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American Awards TO Italians

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June - 1945 - MAR. 1946

AG 201-P-Izzo, Giuseppe (It Off) 1st Ind
(7 Mar 46)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 9 March 1946
TO: Commanding Officer, MMTA ✓

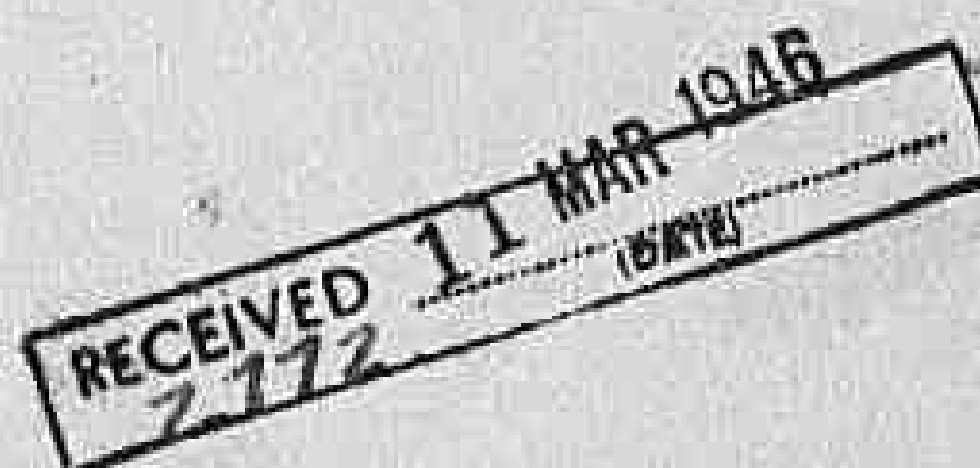
Inclosed is a Distinguished Service Cross medal per your request.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

- 2 Incls:
1. n/c
2. Medal

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AR Pell
A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General



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SUBJECT : Presentation of Awards

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

A 350/1

7th Mar. '46.

TO : CG MPOUSA
APO 512 US Army

1. Ref your AG 200.63/044-P of 19 Oct 1945 and 15th Army Group General Orders of 5 July 1945 copies attached.
2. Request that your Headquarters issue a duplicate Distinguished Service Cross Medal for Lt-Col Giuseppe IZZO (Italian Army) in that an investigation at this Headquarters now reveals that the original medal has apparently been stolen from the locked cabinet where this medal along with others had been kept. The cabinet has been kept locked with a key and Col KERR retained the key but apparently some unauthorized person who has another key, opened the cabinet and removed the DSC which your Headquarters forwarded. The cabinet where the medal was kept is located in one of the front offices.
3. The delay in the presentation of this award has been occasioned by the fact that the Italian War Ministry wanted to arrange a large public ceremony here in Rome for all the Italian officers who are to receive American awards.

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

RCV/as

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SUBJECT : Berni, Canani (Italian Officer)Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

A 350/1

Mar. '46.

TO : CG 320USA
AGD 512 US Army

1. Ref your AG 204-P-Berni, Canani (Italian Officer) and attached correspondence.
2. Attention is invited to the fact, that Colonel Berni was first recommended for the Legion of Merit, it was subsequently considered that a Bronze Star was a more appropriate award, the recommendation was forwarded to the War Department where it was issued as a citation for the Legion of Merit. In the message form returning it to this theatre it was referred to as the Bronze Star.
3. Request clarification and if the Legion of Merit Medal is to be presented to Colonel Berni as indicated by the citation, request that the medal be forwarded as directed in Paragraph 2 of the War Department message form attached. When the correspondence was forwarded to this Headquarters under date of 28 February no medal of any kind was inclosed.

5205

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

Incls.

RCV/as

57

SUBJECT : Award for Lt-Col BRUNO Attilio, Italian Army

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

A 350/1

4th Mar. '46.

TO : CG MEXUR
AFG 512 US Army

1. Ref your AG 201-2-Bruno, Attilio (Ital Off) of 5 Feb 1946 copy attached.
2. Subject officer is chief of the Italian Liaison Section in Germany with ACS U.S.F.E.T. APO 757 US Army. Request your Headquarters forward to that theatre for presentation.

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

ROV/s

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3d Ind
AG 201-P-Berni, Canani (Italian Off)
(15 Oct 45)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 25 February 1946

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TO: Commanding Officer, MMIA ✓

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1. Attention is invited to preceding correspondence.
2. Request this headquarters be notified when presentation is accomplished.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. R. Pell

A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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TRANSLATION

ref 1198/45

26/2/46

350/1

from M of W
to M.M.I.A.

Subject: Presentation of decoration to Col. BERNI CANANI Eugenio

We should like to know if, besides Col. Berni Canani there is other Italian personnel, to whom American Authorities have granted decorations.

We require this information in order to pre-organise an eventual collective ceremony only for the presentation of the relative decorations to the concerned military personnel being in the territory of Rome.

C/a

Lombardi

5202

See No
Pursued to my knowledge 1/2/46

GA/me



Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

ALLA LAND FORCE SUB COMM.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

A 350/1

ROMA

Divisione
Ind. 1198/45

Allegato
18/1/1946

OGGETTO: Presentazione di decorazione al col.
BERNI CANANI Eugenio.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MIL. TERR. DI ROMA
(rif. P° 2185/tav. del 16/2/46)

Sarebbe gradito conoscere se,
oltre il col. BERNI CANANI, vi siano altri
militari italiani ai quali le autorità ame-
ricane abbiano concesso onorificenze.

Quanto sopra per poter predisporre
una eventuale unica cerimonia collettiva per
la presentazione delle relative decorazioni ai
militari interessati dislocati nel territorio
di Roma.

TRANSLATION

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Time 1715

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 1121/45
Date: 20/2/46

Subject: Award for Col. BRUNO Attilio - Italian Army.

In reply to lette A/350/1 dated 8th inst.

We thank you of the information concerning the granting of the "Bronze Star Medal" to Col. BRUNO Attilio.

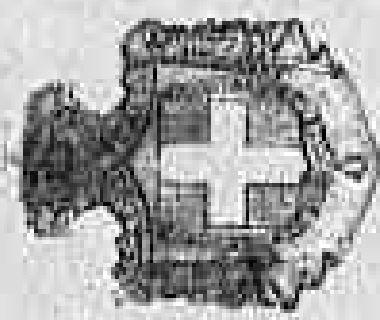
We regret that we cannot arrange the ceremony for the presentation of the award but, the officer concerned is at present appointed as chief of the Italian Liaison Section in Germany with A.C.S. - U.S.F.E.T. - A.P.O. 757 - U.S.A. Frankfurt.-

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd) Col. Lombardi.

Seen 20/2/46

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Ministero della Guerra

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Divisione Per. Int. N. 51121/45 Allegato

Roma, 20 FEB 1946

ALLA LAN FORCE SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

R C M A

Reservat. Foglio del 8 c. 11. 1/2 350/1
OGGETTO Onorificenza per il colonnello BRUNO Attilio, es.ital.

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A. 350/1

Si ringrazia della comunicazione relativa alla concessione della medaglia "Bronze Star Medal" al colonnello BRUNO Attilio.

Si è spiacenti di non poter disporre la cerimonia di presentazione della ricompensa in quanto l'ufficiale interessato è attualmente accreditato quale capo della Sez.ital. di collegamento in Germania presso A.C.S. - U.S.T.E.P. - A.P.V. - 757 - U.S.A. - Francoforte.

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OGGETTO Onorificenza per il colonnello BRUNO Attilio, es.ital.

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A 350/1

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Si è spiacenti di non poter disporre la cerimonia di presentazione della ricompensa in quanto l'ufficiale interessato è attualmente accreditato quale capo della Sez.ital. di collegamento in Germania presso A.C.S. - U.S.F.E.T. - A.P.O. - 757 - U.S.A. - Francoforte.

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SUBJECT : Bronze Star Award for Celestino BOTTILLO

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

A 350/1

26 Feb. '46.

TO : Ministry of War

1. Ref copies of attached orders No 10 1st Armored Division U.S. Army.
2. This TO is pleased to advise you of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Brigadier Celestino BOTTILLO, see copies of order attached. It is requested that these be forwarded to subject officer.

B. Wilson Capt.
H.Q. 4th Army, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A. 5198

KVT/ac

AG 201-P-Bottello, Celestino (It Off) 4th Ind ARP/who
(30 Jan 46)
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 20 February 1946
TO: CO, MMIA ✓ 350/1

Request compliance with 1st Wrapper Indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE: A

1 Incl:
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A. R. PELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 200.6

W/Ind

CEW/r1 ✓

HQ, 1ST ARMED DIV, APO 251, U S Army, 30 January 1946.

