed therein.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

S: 9 August 1946

In reply refer to 245/1 9 July 1946

AG 200.63/004-P

SUBJECT: Awards to Italiens

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for the individuals listed on the attached roster in the acceptance of the American awards indicated.

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

3. Inquiry in this matter was made to His Royal Highness Prince Umberto and to General Adolfo Infante by letter from this headquarters on the dates given on the attached inclosure.

4. Inasmuch as no reply has been received, it is requested that this matter be expedited and this office be notified of the action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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Bronze Star Medal

		Date of Letter to His Royal Highness Prince Umberto	Date of Letter to General Adolfo Infante
Pietro Ferraro	Italian Partisan Leader	3 October 1945	18 May 1946
Ferruccio Trombetti	Italian Partisan Leader	3 October 1945	18 May 1946
Enzo Boeri	Italian Civilian	28 October 1945	20 May 1946
Riccardo Vanzetti	Italian Civilian	28 October 1945	20 May 1946
Mario Marcello De Leva	Italian Civilian	8 November 1945	18 May 1946

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Bronze Star Medal		Date of Letter to His Royal Highness Prince Umberto	Date of Letter to General Adolfo Infante
Pietro Ferraro	Italian Partisan Leader	3 October 1945	18 May 1946
Ferruccio Trombetti	Italian Partisan Leader	3 October 1945	18 May 1946
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CITATION FOR HRONZE STAR MEDAL

PIETRO FERRARO, Italian Civilian, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Italy from 1 July 1944 to 2 May 1945. After playing a leading part in the liberation of Rome, Pietro Ferraro parachuted behind enemy lines in July, 1944, and remained in the Venice-Padua-Belluno-Udine region until the end of hostilities in Italy. Through negotiations with the German Command in Venice, he prevented the enemy from carrying out a program of destruction of all port installations and public utilities. Further, through threat of a general patriot uprising, he made possible the surrender of the harbor, coast defenses and garrisons to the partisan forces, and he recovered all plans of mines planted in Venice harbors and adjacent waters. Pietro Ferraro was sought constantly by the enemy and carried out his activities under extremely hazardous conditions thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the freedom loving people of his country.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

FERRUCCIO TROMBETTI, Italian partisan leader, Via Saven Inferiore # 67, Minerbio, Bologna, Italy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services against an enemy of the United States. By arranging numerous flights of Allied airborne supplies, Trombetti increased the effectives of the Modena Division, from eight hundred, to three thousand five hundred men, from August, 1944, to the liberation of his territory, in April, 1945. He organized an intelligence service covering the whole area of Emilia Romagna, concerning enemy troops and installations. Also, he organized a courier service that exfiltrated important sketches and maps of enemy fortifications. By his direct intervention, Ferruccio Trombetti was instrumental in helping to organize a unified command, capable of creating the necessary military premises for the development of the battle for the liberation of Bologna, Modena, and Reggio Emilia. On directive from Allied Force Headquarters, he instructed the regional partisan command to take the necessary protective measures of all public utilities, including the important hydro-electric plant located at Fernata that was saved from destruction by the enemy before their withdrawal.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ENZO BOERI, Italian Civilian, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy from 17 March 1944 to 15 May 1945. Parachuting into enemy held territory, Enzo Boeri, demonstrating outstanding resourcefulness and efficiency, engaged in operations against the enemy that were of vital importance to the Allied Forces and which contributed materially to the success of Allied operations in Italy. His superior courage and ability in the face of great personal danger reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Allied cause.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

RICCARDO VANZETTI, Italian Civilian, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy from 17 March 1944 to 13 May 1945. Parachuting into enemy held territory, Riccardo Vanzetti, demonstrating outstanding resourcefulness and efficiency, engaged in operations against the enemy that were of vital importance to the Allied Forces and which contributed materially to the success of Allied operations in Italy. His superior courage and ability in the face of great personal danger reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Allied cause.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

MARIO MARCELLO DE LEVA, Italian Civilian, Italian Division, Secret Intelligence Branch, Headquarters 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy, from 17 March 1944 to 15 May 1945. Dropped by parachute, on the night of 17 March 1944, in the Pian Pra region, Mr De Leva underwent sacrifices and personal risks of every kind, to set up, in the succeeding months, a perfect intelligence net which functioned uninterruptedly and without incident up to the cessation of hostilities. With untiring energy, he arranged for pinpoints and reception committees for the arrival of other Allied missions in various sections of Piedmont, provided them with necessary documents upon their arrival, and made provisions for their safe arrival to their destined zone of operation. Through his assistant mission leader, he controlled the strongest and best organized partisan formation in Piedmont. Mr De Leva helped all formations by means of air supply drops received from the Office of Strategic Services and acted with absolute objectivity and impartiality. Home address: Torino, Italy.

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
11-7-45	Exec.Comm.	attached	Subject : Dr. Giuseppe DOSI
File 245/1			The CG MTCUSA has requested that this HQ obtain approval from the proper Italian authority for the acceptance of a medal of Freedom award to Dr. Giuseppe DOSI, see copy of citation attached. Since this is a civilian matter suggest you obtain approval and advise us in order that we may notify MTCUSA.

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

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

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to 245/1

5 July 1946

AG 201-P-Dosi, Giuseppe (Ital Civ)

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Commendatore Dottore Giuseppe Dosi, Italian Civilian in the acceptance of the Medal of Freedom.

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

3. It is requested that this matter be expedited and this office also be notified of the present location of Doctor Dosi.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE DOSI, Commendatore Dottore, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 6 June 1944 to 5 May 1945. Doctor Dosi's loyalty, integrity, and selfless devotion to duty were of invaluable assistance to the Counter Intelligence Corps, U. S. Army. His broad experience and relentless efforts were responsible for the destruction of some of the enemy's most prized intelligence organizations. The skill, understanding, and untiring efforts of Doctor Dosi contributed greatly to the security of the Allied military establishment and his conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Subject : Honours & Awards.

6 British Liason Unit
Tel : 217 Area 119
Ref : A/2/1
2 July 46

To : Land Forces Sub-Com, AC
(MMIA) R O M E

Cesare SIMONI, 27009, WO II,
Italian Navy.

The request contained in para 3 of your A 245 of 4 June 46, has been effected today.

Major DAA & QMG
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Technician Fourth Grade Charles W. Ford, 35314790, Field Artillery, Army of the United States--25 December 1944 to 8 April 1945.

Lieutenant Commander Richard P. Jeffrey, United States Navy--6 August 1945 to 22 December 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated, to:

Brigadiere Celestino Bottello, Italian Army--10 September 1944 to 2 May 1945.
Aspirant Jean Marie de Bonneval, French Army--April, 1945 to May, 1945.
Squadron Leader Charles H. Smith, Royal Air Force.
Flight Officer Frank Summers, Royal Air Force--15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.
Flight Lieutenant Reginald R. Witter, Royal Air Force.

VI--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Henry Mantel, 32222923, Infantry, Army of the United States, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations as Communications Sergeant, Company I, 71st Infantry Regiment, 44th Infantry Division, on 13 November 1944, near Lientry, France. When his unit was committed to an attack, Staff Sergeant Mantel continuously exposed himself for forty-eight hours to every type of heavy enemy fire by running from one advance scout to another and orienting them as to their directions and by personally maintaining contact and communications between platoons. While engaged in these extremely hazardous tasks, he dragged two wounded men to comparative safety from the top of a hill under heavy fire. Staff Sergeant Mantel's dauntless courage, unswerving devotion to duty and sacrifice of personal safety were of immeasurable value in guiding the Company to its objective, reflecting high credit upon him and the armed forces of the United State Entered military service from New York.

VII--MEDAL OF FREEDOM. 1. Under the provisions of War Department letter, 6 September 1945, file AGPD-C 200.6, Medal of Freedom, the Medal of Freedom without palm is awarded to:

Pierre J. C. Jolas, American Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious achievemen from 25 May 1944 to 31 March 1945, which aided the United States in the prosecutio of the war against the enemy in Continental Europe.

2. Under the provisions of War Department letter, 6 September 1945, file AGPD-C 200.6, Medal of Freedom, the Medal of Freedom without palm is awarded, for exceptionally meritorious achievement which aided the United States in the prosecution of the war against the enemy in Continental Europe during the respective periods indicated, to:

Gaston Auphordoguy, French Civilian -- October, 1942 to August, 1944.
Michel [illegible], French Civilian -- July, 1942 to August, 1944.
Eva Marjorie Aureille, French Civilian -- February, 1943 to May, 1944.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

H. R. PULL,
Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

L. S. OSTRANDER.
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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US FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
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Meritorious Service Unit Plaque - I
Legion of Merit - II
Legion of Merit (Oak-Leaf Cluster)- III
Silver Star - IV
Bronze Star Medal - V
Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)- VI
Medal of Freedom - VII

I--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. So much of General Orders 91, this headquarters, 1 April 1946, as reads, "266th Port Company", is amended to read, "268th Port Company".

II--LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Legion of Merit is awarded to:

Colonel John W. Watson, 0278228, Cavalry, Army of the United States, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1945 to 6 March 1946.

2. So much of Section I, General Orders 75, this headquarters, 19 March 1946, as reads, "Colonel Claude B. Avera, 011924, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army--5 June 1944 to 8 May 1945", is amended to read, " Colonel Claude B. Avera, 011924, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army--5 July 1944 to 8 May 1945".

3. So much of Section II, General Orders 83, this headquarters, 25 March 1946, as reads, "Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Emerson", is amended to read, "Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Emerson".

III--LEGION OF MERIT.(OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Legion of Merit previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel John B. Horton, 015150, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 September 1944 to 28 March 1945.

IV--SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Corporal James Clements (then Private), British Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment, 1st Allied Airborne Division, from 17 September 1944 to 25 September 1944, at Arnhem, Holland. Operating alone, Corporal Clements personally stalked and put out of action two enemy machine gun posts. Subsequently, after the last anti-tank gun in his sector had been destroyed and a tank attack was developing, he went forward into the open under heavy fire and with a PIAT stalked a German tank, firing three shots at it and forcing it to withdraw. This action had the effect of delaying the enemy's attack until fresh defenses had been established. Corporal Clements' supreme daring and disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

V-BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated, to

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2 July 46	Air Forces Sub-Commission		Subject:- American Wards for Italian Officer Ref. attached list of proposed awards to Italian Personnel. The CG MTOUSA has requested that this Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated by the officers listed. Suggest that you obtain approval from the Italian Ministry of Air and advise us so that we may notify MTOUSA. RCVK R.C.VAN KIRK, Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A. RCVK/gc.

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RCV

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

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(POSTHUMOUS)

Captain Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, serving with the Office of Strategic Services as Chief of the "Pear Team," Italian Division, rendered meritorious service in northern Italy from January to December 1944. Accompanied by a radio operator, he was infiltrated by submarine near Venice and moved on to Padua, where he set up his radio and sent an accurate description of the air station and landing ground and gave valuable suggestions for the infiltration of other teams. He reported bombardment results and target data to the Fifteenth Air Force, accounts of various counterespionage centers, and military intelligence on troop movements, fortifications, traffic, dumps and bridges. In Venice he played a leading part in the resistance movement, organizing an elaborate intelligence net and a group of saboteurs. Arrested by Fascists while performing his duties, he was reportedly executed at Mauthesen on 29 December 1944. By his fearless, skillful intelligence work and leadership, Captain Rossoni contributed materially to the Allied cause.

APPROVED BY
WAR DEPARTMENT

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

VITTORIO REINERO, Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer of the Italian Air Force Transport Wing, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with Allied military activities in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 January 1946. Assuming the duties as Commanding Officer, Italian Air Force Transport Wing, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero was charged with the responsibility of organizing and operating the newly activated Wing and executing many important Allied functions pertinent to the successful conduct of the War. Notwithstanding lack of trained personnel and limited facilities, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero, through his untiring efforts and professional ability, succeeded in surmounting all obstacles and directed his Wing through a cycle of maximum training in a manner calculated to effect the best results from aerial transport activity. By rare ability and foresight in meeting the pressing Allied air transport requirements occasioned by the prevailing necessity for concerted aerial evacuation of wounded troops and transport of essential supplies to the fighting units, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero rendered services of incalculable value in behalf of the Allied operations. Actuated by the highest regard for aircraft safety and with an intense devotion to duty, he spent long and arduous hours indoctrinating the Wing personnel with the aims and principles in the necessity of extremely careful safe flying. The success of this program is evidenced by the creditable record established by the Italian Air Force Transport Wing in that during the period of his command no damage to passengers or freight was sustained. By his untiring zeal, competent leadership, keen insight and meticulous supervision, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero has rendered a caliber of service deserving of the highest praise, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Military service of the Italian Air Force. Entered service from Castle Monferrago, Italy.

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2 July 46	Ex. Comm. HQ A.C.		Subject :- American Awards for Italian Civilians. The CC MTOUSA has requested that this Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated for the civilians listed. Suggest you obtain approval from the Italian Ministry of Interior and advise us in order that we may notify MTOUSA. MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM Italian Civilian — MASSAMILIANO ALBERTI LEWIS MEDAL OF FREEDOM Italian Civilian — ENRICA PEROTTI Italian Civilian — ELENA VENANZI R.C.VAN KREK Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A. 2329 RCVK/gc.

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Headquarters obtain approval from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated for the civilians listed. Suggest you obtain approval from the Italian Ministry of Interior and advise us in order that we may notify MTOUSA.

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

Italian Civilian — MASSAMILIANO ALBERTI LEWIS

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Italian Civilian — ENRICA PIEROTTI

Italian Civilian — HELENA VENANZI

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

RECEIVED 29 JUN 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

26 June 1946

SUBJECT: Awards of Italians

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

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

MEDAL OF FREEDOM-WITH SILVER PALM

Colonel	Aldo Remondino	Italian Air Force See 78
Italian Civilian	Massamiliano Alberti Lewis	

MEDAL OF FREEDOM-WITH BRONZE PALM

Lieutenant Colonel	Walter Galileo Adrower	Italian Air Force See 78

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Italian Civilian	Enrica Perotti
Italian Civilian	Elena Venanzi

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

3. It is desired that action be expedited and this office be notified of action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bender

ROBERT O. BENDER 2328
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

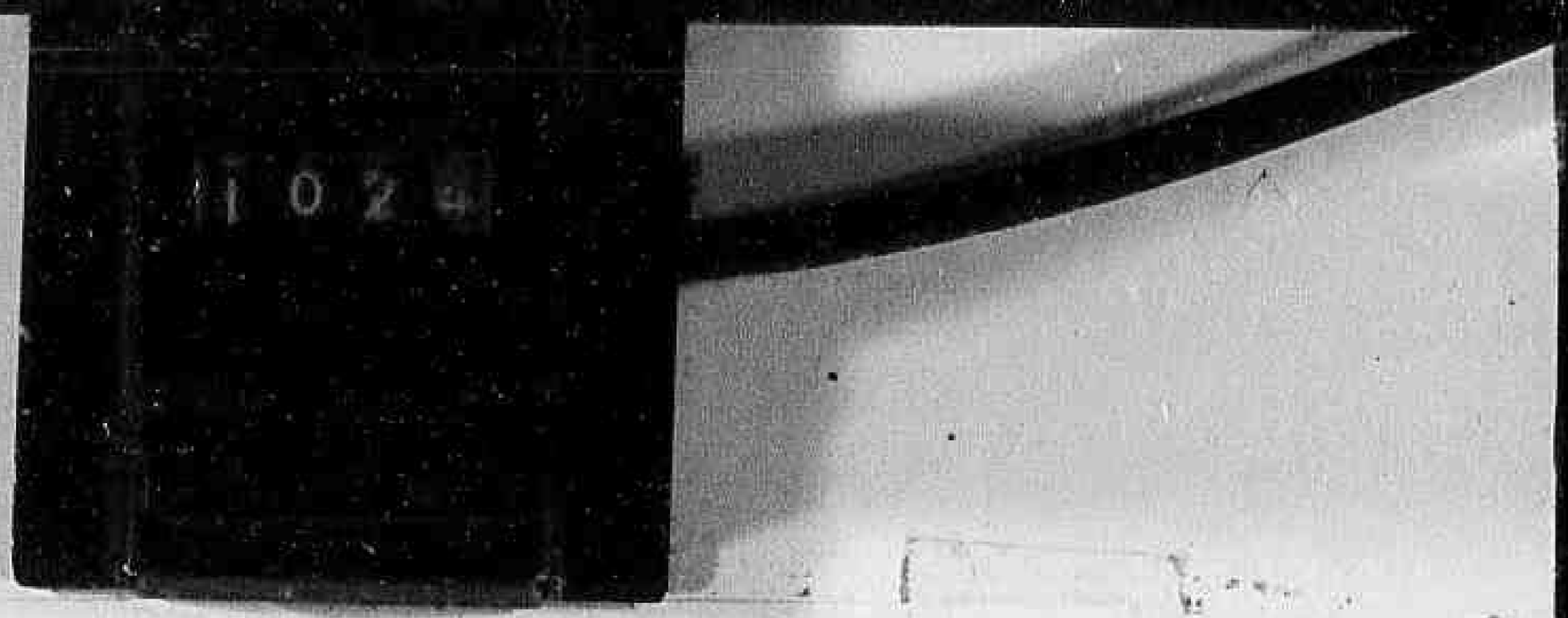
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

ALDO REMONDINO, Colonel, Chief of Staff, Italian Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 8 September 1943 to 7 May 1945. In the chaotic month of September 1943, Colonel Remondino succeeded in being appointed Senior Staff Officer of the Axis General Air Force Headquarters. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he succeeded in obtaining and relaying essential military information to the new Italian Air Force Air Minister in Southern Italy who was fighting side by side with the Allied Forces. His artful diplomacy and untiring efforts to accomplish the assigned task were highly instrumental in promoting the immeasurable harmony that existed between the Allies and Italian Air Force and culminated in the total defeat of the enemy. Entered service from Cuneo, Italy.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

MASSAMILIANA ALBERTI LEWIS, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from December 1943 to January 1946. As Countess Alberti, she rendered aid and comfort to American airmen shot down in the vicinity of her home, in the Dolomite Alps. Apprehended in the act of transmitting messages for Allied personnel, she was sentenced to death and was saved only by the timely arrival of the American Forces. Since the cessation of hostilities, her knowledge of conditions and personalities in Northern Italy have been of outstanding value to the War Crimes Branch, Mediterranean Theater.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

WALTER GALILEO ANDROVER, Lieutenant Colonel, Chief of Liaison Staff Section, Italian Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 8 September 1943 to 7 May 1945. In the chaotic month of September 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Androver was ordered to leave his position with Italian Air Force General Headquarters and join the Fascists in the consolidation of air force activities in Northern Italy. With full knowledge that his every action would be observed by enemy agents, he refused to obey the demands of his superiors, left the service and went into hiding. With complete disregard for personal safety, he activated and directed the Aviation Clandestine Resistance Party, designed to present a consolidated unit of resistance to Air Force elements of the Fascist Army. By constant attention to duty, peerless intelligence, and cautious leadership, Lieutenant Colonel Androver rendered service deserving of the highest praise, thereby reflected great credit upon himself and the military service of the Italian Air Force. Entered service from Rome, Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ENRICA PEROTTI, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 6 June 1944 to 12 January 1946. Her valuable aid and advice, loyalty to the principles of Allied Democracy, diplomacy and integrity in the pursuit of duties connected with the allied occupation of Rome aided the United States and the Allied Armies in the prosecution of the war against the enemy in Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ELENA VENANZI, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 25 February to 6 June 1944. Miss Venanzi ably assisted Allied personnel who had escaped from German Prison Camps with complete disregard for her own personal safety as well as that of her family. The courageous services, generosity and kindness of Miss Venanzi, contributed greatly to the morale of Allied Personnel.

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C O P Y

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

WALTER GALILEO ADROWER, Lieutenant Colonel, Chief of Liaison Staff Section, Italian Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 8 September 1943 to 7 May 1945. In the chaotic of September 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Andrower was ordered to leave his position with Italian Air Force General Headquarters and join the Fascists in the consolidation of Air Force activities in Northern Italy. With full knowledge that his every action would be observed by enemy agents, he refused to obey the demands of his superiors, left the service and went into hiding. With complete disregard for personal safety, he activated and directed the Aviation Clandestine Resistance Party, designed to present a consolidated unit of resistance to Air Force elements of the Fascist Army. By constant attention to duty, peerless intelligence, and cautious leadership, Lieutenant Colonel Andrower rendered service deserving of the highest praise, thereby reflected great credit upon himself and the military service of the Italian Air Force. Entered service from Rome, Italy.

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C O P Y

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER STAR

MAXIMILIANA ALBERTI LEWIS, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from December 1943 to January 1946. As Countess Alberti, she rendered aid and comfort to American airmen shot down in the vicinity of her home, in the Dolomite Alps. Apprehended in the act of transmitting messages for Allied personnel, she was sentenced to death and was saved only by the timely arrival of the American Forces. Since the cessation of hostilities, her knowledge of conditions and personalities in Northern Italy have been of outstanding value to the War Crimes Branch, Mediterranean Theater.



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C O P Y

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

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Subject : American Awards to Italian Officers.

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

A 245

27 June 46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army.

1. Ref your AG 200. 63 /044-P of 8 June 1946 copy attached.

2. The Italian War Ministry has approved the acceptance of the awards for the following Italian officers.

"Lt.Col. GARGIULO Giuseppe - 205 Division - Naples.
Col. MAGLIARI-CALANTE Luigi - Recruits Training Center - Avellino.
Col. SANTORI Carlo - 6 Group Bns - Leghorn."

3. The present locations of the officers are as indicated above.

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

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

N/245 27 June 46.

SUBJECT:- American Awards

To : Ministry of War. (61)

Ref your 1116/45 P of 7 June 1946.

Ref the Silver Star award to W.O. Cesare SIMONI, who was a former member of the Folgore Gruppo, has been forwarded to the G.N.I.U. at Bologna for presentation to him at Via Claudia, Saligrano an Panaro, Prov. of Modena, Questura Carabiniere.

Ref the awards to Sgt. Major RIGHI, Vittorio, Cpl. FOGLIA, Carlo and Pvt. PALAZZO, Luigi. The information we have on each of these is attached as appendices A, B and C. As soon as you have these men located please advise us so that presentation can be made of the awards indicated.

R C D
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

Encl - 3.

RCVE/JHS

RECEIVED 26 JUN 1946
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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
27 May 1946	Ex. Comm.	attached	Ref. attached list of American awards to Italian personnel. The CG MTOUSA has requested that AC obtain concurrence from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated. We have already asked the Ministry of War for its approval for the Army officers and have asked the Air Forces Sub-Commission to handle the Air Corps officers. It is suggested that you handle the Italian Civilians. Copies of the citations for the civilians are attached. Further suggest that you advise this Headquarters when approval has been obtained in order that we may notify MTOUSA. R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A.
26. June.	MMIA. ✓		Names have been submitted to Ministry of Interior for approval but no reply has yet been received. A reminder today will be sent in the course of the next day or so. 2317 Hillsdon 4/6 PA to Ex. Com.

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M.M.I.A.

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Attitala 4/8
PA & Ex. Com.

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COPY EXTRACT

Incl I to letter, HQ MTOUSA, dated 17 May 1946, requesting Italian concurrence be obtained for these personnel in the award indicated.

