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June 1945 - Feb. 1946

British Awards TO Italians(5113
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SUBJECT:- Honours and Awards.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

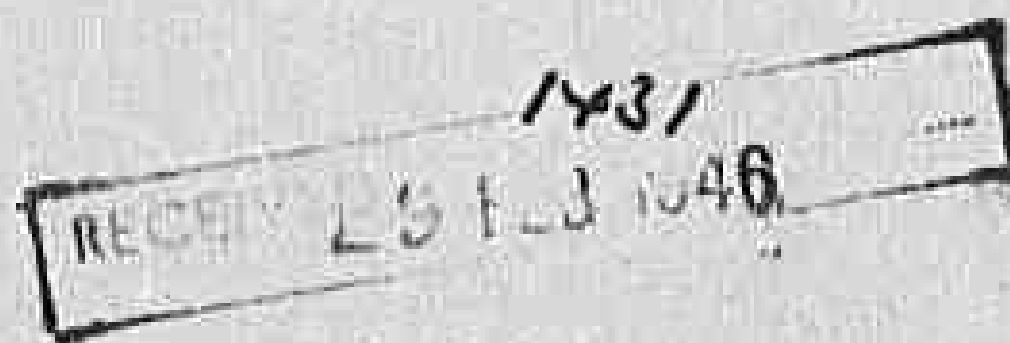
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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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MMIA. ✓

8 Feb 46

The attached recommendations for personnel of the Italian Armed Forces, together with a list for reference, are forwarded for confirmation and insertion of the appropriate recommendation where necessary.



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

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BRITISH AWARDS TO ITALIAN MILITARY AND NAVAL PERSONNEL

Capitano	AIDO	Giannone - <i>Cur 17</i>
Lt.	AMADORI	Andrea - <i>NOE</i>
Capitano	ARLANDO	Oreste
Marinaio	BARIOGLIO	Renato
Major	BASILE	Carmelo
Lt.	BOCCAZZI	Alfonso Cino <i>MC</i>
Offr.	BOLDRINI	Arrigo <i>D.f.o.</i>
Paratrpr.	IONA	Giovanni
Lt.	BUFFA	Paolo <i>MC</i>
Generale	CADORNA	Raffaele <i>CSE</i>
Aviere 1.	CANTONI	Piero <i>MC</i>
Major	CARUSO	Enrico
Capitano	CHAPPARO	Luigi - <i>Cur 17</i>
Capitano	CIOGGIA	Alessandro. M. <i>ME</i>
2/Lt.	CIVERA	Ignazio - <i>Cur 17</i>
Sgt. Parac.	D'ANGELO	Luigi <i>MC</i>
S. Tenente	DE BENEDICTY	Mario <i>Kingsley Medal</i>
S. Ten. Pilota	DE FELICE	Carlo Alberto <i>MC</i>
Sgt/Major	DE GIOGIO	Umberto
Major	DENTE	Antonio <i>Cur 17</i>
Sgt/Major	FILOSA	Umberto <i>MC</i> <i>13th High Col.</i>
Brigadieri	FLORIO	Gaetano <i>Cur 17</i>
Tenente	FISHER	Henry <i>K.M.</i>
Capitano	FOLCHI-VICI	Marco <i>K.M.</i>
Lt.	FONTANA	Indio <i>MC</i>
Lt.	FRANCIOSI	T. <i>MC</i>
Capitano	GAY	Carlo Francesco <i>P.S.</i>
Capitano	GIORDANA	Gian Pietro <i>K.M.</i>
2/Lt	GIORDANI	Giordano <i>Pen. Medal in High Col.</i>
R/Officer	GRANGE	Teresio <i>MC</i>
Capitano	GRASSI	Candido <i>MC</i>
Tenente	INSON	Giorgio <i>MC</i>
Maggiore	LINFALONI	Antonio <i>MC</i>
Lt	LAURI	Vincenzo <i>Cur 17</i>
Capitano	LI GOBBI	Alberto <i>MC</i>
Lt	MARINI	Renato <i>MC</i>
Lt-Col	MISSALOLI	Giuseppe <i>MC</i>
Lt-Col	MEOLI	Camillo <i>Cur 17</i>
Aviere SC R.T. MERLO	MORETTI	Umberto <i>Cur 17</i>
Capitano	NANNI	Attilio <i>K.M.</i>
Brig Gen	NAUPI	Mario
Aviere Scelto	NIRONI	Gaetano <i>K.M.</i>
Paratrpr	PALOMBO	Enzo
Lt-Col	PARISI	Vittorio <i>CSE</i>
Sottocapo	PASSENO	Salvatore <i>K.M.</i>
Maresciallo	PASTA	Domenico <i>K.M.</i>
Cpl/Maggiore	RELLATI	Teodoro - <i>13th High Col.</i>
Tenente	RETTI	Elisio
Maresciallo	PISSAVINI	Alberto <i>Cur 17</i>
Capitano		Angelo