TO: CG, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 512, U S Army.

THRU: CG, 7th Army, APO 758, U S Army.

Request that inclosed copies of General Orders #10, this Headquarters, dated 27 January 1946, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Brigadiere CELESTINO BOTTELLO, Italian Army, be forwarded to subject officer.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Clarence E. Whitefield
CLARENCE E. WHITEFIELD
1st Lt, AGD
Asst Adj General

I Incl:

GO #10, Hq 1st AD, 27 Jan 46, (In trip).

Telephone:

First Armored Division 2207



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AG 201 - AGD Bottello, Celestino, (C) 2d W/Ind

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 758, U S Army, 5 February 1946 ✓

THRU: Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater (Main),
APO 757, U S ArmyTO : Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United
States Army, APO 512, U S Army

Inviting attention to 1st W/Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
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Handwritten signature: H. Fenger
 H. FENGER
 Lt Col, AGD
 Deputy Adjutant General

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Telephone SEVENTH ARMY 100-1000

200.63 AGP-G 3rd Ind. WRF/gl/hag
 HQ, UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER (MAIN), APO 757, US ARMY, 14 Feb 1946.

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

1 Incl - n/c



Handwritten signature: W. R. F.
 W. R. F.

5194

SUBJECT: Awards to Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.O.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O H R

- A 350/1
16 Feb. '46.

TO : CC, REMOEA,
APO 512 U.S. ARMY.

1. Reference your AG 200.63/044-P of the 28 Jan. '46, copy attached.
2. The Italian Ministry of War has approved the acceptance of the awards indicated for the following Italian officers :-

General Giovanni Di Raimondo, Italian State Railways, Italian Army,
(Medal of Freedom, w/Silver Palm) address ROME.

Major Fabio Canafa D'Antria, Military Railway Service, Ministry of
Transport (Medal of Freedom) address ROME.

Lt Colonel Ottavino Rozza, Headquarters Carabinieri, (Bronze Star
Medal) address ROME.

3. You will note that approval was not granted for the acceptance of
an award by Major Camillo Peccorella as requested.

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

1 Incl.

RCV/evc

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 139/46

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 9.2.46

SUBJECT: Decorations fo Italian Officers

We thank you for your A/350/1 of 31.1.46 regarding the conferment of the decorations on the officers mentioned in said letter and give our approval for the acceptance by the said officers of the decorations mentioned.

We enclose the addresses of the officers concerned.

Sgd. LOMBARDI

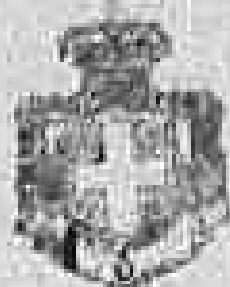
Col.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Divisione
Det. N° 139/46

Roma 9 FEB 1946

Alla LAND FORCE SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMARicevuto il 31.1.1946
N° 350/1

OGGETTO Onorificenze per ufficiali italiani.

A. 98

Si ringrazia della comunicazione riguardante le onorificenze decretate a favore degli ufficiali di cui al foglio in riferimento, e si dà il benestare all'accettazione, da parte degli stessi, dell'onorificenze indicate.

Allegasi elenco indirizzi degli ufficiali interessati.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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		Date	14/2

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Allegato al f° n. 139/46 del 9 febbraio 1946

Gen. Giovanni DI RAIMONDO - Direttore Generale delle FF.SS.
R° Ministero Trasporti

R O M A

Magg. Fabio CARAFFA D'ANDRIA - Military rawlyas Service presso
R° Ministero Trasporti

R O M A

Ten.col. Ottorino BOZZA - Comando Generale Arma dei CC.RR. 90

R O M A

SUBJECT : Award for Lt-Col BRUNO Attilio, Italian Army

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

✓ A 350/1

Feb. '46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. This HQ is pleased to advise you that the Commanding General of the European Theatre Service Forces has approved the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Lt-Col BRUNO Attilio, Italian Liaison Officer, Italian Army. Attached is a copy of the citation.

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

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

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RCV/as

Bronze Star Medal, Citation and Ho Theatre
Service Cross in file Cabinet - Office

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SG 201-P-Bruno, Attilio (Ital Off)
(2 Jan 46)

2d Ind

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Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 5 February 1946

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TO: Commanding Officer, MMIA

1. Request your headquarters take action to locate individual and to accomplish presentation.

2. Upon completion, request this headquarters be notified.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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2 Added: Medal.A. R. FELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant General

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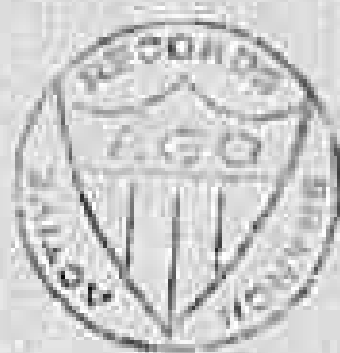
AG 200.63 - Bruno, Attilio (O) AGPA 1st W/Ind.
Hq, Theater Service Forces, European Theater, APO 757
15 January 1946.

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

1. Attention is invited to the attached General Orders
and complete citation concerning the award of the Bronze Star
Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Attilio Bruno, Italian Army.

2. It is requested that presentation be effected by
your Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



C. N. Gruber
C. N. GRUBER,
Major, AGD.
Assistant Adjutant General.

2 Incls:
Incl 1-GO #2, Hq TSFET, 2 Jan 46
Incl 2-Official citation.

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from M of W
to M.M.I.A.

Translation
ref 1109/45
4/2/46

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RD

Subject : Granting of the "Legion of Merit" to
Gen. Lama Guido

We thank you for the letter informing us
that the President of the U.S.A. granted to
Brig. General Lama Guido the "Legion of Merit".
The Military Territorial Command of Naples
has informed, upon our request, that the relative
decoration was formally given, in September 1945,
to the a/m General by the Gen. FRITCH, commanding
the Air Force Service in the Mediterranean Theater
of Operations.

Lombardi

C/a

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Roma - 4 FEB 1946

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

No LAND FORCES SUB.
COMMISSION A.C. (MMA)

ROMA

Distribuzione

Da

Prot. N° 1102/41

Allegato

Riposta al f. 111

Per

Da

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Oggetto: Conferimento della "Legion of Merit" al
generale LAMA Guido.

Si ringrazia della comunicazione relativa
all'avvenuto conferimento da parte del Presidente
degli S.U.A. al Gen. di brig. Guido LAMA della "Legion
of Merit".

Da informazioni assunte presso il Comando
Militare Territoriale di Napoli risulta che la relativi-
va decorazione è stata fin dal settembre 1945 formal-
mente presentata al predetto generale dal Generale
FRITCH comandante l'Air Force Service del Teatro di
Operazioni nel Mediterraneo.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Translation

From M.of W.
To Mil.Terr.HQ Rome.
for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. II98/45.

Date 26/I/46.

Subject American Decorations.

We forward copy of the letter N° A/350 dated 18/I/46 from the L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) asking to kindly arrange, making contact with aforesaid M.M.I.A. the ceremony for the handing over of the American decoration to Reg. Cal. Col. BERNI CANANI Eugenio, living at Rome, 16 V¹a dei Liburni.

We await information concerning the procedure laid down for this ceremony.

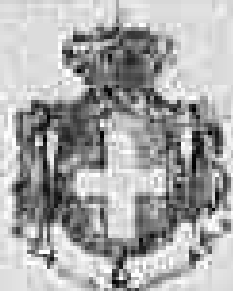
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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Roma, 20 GEN 1945

Il COMANDO MILITARE
TERRITORIALE DI

ROMA

Divisione *Tr*
Int. A. 1198/45 *Allegato*

Rappresentanza del

Div. *Tr* 3°

TRANSLATION

OGGETTO Decorazione americana.

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Data 14/5

Data 28/6

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

ROMA

OUT

Time 1630

Si trasmette copia della lettera n. A/350/1 del 18 c.m. della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) con preghiera di predisporre, prendendo contatto con la predetta M.M.I.A., la cerimonia per la consegna della decorazione americana al colonnello di cav.s.p.e. a disposizione BERNI CANANI Eugenio, domiciliato a Roma - Via dei Liburni 6.

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

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Paulini

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SUBJECT: Awards to Italian Officers.

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

A 350/1
31 Jan. '46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. MRCUSA has requested that this HQ obtain permission from you for the acceptance by the following officers (Italian) of the awards indicated.

