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From: G.O.C. 228 Div. H.Q.
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 01/96/8/21

Date: 27/9/45

Subject: Information Request.

We beg you, to kindly let us know the name, name of father and mother, place of birth and present address of Capt. HERBERT, formerly officer at the Military Mission, detached ~~from~~ the 8th Army as Liaison officer with this Division, and of Brigadier G.F.H. STAYNER. C.B.E, D.A. & D.M.G., 8th Army.

A/m information are required by the G.O.C of this Division who intends to ~~propose~~ ^{recommend} the a/m officers, for a decoration in recognition of the services they carried out, in favour of this Division.

R. Guerra. Gpd

(sgd) Lt Col. ALFRED EGIZI.

Argente

COMANDO 228^a DIVISIONE

-I.F.A. HQ.-

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P.M.16,11 27 Settembre 1945

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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 ROME, M.N.I.A. SECTION.

GENERAL INFANTE INFORMED ME FOR ~~PRINCE~~ PRINCE UMBERTO THAT YOU HAVE
 MY DECORATION OF ORDER OF CROWN OF ITALY AWARDED ME IN ~~U.I. 11/11/11~~
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Subject : Honours and Awards.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
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10 July, 1945.

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

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.

A. B.
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)

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 NMIA 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 NMIA 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 NMIA 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/r1c
11.1.2

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.H. 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 JACINT

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Appendix "B" - Contd.

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

Ref. No. 3925/A.G.

To : Minister of War, Rome.

Date : 10th June 45.

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.

The Ministry of War proposed to determine the type of medal and ribbon and to leave it to the Commanders of the Higher formations to grant to their troops authority to wear it.

General Truscott replied as per attached copy, conveying his thanks and approval of the plan and pointing to the beneficial effect which in the years to come such a link would have, as a reminder to Americans that they sacrificed their lives on Italian soil for a common ideal.

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

Page 3.

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.K. TRUSCOTT, Jr.
Commander.

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From:- M of N.
To:- M M A.

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Ref:- 112866/1/2.

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Date - 2nd June 45.

Subject: Commendation of British Military personnel.

On 11.th May, at Fort PRENESTINO Rome, a fire broke out in an Italian Amms. Depot.

The ^{up} British soldiers of a store dump situated ~~near~~ near the fort, ~~was~~ ^{greatly} distinguished themselves in helping to put out the fire --

700954/ ~~Sgt.~~ FINNEGAN F.

811365 Lf. MOLE H.

These men were the first to arrive on the spot and, regardless ~~of~~ danger, they entered the Depot which was ~~enveloped~~ ^{engulfed} in flames and helped the Italian personnel to move away ammo. cases and to put out the fire.

Please express to the ^{two} NCOs, my
commendation and praise for the courage and high spirit of
comradeship they have shown.

G. F.

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OGGETTO encomio a militari inglesi.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A. (i)
M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di

ROMA

(rifer. nota del 26 maggio 45 n. 9529/TAV)

Risposta al foglio del

Dir.

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Il giorno 11 maggio al forte Prenestino, in Roma, si è sviluppato un incendio in un deposito di munizioni italiano.

In tale circostanza si sono particolarmente distinti i sottotonati militari inglesi in servizio a un parco di materiali sito nelle vicinanze del forte:

- 7009541 - Sergente PINNEGAN F.
- 811365 - Sergente MOLE H.

Essi sono stati i primi ad accorrere e ad entrare, senza curarsi del pericolo, nel locale invaso dalle fiamme, ed hanno aiutato il personale italiano ad allontanare casse di bombe e a spegnere l'incendio.

Prego esprimere ai due sottufficiali il mio compiacimento e il mio encomio per il coraggio e l'alto spirito di cameratismo da essi dimostrato.

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Subject: Italian Commendations on British Soldiers.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

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5 June, '45.

To : HQ Rome Area Allied Command.

700954I Sjt. PINNEGAN. F.

8II365 Sjt. MOLE. H.

1. The attached letter of commendation from the Italian Minister for War in respect of the action of the above named British N.C.Os. on the Italian Army is forwarded to you for information. It is requested that this commendation be forwarded to the Commanding Officer of these N.C.Os.

S.P. Archer CypR.

S.P. ARCHER, Captain.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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