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Major	CHATEPARO	Dulgi - C.A. 17
Capitano	GIOGNA	Alessandro M. HSE
Capitano	CIVERA	Ignazio - C.A. 17
2/Lt.	D'ANGELO	Luigi DM
Sgt. Parac.	DE BENEDECTY	Mario K. HSE
S. Tenente	DE FELICE	Carlo Alberto DC
S. Ten. Pilota	DE GIORGIO	Umberto
Sgt. Major	DENTE	Antonio C.A. 17
Major	FILOSA	Umberto
Sgt. Major	FLORIO	Gaetano C.A. 17
Brigadieri	FISHER	Henry K. H
Tenente	FOLCHI-VICI	Marco K. H
Capitano	FONTANA	Enidio DC
Lt.	FRANCIOSI	T.
Lt.	GAY	Carlo Francesco D.S.
Capitano	GIORDANA	Gian Pietro K. H
Capitano	GIORDANI	Giordano
2/Lt.	GRANGE	Teresio HSE
E/Officer	GRASSI	Candido HSE
Capitano	INSOM	Giorgio DC
Tenente	LINFALONI	Antonio HSE
Maggiore	LAURI	Vincenzo C.A. 17
Lt	LI CORBI	Alberto HSE
Capitano	MARINI	Renato DC
Lt	MASSAIOLI	Giuseppe CSE
Lt-Col	MEOLI	Camillo C.A. 17
Lt-Col	MORETTI	Umberto
Aviere SC R.T. MERLO	NANNEI	Attilio K. H
Capitano	NAPPI	Mario
Brig Gen	NIRONI	Gaetano K. H
Aviere Scolto	PALOMO	Enzo
Paratrpr	PARISI	Vittorio CSE
Lt-Col	PASSENO	Salvatore K. H
Sottocapo	PASTA	Domenico K. H
Maresciallo	RENATI	Teodoro - to R. HSE
Cpl/Maggiore	RETTI	Elisio
Tenente	PISSAVINI	Alberto C.A. 17
Maresciallo	RICCI	Angelo
Capitano	RICCIARDI	Tito HSE
Major	ROCCO	Augusto DC
Lt.	ROGGERO	Angelo DM
Capo R.T.	ST. JUSTE	Pietro DC
Capitano	SACCONI	Georgio DC
Lt.	SANDRI	Giacomo HSE
Sgt.	SANTANA	Mario
Aiutante	SENNI	Donato HSE
Capitano	SEQUI	Philip HSE
Private	STORACE	Vittorio HSE
2/Lt.	TENELLINI	Fenzo HSE
Lt.	UTILI	Aldo DC
Maj-Gen	VENANZETTI	Umberto
2/Lt.	VITOLO	Michael HSE
Capo. R.T.	ZETTI	Salvatore K. H
Capitano		Italo K. H