General Giovanni DI RAIMONDO, Italian State Railways, Italian Army (Medal of Freedom, w/ Silver Palm)

Major Fabio Carafa D'AMERIA, Italian Army Reserve Corps (Medal of Freedom)

Major Camillo PECORELLA, 3703, Italian Army (Medal of Freedom)

Lt Colonel Ottorino BOZZA, Italian Army (Bronze Star Medal)

2. Am enclosing copies of the proposed awards. It is desired that you approve the acceptance of these awards. Also please furnish us the present addresses of the officers indicated to expedite presentation.

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

General Giovanni DI RAIMONDO, Italian State Railways, Italian Army (Medal of Freedom, w/ Silver Palm)

Major Fabio Carafa D'AMURIA, Italian Army Reserve Corps (Medal of Freedom)

Major Camillo PECORIELLA, 57103, Italian Army (Medal of Freedom)

Lt Colonel Ottorino BOZZA, Italian Army (Bronze Star Medal)

2. Am enclosing copies of the proposed awards. It is desired that you approve the acceptance of these awards. Also please furnish us the present addresses of the officers indicated to expedite presentation.

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REC'D

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

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HEADQUARTERS
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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

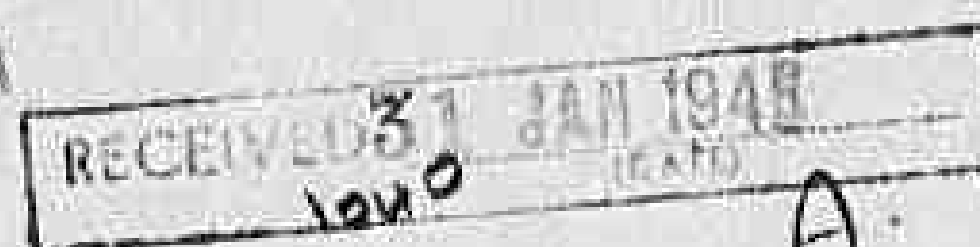
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In reply
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28 January 1946

AG 200.63/044-P

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SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding Officer, MMLA

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

General Giovanni Di Raimondo, Italian State Railways, Italian Army, (Medal of Freedom, w/ Silver Palm).
Major Fabio Carafa D'Andria, Italian Army Reserve Corps, (Medal of Freedom).
Major Camillo Pecorella, 37103, Italian Army, (Medal of Freedom).
Lt Colonel Ottorino Bozza, Italian Army, (Bronze Star Medal).

2. Request present location of the officers named above be indicated so as to expedite presentation.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. R. Pell

- 4 Incls:
Citations re:
1- Di Raimondo, (MF, w/SP).
2- D'Andria, (MF).
3- Pecorella, (MF).
4- Bozza, (BSM).

A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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1st Ind

AG 201-P-Berni, Canani (Italian Off)
(19 Jan 46)

HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 24 January 1946

TO: CO, MMIA

RECEIVED 20 JAN 1945

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1. Inasmuch as The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C., awarded the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Canani Berni, citation must be forwarded to them for necessary correction.

2. Attached is a copy of our letter forwarding the citation to The Adjutant General for your information.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

AR Pell

1 Incl

1. W/D

2. Added: MTOUSA 1st Ind
to TAG dtd 24 Jan 46

A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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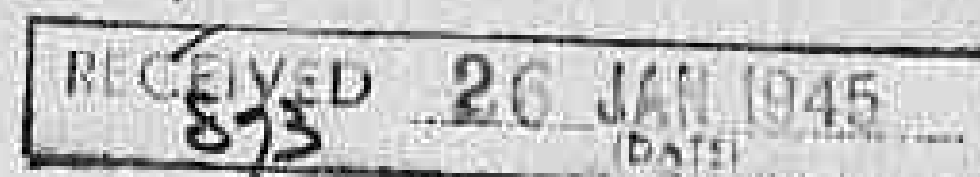
1st Ind

AG 201-P-Lama, Guidio (Italian Off)
(21 Jan 46)

HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 24 January 1946

TO: CG, MMIA, Rome.

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Records this headquarters indicate the award of the Legion of Merit, degree of officer, was presented to Major General Lama by the Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO on 8 September 1945; therefore, this correspondence is returned without action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. R. Pell

A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT : Award of Legion of Merit

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

A 350/1

2^{1st} Jan. 46.

TO : C.G. MTOUSA APO 512 U.S.Army.

1. Reference your 2nd Ind AG 201-P-Lama, Guidio (Italian Off) (23 Nov. 45) of the 15 January 1946.
2. Para 1. Your 2nd Ind is noted.
3. Have complied with para 2. your 2nd Ind.
4. It is desired that you forward to this H.Q. the Medal and ribbon for presentation to the officer concerned since apparently the presentation has not been previously made.

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

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SUBJECT : Award of Legion of Merit.

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

A 350/1

Jan. '46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It is with distinct pleasure that this H.Q. is able to advise you that Brigadier General Guido LAMA, Italian Army, has been awarded by the President of the United States the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service.

2. The citation and the certificate signed personally by the President are enclosed. If this award has not been formally presented and if you wish to arrange a proper ceremony for its presentation to General LAMA, the Senior American Officer with the Mission will make the award.

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

RCV/as

SUBJECT : Award of Legion of Merit

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

A 350/1 21st Jan. 46.

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

1. Reference your 2nd Ind AG 201-P-Lama, Guidio (Italian Off) (23 Nov. 45) of the 15 January 1946.
2. Para 1. Your 2nd Ind is noted.
3. Have complied with para 2. your 2nd Ind.
4. It is desired that you forward to this H.Q. the Medal and ribbon for presentation to the officer concerned since apparently the presentation has not been previously made.

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

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SUBJECT: Presentations and Decorations.

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

A 350/1

19 Jan. '46.

TO : CG, MTOUSA,
APO 512 - U.S. ARMY.

1. Reference your AG 201-P-CANANI BERNI (Italian Offr)
of the 15 Jan. '46.

2. Will take action in accordance with Para 4 your
communication.

3. In the meantime, it is desired that you cause to
be forwarded to this HQ the medal and ribbon which should
accompany the citation.

4. The citation is being returned for it reads
"General" CANANI, which we assume is a typographical error
and should be Colonel CANANI BERNI. The Italians put the sur-
name first and the given name last. Suggest that the citation
should be corrected accordingly for BERNI is his last name
as we write it.

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

Incl:

RCV/as

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration to Colonel Berni CANANI.

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

A 350/1
18 Jan. '46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. This HQ is pleased to advise you that the U.S. War Department has approved the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Berni CANANI, Italian Army, former Commander of the 20th Pack Mule Group with the Fifth Army. Attached is a copy of the citation.

2. It is desired that you arrange a proper ceremony for the presentation of the award and Colonel KIRK, senior American officer with this Mission will present the decoration.

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

RCV/ccc

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

15 January 1946 /wr

In reply
refer to

AG 201-P-Canani, Berni (Ital Off)

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding Officer, MMIA

RECEIVED
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17 JAN 46

1. The War Department has approved the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Berni Canani, Infantry, Italian Army.
2. Attached are copies of the official War Department citation.
3. Records this headquarters indicate subject officer resides at Rome, Via dei Liburni 6.
4. Request your headquarters take action to make presentation and to inform this headquarters when same has been accomplished.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

1 Incl
Citation (dup)

A. R. Pell
A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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tr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 201-P-Longo, P-Cadorna, P-Lama, "Award of Legion of Merit",
dated 23 November 1945

AG 200.63-PAACG/A

1st Ind

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RH/ws

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA, APO 777, U. S. Army, 27 December
1945

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

1. Decorations were presented to Signor Longo and Major General Cadorna
on 3 October 1945 in Rome, Italy, by General Clark. Your headquarters was
notified. Citation and certificate have been forwarded.

2. General Lama's recommendation did not go through this headquarters
and his present location is unknown. Presentation was not made on 8 September
by this command as stated in paragraph 2 of basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



ROBERT HIRSTEL

FM Captain, AGD
Asst Adj General

2 Incls

Incls 1 & 4 w/d

Incls 2 & 3 n/c

2d Ind

AG 201-P-Lama, Guidio (Italian Off)
(23 Nov 45)

HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 15 January 1946

ARP/ev

TO: MMIA

RECEIVED
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1. Attention is invited to paragraph 2, 1st Indorsement.

2. Request the inclosures be forwarded to subject officer.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:



A. R. PELL

WOJG, USA

Asst Adjutant General

2 Incls
n/c

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

AG 201-P-Longo, Luigi (Italian Civ)
X-P-Cadorna, Raffael (Italian Off)
X-P-Lama, Guidio (Italian Off)

23 November 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Legion of Merit

TO: Commanding General, USFA, APO 777, U. S. Army

1. Attached are certificate and official citations forwarded for presentation to individuals concerned.

2. Records this headquarters indicate that the citation for Luigi Longo and Major General Raffael Cadorna were forwarded to your headquarters and are pending presentation. The official citation for Brigadier General Lama which was presented by your command on 3 September 1945, is also attached.

