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Italian Awards TO Americans

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CG 55TH INF DIV
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UNCLASSIFIED HQ NTGUSA REURAD IG BASH ONE ONE ONE TO ALCON CHA
 MEDALS FOR ITALIAN AWARDS TO COLONEL COCHRAN AND MAJOR BARROW
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Subject : Italian Awards for American Officers

✓ Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.7.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME,

A 352

11th Mar. '46.

To : CG 88th Division
AFHQ CG US ARMY

1. Ref your signal 10-111 of 8 March 1946.
2. Am advised that the awards mentioned have been forwarded to the U.S. for necessary action. The AG, STONE, who has an info copy of your signal will reply direct to you.

KCV
R.O. VAN ROK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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FROM CG 88TH INF DIV 081100A

TO: ALCOM (ROME) ATTENTION MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY (ACTION M.M.I.A.)

INFO: 88TH DIV LIAISON OFF. MTOUSA G-3 A M O

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UNCLASSIFIED PD OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION HAVE RECEIVED CITATIONS FOR
 ITALIAN ARMY AWARDS AS FOLLOWS// FOLLOWS CLN CROSS OF MERIT C// DASH MAJOR
 SAM HOW BARROW SMICLN CROSS OF MILITARY VALOR DASH COLONEL AVER-Y MIKE
 COCHRAN PD REQUEST NOTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF THESE AWARDS PD
 ITALIA// ITALIAN ARMY LIAISON OFFICER CMA NOW WITH EIGHT EIGHT T DIVISION
 CMA PREPARED TO MAKE PRESENTATION UPON RECEIPT OF AWARDS PD END

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SIGNALS

Awards have been forwarded to US for

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this cable and will reply @

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SUBJECT : Italian Decorations.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
A/352
28 February 1946

TO : Commanding General, Army Service Forces
(For Heraldry Section, Office of the
Quartermaster General)
Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to CABLE No. WAR 23168 dated 28 June 1945, and this Sub-Commission letter of 21 December 1945, forwarding samples of Coats of Arms of Italian Provinces and Cities.

2. Being forwarded this date under separate cover are models of insignia of rank of Italian Army Officers.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry
U.S. Representative

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SUBJECT: Italian Awards to Americans - Lt Salvatore Tortorella, American Officer.

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

A 352

19th Feb. '46.

TO : CC, PBS,
APO 792,
U.S. Army.

1. His Royal Highness the Lt General of the Realm has asked this Headquarters to forward to Lt Salvatore TORTORELLA, HQ PBS, the enclosed Crown of Italy decoration, which he has awarded to the Lieutenant for meritorious service whilst in ITALY.

2. It is requested that the award be presented to Lt TORTORELLA and the attached form executed by him and returned.

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

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3772AG 201-P- Tortorella, Salvatore (O) 1st Ind
(31 Jan 46)

Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 13 February 1946

RPC/EG

TO: CO, Land Forces Sub-Comm. A. C., (M.M.I.A.) Rome

Address of subject officer is, Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

R. P. Carter
R. P. CARTER
1st Lt., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT : Italian Award to Lieutenant Salvatore TORTORELLA

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

A 352

31st

Jan. '46.

TO : CG MFOUSA A.P.O. 512 U.S. Army

It is desired that you furnish this HQ with the present address of Lt Salvatore TORTORELLA, an American officer, since we have an Italian decoration for him.

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

/as

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SUBJECT : Italian Decoration

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

A 352

12th Feb. '46.

TO : CG MFOUR APO 512 US ARMY

1. Ref attached correspondence.
2. Are returning Italian War Cross and certificate referred to in basic communication for the reasons as explained in attached letter from the Royal House.

KE-5
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

ROY/as

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TRANSLATION

FROM: 1st.A.D.C. to H.R.H. The Lieutenant General of the Realm.
REF: 612

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

DATE: 7.2.46

With reference to your H.Q. letter dated 31st. January with the subject "Italian Decoration for Captain Mary Jane HEYL".

Since it was at first thought that we were dealing with male personnel this Office notified Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A. that the officer in question had been decorated with the Cross of Knight Officer in the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Subsequently, following more accurate and definite enquiries, Captain HEYL was decorated with the Cross for War Merit, as, on the basis of current regulations, the conferment of decorations in the Italian Knightly Orders cannot be extended to women.

However, from the military point of view, the Cross for War Merit should give particular satisfaction to Sig.a HEYL since it is a true and proper war decoration and, as such, is conferable on those who have actually fought and given meritorious service.

We return, therefore, for transmission to the person concerned, the decoration and relative certificate.

Sgd. INFANTE

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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RECEIVED 18 FEB 1946 *pk*

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HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 6 February 1946

1st Ind

ARP/rhs

TO: MMIA

Receipt acknowledged.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Incl: W/D

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A. R. PELL
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant General

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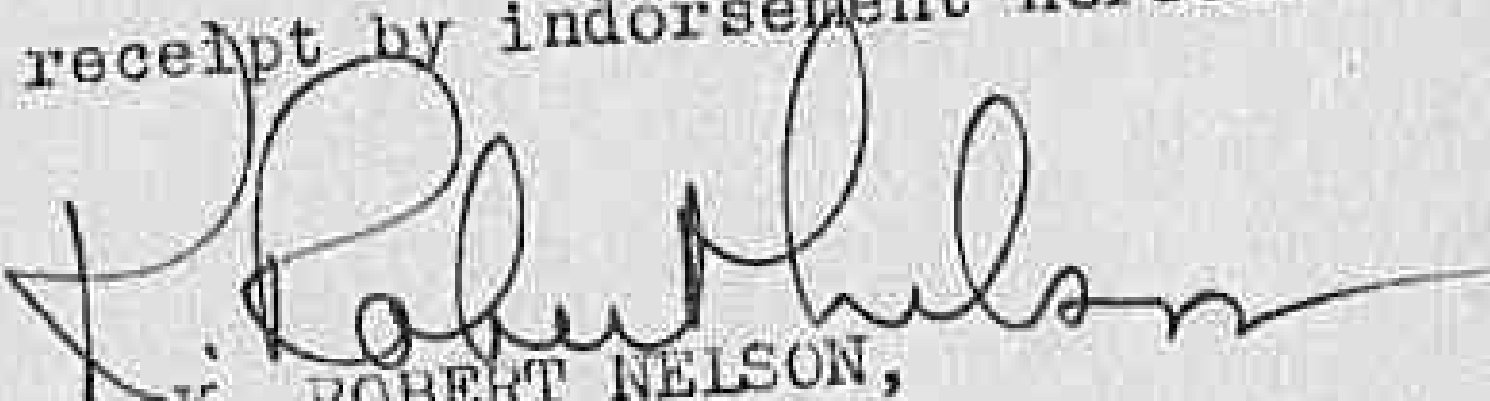
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Government Awards and Decorations

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

1. The Royal House has requested that Certificates of Italian Government Awards and Decorations be forwarded to U.S. personnel indicated on each Certificate.
2. Since a large number of personnel, to whom awards or decorations have been given, have departed from the Theater or insufficient address data is available by the Royal House, it is requested that Certificates transmitted herewith be checked and forwarded through U.S. Army channels.
3. Request acknowledgement receipt by indorsement hereon.


K. ROBERT NELSON,
MAJOR CAC

6 Incls:
Certificates No. 714/A.C., 715/A.G., and 716/A.G.
Royal House Ltrs. 518, 519, and 520.

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SUBJECT : Italian Decoration for Lt Hoy

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

✓ A 352

11th Feb. '46.

TO : CG MPOUSA APO 512 US Army

1. Ref attached correspondence.
2. Letter to Lt. Hoy referred to in Para 1, basic communication not received.

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

RCV/as

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SUBJECT : Italian Decorations for Captain Mary Jane HEYL.
G-5 Section MTOHQA

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

A 332

31st Jan. '40.

TO : Lt-Gen Reale Rome

1. Ref attached communication from MTOHQA.
2. It is desired, if possible, that you substitute the Crown of Italy award as suggested and forward to this HQ for onward transmission.
3. Original certificate and medal are attached.

Royal House will
return certificate and medal
[WAR CROSS (MERT)] - KRN:1/2

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

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

28 January 1946

In reply
refer to

SUBJECT: Italian Decorations.

TO: MMIA

1. In a letter from Gen Infante, dated 24 November 1945, this headquarters was informed that 39 officers and enlisted men, Headquarters, MTOUSA, had been awarded decorations by the Italian Government. The type of award was specified next to each name.
2. Captain Mary Jane Heyl, G-5 Section, was among the officers mentioned. It was indicated that she was to receive the "Cross of Knight of the Crown of Italy."
3. When the certificates and medals were received at this headquarters, Captain Heyl was erroneously sent the "Medal for War Merit."
4. Request your headquarters return the enclosed certificate and medal and obtain the correct insignia for Captain Heyl.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

2 Incls:
Certificate
Medal

A. R. PELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant General

X CROWN OF ITALY FOR MALE personnel only
X Therefore WAR CROSS (MERITO) was awarded X

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SUBJECT : Italian Award to Lieutenant Salvatore TORTORELLA

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

— A 352

31st Jan. '46.

TO : CG MFOUSA A.P.O. 512 U.S. ARMY

See folio 29.

It is desired that you furnish this HQ with the present address of Lt Salvatore TORTORELLA, an American officer, since we have an Italian decoration for him.

*Decoration held in A2 cupboard
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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

/as

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Translation

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

Ref. I2I7/45.
Date 26/I/46.

Subject Award.

His Royal Highness the Lt.Gen.Gen. of the Realm; in decree of "motu proprio" dated 18/12/45, is most pleased to be able to ~~XXXX~~ confer the Cross of the Knight of the Order of the Crown of Italy on American Lt. Salvatore TORTORELLA, reported by the Ho of the Internment Camp where the officer was on duty.

Since the aforesaid camp has been and the new destination of Lt. Tortorella is not known we forward the covering letter of the a/n award and the insigna asking you to kindly forward to the person concerned, to whom the magistratal diploma will be forwarded as soon as the the attached form is returned completed and signed by the Lt.

DAK

(XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

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Roma, 26 GEN. 1946

Ministero della Guerra

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Prot. N. 217/45

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OGGETTO: Onorificenza.

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S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, con decreto di "motu proprio" in data 18 dicembre 1945, si è compiaciuto conferire la Croce di Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Corona d'Italia al tenente americano TORTORELLA Salvatore, segnalato dal Comando del Campo Internamento di Coltano, ove l'ufficiale prestava servizio.