MEDAL OF FREEDOM-WITH BRONZE PALM

Zanotti Bianchi	Italian Civilian
Tullio Masturzo	Italian Civilian

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Antonino Asta	Italian Civilian
Cesare Baduel	Italian Civilian
Francesco Barluzzi	Italian Civilian
Enrico Reggiani	Italian Civilian
Enzio Tassinari	Italian Civilian

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 581

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 22 June 1946.

SUBJECT:- Address of general officer.

In reply to your letter A/245 dated 11.6.46., we would inform you that Brigadier General PRIMIERI Clemente is serving with the Turin Military Territorial Command.

sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

R.A.G.

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

22 GIU. 1946

Prot. N° 581 *Allegati* *Roma*

Risposta al disp. del 11/6/1946 *Div.* *Sez.* *N°* A/245

OGGETTO: Recapito ufficiale generale.-

Al LAND FORCES SUB COMM.AC. (MMIA)

ROMA

In relazione al foglio in riferimento, si informa che il generale di brigata PRIMIERI Clemente è in servizio presso il comando militare territoriale di Torino.-

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

To : M.M.I.A.

245

Ref: I6906/ric
21.7.I
Date: 20/6/46

Subject: American rewards for Italian Officers. -

5b

In reply to letter A/245 dated 13/6/46. -

This Ministry has no objection that the officers referred in the a/m letter, receive the rewards shown.

The present residence of the a/m officers are as follows:

- Lt. Col. GARGIULO Giuseppe - 205^ Division - Naples.
- Col. MACLIARI-GALANTE Luigi - Recruits Training Center - Avellino.
- Col. SARTORI Carlo - 6° Group Bns - Leghorn.

DAC

sgd. Lombardi
Col.

GA/me

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Roma, 20 GIU. 1946

Div. *Sez.*
Prot. 16906 ric *Allegati*
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Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del 13.6.1946
Div. *Sez.* I^a A/245

OGGETTO ricompense americane ad ufficiali italiani.

Nulla in contrario da parte di questo Ministero che gli ufficiali di cui al foglio in riferimento accettino le ricompense per ciascuno indicate.

- L'attuale residenza degli interessati è la seguente:

- ten.col. Giuseppe GARGIULO - 205^ divisione - Napoli
- col. Luigi MAGLIARI-GALANTE - centro addestramento reclute - Avellino
- col. Carlo SARTORI - 6° gruppo battaglioni - Livorno.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

245.

FROM: M. of W. REF: III6/45

TO : M.M.I.A. DATE: I3/6/46

SUBJECT: American decorations for Italian Officers.

41.

Ref. your A/245 dated 27/5/46.

This Ministry has no objection to the officers listed in the a/m letter accepting the American decorations shown against their names.

G.F.

Sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

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Roma, 13 GIU. 1946 194

Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMM.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Partenza Prot. 4116/45/ris Sez. Allegati
Risposta al f. del 27.5.1946
Div. Sez. N. A/245

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OGGETTO: ricompense americane ad ufficiali italiani.

Questo Ministero non ha nulla in contrario che gli ufficiali elencati nel foglio a riferimento accettino le ricompense americane per ciascuno di essi indicate.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

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From: M.of W.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref: III6/45 F.
Date: 7/6/46

Subject: Awarding of American medals for valour.

36.

Ref. letter nº NA 245 dated 22/5/46.

We thank you for having kindly informed us on the award of American decorations made by you to Italian Military personnel referred to in a/m letter.

The u/m military personnel, already mentioned in your letter A/245 dated April 9th ~~last~~, are still to be awarded the decorations:

maresc.ord.	SIMONI Cesare
serg.magg.	RICONI Vittorio
caporale	FOCACCI Carlo
soldato	PALAZZO Luigi

In order to be able to locate and forward to the persons concerned said decorations and hence prearrange the required ceremony, we beg you to kindly forward us the particulars and units to which they belonged when they were awarded said decorations.

In the meantime we beg you to let us know the names of other Italian Military personnel who are eventually entitled a decoration.

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sgd. Lombardi
Col.

G.F.

Ga/Sp.

Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -
Ufficio Ricompense e Onorificenze

Divisione ____ *Sez.* ____
Prot. N. 1116/45 F *Allegati* ____

Roma, 7 GIU. 1946

Al LA LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION
A. C. (M.M.I.A.)
-- R O M A --

Risposta al Foglio del ____
Div. ____ *Sez.* ____ *N°* ____

OGGETTO concessione di medaglie al Valore Americane (riferimento foglio M.A.245 del 22/5/1946).

Si ringrazia della cortese comunicazione relativa all'avvenuta consegna delle decorazioni americane ai militari italiani di cui al foglio a riferimento.

Restano da consegnare le decorazioni ai seguenti militari già elencati nel precedente foglio A/245 del 9 aprile u.s. di codesta M.M.I.A.

maresc. ord.	SIMONI	Cesare
serg. magg.	RIGONI	Vittorio
caporale	FOCACCI	Carlo
soldato	PALAZZO	Luigi

Allo scopo di poter individuare l'attuale posizione e recapito degli interessati e quindi predisporre la cerimonia richiesta, si prega voler cortesemente farne conoscere le complete generalità e l'ente cui appartenevano all'atto del conferimento delle decorazioni per essi stabilite.

Nel contempo si prega voler comunicare i nominativi di eventuali altri militari italiani decorandi.

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Prot. N. 1116/45 I Allegati — Div. — Sez. — N.

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HQ M.M.I.A.

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

COL H O R M A N P I G G E DEPUTY COMD WILL ARRIVE M I L A N 24 JUNE (.) REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR HIM AND AMERICAN SOLDIER DRIVER (.) COL P I G G E WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN INFORMAL INSPECTION OF I-T A L I A N UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS THE MORNING OF 25 JUNE (.) ES WILL TELEPHONE X U L U 25 JUNE GIVING HIS E T A IN T U R I N (.) TENTATIVE DATE IS 27 JUNE (.) REQUEST RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR HIM AND THAT A CEREMONY AT T U R I N BE ARRANGED FOR PRESENTATION OF A M E R I C A N LEGION OF MERIT AWARD TO BRIGADIER GENERAL P R I M I E R I

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A.H.GILLMORE Lt.Col. AAG.



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AG 201-P-Primieri, Clemente (Ital O) 1st Ind

HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 17 June 1946

TO: Commanding General, MMIA

1. Inclosed herewith are the official citation, certificate and medal for the award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Brigadier General Clemente Primieri, Italian Army.

2. It is requested that the presentation be made to the individual concerned at the earliest practicable date.

3. It is further requested that this headquarters be informed of the action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

3 Incls:
1- Citation (dup)
2- Medal, LM, DO
3- Certificate

RECEIVED 18 JUN 1946

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Subject : PRIMIERI Clemente (Ital. Offr.) - American Award

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

A 245
15
Jun. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512, U.S. Army

1. Ref. your communication of 1st June 1946 copy attached.

2. General PRIMIERI is now stationed at TURIN with the 1st Italian Territorial Headquarters awaiting assignment.

3. Suggest that Col. FINK, Senior American Officer with M.M.I.A. expects to be in the Turin and Milan Area about the 20th of this month on an inspection trip. If you want him to do so he can make the award and our I.P.I.U. will arrange a proper ceremony.

F.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

1 June 1946

AG 201-P-Primieri, Clemente (Ital O)

SUBJECT : Award of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Attention: AMLA

1. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the present location of Brigadier General Clemente Primieri, Italian Army.

2. Request that this information be furnished as soon as practicable, as this headquarters is holding an approved American decoration for presentation to General Primieri.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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Ltr., Hq. US Forces, European Theater, APO 757, Subj.: Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Brigadiere Celestino Bottello, Ital.Army), dtd 17 Apr 46.

AC 201-F-Bottello, Celestino (Ital Off) 1st Ind
(17 Apr 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 4 May 1946

THRU: Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : ACA, Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Request your headquarters take action to comply with the basic communication.

2. It is further requested that this headquarters be advised of action taken in order that the initiator of this correspondence can be informed.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 7 May 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC-MTOUSA, APO 394 US Army.

Attention directed to preceding indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. MUTH
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

2 Incls.:
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Subject : BOTTELLO Celestino, Ital. Offr.

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

A 245 10 Jun. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
AFO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref. attached correspondence.

2. Basic communication complied with. Col Norman E. FISKE, Senior American officer with this Mission presented the Bronze Star Medal to Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO at 1000 hours 19 June 1946 at a suitable ceremony, at Carabinieri Barracks Via Legnano, Rome.

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

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TCV/as

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Subject : PRIMIERI Clemente (Ital. Offr.) - American Award

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

— A 245

Jun. '46.

To : CG MT USA
APO 512, U.S. Army

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2. General PRIMIERI is now stationed at TURIN with the 1st Italian Territorial Headquarters awaiting reassignment.

3. Suggest that Col. FISKE, Senior American Officer with M.M.I.A. expects to be in the Turin and Milan Area about the 20th of this month on an inspection trip. If you want him to do so he can make the award and our 1 M.L.O. will arrange a proper ceremony.

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

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57.

TRANSLATION

245.

From: M.of W. Ref: I39/46

To : CCMR Corps Gen. HQ
and to MMIA (for information) Date: 7/6/47

Subject: Reserve Lt.Col. BOZZA Ottorino.

We forward (for onward transmission to the person concerned) the enclosed copy of the letter A/245 dated 29/5/46 from MMIA.

You are kindly requested to make direct agreement with MMIA regarding the ceremony for the handing over of the decoration.

sgd. Lombardi
Col.

G.F.

Fo. 1416.

GA/me

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Roma, 7 GIU. 1946

Al COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CC.RR.
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMM.AC (MMIA)
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
ROMA

Divisione *Sez.*
Prot. N.° 139/46 *Allegati* NNO

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.°*

OGGETTO ten.col.ris. BOZZA Ottorino

Si trasmette per la conseguente partecipazione all'interessato l'unita copia del foglio n.A/245 in data 29.5.1946 della Land Forces Sub Comm.AC. (M.M.I.A.)di Roma con la quale codesto Comando è pregato prendere diretti accordi per la cerimonia relativa alla consegna della decorazione.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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56.

Subject : American Awards to Italian Officers

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

A 245

13 42 Jun. '46.

To : Ministry of War

1. The Commanding General MTOUSA has requested that permission be obtained from your Headquarters for the following Italian officers to accept the awards indicated:-

-Lt Colonel Giuseppe GARGIULO, ARN, Liaison officer, 205 Division, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

Colonel Luigi MAGLIARI-GALANTE, Italian Army, Bronze Star Medal.

Colonel Carlo SARTONI, Italian Army, Bronze Star Medal.

2. It is also requested that you furnish us with the present location of each of these officers in order that presentation may be expedited.

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

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1	Adj 2675	Office of Chief of Censors (Maj Kirby)	JUN 1 21946	See basic communication. RICHARD B. BULLOCK Major, Infantry Adjutant, 2675 REGT
2	Off CC Maj Kirby	Ch MIA Sec for Maj Kirby		For your appropriate action. Jack

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Ltr HQ MTOUSA, Subj: Awards to Italians, dtd 8 June 1946.

200.6/366 1st Ind. CBM/RE/sf

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 10 June 46.

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

Attention directed to basic communication.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

8 June 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
ATTN: MMIA

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

Lt Colonel Giuseppe Gargiulo, ARN, Liaison Officer, 205th Division, Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

Colonel Luigi Magliari-Galante, Italian Army, Bronze Star Medal.

Colonel Carlo Sartoni, Italian Army, Bronze Star Medal.

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

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

3 Incls:
Citations re:
1-Gargiulo, MF w/BP
2-Magliari-Galante, BSM
3-Sartoni, BSM

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Colonel Luigi Magliari-Galante, Italian Army, as Commanding Officer of the United States-Italian 2nd Provisional Group, Peninsular Base Section, Italy, from September 1944 to August 1945, displayed marked ability in bringing his Truck and Port Battalions to a high degree of efficiency. With a flair for organization and leadership, he raised the standards and morale of his units. His efforts contributed materially to the expeditious handling of cargo in the 8th Port of Embarkation.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Colonel Carlo Sartori, Italian Army, performed meritorious services with the Peninsular Base Section in Italy from December 1944 to August 1945 as commanding officer of the 6th United States-Italian Provisional Group. He ably administered some ten United States-Italian battalions, numbering 7,000 troops, in the performance of many supply services. Although great distances separated his various units, he was able to blend them into an integral and efficient whole which was of marked assistance to the Allied cause in Italy.

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APPROVED BY WAR DEPARTMENT



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

GIUSEPPE CARUSO, ANC, Lieutenant Colonel, Liaison Officer, 305th Division (Italian), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Because of his extensive experience at his assigned task and through the exemplary manner in which he carried out his duties as Italian-American liaison officer, Lieutenant Colonel Caruso was instrumental in the successful formation of the Italian Air Force unit into the type of organization required by the Americans Air Forces. Lieutenant Colonel Caruso's services were of great value to the Allied Forces in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and reflected credit not only upon himself but upon the whole Italian Air Force.

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
24 May 1946	Air Forces Sub-Comm.	attached	Ref. attached list of American awards to Italian Personnel. The CG MTOUSA has requested that AC obtain concurrence from the proper Italian Ministries for the acceptance of the awards indicated. We have already requested authority from the Ministry of War for the Army officers concerned and are asking the Executive Commission to handle the civilians mentioned. Suggest that you request authority for the following Air Force officers: Lt-Col. Virginio KEINERO, Italian Air Force - Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm. Captain Paolo ROSSOTI, Italian Air Force - Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous). Copies of the citations are attached. Request that when consent has been obtained that you advise this Headquarters in order that we may notify MTOUSA. R.C. Van Kirk R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A.

Date: 24 June 1946

TO: MMIA

ATTENTION: Major R. C. Van Kirk

Attached:

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...that to obtain concurrence from the proper Italian Ministries for the acceptance of the awards indicated. We have already requested authority from the Ministry of War for the Army officers concerned and are asking the Executive Commission to handle the civilians mentioned. Suggest that you request authority for the following Air Force officers:

Lt-Col. Virginio METERC, Italian Air Force -
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

Captain Paolo ROSSONI, Italian Air Force -
Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous).

Copies of the citations are attached.

Request that when consent has been obtained that you advise this Headquarters in order that we may notify WDCUSA.

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

Date: 24 June 1946

TO: MMIA

ATTENTION: Major R. C. Van Kirk

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Attached:

Approval received this date from the Italian Air Ministry concurring in the granting of awards to the personnel indicated above.

FRANK E. MAREK,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Deputy Director.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO REINERO, Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer of the Italian Air Force Transport Wing, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with Allied Military activities in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, during the period 1 October 1944 to 12 January 1946. Assuming the duties as Commanding Officer, Italian Air Force Transport Wing, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero was charged with the responsibility of organizing and operating the newly activated Wing and executing many important Allied functions pertinent to the successful conduct of the War. Notwithstanding lack of trained personnel and limited facilities, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero, through his untiring efforts and professional ability, succeeded in surmounting all obstacles and directed his Wing through a cycle of maximum training in a manner calculated to effect the best results from aerial transport activity. By rare ability and foresight in meeting the pressing Allied air transport requirement occasioned by the prevailing necessity for concerted aerial evacuation of wounded troops and transport of essential supplies to the fighting units, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero rendered services of inestimable value in behalf of the Allied operations. Actuated by the highest regard for aircraft safety and with an intense devotion to duty, he spent long and arduous hours indoctrinating the Wing personnel with the aims and principles in the necessity of extremely careful safe flying. The success of this program is evidenced by the creditable record established by the Italian Air Force Transport Wing in that during the period of his command no damage to passengers or freight was sustained. By his untiring zeal, competent leadership keen insight and meticulous supervision, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero has rendered a calibre of service deserving of the highest praise, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Military service of the Italian Air Force. Entered service from Casale Monferrago, Italy.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(POSTHUMOUS)

Captain Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, serving with the Office of Strategic Services as Chief of the "Bear Team", Italian Division, rendered meritorious service in northern Italy from January to December 1944. Accompanied by a radio operator, he was infiltrated by submarine near Venice and moved on to Padua, where he set up his radio and sent an accurate description of the air station and landing ground and gave valuable suggestions for the infiltration of other teams. He reported bombardment results and target data to the Fifteenth Air Force, accounts of various counterespionage centers, and military intelligence on troop movements, fortifications, traffic, dumps and bridges. In Venice he played a leading part in the resistance movement, organizing an elaborate intelligence net and a group of saboteurs. Arrested by Fascists while performing his duties, he was reportedly executed at Mauthausen on 29 December 1944. By his fearless, skillful intelligence work and leadership, Captain Rossoni contributed materially to the Allied cause.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: M. of W. REF: 193/N 6

TO : Gen. CC.RR. HQ. Rome DATE: 31/5/46
(for info. M.M.I.A.).

See A245 of 30 May

.....Asking you to pre-arrange, contacting M.M.I.A., for the purpose of obtaining the date during which Col. KERR will proceed to your Gen. HQ., a suitable ceremony for the handing over of the decoration to Sgt. BOTTELLO.

We await information on the procedure to be adopted.

Sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

GR/Bz.

Ministero della Guerra

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L. F. S. C., A. C. (MMIQ) - R O M A

A 245 20 Maggio 1946

OGGETTO: - Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO

Al MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

1. Siamo lieti di comunicare che al Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO è stata concessa la stella di bronzo americana per ordine del Comandante Generale le Forze Americane del Teatro operazioni europeo. Si trasmette copia della motivazione:

" Al Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO, Esercito Italiano, per servizio meritevole in relazione ad operazioni militari, in qualità di aiutante dell'agente speciale addetto alla Sezione "B" 508 Distaccamento Servizio Controspionaggio, Combat Command "B" della 1^ Divisione corazzata americana, dal 10 settembre 1944 al 2 maggio 1945. Il Brigadiere Bottello lavorando spesso nottetempo senza badare alla sicurezza personale ed alla propria salute, ha compiuto il suo dovere in modo eccezionale. Egli ha spesso interrogato un numero elevato di 100 persone al giorno coadiuvando materialmente allo stabilirsi della sicurezza della Divisione. In una circostanza, con coraggio ed ardimento senza pari, egli ottenne la resa di circa 150 soldati tedeschi compreso il loro ufficiale comandante. Il coraggio del brigadiere Bottello, le sue iniziative ed attaccamento al dovere gli fanno onore e con lui alle forze armate alleate".

2. Si prega voler provvedere all'organizzazione di un'adeguata cerimonia ed il Colonn. KERR Ufficiale americano più elevato in grado presso questo Comando consegnerà la decorazione.

p. il MAGGIOR GENERALE CAPO MISSIONE
F.to Magg. VAN KIRK

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO
Ufficio Onorificenze e Ricompense.

Prot.N. 193/46

Roma, 22 83 1946

Al COMANDO GENERALE CC. RR. - R O M A

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Ufficio Onorificenze e Ricompense.

Prot°.N°. 193/26 Roma, 22 GIU 1946

Al COMANDO GENERALE CC. RR. = ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

Al COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE = ROMA

Alla LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION A.C. - (M.M.I.A.) = ROMA

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Si rimane in attesa di conoscere le modalità che verranno concretate al riguardo.

D'Ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Subject : PRUNERI Giacomo (Brig. Gen.)

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

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11th Jun. '45.

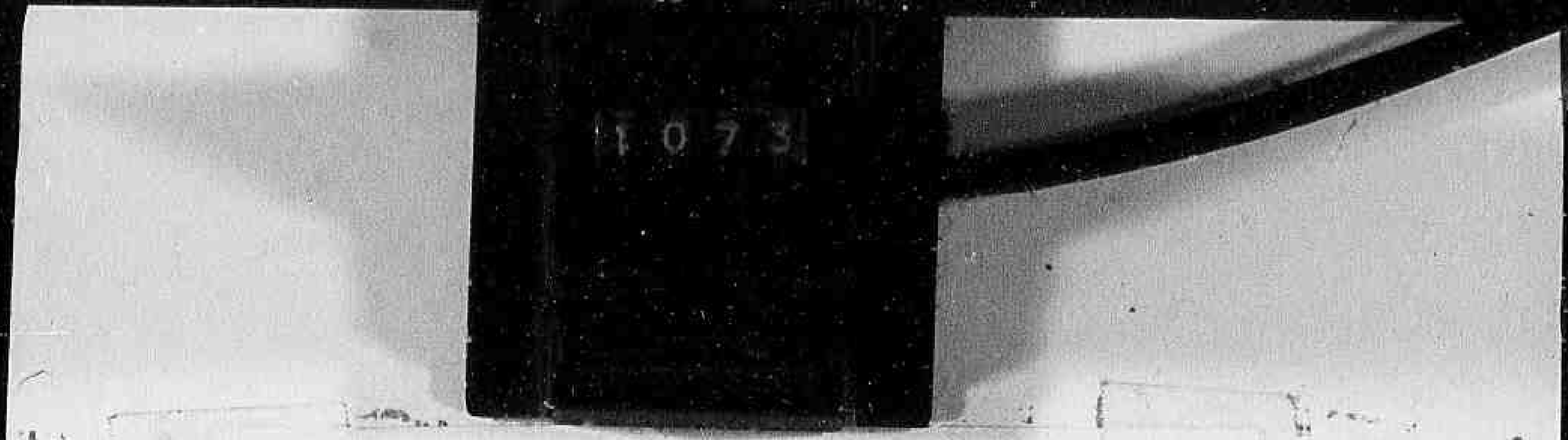
To : Ministry of War

It is requested that you furnish us with the present assignment and location of Brigadier General Giacomo PRUNERI since ROMA is holding an approved American decoration for him.

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

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Ltr HQ MTOUSA, Subj: Award of Decoration, General Clemente Primieri, dtd 1 June 46.

S: 3 June 46
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200.6/330 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 3 June 46.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794, U.S. Army
ATT: MMIA.

For compliance with basic communication and information furnished through this headquarters on or before 9 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

1 June 1946

AG 201-P-Primieri, Clemente (Ital 0)

SUBJECT: Award of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Attention: MMIA

1. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the present location of Brigadier General Clemente Primieri, Italian Army.

2. Request that this information be furnished as soon as practicable, as this headquarters is holding an approved American decoration for presentation to General Primieri.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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Subject : Cesare SIMONI, 27009, WO II Italian Royal Navy

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

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4th Jun. '46.

To : No. 6 P.I.U. BOLOGNA

1. Ref. attached award.

2. We find upon further investigation that WO Cesare SIMONI who was formerly in the Italian Navy and stationed at TARANTO, has been discharged and is now located at :

Via Claudia.
Soligneno Su PANARO
Prov. of Modena
Questura, Carolundere

3. It is requested that you, acting in conjunction with the Territorial Headquarters at Bologna present or cause to be presented the enclosed award. to Cesare SIMONI. When this has been accomplished please advise us.

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

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Subject : Photographs of Bolzano ceremony

Rome, 4th June 1946

To : Lt-Col. J.S. DOUGLAS
4. B.L.U. BOLZANO

Dear Colonel,

An in receipt of your DO/4/GB of 29 May 46 with enclosures. Many thanks for the pictures. I have passed them along to Col. KERR who is leaving to-morrow for the States. Please let me know what they cost you and I will remit.

Thanks again for a most pleasant stay in Bolzano. The Colonel and I enjoyed it immensely.

Cordially,

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major Inf.