FOR THE ACTING THEATER COMMANDER:

AR Pell

A. R. PELL
WOJG USA

Asst Adjutant General

4 Incls

- 1 - Official Citation for Luigi Longo
- 2 - Official Citation for Brig Gen Guidio Lama
- 3 - Certificate for Brig Gen Guidio Lama
- 4 - Certificate for Maj Gen Raffael Cordona

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Subject:- Award of Medal of Freedom.

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

— A 350/1

49 Dec. 45

To :- AFHQ (G-5 Section)
A.P.O. 512.

1. Reference attached request.
2. Permission has been granted by the Italian Minister of War to conferring the award of the Medal of Freedom to Colonel Fiore Vernazza Rinaldo, Artillery, Royal Italian Army.

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

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RCVK/30.

TRANSLATION.

From : M.o.W. - Cabinet

Dated 22 Dec. 45

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref.No. 1246/45

SUBJECT : Allowance for the conferring of a foreigner award.*Permission*

~~Allowance~~ is given for the conferring of the "Medal of Freedom" to the
Arty Colonel, Regular Army, FIORE VERNAZZA Rinaldo.

The Minister.

Translated by Maria Antonietta Pocanti.

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MA/me



Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

Roma, 22 DIC. 1945

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

Divisione *Leg.*
Prot. N. 2246/45 *Allegato*

Risposta al f. del 11.12.1945
Dir. *Leg.* N°A 350/I

OGGETTO Nulla osta per concessione di decorazione
estera.

A 350/1

Nulla osta al conferimento della
"Medal of Freedom" al colonnello di ar-
tiglieria s.p.e. FIORE VERNAZZA Rinaldo.

IL MINISTRO

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Subject: CANALI, Eustacio Berni

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

A 350/I

Dec. '45.

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To : Ministry of War.

1. Attached is forwarded for your information.
2. As soon as final action is taken by MTOUSA you will be notified and a proper ceremony arranged for the presentation of the award to Colonel Berni.

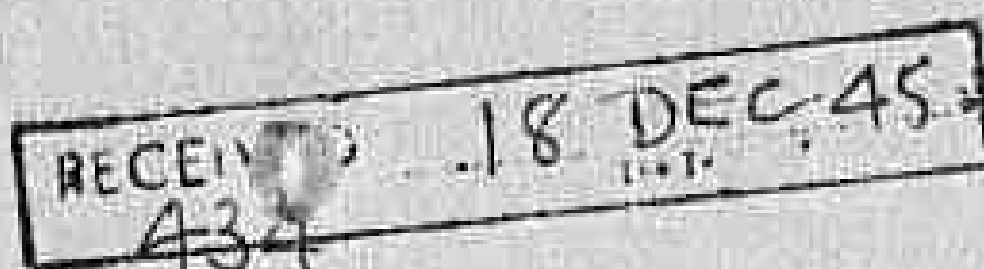
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R.O. VAN KIRK, Major.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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AG 201-P-Canani, Eugenio Berni (Itl C) 1st Ind
(12 Dec 45)

Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 18 December 1945

TO: Land Forces, Sub-Comm. AG (MMIA), Rome, Italy.

1. Records this headquarters indicate recommendation for Legion of Merit for the subject officer was not favorably considered and the Bronze Star Medal was approved as a more appropriate award.

2. The Bronze Star Medal mentioned above is pending clearance by the Italian Government and your command will be notified of the final action in this case immediately upon receipt by this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

1 Incl:
Recom L-M, dtd 11 Jun 45,
Hq, 5th Army

Henry R Thompson
HENRY R. THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit to
Colonel Eugenio BERNI CANANI.

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

A 350/I

17 Dec. '45.

To : CG, MTOUSA,
AF0 512.

1. Request that this Headquarters be advised as to the present status of the recommendation for award to Col. BERNI, Royal Italian Army, copy of original recommendation is attached. Am advised that the request was favourably considered by 5th Army and forwarded a few days after the basic communication was written.
2. Suggest that if the request as made for the Legion of Merit was not finally approved that the Medal of Freedom with bronze palm should be awarded him.

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

ROVK/ecc.

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COPYHEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMYRCV/ecc
11 June 1945Subject: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.To : G-4 Executive
Headquarters Fifth Army
APO 464, US Army.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Colonel Berni Canani, Commanding Officer, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, be awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement in support of combat operations of the Fifth Army.

2. Colonel Berni is 51 years of age, a career officer, having graduated from the Italian Military School. Since the Allies' armistice with Italy he has been associated with the Allied Armies in Italy in a co-belligerent status and has at all times demonstrated his loyalty to the Allied cause. Colonel Berni is the Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, having assumed command of the Group April 15, 1944. He and his group have come all the way up the boot of Italy with 5th Army to its present location. Colonel Berni has at all times demonstrated his devotion to the war effort of the 5th Army. Although the morale and discipline of the Italian troops, a defeated army, have been low as compared with American standards, the morale and discipline of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group has steadily improved under Colonel Berni's leadership and command. The Pack Mule units in supplying the front line units with rations and ammunition when other means of transport in the Apennines failed have made a distinct contribution to the successful termination of the present campaign of the Fifth Army. The high standards of the present efficiency of the Pack Mule units are indicative of the outstanding qualities of Colonel Berni's leadership and are in keeping with good military tradition and worthy of recognition.

3. I have definite personal knowledge of the facts as set forth above.

4. Grade and assignment at the time being and at the present time is Colonel, Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group.

5. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honourable.

6. Previous Awards: Croce di Guerra, Cavaliere Ufficiale della Corona d'Italian, Croce d'oro anzianita' di servizio, Medaglia di Bronzo per lungo comando, Medaglia Commemorativa Guerra Mondiale, Medaglia Unita' d'Italia.

7. Entered Italian Military service on 22 October 1914.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : M.O.W. → Cabinet

TO : M.M.I.A.

350/1.

Ref.No. 19089/rlo
12.3.4

Dated : 19 Dec 45

SUBJECT : Citation of the men belonging to the 231 Italian Division

I give my thanks to M.M.I.A. for kindly sending the citation made by the 5th American Army Command, as acknowledgement of the job done - during the war against the Germans - by the 231 Italian Division.

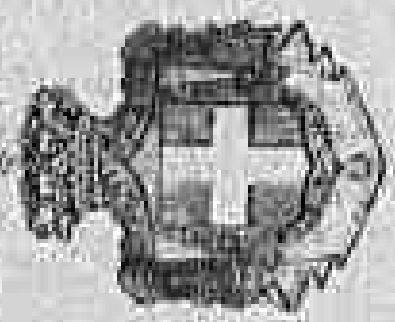
On the same date we provided for the advancement of the relative stencil to the Command of the above Division for the reproduction and distribution to the interested soldiers.

The Ministry.

Translated by Maria Antonietta Focanti

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*traduzione
FAB*

19 DIC. 1945

Penna

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

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

ROMA

*Dirigente 19089
Prot. 1/3 ric Allegato
12.3.4*

*Prospetto al Foglio del
Dir. 1/3*

OGGETTO Citazione degli appartenenti alla 231^a divisione italiana

Ringrazio del cortese invio da parte di
codesta M.M.I.A. della citazione all'ordine del
giorno emanato dal Comando 5^a Armata americana, a
riconoscimento dell'opera prestata, durante la guer-
ra contro i tedeschi, dalla 231^a divisione italiana.

In pari data è stato provveduto all'inoltro
al comando di detta divisione del relativo cliché,
per la riproduzione e la distribuzione ai militari
interessati.

IL MINISTRO

Mussolini

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Ringrazio del cortese invio da parte di
codesta M.M.I.A. della citazione all'ordine del
giorno emanato dal Comando 5^a Armata americana, a
riconoscimento dell'opera prestata, durante la guer-
ra contro i tedeschi, dalla 231^a divisione italiana.

In pari data è stato provveduto all'inoltro
al comando di detta divisione del relativo cliché,
per la riproduzione e la distribuzione ai militari
interessati.

IL MINISTRO

Amato

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SUBJECT : American Awards.

TO : Ministry of War.

