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19 Feb 47	LACAB, G-5 (Attn Lt Col S.H. WHITE)	LMS 71/1/A LF Folios 3, 5, 28	Passed to you as a civilian matter per conversation this date. Capt. ASS'T 'A' ILFB, AFHQ

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21 July 1947

Recommendations of
Generals

Maras

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Pellegrina were

forwarded to Washington
recommending approval on
6 May.

Capt Cerquetti is now
at G-1 and then must
go to Washington.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (L&IA)
LFO 794 U.S. ARMY

24 FEBRUAR 1947

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star
TO : Commanding General
KTOUSA
ASO 512
THRU : Channels.

1. Under the provisions of ~~Article~~ AR 600-45, as amended,
It is recommended that Aldo CERQUETTI, Captain, Artillery
Corps, Italian Army, Liaison Section L&IA, be awarded the Bronze
Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the support of combat
operations in the Mediterranean Theatre during the period ~~8~~ ¹⁴ Septem-
ber 1943 to 7 ~~Nov~~ ^{Dec} 1943.

2. In the chaotic month of September 1943, Captain CERQUETTI
was assigned to an Italian Army Coast Artillery regiment in the Sa-
lerno area. Upon receipt of the news of the Italian armistice with
the Allies, and at the time of the Allied landings, Captain CER-
QUETTI volunteered, because of his knowledge of the English lan-
guage, to contact the Allied troops on Salerno beach-head & arrange
for the surrender to them of all territories under Italian command
in Salerno area.

3. Subsequently, after the fall of Naples, Capt. CERQUETTI,
was assigned as Liaison Officer between the British 22nd AA Bri-
gade and the various Italian anti-aircraft installations in the
Naples area. In this capacity, he was responsible for the immediate
distribution of orders and information from and to the Italian AA
Operations Room so as to co-ordinate their fire with the Allied
defense plan for the important Naples area. Capt. CERQUETTI
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served in this position, rendering valuable Liaison Services to the Allied Command, from 15 March 1944 to 25 October 1944.

4. In November 1944, Capt. CERQUETTI was attached as Liaison Officer to the Naples Office of Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. During the period that the 5th and 8th Armies were operational and supplies badly needed in the forward areas, Capt. CERQUETTI demonstrated his willingness to work long hours to arrange for the collection and forward transportation of materials from the Italian Artillery Directorate at Naples to the Italian Army pack-mule units operating with the Allied Armies. Supplies for the Italian Army were at that time arriving in considerable quantities from Sardinia with little forewarning and created the need for close Liaison between Port authorities and the various Italian Army authorities responsible for collection & storage. This close Liaison Captain CERQUETTI maintained with unflagging zeal. Many times in the absence of Allied officers, Capt. CERQUETTI took full responsibility for the issuance of orders directing the movement of traffic from the Port to appropriate depots.

5. At the conclusion of the above mentioned war operations and the eventual disbandment of AIA Liaison Office at Naples, Capt. CERQUETTI was assigned to the Interpreters & Liaison Section at Hq. AIA in Rome in January 1946. He has served in that capacity to date, distinguishing himself for tact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty.

6. The undersigned has personal knowledge of all services performed by Capt. CERQUETTI since he was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of AIA in November 1944.

7. The entire subsequent service of Capt. CERQUETTI has been honorable.

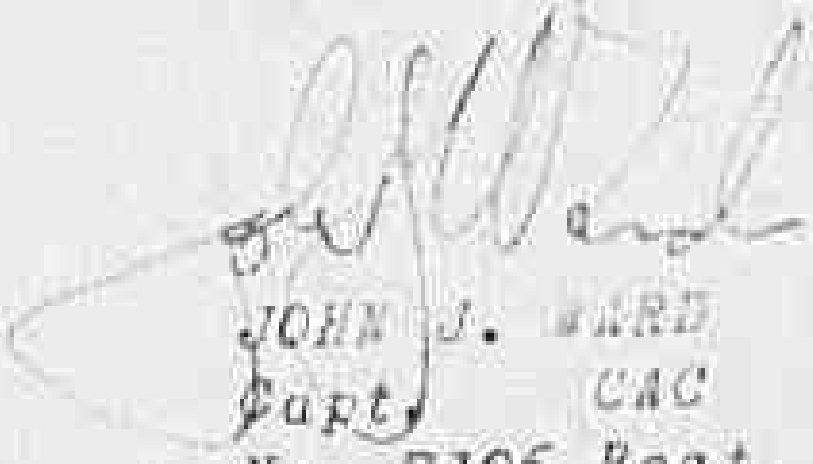
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8. His grade & assignment at the time he performed the services for which he is being recommended for the Bronze Star was Captain, Ordnance Liaison Officer, Naples Liaison Office of the Military Mission to the Italian Army.
9. Capt. CERQUETTI has received no previous awards for his service with the U.S. forces nor is any recommendation for a U.S. award outstanding at this time.
10. The reason this recommendation was not submitted previously is attributed to the fact that such oversight was only recently noticed when the Military Mission to the Italian Army first began to prepare for eventual disbandment and a review was made to determine what members of the Italian Army had received recognition for meritorious services in behalf of the Allied caused in Italy.
11. Proposed citation is as follows :
"ALDO CERQUETTI, Captain, Italian Army, Liaison Officer, Military Mission to the Italian Army, for meritorious achievement and outstanding service in support of combat operations during the period 24 November 1944 to 24 May 1945. During the period that the 5th & 8th Armies were operational, Captain CERQUETTI was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. Capt. CERQUETTI was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that an uninterrupted flow of supplies moved from Italian Army Depots in Naples to the Italian pack-mule companies and other service units serving with the Allied Armies in Italy. In conjunction and whole hearted cooperation with Allied authorities, Capt. CERQUETTI arranged for the movement of needed supplies from Sardinia, their collection and storage in Italian Army Depots and their onward movement into the Army areas. Throughout

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these intricate war operations, Capt. CERQUETTI spared himself no pains, working long hours to ensure that the necessary liaison was accomplished between all concerned. His understanding of Allied operational methods, and his willingness to attend to every details of an operation, however minute, contributed outstandingly to the effective cooperation of Italian and Allied authorities. By his fact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty, Capt. CERQUETTI reflected great credit on himself and the Italian Army. Entered service from Rome, Italy. "


JOHN J. SARR
Capt. CAC
Hq. 7106 Regt. A.C. (Cohd)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

24 FEBRUARY 1947

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star
TO : Commanding General
MTOUSA
APO 512
THRU : Channels.

1. Under the provisions of ~~Article~~ AR 600-45, as amended, ~~it~~
It is recommended that Aldo CERQUETTI, Captain, Artillery Corps, Italian Army, Liaison Section MIA, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the support of combat operations in the Mediterranean Theatre during the period 8 September 1943 to 7 May 1945.
2. In the chaotic month of September 1943, Captain CERQUETTI was assigned to an Italian Army Coast Artillery regiment in the Salerno area. Upon receipt of the news of the Italian armistice with the Allies, and at the time of the Allied landings, Captain CERQUETTI volunteered, because of his knowledge of the English language, to contact the Allied troops on Salerno beach-head & arrange for the surrender to them of all territories under Italian command in Salerno area.
3. Subsequently, after the fall of Naples, Capt. CERQUETTI, was assigned as Liaison Officer between the British 32nd AAA Brigade and the various Italian anti-aircraft installations in the Naples area. In this capacity, he was responsible for the immediate passing-on of orders and information from and to the Italian AA Gun Operations Room so as to co-ordinate their fire with the Allied Air Defense plan for the important Naples area. Capt. CERQUETTI

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served in this position, rendering valuable liaison services to the Allied Command, from 15 March 1944 to 25 October 1944.

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5. At the conclusion of the above mentioned war operations and the eventual disbandment of said Liaison Office at Naples, Capt. CERQUETTI was assigned to the Interpreters & Liaison Section at Hq. said in Rome in January 1946. He has served in that capacity to date, distinguishing himself for tact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty.

6. The undersigned has personal knowledge of all services performed by Capt. CERQUETTI since he was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of said in November 1944.

7. The entire subsequent service of Capt. CERQUETTI has been honorable.

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8. His grade & assignment at the time he performed the services for which he is being recommended for the Bronze Star was Captain, Ordnance Liaison Officer, Naples Liaison Office of the Military Mission to the Italian Army.

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JOHN J. LARD
Capt, CAC
Hq. 7106 Regt. A.C. (Ophd)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
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19 December 1946

AG 201-P-Day, Morley R. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army
Attention: Colonel Norman E. Fiske

In compliance with telephonic request, a copy of the recom-
mendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Technician
Third Grade Morley R. Day, 13075670, is attached hereto.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

M. G. Richeson
M. G. RICHESON
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ltr, dtd 17 May 45 w/2 Incls
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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304

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17 May 1945

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x-201-Day, Morley R. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

THRU : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Morley R. Day, 13075670, Tec-5, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945.