Poiché il predetto Campo è stato disciolto e non si conosce la nuova destinazione del Tortorella, si trasmette la lettera di partecipazione dell'onorificenza in parola e relativa insegna con preghiera di recapito all'interessato, al quale si fa riserva di trasmettere il diploma magistrale, non appena sarà restituito l'unito formulario completato e firmato dal decorato.

d'ordine

AL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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SUBJECT: Italian Awards to American Officers.

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

A 352

28 Jan. '46.

TO : Lt. General of the Realm,
R O M E

1. Reference your 6144/A.C. of 4 Oct. '45.

2. Approval by American authorities has been granted for the acceptance of the offered Italian Awards to the following officers :-

Major General ROSE, Chief of Transportation, USFET.
Colonel David W. TRAUB, Deputy Chief of Transportation, USFET.
Lt Colonel Edward J. FERGUSON, Deputy Chief of Transportation, USFET.

3. Decision on the proposed award to Lieut. General CRUMEN has been submitted to the Adjutant General, WASHINGTON, D.C. for decision. As soon as approval has been granted, this HQ will notify you.

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

HCTB/oco.

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(BASIC: Ltr fr The First Aide-de-camp of His Royal Highness, 4 Oct 45, subj: Italian Awards.)

200.62 AGP ^{1st} Ind DRT/ppc
Hq, US Forces European Theater, (Main), APO 757, 19
December 1945.

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

Approved for acceptance by the officers named in paragraph 2, basic letter, of the proffered awards.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Telephone FRANKFURT 2-3286



2d Ind

D. R. Toole
D. R. TOOLE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General

HQ MEUSA, APO 512, US Army, 24 January 1946

TO: NMIA

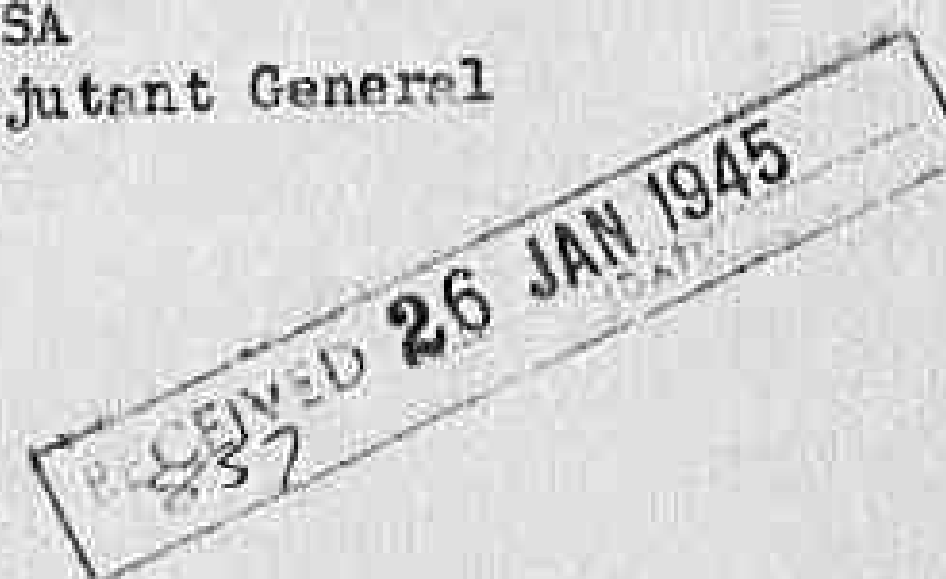
1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.
2. Request the Office of the Lt General of the Realm be so notified.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. R. Pell

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

25 October 1945

AG 200.62/044-P

SUBJECT: Italian Awards.

TO : Commanding General
United States Forces European Theater

1. Transmitted herewith for your consideration and decision concerning proposed Italian awards to officers listed below are photostatic copy of letter and appropriate translation thereof containing request by General Infante, Office of the Lieutenant General of the Realm, for approval of subject awards:

From S.
X Major General Ross, Chief of Transportation, USFET
Colonel David W. Traub, Deputy Chief of Transportation, USFET
Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Finnegan, Deputy Chief of Transportation, USFET

2. Separate notification has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington, for decision on Lieutenant General Gregory.

FOR THE ACTING THEATER COMMANDER:

2 Incls

1 Photostat Ltr, Office
of Lt Gen of Realm,
25 Oct 45.

2 Translation of Incl 1

30 OCT 1945
J. B. MEROT

Captain, AGD

Asst Adjutant General

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6144/A.C.

Roma,

4 VII 1945

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IL PRIMO ADIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Care General White,

Sono lieto di comunicarLe che S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di conferire, "Moto Proprio", delle onorificenze cavalleresche italiane ad ufficiali Americani di grado elevato del War Department che, pur non avendo preso parte alla campagna in Italia, hanno, tuttavia, con la loro attività, svolto opera utile agli interessi del popolo italiano.

Mi rivolgo alla Sua cortesia perché voglia di quanto sopra informare le superiori autorità con la preghiera di voler segnalare a quest'Ufficio gli eventuali nominati.

Con l'occasione La informo che Sua Altezza Reale avrebbe in animo di conferire agli ufficiali qui elencati che si trovano nelle condizioni di cui sopra, una onorificenza cavalleresca e Le rivolgo pertanto vive preghiere di volermi fare avere a riguardo il parere delle competenti autorità:

- 1) Ten. Gen. Edward B. Gregory
Quarter Master General - Washington
- 2) Major General Rosa
Chief of Transportation U.S.F.E.T.
- 3) Colonel David W. Traub
Deputy Chief of Transportation U.S.F.E.T.
- 4) Lt. Col. Edward J. Finnegan
Deputy Chief of Transportation U.S.F.E.T.

La prego di gradire, Signor Generale, i sensi della mia alta considerazione.

(Giuseppe Adolfo Infante)

Major Gen. M.C. WHITE
C.I. - M.C. S.A.
CASERTA

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TRANSLATION.

4 October 1945

From : The First Aide-de-camp of His Royal Highness
the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

To : Major Gen. M.G. White - G-1 - MTOUSA - Caserta.

Dear General White,

I am glad to inform you that His Highness the Lieutenant General of the Realm would confer, of his own motion, Italian Knighthood orders on War Department's high ranking officers. Although those officers did not participate in the Italian campaign, yet they performed tasks helping considerably the interests of the Italian people. I am applying to you as you may inform the Superior Authorities and later furnish the eventual names to my office.

In the same time I inform you that His Highness would confer a Knighthood Order on the undermentioned officers, who are in the conditions above spoken of. Please inform me about the opinion of the competent Authorities.

1. Lieutenant General Edmund B. Gregory - General Quarter Master - Washington.
2. Major General Ross - Chief of Transportation - U.S.F.E.T.
3. Colonel David W. Traub - Deputy Chief of Transportation - U.S.E.E.T.
4. Lt. Col. Edward J. Finnegan - Deputy Chief of Transportation.- U.S.F.E.T.

Accept, Sir, my kindest regards.

s/ Adolfo Infante
General.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (NMIA)
APO 394, c/o PM, NY, NY

File No. A 352

21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Decorations

TO : Commanding General, Army Service Forces
(for Heraldry Section, office of the
Quartermaster General)
Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Cable No. WAR 23168 dated 26 June 1945, and this Sub-Commission letter of 25 October 1945, forwarding samples of Italian decorations awarded to U.S. personnel.

2. Enclosed herewith are the Coats of Arms of 94 Provinces and 94 Cities, copied by hand from the original and official Coats of Arms approved by Royal decrees.

3. Insignia of rank as now used on epaulettes in the Italian Army will be forwarded under separate cover within twenty days.

OPK/mg

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative

Incls: 188 Coats of Arms
Italian Provinces and Cities

Translation

from: M of W

ref. I29085/I.3 (22)

: MMIA

15 Dec. 1945

Subject: Coats-of-Arms of the provinces and main towns (1/3) (11)

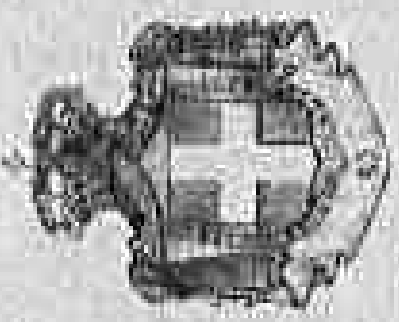
With ref. to the request made by with letters A/351 and A/352 dated 5 Aug. and 5 Sept. 1945, we forward to you the faithful copies of the Coats-of-Arms of the Italian Provinces and main towns, amounting to 188 pieces (painted).

The cost is of Lire 76704. This sum added to Lire 20895 (cost of Italian decorations and ribbons already forwarded to you) ~~make~~ a total of Lire 97599.

C/u

Lombardi

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Ministero della Guerra

Trascelto per Capitano
 RACCOMANDA Roma
 15 DIC 1943
 URG-ENT
 Col. Rovini
 LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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DIREZIONE

L. 28033/I.3 Allegato 188

137-1-6 OGGETTO

Stemmi delle provincie e delle città capoluoghi.

Risposta al Foglio del
 Div. 913

Rif. lett. A/351 e A/352 rispettivamente del 5 agosto e del 5 settem-
 bre 1945.-

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In esito alla richiesta formulata con la prima delle lettere
 a riferimento si trasmettono le copie conformi agli originali
 degli stemmi delle provincie italiane e delle città capoluogo,
 nel numero complessivo di 188 esemplari a colori.

La relativa spesa é di L.76.704, aggiunta a quella di lire
 20.895 relativa al costo delle decorazioni italiane e rispetti-
 vi nastri, già precedentemente inviati, dà un ammontare com-
 plessivo di L.97.599.-

L. 461

d'ordine
 IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

F. S. S. S.

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IN

L. 28033

Data 18/12

L. 28033

Placed Capt. Alessandro, Commissioner, War
 Ministry re insignia of rank. He said that
 due to address of the War Ministry, the 28033 of rank

Rif. lett. A/351 e A/352 rispettivamente del 5 agosto e del 5 settembre 1945.-

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

F. Tullio

TR	IN	1.100.000	Date 18/12
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Placed Capt. Alessandro Cominetti, War Ministry as insignia of rank. He said that due to sickness of Cominetti, the 326th of rank insignia would be delayed for 10 days. Homel not to exceed 100,000 lire. 11 Dec 1945

Subject: Major Michael Antonio POPPITI.

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

A 352

17 Dec. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your III2/45 of 3 Dec. '45.

2. Am advised Major Michael Antonio POPPITI is now located at "HQ, Civil Censorship Group, United States Forces, Austria". Mail addressed to him there should reach him.