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

<u>Name</u>		<u>Award</u>
Lt. Col.	Ciuseppe IZZO	Distinguished Service Cross
Lt.	Michale PURICOLI	Silver Cross
Mar.	Nicola DI LELLA	Silver Cross
Corp.	Carlo FOCACCI	Silver Cross
Lt.	Silvestro DE SIMONE	Bronze Star
Lt.	Vincenzo ROSATO	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Oberdan RUGGI	Bronze Star
2nd Lt.	Onaro GUARONI	Bronze Star
W.O.II	Cesare SIMONI	Bronze Star
Sgt. Mag.	Vittorio RIGONI	Bronze Star
Sgt.	Emmuele AMEDDA	Bronze Star
Sgt.	Egidio TURINI	Bronze Star
Private	Luigi TALAZZO	Bronze Star

2. Request you advise us :

- Whether the presentation of these awards to the individuals named have actually been made,
- If the awards have not been formally presented, 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 ?
- If the individuals to be decorated are no longer in the Italian Army but are civilians do you want to arrange a public ceremony and we will send a representative ?

LAND FORCES SUP COM, A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) / R O M E
✓ A 350/1
17 Dec. 45

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>
Lt. Col. Giuseppe IZZO	Distinguished Service Cross
Lt. Michele PUFICOLI	Silver Cross
Mar. Nicola DI LELLA	Silver Cross
Corp. Carlo FUCIACCI	Silver Cross
Lt. Silvestro DE SIMONE	Bronze Star
Lt. Vincenzo ROSATO	Bronze Star
2nd Lt. Oberdan AUGGI	Bronze Star
2nd Lt. Onaro SCALONI	Bronze Star
W.O. II Cesare SIMONI	Bronze Star
Sgt. Mag. Vittorio RICCHI	Bronze Star
Sgt. Emanuele AMEDDA	Bronze Star
Sgt. Egidio FURINI	Bronze Star
Private Luigi SALAZZO	Bronze Star

2. Request you advise us :

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

RCVK/mef.

Subject: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit to
Colonel Eugenio BERNI CANANI.

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

A 350/I

12 Dec. '45.

To : CG, MTOUSA,
ARO 512.

1. Request that this Headquarters be advised as to the present status of the recommendation for award to Col. BERNI, Royal Italian Army, copy of original recommendation is attached. Am advised that the request was favourably considered by 5th Army and forwarded a few days after the basic communication was written.
2. Suggest that if the request as made for the Legion of Merit was not finally approved that the Medal of Freedom with bronze palm should be awarded him.

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

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ROVK/ccc.

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Alessandro Cicogna, Capt.
Italian Liaison Officer
HQ no. 2 District - CMF
22 Nov 45

Dear *File*
medal
delivered to Major
24 Dec-48

I wonder if you can help me in the following matter.

Last summer, on the 4th of August, with the Headquarters Fifth Army General Orders no. 96 (copy of which is attached as far as the question concerned) among the other awards to Italian soldiers, there has been a Silver Star, posthumous, to Corporal Major Alceste COLITTA; of the Legnano Combat Group.

At the ceremony the relatives of COLITTA were not present and I understand that the Awards Section of 5th Army Hq had the intention to send the decoration to the next of kin of the late Corporal Major.

I have in these days received information that the parents of COLITTA haven't received the a.m. Silver Star yet and that they are anxious to get it, as they are very proud of having a son awarded an American decoration.

I would be very grateful to you if you could trace the decoration at the MTOUSA Headquarters and know what happened of it. The address of COLITTA's father is:

Signor Bernardino Colitta,
Via Michele Bianchi 26,
GALATONE (Lecce).

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

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A. Cicogna, Capt

Major R.C. VAN KIRK
Headquarters MMIA
ROME

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 96

4 August 1945

	Section
Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross	I
Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star	II
Award of Silver Star .C.	III
Awards, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal	IV
Awards, of Bronze Star Medal	V

I AWARD, POSTHUMOUS OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

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II AWARD, POSTHUMOUS OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named enlisted man:

ALCESTE COLITTA, Corporal Major, Artillery, Italian Army. For gallantry in action on 20 April 1945, near Zena, Italy. Corporal Major COLITTA led his men into a minefield and proceeded to remove many mines and booby-traps without thought of personal safety. Encountering an extremely difficult arrangement of a booby-trapped mine, he courageously attempted to deactivate it, and lost his life when the mine exploded. The selfless devotion to duty and valiant efforts of Corporal Major COLITTA exemplify the finest traditions of the Allied Soldier. Next of kin: Signore Bernardino Colitta, (father); Via Michele Bianchi, No 26, Galatone, Italy.

III AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

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IV AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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V AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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Ital. L.O., 2 Dist.

Subject : Silver Star Award.

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

A 350/1
14th Dec. '45

To : CG,
MTUSA, APO 512

1. Reference attached correspondence.
2. Apparently 5th Army didn't actually present the Silver Star Medal to the next of kin. If you will make one available to this Headquarters, we will see that it is properly presented.

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

Incls 2
/cc.

24 Dec 45
Received from Major
V.K. 1 Silver Star
medal for Corp Alente
Colitta.

Francis Maggini, 2nd Lt
Italian Division, 2 Dist.

Subject: Award of Medal of Freedom.

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

A 350/I

11 Dec. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. It is requested that approval be granted for the proposed award of the Medal of Freedom to Colonel Rinaldo Pirre Vernazza.

2. The citation reads :-

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July to 20 November 1945. He distinguished himself as Chief Italian Officer to communications zone and Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces and subsequently as Chief of Italian Liaison Mission, Headquarters US Forces European Theater. Through his initiative, energy, efficiency, tact and cooperation, he has contributed importantly towards the accomplishment of the program of evacuation of Italian Nationals, and has materially aided this Headquarters in its occupation program. His services reflect high credit on the armed forces of his country."

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

RCVK/ccc

Subject: Citation for members of 231st Italian Division.

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

— A 350/I

11 Dec. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. It is with pleasure that I forward to you the commendation and signed stencil for the former members of the 231st Italian Division (Adm).

2. Since the required information is not available at this Headquarters it is necessary to ask that you cause to be made the publication and distribution to the proper persons.

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

RCVE/ccc.

Subject: Lieutenant General Angelo Cerica

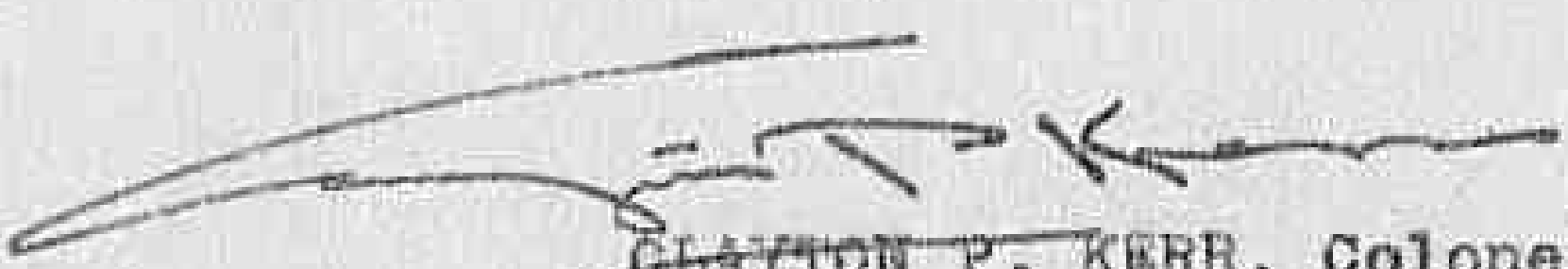
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
A 350/1

11 December 1945

To : Minister for War

1. It is with distinct pleasure that MMIA is able to inform you that the United States Theater Commander has announced the award of the United States Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm to Lieutenant General Angelo Cerica in accordance with our recommendations.

2. A copy of the General Order announcing the award is attached for your information. The presentation of this decoration will be arranged as soon as the decoration has been received from the United States.


CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

1 Incl:
Extract copy of Gen Orders No 299,
Hq WFOUSA, dtd 28 November 1945

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 299) : - E X T R A C T

26 November 1945

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Award of Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm II

II-- AWARD OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH SILVER PALM

Under the provisions of Section VI, War Department Circular 27B, 15 September 1945, the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm was awarded by the Theater Commander to the following named personnel for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

* * * * *

ANGELO CERICA, Lieutenant General, Royal Italian Army, for services in Italy to the Government of the United States from 4 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

GEORGE L. EBERLE
Brigadier General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Commendation for 231st Italian Division (Adm)

REF NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	G-1	ADC	12 Sept	Request the attached stencils be signed by the Army Commander. E. M. DANIELS Colonel, GSC AC of S, G-1 JAB/rgc

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M.M.I.B.