2. Sergeant Day has served in the capacity of Personal Secretary to the Deputy Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945. During this period, he has expertly and excellently discharged his duties and responsibilities. Sergeant Day's capacity to grasp and retain detail and his exceptionally energetic and efficient performance in managing the Deputy Executive Commissioner's Office, which was at times understaffed, contributed materially to the orderly functioning of that section. His over-all performance throughout the course of this assignment was highly commendable.

3. The manifold abilities and outstanding qualities of this enlisted man came into full play during the period the Deputy Executive Commissioner was Regional Commissioner of Rome Region at the time of its liberation by the Allies and immediately afterwards. At a time when the capital city of Italy had just been liberated by Allied Nations' forces, its military government personnel consisted of a mere handful of officers and men. The political complexities and administrative difficulties of the situation during the first days of Rome's liberation were manifold. At this time, it was necessary for Sergeant Day to deal personally with many of the key figures of the Italian Government and by his great tact, patience and understanding, aided materially his superiors in the performance of their very difficult missions and laid the basis for friendly relationship which has subsequently been of the greatest value to the Allied Commission.

4. Sergeant Day's manner of performance of duty during this time reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. His entire subsequent service has been honorable.

5. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Sergeant Day.

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- 6. Enlisted man was a Technician Fourth Grade at the beginning of period during which these services were rendered. He was promoted to Technician Third Grade effective 12 June 1944.
- 7. Enlisted man has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.
- 8. Inclosed herewith is a proposed citation.

/s/ NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel Cav
Deputy Ex Commissioner

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Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Day, Morley R. (Enl)
(17 May 45) 1st Inf. CMP/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army,
19 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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Cq Headquarters Command Allied Force, APO 512, US Army, 28 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA.

It is recommended that the Bronze Star Medal be awarded Tec 3 Morley R. Day, in lieu of the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

/s/ J. W. RAMSEY,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

R Incl:
n/c

PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Third Grade Morley R. Day, 13075670, Inf, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945. Sergeant Day has, through the full exercise of his extraordinary ability and devotion to duty, rendered invaluable service to the Deputy Executive Commissioner's Office of the Allied Commission. His conspicuous efficiency and energy have contributed in great measure to the orderly functioning of that office. His tact in dealing with many of the key figures of the Italian Government has laid the basis for friendly relationship which has subsequently been of the greatest value to the Allied Commission. Sergeant Day's outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon the military service. Entered the service from Washington, D. C.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA) GMP

6 January 1947.

Commanding General,
MTCUSA, APO 512, US Army.

Subject:- Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
Award.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended it is recommended that Staff Sergeant Morley R. DAY, 13075670, formerly assigned, Headquarters Company, 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as the senior non-commissioned officer in charge of the offices of the Rome Regional Commissioner and Deputive Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, from 5 February 1944 to 15 March 1945.

2. Sergeant DAY was responsible for and assigned the task of opening up and starting the office of the Regional Commissioner of the Rome Region at the time Rome fell to 5th Army on 4th June 1944. At that time there was not sufficient trained officer personnel nor enlisted personnel to properly staff the office of the Regional Commissioner and as a result he was called upon to handle an assignment ordinarily performed by a trained officer of field grade. He was obliged to not only see that adequate and proper office space was provided but he had to procure typewriters, office equipment and supplies. He was obliged to not only be responsible for the proper functioning of the Regional Commissioner's Office but to contact and meet many important persons in the conduct of the affairs of the office and the city of Rome. He was called upon to deal personally with many prominent Italians, and through his industry, tact, patience and ability he was able to relieve the Regional Commissioner of a great many duties

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which the Commissioner personally would have had to do, thus contributing to a great extent to the amount of work, which the Regional Commissioner was able to accomplish. Sergeant DAY's pleasant and business like manner impressed all with whom he came in contact and as a result friendly relations were established between the various Italian Ministries, Agencies and Departments of the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. This all contributed materially to the pleasant relationship which has at all times existed between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. Sergeant DAY was not only an expert stenographer and performed such duties in a superior manner but was an executive of rare ability. He was most willing to work long hours in order to accomplish the many tasks required of him. After the office of the Regional Commissioner was closed Sergeant DAY was transferred to the Office of the Executive Commissioner where he continued to serve as an office executive all of which was accomplished with his usual high degree of efficiency. He did at all times discharge his duties and responsibilities with great credit to himself and the Allied Commission.

3. Sergeant DAY used good judgement, tact, and common-sense in his dealing with not only the American and British Officers with whom he came in contact but also the Italian Officials and Officers. He occupied extremely important positions during all the time covered by this recommendation. His extreme devotion to duty and his important assistance was appreciated by all with whom he came in contact. All of which contributed substantially to the war effort in Italy and to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of the Allied Commission. It is worthy of recognition and in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service.

4. I have personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

5. Sergeant DAY was on the 17 May 1945 recommended by me for the Legion of Merit but this award was subsequently disapproved. It is requested that my recommendation for a Bronze Star Medal be now considered. The reason for the delay

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in making this recommendation is that only recently was it called to my attention that the original recommendation had not been favourably considered.

6. Grade and assignment was; Staff Sergeant, Regional and Executive Commissioners' Offices, Allied Commission, Rome.

7. The entire previous service of the Sergeant being recommended has been honorable. Previous Award, Good Conduct Medal.

Proposed citation see inclosure.

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NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Commander, MIA.

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Proposed Citation for Bronze Star Award.

Staff Sergeant Morley R. DAY, 13075670, Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945. As senior non-commissioned Officer in the Office of the Regional Commissioner of Rome and the Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission he was largely responsible for the smooth operation of the office, rendering invaluable service to the Regional and Executive Commissioners. He did at all times exercise force, tact and diplomacy in his dealing with Allied and Italian Officials to the end that he contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of the Allied Commission. He performed all his duties with ability and discretion, demonstrating a keen interest in his duties. Sergeant DAY by his unselfish performance of his duties of great responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied War effort in Italy all of which reflects great credit on himself, is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service and worthy of recognition.

Entered the service from Washington D.C.

ALFRED FORGE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MIA)

13 April 1947

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO : The Commanding General, MIAUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

THRU : Channels.

1. In accordance with the provisions of AR 60-45 as amended, it is recommended that Lt. Col. A.R.C. Southby, GWS, be awarded the medal of Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as GSO I, Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.), Allied Commission, from 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lt. Col. Southby was assigned to Hq M.M.I.A. on 1 September 1944 and was immediately ordered to the 90th British Liaison Unit as GSO I where he was charged with the mission of organizing and equipping one of the Italian combat groups, the Friuli Division which was subsequently to be employed as a combat organization for the liberation of the North of Italy from the Germans. He was given two and one-half months in which to organize, equip, train and recruit this unit to a strength of 9,000 Italian officers and men. With morale low among the Italians at that time, it was an almost impossible task but Lt. Col. Southby by exercising great force, initiative, energy and organizing ability, overcame the difficulties of language, national characteristics and unfamiliar Italian staff methods and formed a combat division which on 23 November 1944 was moved from Benevento to Siena and came under the command of the Fifteenth Army Group.

3. In accordance with Allied Directives, this unit was completely equipped with British arms, transport and clothing. Through Lt. Col. Southby's unflinching devotion to duty perseverance and tact, he had secured the necessary arms, equipment, clothing and transport for this division. But far more difficult than obtaining the necessary equipment was the task of securing the proper Italian officers and men as replacements followed by the even more difficult mission of training them into a fighting unit in the short space of time allotted. In this connection Lt. Col. Southby was commended for his remarkable progress, by inspection teams, from the Fifteenth Army Group and the Fifth Army, which visited the Friuli Division during December 1944 and January 1945.

4. On 20 January 1945 the Friuli Division was moved to Forlì under command of the Eighth Army. On 1 February 1945 it relieved the Bresona (Polish) Division at Brisighella on the River Senio, facing two of the best German divisions in Italy, the 1st and 4th Parachute Divisions. From February until 9 April, the

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Friuli Division, under the guidance and supervision of Lt. Col. Southby, engaged in patrolling against the enemy. The drive of the Fifth and Eighth Armies to liberate the North of Italy started on 9 April and the Friuli Division attacked across the Senio. From that point the Division advanced steadily until Bologna was taken at which time it was withdrawn into reserve.

5. From the very beginning of his assignment until the final accomplishment of his mission, Lt. Col. Southby demonstrated a keen awareness of the problem and a superior devotion to duty in its solution, that resulted in a substantial contribution toward the final defeat of the enemy and reflected great credit upon himself and upon the Allied Armed Forces.

6. Lt. Col. Southby's present assignment is GSO 1 (SB), Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ.

7. All subsequent service has been honorable.

8. Lt. Col. Southby has received no American awards.

9. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the meritorious services rendered by Lt. Col. Southby.