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

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ROVE/ccc.

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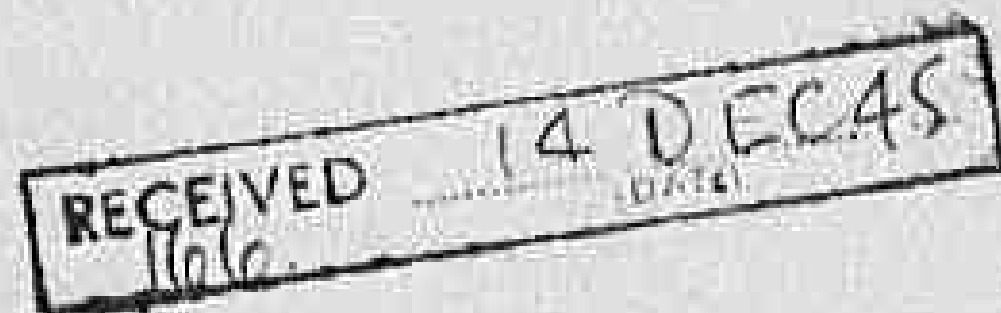
AG 201-P-Poppiti, Michael A. (Off) 1st Ind
(7 Dec 45)
Eq MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 11 December 1945

ARP/ers

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMIA) Rome, APO 352

Records this headquarters reveal Major Poppiti's present assignment to be "Hq Civil Censorship Group, USFA".

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



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A. R. PELL
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant General

A.

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CPDS

Subject :- Home Address of Major Michael Antonio POPPITILand Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 352

7 Dec. 45

To :- CG, MTOUSA, A.P.O. 512.

Please furnish us with the home address of the above named officer since the Italian Ministry of War wants to forward an award to him. Am advised that this officer is no longer in this theatre.

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

RCVK/maf.

Translation

From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. IIII2/45

Date 3/12/45

352

Subject Honour conferred on Maj. Michael
Antonio POPPITI.

Further to the decision of H.R.H. Lt.Gen. of the Realm, Maj. of the
American Army

Michael Antonio POPPITI

Head of the "Prisoner of War Censorship Department" has been
awarded the "Knights Cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy"

Since it appears that the officer has already left for
America, We would be grateful to you if you would inform us in what
way we can forward the decoration and the accompanying letter in
respect of the honour concerned.

DAY

(XXXXXXXXXXXX)
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GA/me



Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

Translate please
Roma - 3 DIC. 1945

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

Divisione 1112/45
Part. N.

Allegato

Respostato del
Dir. N.

OGGETTO Onorificenza conferita a maggiore
Michael Antonio POPPITI.

68.

Per determinazione di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, il maggiore dell'esercito americano

Michael Antonio POPPITI
già capo del "Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment"
è stato insignito della Croce di Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Corona d'Italia.

Poichè risulta che l'ufficiale è già partito per l'America, si sarebbe grati a codesta M.M.I.A. se volesse comunicare a questo Ministero in che modo si possano far recapitare all'interessato le insegne e la lettera di partecipazione relativa all'onorificenza di cui trattasi.

TRANSLATION

11 { ... 1700
Date 4/12
011 { Time 1700
3/12

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Signature

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2691 MMIA COMPANY
APO 394 c/o PM, NY, NY

4 December 1945

Captain John N. Castner
RD #5, Cornwall
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear Captain Castner:

At the request of the First ADC to His
Royal Highness The Lieutenant General of the Realm,
we are forwarding herewith the Magistral Diploma
referring to the Italian decoration awarded to you
by His Highness.

LRA/lak

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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TRANSLATION

From: The ^{Lat.} ~~Senior~~ A.D.C to HRH. The Lieutenant Gen. of the Realm
To: Col. Clayton P. Kerr. MLIA.
Dtd: 30 Nov 45

Dear Colonel,

Further to letter No. 4011 dtd 15 June 45,
I forward herewith, begging you to deliver same to the
person concerned, the enclosed Magistral Diploma, referring
to the Knightly Order conferred by HRH, the Lieutenant General
of the Realm, on Captain John N. CASTNER.

sgt. General Adolfo Infante.

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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Roma,

19
30 NOV. 1945

Caro Colonnello,

A seguito del foglio n°4011 in data 15 giugno u.s.
trasmetto, con preghiera di recapito all'interessato,
l'accluso diploma magistrale, relativo all'onorificenza
cavalleresca conferita da S.A.R. il Luogotenente Genera-
del Regno al Capitano John N. CASTNER.

Generale Adolfo Infante)

Al Colonnello CLAYTON P. KERR
M.M.I.A. - A.C.

R O M A

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)
APO 394, c/o PM, NY, NY

File No. A 352

8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Medals

TO : Commanding General, Army Service Forces
Office of the Quartermaster General
Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Reference is SPQGI dated 29 October 1945.

1. The Italian decorations referred to in the reference letter were mailed on 25 October together with a letter, reference A 352 of 25 October furnishing complete information on the status of the remaining items requested in Cable No. WAR 23168.

2. A copy of letter A 352 of 25 October is attached hereto for your reference.

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative

LRA/lax

1 Incl:
Ltr A 352, 25 Oct 45.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)
APO 394, c/o PM, NY, NY

File No A 352

25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Decorations

TO : Commanding General, Army Service Forces
(for Heraldry Section, Office of the Quartermaster
General)
Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is Cable No WAR 23168, dated 28 June 1945.

2. Enclosed herewith are samples of Italian decorations
which have been awarded to U. S. personnel, as follows:

(a) Italian medals for Valor and War Cross

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Gold Medal | - Medaglia d'Oro |
| (2) Silver Medal | - Medaglia d'Argento |
| (3) Bronze Medal | - Medaglia di Bronzo |
| (4) Cross for Military
Valor | - Croce al Valor Militare |
| (5) Cross for War Merit | - Croce al Merito di Guerra |

(b) Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus (Ordine dei
Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro).

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| (1) Knight of the Grand
Cross decorated
with the Grand
Cordon | - Cavaliere di Gran Croce
decorato del Gran
Cordone |
| (2) Grand Officer | - Grande Ufficiale |
| (3) Knight Commander | - Commendatore |
| (4) Knight Officer | - Cavaliere Ufficiale |
| (5) Knight | - Cavaliere |

(c) Order of the Crown of Italy (Ordine della Corona
d'Italia).

(1) The degrees within this order are identical
to those outlined in 2(b) above.

(d) Ribbon for the war of liberation against the
Germans 1943-45 (Distintivo della guerra di liberazione contro i
Tedeschi 1943-45). Only the ribbon is available as the medal
has not yet been struck.

3. Coats of Arms of Provinces and Cities.

The Consulta Araldica of the Council of Ministers is preparing the coats of arms of 94 Provinces and 94 Cities. All are being copied by hand from the original and official coats of arms approved by Royal Decrees. It is anticipated that these will be ready in about twenty days.

4. Italian Army insignia.

(a) TME 30-420 Handbook on the Italian Military Forces, dated 3 August 1943, Military Intelligence Service, illustrates in Plates VIII to XII inclusive, correct insignia as currently worn. Eliminate insignia of the disbanded Militia and Colonial Forces.

(b) The insignia illustrated in Plates VI and VII, exclusive of the Militia, is correct for the headgear, but the cuff insignia is being eliminated and replaced by the insignia of rank on the epaulettes, which will be forwarded under separate cover.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative

CPK/lak

3 Incls:

- Chart No 1 - Italian Medals for Valor and War Cross
- Chart No 2 - Medals of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus
- Chart No 3 - Medals of the Order of the Crown of Italy

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IN REPLY REFER TO SPOGI

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

29 October 1945. *A.**178411*
SUBJECT: Italian Army MedalsTO: Military Mission, Italian Army, APO 394, U.S. Army, c/o
Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

1. This office has been advised by Major Richard L. Hearn, Officer-in-Charge of EEIS Team, QM Section, MTOUSA, that steps have been initiated by your Mission to procure Italian Army medals as requested in our cable No. WAR-23168, dated 28 June 1945.

2. These decorations have not yet been received and information as to the status of this procurement is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

W. E. La Rosa
W. E. LA ROSA,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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|---|---|
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CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative

CPK/lak

3 Incls:

- Chart No 1 - Italian Medals for Valor and War Cross
- Chart No 2 - Medals of the Order of Saints
Maurice and Lazarus
- Chart No 3 - Medals of the Order of the
Crown of Italy

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FROM : Al of War

TO : MMIA

Ref : 1043/45

Dtd : 11 Oct 45

Subject : Decorations.

The American officers listed below have been invested with the Italian decorations indicated against their names :

Brig. Gen. John M. WILLEMS.....Knight Commander of S. Maurice.
Chief of Gen Staff II Corps

Brig. Gen. Raymond E.S. WILLIAMSON.....Knight Officer of S. Maurice.
Vice-Commander 91 Division

Colonel Brendan Mc GREELEY.....Knight of the Order of S. Maurice.
Chief of Information Dept.II Corps

Colonel Ralph J. Butchers.....	Knight
Chief of Operations Dept. II Corps	

Colonel Robert W. PORTER Jnr.....	Knight	"	"	"
Under-chief of Gen. Staff II Corps				

Colonel D.R. DONNOVIN.....	Knight	"	"	"
Chief of Gen. Staff 91 Division				

The H.Q. of the "Legnano" Combat Group, to whom this Ministry had sent the ~~decorative~~ ^{decorative} ~~honorary~~ ^{honorary} ~~insignia~~ ^{insignia}, has returned these, informing us that the above-mentioned officers have returned, with the H.Q. of the Army, to America.

We, therefore forward herewith the parcel co

Chief of Gen Staff II Corps

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Vice-Commander 91 Division

Colonel Brendan Mc GREELEY.....Knight of the Order of S. Maurice,
Chief of Information Dept. II Corps

Colonel Ralph J. Butchers.....Knight " " "
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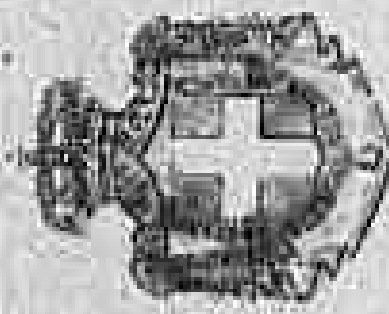
We therefore forward herewith the parcel containing the ~~letters~~ ^{decoration} ~~honorary~~ ^{honorary} ~~insignia~~ ^{insignia} and the above-named insignia, begging you to arrange
for their onward transmission to the persons concerned, at the same time
informing them of the ~~insignia~~ ^{congratulations} of the Minister upon their well-
merited decorations.