AG 200.6/014
(31 Oct 45)
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 7 December 1945

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ARB/ers

TO: Commanding Officer, MIA Rome
(Attn: Major Nelson)

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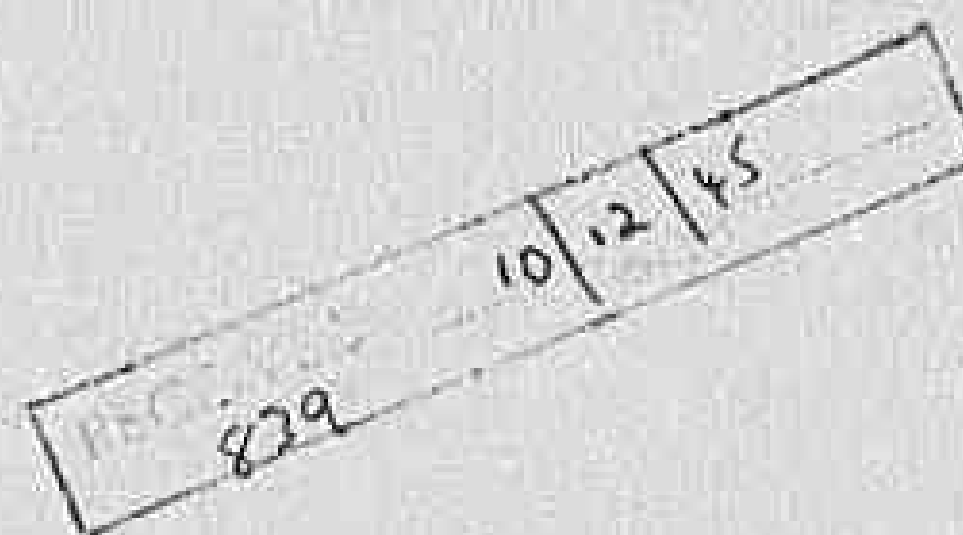
Attached correspondence forwarded for your compliance with basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

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1 Incl:
n/c

A. R. PELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant General



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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD U S ARMY AND EASTERN MILITARY DISTRICT
APO 403

31 October 1945

AG 200.6 - GIMCG

SUBJECT: Commendation, 231st Italian Division (Adm.).

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

1. Attached are the supporting papers and signed stencil of commendation of the 231st Italian Division (Adm.).
2. Request that publication and necessary distribution be made.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


W. A. RATICAN, JR.
Capt., A.G.B.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl:
Stencil, supporting papers.

31 OCT Entd

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Citation

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
4	G-1	A C/S	30 Aug	1. MTOUL decision on 210th Div (IT1) Commendation favorable. 2. Recommend consideration. <i>[Signature]</i> E. M. DANIELS Colonel, GSC AC of S, G-1 JAB/jpd
5.	G-1	31 Aug		Recommendation for

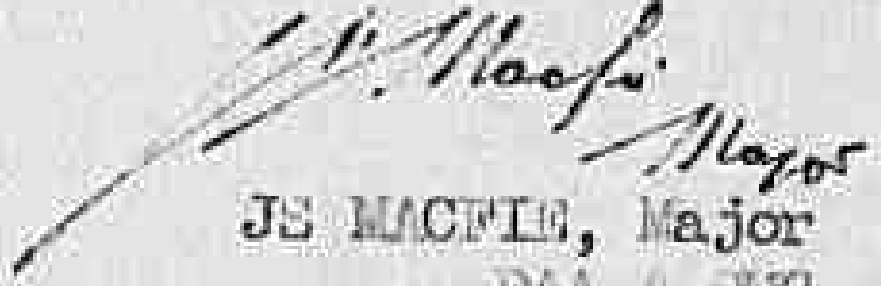
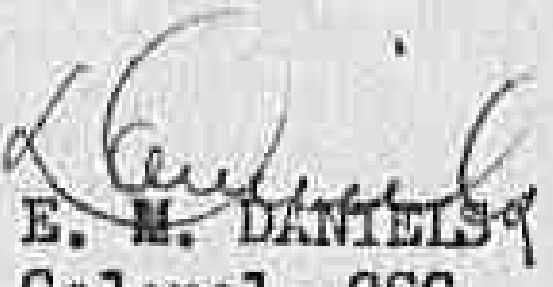
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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Citation

ED. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	A/Q Brit Incr	G-1	4 Aug 45	1. Reference conversation Col DANIELS - Maj MACFIE 3 Aug - herewith draft citation for 231 It Div (Adm) for consideration. 2. The British Iti units administered by 231 Div included :- (a) Pack Transport Coys who served 13 Corps and later the Italian Gruppi. (b) F Recce who were an Italian Combat unit under command 13 Corps and who on the breakout to the Po valley were dropped by parachute along with part of Nembo Regt near Ferrara. (c) Pioneer units which worked on the Ry line LEGHORN, LUCCA, PISTOLA, MONTECATINI, PRATO, MONCHIDORO, BOLOGNA - a line which was exclusively Fifth Army. 3. So far as is known the 231 Div performed exactly the same duties for Italian units under Fifth Army command as did 210 Div with these two exceptions - (a) They functioned from Dec 44 NOT Dec 43. (b) They administered British Iti troops.  JS MACFIE, Major DMA & GSC
2	G-1	DC/S	6 Aug	Recommend consideration for citation of 231st (Iti) Div.  E. M. DANIELS Colonel, GSC AC of S, G-1 lvg
3	D/Cs	G-1	7 Aug	Hold pending MTOWSA decision on 210th 5149

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

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Subject: Citation.

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
6	G-4 Rear	Col. CLARKE	3 Sept 1945

1. The proposed citation is identical to that we worked up for the 210th Italian Inf Div (Adm). In addition to the unit citation, we gave each soldier of the Division a commendation addressed personally and stamped by the Army A.G. A Fifth Army patch accompanied each commendation.

2. The commendations, citations and patches for the 210th Division have all been distributed to members of the Division except for 2000 now being addressed and stamped.

Edmund R. Walker
EDMUND R. WALKER
Lt Colonel, CSC
Executive Officer

7	G-4	DC/S	4 Sept 1945
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Recommend that citation be given 231 Italian Infantry Division (Adm). Also feel that individual citations, similar to those given soldiers of the 210th Italian Infantry Division (Adm), should be given.

for Blair
EDWARD J. O'NEILL
Colonel, G. S. C.,
A. C. of S., G-4

CG Staff Recommendation approved *514*

OK *hgt*

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 201-P- Cerica, Angelo (Italian Off)

9 November 1945

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration.

TO : Major R. C. Van Kirk

THRU : 2691 NMIA

1. The recommendation initiated by you for an award to the individual named below has been approved:

a. Name of individual: Angelo Cerica, Lt. General, Italian Army.

b. Award: Medal of Freedom /with Silver Palm
(recommended for Legion of Merit)

2. Inasmuch as a supply of these medals is not yet available, presentation of decoration is of necessity suspended until such time as medals are received at this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

A. F. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

7 December 1945

G-5: 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Medal of Freedom.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. It is requested that the Italian government be informed of the proposed award of the Medal of Freedom to Colonel Rinaldo Firre Vernozza of the Royal Italian Army and clearance obtained.

2. Citation reads as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July to 20 November 1945. He distinguished himself as Chief Italian Officer to communications zone and Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces and subsequently as Chief of Italian Liaison Mission, Headquarters US Forces European Theater. Through his initiative, energy, efficiency, tact and cooperation, he has contributed importantly towards the accomplishment of the program of evacuation of Italian Nationals, and has materially aided this Headquarters in its occupation program. His services reflect high credit on the armed forces of his country."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Subject : Presentation of Award.

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

A 350/1

5 Oct. '45

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 Area, Bari.

Further to letter A 350/1 of 4 October reference same subject.

The presentation of the award is to be made to the next of kin
by Capt. Hamilton, thereby excluding the need of further Allied representation.

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

HJP/ox

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SUBJECT : Presentation of awardLAND FORCES SUB COM, A.O.
(M.I.I.A.)

NOTE

A 350/1

4 Oct. 45

TO : M.I.I.A. 10 54 Area, Bari.

Forwarded herewith are copies of official citation, official translation of said citation, the Silver Star medal and General Orders announcing the posthumous award to Corporal Maggiore ALBERTO COLITTA.

Through the Ministry of War it has been ascertained that the next of kin is Signor BERNARDINO COLITTA (Father), residing in Via Venezia No. 56, Galatone, Italy; a correction to the General Orders.

It is recommended that the presentation be made with due ceremony on the part of the Allied and Italian Authorities.

See Index 9

Major General
M.I.I.A.

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Subject : Decoration for Captain Giuseppe La Piana.