10. Proposed citation is inclosed.

11. Recommendation was not previously submitted due to oversight.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Director.

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PROPOSED CITATION.

Lt. Col. A.H.C. Southby, OBE, British Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in connection with military operations in Italy from 2 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

During this period, while serving as GSO 1, 50th British Liaison Unit, Lt. Col. Southby was charged with the mission of organizing, equipping, recruiting and training the Italian Friuli Division. With an extremely limited period of time allotted to this mission it was an almost impossible task, but by exercising great force, energy, initiative and organizing ability, Lt. Col. Southby overcame the difficulties of language, national characteristics and unfamiliar Italian staff methods and managed to secure the necessary arms, equipment, clothing and transport for the division, as well as the proper officers and men. In an incredibly short time this division, under the supervision of Lt. Col. Southby, was trained to the point where it was committed to action relieving the Frezosa (Polish) division at Faisighella and on 9 April joined in the drive to liberate Northern Italy.

From the very beginning of his assignment until the final accomplishment of his mission Lt. Col. Southby demonstrated a keen awareness of the problem and a superior devotion to duty in its solution, that resulted in a substantial contribution toward the final defeat of the enemy and reflected great credit upon himself and upon the Allied Armed Forces. Entered service from Ipswich, England.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

13 June 47.

To: Col Kelly, G-1

1. Telephone conversation with the Military Secretaries Branch at GHQ COMF has confirmed that War Office approval has been received for the acceptance by Colonel Wilfred Gould PIDSLEY (27386), DSO, OBE, MC, RAEC of the United States Legion of Merit degree of Officer.
2. War Office authority is quoted in their WO68/GEN/7715(MS3L) dated 30 May 47.

A. J. McMurtrie
Major RA.

A. J. McMURTRIE,
Major, RA.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

1st Ind to Ltr., Hq MTOUSA, Subject: Presentation of Award of the Legion of Merit, Colonel Pidsley, dated 21 June 1947

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US ARMY

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th LACAD, APO 794, US Army

TO: Colonel Norman E. Fiske, Deputy Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ, APO 794, US Army

For compliance with paragraph 3 basic communication and return through this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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2nd Ind to Ltr., Hq. MTOUSA, Subject: Presentation of Award of the Legion of Merit, Colonel Pidsley, dated 21 June 1947.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italian Land Forces Branch, APO 794, U.S. Army, 27 June 1947.

THRU : Channels

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

Presentation of award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer to Colonel Pidsley has been accomplished.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Director.

21 June 1947

AG 261-F-Pidsley, W.G. (British Officer)

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award of the Legion of Merit

TO : Commanding Officer, Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, U. S. Army
Attn: Colonel Hamblen

1. The recommendation for award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, has been approved and concurred in by the British War Office, London.
2. Attached hereto are Citation, Certificate, and Medal for delivery to Colonel Pidsley in compliance with wishes of Colonel Hamblen.
3. Request this headquarters be informed when presentation has been accomplished.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

3 Incls:
1-Citation
2-Certificate
3-Medal

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HEADQUARTERS
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

12 April 1947

~~James H. ...~~
~~14 October 1946~~

For submission of

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Legion of Merit Award.

TO : The Commanding General, KTOUSA,
APO 512, U.S. Army.
(Through Chief Commissioner Allied Commission).

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, it is recommended that Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, British Army, A.R.C., be awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.), from the 1st of March 1944 up to the 3th of May 1945.
2. Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, having taken part in the planning for the North African campaign with the U.S. Headquarters in LONDON and who was with A.F.H.Q. and 15 Army Group from 1943 to 1944 as Deputy Chief G.I. British, was during the month of February 1944, especially selected by A.F.H.Q. for assignment to M.M.I.A. because of his former experience and training with the U.S. Army and his knowledge of staff procedure in the British Army. His mission was to organize, coordinate and standardize the method of supply and accounting for the rations, equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Reporting to M.M.I.A. in March 1944, he immediately wrote and caused to be published the manual described as "Standard Operating Procedure", which has constantly been in use since that date in the Accounting Section of M.M.I.A. During this period of time, ration supplies and equipment valued at millions of dollars, have been delivered by the U.S. to the Italian Army and charged to the Italian Government. Col. PIDSLEY's task was particularly complicated and difficult because it was necessary to establish a complete accounting system which could be used by the American, British and Italian Armies which were all concerned.
3. Through Col. PIDSLEY's unfailing devotion to duty, willing cooperation and sense of justice, he secured complete cooperation from the British and American Armies to the end that great quantities of supplies were delivered to the Italian Army thereby improving the morale of the Italian Army to such an extent that its members made an important contribution to the Allied War effort in ITALY.
4. On the 6th of June 1944, Col. PIDSLEY headed the advance party of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, which was sent to ROME to establish the Headquarters and coordinate arrangements with the 5th Army and ROME Area Command. As a result of his efforts, the present Headquarters was established in its present location.

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5. Approval having been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Col. PIDSLEY implemented and was most active from the month of June 1944 to September in the organization and equipping, from British sources, of five Italian Army Combat Groups, two of which later fought with 5th Army in the final drive for the liberation of Italy from Germans. These groups or divisions, now constitute an important part of the interim Italian Army.

6. Col. PIDSLEY has at all times exercised great force, initiative, energy and organizing ability in the assignments which he has held. The efforts which he has made in carrying out the directives of this Mission for the formation, organization and administration of the Italian Army are of the highest type. His extreme devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and Allied Armed Forces. Col. PIDSLEY's important assistance has been especially appreciated by the American Officers in this Mission. All of his efforts contributed substantially to the War effort in ITALY, are worthy of recognition and are in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service.

7. I have personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is made.

8. Grade and assignment at the present time is Colonel, A.E.C. ~~Brigadier, AFHQ, Rome~~ *Italian Land Force Command, AFHQ, Rome*

9. The entire ^{subsequent} ~~previous~~ service of the Officer being recommended has been honorable.

10. Previous awards : No American. British : DSO, OBE, MC.
Foreign decoration : Croix de guerre 1914-1918 World War I.

11. Proposed citation, see inclosure.

12. *Recommendation was originally submitted on 14 October 1946 and received by HQ AFHQ on 6 November 1946. There is no record in this file of any action taken. (see inclosure 2).*

Norman E. FISKE,
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

*Inc
1) Proposed citation
2) Recommendation submitted 14 October 1946*

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, British Army A.E.C. for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 1 March 1944 to 5 May 1945. As Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) he was responsible for the organisation, coordination and standardisation of the method for the supply and accounting of the rations equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Exercising great force, tact and diplomacy he has contributed materially to the successful termination of the Allied campaign in Italy. Col. PIDSLEY implemented the organization and equipping of five Italian Combat Groups or divisions which were subsequently used in the Italian campaign for the liberation of Italy from the Germans. They now form an integral part of the present Italian Army.

Col. PIDSLEY has performed all of his duties with outstanding ability and initiative exercising at all times sound judgment and common sense all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied Cause.

Entered service from Sandhurst, England.

/fg.

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HEADQUARTERS
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

September 1946

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Legion of Merit Award.

TO : The Commanding General, AFUSA
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, it is recommended that Col. W.S. PIERCEY, British Army, A.S.C., be awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.), from the 1st of March 1944 up to and including the 12th of January 1946.
2. Col. W.S. PIERCEY, having taken part in the planning for the North African campaign with the U.S. Headquarters in LIXION and who was with A.F.H.Q. and 15 Army Group from 1943 to 1944 as Deputy Chief G.I. British, was during the month of February 1944, especially selected by A.S.H.Q. for assignment to M.M.I.A. because of his former experience and training with the U.S. Army and his knowledge of staff procedure in the British Army. His mission was to organize, coordinate and standardize the method of supply and accounting for the rations, equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Reporting to M.M.I.A. in March 1944, he immediately wrote and caused to be published the manual described as "Standard Operating Procedure" which has constantly been in use since that date in the Accounting Section of M.M.I.A. During this period of time, ration supplies and equipment valued at millions of dollars, have been delivered by the U.S. to the Italian Army and charged to the Italian Government. Col. PIERCEY's task was particularly complicated and difficult because it was necessary to establish a complete accounting system which could be used by the American, British and Italian Armies which were all concerned.

3. Through Col. PIERCEY's unflinching devotion to duty, willing cooperation and sense of justice, he secured complete cooperation from the British and American Armies to the end that great quantities of supplies were delivered to the Italian Army thereby improving the morale of the Italian Army to such an extent that its members made an important contribution to the Allied

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SUBJECT : Recommendation for Legion of Merit Award.

TO : The Commanding General, AFMUSA
AFO 512, U.S. Army.