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>
LEGNANO	/Gen. IMPERIALI ✓		Lt.Col. J.S.H. DOUGLAS
"	Col. BOSSETTI ✓		" "
"	/Col. BRUNELLI ✓		" "
"	/Col. GAROFOLI ✓		" "
"	/Col. De RENZI ✓		" "
"	Col. SCARPA ✓		" "
"	/Lt.Col. POLESE ✓		" "
"	/Maj. CATALANA ✓		" "
"	/Maj. SCOPPETTONE ✓		" "
"	/Maj. TERRANOVA ✓		" "
"	/Maj. VESCOVINI ✓		" "
"	/Capt. BORROMEO ✓		" "
"	/Capt. CERULI ✓		" "
"	/Capt. GEROSA ✓		" "
"	/Capt. MURERO ✓		" "
"	/Capt. PAROLIN ✓		" "
"	/Lieut. BRIZIO ✓		" "
"	/Lieut. VISTARINO ✓		" "
"	/Sgt. Maj. BANDINI ✓		" "

Cpl Botticione Guerino ✓
 Cpl Mag. Belicini G. Battista ✓
 Ardito Cuffola Diego ✓
 2/Lt Schiavoni Otello ✓

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All to be rendered on AFW 3121.
 Sent to AFWD for Lt Col Douglas
 to be rendered on AFW 3121 31/1/46
 (marked ✓ are sent)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>
CREMONA	Gen. PREMIERI ✓	OBE ✓	Brig. W.D. McN GRAHAM
"	" " ✓	"	Lt.Col.B.W. WEBB-CARTER
"	Col. OTTONE ✓	OBE	Lt.Col. J.B. SLATER
"	Col. PEDERZANI ✓	OBE	" "
"	Maj. BONGIOVANNI ✓	MBE	" "
"	Maj. FERME ✓	MBE	" "
"	Maj. SCHENTINI ✓	MBE	" "
"	Capt. GATALANO ✓	MC	" "
"	Capt. VENTURI ✓	MBE	" "
"	S/Lt. BONCI ✓	MC	" "
"	S/Lt. De FRANCESCHI ✓	MBE	" "
"	S/Lt. RAMINI ✓	MBE	" "
"	S/Lt. SERAFINI ✓	MC	" "
"	S/Lt. VISMARA ✓	MBE	" "
"	Mar.Cp. BALDASSINI ✓	BEM	" "
"	Srg.Mgg. SCANU ✓	MM	" "
"	Srg. RONCON ✓	BEM	" "
"	Corp. MELEGATI ✓	BEM	" "
"	Pte. CASELLI ✓	MM	" "
"	Pte. PISTOLESI ✓	BEM	" "
"	Pte. SCIARRONE ✓	BEM	" "
"	Genier.CASELLA ✓	BEM	" "
"	Genier.TUCCI ✓	MM	5128 "

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>
Terr.HQ(Turin)	Lt.Gen.BERAUDO di PRALORMO ✓	CBE	Brig.W.D.Mc.N.GRAHAM.DSO.OBE
Terr.HQ(Turin)	Capt. FERRO ✓	MBE	" "
CC.RR.Div(Milan)	Col. BUTTI ✓	CBE	" "
Italian Liaison Sec 2 District	Capt. BAUCCO ✓	MBE	" "
Nucleo I	Bers. ALBONETTI /	King's Medal	Lt.Col. J.S.H. DOUGLAS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>
FRIULI	Gen. / SCATTINI, Arturo	CB or CBE ✓	Lt.Col.A.R.C.SOUTHBY
"	Gen. / TICCHIONE, Giancarlo	CBE ✓	" "
"	Col. / CIANCABILLA, Fulvio	CBE or CBE ✓	" "
"	Col. / DE BIASE, Achille	CBE or CBE ✓	" "
"	Lt.Col. / FABRIS, Benvenuto	OBE	" "
"	Lt.Col. / CAPELLO, Mario	OBE	" "
"	Maj. / ASSINI, Giuseppe	MBE	" "
"	Maj. / CULTRERA, Sebastiano	MBE	" "
"	Maj. / VISMARA, Luigi	MBE	" "
"	Capt. / MAZZI, Alfredo	MBE	" "
"	Maj. / PIERONI, Agostino	MBE	" "
"	Capt. / RUSPOLI, Eugenio	MBE	" "
"	Lt. / GIOMMONI, Umberto	MBE	" "
"	2/Lt. / RINALDO, Ivo	MBE	" "

Subject :- Recommendations - Italian Officers.