By order,

The Chief of Cabinet,

sgd. Lombardi.

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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Divisione

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OGGETTO Onorificenze.

ROMA

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

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Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.

I sottototati ufficiali americani sono stati insigniti dell'onorificenza italiana a fianco di ciascuno segnalata:

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Capo di S.M. II Corpo | - Commendatore Maurizioano |
| - Brig.Gen. Raymond E.S. WILLIAMSON
Vice Com.te 91 ^a Divisione | - Ufficiale " |
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Capo Uff. Inf. II Corpo | - Cavaliere " |
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Capo di S.M. 91 ^a Divisione | - Cavaliere " |

«Il Comando del Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano" proponente al quale questo Ministero aveva trasmesso le lettere di partecipazione e relative insegne, che ha restituito, informa che i predetti ufficiali sono ritornati in America con il Comando della 7^a Armata.

Si trasmette, pertanto, l'unito piego contenente le lettere di partecipazione ed insegne suddette con preghiera di provvedere all'inoltrare ai decorati, facendo loro pervenire i rallegramenti del Sig. Ministro per il meritato riconoscimento onorifico. 5250

TRANSMISSION

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
d'ordine
V. 1043/45

Oggetto Onorificenze.

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TRANSMISSION

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Date

19/10

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Translation

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From : LOM
To : MIA
Subject : Italian decorations

A.352

Ref.: 5400/IC/Ord:
Date: Sept. 19, 1945

- 7.11.11.

Further to letter No. 4684/I.C./Ord. dated Aug. 21, and with reference to the verbal request, we forward, by means of Lt. Col. Nabissi, a War Cross complete with ribbon.

The cost of said Cross is 50 lire.

Ssgd Pelligra

Cpl. VDC

Ribbon not received
Defunct Col. Mabini 24/9
P/M

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 53

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Sezione

Roma,

19-9-45

Prot. N° 5400/IC/Ord. ~~degli~~

Risposta al f.° del

A/ LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

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A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

OGGETTO Decorazioni italiane.-

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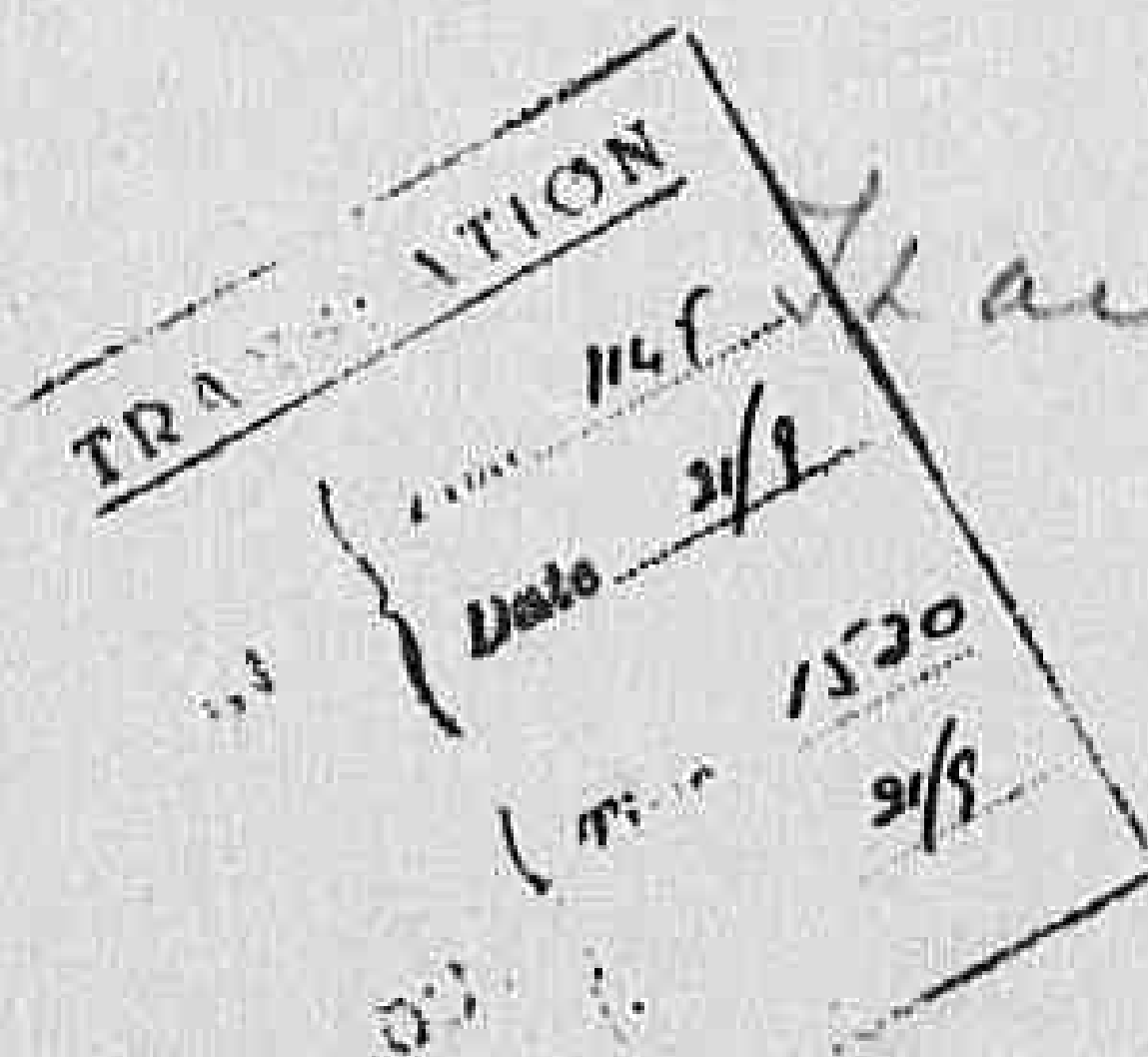
A seguito del dispaccio n°4684/I.C/Ord. in data 21 agosto u.s. e con riferimento alla richiesta verbale si trasmette, a mezzo del Ten.Col. NABISSI, una croce di guerra completa di nastro.

Il costo di detta croce è di £.50.-

PEL MINISTRO

Anche 21/9.

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Subject: Italian decorations.

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

A 352

5 Sept. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

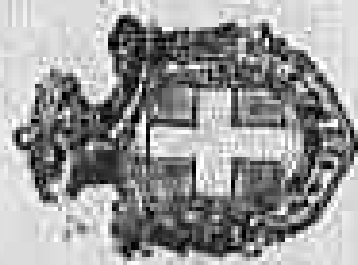
Reference 4684/IC/ORD of 21 August, '45.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of all the Italian decorations, including the respective campaign ribbon, listed in the reference letter.
2. Delivery of the coats of arms of the 94 Provinces and Province capitals is still pending.

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

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HP/ccc



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

AA/D

Sezione

Prot. N. 4684/IC/Ord. Allegati

Roma, 21 agosto 1945

Risposta al f.º del 6 corrente

Al la LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

Div.

Sez.

N.A/351

A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

- R O M A -

Oggetto: Decorazioni Italiane e Stemm. -

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

(Rif. f. n. 118349/1.3 dell'11 corrente)

- S E D E -

Si inviano con pacco a parte a mezzo ufficiale dipendente i sottoelencati nastri e decorazioni chiesti col foglio a riferimento:

DECORAZIONI-MEDAGLIE AL VALOR MILITARE

Medaglia d'oro (stelletta oro con frasche di alloro sul nastro)	75 lire
Medaglia d'argento (stelletta d'argento sul nastro)	56 "
Medaglia di bronzo (stelletta di bronzo sul nastro)	56 "
Croce al valor militare	55 "
Distintivo della guerra di liberazione contro i tedeschi 1943-45	5 "

ONORIFICENZE CAVALLERESCHE - Ordine dei SS. Maurizio e Lazzaro

Cavaliere	370 "
Ufficiale (una coroncina d'argento sul nastro)	772 "
Commendatore (1 coroncina d'oro sul nastro)	1.957 "
Grand'ufficiale (2 coroncine oro sul nastro)	889 "
Gran Croce - nastro (3 coroncine d'oro sul nastro) placca	6.711 "

ORDINE DELLA CORONA D'ITALIA

Cavaliere	370 "
Ufficiale (1 coroncina d'argento sul nastro)	402 "
Commendatore (1 coroncina d'oro sul nastro)	707 "
Grand'ufficiale (2 coroncine d'oro sul nastro)	3.609 "
Gran Croce - (3 coroncine oro) - placca	4.861 "

TOTALE

20.895 lire

Nel pregare la cortesia di codesta Missione di voler accusare ricevuta di quanto sopra, si comunica che sarà provveduto all'invio degli stemmi

Oggetto: Decorazioni Italiane e Stenmi.-

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

(Rif.f.n.118849/1.3 dell'11 corrente)

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PEL MINISTRO

X cellenza

TRANSLATION.

From: Lt. of the Realm.

To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 5129/A.G.

Date: 21/8/45.

Major H. Carl Kait has sent the attached letter to this office.

I would be very grateful to you if you would kindly put me in a position to give an answer to this Major.

The insignia concerning the decoration mentioned in the letter were handed over to you on the first days of this month to be forwarded to the officer concerned.

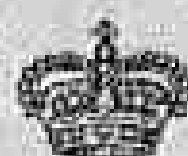
Kind regards

Laderchi.

Carter.

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5129 /A.G.



Roma, 11 21 Agosto 1945

UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Al Capitano H.J. PACINI

M.M.I.A.

A. C.

R O M A

Il Maggiore H. Carl Kait ha fatto qui
pervenire la lettera che Le accludo in copia.

Le sarei molto grato se volesse cortese-
mente mettermi in grado di dare una risposta al
Maggiore. Le insegne relative all'onorificenza
di cui tratta la lettera furono a Lei consegna-
te ai primi del corrente mese, per l'inoltro al
l'interessato.

TRANS: A FIVE

Le invio molti cordiali saluti.

IN

Time 10.00

Date 2/8

Colonnello Cesare Ruggeri Laderchi)

OUT

Time 11.45

Date 28/8

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HEADQUARTERS 34th INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
APO 34 United States Army

14 August 1945

General Adolfo Infante
Royal Palace
Rome, Italy

Sir:

I am in receipt of your very kind letter announcing that His Majesty the Lieutenant General of the Realm had conferred upon me LA CROCE DI CAVALIERE UFFICIALE NELL'ORDINE DELLA CORONA D'ITALIA.