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2. Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, having taken part in the planning for the North African campaign with the U.S. Headquarters in L. 207th and who was with A.F.M.G. and 15 Army Group from 1943 to 1944 as Deputy Chief of British, was during the month of February 1944, especially selected by A.F.M.G. for assignment to M.S.I.A. because of his former experience and training with the U.S. Army and his knowledge of staff procedure in the British Army. His mission was to organize, coordinate and supervise the method of supply and accounting for the rations, equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Reporting to M.S.I.A. in March 1944, he immediately wrote and caused to be published the manual described as "Standard Operating Procedure," which has constantly been in use since that date in the Accounting Section of M.S.I.A. During this period of time, ration supplies and equipment valued at millions of dollars, have been delivered by the U.S. to the Italian Army and charged to the Italian Government. Col. PIDSLEY's task was particularly complicated and difficult because it was necessary to establish a complete accounting system which could be used by the American, British and Italian Armies which were all concerned.
3. Through Col. PIDSLEY's unfailing devotion to duty, willing cooperation and sense of justice, he secured complete cooperation from the British and American Armies to the end that great quantities of supplies were delivered to the Italian Army thereby improving the morale of the Italian Army to such an extent that its members made an important contribution to the Allied war effort in 1947.
4. On or about the 6th of July 1944, Col. PIDSLEY headed the advance party of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, which was sent to Rome to establish the Headquarters and coordinate arrangements with the 5th Army and SOE Area Command. As a result of his efforts, the present Headquarters was

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established in its present location.

5. Approval having been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Col. PIZZALI implemented the new unit within four months of June 1944 to September in the organizational and equipment area. British sources, of the Italian Army Combat Group, are of opinion that PIZZALI fought with distinction in the drive for the liberation of Italy from the Germans. These groups of divisions are considered an important part of the Italian Italian Army. During the month of September 1943, Col. PIZZALI was instrumental in the making and coordinating of the plans for the new Italian Army, and under consideration at the present Peace Conference.

6. Col. PIZZALI has an all-around command great force, initiative, energy and organizing ability in the arrangements which he has made. The efforts which he has made in carrying out the instructions of this mission for the formation, organization and administration of the Italian Army are of the highest type. His extreme devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and Allied Armed Forces. Col. PIZZALI's important contributions have been especially appreciated by the American Officers in this mission. All of his efforts contributed substantially to the new effort in Italy, and worthy of recognition and are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service.

7. I have personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is made.

8. Grade and assignment at the present time is Colonel, A.S.C., U.S., U.S.A.F., USAF.

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

10. Previous awards: 1. No awards. British: 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

11. Proposed citation, see enclosure.

Colonel J. PIZZALI,
Col., USAF,
Deputy Commander.

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PROPOSED DECISION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Col. V.G. PIBBLET, British Army A.S.O. for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from the 1st March 1944 to and including the 12th of January 1946. As Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.S.L.A.) he was responsible for the organization, coordination and standardisation of the method for the supply and accounting of the ration equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Exercising great force, tact and diplomacy he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of M.S.L.A. in raising the Italian Army to a high state of efficiency in a short period of time to the end that it made a substantial contribution to the successful termination of the Allied campaign in Italy. Col. PIBBLET implemented the organization and equipping of five Italian Combat Groups or Divisions which were subsequently used in the Italian campaign for the liberation of Italy from the Germans. They now form an integral part of the present Italian Army.

Col. PIBBLET has performed all of his duties with outstanding ability and initiative exercising at all times sound judgment and common sense all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied Cause.

Entered service from Sergeant.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

71/1 A
26 AUG 47

Commanding General
AF USA, APO 512

SUBJECT : Request for clearance to
accept award

1. The Italian Ministry of Defense has requested that officers on the attached list be authorized to accept the award of Cross for War Merit and Medal of the War of Liberation.
2. It is requested that authority be forwarded to this headquarters.

WBJ/ml

[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

Incl 1 - List of Officers.

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TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of Defence
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 177/Ric/G 24
Date: 22 August 1947

Subject: Awarding of Italian decorations to American officers.

On proposal of Udine Military Territorial Command, the American officers listed herewith, have been proposed for the award of the Cross for War Merit and of the medal of the War of Liberation against the Germans, as recompense for the work carried out by them during the Italian campaigns.

Please authorise the officers in question to accept their respective decorations.

sgd. SUFFINO
Gen.

GM/EC

Ga/Sp.

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - Esercito
SEGRETARIATO GENERALE

Protocollo N. *144/C.24* Allegati 1

Roma, 22 AGO. 1947

Risposta al foglio del

Oggetto: Conferimento di distintivi onorifici di guerra
italiani ad ufficiali americani.

A/L'ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS Q.

A.F.H.Q.

ROMA

RECEIVED 23 AUG 1947
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Su proposta del Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine gli ufficiali americani di cui all'accluso elenco sono stati designati per il conferimento della Croce al merito di guerra e del distintivo della guerra di liberazione contro i tedeschi, in riconoscimento dell'opera da essi prestata durante la campagna d'Italia.

Si prega codesto A.F.H.Q. di voler autorizzare i predetti ufficiali ad accettare le relative decorazioni.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

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OFFICERS OF 88th INFANTRY DIVISION WITH EXTENDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN ITALY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>No in Italy</u>
Bryant E. Moore	Major Gen.		C.G. 88th Inf. division	
Richard H. Maeder	Lt Col.		ADC C.G. 88th "	
Le Sturgeon, Percy E.	Colonel	014635	Com. off. 349th infantry	31
Haines, Ralph E.	Lt col.	019849	" " 350th "	37
Hobson, Victor W. Jr	Lt col.	023028	Chief of Staff, 88th inf. division	42
Patterson, Donald R.	Lt col.	039624	A C/S, G-1, 88th inf. div.	20
Phair, Tom S.	Major	023520	" " G-2 " " "	18
Winton, George P. Jr	Lt col.	021819	" " G-3 " " "	29
Miller, Jack C.	Major	023406	" " G-4 " " "	30
Bocchino, Eliot J.	Lt col.	0377876	Liaison off to Italian army	28
Monhollan, Joseph E.	Lt col.	011906	Com off, Special Troops	13
Mueller, Waldemar M.	Lt col.	031553	" " 313 Eng C Bn	11
Watts, Sherman L.	Lt col.	0344518	Ewec, off, 349th infantry	11
Sutton, James C.	Major	0188699	" " 350th "	19
Kurland, Leon K.	Lt col.	0284283	C.O., 2d Bn, 349th "	40
Scherer, Bernard J.	Major	0346831	" , 1st Bn, 350th "	19
Ball, Walter G.	Lt col.	0414490	C.O., " , 349th "	39

Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMI DI FANTERIA

IL GENERALE ISPETTORE

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Roma, 13 agosto 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

O G G E T T O : diploma e motivazione di Ufficiale della Legione di Merito (LEGION OF MERIT) per il generale di divisione Arturo SCATTINI.

Riferimento foglio 71/1 A del 5 c.m. accuso ricevuta del Diploma di Ufficiale della "LEGION OF MERIT" e della relativa motivazione firmata dal Presidente degli Stati Uniti di America HARRY TRUMAN.

(Generale Arturo Scattini)

gen. Arturo Scattini

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
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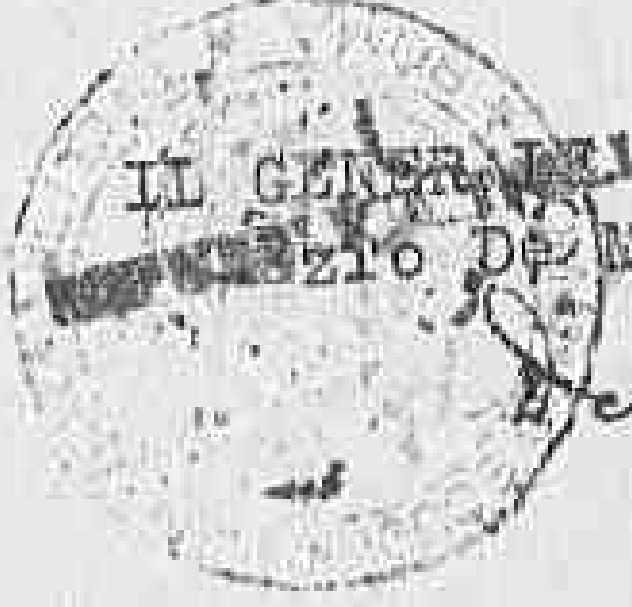
Roma, 11 6 agosto 1947 -

ALL' I.L.F.B.

ROMA
Via Veneto nr.7 - piano V

Dichiaro di aver ricevuto per conto del Generale Arturo SCATTINI :

- un diploma
 - una motivazione
- relativi alla concessione della "Legione del Merito" grado di ufficiale, del predetto ufficiale Generale.