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Nov 45

Reference your A 350 dated 15 Sep 45.

1. Herewith recommendations for periodical awards for officers of MINUTOVA

Inf. Div. The recommendations are in the following order of priority.

GENERALE DI BRIGATA. I.C.S.	GUIDO BOLOMIA	OBE	} <i>Reserve</i>
COLONNELLO MAINT. S.P.E.	AIDO GIOHANNI	OBE	
MASSIMO BERSAGLIERI. S.P.E.	FRANCESCO POLISSANI	OBE	
S. VENTURINI ART. S.P.E.	GIOVANNI CAGLIATI	LIBR	

2. Can it please be confirmed that these recommendations should be sent direct to MIa, and not through 2 Districts.

CM.
AVC/ap

Lt-Col.
CS.

Phillips

MIa

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Confirmed that direct to MIa is the proper channel.

B/W 5120

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MIa

1. Herewith recommendations for periodical awards for officers of MANTOVA

Inf. Div. The recommendations are in the following order of priority.

GENERAL DI BRIGATA. I.C.S.	GUIDO BOLOGNA	OEE
COLONNELLO FANT. S.P.R.	AIDO GIORDANO	OEE
MAGGIORRE BERGAMINI. S.P.R.	FRANCESCO FORISANO	OEE
S. TRENTEVE ANT. S.P.R.	GIOVANNI CACIARI	IDE

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

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Lt-Col.
CS.

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AWG/OP

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>BOLOGNA</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY.</u>
MANTOVA	Gen. Brig. I.G.S.	<u>BOLOGNA</u> ✓	OBE	Lt. Col. A.W. GIBBON
"	Col. Inftry SPE	<u>GIORDANO</u> ✓	OBE	" "
"	Maj. Bers. SPE	<u>FORMISANO</u> ✓	MBE	" "
"	S/Lt. Arty. SPE	<u>GAGIATI</u> ✓	MBE	" "

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>
FOLGORE	Col. de NICHELIS ✓	OBE	It. Col. ^{Taylor} J. S. H. DOUGLAS
"	Col. FOSCARI ✓	OBE	" "
"	Col. PACINOTTI ✓	OBE	" "
"	Col. RONCO ✓	OBE	" "
"	Lt. Col. de MARTINO ✓	OBE	" "
"	Lt. Col. IZZO ✓	DSO or OBE	" "
"	Lt. Col. JUNG ✓	OBE	" "
"	Lt. Col. STELLA ✓	OBE	" "
"	Cap. Vasc. TESI ✓	OBE	" "
"	Cap. Corv. BARBARO ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major DESSY ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major FABRIZIO ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major MOSCA ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major PELAGATTI ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major PETRILLI ✓	MBE	" "
"	Major SESSA ✓	MBE	" "
"	Capt. ZANINI ✓	MBE	" "

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Subject :- Honours and AwardsCONFIDENTIALTo :-
HQ Land Forces Sub Com AG (LMIA)
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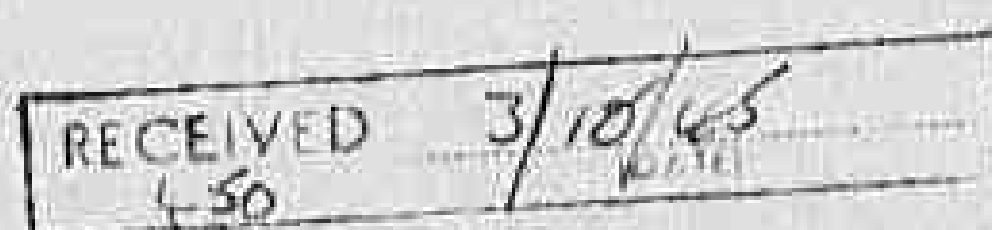
1 British Liaison Unit

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- 1 Recommendations for honours and awards on AF W 5121 are forwarded for officers and men of CREMONA Inf Div listed in para 3 below.
- 2 There are no posthumous recommendations and none of the personnel named has received an American award.