RCV/as

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From : Lieut-Col J.S.H.DOUGLAS,
The Seaforth Highlanders.

4 British Liaison Unit,
BOLZANO CMF.
29 May 46.

DO/4/GB.

Dear Van Kirk.

I am sending you these photographs as I do not know whether or not Colonel Kerr has yet left for the States: he asked me to let him have some prints and these are they. I am sending several duplicates in case you would like to have some yourself: if by any chance Colonel Kerr has left perhaps you would be kind enough to send the remainder on to him.

We look forward to seeing you again here before long.

Regards,

Yrs, sincerely.
Jock Douglas.

To : Major R.C.VAN KIRK,
HQ Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC(MMIA) ROME.

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LAND FORCES S/C (MMIA) (47)

200.6
(24 May 46)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 794, U. S. Army, 29 May 1946. RBB/lam

TO: All concerned.

1. Recommendations for all awards other than Army Commendation Ribbon (Par 4), Emblems for Civilian Employees (Par 6), and awards from co-belligerent nations (Par 16) will be submitted so as to reach this Headquarters not later than 1800 hours 15 June 1946.

2. The purpose of this order is to facilitate the clearing up of all outstanding recommendations. Reduction of personnel of this Regiment will not enable this headquarters to continue processing of awards as in the past.

3. Attention is specifically invited to the deadline dates in Paragraphs 2b, 2d, and 4d as well as to the time limitation in Paragraph 12. All instructions given in the basic communication will be strictly complied with.

4. In connection with Italian awards, attention is particularly invited to Paragraph 16d.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROSS:

RICHARD B BULLOCK
Major Inf
Adjutant

Seen by Maj. VANVLIET.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

CIRCULAR)
:
NUMBER 82)

24 May 1946

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Rescissions: Circulars and letters enumerated in the sub-paragraphs below are superseded by this Circular.

a. Circulars, Headquarters MTOUSA: Number 73, 1945; Section III, Number 79, 1945; Section II, Number 116, 1945; Section II, Number 126, 1945; Section II, Number 129, 1945; and Number 25, 1946.

b. Letters, Headquarters MTOUSA: File AG 330.13/386 A-O, dated 2 December 1944, Subject: "Meritorious Service Unit Plaque"; File AG 200.6/505 PERS-O, dated 24 March 1945, Subject: "Medical Badge"; File AG 200.6/028 A-O dated 12 May 1945, Subject: "Awards and Decorations"; File AG 200.6/028 A-O, dated 9 August 1945, Subject: "Awards and Decorations"; and File AG 200.6/380 A-O, dated 21 September 1945, Subject: "Medal of Freedom".

1. Authority to Award:

a. Paragraph 8, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, indicates who may take final action on all awards of US Military decorations.

b. For those decorations which the Theater Commander is given authority to award, there is no delegation of this authority to any subordinate commander. Any previous publication or directive of Headquarters MTOUSA which delegated such authority to subordinate commanders is rescinded effective upon receipt of this circular. Specific attention is invited to paragraph 8b (3) and (4) of AR 600-45, as changed by War Department Circular Number 92, 1946, which rescinds the previous delegation by War Department for authority to award the Purple Heart Medal to subordinate commanders.

2. Supplemental Information on Specific Awards:

a. Legion of Merit:

The Theater Commander has been delegated authority to award the Legion of Merit to American military personnel for services performed in this theater.

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b. Bronze Star Medal:

This decoration may be awarded for services performed in this theater on or before 12 January 1946.

c. Air Medal:

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Hq MTOUSA Circular No. 82 (Cont'd)

(1) Field Artillery liaison pilots and regularly assigned observers qualify for the award of the Air Medal only after completing the prerequisites mentioned herein:

(a) Thirty-five (35) sorties; or

(b) Any single meritorious act while participating in aerial flight.

(2) Definition of "sorties" - A sortie is deemed to have taken place when a flight has been ordered which involves:

(a) Adjustment of artillery fire on any enemy installation.

(b) Surveillance of artillery fire on any enemy installation.

(c) Registration of artillery fire in enemy territory.

(d) Front line reconnaissance of at least one hour duration.

(e) Any flight in which the airplane has been attacked by enemy aircraft.

(f) Credit for only one sortie will be given regardless of any combination of the above missions which may be accomplished on any one flight.

(g) Credit for sorties will be given only when every effort for the success of the mission has been made. Such credits will be specified and approved by the battalion, group, brigade, division, corps, or army artillery commander.

d. Medal of Freedom:

The Theater Commander has been delegated authority to award the Medal of Freedom to American civilians and citizens of co-belligerent nations for services performed in this theater. This decoration may be awarded for services performed in this theater on or before 12 January 1946. Recommendations for the award of this decoration to citizens of co-belligerent nations will indicate the degree of the award which is recommended.

3. Accomplishment of Service for the Award of the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit:

The provisions of AR 600-45 stating that: "The accomplishment of the duty for which the award is recommended should have been completed, or should have progressed to an exceptional degree if the person rendering the service has been transferred to other duties prior to its full accomplishment", is interpreted:

For all assigned personnel, the services will be considered complete when the specific mission or operational assignment has been carried out to a successful conclusion, or the recipient transferred prior to its conclusion, and the entire service performed is sufficiently outstanding to justify the award.

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Hq MTOUSA Circular No. 82 (Cont'd)

4. Army Commendation Ribbon:

Recommendations for this award will be forwarded in the same manner and form as prescribed for other decorations. Standard of performance will be comparable to that for which the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, except that the ribbon will be awarded for non-operational activities only. No credit will be added to the adjusted service rating score for the Army Commendation Ribbon.

a. Retroactive Awards:

(1) An individual who has received a letter of commendation from or in the name of a Major General or officer of higher grade written subsequent to 7 December 1941 and prior to 1 January 1946, may obtain authority to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon by applying to the Theater Commander.

(2) A true copy of the letter of commendation will be sent to the Theater Commander with the request for authority to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon.

(3) Request will include:

(a) Date or period covered if not stated by letter.

(b) List of other awards authorized the applicant, including dates covered thereby.

(c) A statement that this commendation does not duplicate any other award.

5. Good Conduct Medal:

The provisions of this circular do not apply to this decoration. The Good Conduct Medal will continue to be awarded in accordance with the provisions of AR 600-68, 4 May 1943, as amended.

6. Emblems for Civilian Employees:

Authority for the award of emblems to civilian employees is contained in Civilian Personnel Regulations Number 104, 12 April 1944, as amended. The authority delegated to the Theater Commander by Civilian Personnel Regulations Number 104 to award certain of these emblems is not delegated to lower commanders. Recommendations for these awards will be forwarded through channels to this headquarters, substantially in the form outlined in Appendix "C" hereto.

7. Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges:

These badges are awarded under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, 1944, as amended, except that any instructions contained in Circular Number 408 or elsewhere in connection with the awarding by any commander below the Theater Commander will be disregarded. Recommendations for these awards will be forwarded through channels to this headquarters.

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Hq MTOUSA Circular No. 82 (Cont'd)

8. Medical Badge:

This badge is awarded under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 229, 1945, as amended, except that any instructions contained in Circular Number 229 or elsewhere in connection with the awarding by any commander below the Theater Commander will be disregarded. Recommendations for this award will be forwarded through channels to this headquarters.

9. Awards for Units:

a. Distinguished Unit Citation:

The approval of the award of the Distinguished Unit Citation will be in accordance with War Department Circular Number 333, 1943, as amended, except that no commander below the Theater Commander will have authority to approve the citation for any unit.

(1) Co-belligerent personnel or civilians on duty with American Units during the period for which such units are cited, may not receive and/or wear the Distinguished Unit Badge, (Canadian elements of United States Units of the First Special Force who are bona fide members of United States Units are authorized to wear the badge).

(2) The unit cited will prepare and forward through channels a roster of all individuals who have not been informed of the award and who are no longer members of the unit, who are entitled to wear the badge as a permanent part of the uniform. Such rosters will be prepared so as to reach this headquarters in duplicate and will indicate the last known status and/or address of each individual concerned. When the last known address is within this theater, direct correspondence is authorized (see paragraph 14c herein). Each successive headquarters through which such reports are forwarded will issue badges and make necessary personnel record entries for individuals under its jurisdiction, indicating by indorsement the action taken in each case, and lining out on the roster the name of each individual when they have notified of his eligibility to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge.

b. Meritorious Service Unit Plaque:

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque will be awarded under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 54, 1946. Recommendations will be submitted through channels to the Theater Commander. Attention is invited to the fact that previous authorization for commanders of Major Commands to approve this award has been rescinded.

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10. Battle Participation Awards:

a. A list of battles and campaigns in this theater recognized by the War Department has been published in War Department General Orders Numbers 75 and 83, 1943, and Numbers 33, 46 and 105, 1945.

b. Units entitled to battle honors for any of the campaigns mentioned in paragraph a above, have been listed in headquarters MTOUSA Letters, file AG 200.6/040 P-O, Subject : "Battle Participation Awards". Units omitted from any list published by this headquarters announcing battle honors, which are entitled to such honors under the provisions of paragraph 21b (3)(b), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, may make application to this headquarters through channels.

c. Individuals who are eligible to wear the appropriate theater ribbon, if qualified under the provisions stated below, may wear bronze service stars on the appropriate theater service ribbon to indicate battle participation, (See War Department Circulars No. 62, 1944, No. 195, 1944, and No. 56, 1946).

(1) Provided the individual served honorably, and was present for duty as a member of, or attached to, a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit therefor in any of the letters, this headquarters, mentioned in paragraph 10b above; or-

(2) In cases of individuals not members of, or attached to, units, provided the individual served honorably under competent orders in the combat zone at some time between the limiting dates of the battle or campaign as established by War Department General Orders, and was:

(a) Awarded a combat decoration, or-

(b) Furnished a certificate of a corps or higher commander that he actually participated in combat, or-

(c) Served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying the status of an inspector, observer or visitor serving on a temporary basis).

11. Recommendations:

a. Recommendations for awards, together with supporting papers, will be forwarded so as to reach this headquarters in duplicate. 2278

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

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c. Each recommendation will list all previous awards made to the individual or unit and the period covered by such awards, including designation of the headquarters and general orders number announcing the award. Information will also be furnished as to any outstanding recommendations for other awards to the individual or unit, and the period of service covered by such recommendation.

d. Grade and assignment at the time service was rendered, as well as grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made, must be shown. If the recommendation is being resubmitted, that fact will be shown.

e. Recommendation will give the period and limiting dates of the service for which the award is proposed. Recommendation will also bear the statement of the originator of his personal knowledge of the service rendered, otherwise supporting papers testifying to the service will accompany the recommendation.

f. Recommendations will be submitted in a form similar to that shown in Appendix "B", and will be forwarded through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval.

g. Except for Canadians, no recommendations for the award of the Air Medal, or for any posthumous award, will be initiated for foreign personnel

12. Time Limitations:

In addition to the provisions of Changes Number 7 to paragraph 21, AR 600-45, the procedure outlined herein is directed:

a. Normally, a recommendation for an award will be processed to reach this headquarters not later than thirty (30) days from the date of its initiation. If, when any recommendation is being forwarded, it is apparent that it will not arrive at this headquarters in less than thirty (30) days from its initiation, it will be accompanied by an explanation as to the reasons for the delay.

13. Publication in Orders:

a. Awards of decorations are announced in general orders of the approving headquarters, in accordance with Paragraph 4, Section I, AR 600-45. Since authority to award decorations is no longer delegated to any subordinate commander of this theater, all awards to individuals and units will be announced in general orders of this headquarters only, except for the Good Conduct Medal. Such announcement will include name, army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where the action occurred for which the award is made. The home address at the time of entry into the service or entry into the United States Military Academy will be shown. In cases of posthumous, missing in action, or prisoner of war awards, the full name, relationship, and address of the next of kin will be included in the general orders. Individuals submitting recommendations will insure that all this information on the recommended individual is included.

b. Award of the Good Conduct Medal will be announced in appropriate general orders or company orders of the approving organization, in accordance with authority contained in Paragraph 5 of this circular.

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14. Presentation:

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

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

c. When an award is approved and published in general orders of this headquarters, the citation and copies of the general order will be forwarded by letter from this headquarters to the appropriate headquarters within this theater for presentation. In the event that the individual to whom an award is to be presented is transferred to another organization within this theater before presentation can be accomplished, the former organization will forward the citation and general orders direct to the individual's new organization without delay, in order that presentation can be accomplished. In those cases where it has been definitely determined that the recipient has already departed from this theater, the correspondence will be returned to this headquarters through channels, giving information as to the date of departure, the reason therefor, and the destination, in order that the papers may be forwarded to the proper command to have presentation accomplished.

15. Awards to be Noted in Records:

a. Awards of decorations, dates, and places of presentation will be noted in the historical records of organizations and in the service records of enlisted men, and for all others on WD AGO Form No. 66-1 and 66-2 (Officers' and Warrant Officers' Qualification Card), also where applicable in appropriate personnel files and efficiency records. This will include entries pertaining to eligibility of individuals to wear appropriate Service Medals, Bronze Service Stars, Bronze Star for the American Defense Service Medal, Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges, Distinguished Unit Badge, Meritorious Service Unit Insignia, and all other badges. Unit commanders will cause a periodic check to be made of such records to see that necessary entries are made for personnel now present in their organization.

b. In cases where the individual's personnel records are not available, entry of the award of the Purple Heart will be made on his Emergency Medical Tag or Report Card (WD MD Form No. 52) citing the authority for the award. The award will be announced in general orders and in addition to the distribution otherwise required, one (1) copy will be furnished the individual and the individual's unit commander. 2277

16. Acceptance of Awards from Co-belligerent Nations and other American Republics:

a. Concurrence in the acceptance of foreign awards to United States military personnel and War Department employees will be by the Theater Commander only. Foreign awards and presentations thereof will not be accepted unless prior approval by the Theater Commander has been obtained.

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b. In accordance with paragraph 33, AR 600-45, 27 September 1943, as amended, offers by the governments of co-belligerent nations (with the exception of Italy) or the American republics, of decorations, orders, medals, and emblems to United States Army personnel, will be forwarded through channels to the Theater Commander for concurrence in their acceptance.

c. All requests for concurrence in the acceptance of foreign awards, submitted under paragraph 16b above, will include:

(1) Name of the country proferring the award.

(2) Designation of the award (with degree, if any).

(3) Statement of other foreign decorations authorized.

(4) Name, grade, serial number, present organization and principal assignment of recipient during the past year.

d. In the case of awards by the Italian Government to be presented to US Army Personnel, the Italian Government first notifies this headquarters in writing of their intention to present the award. If the Theater Commander concurs in the acceptance of the award by the individual involved, the Italian Government is notified in writing of the concurrence, and a letter is sent to the recipient by this headquarters, giving him authority to accept the award. No separate action is required by the individual or his organization to secure authorization to accept an Italian award.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

L. C. JAYNES
Major General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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SUBJECT	WAR DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION
Air Force Badge	Cir 435, Sec. I, 1944 Cir 53, Sec. II, 1945
American Defense Service Medal	Cir 118, 1946
Animals, Awards to	Cir 26, Sec. III, 1944
Badge (See Infantryman, Glider, Medical, Motor Vehicle, AF)	
Battle Participation	AR 260-10, as amended AR 600-85 Cir 195, 1944 Cir 56, 1946 GO 75, 1943 GO 83, Sec III, 1943 GO 80, Sec VI, 1944 (Amends GO 83, Sec III 1943) GO 33, 1945 GO 105, 1945
Bronze Star Medal	Bull 3, Sec II, 1944 AR 600-45, as amended
Bronze Arrowhead	Cir 56, 1946 Cir 260, 1945
Campaign Medals	Cir 56, 1946
Citations, Unit (See: Unit, Meritorious Service Plaque)	Bull 22, Sec I, 1943 Cir 333, Sec IV, 1943 Cir 311, Sec III, 1945 Cir 5, Sec VIII, 1945 Cir 94, Sec IV, 1945
Commendation	AR 600-55
Army Commendation Ribbon	Cir 377, 1945
Medal of Freedom	Cir 273, 1945 Cir 132, Sec V, 1946
U.S. of A. Typhus Com. Medal	AR 600-45, as amended Cir 19, 1946
Medal for Merit	Bull 40, 1942 Bull 9, Sec II & III, 1943 AR 600-45, as amended Exec Ord #9331, White House, 19 Apr 1943

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Decorations, General Provisions	AR 600-45, as amended AR 600-85 AR 600-90, as amended Cir 46, Sec III, 1945 Cir 260, 1945 Cir 60, Sec II, 1945 Cir 101, Sec II, 1945 Cir 6, Sec IV, 1943 Cir 353, 1945 Cir 377, 1945
Flags, Colors, Standards, & Guidons	AR 260-10, as amended
Glider Badge	Cir 220, Sec IV, 1944, as amended
Good Conduct Medal	AR 600-68, as amended Bull 6, Sec II, 1943 Cir 36, Sec II, 1944 Cir 118, 1946
Infantryman's Badge, Expert and Combat	Cir 263, Sec II, 1945 Cir 421, Sec III, 1945 Cir 92, 1945 Cir 318, Sec III, 1945 AR 600-40, as amended
Insignia	Cir 320, Sec III, 1944 Cir 431, Sec II, 1944 Cir 96, 1946 Cir 72, Sec II, 1946
Lapel Button (Hon Discharge)	Cir 311, Sec V, 1944
Lapel Button (Service)	Cir 62, 1945
Legion of Merit	Bull 40, 1942 AR 600-45, as amended
Medical Badge	Cir 229, 1945 Cir 260, 1945 Cir 263, 1945
Motor Vehicle, Driver and Mechanic Awards	AR 600-81, as amended Cir 106, 1945
Occupation of Germany Medal (World War I)	Cir 118, 1946
Army of Occupation Medal (World War II)	GO 32, 1946 Cir 102, 1946
Plaque (See Unit)	

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Purple Heart	AR 600-45, as amended
Supply of Medals	AR 600-65, as amended AR 600-90, as amended AR 600-85
Uniform, Wearing of	AR 600-35, as amended AR 600-37 AR 600-40, as amended Cir 365, Sec IX, 1944 Cir 294, Sec XI, 1945 Cir 434, 1944
Unit, Meritorious Service Plaque	Cir 331, Sec I, 1945 Cir 54, 1946
WAC - Awards	Bull 17, Sec II, 1943 Cir 118, 1946 AR 260-10, as amended
Wound and Service Chevrons	Cir 268, 1944 Cir 116, Sec VII, 1945 Cir 41 and 353, 1945 Cir 56, 1946
Theater Ribbon (American)	Cir 62, 1944 Cir 345, Sec II, 1945

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Hq ETOUSA Circular #82 M O D E L F O R M

201_____ Date_____

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

THROUGH:

TO :

1. Under the provisions of _____ (authority) it is recommended that _____ (name), _____ (grade), _____ (ASN), _____ (Arm or Service) _____ (Organization) (including Staff Section if on duty at a headquarters), be awarded the _____ (decoration) for _____ (appropriate remark to appear in citation) during the period _____ to _____ (limiting dates).

2. Narrative description of services performed given in detail with facts, places and dates.

3. For combat decorations, the information outlined below will be furnished:

a. Character of the terrain, of hostile observation and enemy fire.

b. Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions.

c. Location of enemy.

d. Morale - that of our forces and that of the enemy.

e. Casualties sustained.

f. Effect or results of the deed for which award is recommended.

4. Statement as to personal knowledge of the facts by the initiating officer, if no personal knowledge of the service rendered, two affidavits from eye witnesses or persons having knowledge of the services must be inclosed.

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5. Statement that all service of the recipient has been honorable.

6. Statement showing the exact status of the proposed recipient at the time the act or service was performed, with grade and assignments; also grade and assignment at the time the recommendation is made.

7. List of previous awards, to include general order number and headquarters of issue, and period covered by the award. Information will also be furnished as to any outstanding recommendations for other awards to the individual, and the period of service covered by such recommendation.

8. Proposed citation: (Concise summary of recommendation).

SIGNATURE OF ORIGINATOR

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MODEL FORM

201 _____ Date _____

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Civilian Award

THROUGH:

TO :

1. Under the provisions of Civilian Personnel Regulations No. 104, 12 April 1944 as amended, it is recommended that _____ (full Name), a civilian whose legal residence is _____ (address), now currently employed by _____ (name of command) in the position of _____ (job title or descriptive term indicating nature of duties) be awarded the Emblem for _____, from _____ to _____ (limiting dates).

2. In support of the proposed award, the additional personnel data for this individual outlined below is submitted:

a. Country of birth.

b. Country of citizenship.

c. Current efficiency report rating.

d. The services performed by _____, which are considered by the undersigned to merit the award indicated in paragraph 1, are outlined below: (state service in complete detail).

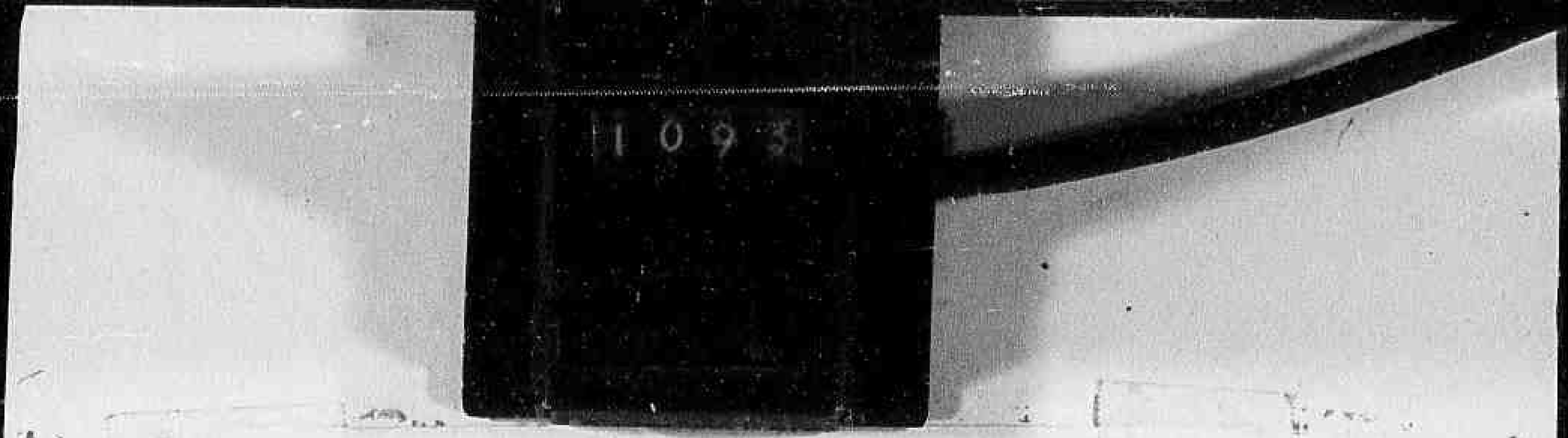
e. Date services commenced _____. (This statement will be completed only for an award of the Emblem for Exceptional Civilian Service, or the Emblem for Meritorious Civilian Service).

3. It is certified by the undersigned that the above information is a true extract of official records, and to the best of my knowledge and belief this individual's services have been honorable, and that his (her) loyalty to the service and Government of the United States and the Army of the United States is above question.