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

A 350/1

4 Oct. '45.

To : G.G. MOURA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

Referenced A G 201 - P - COLITTA, ALBERTO (Ital. Officer)
X - LA PIANA, GIUSEPPE (Ital. Officer)
of 8 September 1945.

Action has been taken by this HQ to present the Silver Star to the next of kin of Corporal Major Alberto Colitta.

The current address of his next of kin is Via Venezia No. 56, CALABRONE, Italy.

The father of Captain Giuseppe La Piana, Mr. Nicolo La Piana, residing in Via Cissoci No. 27, ROMA, Italy, has informed this HQ that the Bronze Star medal was presented to him by General Truscott, G.C. of the Fifth Army, in a ceremony at Peschiera on 23 July 1945.

Copies of the official citation, General Orders announcing the posthumous award and the Bronze Star Medal for said officer are returned herewith.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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In reply
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8 September 1945 /vr

AG 201-P-Colitta, Alceste (Ital Off)
x-La Piana, Giuseppe (Ital Off) A

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding Officer, Military Mission, Italian Army

1. Forwarded herewith are copies of official citations and General Orders announcing posthumous awards made to the following individuals, formerly members of the Italian Army:

Corporal Major ALCESTE COLITTA - Silver Star

Captain GIUSEPPE LA PIANA - Bronze Star Medal

2. Request your Headquarters take action to present these awards to next of kin of the above officers.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCHEARNY:

5 Incls

- 1 - Citation for SS (dup)
- 2 - Citation for BSM (dup)
- 3 - GO # 96, Hq 5 Army
4 Aug 45 (dup)
- 4 - Silver Star
- 5 - Bronze Star Medal

J. E. McCreary
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

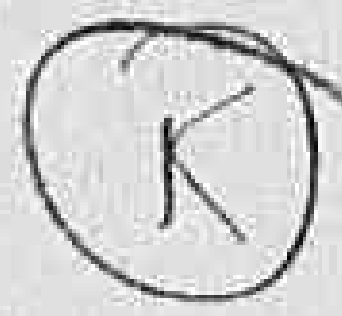


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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Awards and Decorations.

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	Ital LO	23 Aug 1945	Request you furnish me soonest list of Italian Officers and men that have received American decorations, indicating the kind of award received.
				 <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Inf., Sr (MMIA) LO 5th Army
	Ital LO G-4	Sr MMIA LO	23 Aug 1945	Complied with, as far as this office's records are concerned.
				<i>A. Cicogna</i> Alessandro Cicogna, Capt., Italian Liaison Officer, G-4
3	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA attn: Col Kerr	23 Aug 1945	In conformity with the written request of Col. Kerr dated 18 August, the attached list has been prepared and is forwarded.
				<i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LO, 5th Army 5141 

LIST OF ITALIAN OFFICERS AND CREWS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED

AMERICAN DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Cross
At L. 1220

Legion of merit, Degree of Commander

General Roberto Benicivenga,
 " Giuseppe Cortese
 " Umberto Utili
 " Mario Mammol

210 Division
 " "Legnano" Combat Group
 231 Division

Merito Div.

Bronze Star Medal

General
 Lt. Col. X
 Lt. Col.
 Lt. Col.
 Lt. Col.
 Lt. Col.
 Maj.
 Maj.
 Maj.
 Maj.
 Maj.
 Lt. Col.
 Admiral

Umberto Cappa
 Antonio Scaramuzza,
 Biavanti della Rocca Le
 Ugo Corrado Musco
 Carlo Perinetti
 Alberto Moro
 Cesare Pascio
 Felice Santini
 Baggio Mini
 Renato Bruttini
 Marcogallo Guerrini
 Lankerto Negri
 Giuseppe Turrini
 Luigi Rizzo
 Emilio Ferreri

Air Force Ministry, Gabinetto.
 Ital. Liaison G-2 5th Army Hq
 Ital Liaison Rome Area Comd
 Air Force
 Royal Carabinieri
 20th Pack Mule Group
 Milit. Intelligence Service
 Air Force
 G. of 210 Division
 20th Pack Mule Grp
 " " "
 5th Army Hq, G-2 Ital. Liaison
 20th Pack Mule Grp
 23rd Engr Comb. Grp
 Italian Navy. (Ship) "Eugenie di Savoia"

Capt.

Alessandro Cicogna
 Balistreri Fedele
 Ascleto Chiaravito
 Corrado Galli
 Pietro Gattardi
 Nicola Macina
 Corrado Maroncelli
 David Maciastelli
 Umberto Palagi
 Achille Paoletti
 Antonino Patane
 Luigi Rossi
 Augusto Senon
 Antonio Mazzarella
 Nicola Simon
 Vincenzo Sciabo
 Pierluigi Cavalli
 Raffaello Perassini

G-4 5th Army Hq, Italian Liaison
 20th Pack Mule Group, 210 Division
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 Ital. Liaison 5th Army Hq, Engr. Sect.
 20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Division
 5th Army Hq, Ital. Liaison Surgeon Se
 20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Div.
 Royal Finances Guard
 20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Div.

Lt. Pietro Gastini

23rd Engr Comb. Grp, 210 Div.

Bronze Star Medal

General	Umberto Cappa	Air Force Ministry, Cabinetto.
Lt. Col.	Antonio Scaramanga	Ital. Liaison G-2 5th Army Hq
Lt. Col.	Giuseppe della Rocca de casual	Ital Liaison Rome area Comd
Lt. Col.	Ugo Corrado Masco	Air Force
Lt. Col.	Carlo Perinetti	Royal Carabinieri
Lt. Col.	Alberto Moro	20th Pack Mule Co bat Group
Maj.	Cesare Faccio	Milit. Intelligence Service
Maj.	Felice Santini	Air Force
Maj.	Ricchio Nini	C of S 210 Division
Maj.	Renato Bruttini	20th Pack Mule Grp
Maj.	Marcogallo Guerrini	" " "
Maj.	Lomberto Megri	5th Army Hq, G-2 Ital. Liaison
Maj.	Giuseppe Turrini	20th Pack Mule Grp
Maj.	Luigi Lorenza	23rd Ingr Comb. Grp
Lt. Col.	Ennio Ferreri	Italian Navy. (ship "Eugenio di Savoia")
Admiral		
Capt.	Alesandro Cicognan	G-4 5th Army Hq, Italian Liaison
"	Palettreri Fedele	20th Pack Mule Group, 210 Division
"	Amadeo Chiarazzo	" " " " " "
"	Corrado Galli	" " " " " "
"	Pietro Citterdi	" " " " " "
"	Nicola Macina	23rd Ingr Comb. Grp, 210 Division
"	Corrado Mercantini	20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Division
"	David Miciatelli	" " " " " "
"	Umberto Palagi	" " " " " "
"	Achille Pantocchieschi d'Elci	" " " " " "
"	Antonino Patane'	23rd Ingr. Comb. Grp, 210 Division
"	Luigi Rossi	Ital. Liaison 5th Army Hq, Ingr. Sect.
"	Augusto Sanson	20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Division
"	Antonio Mazzarella	5th Army Hq, Ital. Liaison Surgeon Sec
"	Nicola Simone	20th Pack Mule Grp., 210 Div.
"	Vincenzo Sciuto	Royal Finances Guard
"	Pierluigi Cavalli	20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Div.
"	Raffaello Fornasari	" " " " " "
Lt.	Pietro Gattini	23rd Ingr Comb. Grp, 210 Div.
"	Gianni Malocchi	20th Pack Mule Grp, 210 Div.
"	Ugo Sotgiu	Ital. Liaison G-2 5th Army Hq
2d Lt.	Aldo Carabelli	23rd Ingr. Comb. Grp, 210 Div.
"	Francesco Garzilli	210 Div. Hq.
"	Luca Dainelli	Royal Household
"	Giorgio Della Cherardesca	23rd Ingr. Comb. Grp., 210 Div.
"	Raimondo Scagliotti	" " " " " "
Lt.	Epio Frusciante	Air Force Gener. Staff, Intellig. Sect.

Bronze Star Medal

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Marcesciallo	Giuseppe Ballanua
Sgt. Maj.	Olimpio Patrucco
Sgt.	Bernardo Galli
Cpl.	Luigi Lupi
Cpl.	Pietro Re
Cpl.	Francesco Piggini
Pvt.	Giovanni Bi Stazio
"	Andrea Elliani
"	Vincenzo Garbascini
"	Antonio Floris
"	Mario Peracchi

Bronze Star Medal, POSTHUMOUS

Capt.	Giuseppe La Piana
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Italian Army	
Air Force	
23rd Engn Comb Gp, 210 Div.	
20th Pack	Male Group
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23rd Engn Comb Gp, 210 Div	
20th Pack Male Gp, 210 Div	
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20th Pack male Gp

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HQ FIFTH ARMY, OFFICE OF THE AG OF S, G-4, APO 464, US ARMY, 10 August 1945. ERW/jtd

THRU: CG, Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (AC) (MMIA), APO 394, US Army.