Since your letter was apparently delivered to Racconigi, it did not arrive at this headquarters until yesterday, where this division has been for about the last month. Hence, this letter to you is belated, but it carries my sincere thanks and gratitude for the warm expression of sincerity in your letter; and I want to express, also, to His Majesty my deep appreciation for the honor which he has bestowed upon me.

In view of the fact your letter indicates that a medal was sent to me, I am fearful that it may have been lost if it were delivered to Racconigi, since it has not yet arrived to me. I shall be grateful if a check can be made to determine whether the decoration was sent to me at this headquarters or to Racconigi.

I thank you for your kind letter, sir, and I send to His Majesty my best wishes for his continued good health and my gratitude for his kindness.

Respectfull yours

F^o H. Carl Kait
Major JAGD

Actg Staff Judge Advocate

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A 9

CC 511

14 August 1945

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

TO : See Distribution.

To avoid any misunderstanding, paragraph 2 of the Chief Commissioner's letter, subject and file as above, dated 8 August 1945, which begins "because the status of the relationship" is amended so that this paragraph will read: "Because the status of the diplomatic relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations."

W. W. Stone

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

my, my.
R. W. P.
2/18

DISTRIBUTION:

All Regional Commissioners (5)
SCAO, Venezia Giulia
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (10)
Civil Affairs Sec (10)
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Translation

11 Aug 45

From M of War

To Ministry of Interior.

Ref 118848/I.2

Copy to MMIA for Info

Subject - Coats of Arms - Insignias ^{to du} ~~Provinces and Capitals of Provinces.~~

To ^{meet} satisfy an urgent request from the LFSC ~~for the Army~~, we ask you if you can arrange to send a coloured sample or design of the Official Coats of Arms for the 94 Provinces, and the 94 Capitals of the Provinces.

The cost is to be charged to this Ministry.

L. Carme

Sgd Lombardi ^{PK}



Pg/ig

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

11884/1.2. Allegati

Roma, 11 AGO 1945

Risposta al disp. del

Dir. Sec. N°

Oggetto: stemmi delle provincie e dei comuni capoluoghi di provincia

Al MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto - ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) *171*
(rif. A/351 del 6.8.1945)

ROMA

Per rispondere ad una richiesta urgente della
Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
si prega compiacersi trasmettere un disegno a colori de
gli stemmi ufficiali delle 94 provincie dell'Italia e del
le 94 città capoluogo di provincia.-

Spesa a carico di questo Ministero.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO 5240

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Reposta al disp del

Dir. Se. No

Oggetto stemmi delle provincie e dei comuni capoluoghi di provincia

Al MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto - ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(M.M.I.A.) 771
(rif. A/351 del 6.8.1945) ROMA

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le 94 città capoluogo di provincia.-

Spesa a carico di questo Ministero.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO 5240

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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8 August 1945.

Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

To: See Distribution.

A. 352

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Subject: Italian decorations and coats of arms.

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 351

6 Aug '45.

To : Ministry of War.

It is requested that the following Italian decorations, complete with campaign ribbons, be furnished this Mission, the cost of which is in accordance with information furnished by you: -

DECORATION.

COST.

MEDAGLIE AL VALOR MILITARE

(Medaglia Military Valor)

Medaglia d'oro
(stelletta oro con frasche di alloro
sul nastro)

75 Lire

Medaglia d'argento
(stelletta d'argento sul nastro)

56 Lire

Medaglia di bronzo
(stelletta di bronzo sul nastro)

56 Lire

Croce al Valor Militare

55 Lire

DISTINTIVO della guerra di liberazione
contro i tedeschi 1943/45

(for the war of liberation
against the Germans 1943-45)
5 Lire

ONORIFICENZE CAVALLERESCHE ORDINE DEI
SS. MAURIZIO E LAZZARO

Cavaliere

370 Lire

Ufficiale

772 Lire

(1 coroncina argento sul nastro)

Commendatore

1.957 Lire

(1 coroncina oro sul nastro)

Medaglia d'oro (stelletta oro con frasche di alloro sul nastro)	75 Lire
Medaglia d'argento (stelletta d'argento sul nastro)	56 Lire
Medaglia di bronzo (stelletta di bronzo sul nastro)	56 Lire
Croce al Valor Militare	55 Lire

DISTINTIVO della guerra di liberazione
contro i tedeschi 1943/45

ONORIFICENZE CAVALLERESCHE ORDINE DEI
SS. MAURIZIO E LAZZARO

Cavaliere	370 Lire
Ufficiale (1 coroncina argento sul nastro)	772 Lire
Commendatore (1 coroncina oro sul nastro)	1.957 Lire
Grand Ufficiale (2 coroncine oro sul nastro)	889 Lire
Gran Croce (3 coroncine oro sul nastro) placca	6.711 Lire

ORDINE DELLA CORONA D'ITALIA

Cavaliere	370 Lire
Ufficiale (1 coroncina argento sul nastro)	402 Lire

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Comendatore (1 coroncina oro sul nastrino)	707 Lire
Grand'Ufficiale (4 coroncine oro sul nastrino)	3.609 Lire
Gran Croce - nastro - placca (3 coroncine oro)	4.861 Lire
Total cost	= 20.895 Lire

2. It is further requested that official costs of arms in colours of the 94 Italian Provinces and the 94 capitals of Provinces be obtained for this Mission at the earliest possible time.

3. The total cost of the items requested above not to exceed Lire 100,000 is to be charged to the U.S. Government and credit given the Italian Government in Lire account, by Shipping Ticket, through Accounting Section, M.M.I.A.

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Major General, 5237
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DECORAZIONI ED ONORIFICENZE IN USO PRESSO IL R. ESERCITO ITALIANO.

Specie della decorazione	C o s t o		
	Nastr.	Decoraz.	Totale
A) = <u>DECORAZIONI AL VALORE</u>			
<u>ORDINE MILITARE DI SAVOIA</u>			
Cavaliere	5.=	1.015.=	1.020.=
Ufficiale	7.=	1.115.=	1.122.=
(coroncina argento sul nastrino)			
Comendatore	7.=	2.500.=	2.507.=
(coroncino oro sul nastrino)			
Grand'Ufficiale	9.=	1.350.=	1.359.=
(2 coroncine oro sul nastrino)	11.=	2.500.=	6.711.=
Gran Croce		4.200.=	
- nastro			
- placca			
<u>MEDAGLIE AL VALOR MILITARE</u>			12.719
Medaglia d'oro	25.=	50.=	75.=
(stelletta oro con frasche di alloro sul nastrino)			
Medaglia d'argento	6.=	50.=	56.=
(stelletta d'argento sul nastrino)			
Medaglia di bronzo	6.=	50.=	56.=
(stelletta di bronzo sul nastrino)			
Croce al Valor Militare	5.=	50.=	55.=
B) = <u>DISTINZIONI ONORIFICHE DI GUERRA</u>			
<u>CROCE AL MERITO DI GUERRA</u>			
(con applicazione di corone reali corrispondenti al numero delle concessioni ottenute)			
1 croce = nastrino senza corone	5.=	=	5.=
2 croci = " con 1 corona bronzo	7.=	50.=	57.=
3 " = " " 1 " argento	7.=	=	7.=
4 " = " " 1 " oro	7.=	=	7.=
		5.238	

Ufficiale (coroncina argento sul nastro)	7.=	1.115.=	1.122.=
Comendatore (coroncino oro sul nastro)	7.=	2.500.=	2.507.=
Grand'Ufficiale (2 coroncine oro sul nastro)	9.=	1.350.=	1.359.=
Gran Croce - nastro - placca	11.=	2.500.= 4.200.=	6.711.=
<u>MEDAGLIE AL VALOR MILITARE</u>			12.219
Medaglia d'oro (stelletta oro con frascche di alloro sul nastro)	25.=	50.=	75.=
Medaglia d'argento (stelletta d'argento sul nastro)	6.=	50.=	56.=
Medaglia di bronzo (stelletta di bronzo sul nastro)	6.=	50.=	56.=
Croce al Valor Militare	5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>B) = DISTINZIONI ONORIFICHE DI GUERRA</u>			
<u>CROCE AL MERITO DI GUERRA</u>			
(con applicazione di corone reali cor- rispondenti al numero delle conces- sioni ottenute)		5236	
1 croce = nastro senza corone	5.=	=	5.=
2 croci = " con 1 corona bronzo	7.=	50.=	57.=
3 " = " " 1 " argento	7.=	=	7.=
4 " = " " 1 " oro	7.=	=	7.=
5 " = " 1 corona oro 1 di bronzo	9.=	=	9.=
6 " = " 1 " " 1 " argento	9.=	=	9.=
7 " = " 2 " " " " "	9.=	=	9.=
8 " = " 2 " " " 1 " bronzo	11.=	=	11.=
9 " = " 2 " " " 1 " argento	11.=	=	11.=
10 " = " 3 " " " " "			

Riporto L. 156.= 12.930.= 13.086.=

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Seme	10 croci = 3 corone oro	Riporto I.	156.=	12.930.=	13.086.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> di benemerenza per volonta- ri di guerra			11.=	=	11.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa dell'Indipen- denza ed Unità d'Italia			5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> a ricordo della campagna di Africa			5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa della campagna di Estremo Oriente			5.=	60.=	65.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa della guerra italo-turca 1911/12 e delle campa- gne di Libia			5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa nazionale del- la guerra 1915/18			5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> interalleata della Vittoria 1915/18			9.=	50.=	59.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa delle operazio- ni militari in A.O.			5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>DISTINTIVO</u> della guerra 1940/43			10.=	50.=	60.=
<u>DISTINTIVO</u> della guerra di liberazio- ne contro i tedeschi 1943/45			9.=	=	9.=
<u>MEDAGLIA</u> commemorativa della spedi-zi- one di Fiume			5.=	=	5.=
3) = ONORIFICENZE CAVALLERESCHE			5.=	65.=	70.=
<u>ORDINE DEL SS. MAURIZIO E LAZZARO</u>					
Cavaliere					
Ufficiale					
(1 coroncina argento sul nastrino)					
Comendatore					
(1 coroncina oro sul nastrino)					
Grand'Ufficiale					
(2 coroncine oro sul nastrino)					
Gran Croce					
(3 coroncine oro sul nastr.) - nastro					
- placca					
<u>ORDINE CIVILE DI SAVOIA</u>					
Cavaliere					
<u>ORDINE DELLA CORONA D'ITALIA</u>					
Cavaliere					