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SIGNATURE OF ORIGINATOR

NOTE: To be approved or disapproved by each commander in the chain of command prior to forwarding.



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Subject : Lt-Col. Ottorino BOZZA, Italian Army

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

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29 May 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. This Headquarters is pleased to advise you that Lt-Col Ottorino BOZZA Italian Army has been awarded the American Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General of MTOUSA for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 1 January 1944 to 20 April 1945. Attached is a copy of the citation.

2. If you will cause to be arranged a suitable ceremony the Senior American Officer with this Headquarters will upon notification make the presentation.

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

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Medal held by Sqd Leader

RCV/ds

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Basic; Ltr Hq. MTOUSA, Sub. Presentation of Decoration, dtd 22 May 1946,
Award of Bronze Star Medal to Lt. Col. Ottorino Bozza, Italian Army

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AG 200.6/295 1st Ind. CBM/PH/hll

Headquarters Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 24 May 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
(Att'n: MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

S: 22 June 1946

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

22 May 1946

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

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

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Attention: MMIA

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:

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

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

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

A 245 27th May 1946.

Subject : BERNI CAMANI

To : CO, MPCUSA,
APO 512 U.S. Army

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1. Ref. attached correspondence.

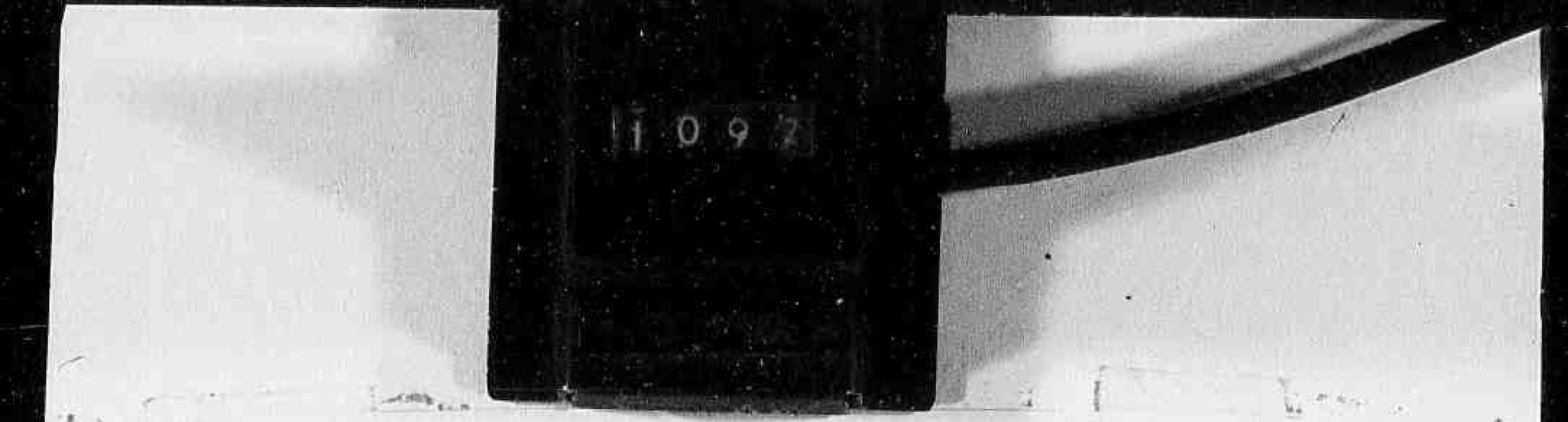
2. Colonel Clayton P. KERR, Senior American Officer with this Headquarters presented the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Camani Berni, Italian Army, Saturday 25 May 1946 at the Caserma Regina Margherita, Rome. The Italian Ministry of War had arranged a large and impressive ceremony for the occasion.

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

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

WITH SILVER PALM

ANGELO CURTIS, Lieutenant General, Royal Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy to the Government of the United States from 4 June 1944 to 2 May 1945. As an underground resistance leader during the months prior to the fall of Rome and later as Italian military Commander of two highly important areas in the United States Fifth Army zone, General Curtis exercised great executive ability and outstanding personal leadership in solving the problems facing him. While German troops searched for him in the Abruzzi hills, spurred on by an 800,000.00 reward offer, General Curtis organized and directed fanatical anti-Nazi resistance and sabotage. In recognition of his steadfast loyalty, devotion to the ideals of his duty and trained technical skills, he was given the command of Group I, comprising the two Italian Infantry divisions with the United States Fifth Army, in which position he directed the coordinated efforts of the first Italian troops to fight with that Army. In addition to administering the discipline and tactical work of these groups, he was responsible for and successfully supervised the military district of Tuscany. In Bologna, soon after the city was liberated, General Curtis again assumed the area military command and accomplished his mission with great ability, discretion and demonstration of military knowledge. His continued contributions to the success of the Allied cause in Italy, his unexcelled performance of duties of the highest responsibility and his competent administering of large and important military commands reflect great credit on him in keeping with the ideals and traditions of freedom loving people.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

NICOLA FRANCESCHELLI, Captain, Medical Corps, Italian Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1944 to June 1945. Attached to the Medical Section of the Fifth Army Allied Military Government, Captain Franceschelli landed on the Anzio beachhead on D-day plus 8 and served in an outstanding manner until the end of the Italian campaign, frequently under combat conditions and in zones where prompt and efficient action was essential. At Anzio he organized all the available civilian doctors and nurses and established a 65 bed hospital in a large villa which was available. In addition to the hospital, Captain Franceschelli organized five ambulatories in different sections of the beachhead where doctors, nurses, and midwives were assigned to care for wounded and sick civilians. Within four months some 450 serious cases were accommodated in the hospital and nearly 180 were evacuated from the beachhead on Army hospital ships in cooperation with Allied Army medical authorities, under Captain Franceschelli's constant supervision. In addition, he kept active a strenuous malaria control campaign in the Pontine marshes which was of great value throughout the area. At Genzano and the surrounding area he converted farm buildings into such an efficient hospital that he was able to care for wounded and seriously ill civilians of the entire western portion of the Fifth Army Area. Captain Franceschelli entered Bologna the first day of occupation, reorganized 11 of the 13 civilian hospitals, and made a rapid health survey so that preventive health measures were taken to safeguard that city overcrowded with some 100,000 refugees. His reorganization of the hospitals increased their capacity so that two of the city's best were made available for Fifth Army medical use. At all times Captain Franceschelli applied his medical training efficiently and cheerfully to help Italian civilians and to relieve the Fifth Army Medical Corps and Military Government of many vital responsibilities, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Allied cause.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

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GIOVANNI MALFITANO, Lieutenant Colonel, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States in Italy from 1 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. As a Prosecutor for the Italian Military Tribunals of Naples, Italy, Lieutenant Colonel Malfitano performed outstanding services in connection with the trial of thousands of cases in which the interests of the Allies were affected by reason of thefts of Allied property and assaults and murder of Allied military personnel. He was largely responsible for securing arrests against the Allied Forces, and through his untiring efforts in the investigation, preparation and prosecution of Allied interest cases, made it possible to release Allied Legal Officers for other essential activities.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

VITTORIO CARRARA, Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from June 1944 to June 1945. From the first days of his assignment to Fifth Army Allied Military Government until after the surrender of German forces in Italy, Lieutenant Carrara gave prompt, intelligent, and valuable service to the Allied cause, under combat conditions, in tasks such as the determination of damage and necessary repair to aqueducts, sewers, flour mills, power plants, and other utility installations throughout the Fifth Army area. With crews of civilian laborers, Lieutenant Carrara entered towns still under enemy fire and made reconnaissance of essential work, improvising repairs until the necessary materials could become available for more permanent work. In Leghorn Lieutenant Carrara and his crews initiated sewer and aqueduct repairs while under heavy fire, and at Viareggio he worked with men repairing the aqueduct encouraging others of the crew to remain on the job even though some had just been wounded by enemy fire, while active encouragement enabled them to finish repairing the damaged aqueduct and supply water to the town at a critical time when transporting water would have been a severe handicap to Fifth Army. In the area near Viareggio Lieutenant Carrara planned, supervised, and carried through to completion a successful 12,000 hectare land rehabilitation program, draining fields which had been flooded by German destruction of water control devices. By his loyalty, efficiency, and willingness to assume responsibilities, Lieutenant Carrara reflected great credit upon himself and the Allied cause.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

WILLIAM GATTA, 16710, Captain, Italian Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 60th Quartermaster Base Depot, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 4 February 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Italian Liaison Officer of Adriatic Base Command, Captain Gatta won the admiration and esteem of officers and enlisted men in that headquarters by his untiring efforts, alertness and attention to duty. In the early months of Adriatic Depot existence he was instrumental in making contacts with civilian real estate owners in Bari, Italy and vicinity for the purpose of requisitioning warehouse and open storage space for the fast expanding Adriatic Depot. The Commanding Officer of Adriatic Base Command, realizing Captain Gatta's honesty and ability, sent him to Foggia to report on the availability of water, health conditions, the presence of epidemics, and warehousing facilities in order to better organize a new group of depots which were to be set up in that area as Adriatic Depot No. 2. In the Salvage Section he performed his most valuable service. Between $100,000 and $300,000 of scrap materials a month were sold almost entirely on his contacts with civilian firms and business men. He surveyed about forty-five airfields left by the Fifteenth Air Force which contained scrap materials valued in most cases at between $10,000 and $20,000. He contacted the many prospective buyers, arranged the contracts and shipping tickets and took care of all details except for the approval of the amount received for the various sales. The many responsibilities which were given to this one officer and the excellence with which they were carried out was an inspiration to the American officers and enlisted men with whom he worked. His ingenuity, resourcefulness and efficiency was a source of great service to the Army of the United States. Entered service from Bari, Italy.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ROMANO ANDRECTTI, Second Lieutenant, Royal Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 5 April 1945 to 12 October 1945. During the 442d Combat Team's combat operations in Italy, Lieutenant Andrecotti rendered valuable service in organizing Italian partisans and civilians into carrying parties to maintain the flow of supplies to our troops fighting on rugged and precipitous terrain. His work in interrogating prisoners, particularly Italian Fascists, secured vital information with great speed and facilitated the rapid advance of the 442d Combat Team's drive up the Ligurian Coast. After the capitualtion of the enemy forces in Italy, Lieutenant Andrecotti displayed outstanding tact and understanding in handling the relations between civilians and troops. Lieutenant Andrecott's courage, tact and devotion to the Allied cause reflect credit upon himself and the Royal Italian Army.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SIRO SERRAO, Lieutenant Colonel, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from September 1943 to June 1944. As Commanding Officer of the Raggruppamento Bande Patrioti Monte Scratte in the regions of Abruzzo, Umbria, and Toscana, Lieutenant Colonel Serrabo directed a group of patriots which operated behind the German lines, making frequent attacks on German positions, disrupting communications, and destroying or capturing German stores and equipment. His heroic efforts contributed materially to the successful liberation of that area from the Germans, thereby reflecting great credit upon him.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ARTURO CARTA, Captain, Artillery, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 November 1943 to 1 August 1945. As Italian Liaison Officer on duty with Peninsular Base Section, Captain Carta was instrumental in organizing the first group of Italian Troops to be utilized by Peninsular Base Section and which were to reach a maximum of 56,000 men. He quickly won the respect of all those with whom he came in contact, through his remarkable intelligence and his exceptional knowledge of the English language. Captain Carta's intelligent opinions, advice and his knowledge of the organization of the Italian Army have been of utmost value to the United States Army. His assistance to the United States Army has been characterized by his complete understanding of the task to be done, and his complete sympathy with the common cause. His exceptional tact, willingness to cooperate and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

VITTORIO DINI, Captain, Italian Army, office of the Carabinieri Real, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 March 1944 to 15 September 1945. Attached to Allied Military Government, 5th Army, 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission, Captain Dini was assigned the duties of organizing the first Allied Military Government Truck Company, the movement of Rome Area Command and Allied Military Government Rome areas from Naples to Rome, supervising an Italian Regiment of Autieri, police work in locating key personnel desired in connection with public utilities and in the obtaining of vehicles, operations in Piemonte area and organizing and supervising a mine removal team in the Piemonte Region. To build up the various organizations under his command at various times Captain Dini worked without complaint and without considering the hardships he encountered or the language barrier. His enthusiasm for his work, his efficiency and deportment as a soldier won the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. Captain Dini's resourcefulness, zeal, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.

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CITATION WAS PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED.

AGOSTINO SCIALLA, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 November 1943 to 1 August 1944. As Liaison Officer between the Peninsular Base Section and the Italian Army, Lieutenant Colonel Scialla contributed materially to the maintenance of friendly and effective teamwork between the United States and Italian military forces. Possessing a thorough technical knowledge of the Italian Army, its equipment and organization, he was instrumental in planning the over-all logistics of the United States-Italian program within the Base Section, and through his tact and loyal cooperation rendered invaluable assistance in estimating ration and clothing requirements as well as devising adequate systems for their effective distribution. Quickly understanding the valuable services the Italian Army could render by augmenting the vast United States Service Forces in need of even greater man power, Lieutenant Colonel Scialla quickly overcame what appeared to be unsurmountable obstacles. Lieutenant Colonel Scialla's exceptional tact, devotion to duty and willing cooperation in the successful accomplishment of his duties, reflect great honor upon himself and the Italian Army.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Brigadiere Celestino Bottello, Italian Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Section "B", 501st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Combat Command "B", 1st Armored Division, from 10 September 1944 to 2 May 1945. Brigadiere Bottello, often working throughout the night without thought for personal safety or health, performed his duties in an exceptionally outstanding manner. He frequently interrogated as high as one hundred persons daily, materially aiding in establishing the security of the Division. On one occassion, with great intrepedity and daring, he effected the surrender of approximately one hundred and fifty German soldiers, and their commanding officer. Brigadiere Bottello's great courage, initiative and extreme devotion to duty reflect high credit upon him and the Allied Armed Forces.

GO 102, Hq. USFET, 11 April 1946

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AG 201-P-Bottello, Celestino (Ital Off) 1st Ind

HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 22 May 1946

THRU: Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

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TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Attention: MMIA

1. Attached herewith is the medal for the award of the Bronze Star to subject officer per your request.

2. Request presentation be expedited and this headquarters be informed when same is accomplished.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Robert O. Bender

ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Medal (BSM)

AG 200.6/295 2nd Ind CBM/PH/hll

Headquarters Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. ARMY, 24 May 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army
Att'n: MMIA

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Sgt Learombe "A" 2 Clerk
Has possession
of Medal 2258

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Subject : MS 201-P-BOTTELLO, Celestino (Ital Off)

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

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20th May 1946.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref. copy your 1st Ind. above subject of 17 Apr 1946 and our letter to Ital. Ministry of War of this date, see copy attached.

2. Action has been taken by this HQ as indicated by our letter to the Italian Ministry of War. As soon as presentation is completed will notify your Headquarters so that HQ USFET may be advised.

3. In the meantime it is requested that you forward to us a Bronze Star Medal, for none was forwarded with the original communication.

R.C. Van Kirk

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

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Subject : American awards for Italian Officers

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

A 245

27th May 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. The Commanding General MTOUSA has requested that formal authority be obtained for the concurrence by your Headquarters of the following awards to Italian Officers:-

Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm	-	Lieut. Gen. Angelo CERICA
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm	-	Lieut. Col. Giovanni MALFITANO
Medal of Freedom	-	Lieut. Vincenzo CARBARA
" " "	-	Capt. Nicola FRANCESCHELLI
" " "	-	Capt. William GATTA
Bronze Star Medal	-	2d Lieut. Romano ANDREOTTI
" " "	-	Lieut. Col. Siro BERNARDO
" " "	-	Capt. Arturo CARTA
" " "	-	Capt. Vittorio DINI
" " "	-	Lieut. Col. Agostino SCIALLA

2. Copies of the citations are attached. It is requested that your consent be forwarded to this Headquarters for the acceptance by the Italian Officers of the awards indicated.

3. Ref. the award to General CERICA our files indicate that your Headquarters was notified of this award under date of 11 Dec. 1945, our A 350/1, together with an extracted copy of Gen. Orders No. 299 HQ MTOUSA dated 26 Nov. 1945. As to the other awards this is the first official notice we have had of them.

A 2256

RCV

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

RCV/as

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
27 May 1946	Ex. Comm.	attached	Ref. attached list of American awards to Italian personnel. The CG MTOUSA has requested that AC obtain concurrence from the proper Italian authorities for the acceptance of the awards indicated. We have already asked the Ministry of War for its approval for the Army officers and have asked the Air Forces Sub-Commission to handle the Air Corps officers. It is suggested that you handle the Italian Civilians. Copies of the citations for the civilians are attached. Further suggest that you advise this Headquarters when approval has been obtained in order that we may notify MTOUSA.

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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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet

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24 May 1946	Air Forces attached Sub-Comm.		Ref. attached list of American awards to Italian Personnel. The CG MTOUSA has requested that AC obtain concurrence from the proper Italian Ministries for the acceptance of the awards indicated. We have already requested authority from the Ministry of War for the Army officers concerned and are asking the Executive Commission to handle the civilians mentioned. Suggest that you request authority for the following Air Force officers: Lt-Col. Virginio REITANO, Italian Air Force - Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm. Captain Paolo ROSSONI, Italian Air Force - Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous). Copies of the citations are attached. Request that when consent has been obtained that you advise this Headquarters in order that we may notify MTOUSA. R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, for Major General, M.M.I.A.

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Ltr., Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, Subj.: Awards of Italians, dtd 17 May 1946.

200.6/261 1st Ind. CBM/RE/sz

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 20 May 1946.

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq 2675th Regiment Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 394, US Army.

ATT: Commanding Officer, MMIA.

Attention directed to basic communication and report of action taken will be returned through this Headquarters by 15 June 1946.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

C. B. Murphy

C. B. MURPHY,
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

19 Incls.:
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

S: 17 June 1946

In reply refer to

AG 200.63/044-P

17 May 1946

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Attention: MMIA

1. Request appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for the individuals listed on the attached roster in the acceptance of the American award indicated.

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

3. It is desired that action be expedited and this office be notified of action taken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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1-Roster
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Incl I to letter, Hq MTOUSA, dated 17 May 1946, requesting Italian concurrence be obtained for these personnel in the award indicated.

MEDAL OF FREEDOM-WITH SILVER PALM

Lieutenant General	Angelo Cerica	Italian Army

MEDAL OF FREEDOM-WITH BRONZE PALM

	Zanotti Bianchi	Italian Civilian
Lt Colonel	Giovanni Malfitano	Italian Army
	Tullio Masturzo	Italian Civilian
Lt Colonel	Virginio Reinero	Italian Air Force

MEDAL OF FREEDOM

	Antonino Asta	Italian Civilian
	Cesare Baduel	Italian Civilian
	Francesco Barluzzi	Italian Civilian
Lieutenant	Vincenzo Carrara	Italian Army
Captain	Nicola Franceschelli	Italian Army
Captain	William Gatta	Italian Army
	Enrico Reggiani	Italian Civilian
	Ennio Tassinari	Italian Civilian

BRONZE STAR MEDAL-(Posthumous)

Captain	Paolo Rossoni	Italian Air Force

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

2d Lieutenant	Romano Andreotti	Italian Army
Lt Colonel	Siro Bernabo	Italian Army
Captain	Arturo Carta	Italian Army
Captain	Vittorio Dini	Italian Army
Lt Colonel	Agostino Scialla	Italian Army



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CITATION

MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

ZANOTTI BIANCHI, President of the Italian Red Cross, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Allied cause in Italy from August 1944 to September 1945. At a time when the Allied Armies were at the height of the campaign and when every resource of the Allied Military Government was strained, Mr. Bianchi organized the services of the Italian Red Cross without delay and put them at the disposal of the Fifth Army and its Allied Military Government. Under his direction an office of the Italian Red Cross was established in Florence and personnel assigned for administration and for field work in Florence and elsewhere, to relieve the Allied Military Government of responsibility for dealing with welfare problems. This essential welfare work would have been almost impossible for the Allied Military Government to do because of shortage of personnel. The Italian Red Cross, under Mr. Bianchi's direction, assumed much of this. His wholehearted cooperation with the Allied Military Government released Allied Military Government teams for other essential work under fighting conditions. He thus contributed to the success of the campaign and to the work of Allied Military Government.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

BROMZE PALM

TULLIO MASTURZO, Doctor of Engineering, Italian Civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. As General Manager of the Societa Meridionale Elettricita of Naples, Italy, which supplies electric power in Southern Italy, he devoted his entire efforts to the restoration and maintaining of electric service for military and essential civilian needs. He cooperated most efficiently with the military engineer services of the Allied Armies, Allied Commission, and Allied Military Government. His leadership of the utility company's operating personnel in the face of shortages of food, threatened strikes, lack of funds, transportation equipment and supplies resulted in electric service being maintained with a minimum of interruptions to factories, repair shops, food processing plants, and dock services during preparations for the successful campaign against the enemy during 1944 and the winter of 1945. His cooperativeness and willingness to assist in every way reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his company, the Allied forces, as well as to the benefit of his country. Doctor Masturzo is a resident of Naples, Italy.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Professor Engineer ARTURO ASTA, civilian Italian of the Italian Government, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Liaison Engineer between the Electrical Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission Allied Commission and the Ministry of public Works, Engineer Asta has devoted his entire efforts to co-ordinating electric rehabilitation work of Allied Commission and the utility companies with that of the Italian Government. His efforts in the formation and as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committees on Electric Power for Italy have contributed much to the success of these Committees in the orderly restoration of the electric power facilities of Italy. His technical background, combined with his knowledge of factors in the grouping together into a common pool of five different generating and transmitting systems in Central Italy at a common frequency and under a central control in Rome, permitting an even distribution of the power available for Central and Southern Italy. His co-operativeness and willingness to assist in every way reflect credit upon himself, the Allied Forces, as well as to the benefit of his own country. Professor ASTA resides at Via Bruno 27, Rome, Italy.