IL GENERALE DEI BRIGATA
Ezio De Michelis

Ezio De Michelis

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 473421
Ext : 334

71/A A
5 Aug 47

Ministry of Defense - Army
Rome.

SUBJECT : Certificate and citation for Legion
of Merit, Degree of Officer for
Divisional General Arturo Scattini.

1. Inclosed herewith are certificate of Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer and citation for award signed by President Truman, to be forwarded to Divisional General Arturo Scattini.
2. It is requested that receipt be acknowledged to this Headquarters.

Handwritten initials
Major General.
Director.

- 2 Incls :
1. Certificate
 2. Citation

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✓ HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 201-P-Scattini, Arturo (Ital O)

30 July 1947

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Chief of Branch, IACAB
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letter, Italian Land Forces Branch,
subject: Certificate of Award for Divisional General Arturo Scattini,
dated 5 May 1947. *126*

2. Official citation and certificate have been received by this
headquarters and are forwarded herewith for delivery to General Scattini.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO USA
Asst Adj General

- 2 Incls:
1. Citation
2. Certificate

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ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 354

7/1 A
28 July 47

Commanding General
AFHQ AFD 512
Asst : Adjutant General

SUBJECT : Award of Medal of Freedom with
Bronze Palm to Col. Vincenzo
PASQUALE

1. Reference your letter AG 201-P-PASQUALE Vincenzo dated 23 June 1947, authority has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Defense for Col. PASQUALE to accept the subject award.

2. This officer is serving in the Ministry of Defense - S.M.E.

WFS/ml

[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: "DUPLEX"
Ext: 334

7/1A
26 July '47

Commanding General
MTOUSA APO 512
Att: Adjutant General

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal
to Capt. Paolo VERDUN, Italian
Army.

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1. Reference your letter AG 201-P-Verdun Paolo dated 9 June 1947 subject "Request for Clearance" authority has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Defense for Capt. Verdun to accept the subject award.
2. Capt. Verdun is residing in Rome, Via Marmaruta 169, o/o Franceschi, Tel: 561445

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WFJ
Major General,
Director.

TRANSLATION

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From: Ministry of Defence.
To : I.L.F.B.

REF: 234/47.
Date: 23 July 1947.

SUBJECT:- American decoration.

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Reply to letter 71/I A of 4 July 1947.

We thank you for the information referred to in above letter, and we authorize Lt. Col PASQUALE Vincenzo, of the regular army, to accept the American Medal of Freedom with bronze palms.

The a/n officer is serving in the Ministry of Defence - S.M.E.

sgd SUPINO
Gen.

GM

Col. Pasquale Vincenzo

GA/ma

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Ministero della Guerra
CABINETTO
Esercito
Segretariato Generale

Roma 23 LUG 1947

A 1'ALLIED FORCES
HEADQUARTERS C.
I.L.F.B. Roma

Prot. N. 234/47 *Allegati*

Spesato al f. 4 c.m.
Da To N. 71/LA

Oggetto: Decorazione Americana

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento, e si autorizza il colonnello cav. spe PASQUALE Vincenzo ad accettare la Medaglia Americana della Libertà con palme di bronzo.

L'interessato presta servizio presso il Ministero della Difesa-Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

Gen. Carlo Lupis

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TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of Defence.

Ref: 222/47.

To : I.L.F.B.

Date: 23 July 1947.

SUBJECT: - American decoration.

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Reply to letter 71/I A of 17 June last.

We thank you for the information referred to in above letter, and we authorize Capt VERDUN Paolo to accept the American Medal - Bronze Star.

The address of a/n capt is:

ROME, Via Marmorata n. 169, c/o Franceschi.

sgd SUPINO
Gen.

GM

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DIFESA
Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO - Esercito
Segretariato Generale

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Roma, 23 / 7 1947

ALLIED FORCES
HEADQUARTERS Q.
I.L.F.B. R O M A

Int. N° 222/47 *Allegati*

Responsabilità 17-6-c.a.
Su. In. N° 71/I A

Oggetto: Decorazione americana

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento, e si autorizza il capitano VERDUN Paolo ad accettare la Medaglia Americana Stella di Bronzo.

L'interessato ha eletto domicilio a Roma, Via Marmorata n.169 presso De Franceschi.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

Gen. Carlo Lupano

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

71/1 A

14 July 47

Commanding General
MTOUSA APO 512
Att : Adjutant General

SUBJECT : Award of Bronze Star Medal to
Italian Officer Capt. Giuseppe
CORNETTO

1. Reference your letter A G 201 P CORNETTO Giuseppe dated 26 May 1947, authorization has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Defence for Capt. CORNETTO to accept the subject award.
2. The Ministry states that Capt. CORNETTO is residing at ROME, Via Giacomo PUCCINI 10.

WJW/rl

[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of D.
To : ILFB

Ref: 223/47/Cn
Date: 7 July 1947

Subject: American decoration.

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Reply to letter 71/1 A of 17/6/47.

We thank you for the information forwarded in the letter referred to above and authorise Capt. CORNETTO Giuseppe to accept the American Medal "Bronze Star".

The officer concerned is living at Rome, Via Giacomo Puccini n. 10. -

sgd. Supino
Gen.



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Ministero della Guerra
Segretariato Generale

L'ALLIED FORCES
HEADQUARTERS Q. I. L. F. E.
ROMA

Divisione Sez.
Int. N. 223/47/On. Allegati

Risposta al f. d. l. 17.6.c.a.
Dir. Sez. N. 71/1 A

Oggetto: Decorazione americana.

RECEIVED 8 - JUL 1947

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento, e si autorizza il capitano CORNETTO Giuseppe ad accettare la Medaglia Americana "Stella di Bronzo".

L'ufficiale interessato è domiciliato a Roma - via Giacomo Puccini, 10.

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IN	Time 1030
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	Date 12/7

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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 534

71/A A
14 July 47

Commanding General
MTOUSA APO 512
Att: Adjutant General

SUBJECT : Award of Medal of Freedom
with Bronze Palm to Italian
Virginio GIOVANNETTI

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1. Reference your letter dated 8 January 1947, the Italian Ministry of Defence has authorized the subject individual to accept the award of Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. The Ministry states that Virginio GIOVANNETTI is residing at LESNORN, Via Enrico delle Sedie 6 A.

WFT/ml

[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.
To : ILER

Ref: 108/47/On
Date: 7 July 1947

Subject: American decoration.

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Ref. letter 245/1-A of 11/1/47.

We thank you for the information forwarded in letter referred to above and we authorize Lt. MICHAEL VIRGINIO to accept the Medal of Freedom with bronze pins.

The officer concerned is living at Leghorn, Via Enrico delle Scie n. 6 a. -

edg. Supino
Gen.

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Ga/Sp. Difesa-Esercito *Roma* **7 LUG 1947**
 Ministero della Guerra
 Segretariato Generale

Divisione *Te*
Let. N. 108/47/On. Allegati

Divisione *Te*
Reg. N. 11.1. c.a.
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HEADQUARTERS Q.
 I.L.F.B. R O M A

Riferimento

OGGETTO: Decorazione americana. della I.F.S.C.

RECEIVED 8 JUL 1947
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Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento e si autorizza il tenente GIOVANNETTI Virginio ad accettare la Medaglia della Libertà con palme di bronzo.

L'ufficiale interessato è domiciliato a Livorno, via Enrico Delle Sedie, n°6 a.

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 IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Force Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 533

7/1 A
4 July 47

Ministry of Defense - Army
Cabinet
ROME

SUBJECT : Award of American Medal of Freedom
with Bronze Palm to Col. Vincenzo
Pasquale

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1. It is requested that clearance be given for Col. Vincenzo Pasquale to accept the American Award of Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. Following is the proposed citation:-

"Vincenzo Pasquale, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Italian Army performed meritorious services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from August 1944 to 12 January 1946."
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished.

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WBT
Major General,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

TI : 478421
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4 JULY 47

Commanding General
AFHQ APO 542
Adjutant General

SUBJECT : Award of Medal of Merit to Capt.
Costanzo FICCO, Italian Army

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1. Reference your letter of 12 May 1947 subject : " Request for clearance/ authorization has been granted by the Italian Government for Capt. FICCO to accept the award of Medal of Merit.
2. The subject individual resides in CUNEO at Via Quintino Sella 12.

WFS/ml

WFS
Major General,
Director.

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Copy to : HQ 7106th LADAB.

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Roma
Ministero della Guerra **A**
Segretariato Generale

ALLIED FORCES
HEADQUARTERS I.L.F.O.
ROMA

Divisione Sev. 7/1/47
Aut. N. 207/47/On. Allegati Sev. Sev. N. 2

Oggetto: Decorazione americana.

RECEIVED 3 - JUL 1947
50.0 DATE

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento e si autorizza il capitano PICCO Costanzo ad accettare la Medaglia della Libertà.