<u>MEDAGLIA commemorativa della guerra italo-turca 1911/12 e delle campagne di Libia</u>	5.=	50.=	55.=
	5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA commemorativa nazionale della guerra 1915/18</u>	9.=	50.=	59.=
<u>MEDAGLIA interalleata della Vittoria 1915/18</u>	5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>MEDAGLIA commemorativa delle operazioni militari in A.O.</u>	10.=	50.=	60.=
<u>DISPUNTIVO della guerra 1940/43</u>	9.=	=	9.=
<u>DISPUNTIVO della guerra di liberazione contro i tedeschi 1943/45</u>	5.=	=	5.=
<u>MEDAGLIA commemorativa della spedizione di Rione</u>	5.=	65.=	70.=
3) = <u>ONORIFICENZE CAVALLERESCHE</u>			
<u>ORDINE DEI SS. MAURIZIO E LAZZARO</u>			
Cavaliere	5.=	365.=	370.=
Ufficiale	7.=	765.=	772.=
Commendatore	7.=	1.950.=	1.957.=
(1 coroncina oro sul nastro)			
Grand'Ufficiale	9.=	880.=	889.=
(2 coroncine oro sul nastro)			
Gran Croce	11.=	2.500.=	6.711.=
(3 coroncine oro sul nastro.) - placca		4.200.=	
<u>ORDINE CIVILE DI SAVOIA</u>			
Cavaliere	5.=	1.015.=	1.020.=
<u>ORDINE DELLA CORONA D'ITALIA</u>			
Cavaliere	5.=	365.=	370.=
Ufficiale	7.=	395.=	402.=
(1 coroncina argento sul nastro)			
Commendatore	7.=	700.=	707.=
(1 coroncina oro sul nastro)			
Riporto L.	303.=	26.590.=	26.893.=

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Segno	303.=	26.590.=	26.893.=
Grand'Ufficiale (2 coroncine oro sul nastrino)	9.=	3.600.=	3.609.=
Gran Croce (3 coroncine oro) - nastro - placca	11.=	650.= 4.200.=	4.861.=
<u>ORDINE COLOMBALE DELLA STELLA D'ITALIA</u>			
Cavaliere	5.=	765.=	770.=
Ufficiale (1 coroncina argento sul nastrino)	7.=	1.065.=	1.072.=
Commendatore (1 coroncina oro sul nastrino)	7.=	1.550.=	1.557.=
Grand'Ufficiale (2 coroncine oro sul nastrino)	9.=	1.300.=	1.309.=
Gran Croce - nastro - placca	11.=	2.450.= 5.900.=	8.361.=
D) = <u>DISTINZIONI ONORIFICHE DIVERSE</u>			
<u>MEDAGLIA MAURIZIANA per merito mili-</u> <u>tare di 10 lustri</u>	45.=	=	45.=
<u>MEDAGLIA MILITARE AL MERITO DI LUNGO</u> <u>COMANDO d'oro - 1 stelletta sul nastr.</u>	6.=	50.=	56.=
argento - 1 " arg.	6.=	50.=	56.=
bronzo - 1 " bronzo	6.=	50.=	56.=
<u>CROCE ANZIANITA' DI SERVIZIO</u>			
oro - per ufficiali con 25 anni di servizio	5.=	90.=	95.=
oro sormontata con corona reale - per Ufficiali con 40 anni di servizio	7.=	115.=	122.=
argento - per sottufficiali e truppa con 16 anni di servizio	5.=	75.=	80.=
<u>MEDAGLIA RICORDO UNITA' D'ITALIA</u>	5.=	50.=	55.=
<u>DISTINTIVO PROMOZIONE MERITO DI</u> <u>GUERRA.</u>	10.=	5234	10.=
<u>DISTINTIVO AVANZAMENTO MERITO DI</u> <u>GUERRA.</u>	10.=	=	10.=

(1 coroncina argento sul nastro)					
Commendatore					
(1 coroncina oro sul nastro)					
Grand'Ufficiale					
(2 coroncine oro sul nastro)					
Gran Croce					
- nastro					
- placca					
D) = <u>DISTINZIONI ONORIFICHE DIVERSE</u>					
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<u>MEDAGLIA MILITARE AL MERITO DI LUNGO</u>					
<u>COMANDO d'oro - 1 stelletta sul nastro.</u>					
argento - 1 " arg.					
bronzo - 1 " bronzo "					
<u>CROCE ANZIANITA' DI SERVIZIO</u>					
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oro sormontata con corona reale - per Ufficiali con 40 anni di servizio					
argento - per sottufficiali e truppa con 16 anni di servizio					
<u>MEDAGLIA RIGORDO UNITA' D'ITALIA</u>					
<u>DISTINTIVO PROMOZIONE MERITO DI GUERRA.</u>					
<u>DISTINTIVO AVANZAMENTO MERITO DI GUERRA.</u>					
<u>DISTINTIVO MUTILATO DI GUERRA</u>					
Totale L.	497.=	48.550.=	5234	49.047.=	
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LISTINO PREZZI DEI DISTINTIVI DI GRADO E SPECIALITA' D'ARMA

Mostrine Fanteria (sottopannate)	paio £.	35 (1)
Fiamme a due punte e 3 punte (semplici)	"	30 (2)
idem c.s. (sottopannate)	"	40
idem c.s. (su rettangolo di panno)	"	55
Fiamme ad una punta (Medico, Veterinario ecc.) semplici	"	30
idem (Artiglieria, Genio ecc.) sottopannate	"	40
Alamari argento per Granatieri	"	310
idem c.s. per RR. Carabinieri	"	150
Alamari oro per Stato Maggiore	"	150
idem stoffa per Granatieri	"	50
Alamari ricamati Centro Chimico	"	150
Mostrine ricamate per Paracadutisti	"	175
Spalline per S. Tenente (spalline del cliente)	"	45
" " Tenente id	"	85
" " Capitano id	"	125
" " Maggiore id	"	85
" " Ten. Colonnello id	"	125
" " Colonnello id	"	165
" " Generale di Brig. id	"	130
" " " Divisione id	"	170
" " " Corpo Armata id	"	230
" " " Design. Arm. id	"	310
" " " d'Armata id	"	225
" " Maresciallo d'Italia id	"	225
Spalline semplici con stoffa dell'Ente	"	240 (2)
Fregi per bustina Cavalleria-Fanteria-Farmacisti-Posta cad.	"	60
id Amministrazione-Carriisti-Chimici-Sanità-Sussistenza	"	75
id Artiglieri-Autocentro-Cassa-Genio-Paracadutisti	"	85
id Aeronautica-RR.CC.-Capellani-Commissariato-Finanza-Genio-Marina-Medici-	"	

idem (Artiglieria, Genio ecc.) sottopannate.	"	30
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Fregi per bustina Cavalleria-Fanteria-Farmacisti-Posta cad.	"	240 (2)
id Amministrazione-Carristi-Chimici-Sanità-Sussistenza.	"	60
id Artiglieri-Autocentro-Cassa-Genio-Paracadutisti	"	75
id Aeronautica-RR.CC.-Capellani-Commisariato-Finanza-Genio-Marina-Medici-Veterinari	"	85
id Alpini-Bersaglieri-Art.Alpina-Generali-Genio Alpini-Giustizia Mil.-Stato Mag.	"	100
	"	110

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Gradi per bustina S.Tenente	cad."	20
id Tenente	"	40
id Capitano	"	60
id Maggiore	"	60
id T.Colonnello	"	70
id Colonnello	"	80
id Generale di Brigata	"	60
id " " Divisione	"	70
id " " Corpo Armata	"	100
id " " Designato Armata	"	120
id " " Armata	"	80
id Maresciallo d'Italia	"	90

Total 9375

- (1) Da moltiplicare per il numero dei reggimenti di fanteria.
- (2) Da moltiplicare per il numero dei reggimenti di cavalleria,
- (3) Da aggiungere al prezzo dei distintivi di ogni singolo grado qualora le spalline vengano fornite dall'Ente.

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Disputa al Reg. M. B. 1

Total 2. 9375

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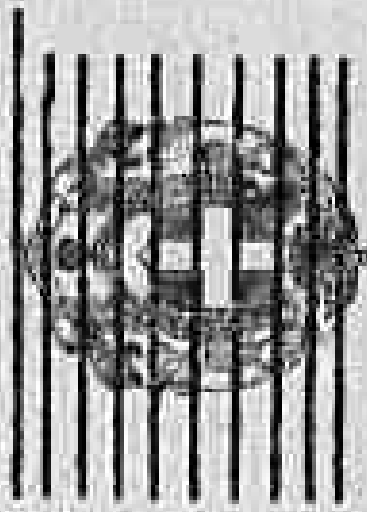
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1. de Rod de Joud
*Allegato

Thiobesta ad Angliam. N^o
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**DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE**

Ministero della Sanità

*Prunella*

QUARTERMASTER E.E.I.S. TEAM
QM SECTION, HQ., FIFTH ARMY
APO 464, U.S. ARMY

A 351
26 July 1945

MEMO TO: Military Mission, Italian Army
APO 394, U.S. Army
(Attn: Capt. Pacini)

I have received a copy of the memorandum from QM, MTOUSA to MMIA dated 18 July 1945, subject "Procurement of Italian Army Medals". I hope this is sufficient authorization for you to complete the assembly of the items requested.

As agreed in our conversations you may send the items to The Quartermaster General, Washington, 25, D.C., direct.

It is my opinion that a complete set of those items requested by cable No. War-23168 would be desirable. Should any be unobtainable it would be helpful to refer them to the illustrations in the manuals.