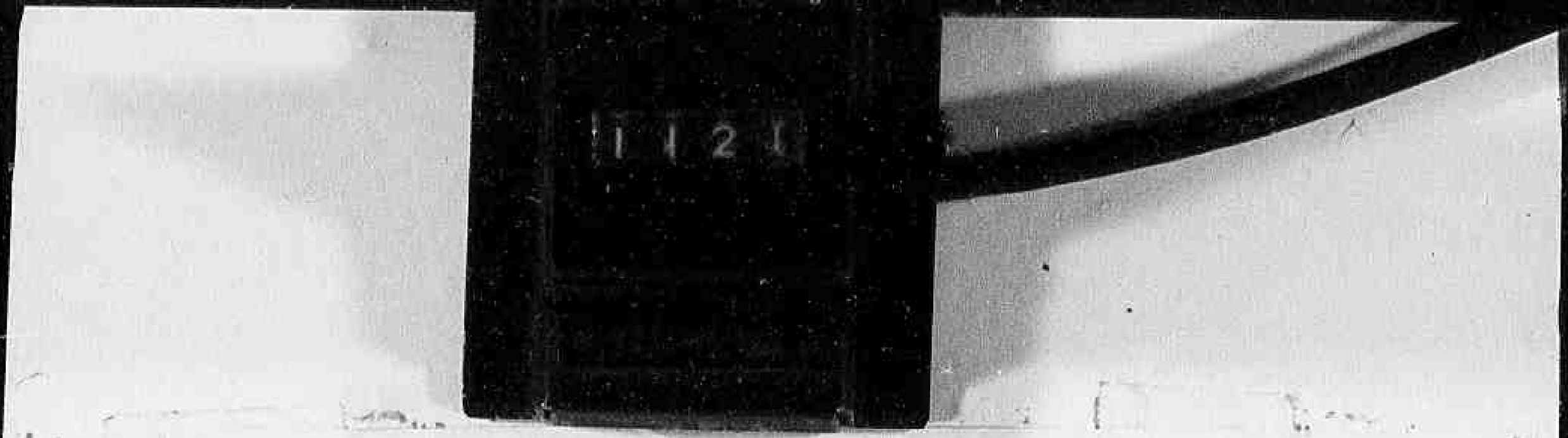
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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Doctor CESARE BADUEL, Inspector General of the Italian Red Cross, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from August 1944 to September 1945. Doctor Baduel, a distinguished Italian medical doctor whose Red Cross work is known throughout the world, was of immense assistance to the Fifth Army and its Allied Military Government by utilizing the full facilities of the Italian Red Cross in the Allied cause. By opening an office in Florence and staffing it with administrative personnel of the Italian Red Cross, as well as assigning such personnel to field work, Doctor Baduel made possible the accomplishment by the Italian Red Cross of welfare work highly essential to the civilian population which would have been extremely difficult if not impossible of accomplishment by Allied Military Government teams under combat conditions. By his personal attention and enthusiastic direction of Italian Red Cross activities to solve these problems, Doctor Baduel contributed materially to the success of the military campaign and saved the Allied Military Government long hours of additional welfare work with the civilian population, thus reflecting great credit upon himself and his organization.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

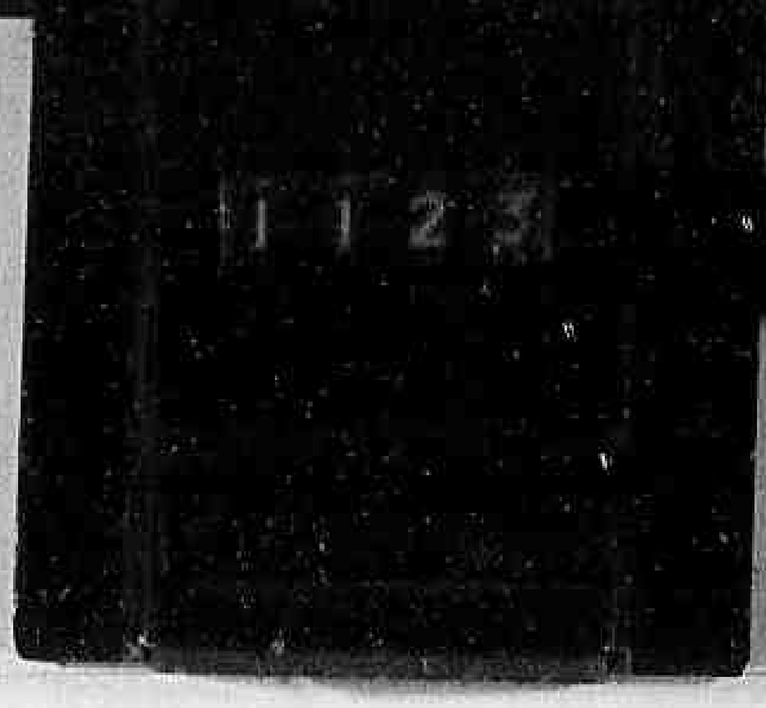
Doctor Engineer [redacted], civilian Italian of the Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. As an Electrical Engineer in the Electrical Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Dr. Barlumi has devoted his entire efforts to the reconstruction and restoration of the electrical industry in Italy. He has served as interpreter on highly technical translations for the Director and Chiefs of the Sub-Commission with Ministers and officials of the Italian Government. He has served with the National Electric Committee of Italy and those of the various Regions. He also has contributed greatly to the establishment and operation of the Master Control Center, established in Rome to keep a close and even distribution of the available power in Central Italy. Dr. Barlumi's intimate knowledge of the technical phase of electric power operations and distribution, as well as his ability to translate these from one language to the other, has made him most valuable in establishing a grid system of uniform frequency. His devotion to duty and co-operativeness reflect the greatest credit upon himself, the Allied Commission and the Allied Forces, as well as to the benefit and credit of his own country. Dr. Barlumi resides at Piazza Conti No. 56, Rome, Italy.

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

ENRICO ROMAGNANI, Engineer, Genio Civile Ministry of Public Works for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1944 through the termination of hostilities in Italy. As liaison officer between the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission and the Ministry of Public Works, he exhibited most commendable efforts in facilitating and co-ordinating the great tasks of reconstruction and rehabilitation on highway public buildings, ports and other war damaged public works. His impartiality and fairness in presenting the many questions which had to be decided between the Allied Commission sub-commission and the Ministry was of extraordinary value in expediting and carrying on important military and civilian projects of vital interest. His efforts in the field served to convince the Italian field engineers of the urgency and importance of accomplishing the tasks for the welfare of the Italian nation. His devotion to duty and his accomplishments reflect the highest credit upon himself, his own government, and have contributed very materially to the success of the United States and the Allied cause in Italy.



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ENZO TASSINARI, Italian civilian, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States while serving as a member of the Office of Strategic Services in Italy from 10 March 1944 to 8 May 1945. Infiltrated into enemy held territory, Mr. Tassinari achieved great success in his first mission despite circumstances which greatly handicapped his action. Parachuted into enemy occupied territory for his second mission, Mr. Tassinari performed great services for the United States Army. Parachuted into enemy occupied territory for his third mission, Mr. Tassinari displayed for the third time his sound judgment, keen foresight, and the services rendered on this, his third mission were of the same high standard which he has established and maintained throughout his entire association with this organization. In addition, with disregard for his own personal safety, Mr. Tassinari with courage and daring carried his radio operator to safety over many miles after he had been wounded during a particularly heavy enemy mortar shelling, at the risk of being captured by the enemy.

Subject : Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO

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

A 245

20th May 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. We are pleased to advise that Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO has been awarded the American Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General U.S. Forces European Theatre. The following is a copy of the citation.

"Brigadiere Celestino Bottello, Italian Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Section "B", 501st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Combat Command "B", 1st Armored Division, from 10 September 1944 to 2 May 1945. Brigadiere Bottello, often working throughout the night without thought for personal safety or health, performed his duties in an exceptionally outstanding manner. He frequently interrogated as high as one hundred persons daily, materially aiding in establishing the security of the Division. On one occasion, with great intrepidity and daring, he effected the surrender of approximately one hundred and fifty German soldiers, and their commanding officer. Brigadiere Bottello's great courage, initiative and extreme devotion to duty reflect high credit upon him and the Allied Armed Forces."

2. It is requested that you cause to be arranged a proper ceremony and Colonel KERR Senior American Officer with this Headquarters will make the presentation.

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To : Ministry of War

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2. It is requested that you cause to be arranged a proper ceremony and Colonel KIRK Senior American Officer with this Headquarters will make the presentation.

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

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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH BRONZE PALM

VIRGINIO REINERO, Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer of the Italian Air Force Transport Wing, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with Allied Military activities in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, during the period 1 October 1944 to 12 January 1946. Assuming the duties as Commanding Officer, Italian Air Force Transport Wing, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero was charged with the responsibility of organizing and operating the newly activated Wing and executing many important Allied functions pertinent to the successful conduct of the War. Notwithstanding lack of trained personnel and limited facilities, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero, through his untiring efforts and professional ability, succeeded in surmounting all obstacles and directed his Wing through a cycle of maximum training in a manner calculated to effect the best results from aerial transport activity. By rare ability and foresight in meeting the pressing Allied air transport requirement occasioned by the prevailing necessity for concerted aerial evacuation of wounded troops and transport of essential supplies to the fighting units, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero rendered services of inestimable value in behalf of the Allied operations. Actuated by the highest regard for aircraft safety and with an intense devotion to duty, he spent long and arduous hours indoctrinating the Wing personnel with the aims and principles in the necessity of extremely careful safe flying. The success of this program is evidenced by the creditable record established by the Italian Air Force Transport Wing in that during the period of his command no damage to passengers or freight was sustained. By his untiring zeal, competent leadership keen insight and meticulous supervision, Lieutenant Colonel Reinero has rendered a calibre of service deserving of the highest praise, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Military service of the Italian Air Force. Entered service from Casale Monferrego, Italy.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(POSTHUMOUS)

Captain Paolo Rossoni, Italian Royal Air Force, serving with he Office of Strategic Services as Chief of the "Pear Team", Italian Division, rendered meritorious service in northern Italy from January to December 1944. Accompanied by a radio operator, he was infiltrated by submarine near Venice and moved on to Padua, where he set up his radio and sent an accurate description of the air station and landing ground and gave valuable suggestions for the infiltration of other teams. He reported bombardment results and target data to the Fifteenth Air Force, accounts of various counterespionage centers, and military intelligence on troop movements, fortifications, traffic, dumps and bridges. In Venice he played a leading part in the resistance movement, organizing an elaborate intelligence net and a group of saboteurs. Arrested by Fascists while performing his duties, he was reportedly executed at Mauthausen on 29 December 1944. By his fearless, skillful intelligence work and leadership, Captain Rossoni contributed materially to the Allied cause.

APPROVED BY
WAR DEPARTMENT

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AGOSTINO SCIALLA, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 November 1943 to 1 August 1945. As Liaison Officer between the Peninsular Base Section and the Italian Army, Lieutenant Colonel Scialla contributed materially to the maintenance of friendly and effective teamwork between the United States and Italian military forces. Possessing a thorough technical knowledge of the Italian Army, its equipment and organization, he was instrumental in planning the over-all logistics of the United States-Italian program within the Base Section, and through his tact and loyal cooperation rendered invaluable assistance in estimating ration and clothing requirements as well as devising adequate systems for their effective distribution. Quickly understanding the valuable services the Italian Army could render by augmenting the vast United States Service Forces in need of even greater man power, Lieutenant Colonel Scialla quickly overcame what appeared to be unsurmountable obstacles. Lieutenant Colonel Scialla's exceptional tact, devotion to duty and willing cooperation in the successful accomplishment of his duties, reflect great honor upon himself and the Italian Army.

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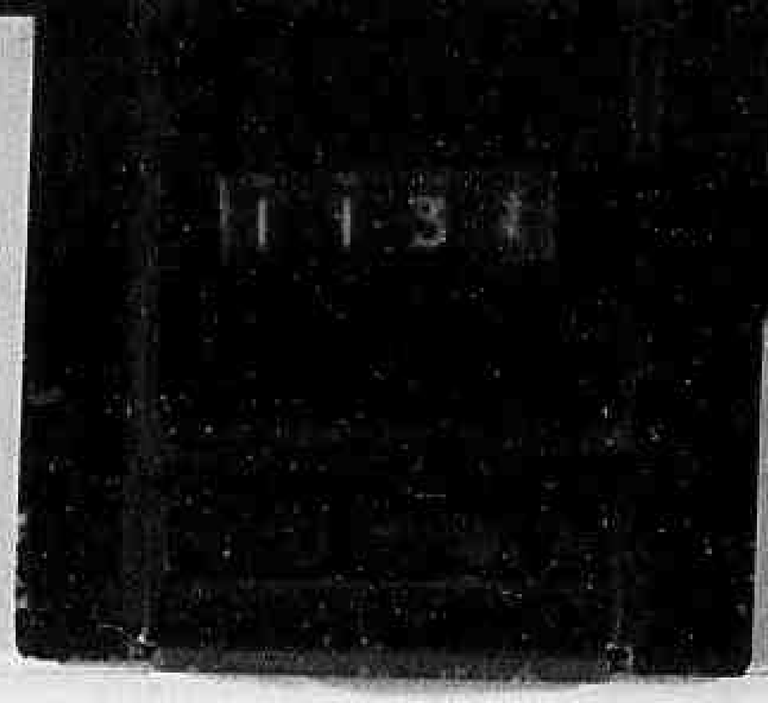
CITATION FOR MEDAL OF MERIT

WILLIAM GATTA, 16910, Captain, Italian Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 60th Quartermaster Base Depot, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 4 February 1944 to 6 May 1945. As Italian Liaison Officer of Adriatic Base Command, Captain Gatta won the admiration and esteem of officers and enlisted men in that headquarters by his untiring efforts, alertness and attention to duty. In the early months of Adriatic Depot existence he was instrumental in making contacts with civilian real estate owners in Bari, Italy and vicinity for the purpose of requisitioning warehouse and open storage space for the fast expanding Adriatic Depot. The Commanding Officer of Adriatic Base Command, realising Captain Gatta's honesty and ability, sent him to Foggia to report on the availability of water, health conditions, the presence of epidemics, and warehousing facilities in order to better organize a new group of depots which were to be set up in that area as Adriatic Depot No. 2. In the Salvage Section he performed his most valuable service. Between £ 100,000 and £ 200,000 of scrap material a month were sold almost entirely on his contacts with civilian firms and business men. He surveyed about forty-five airfields left by the Fifteenth Air Force which contained scrap materials valued in most cases at between £ 10,000 and £ 20,000. He contacted the many prospective buyers, arranged the contracts and shipping tickets and took care of all details except for the approval of the amount received for the various sales. The many responsibilities which were given to this one officer and the excellence with which they were carried out was an inspiration to the American Officers and enlisted men with whom he worked. His ingenuity, resourcefulness and efficiency was a source of great service to the Army of the United States. Entered service from Bari, Italy.

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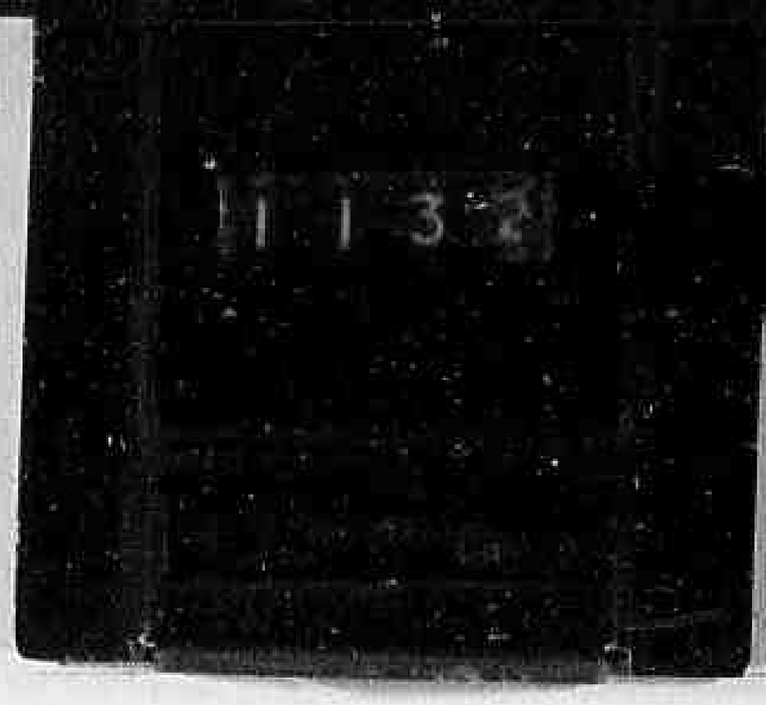
ENEO BERNABO, Lieutenant Colonel, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from September 1943 to June 1944. As Commanding Officer of the Raggruppamento Bande Patrioti Monte Soratte in the regions of Abruzzo, Umbria, and Toscana, Lieutenant Colonel Bernabo directed a group of patriots which operated behind the German lines, making frequent attacks on German positions, disrupting communications, and destroying or capturing German stores and equipment. His heroic efforts contributed materially to the successful liberation of that area from the Germans, thereby reflecting great credit upon him.



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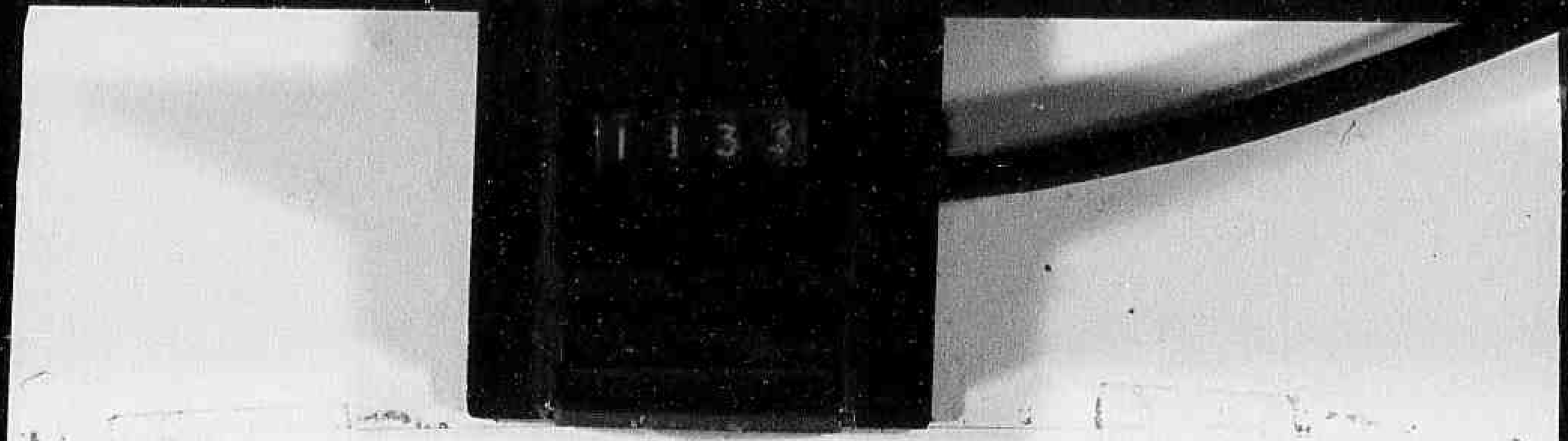
ROMANO ANDREOTTI, Second Lieutenant, Royal Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 5 April 1945 to 12 October 1945. During the 442d Combat Team's combat operations in Italy, Lieutenant Andreotti rendered valuable service in organizing Italian partisans and civilians into carrying parties to maintain the flow of supplies to our troops fighting on rugged and precipitous terrain. His work in interrogating prisoners, particularly Italian Fascists, secured vital information with great speed and facilitated the rapid advance of the 442d Combat Team's drive up the Ligurian Coast. After the capitulation of the enemy forces in Italy, Lieutenant Andreotti displayed outstanding tact and understanding in handling the relations between civilians and troops. Lieutenant Andreotti's courage, tact and devotion to the Allied cause reflect credit upon himself and the Royal Italian Army.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

VINCENZO CARRARA, Lieutenant, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from June 1944 to June 1945. From the first days of his assignment to Fifth Army Allied Military Government until after the surrender of German forces in Italy, Lieutenant Carrara gave prompt, intelligent, and valuable service to the Allied cause, under combat conditions, in tasks such as the determination of damage and necessary repair to aqueducts, sewers, flour mills, power plants, and other utility installations throughout the Fifth Army area. With crews of civilian laborers, Lieutenant Carrara entered towns still under enemy fire and made reconnaissance of essential work, improvising repairs until the necessary materials could become available for more permanent work. In Leghorn Lieutenant Carrara and his crews initiated sewer and aqueduct repairs while under heavy fire, and at Viareggio he worked with men repairing the aqueduct encouraging others of the crew to remain on the job even though some had just been wounded by enemy fire, while active encouragement enabled them to finish repairing the damaged aqueduct and supply water to the town at a critical time when transporting water would have been a severe handicap to Fifth Army. In the area near Viareggio Lieutenant Carrara planned, supervised, and carried through to completion a successful 12,000hectare land rehabilitation program, draining fields which had been flooded by German destruction of water control devices. By his loyalty, efficiency, and willingness to assume responsibilities, Lieutenant Carrara reflected great credit upon himself and the Allied cause.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ARTURO CARTA, Captain, Artillery, Italian Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 November 1943 to 1 August 1945. As Italian Liaison Officer on duty with Peninsular Base Section, Captain Carta was instrumental in organizing the first group of Italian Troops to be utilized by Peninsular Base Section and which were to reach a maximum of 56,000 men. He quickly won the respect of all those with whom he came in contact, through his remarkable intelligence and his exceptional knowledge of the English language. Captain Carta's intelligent opinions, advice and his knowledge of the organization of the Italian Army have been of utmost value to the United States Army. His assistance to the United States Army has been characterized by his complete understanding of the task to be done, and his complete sympathy with the common cause. His exceptional tact, willingness to cooperate and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

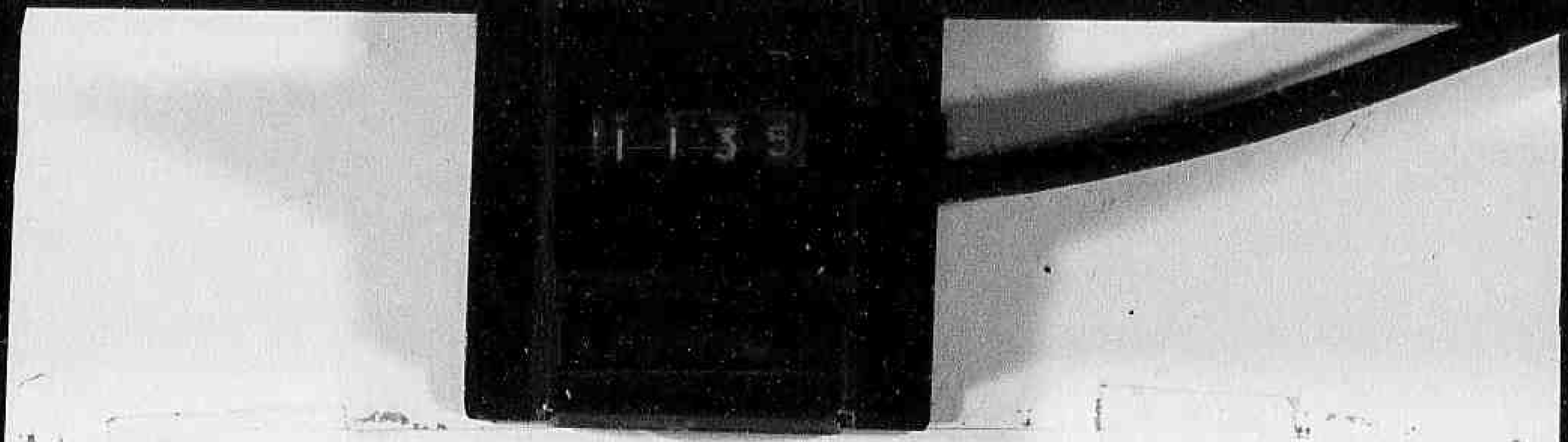


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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

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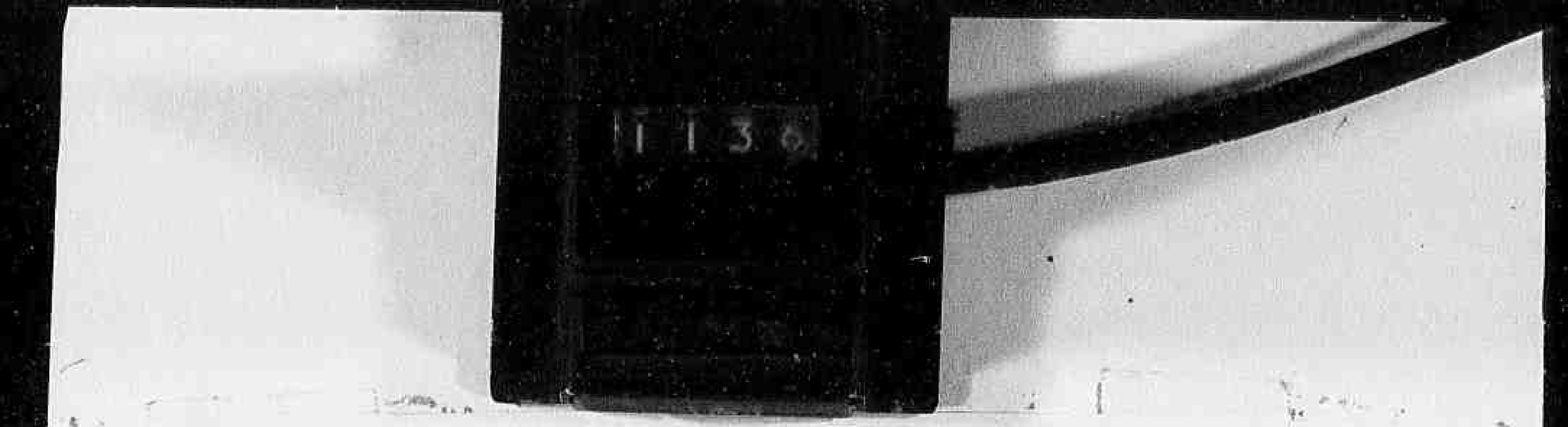
GIOVANNI MALFITANO, Lieutenant Colonel, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States in Italy from 1 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. As a Prosecutor for the Italian Military Tribunals of Naples, Italy, Lieutenant Colonel Malfitano performed outstanding services in connection with the trial of thousands of cases in which the interests of the Allies were affected by reason of thefts of Allied property and assaults and murder of Allied Military personnel. He was largely responsible for deterring crimes against the Allied Forces, and through his untiring efforts in the investigation, preparation and prosecution of Allied interest cases, made it possible to release Allied Legal Officers for other essential activities.