L'ufficiale interessato è domiciliato a Cuneo - via Quintino Sella, 12.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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In reply
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AG 201-F-Pasquale, Vincenzo (Ital. O)

23 June 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance
TO : Chief of Branch, ICSAB
APO 79th, U. S. Army

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Colonel Vincenzo Pasquale, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. Inclosed is a copy of the citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished with the least practicable delay.

BY COMMAND OF EQUIPMENT GENERAL ISB:

A. J. Napolitano
A. J. NAPOLITANO
Captain, AGO
Asst Adj General

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM
BRONZE PALM

VINCENZO PASQUALE, Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Italian Army, performed meritorious services in the
Mediterranean Theater of Operations from August 1944
to 12 January 1946.

APPROVED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 354

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17 Jun 47

Ministry of Defence - Army

SUBJECT : Award of Bronze Star Medal
to Capt. Giuseppe CORNETTO

1. It is requested that clearance be given for Capt. Giuseppe CORNETTO, Italian Army, to accept the American Bronze Star Medal.

2. Following is the proposed citation:-

"Capt. Giuseppe CORNETTO, Italian Army, performed meritorious service in ITALY from September 1943 to June 1944. Immediately subsequent to ITALY's capitulation to the Allies, Capt CORNETTO organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which was assigned a sector north of ROME. While operating in this area which was under German occupation, Capt. CORNETTO's band had numerous skirmishes with the Germans, constructed many road blocks, wrecked three German supply trains, and cut the German telephone lines. Capt. CORNETTO was in constant touch with the underground forces who were planning to assist in the capture of ROME by the American Fifth Army. He was devoted and loyal to the Allied cause. He made a substantial contribution to the war effort."

3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this Headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished.

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Major General,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
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17 Jun 47

Ministry of Defence - ARMY

SUBJECT : Award of Bronze Star Medal
to Capt. Paolo VERDUN

1. It is requested that clearance be given for Capt. Paolo VERDUN, Italian Army, to accept the American Bronze Star Medal.

2. Following is the proposed citation:-

"Capt. Paolo VERDUN, Italian Army, performed meritorious service in connection with military operations in ITALY from March 1944 to May 1945. While serving as Liaison Officer from the Italian "Nembo" Regiment with the American Fifth Army Capt. VERDUN volunteered to cross into German territory for the purpose of obtaining information concerning their positions. As a result he secured vital and important information concerning the enemy's installations extending along a line, Monte Christo GAETA and FORMIA. This important information contributed materially to the subsequent elimination of the Germans from that area and facilitated the advance of the Fifth Army. Capt. VERDUN's heroic efforts, his loyalty and devotion to the Allied cause reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army."

3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this Headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished.

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Major General,
Director.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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In reply
refer to
AG 201-F-Verdun, Paolo

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Chief of Branch,
LACAB, APO 794,
U. S. Army.

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Captain Paolo Verdun, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Bronze Star Medal.
2. Inclosed is a copy of the citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished with the least practicable delay.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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In reply refer to: 10-291-2 Corsetto, Giuseppe (Italian)

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Chief of Branch
IACAF
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Captain Giuseppe Corsetto, Italian Army.
2. Inclosed is a copy of the citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject officer be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished with the least practicable delay.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEB:

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

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR-MEDAL

Captain Giuseppe Cornetto, Italian Army, performed meritorious service in Italy from September 1943 to June 1944. Immediately subsequent to Italy's capitulation to the Allies, Captain Cornetto organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which was assigned a sector north of Rome. While operating in this area which was under German occupation, Captain Cornetto's band had numerous skirmishes with the Germans, constructed many road blocks, wrecked three German supply trains, and cut the German telephone and telegraph lines. Captain Cornetto was in constant touch with the underground forces who were planning to assist in the capture of Rome by the American Fifth Army. He was devoted and loyal to the Allied cause. He made a substantial contribution to the war effort.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

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Commanding General
MTOUSA, APO 512
Att: Adjutant General

SUBJECT : Award of Medal of Freedom to Capt.
GARONE Simone, Italian Army. 24

1. Reference your letter AG-P GARONE Simone dated 17 April 1947, authority has been granted by the Italian Ministry of Defence for Capt. GARONE to accept the subject decoration.
2. Capt. GARONE is serving with the Rome Area Allied Command.

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Major General,
Director.

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FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 188/47/On.

TO: I.L.F.B.

DATE: 22 May 1947.

SUBJECT: - American Decoration. 25

Reply to letter 71/1A of 13 April 1947.

We thank you for the information referred to in a/m letter, and we have authorised Capt GARONE Simone of inf in regular army to accept the Medal of Freedom.

The officer concerned is serving in the Rome Area Allied Command.

sgd SUPINO
Gen.

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Ministero della Difesa - Esercito
Segretariato Generale

ALLIED FORCES
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I. L. F. B.

Divisione Leg
Aut. N. 188/47/Ob Allegati

R O M A
Risposta al f. del 13.4.47
Div. Leg N. 71/1A

Oggetto: Decorazione americana.

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Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento, e si autorizza il capitano fant. s.p.e. GARONE Simone ad accettare la Medaglia della Libertà.

L'ufficiale interessato presta servizio presso il Rome Area Command (RAAC) in Roma.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE ff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

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28 May 1947

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star
to Capt. Aldo Cerquetti.

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

THRU : Channels.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Aldo Cerquetti, Captain, Artillery Corps, Italian Army, Liaison Section MMIA, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the support of combat operations in the Mediterranean Theatre during the period ~~3 September 1943~~ to ~~12 JAN 1946~~ *24 NOVEMBER 1944*

2. In the chaotic month of September 1943, Captain Cerquetti was assigned to an Italian Army Coast Artillery regiment in the Salerno area. Upon receipt of the news of the Italian armistice with the Allies, and at the time of the Allied landings, Captain Cerquetti volunteered, because of his knowledge of the English language, to contact the Allied troops on Salerno beachhead and arrange for the surrender to them of some territories under Italian command in Salerno area.

3. Subsequently, after the fall of Naples, Capt. Cerquetti, was assigned as Liaison Officer between the British 22nd AAA Brigade and the various Italian anti-aircraft installations in the Naples area. In this capacity, he was responsible for the immediate passing-on of orders and information from and to the Italian AA Gun Operations Room so as to co-ordinate their fire with the Allied Air Defense plan for the important Naples area. Capt. Cerquetti served in this position, rendering valuable liaison services to the Allied Command, from 15 March 1944 to 25 October 1944.

4. In November 1944, Capt. Cerquetti was attached as Liaison Officer to the Naples Office of Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. During the period that the 5th and 8th Armies were operational and supplies badly needed in the forward areas, Capt. Cerquetti demonstrated his willingness to work long hours to arrange for the collection and forward transportation of

materials from the Italian Artillery Directorate at Naples to the Italian Army pack-mule units operating with the Allied Armies. Supplies for the Italian Army were at that time arriving in considerable quantities from Sardinia with little forewarning and created the need for close liaison between Port authorities and the various Italian Army authorities responsible for collection & storage. This close liaison Captain Cerquetti maintained with unflagging zeal. Many times in the absence of Allied officers, Capt. Cerquetti took full responsibility for the issuance of orders directing the movement of traffic from the Port to appropriate depots.

5. At the conclusion of the above mentioned war operations and the eventual disbandment of MMIA Liaison Office at Naples, Capt. Cerquetti was assigned to the Interpreters & Liaison Section at Hq. MMIA in Rome in January 1946. He has served in that capacity to date, distinguishing himself for tact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty.

6. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the services performed by Capt. Cerquetti.

7. The entire subsequent service of Capt. Cerquetti has been honorable.

8. His grade & assignment at the time he performed the services for which he is being recommended for the Bronze Star was Captain, Ordnance Liaison Officer, Naples Liaison Office of the Military Mission to the Italian Army.

9. Capt. Cerquetti has received no previous awards for his service with the U.S. forces nor is any recommendation for a U.S. award outstanding at this time.

10. The reason this recommendation was not submitted previously is attributed to the fact that such oversight was only recently noticed when the Military Mission to the Italian Army first began to prepare for eventual disbandment and a revue was made to determine what members of the Italian Army had received recognition for meritorious services in behalf of the Allied cause in Italy.