I should like to express again my appreciation of your handling this matter. Should you need to contact me for any reason I will be at the above address for an indefinite period.

att to 7/1

Richard L. Hearn
RICHARD L. HEARN
Major, QMC
Officer-in-Charge

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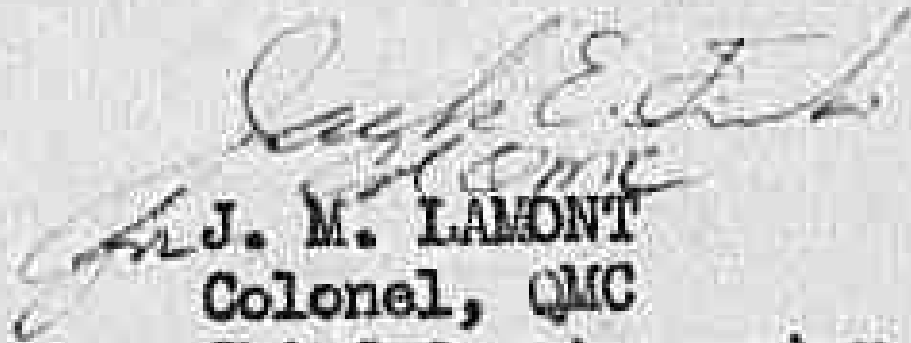
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

Suspense:

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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY MEDALS

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	QM MTOUSA	MMIA	18 July 1945	1. Reference is made to cable No. WAR-23168 from War Department, Washington, dated 28 June 1945, requesting a complete set of Italian Army insignia, medals and decorations, battle ribbons, coats of arms, etc. 2. It is requested that MMIA obtain whatever decorations are not available through Italian War Ministry Sources from local jewelers. The QM PENBASE may be contacted to initiate the local procurement. Authorization is hereby given for the QM PENBASE to expend not to exceed 100,000 lire for this purpose, as requested by you. 3. It is requested that MMIA assemble the complete set to be released to Major Hern of the Enemy Equipment Intelligence team for forwarding to the War Department.  J. M. LAMONT Colonel, QMC Chief Quartermaster
	RPM/jah			

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FROM: AFHQ CRYPTO PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY TIME DATE GROUP: 2301558
REF NO: WAR23168 CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED TIME DATE RECD: 2805028

TO: PAREN CRYPTO AFHQ PASSES MSG FILED TWO SEVEN ONE NINE TWO THREE
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MIKE HEARN ASF EEIS WITH CM HC RPT FM HC FIFTH ARMY PAREN

RESTRICTED PD
COMPLETE SET OF ITALIAN ARMY INSIGNIA CMA DECORATIONS CMA
BATTLE RIBBONS CMA COATS OF ARMS OF PROVINCES AND CITIES NEEDED IN
CONNECTION WITH HERALDIC RESPONSIBILITY

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Subject : Honours and Awards.

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

R O M E.
A.350

See file

10 July, 1945.

To : A.F.H.Q. (for G-1(BR)).

1. Reference your CR/6161/G1(Br) dated 9 April. You attached to that letter a copy of a letter from G-1(A) to G-1(B) dated 2 April (attached hereto for ready reference as Appendix "A").
2. This matter has arisen again vide copy of correspondence at Appendix "B" hereto.
3. I shall be glad to know as soon as possible of the answer I am to send to the Minister of War reference his letter to me of 30 June shown in Appendix "B" hereto.

L. Browning

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

Copy to : File A.352. ←

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Appendix "A"COPY

From : G-1(A)
To : G-1(B)
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Date : 2 Apr 45

1. U.S. Army Regulations restrict the bestowal of our campaign ribbons to U.S. personnel only. We cannot present them to members of the Italian Army or to personnel in any other co-belligerent army. We are authorized to and do award, U.S. combat decorations, and medals for meritorious service, to individual members of the Italian Army serving with our forces.
2. The Allied decoration of the type referred to in the MIA memorandum would require action by our War Department and by the Congress of the United States. We are quite certain that the U.S. War Department will not, at this time, be inclined to take up the question of a separate Allied Victory Medal primarily for the purposes indicated in the attached papers, and we would be extremely reluctant to recommend such a course of action to the War Department.
3. It seems to us that it would be far more appropriate that assistance be furnished the Italian government in obtaining the necessary materials for issue of the campaign ribbon, listed in Appendix "A" to the MIA letter, by the Italian government to its military personnel. Since any solution to the problem would require the use of material, this appears to be the more logical course of action.
4. This office has no information regarding the so-called "liberation of Rome" medal, and has no knowledge that such a medal has been requested by American authorities. If your office or MIA can furnish additional information on this subject, it will be appreciated.

(Sgd.) M.G. WHITE.

Major General, GSC
A.C. of S., G-1.

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Appendix "B"COPY

From : Minister of War.

Ref. No. 13482/ric
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To : M.M.I.A.

Date : 30 June 1945.

Subject : Medal commemorating the "liberation of Rome".

When your Sub Commission learned that this Ministry was preparing a measure for the purpose of instituting the above medal, to be conferred upon all those who took part in operations which led to the liberation of Rome, you informed us verbally that you did not consider it advisable to enact the measure in question.

Whereupon the execution of all instructions issued up to then in this matter was suspended.

I have just received a letter - copy of which is attached - from the First A.D.C. General of H.R.M. the Lieutenant General of the Realm who, in sending me a letter from General L.K. Truscott, Commander of the American 5th Army (a copy of which is attached) asks whether the measure referred to above will be enacted.

In order that I may have something definite upon which to base my reply to the aforementioned A.D.C. General, I request your Sub Commission to let me know whether or not there still prevail the conditions which made it advisable to postpone the aforementioned measure, which the Commander of the American 5th Army appears so anxious to see enacted.

Signed JACINI

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Appendix-"B" - Contd.

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COPY

From : First A.D.C. General of H.R.H.
The Lieutenant General of the Realm.

Ref. No. 3925/A.G.

Date : 10th June 45.

To : Minister of War, ROME.

As you know, when General Clark and some Commanders of American Higher Formations were awarded Italian decorations in January of this year, the desire was expressed to H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm that the liberation of Rome should be remembered through the institution of a commemorative medal.

In accordance with the plans which were being made by your Ministry in the matter, General Truscott was informed in April of this year that the Ministry of War intended to recommend to the Council of Ministers the institution of a commemorative medal for the liberation of Rome, to be awarded to all Allied and Italian military personnel and to patriots who in any way helped in the liberation of the capital.

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In accordance with the desire of H.R.H. I am therefore requesting you to let me know whether this measure could be enacted by the Italian Government.

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully,

Major General Adolfo Infante,
First A.D.C. General.

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Appendix "B" - Contd.

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COPY

From : H.Q. 5th Army,
Office of the Commanding General.

May 5th, 1945.

Dear General Infante,

I received your kind letter of April 30th concerning the proposal to award to 5th Army personnel a medal commemorating the liberation of Rome.

I thank you for this communication and shall be glad if you will transmit my thanks to the officials of the Italian Government who are sponsoring the award of this medal.

On behalf of the officers and soldiers of the 5th Army I have the honor to accept the award of said medal as a reward for service on the battlefield.

Possession of such a decoration will become ever more precious to all with the passing of the years, and will constitute an additional link binding us to Italy, where men of our Armies have given their life blood for a common ideal.

Cordially,

(signed) L.R. TRUSCOTT, Jr.
Commander.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 352

9 July, '45.

My dear

Reference your 4319/AG of 6 July, '45.

Since Lt. Colonel SHIPLEY has permanently left M.M.I.A. and Italy, I would be very pleased to have Colonel SHIPLEY receive the Italian Decoration, and if you will forward same to me I will see that it is delivered to Colonel SHIPLEY.

Yours,

A.B.

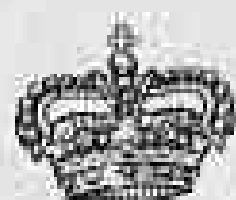
Major General,

Generale Adolfo Infante, .
A.D.C. to Lt. General of the Realm.

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Roma, li 6 Luglio 1945

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Mio car General Browning,

E' stato qui segnalato, per la concessione di una onorificenza italiana, il L.Colonel George A. Shipley, Capo dell'Ufficio Vestiario della Missione Militare Alleata.

Poichè, come già Le ho fatto cenno a voce, S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno tiene in so-
speso, per i noti motivi, tutte le concessioni di ono-
rificenze agli Ufficiali Alleati della M.M.I.A., Le
sarei grato se Ella volesse comunicare al Colonnello
Shipley, sempre che Ella sia favorevole alla conces-
sione, che l'onorificenza italiana gli verrà conferi-
ta appena possibile, e comunque all'atto della sua par-
tenza dall'Italia.

Colgo l'occasione per porgerLe i più distinti
saluti.

Gen. Adolfo Infante
(Generale Adolfo Infante)
A.D. L. P. C. R. d. R.

Major General L. BROWNING

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (MMIA) APO 394 U.S. ARMY

7 July 1945

Subject: Transmittal of Certificate

To : Brigadier General Paul W. KENDALL,

1. Transmitted herewith is Certificate of Award granted you by His Royal Highness, The Lieutenant General of the Realm.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of same by indorsement hereon.

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HEADQUARTERS 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO #88, U.S. ARMY.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA) APO 394, U.S. Army

Receipt of Certificate of Award is acknowledged.

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Paul W. Kendall
PAUL W. KENDALL
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Italian Knightly Decorations for American Military Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 352
7 July 45

TO : A.F.H.Q. for Adjutant General Section.
Attention of Capt. G.J. BRUN.

Reference telephone request by Capt. BRUN for information on Italian Knightly decorations.

1. The following information, including translations, has been obtained from the central decorations office of the Royal House and the office of awards and decorations of the Italian War Ministry.

2. Awards are being made to recommended American military personnel in one of the following two knightly orders :-

- (a) Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro (Saints Maurice and Lazarus)
- (b) Corona d'Italia (Crown of Italy)

3. The echelon of degree within each knightly order, from the highest to the lowest, is as follows :-

- (a) Cavaliere di Gran Croce (Knight of the Grand Cross decorated with the Grand Cordon)
- (b) Grande Ufficiale (Grand Officer)
- (c) Commendatore (Knight Commander)
- (d) Cavaliere Ufficiale (Knight Officer)
- (e) Cavaliere (Knight)

4. The authorised decorations within both orders, to be worn when in formal or informal dress, are as follows :-

Degree	Informal Dress	Formal Dress
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Grande Ufficiale (Grand Officer)	Campaign ribbon with two metal gold crowns pinned to the surface of the ribbon, distributed horizontally, equi-distant from each other and the ends of the ribbon.	Medal of the order around the neck plus a diamond-shaped medal, similar to above.

Grande Ufficiale (Grand Officer)
Ordine dei Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro
Campaign ribbon with two metal gold crowns pinned to the surface of the ribbon, distributed horizontally and equi-distant from each other and the ends of the ribbon.

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Commendatore Campaign ribbon with two metal crowns pinned to the surface of the ribbon, distributed horizontally and located in the center of the two red spaces at the ends of the ribbon.

Formal Dress

Ribbon around left shoulder to right hip, the two ends of the ribbon to be pinned together by the medal of the order plus a large diamond shaped medal over right breast.

Medal of the order around the neck plus a diamond-shaped medal, similar to above, over right breast.