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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

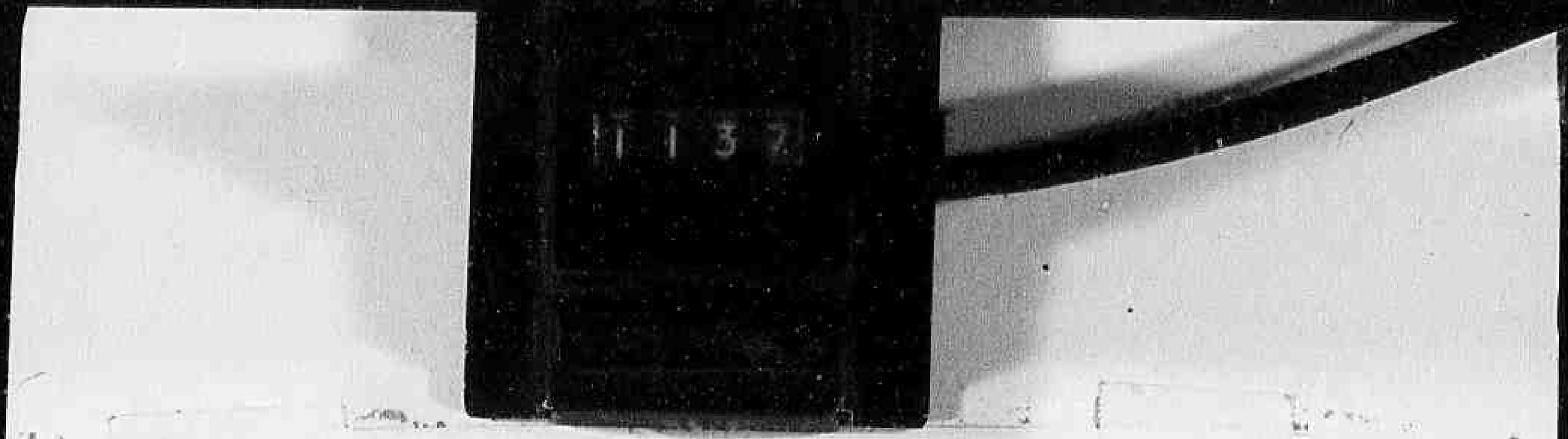
VITTORIO DINI, Captain, Italian Army, office of the Carabinieri Reali, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 March 1944 to 15 September 1945. Attached to Allied Military Government, 5th Army, 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission, Captain Dini was assigned the duties of organizing the first Allied Military Government Truck Company, the movement of Rome Area Command and Allied Military Government Rome areas from Naples to Rome, supervising an Italian Regiment of Autieri, police work in locating key personnel desired in connection with public utilities and in the obtaining of vehicles, operations in Piemonte area and organizing and supervising a mine removal team in the Piemonte Region. To build up the various organizations under his command at various times Captain Dini worked without complaint and without considering the hardships he encountered or the language barrier. His enthusiasm for his work, his efficiency and department as a soldier won the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. Captain Dini's resourcefulness, zeal, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

NICOLA FRANCESCHELLI, Captain, Medical Corps, Italian Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1944 to June 1945. Attached to the Medical Section of the Fifth Army Allied Military Government, Captain Franceschelli landed on the Anzio beachhead on D-Day plus 2 and served in an outstanding manner until the end of the Italian campaign, frequently under combat conditions and in zones where prompt and efficient action was essential. At Anzio he organized all the available civilian doctors and nurses and established a 60 bed hospital in a large villa which was available. In addition to the hospital, Captain Franceschelli organized five ambulatories in different sections of the beachhead where doctors, nurses, and midwives were assigned to care for wounded and sick civilians. Within four months some 450 serious cases were accomodated in the hospital and nearly 180 were evacuated from the beachhead on Army hospital ships in cooperation with Allied Army medical authorities, under Captain Franceschelli's constant supervision. In addition, he kept active a strenuous malaria control campaign in the Pontine marshes which was of great value throughout the area. At Cecchina and the surrounding area he converted farm buildings into such an efficient hospital that he was able to care for wounded and seriously ill civilians of the entire western portion of the Fifth Army Area. Captain Franceschelli entered Bologna the first day of occupation, reorganized 11 of the 13 civilian hospitals, and made a rapid health survey so that preventive health measures were taken to safeguard that city overcrowded with some 100,000 refugees; his reorganization of the hospitals increased their capacity so that two of the city's best were made available for Fifth Army medical use. At all times Captain Franceschelli applied his medical training efficiently and cheerfully to help Italian civilians and to relieve the Fifth Army Medical Corps and Military Government of many vital responsibilities, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Allied cause.



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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

WITH SILVER PALM

ANGELO CERICA, Lieutenant General, Royal Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy to the Government of the United States from 4 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. As an underground resistance leader during the months prior to the fall of Rome and later as Italian military Commander of two highly important areas in the United States Fifth Army zone, General Cerica exercised great executive ability and outstanding personnel leadership in solving the problems facing him. While German troops searched for him in the Abruzzi hills, spurred on by an £ 20,000.00 reward offer, General Cerica organized and directed fanatical anti-Nazi resistance and sabotage. In recognition of his steadfast loyalty, devotion to the ideals of his duty and trained technical skills, he was given the command of Group T, comprising the two Italian infantry divisions with the United States Fifth Army, in which position he directed the coordinated efforts of the first Italian troops to fight with that Army. In addition to administering the discipline and tactical work of these groups, he was responsible for and successfully supervised the military district of Tuscany. In Bologna, soon after the city was liberated, General Cerica again assumed the area military command and accomplished his mission with great ability, discretion and demonstration of military knowledge. His continued contributions to the success of the Allied cause in Italy, his unselfish performance of duties of the highest responsibility and his competent administering of large and important military commands reflect great credit on him in keeping with the ideals and traditions of freedom loving people.

Subject : Award of American Decorations

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

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2nd May 1946.

To : Ministry of War

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7 " 46	NAVARRO	Lt. DE SIMONE Silvestro	" "
14 " 46	BOLZANO	Lt. PERICOLI Michele	Silver Cross
14 " 46	BOLZANO	Lt. SCARONI Omero	Bronze Star
14 " 46	BOLZANO	Mar. DI LELLA Nicola	Silver Cross
14 " 46	BOLZANO	Sgt. ANEDDA Emanuele	Bronze Star
14 " 46	BOLZANO	Lt. CASATI Carlo (Posthumous)	Bronze Star
19 " 46	FLORENCE	Lt-Col IZZO Giuseppe	Distinguished Service Cross
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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copies to:
No 1 B.L.U. TURIN
No 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO
No 7 B.L.U. FLORENCE
Comando Militare Territoriale di FIRENZE
" " " " BOLZANO
" " " " TORINO

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF:116/45

DATE: 27.4.46

TO:.All addressees
M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT: Award of American decorations.

We are pleased to inform you that the American War Department has awarded Italian Army personnel the decorations shown alongside their names on the attached list.

The presentation of the awards will be made by Colonel Kerr, highest ranking American officer of the Allied Mission, after May 1st. next.

Will each H.Q. addressed kindly give advance instructions, after contacting M.M.I.A. to find out on which date Colonel Kerr will be at their H.Q., for an appropriate ceremony for the presentation of the decorations to the members of the units located in the area of their jurisdiction or resident therein.

Kindly inform us of the procedure which you intend to adopt.

Sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

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Ministero della Guerra

-Gabinetto -

Roma, 7 APR. 1946

Al

Divisione *Sez.*
Prot N.° 1116/45 *Allegato* 1

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.°*

OGGETTO Concessione ricompense americane.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA
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AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE
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AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI MILANO ✓
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI TORINO ✓

e;per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

Questo Ministero è lieto di comunicare che il Dipartimento di Guerra Americano ha concesso ai militari dell'Esercito Italiano - di cui all'elenco allegato - le decorazioni a fianco di ciascuno segnate.

La relativa consegna verrà effettuata dal Colonnello KERR, Ufficiale Americano più elevato in grado della Missione Alleata, dopo il 1° maggio p.v.

Si prega ciascun comando in indirizzo predisporre, prendendo contatto con la M.M.I.A. al fine di conoscere la data nella quale il col. KERR si recherà nelle varie sedi, una adeguata cerimonia per la consegna delle decorazioni agli appartenenti ad unità dislocate nel territorio di giurisdizione o residenti nello stesso.

Si rimane in attesa di conoscere le modalità che verranno concretate al riguardo.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Allegato al fº n. del

N O M E		RESIDENZA	RICOMPENSA
- Col.cav. a disp.	BERNI CANANI Eugenio	Via dei Liburni,6 Roma	Medaglia con stella di bronzo
- ten.col.	IZZO Giuseppe	Regg.Par.Viterbo (località Arezzo)	Distinguished Service Cross
- tenente	PERICOLI Michele	87° ftrº Belluno	Silver Cross
7 "	DE SIMONE Silvestro	22°ftr."Cremona" Vercelli	Bronze Star
+- "	ROSATO Vincenzo	114° ftr."Mantova" Como	Bronze Star
- s.tenente	RUGGI Oberdan	114° Btg.misto genio Div."Cremona"Torino	Bronze Star
- s.tenente	SCARONI Omero	88°ftr.Riva del Garda	Bronze Star
- maresc.	DI DELLA Nicola	88°ftr.Riva del Garda	Silver Cross
- mar.ord.	SIMONI Cesare	"S.Marco" - Roma - (S.Rosa)	Bronze Star
- serg.magg.	RIGONI Vittorio	(riserva di comunicazioni)	Bronze Star
- sergente congedo	ANEDDA Emanuele	Via V.Emanuele n.12 Meina (Novara)	Bronze Star
- soldato	PALAZZO Luigi	Via Cittaducale,8 Roma	Bronze Star
- caporale	TURRINI Egidio	Rgt.Parac."Nembo" (Arezzo)	Bronze Star
- caporale	FOCACCI Carlo	(riserva di comunicazioni)	Silver Cross

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- tenente	PERICOLI Michele	87° ftr° Belluno	Silver Cross
7 "	DE SIMONE Silvestro delivered by Col Reis	22°ftr."Cremona" Vercelli Hospital Navarro	Bronze Star
+- "	ROSATO Vincenzo @ Sulmona may come	114° ftr."Mantova" Como Delivered by Col Reis	Bronze Star Genoa
- s.tenente	RUGGI Oberdan In congedo released	114° Btg.misto genio Div."Cremona"Torino Pietro Sunla a Pua mi Via	Bronze Star
- s.tenente	SCARONI Omero Hospital	88°ftr.Riva del Garda	Bronze Star
- maresc.	DI LELLA Nicola Hospital Trento Medico	88°ftr.Riva del Garda	Silver Cross
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

JBM/wr
31 October 1945

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Presentation of Awards

TO : Chief, Military Mission to Italian Army

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 19 October 1945.

2. Forwarded herewith for presentation to personnel referred to in reference letter are General Orders and citations which were inadvertently retained by this headquarters.

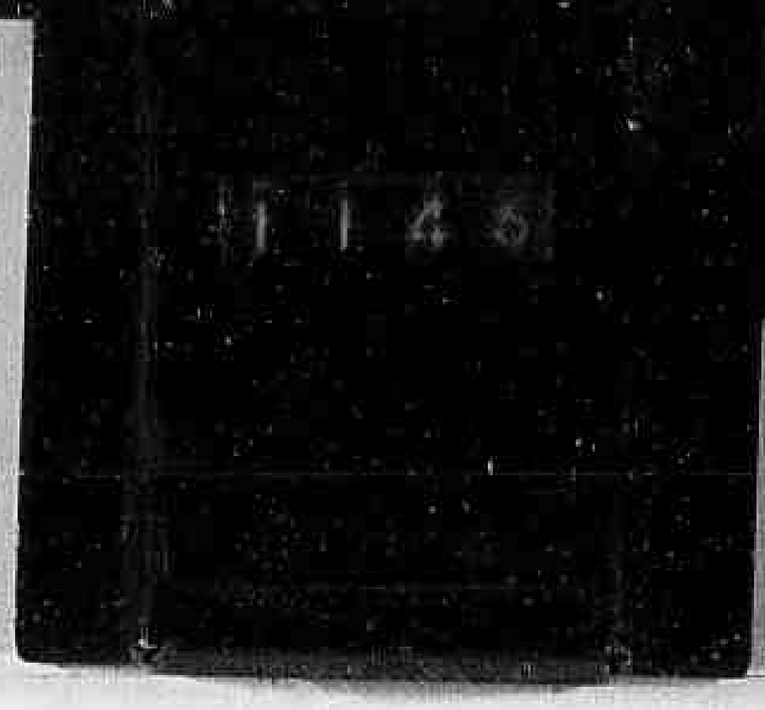
BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

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1 - GO 14, Hq 15 Army Gp, cs (trip)
2 - GO 27, Hq 15 Army Gp, cs (10 cys)
3 - 15: Citations

J. B. MEROT
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

Capt Pacini

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Present location of personnel to receive medals

~~Ten~~ Perich, Michele – not received decor.
with 87th Regt. Friuli.

S/Ten Rosato, Nunzio – not received decor.
114 Regt – Mantova. (Como).

T/Col Izzo – PRESICCE (Lecce) not received decor.

S/Ten Scazzoni, Ornero – not received decor.
88 Regt: Fanteria Friuli at S Bonifacio (Verona)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

19 October 1945

AG 200.63/044-P

A.

SUBJECT: Presentation of Awards

TO: Chief, Military Mission to Italian Army

1. Enclosed are nine Bronze Star Medals, three Silver Star Medals and one Distinguished Service Cross awarded to members of the Italian Army by General Orders Number 14 and 27, Headquarters, 15th Army Group.

2. Request you present awards to proper persons as indicated in the attached General Orders.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

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A. R. PELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adj General

15 Incls:
9 BSMs
3 SSMs
1 DSC
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1 Ex Cpy GO 27 Hq 15th Army Grop (trip)

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HEADQUARTERS
15TH ARMY GROUP
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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 14

20 May 1945

Section
Awards of Distinguished-Service Cross. I
Awards of Silver Star. II
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous). III
Awards of Bronze Star Medal. IV

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II---AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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NICOLA DI LELLA, 5296, (FOGGIA), Maresciallo, Italian Army, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945 in Italy. Maresciallo Di Lella volunteered to lead the forward body of a fighting patrol ordered to ascertain the enemy strength in a village across a river barrier. Maresciallo Di Lella was the first across the river, successfully leading his men. The patrol then came under intense enemy fire at close range and was pinned to the ground. Nevertheless, Maresciallo Di Lella continued for over two hours to probe the enemy positions under continuous fire, entirely disregarding his own safety while obtaining vital information. On being ordered to withdraw, he displayed great coolness in extricating his men from a perilous situation and was himself the last man back across the river. The magnificent display of personal bravery, determination and leadership was an inspiration to Maresciallo Di Lella's patrol and to his whole battalion. Resident of Peschici, Foggia Province, Italy.

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IV---AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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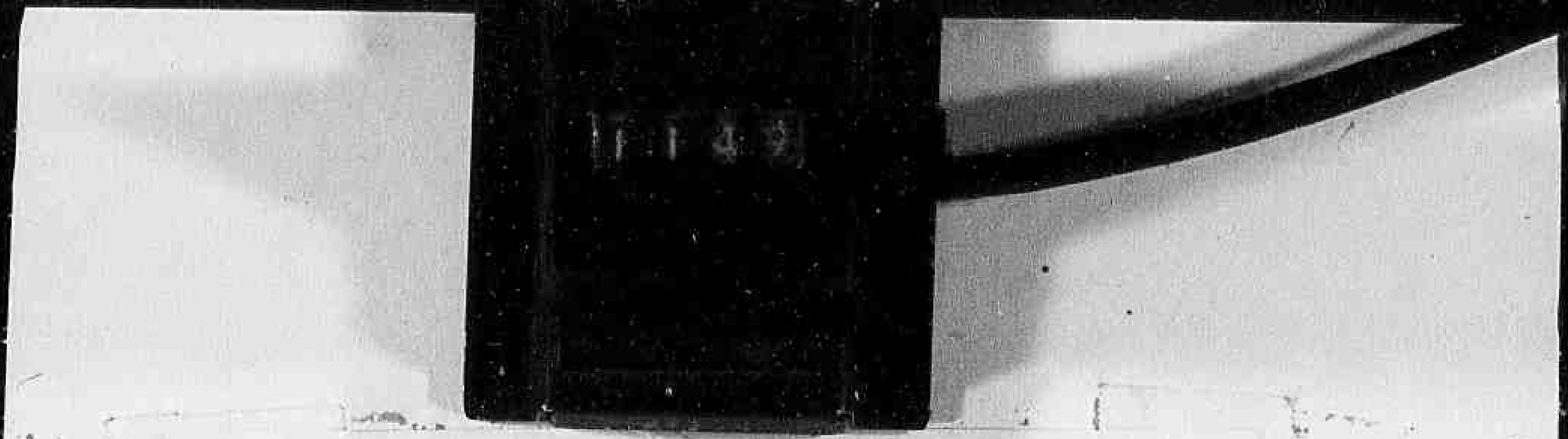
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VITTORIO RIGONI, Sergeant Major, Italian Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 and 3 March 1945 in Italy. Resident of Vicenza, Italy.

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LUIGI PALAZZO, Private, Italian Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945 in Italy. Resident of Filippo, Italy.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

OFFICIAL:

A. M. GRUENTHER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

s/ H. L. Ostler
t/ H. L. OSTLER
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adj General

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Traduzione

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Per ordine del Presidente, gli atti del Congresso approvato il 19 Luglio 1918 (ND Bollettino 43 1918) in seguito ad autorizzazione AR 600-45 del 22 Settembre 1943, il sottonominato Ufficiale e' stato insignito della "Distinguished Service Cross" per speciali atti di eroismo in azione :

"Ten.Col. Ftr. Esercito Italiano, GIUSEPPE IZZO, al tramonto del giorno 19 Aprile 1945, i paracadutisti al comando del Col. Izzo, sferrarono un attacco. La posizione nemica era stata organizzata con una serie di capisaldi che potevano essere avvicinati soltanto attraversando un terreno scoperto gravamente minato. Dei tentativi furono stati sventati completamente dal violento fuoco nemico. Dopo un tiro preparatorio di Artiglieria ebbe inizio l'attacco. Un veloce e furioso combattimento corpo a corpo nel quale gli Italiani prevalsero e conquistarono la posizione. Immediatamente dopo, pero' il nemico ritornava con rinnovato furore in una serie di contrattacchi che si protrassero per l'intera giornata. Sia nell'assalto che durante i contrattacchi dei paracadutisti tedeschi, il Colonnello Izzo stette in prima linea, brillante esempio per i suoi uomini. Egli affronto' brillantemente le piu' critiche situazioni e si impegno' a fondo nel duro combattimento a corpo a corpo. Nel corso della lotta mortale, il Colonnello Izzo fu ferito, ma il suo indomito spirito, l'attaccamento ai suoi uomini, la sua ferrea volonta' di respingere il nemico, lo tennero sul teatro della battaglia. Non volle essere medicato fino a che tutti i contrattacchi furono respinti e fino a che non fu sicuro che tutti gli obiettivi erano stati ben consolidati. La conquista ed il consolidamento della posizione raddoppiarono lo spirito combattivo dei suoi uomini e demoralizzo' talmente i Tedeschi che essi abbandonarono l'intera linea difensiva lungo il fiume SALARO. Con la ritirata tedesca da questa linea, fu aperto uno dei principali varchi su BOLOGNA. Lo straordinario eroismo in azione del Col. Izzo, fu un importante fattore per respingere il nemico e contribui' al successo finale del 15o Gruppo Armate in Italia.
Residente a Presicce (Lecce) Italia.

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...Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Service Cross" per speciali atti di eroismo in azione :

"Ten.Col. Ftr. Esercito Italiano, GIUSEPPE IZZO, al tramonto del giorno 19 Aprile 1945, i paracadutisti al comando del Col. Izzo, sferrarono un attacco. La posizione nemica era stata organizzata con una serie di capisaldi che potevano essere avvicinati soltanto attraversando un terreno scoperto gravamente minato. Dei tentativi erano stati sventati completamente dal violento fuoco nemico. Dopo un tiro preparatorio di artiglieria ebbe inizio l'attacco. Un veloce e furioso combattimento corpo a corpo nel quale gli Italiani prevalsero e conquistarono la posizione. Immediatamente dopo, pero' il nemico ritornava con rinnovato furore in una serie di contrattacchi che si protrassero per l'intera giornata. Sia nell'assalto che durante i contrattacchi dei paracadutisti tedeschi, il Colonnello Izzo stette in prima linea, brillante esempio per i suoi uomini. Egli affronto' brillantemente le piu' critiche situazioni e si impegno' a fondo nel duro combattimento a corpo a corpo. Nel corso della lotta mortale, il Colonnello Izzo fu ferito, ma il suo indomito spirito, l'attaccamento ai suoi uomini, la sua ferrea volonta' di respingere il nemico, lo tennero sul teatro della battaglia. Non volle essere medicato fino a che tutti i contrattacchi furono respinti e fino a che non fu sicuro che tutti gli obiettivi erano stati ben consolidati. La conquista ed il consolidamento della posizione raddoppiarono lo spirito combattivo dei suoi uomini e demoralizzo' talmente i Tedeschi che essi abbandonarono l'intera linea difensiva lungo il fiume GAIANO. Con la ritirata tedesca da questa linea, fu aperto uno dei principali varchi su BOLOGNA. Lo straordinario eroismo in azione del Col. Izzo, fu un importante fattore per respingere il nemico e co tribui' al successo finale del 15o Gruppo Armate in Italia.
Residente a Presicce (Lecce) Italia.