1. Concur in recommendation of award of Legion of Merit, degree of Legionnaire, to Lt General Angelo Cerica, Commanding General, Territorial Headquarters No. 6, Bologna.

2. The proposed recommendation is forwarded to your Headquarters for execution since officer mentioned is not under command of Fifth Army.

FOR THE AG OF S, G-4:

EDMUND R. WALKER
Lt Col, GSC
Executive Officer

AG 210.5-AD 2d Ind
HQ FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, US Army, 13 August 1945

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TO: CG, Land Forces Sub-Commission (AC) (MMIA), APO 394, US Army

A 350/1 3d Ind. CPK/lek
HQ LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA) APO 394, 30 August 45

TO: Commanding General, MFOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army

Concur in 1st Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

(K)
CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO: G-4 Executive
Headquarters Fifth Army
APO 464, US Army

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Lt. General Angelo Cerica, Commanding General, Territorial Headquarters No. 6 BOLOGNA, be awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement in support of combat operations of the Fifth Army.

2. General Cerica is 60 years of age, a career officer, having graduated from the Italian Military School. As Commander of the Royal Carabinieri in Italy, he first arrested and imprisoned Mussolini on 25 July 1943. General Cerica fought in the bloody battle against the Germans in and around Rome on 9 and 10 September 1943 with two Carabinieri battalions stationed in the city. His Carabinieri incited by his steadfastness fought bravely at Porta S. Paolo, Rome, where they suffered heavy casualties. As all resistance ended, he left for the Aquila mountains on 13 September 1943, where he remained with a group of Americans and British until May 29, 1944. When the Gustav Line was overrun by the Allied Armies, he reached Rome on 2 June, where he organized an information collecting center, through which he helped the drive of the Allied Armies on the Italian capital. He also fought against the Germans North of Rome, attacking a strongpoint on Highway No. 3 subsequently returning to the Metropolitan Barracks in Rome. He took part in the mopping up operations in Rome capturing some prisoners.

3. After the liberation of Florence, General Cerica was appointed Commanding General of 7th Territorial Area, Florence. He and the personnel of his headquarters were responsible for the discipline, morale and administration of the Italian troops in 5th Army area which were under the operational control of 5th Army. He has taken a keen interest in such problems as patriots, refugees and war damaged areas. General Cerica was directed to assume command of Italian Territorial Headquarters No. 6 to be located at Bologna. He entered Bologna on 22 April 1945, one day after Bologna fell to the 5th Army and established his headquarters in the city. He has at all times demonstrated his devotion to the war effort of the 5th Army and has assisted materially in the successful termination of the Allied campaign for the liberation of Italy.

Although the morale and discipline of the Italian troops have been low as compared with American standards, the morale and discipline of the soldiers under General Cerica's command have steadily improved. The high standards of the present efficiency of the Territorial Headquarters at Bologna are indicative of the outstanding qualities of General Cerica's leadership, all of which is in keeping with good military tradition and worthy of recognition.

4. I have definite personal knowledge of the facts as set forth above.

5. Grade and assignment at the time being and at the present time is Lieutenant General, Commanding General, Territorial Headquarters No. 6 Bologna.

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

7. Previous Awards: Medaglia D'Argento al Valor Militare, Croce di Guerra al Valor Militare, Cavaliere Ufficiale del S.S. Maurizio e Lazzaro, Grande Ufficiale of the Order of the Crown of Italy, Cavaliere di Gran Croce of the Order of the Stella D'Italia, Medaglia D'Argento al Merito di Lungo Comando di Reparto, Croce D'Anzianita with Golden Crown, No. 4 Croci al Merito di Guerra, Italian-Austrian Campaign 1915-1918 (3 stars), "Medaglia Commemorativa" for the Campaign for the Unity of Italy, Italian-Abyssinian Campaign with Sword, Actual Campaign with 2 stars, Inter-Allied Medal 1915-1918, Cavaliere of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

8. Proposed Citation: Angelo Cerica, Lieutenant General, Commanding General, Territorial Headquarters No. 6 Bologna, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General of the Italian Territorial Headquarters Nos. 7 and 6 from the 22nd of September 1944 until 12 May 1945. General Cerica's untiring efforts and devotion to his duties contributed immeasurably to the successful drive of Fifth Army northward. Entered Italian Military Service on 4 December 1904.

RCV
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

RCV/jad
11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO: G-4 Executive
Headquarters Fifth Army
APO 464, US Army

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Colonel Berni Canani, Commanding Officer, 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, be awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement in support of combat operations of the Fifth Army.

2. Colonel Berni is 51 years of age, a career officer, having graduated from the Italian Military School. Since the Allies' armistice with Italy he has been associated with the Allied Armies in Italy in a co-belligerent status and has at all times demonstrated his loyalty to the Allied cause. Colonel Berni is the Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group, having assumed command of the Group April 15, 1944. He and his group have come all the way up the boot of Italy with 5th Army to its present location. Colonel Berni has at all times demonstrated his devotion to the war effort of the 5th Army. Although the morale and discipline of the Italian troops, a defeated army, have been low as compared with American standards, the morale and discipline of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group has steadily improved under Colonel Berni's leadership and command. The Pack Mule units in supplying the front line units with rations and ammunition when other means of transport in the Appenines failed have made a distinct contribution to the successful termination of the present campaign of the Fifth Army. The high standards of the present efficiency of the Pack Mule units are indicative of the outstanding qualities of Colonel Berni's leadership and are in keeping with good military tradition and worthy of recognition.

3. I have definite personal knowledge of the facts as set forth above.

4. Grade and assignment at the time being and at the present time is Colonel, Commanding Officer of the 20th Italian Pack Mule Group.

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

6. Previous Awards: Croce di Guerra, Cavaliere Ufficiale della Corona d'Italia, Croce d'oro anzianita' di servizio, Medaglia di Bronzo per lungo comando, Medaglia Commemorativa Guerra Mondiale, Medaglia Unita' d'Italia.

7. Entered Italian Military service on 22 October 1914.

FCV
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMYRCV/jad
9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO: G-4, Executive
Headquarters Fifth Army
APO 464, US Army.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Brigadier General Giuseppe Cortese, Commanding General 210 Italian Infantry Division, be awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement in support of combat operations of the Fifth Army.

2. General Cortese is 56 years of age, a career officer, having graduated from the Italian Military School, and was a captain during the first World War. Since the Allies' armistice with Italy he has been associated with the Allied Armies of Italy in a co-belligerent status, and has at all times demonstrated his loyalty to the Allied cause. General Cortese is the Commanding General of the 210 Italian Infantry Division which is the administrative organization for all the Italian troops in 5th Army area. He has been in command of the Division from the time of its activation, 22 December 1943. He and his division have come all the way up the boot of Italy with 5th Army to its present location. General Cortese has at all times demonstrated his devotion to the war effort of the 5th Army. Although the morale and discipline of the Italian troops, a defeated army, has been low as compared with American standards, the morale and discipline of the 210 Division troops have steadily improved under his leadership and command. The 23rd and 103rd Engineer Battalions and the Pack Mule units especially have made a distinct contribution to the successful termination of the present campaign of the Fifth Army. The high standards of efficiency of all 210th Division are indicative of the outstanding qualities of General Cortese's leadership and are in keeping with good military tradition and worthy of recognition.

3. While operational control and supply problems have largely been a U.S. responsibility in this area, the discipline, morale and administration of the Italian units have been the duty of General Cortese. He believes in strict military discipline and whenever he has disciplined any officers or men, his punishments have been severe but at all times in keeping with the Italian military code. According to my HQs, his AWOLs and desertions have been next to the lowest of all Italian organizations under Allied command in this theater.

4. I have definite personal knowledge of the facts as set forth above.

5. Grade and assignment at the time being and at the present time is Brigadier General, Commanding General of the 210 Italian Infantry Division.

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

7. Previous Awards. Medaglia d'argento al V.M., Croce di Guerra, Medaglia Commemorativa Guerra Italo-Turco, Medaglia Commemorativa Guerra Mondiale, Commendatore della Corona D'Italia, Cavaliere Ufficiale dell'Ordine Coloniale della Stella d'Italia, Cavaliere dei S.S. Maurizio e Lazzaro.

8. Entered Italian military service on 1 December 1903.

R.C.
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA ✓

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