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Commandatore (Knight Commander)	Campaign ribbon with one metal gold crown pinned in the center of the surface.	Medal of the order around the neck.
Cavaliere Ufficiale (Knight Officer)	Campaign ribbon with one silver crown pinned in the center of the surface.	Medal of the order attached to ribbon with rosette, appended over left breast in place of campaign ribbon.
Cavaliere (Knight)	Campaign ribbon	Medal of the order attached to ribbon, appended over left breast in place of campaign ribbon.

5. Attached herewith are brief histories of the two orders obtained from the Royal House.

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Major General
H.M.I.A.

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ORDER OF THE CROWN OF ITALY

When in 1868, Venice was formally annexed to the Kingdom of Italy, King Victor Emanuel the Second created a new Order, the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Inspired by an event which strengthened the newly acquired independence and unity of Italy, the King intended to bestow on Italians and foreigners His recognition for all deeds performed by them, directly concerning the interests of the Italian Nation.

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ORDER OF SAINTS MAURICE AND LAZARUS

The Order of S. Maurice was established in 1434 by Duke Amedeus VIII of Savoy.

The cult for S. Maurice, Captain of the Thebean Legion, Martyr of the Christian Faith, was an old tradition in the House of Savoy, who besides coining money and using banners of war with the image of the saintly warrior, had already founded Churches and Monasteries dedicated to the Saint.

When Amedeus VIII, without completely abandoning the cares of State, retired to follow a life of prayer and hermitage in Ripaille, together with some of his most illustrious counsellors, this first congregation started the "Holy Militia" of S. Maurice, with the purpose of serving God in a religious and cloistral life and of advising in very grave matters of State.

The Order of S. Lazarus dates its first origin to the days of the Crusades (XIIth Century), when, with the purpose of defending the Holy Places of Christianity and of bringing help to the terrible infirmities that afflicted Palestine, companies of religious and fighting men were founded.

The Order in those days had hospitals and churches in various parts of the Near East.

From the XIIth Century on, the Order, with the help of Princes, Popes and private individuals, accepted donations of homes, money and incomes.

At the end of the XIIIth Century, on the invasion of the Saracens, the Knights of S. Lazarus withdrew to the Western Kingdoms, specially in Naples, Sicily and France, where they carried on their duties founding new homes and hospitals for lepers.

The Papal Bulls of Gregory the XIIIth, of September 17th and November 13th, 1572, united both Orders and Duke Emanuel Filibert of Savoy was made a Grand Master.

After having bestowed a rich dowery on the new Order, the Duke organized the Knights in three categories. The first were entrusted with defending the State; the second with warring against the Turks in defense of Christianity and against the Pirates of the Mediterranean; the third with the aim of aiding and helping the sick and the needy.

Those, who down through the centuries succeeded Emanuel Filibert, dedicated themselves towards adding glory and power to the Order, while the Popes bestowed gifts and incomes.

With the passing of time the Statutes of the Order were modified in order to meet with the new conditions, without renouncing however the fundamental purposes of the Order which protects Religion, aids the sick and recognizes military and civil merits.

The Order of S. Maurice and Lazarus is now the greatest Knightly Order bestowed in the Kingdom of Italy.

SUBJECT: Italian Knightly Decorations for American Military Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 352
July 45

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Major General
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Subject: Request For Official Translation

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LAND FORCES Sub Comm A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
A 352

July '45

To : Ministry of War

You are requested to write a letter in English addressed to this Mission, giving your official translation of the Degree of "CAVALIER" and "COMMEDETORE" in the Knightly orders of the Crown of Italy and Saints Maurice and Lazarus.

COMMEDETORE - Have informed Col Sansone of error. He will correct before letter goes to translation section.
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W. S. Hector
Major General
M.M.I.A.
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From: Mr. J. W.
To: MMIA

Translation

Ref. No. 3482/ric

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Date: June 30, 1945

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Subject: Medal commemorating the "liberation of Rome".

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Signed: Jacini

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COPYTranslation

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To: Minister of War, Rome

Ref. No. 3925 / A.G.

Date: June 10, 1945

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Translation

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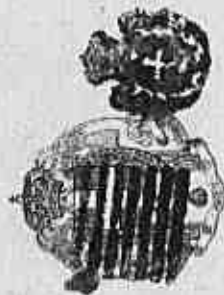
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Commander

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 13482 / ric. 11.1.2

Roma, P.M. 3800 30 C.U. 1945

Risposta al f. del

OGGETTO. Medaglia commemorativa a ricordo della "liberazione di Roma".

Al 1a LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Cotesta Sotto Commissione, allorchando venne a conoscenza che questo Ministero stava approntando un provvedimento inteso ad istituire la medaglia in oggetto, da conferire a tutti coloro che parteciparono alle operazioni per la liberazione di Roma, fece conoscere - via breve - che, per ragioni di opportunità, sarebbe stato bene non dare corso al provvedimento stesso.

Dopo di che venne disposta la sospensione di tutte le disposizioni fin allora impartite al riguardo.

Mi perviene ora la lettera - che unisco in copia - del Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, il quale inviandomi una lettera del generale L.K. TRUSCOTT, Comandante della 5^a Armata Americana, (che unisco anche in copia) mi domanda se il provvedimento al quale ho innanzi accennato potrà avere pratica attuazione.

Per avere elementi concreti di risposta per il predetto Primo Aiutante Generale, prego cotesta Sotto Commissione farmi conoscere, se sussistono tuttora, o meno, le ragioni di opportunità per le quali è stato necessario sopprimere al provvedimento più volte accennato, la cui attuazione starebbe tanto a cuore al Comandante della 5^a Armata Americana.

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IL MINISTRO

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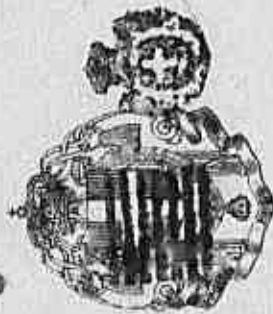
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Ministero della Guerra

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Ufficio Ricomp. e Onorific.

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

3925/A.G.

Roma, 10 giugno 1945

A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A

Come già noto a V.E., quando il Generale CLARK ed alcuni comandanti di Grandi Unità Americani vennero insigniti nel mese di gennaio u.s. di onorificenze italiane, è stato prospettato a S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno il desiderio che fosse in qualche modo ricordata la liberazione di Roma con la istituzione di una medaglia commemorativa.

In relazione a quanto a riguardo veniva progettato presso codesto Ministero, nell'aprile scorso fu comunicato al Generale TRUSCOTT che era in animo del Ministero della Guerra di proporre al Consiglio dei Ministri la istituzione di una medaglia commemorativa per la liberazione di Roma da concedere a tutti i militari alleati ed italiani ed ai patrioti che abbiano comunque contribuito alla liberazione della Capitale;

Il Ministero della Guerra stabilirebbe il tipo della medaglia e del nastro e lascerebbe ai Comandanti delle Grandi Unità la facoltà di concedere ai dipendenti militari l'autorizzazione a fregiarsene.

Il Generale TRUSCOTT ha risposto con la lettera che allego in copia, ringraziando e plaudendo alla iniziativa ed accennando ai benefici effetti, negli anni futuri, di un legame che ricorderebbe ancor più agli Americani di aver versato il sangue in Italia per un comune ideale.

Secondo il desiderio di Sua Altezza Reale, prego pertanto Vostra Eccellenza di voler far conoscere se il provvedimento potrebbe avere ^{la} parte del Governo Italiano, pratica attuazione. 3210

La ringrazio fin d'ora e La prego di accogliere, Eccellenza, gli atti della mia alta considerazione.

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

3925/A.G.

Roma, 10 giugno 1945

A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A

Come già noto a V.E., quando il Generale CLARK ed alcuni comandanti di Grandi Unità Americani vennero insigniti nel mese di gennaio u.s. di onorificenze italiane, è stato prospettato a S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno il desiderio che fosse in qualche modo ricordata la liberazione di Roma con la istituzione di una medaglia commemorativa.

In relazione a quanto a riguardo veniva progettato presso codesto Ministero, nell'aprile scorso fu comunicato al Generale TRUSCOTT che era in animo del Ministero della Guerra di proporre al Consiglio dei Ministri la istituzione di una medaglia commemorativa per la liberazione di Roma da concedere a tutti i militari alleati ed italiani ed ai patrioti che abbiano comunque contribuito alla liberazione della Capitale;

Il Ministero della Guerra stabilirebbe il tipo della medaglia e del nastrino e lascerebbe ai Comandanti delle Grandi Unità la facoltà di concedere ai dipendenti militari l'autorizzazione a fregiarsene.

Il Generale TRUSCOTT ha risposto con la lettera che allego in copia, ringraziando e plaudendo alla iniziativa ed accennando ai benefici effetti, negli anni futuri, di un legame che ricorderebbe ancor più agli Americani di aver versato il sangue in Italia per un comune ideale.

Secondo il desiderio di Sua Altezza Reale, prego pertanto Vostra Eccellenza di voler far conoscere se il provvedimento potrebbe avere ³²¹¹ la parte del Governo Italiano, pratica attuazione.

La ringrazio fin d'ora e la prego di accogliere, Eccellenza, gli atti della mia alta considerazione.

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE

Generale di Divisione

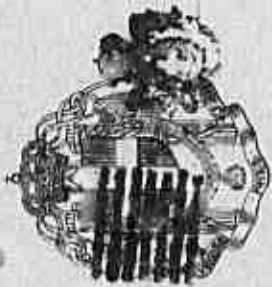
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IL CAPO UFFICIO

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UFFICIO DEL GENERALE COMANDANTE

5 maggio 1945

Caro Generale Infante,

ho ricevuto la sua gentile lettera del 30 aprile riguardante la proposta di conferire al personale della 5^a Armata una medaglia commemorativa per la liberazione di Roma.

La ringrazio per questa comunicazione e la prego di porgere i miei ringraziamenti alle personalità del Governo Italiano che si adoperano per istituire questa medaglia.

In nome degli ufficiali e soldati della 5^a Armata, ho l'onore di accettare, il conferimento di detta medaglia quale ricompensa di guerra sul campo.

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Con i miei più cordiali saluti.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Italian Medal

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FROM	TO	DATE
Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	16 May 1945
	Atten: Col Kerr	

Col. Grant, AG here, was awarded an Italian medal, he received the ribbon but not the medal. Query: Is there any chance of his getting it?

/s/ R. C. Van Kirk
R. C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

1st	MMIA	Sr	21 May 1945
		MMIA LO	

What medal, when and where?

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C. P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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