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Traduzione

I OFFESA "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS"

Per ordine del Presidente, secondo gli articoli dell'Ordine Esecutivo No 9419 del 4 Febbraio 1944 (Sez. 2a WP boll. 3144), e in seguito ad autorizzazione AR 600-45 del 22 Settembre 1943 il sottonominato militare e' stato insignito della "Bronze Star Medal" per eroico servizio senza partecipazione in combattimento armato in connessione con operazione con operazioni militari contro un nemico degli Stati Uniti per il periodo indicato:

Il Paracadutista Egidio Turrini, Ftr, Esercito Italiano. Il Sergente Turrini era al comando di una squadra fucilieri il 12-13 Aprile 1945. Dopo una rapida avanzata contro il nemico in ritirata il suo plotone incontro' dura risoluta resistenza di retroguardia che si opponeva ad ogni ulteriore movimento in avanti. Dimostrando calmo coraggio e completo spresso del pericolo in azione di pattuglia durante operazione di rastrellamento egli guido' i suoi uomini alla eliminazione di nuclei di resistenza. In seguito il plotone fu contrattaccato; il repentino e violento fuoco nemico rese necessario il ripiegamento su posizioni piu' favorevoli. Di propria iniziativa il sergente Turrini protesse col fuoco questo movimento quando il suo reparto era completamente circondato dal nemico che premeva da ogni lato in gran numero; egli si dimostro' impavido nell'esortare i suoi uomini a piu' grandi sforzi. Il suo splendido esempio personale e il supe bo coraggio di fronte al pericolo contribuirono grandemente a tenere distante il nemico che ripiego' non appena si accorse che rinforzi stavano per giungere.
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Subject : Inspection Tour

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

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24 Apr. '46.

To : List 'B' (Serials 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 1y)

1. Col. Clayton P. KERR, accompanied by Maj. R.C. VAN KIRK, will carry out an inspection tour from 2 to 21 May 46 as follows:-

May

2 - Leave Rome - Arrive Leghorn pm

3 - Arrive Genoa, pm

4 - In Genoa with 2 BLU

5 - Leave Genoa a.m.

6 - In Turin with 1 BLU

7 - Leave Turin a.m. - Arrive Milan p.m.

8-11 - In Milan with 3 BLU

12 - Leave Milan a.m. - Arrive Bolzano p.m.

13 - In Bolzano with 4 BLU

14 - " " " " "

15 - Leave Bolzano a.m. - arrive Udine p.m.

16 - In Udine with 5 BLU

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20 - Leave Bologna - Arrive Florence p.m. - with 7 BLU

21 - Leave Florence a.m. - Arrive Rome p.m.

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Notes

1. BLUs will please arrange accommodation at GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE, BOLOGNA and FLORENCE, for dates indicated, for 2 officers and 2 enlisted men.

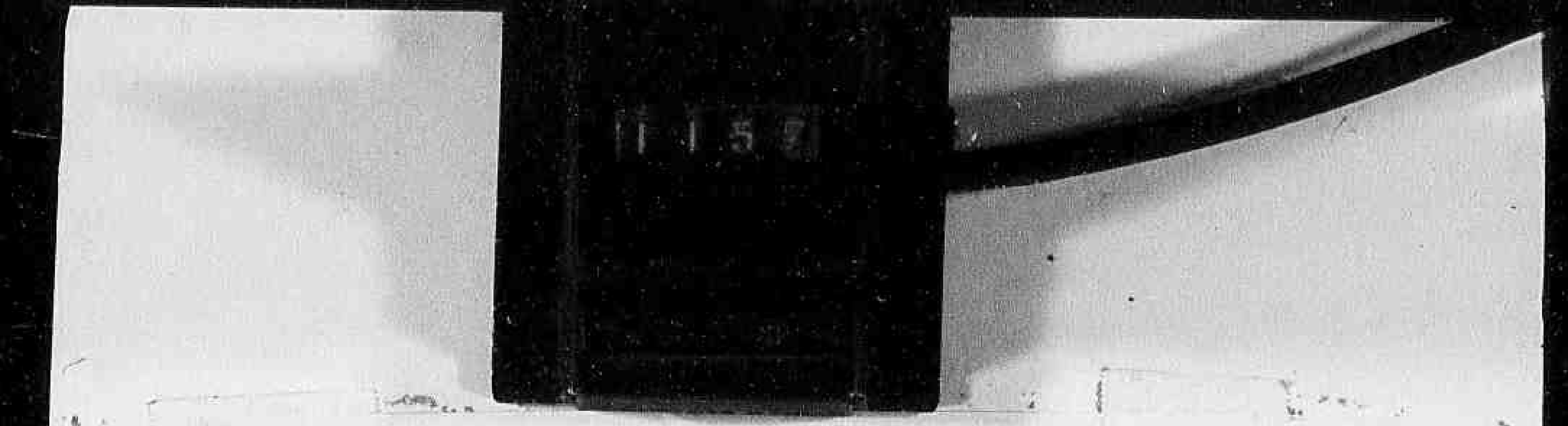
2. On arrival at Station of each BLU the party will check in at the BLU office or billet, according to time of arrival.

3. It is desired that no formal programme be prepared. Col KERR will call informally on the Italian Territorial Army/or Divisional Commander, and visit Italian Army installations, CARs, etc., during normal duty hours performing normal tasks. BLUs will arrange a tentative schedule to be handed to Col. KERR on his arrival.

For Major General
A.A.A.

Copy to : Col. Clayton P. KERR
Maj. R.C. VAN KIRK.

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HEADQUARTERS
15TH ARMY GROUP
APO 777

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 27

5 July 1945

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.--By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel GIUSEPPE IZZO, Infantry, Italian Army. At dawn on 19 April 1945 the parachutists commanded by Colonel Izzo launched an attack. The enemy position had been organized into a series of strongpoints which could be approached only through heavily mined open country. The approaches were completely swept by strong enemy fire. After a preliminary artillery barrage had been laid down, the attack started. Fast and furious hand to hand fighting ensued in which the Italians gained the upper hand and wrested their goal from the enemy. Soon thereafter, however, the enemy came back with renewed fury in a series of counter-attacks which lasted throughout the whole day. Both during the assault and during the counter-attacks by German parachutists, Colonel Izzo stood forth as a shining example to his men. He constantly sought out the most critical situations and engaged in the bitter hand to hand fighting. In the course of the mortal struggle Colonel Izzo was wounded but his indomitable spirit, concern for his men and unyielding will to beat the enemy back kept him at the scene of battle. Not until every counter-attack was repulsed and not until he made absolutely certain that all objectives were well consolidated did he submit to medical care. The capture and retention of the positions redoubled the fighting spirit of his men and so demoralized the Germans that they abandoned the entire defensive line along the River Gaiana. One of the principle approaches to Bologna was opened up by the retreat from this line. The extraordinary heroism in action of Colonel Izzo was an important factor in repelling the enemy and contributed to the final success of the 15th Army Group in Italy. Resident of Presicce, (Lecce), Italy.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Lieutenant MICHELE PERICOLI, 132, Infantry, Italian Army. On 24-25 March 1945 Lieutenant Pericoli was in command of a force which was ordered to clear the south bank of the River Senio. All objectives were quickly captured with the exception of one house which had been converted into a strong fortress. Deep communication trenches connected this strong point with enemy positions on the other side of the river. The first attack was repulsed by heavy mortar and artillery fire. During the attack Lieutenant Pericoli was wounded. In spite of wounds on hands and thigh and rejecting the advice of the Battalion Commander to secure medical attention, Lieutenant Pericoli reorganized his force for another attack which was also repulsed. He then proceeded to consolidate his company in the positions already gained. The second action occurred in the valley of the River Gaiana on 18 April 1945. Lieutenant Pericoli was wounded by a mortar bomb. He refused medical attention and carried on with the attack until the river was forced, thereby enabling the pursuit of the now retreating Germans to continue. His supreme fortitude and repeated displays of gallantry in action had a very marked effect at all times in contributing to the high morale of his men. Resident of Rome, Italy.

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Corporal CARLO FOCACCI, Infantry, Italian Army. On 24 March 1945 Corporal Focacci was armed with a PIAT when his unit was attacked in force by the enemy. The initial assault was driven off by mortar and artillery fire but the enemy resumed the attack. This time Corporal Focacci was not in a position to bring fire to bear on the Germans without abandoning his cover. He therefore moved to open ground which was swept by mortar and machine gun fire and standing in full view of the enemy fired his PIAT accurately and effectively, thus forcing the enemy back in his sector. In a subsequent attack, he repeated this action with the same result. His gallantry contributed to the success of his battalion and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Resident of Florence, Italy.

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SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, WD Bul 3 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic service not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Lieutenant SILVESTRO DE SIMONE, Infantry, Italian Army. Lieutenant De Simone commanded the leading rifle company of the battalion on 10 April 1945. Its mission was to attack and break through strongly entrenched German positions on both banks of the River Senio in order to establish a bridgehead for other units of the Cremona Gruppo. The enemy was strongly dug in on both banks, he was well supplied with automatic weapons and his approaches were covered by wire and minefields. In addition he had excellent observation across the flat ground leading to his positions. Despite these formidable obstacles, Lieutenant De Simone, exhibiting great skill and daring, personally led his company in the successful attainment of all objectives. On 12 April 1945 his personal courage and inspiring leadership were again demonstrated when his company played a major role in the operations leading to the crossing of the "Canalina" and Fusignano Canals. Resident of Ceprano, Frosinone Province, Italy.

Lieutenant VINCENZO ROSATO, 1320, Infantry, Italian Army. On the morning of 16 January 1945 Lieutenant Rosato's company was attacking the enemy entrenched on Monte Mauro. In the attack the company commander was killed. Sensing the gravity of the situation, Lieutenant Rosato took immediate charge of the company whose attack had meanwhile lagged. The enemy had good observation, making their fire effective. Undeterred, Lieutenant Rosato personally led his men forward in spite of the heavy enemy fire. As a result of his heroic action, the objective was captured, a great many enemy soldiers were killed or wounded and twelve prisoners were taken. His complete disregard for his own personal danger inspired his men to rally to a successful attack.

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Second Lieutenant OBERDAN RUGGI, Corps of Engineers, Italian Army. On 10-11 April 1945 Lieutenant Ruggi was assigned the task of locating the most suitable site for a Bailey Bridge across the Senio River. The reconnaissance was carried out under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire in an area thickly sown with mines. Despite the hazards, he accomplished his mission and neutralized 22 mines, clearing a path for the bridging equipment to reach the river. He then crossed the Senio and reconnoitred the roads north of the river, supplying information to headquarters on possible alternate routes of advance for the infantry. His initiative and daring materially speeded the movement of Allied troops in this action.

Second Lieutenant ONERO SCARONI, Infantry, Italian Army. On 16 March 1945 in Italy Lieutenant Scaroni was in charge of a small patrol sent out during an attack on an enemy held point to ascertain enemy strength and positions. Upon entering a house used by the Germans as a strongpoint the patrol was subjected to heavy small arms fire. In order to drive the enemy from this point, Lieutenant Scaroni called for PIAT fire from a nearby platoon, although his patrol was still in the house. The PIAT fire drove off the Germans but wounded Lieutenant Scaroni and one other member of the patrol. Lieutenant

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Scaroni remained at his assignment until he had secured all necessary information. His heroism was responsible for the capture of the strongpoint, for securing valuable information and for materially raising the morale of the troops of his Gruppo. Resident of Milan, Italy.

WO II CESARE SIMONI, 27009, Italian Royal Navy. On 13 April 1945 in Italy WO II Simoni was acting as a platoon sergeant with the 2d Company of the Bafile Battalion, San Marco Regiment, Folgore Gruppo, Italian Army. In a patrol action on this day he took a stand before strongly entrenched enemy positions in order that he might pass on information to his Headquarters giving precise details regarding the opposing foe. He maintained his ground despite heavy automatic and rifle fire from enemy dominated heights. Subsequently he led his men into the assault against enemy positions with great vigor, disregarding all danger. He was among the first to arrive at the objective where he promptly organized the capture of prisoners and consolidated recently won positions still under heavy artillery fire. Resident of Casalecchio di Reno, (Bologna), Italy.

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Sergeant EMANUELE ANEDDA, 499001 BIS, Artillery, Italian Army. On 24-25 March 1945 Sergeant Anedda was signaller of a forward observation party during a night attack on an enemy position. The enemy employed all types of fire in a furious defense and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking force. Hearing the cries of a wounded soldier, Sergeant Anedda fearlessly left his cover and dashed into the open to bring back the casualty. As was almost certain to happen, he was himself seriously wounded in the eyes and stomach, but his bravery was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action.

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Parachutist Sergeant EGIDIO TURRINI, Infantry, Italian Army. Sergeant Turrini was in charge of a rifle squad on 12-13 April 1945. After a rapid advance against the retreating enemy, his platoon met with stiff, determined rearguard resistance which hampered further forward movement. Displaying calm courage and complete disregard for danger in patrol actions and in mopping up operations, he led his men in eliminating a number of local centers of opposition. Subsequently, the platoon was counter-attacked. The sudden opening up of withering fire from the enemy made necessary the withdrawal to more favorable positions. On his own initiative Sergeant Turrini covered this action with his fire. When his entire unit was surrounded by the enemy, who were pressing in on all sides in great numbers, he was outstanding in exhorting his men to greater efforts. His splendid personal example and superb courage in the face of danger contributed greatly to holding off the enemy who withdrew on becoming aware of the impending arrival of reinforcements. Resident of Dedavena, (Belluno), Italy.

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R E S T R I C T E D

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

OFFICIAL:

A. M. GRUENTHER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

s/ H. L. Ostler
t/ H. L. OSTLER
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO No 794 US ARMY

Tel : 66406

G/P/3022/BR

14 May 46

SUBJECT : Copy of Citation

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

The attached copy of D.S.O. MALTA letter is forwarded for your attention.

(R.R. STANHOPE-WRIGHT)
Major
AC of S, G-2(CI)

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D/A.C. of S.,
G.2 (CI.2),
A.F.H.Q.

Ref:- SF.827.

1. I should be most grateful if your office could obtain through the Military Mission to the Italian Armed Forces (which is understood to have been ruled to be the correct channel of communication) a certified copy of the citation ("Brevetto") in respect of the following award:-

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

S.M. IL RE IMPERATORE
CON SOVRANO MOTO PROPRIO

SU PROPOSTA DEL MINISTRO DELLA MARINA
CON SUO DECRETO DEL 4 MAGGIO 1943 - XXI
HA CONFERITO LA

MEDAGLIA D'ORO AL VALOR MILITARE
ALLA MEMORIA

BORG PISANI Carmelo, nato a Malta il 10-8-1915 - Sottocapo Manipolo della Milizia Artiglieria Marittima:

"Irredento maltese e, come tale, esente da obblighi militari, chiedeva ripetutamente ed otteneva di essere arruolato, nonostante una grave imperfezione fisica. Come Camicia Nera partecipava alla campagna di Grecia, durante la quale contraeva una infermita' per cui avrebbe dovuto essere sottoposto ad atto operatorio, al quale si sottraeva per non allontanarsi anche solo per pochi giorni dal campo di battaglia. - Conseguita la nomina ad ufficiale della Milizia Artiglieria Marittima, chiedeva insistentemente di essere utilizzato in una rischiosissima impresa di guerra, alla quale si preparava in lunghi mesi di allenamento e di studio, in perfetta serenita' di spirito e in piena consapevolezza della gravita' del pericolo. - Catturato dal nemico, riaffermava di fronte alla Corte Marziale britannica di Malta la sua nazionalita' italiana e cadeva sotto il piombo del plotone di esecuzione al grido di: "Viva l'Italia". - Fulgido esempio di eroismo, di fede, di abnegazione e di virtu' militari, che si riallaccia alle piu' pure tradizioni dell'irredentismo".

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IL MINISTRO

(fto.) MUSSOLINI.

2. For our purposes, the signature of the Italian official certifying the copy would require to be authenticated by the competent British Consulate in Italy.

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3. It would be greatly appreciated if this matter could be ~~treated~~ 221 as one of the utmost urgency.

Command H.Q.,
MALTA.

2nd May, 1946.

Sgd:
(P. PERFECT),
Lt.-Colonel,
DEFENCE SECURITY OFFICER,
MALTA.

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Subject : AG 201-P-BOTTELLO, Celestino (Ital Off)

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

A 245

7th May 1946.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref. copy your 1st Ind. above subject of 17 Apr 1946 and our letter to Ital. Ministry of War of this date, see copy attached.

2. Action has been taken by this HQ as indicated by our letter to the Italian Ministry of War. As soon as presentation is completed will notify your Headquarters so that HQ USFET may be advised.

3. In the meantime it is requested that you forward to us a Bronze Star Medal, for none was forwarded with the original communication.

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

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Subject : Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO

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

A 245

20th May 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. We are pleased to advise that Brigadiere Celestino BOTTELLO has been awarded the American Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General U.S. Forces European Theatre. The following is a copy of the citation.

"Brigadiere Celestino Bottello, Italian Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Section "G", 50ist Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Combat Command "B", 1st Armored Division, from 10 September 1944 to 2 May 1945. Brigadiere Bottello, often working throughout the night without thought for personal safety or health, performed his duties in an exceptionally outstanding manner. He frequently interrogated as high as one hundred persons daily, materially aiding in establishing the security of the Division. On one occasion, with great intrepidity and daring, he effected the surrender of approximately one hundred and fifty German soldiers, and their commanding officer. Brigadiere Bottello's great courage, initiative and extreme devotion to duty reflect high credit upon him and the Allied Armed Forces."

2. It is requested that you cause to be arranged a proper ceremony and Colonel KNOX Senior American Officer with this Headquarters will make the presentation.

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

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AG 201-P-Bottello, Celestino (Ital Off) 1st Ind
(17 Apr 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 4 May 1946

10 MAY 1946

THRU: Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : MMIA, Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Request your headquarters take action to comply with the basic communication.

2. It is further requested that this headquarters be advised of action taken in order that the initiator of this correspondence can be informed.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

2 Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 7 May 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC-MMIA, APO 394 US Army.

Attention directed to preceding indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:

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

2 Incls.:
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
U. S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

WRP/gl/hz
APO 757
17 April 1946

200.63 AGP-G

SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal

TO : Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 512.

1. Inclosed are General Orders No. 102, this headquarters, cs, and citation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Ferdinando Celestino Bottello, Italian Army.

2. It is desired that this award be presented at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

WILLIAM P. PARCHAR
Captain, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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Incl #2 - Citation (trip)

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PLEASE INFORM GEN NEGRONI DATES OF COL KERR'S VISIT 13 AND 14 MAY 46 (.) THIS HQ LETTER A 331 OF 24 APRIL REFERS

WILE A 243 ✓

IMPORTANT

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J.B Stoeckinger

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J.D. STOKER Major

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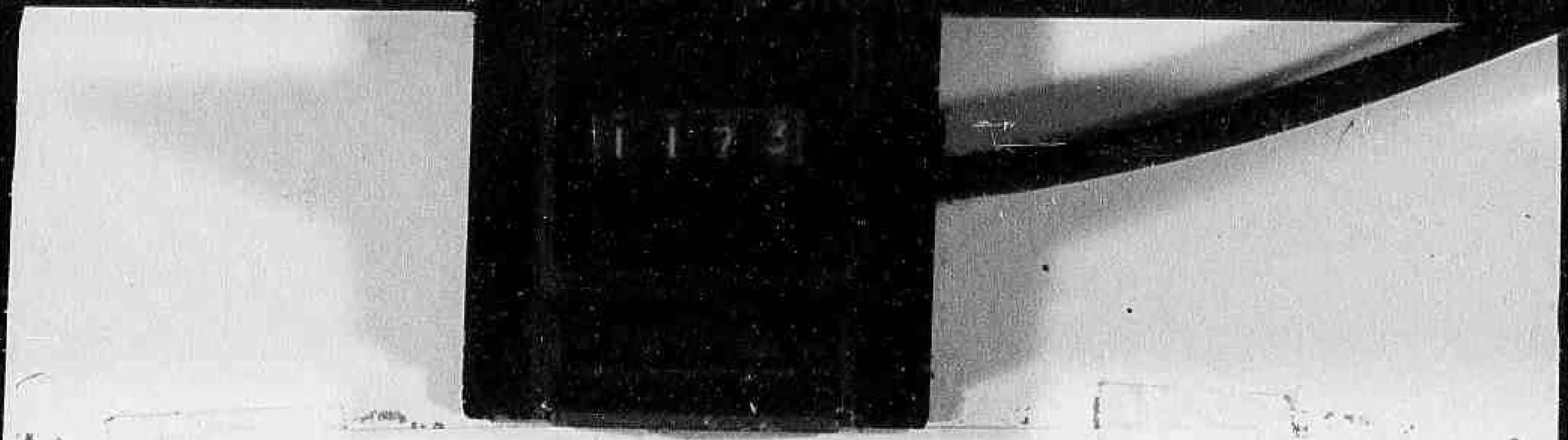
6° Mil.Terr.HQ N° 06/33/II dated 6 May(.)This is addressed to L.F.S.C. A.C.(MMIA) and for information to War Cabinet(.) Reference III6/45 dated 27 April 1946 Min.of War Cabinet(.) American Military Awards cerimony at 87°and 88° Friuli Infantry Regts will be carried out at Bolzano(.)We ask you to inform of the date during which Col.KERR will arrive at this HQ(.)4° Mil.Terr.HQ

Gen.Negroni

4 BLV. Signalled 9h

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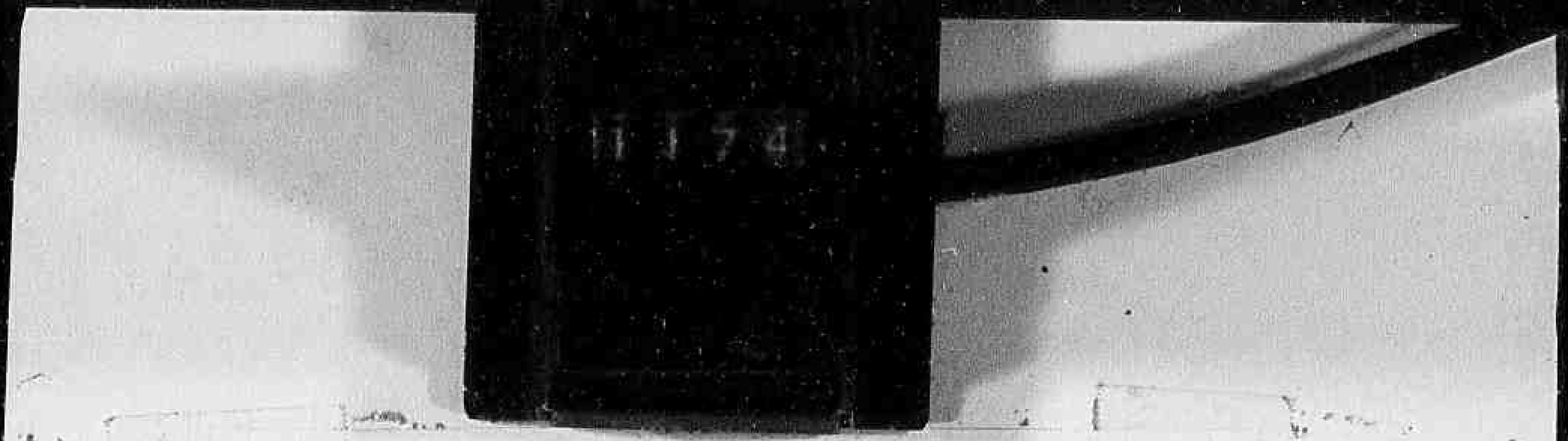
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AG 201-P- Berni, Canani (It Off) 1st Ind
(9 Apr 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U S Army, 11 April 1946

A245 (16)

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army

1. The Bronze Star Medal is forwarded for presentation to Colonel Canani Berni, Italian Army.

2. Request this headquarters and The Adjutant General, Washington,25, D.C. be notified when presentation is accomplished.