11. Proposed citation is as follows :

" AIDC CERQUETTI, Captain, Italian Army, Liaison Officer, Military Mission to the Italian Army, for meritorious achievement and outstanding service in support of combat operations during the period 24 November 1944 to 24 May 1945. During the period

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that the 5th & 8th Armies were operational, Captain Cerquetti was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. Capt. Cerquetti was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that an uninterrupted flow of supplies moved from Italian Army Depots in Naples to the Italian pack-mule companies and other service units serving with the Allied armies in Italy. In conjunction and whole hearted cooperation with Allied authorities, Capt. Cerquetti arranged for the movement of needed supplies from Sardinia, their collection and storage in Italian Army Depots and their onward movement into the Army areas. Throughout these intricate war operations, Capt. Cerquetti spared himself no pains, working long hours to ensure that the necessary liaison was accomplished between all concerned. His understanding of Allied operational methods, and his willingness to attend to every details of an operation, however minute, contributed outstandingly to the effective cooperation of Italian and Allied authorities. By his tact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty, Capt. Cerquetti reflected great credit on himself and the Italian Army. Entered service from Rome, Italy. "

NORMAN E. FIPKE
Colonel, Cav.
Deputy Director.

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~~24 FEBRUARY 1947~~

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star *to Capt*
TO : Commanding General
MTOUSA
APO 512
THRU : Channels.

- Under the provisions of ~~Circular~~ AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Aldo CERQUETTI, Captain, Artillery Corps, Italian Army, Liaison Section MIA, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the support of combat operations in the Mediterranean Theatre during the period ~~8 September 1943 to 7 May 1945~~ *TO 12 JAN 1946* *24 NOV 44*
- In the chaotic month of September 1943, Captain CERQUETTI was assigned to an Italian Army Coast Artillery regiment in the Salerno area. Upon receipt of the news of the Italian armistice with the Allies, and at the time of the Allied landings, Captain CERQUETTI volunteered, because of his knowledge of the English language, to contact the Allied troops on Salerno beach-head & arrange for the surrender to them of ~~all~~ territories under Italian command in Salerno area.
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5. At the conclusion of the above mentioned war operations and the eventual disbandment of AIA Liaison Office at Naples, Capt. CERQUETTI was assigned to the Interpreters & Liaison Section at Hq. AIA in Rome in January 1946. He has served in that capacity to date, distinguishing himself for tact, intelligence, energy and devotion to duty.

6. The undersigned has personal knowledge of ^{the} ~~his~~ services performed by Capt. CERQUETTI, since he was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of AIA in November 1944.

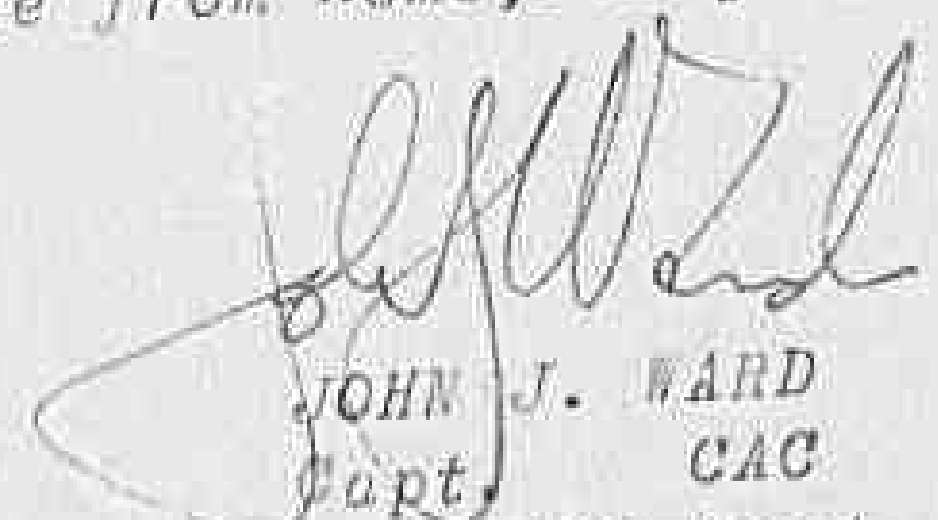
7. The entire subsequent service of Capt. CERQUETTI has been honorable.

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8. His grade & assignment at the time he performed the services for which he is being recommended for the Bronze Star was Captain, Ordnance Liaison Officer, Naples Liaison Office of the Military Mission to the Italian Army.
9. Capt. CERQUETTI has received no previous awards for his service with the U.S. forces nor is any recommendation for a U.S. award outstanding at this time.
10. The reason this recommendation was not submitted previously is attributed to the fact that such oversight was only recently noticed when the Military Mission to the Italian Army first began to prepare for eventual disbandment and a revue was made to determine what members of the Italian Army had received recognition for meritorious services in behalf of the Allied caused in Italy.
11. Proposed citation is as follows :
"ALDO CERQUETTI, Captain, Italian Army, Liaison Officer, Military Mission to the Italian Army, for meritorious achievement and outstanding service in support of combat operations during the period 24 November 1944 to 24 May 1945. During the period that the 5th & 8th Armies were operational, Captain CERQUETTI was assigned to the Naples Liaison Office of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. Capt. CERQUETTI was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that an uninterrupted flow of supplies moved from Italian Army Depots in Naples to the Italian pack-mule companies and other service units serving with the Allied Armies in Italy. In conjunction and whole hearted cooperation with Allied authorities, Capt. CERQUETTI arranged for the movement of needed supplies from Sardinia, their collection and storage in Italian Army Depots and their onward movement into the Army areas. Throughout

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JOHN J. WARD
Capt. CAC
Hq. 7106 Regt. A.C. (Ovhd)

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

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28 May 47

Ministry of National Defence-Army

SUBJECT : Award of Medal of Freedom
to Capt. COSTANZO PIGGO

1. It is requested that clearance be given for Capt. COSTANZO PIGGO, Italian Army, to accept the American Award Medal of Freedom.
2. Following is the proposed citation:-

"Captain COSTANZO PIGGO, Italian Army, performed meritorious service to the Allied Cause in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from December 1944 to May 1945. Serving with a Unit of the United States Army, he crossed the Alps on six different occasions and successfully completed important secret missions. His services, performed at great personal risk, were of great assistance to the Allied cause.

Approved by the War Department.

3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this Headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished.

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Major General,
Director.

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In reply refer to

AG 201-P-Picco, Costanzo (Ital. Army)

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SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Commanding Officer
7106th Liaison and Civil Affairs Detachment
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Captain Costanzo Picco, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom.

2. Inclosed is a copy of the citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.

3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation may be accomplished with the least practicable delay.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IRE:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO USA
Asst Adj General

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x-201-picco, Costanzo (Ital Army)
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HEADQUARTERS, 7106TH LIAISON AND CIVIL AFFAIRS DETACHMENT (OVERHEAD), APO
794, U.S. Army, 16 May 1947.

TO : Director, Policy & Control, G-5, AFHQ.

For compliance with basic communication.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL ROSS:

John W. Hughes, Jr.
JOHN W. HUGHES, JR.
1st Lt Inf
Assistant Adjutant

1 Incl:
Citation (copy)

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

CAPTAIN COSTANZO PICCO, Italian Army, performed meritorious service to the Allied cause in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from December 1944 to May 1945. Serving with a unit of the United States Army, he crossed the Alps on six different occasions and successfully completed important secret missions. His services, performed at great personal risk, were of great assistance to the Allied cause.

Approved by the War Department

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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In reply refer to

AG 201-P-Giovannetti, Virginio (Ital. Civ.)

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SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding Officer
7106th Liaison and Civil Affairs Detachment
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. A request for Italian clearance for Mr. Virginio Giovannetti, Italian civilian, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm, was made to the Military Mission, Italian Army, by letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 8 January 1947. To date no reply has been received.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the action taken on this matter.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LIND:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO USA
Asst Adj General

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x-201-Giovannetti, Virginio (Ital Civ)
(10 May 47)
HEADQUARTERS, 7106TH LIAISON AND CIVIL AFFAIRS DETACHMENT (OVERHEAD), APO
794, U.S. Army, 15 May 1947.

JWH/rb

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.

For appropriate action.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR DAVY:

John W. Hughes, Jr
JOHN W. HUGHES, JR
1st Lt Inf
Assistant Adjutant

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x-201-Giovannetti, Virginio (Ital Civ)
(10 May 47) 1st Ind. JWB/rb
HEADQUARTERS, 7106TH LIAISON AND CIVIL AFFAIRS DETACHMENT (OVERHEAD), APO
794, U.S. Army, 15 May 1947.

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-section.

For appropriate action.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR DAVY:

JOHN W. HUGHES, JR
1st Lt Inf
Assistant Adjutant 631

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**HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512**

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In reply
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9 May 1947

AG 201-P-Scattini, Arturo

SUBJECT: Citation for Award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer.

TO : Director, Italian Land Forces Branch, Rome, Italy

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1. Attention is invited to letter, your Office, File 71/1/A,
Subject: Certificate of award for Divisional General Arturo Scattini,
dated 5 May 1947.

2. The War Department has been requested, this date, to furnish
this headquarters with official citation signed by President Truman
for subject award to Brigadier General Scattini.