3	Maggiore	SCHEFFINI	II/21	M B E
	Maggiore	BONGIOVANNI	II/22	M B E
	Maggiore	FIERRE	144 Genio	M B E
	Capt	VENTURI	7 Arty	M B E
	Capt	CATALANO	9 Cp 21 Regt	M C
	Sotto Tenente	De FRANCESCHI	Hq 22 Regt	M B E
	Sotto Tenente	SERAFINI	I/22 Regt	M C
	Sotto Tenente	BONCI	3 Cp 21 Regt	M C
	Sotto Tenente	RAMINI	10 Cp 22 Regt	M B E
	Maresciallo Capo	BALDASSINI	C C R 21 Regt	B E M
	Sergente Maggiore	SCANU	3 Cp 21 Regt	M M
	Sergente	ROMCON	144 Genio	B E M
	Caporale	MELAGATTI	C C II/22	B E M
	Fante	SCIARRORE	9 Cp 21 Regt	B E M
	Fante	CASELLI	1 Cp 21 Regt	M M
	Fante	PISTOLESI	I/22	B E M
	Geniere	CASELLA	144 Genio	B E M
	Geniere	TUGGI	144 Genio	M M

Field
28 Nov 45
JBS/RGT5122
Lt Col
General Staff

CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Honours and Awards

51 British Liaison Unit

A 1/9

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

Ref your A 350 dated 15 Sep 45.

1. AFs W 3121 are submitted in respect of the under-mentioned officers :-

Generale	PRIMIERY	CBE
Colonel	PEDERZANI	OBE
Colonel	OTTONE	OBE
Sotto Tenente	VISMARA	MBE

2. Before preparing further recommendations I would appreciate guidance from you as to the policy to be adopted.

- (a) Total number of awards per combat group. Since CREMONA GROUP was the first to enter the line, and achieved several successful actions, it would be resented if any other group received a greater number of awards.
- (b) Degree of awards. Presumably you will ensure that no Combat Group cmd receives a higher ranking award than Generale PRIMIERI.
- (c) Gallantry awards. When we were asked to submit recommendations for U.S. decorations the names of the most deserving officers and other ranks were submitted. May those persons who have received a U.S. award be recommended for British awards?
- (d) Apart from the specially meritorious cases mentioned in para 1, and the instances of acts of gallantry which have earned U.S. gallantry awards, there are a number of officers like bn and bty comds who have rendered good service. In most cases the MBE would be the appropriate award. Will you please inform me of the number of such recommendations you are prepared to accept, or the number submitted by other BLUs.

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(e) In view of the difficulty of vouching for acts of gallantry by other ranks, it is probable that the BEM is the award most suitable as a recognition by the allies of meritorious service. Will you please indicate how many recommendations for the BEM you are prepared to accept.

3. I am most anxious to look after the interests of CREMONA GROUP in this matter of awards, and to ensure that they have at least as good an allotment as any other combat group.

Field
8 Oct 45
JBS/FEM

[Signature]
Lieut Col
General Staff

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SUBJECT :-

Honours and AwardsCONFIDENTIAL

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

HQ Lend Forces Sub Commission (AC)
MIA ROME.

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

Captain RICCHEZZA.

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

Captain WAR

This officer was officially the chief interpreter at Gruppo HQ, but was generally used on intelligence duties. A fluent English speaker he went out of his way to assist

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This officer was officially the chief interpreter at Gruppo HQ, but was generally used on intelligence duties. A fluent English speaker he went out of his way to assist the BLU: he was courteous and co-operative in the extreme.