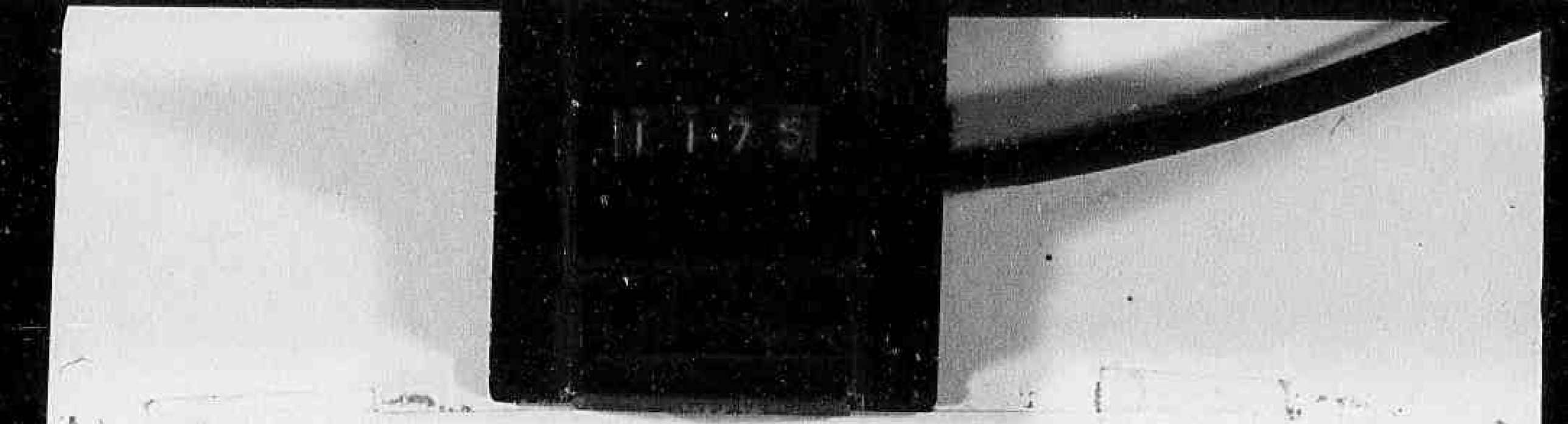
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Robert O. Bender
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CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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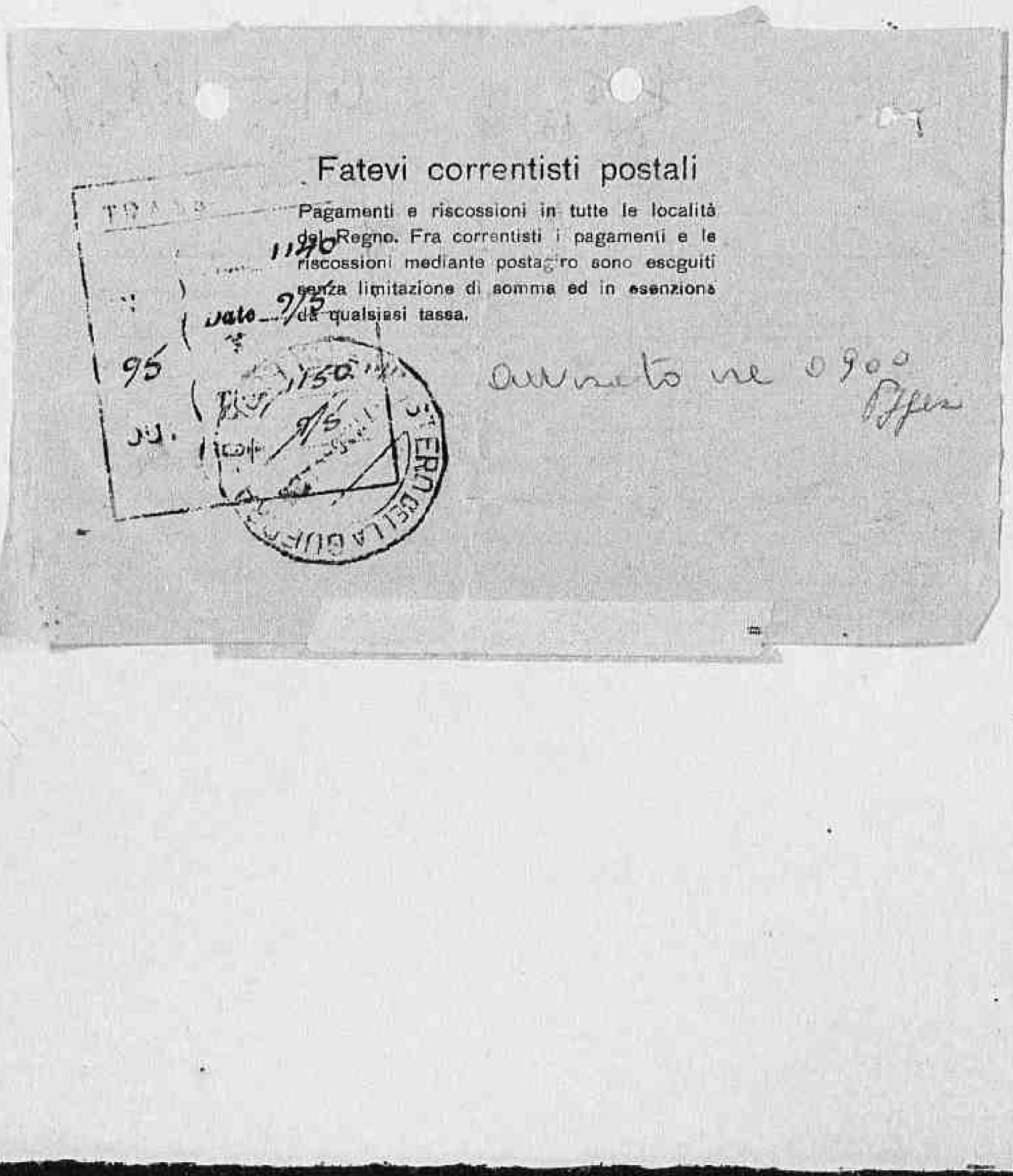
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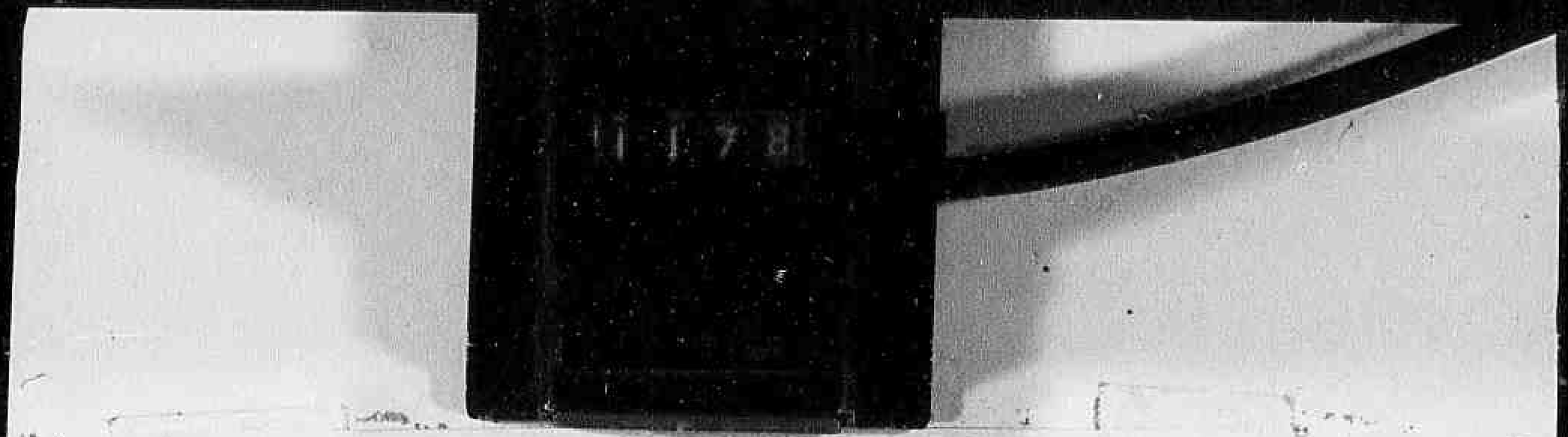
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Subject :- AWARD CAHANI (Italian Officer)

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

A 245

9th Apr. 1946.

To :- CG, MTOUSA,
APO 512 US Army.

1. Ref Message Form dated 27 March 1946 from ACO, Washington DC, and 1st Ind. thereto, see copies attached.

2. Request you forward to this HQ a Bronze Star Medal, that it will be available at the time of the presentation of the award, which is now being arranged.

See Italia 8.

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

RCVR/pc.

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Subject :- American Awards for Colonel Berni Canani, and other Italian Officers.

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

A 245

9th Apr. 1946.

To :- Ministry of War

1. Ref. your 1198/45 of 26 Feb.1946.

2. This Headquarters is pleased to advise you that the U.S. War Department has awarded Colonel Berni Canani, Italian Army, the Bronze Star Medal. A copy of the citation is attached hereto.

3. It is desired that you arrange a proper ceremony for the presentation of the award to Colonel Berni, and Colonel Kerr, senior American Officer with this Mission, will present the decoration.

4. In addition we have awards for the following Italian Officers and men, as indicated below:-

Rank			Award
Lt. Col.	Giuseppe	IOZZO	Distinguished Service Cross
Lt.	Michele	PONZONI	Silver Cross
Mar.	Nicola	DI LELLA	Silver Cross
Corp.	Carlo	MOCACCI	Silver Cross
Lt.	Silvestro	DE SIMONE	Bronze Star
Lt.	Vincenzo	ROSATO	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Oberdan	RUGGI	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Ottero	SCAFONI	Bronze Star
W.O. II	Cesare	SIMONI	Bronze Star
Sgt. Maj.	Vittorio	RIGONI	Bronze Ster
Sgt.	Emanuele	AUGENDA	Bronze Star
Sgt.	Egidio	PURRINI	Bronze Star
Private	Luigi	PALAZZO	Bronze Star

It is again requested that proper ceremonies be arranged for presentation of the awards indicated, at the places where the officers are now located.

Please furnish us with the present locations or addresses of the officers indicated and this Headquarters will do what it can to expedite the presentations. Colonel Kerr expects to visit all the Territorial Headquarters North of ROME shortly after the 1st May, and he would like to make the presentations to the officers and men located in these areas at that time.

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Lt.	Silvestro	DE SIMONE	Bronze Star
Lt.	Vincenzo	ROSATO	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Oberdan	RUSSI	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Omero	SCARCHI	Bronze Star
W.O. II	Cesare	SINNI	Bronze Star
Sgt. Maj.	Vittorio	RICCHI	Bronze Star
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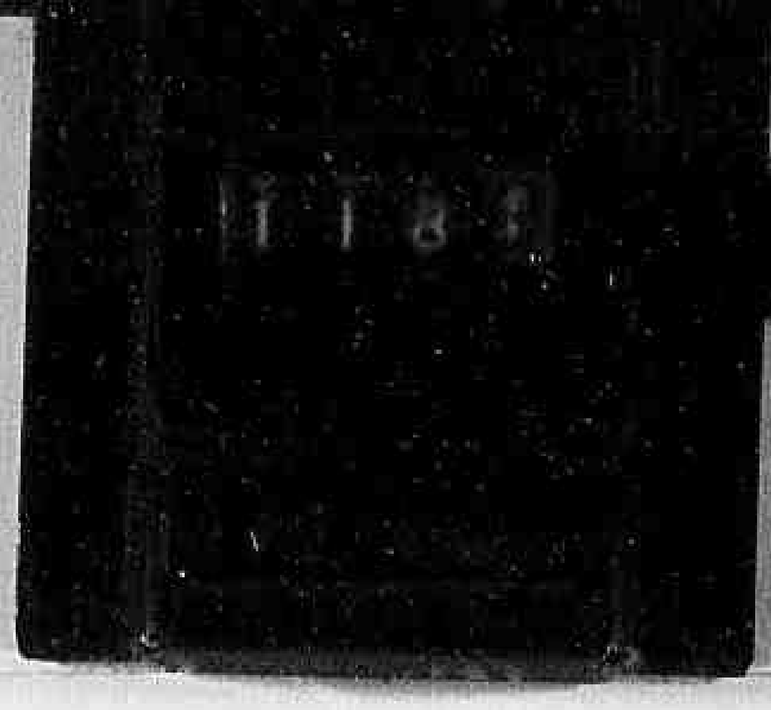
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P.C.VAN KERK Major,
for Major General,
M.P.I.A.

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MMIA

A. 245

AG 201-P-Berni, Canani (It Off) 1st Ind
(27 Mar 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 4 April 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, MMIA

1. Attached is a corrected citation from the War Department for the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Canani Berni, Italian Army.

2. Request presentation be made and this headquarters and The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. be notified.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

1 Incl:
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SUBJECT : American Awards.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 350/1
12 Dec. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. American awards have been ordered for the following officers and men as indicated below :-

	Name		Award
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Sgt.	Emanuele	ANEDDA	Bronze Star
Sgt.	Egidio	PURRINI	Bronze Star
Private	Luigi	PALAZZO	Bronze Star

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2. Request you advise us :

(a) Whether the presentation of these awards to the individuals named have actually been made.

(b) If the awards have not been formally presented and the individuals are still in the Italian Army do you desire to arrange proper ceremonies or parades and this H.Q. will send a Senior American Officer to make the formal presentations ;

(c) If the individuals to be decorated are no longer in the Italian Army but are civilians do you want to [illegible] public ceremony and we will send a represent[illegible]

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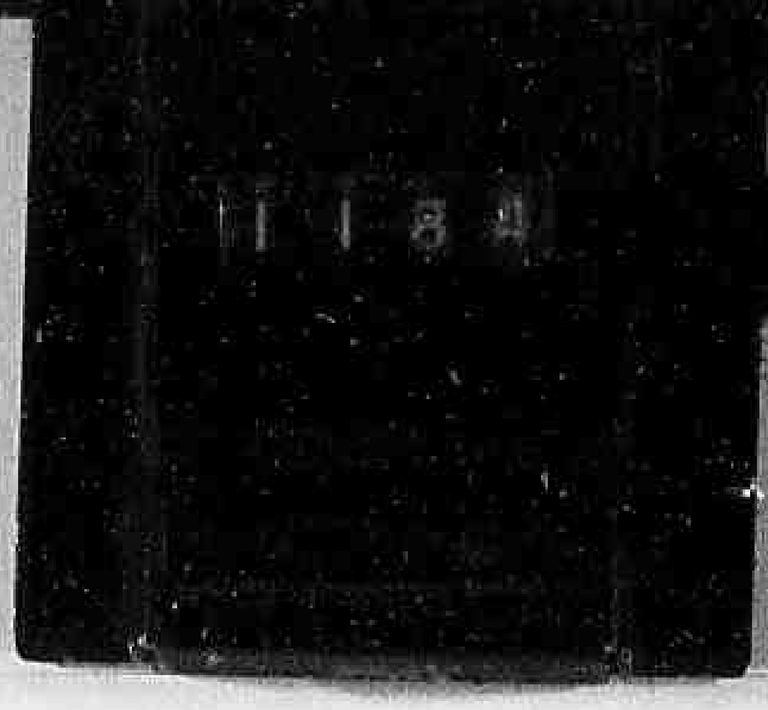
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  US Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater
- APO 512, c/o Postmaster
  New York, N. Y.
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INFORMATION TO:

27 March 1946

1. Reference is made to message from this office, WCL 27187, dated 22 March 1946, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Canani Berni, Italian Army.

2. Attached is corrected citation.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J C Kossett

Adjutant General

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C.G.S.

Roma 20 marzo 1946

Ministero della Guerra
Reparto Autonomo Ministeriale

Divisione Prot. N° 4085/4 Sez. Allegato 245 Risposta al f. del Div. Sez. N°

Oggetto: Diploma di benemerenza alleati.

All'A.M.M.I.A.
di
ROMA

RECEIVED 1/4/46 2196

Trasmetto il diploma di benemerenza alleati n. 001108 relativo al serg.Magg. FAILLA Mario, con preghiera di consegna al sottufficiale.-

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
(Antonino Valenti)

Caserta Mario 3.2.Partigiano
Tdep 2/4

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MMIA

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AG 201-P-Cerica, Angelo (Off) 1st Ind
(14 Mar 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 16 March 1946

TO: CG, MMIA

1. This headquarters has not received the supply of Medals for the award of the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm.

2. Upon receipt, citation, Medal, and General Orders announcing the award will be forwarded to your headquarters for presentation.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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Subject : Lt-Gen Angelo CERICA (Italian Army)

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

A 245

14th Mar. '46.

To : CG MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref G.O. 299 MTOUSA dated 26 November 1945, AWARD OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM for General Angelo CERICA and your AG 201-P of 9 November 1945 same subject.

2. Request information as to whether the supply of Medals for the Award of the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm has arrived in this theatre. If the supply has arrived request the the Medal be forwarded to this Headquarters.

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

RCV/ss

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Subject : Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal Award

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

A 245

15th Mar. '46.

To : The Commanding General MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Under provisions of AR 600 - 45 as amended it is recommended that Lieutenant Colonel SIRO BERNABO (Italian Army) be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as commander of the "Raggruppamento Bande Patrioti Monte Rosatte", from the 1st of September 1943 to the 4th of June 1944.

2. Lieutenant Colonel SIRO BERNABO's band of patriots was assigned the sector north of ROME in the regions of ABRUZZO, UMBRIA and TOSCANA. While operating in this sector from Sep 1943 to June 1944 which was under German occupation, it had 158 skirmishes with the Germans, constructed 20 road blocks, caused 7 rail interruptions, was responsible for 56 telegraphic interruptions, had 190 killed in battle or shot by the Germans, had 43 wounded and 9 missing in action. The group killed 319 Germans, wounded 140, took 250 prisoners and in addition captured or destroyed considerable quantities of enemy material.

3. After the fall of ROME in June 1944 Lieutenant Colonel SIRO BERNABO was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 231 Italian Division which was attached to the British Eighth Army, under command of 5th Army where he served with distinction until 5th Army was returned to the United States in Sep 1945.

4. Lieutenant Colonel SIRO BERNABO has at all times demonstrated his loyalty to the war effort of the Allies in Italy. The 231 Italian Division made a definite contribution to the successful termination of 5th Army's campaign in Italy and as Chief of Staff of that Division was largely responsible for its high standard of efficiency. All of Colonel BERNABO's military service has been of the highest quality, has been in keeping with good military tradition and worthy of recognition.

5. This Headquarters has definite knowledge of the facts as set forth above.

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: The Commanding General MTOUSA
APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Under provisions of AR 600 - 45 as amended it is recommended that Lieutenant Colonel SIRO BERNARDO (Italian Army) be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as commander of the "Raggruppamento Bande Patriotti Monte Serratte", from the 1st of November 1943 to the 4th of June 1944.

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5. This Headquarters has definite knowledge of the facts as set forth above. 2193

6. Reason for delay in submission of this recommendation is that all the facts upon which this recommendation is based have just been called to our attention.

7. Grade and assignment at the present time is Lieutenant Colonel, Italian Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Headquarters No 3, MTOUSA.

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

9. Previous awards: no American

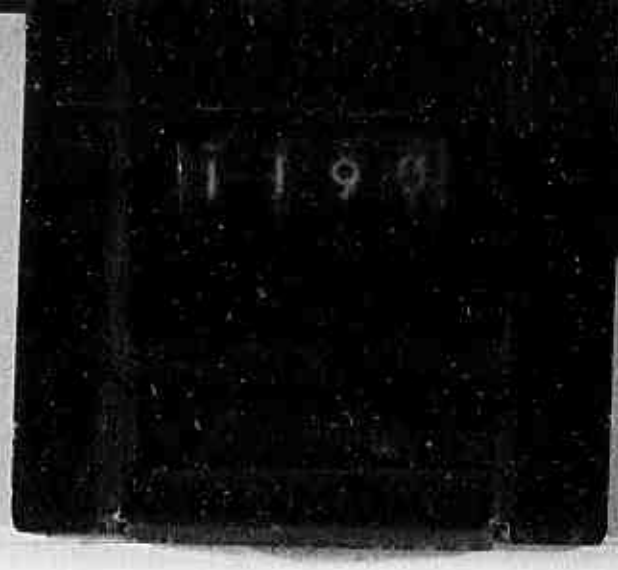
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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel CIRO BERNARDO, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as commanding officer of the "RAGGRUPPAMENTO BANDE PATRIOTI MONTE SCALETTA" in the regions of ABRUZZO, UMBRIA and TOSCANA which operated behind the German lines north of ROME from Sep 1943 to June 1944. He was responsible for his group making frequent attacks on German positions, disrupting communications and destroying or capturing German stores and equipment. His heroic efforts contributed materially to the successful liberation of that area from the Germans, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself.



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SUBJECT: Honours and Awards.

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Land Forces Sub Comm, AC
(MMIA)
ROME

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Capt Phillip SENNI - Italain Army (IIO)

Reference your A 350 dated 26 Feb 46.

Completed Army Forms W 3121 are forwarded herewith, as requested, in respect of the above named Italian Officer.

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Lt-Col,
for Lieut General,
Commander, 13 Corps.

GMR

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Subject : Lt-Gen Angelo CERICA (Italian Army)

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

A 245

12th Mar. '46.

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APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Ref G.O. 299 MTOUSA dated 26 November 1945, AWARD OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM for General Angelo CERICA and your AG 201-P of 9 November 1945 same subject.

2. Request information as to whether the supply of Medals for the Award of the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm has arrived in this theatre. If the supply has arrived request the the Medal be forwarded to this Headquarters.

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

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In reply refer to

AG 201-P-Berni, Canani (It Off)

11 March 1946

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SUBJECT: Correction of Citation

TO: M.M.I.A.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 6 March 1946 file A 350/1 pertaining to correction of citation for Colonel Canani Berni (Italian Officer).

2. Attached cable was forwarded to Washington and reply was received this date as follows: "Corrected citation being forwarded airmail".

3. Upon receipt, citation will be expedited to your headquarters for presentation.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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

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