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

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

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

With regard to (1) page 2

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

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

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

Service and Courage in the Cause of Freedom

FATICO

General IMPERIALI
Colonel GAROFOLI
Lt BRIZIO
Captain MURERO
Captain CERULLI

- Deputy Commander
- Chief of Staff
- Secretary to GOC
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) - G.2
- Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) - ADC & G3(I)

SERVIZI

Major TERRANOVA
Lt VISTARINO

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

ENGINEERS

Major VESCOVINI

- OC Engineer Bn (CRE)

SIGS

Capt FAROLIN

- OC Sigs Coy (CSO)

MEDICAL

Lt Col POLENE
Capt CEROSA

- Director of Medical Services (ADMIS)
- CC 51 Sezione Sanita

ORDNANCE

Major SCOPPEONE

- Chief of Commissariato Sec (ADOS)

REAR

Major CATALANA
Captain BORNOMIO

- Chief of IT Sec (CRECE)
- OC LEGNANO Wsps

Comd 11 Arty Regt

Comd 69 (Speciale) Inf Regt

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Service and Courage in the Cause of Freedom

TATICO

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|-------------------|---|
| General IMPERIALI | - Deputy Commander |
| Colonel GAROFOLI | - Chief of Staff |
| Lt BRIZIO | - Secretary to GOC |
| Captain MURERO | - Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) - G.2 |
| Captain CERULLI | - Staff Offr (Op & Int Sec) - ADG & G3(I) |

SERVIZI

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Major TERRANOVA | - Staff Offr (Adm Sec) - AA & QMG |
| Lt VISTARINO | - Interpreter (Employed as AD S & T) |

ENGINEERS

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| Major VESCOVINI | - OC Engineer Bn (CRE) |
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SIGS

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| Capt PAROLIN | - OC Sigs Coy (CSO) |
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MEDICAL

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| Lt Col POLESE | - Director of Medical Services (ADMS) |
| Capt GEROSA | - CO 51 Sezione Sanita |

ORDNANCE

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Major SCOPPETONE | - Chief of Commissariato Sec (ADOS) |
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REAR

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Major CATALANA | - Chief of MT Sec (CREME) |
| Captain BORGHESE | - OC LEGNANO Wsps |

Comd 11 Arty Regt

Colonel BRUNELLI

Comd 68 Inf Regt

Colonel de RENZI

Comd 69 Speciale Inf Regt

Colonel SCARPA

Comd 3 (Arditi) Bn 68 Inf Regt

Colonel BOSCHETTI

Acts of Gallantry

The following 5 personnel of the Gruppo LEGNANO are considered the most deserving for a British Military award for gallantry. In some cases the citations include accounts of gallantry performed with C.I.L. in the 1944 Campaign: this has been done since in the normal citation for a British award previous acts of gallantry etc performed over a period may be taken into consideration.

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Cpl	BORTIGNON	GUERINO	No 2 Alpini "PIEMONTE" Bn 69 Inf Regt
Cpl Major	BELIGNI	G. RATTISTA	No 1 Inf Bn 68 Inf Regt
Ardito	COPPOLA	BIAGIO	No 3 (Arditi) Bn 68 Inf Regt
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Capt FERRO Albert, Mario
Capt BAUCCO Marcello

The att A.F. W. 5121 in respect of above-mentioned offrs is forwarded for the necessary action.

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Brigadier
Commander

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(MMA)

Ref this HQ letter AQ/31/19 dated 22 Aug 45 forwarding a list and citations for honours and awards for Italian personnel I now wish to add the name of Bersaglieri ALBONETTI Adelbore.

I consider the service of this soldier in the employ of the British to have been really outstanding over a considerable period i.e. just over a year.

Originally a partisan in MODIGLIANA he joined the Lovat Scouts which I was then commanding as batman to my Italian Liaison Officer and being a native of the village was himself in no small way responsible for its ultimate capture by the Lovat Scouts.

Through sheer loyalty and devotion he has remained with me throughout wherever I have been posted, and he has now served in the Legnano Division since February of this year as a member of the Italian Increment to this B.L.U. A devoted follower and admirer of the British, a really hard and willing worker, a charming personality and outstandingly courageous he has been a real asset throughout, and the attached citation hardly does full justice to the services he has rendered since the cessation of hostilities. He has learnt to speak English and is highly respected by all ranks (British) of this B.L.U.

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 A.C. (M. E. I. .) F O W E
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 13 Nov. 45

TO : 56 RIN

Ref. your letter of 6 Nov. 45.

1. It is confirmed that recommendations for awards should be forwarded direct to M.E.I.A.

M. R.

Major General
 M. E. I. A.

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