3. Immediately upon receipt, it will be forwarded to your office
for transmittal to individual concerned.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Robert O. Bunker
ROBERT O. BUNKER
CWO USA
Asst Adj General

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
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9 May 1947

AG 201-P-Scattini, Arturo

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FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

ROBERT O. REIDER
CSO USA
Asst Adj General

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AIRMAIL FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 409084
Ext : 33A

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5 May 47

Commanding General MFCMA,
APO 512 LEHMAN

SUBJECT : Certificate of award for Divisional
General Arturo SCATIGNI

1. Subject Italian Officer received the Legion of Merit degree of Officer on 15 August 1946. At that time he was promised an official citation signed by President TRUMAN.
2. My information be forwarded to this Headquarters as to when this citation may be forthcoming.

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[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 439031
Ext: 215

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23 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army
ROME

SUBJECT: Award of Medal of Freedom to
Captain SIMONE GARONE.

1. Request that permission be granted to present Captain Simone Garone, Italian Army, the Award of Medal of Freedom.
2. Following is the proposed citation:
"Captain Simone Garone, Italian Army, performed meritorious service as Assistant Italian Liaison Officer Rome Area Allied Command from July 1944 to January 1946. As a coordinator between the Allied Forces in Italy and the various Italian Governmental Agencies, Captain Garone assisted immeasurably in the prosecution of Allied War efforts in Italy."
3. It is further requested that the full address of subject individual be furnished this headquarters.

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[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 512



17 April 1947

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AG 201-P-Garone, Simone (It. O)

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Chief of Branch, IACAB
APO 79h, U. S. Army

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1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Captain Simone Garone, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom.
2. Inclosed is a copy of the citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that this Headquarters be informed of subject individual's present address in order that presentation of award may be made with the least practicable delay.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Robert O. Bender
ROBERT O. BENDER
CWO USA
Asst Adj General

1 Incl:
Citation (cy)

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

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APPROVED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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1 April 1947

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Decoration.

TO : The Commanding General, MFGUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Efrasio MARRAS, Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff, Italian Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit, Chief Commander, in recognition of exceptional meritorious services over and above the performance of his duties and in a position of great responsibility.

2. After the German occupation of Rome, it was learned by the Germans that Efrasio MARRAS, then Italian Military Attache in Berlin, Germany, had been sending the Italian Government intelligence on the German Army. He was then placed in prison in Germany. Later he was transferred to a prison in North Italy from which he escaped into Switzerland on 24 November 1944. Upon entering Switzerland, he reported to General Barnwell E. Legge, who was then U.S. Military Attache to Switzerland. To the before mentioned, General MARRAS, turned over valuable information on German troop movements and dispositions. General MARRAS returned to Italy 30 April 1945 and on 20 May 1945 was assigned as Commander of Military Territory of Milan. In this assignment, he assisted the Allies in controlling the devastated territory and people. He was instrumental in reorganizing the Italian Territorial Command of Milan and thus assisted the occupation forces. On 1 February 1947, General MARRAS was appointed Chief of Staff, Italian Army. He is currently concerned with Unification of the Italian Armed Forces and has caused a regrouping of the Italian Land Forces preparatory to relieving the British and United States Forces in Northeast Italy.

3. The above acts reflect great credit on the above named individual and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military.

4. General MARRAS has never before been recommended for an United States Award.

5. A proposed citation for the decoration is as follows:-

"Ezio MARRAS, Lieutenant General, State Maggiore, Italian Army, for exceptional meritorious services over and above the performance of his duties and at great personal risk did upon escaping from a German prison in North Italy enter Switzerland on 24 November 1944 and report to General Barwell H. Legge, U.S. Military Attache informing him of German dispositions and troop movements. After returning to Italy on 30 April 1945, General MARRAS was assigned as Commander of Military Territorial Command of Milan in which assignment he materially assisted the occupation forces in control of the devastated areas and inhabitants and successfully reorganized the Military Territorial Command of Milan. On 1 February 1947, General MARRAS was appointed Chief of Staff, Italian Army. He is currently concerned with unification of the Italian Armed Forces and has caused the regrouping of Italian Land Forces preparatory to relieving the British and United States Forces in Northeast Italy. His conduct and services reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army."

NORMAN E. FISKE,
COLONEL,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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AG 201-F-Marras, Efficio (TUSL O) CB/nh
(1 Apr 47)
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 10 April 1947

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

The attached recommendation is returned without action for inclusion of data as indicated herein:

- a. Period of service for which recommended.
- b. Statement that recommending officer had personal knowledge of services rendered, or if not, affidavits of two eye witnesses.
- c. Statement that subsequent service to date has been honorable.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

ROBERT C. BENDEN
CWO USA
ASST ADJ GEN
28 Apr. 47
CBM/RS/af

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4th Inf.

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 14 April 1947.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Liaison and Civil Affairs Detachment, APO 794, US Army.

For compliance with 3d Indorsement and return through this Headquarters on or before 28 April, 1947.

BY ORDER OF GENERAL DASHEN:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGS
Adjutant General

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5th Ind.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS, ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH, APO 794, U.S. ARMY
16 April 1947.

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

Trans Channels

1. Lieutenant General MARRAS is recommended for the Legion of Merit, Chief
Commander for exceptionally meritorious services during the period 24 November 1944
to 1 April 1947.

2. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the services performed by
Lieutenant General Marras.

3. All subsequent service has been honorable.

HORMAN E. PIERRE
Colonel
Deputy Director.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MIA)

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1 Apr 47

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Decoration.

TO : The Commanding General, AFMUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

THRU : Channels.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Paolo BERARDI, General of Army Corps, Italian Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit, Chief Commander, for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility while Chief of Staff of the Italian Army from November 1943 until February 1945. These services were of inestimable value to the Army of the United States and the Army of the United Kingdom in the successful prosecution of the war against the enemy.

2. General Berardi commanded the 20th Italian Army Corps in Tunisia and upon being taken prisoner in May 1943 was sent to England, as a prisoner of war. In November 1943 he was especially flown back from London and made Chief of Staff of the new Italian Army reorganizing at Brindisi. In this capacity General Berardi was completely responsible for all Italian troops that fought with or aided the Allied Forces in any way. This responsibility included the organization of all Italian fighting and service units, selection of officers for their command, supervision of their training, equipping and combat operations. He personally organized the 219th Italian Division at Brindisi and accompanied it from Anzio to Rome. This division had first joined the Allies at Salerno. General Berardi also accompanied it from Siena to Florence and during the winter of 1945 spent a good part of his time in the field personally inspecting the transport and pack mule companies on the highroad between Florence and Bologna.

3. In Nov - Dec 1943 the Italian Corps of Liberation was personally organized by General Berardi at the request of the Allies. The Corps was originally with the American Fifth Army at Monte Inigo on the Capua-Cassino road. Towards the end of the Cassino battle it was moved into the British zone and advanced with the British Eighth Army through Central Italy as far as the Gothic Line. Then in Aug 1944 it was sent back to reorganize and formed one of the five fighting groups that fought with the Allies until the end of the war.

4. Throughout all these operations General Berardi kept in close personal touch with all units in the field by constant inspections and tireless efforts to raise the standard of efficiency of the Italian units. He worked

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as much as twenty hours a day and by his own example was responsible in great measure for the elevation of Italian morale. His frequent visits to the field units were punctuated by personal talks to the troops and it was not uncommon for him to make ten and more such addresses a day. General Berardi's driving energy, ceaseless vigilance, and cognizance of the smallest detail were directly responsible for the swift elevation of Italian fighting forces to the status of fully trained and equipped combat units that contributed substantially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.

5. After the end of February 1945 General Berardi, his mission accomplished, was relieved as Chief of Staff of the Italian Army and took command of the Italian Military Forces in Sicily. He remained in this post until the end of February 1946 and is now with the Italian Ministry of War heading various commissions concerned with the reorganization of the Italian Army.

6. The undersigned officer has personal knowledge of the meritorious services rendered by General Berardi.

7. General Berardi has received no previous American awards.

8. All service since performance of duty for which this recommendation is made, has been honorable.

9. Delay in submitting recommendation was due to an oversight.

10. Proposed citation is :

Paolo BERARDI, General of Army Corps, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility in connection with military operations in Italy from November 1943 to February 1945.

While serving as Chief of Staff of the Italian Army during this period, General Berardi was responsible for all Italian troops that fought with or aided the Allied Forces in any way. This responsibility included the organization of all Italian fighting and service units, selection of officers for their command, supervision of their training, equipping and combat operation. He personally organized the 210th Italian Division at Brindisi and accompanied it from Anzio to Rome and later from Siena to Florence. The Italian Corps of Liberation was also personally organized by General Berardi at the request of the Allies. Throughout this period General Berardi kept in close personal touch with all Italian units in the field by constant inspections and tireless efforts to raise the standard of efficiency of the Italian units. General Berardi's driving energy, ceaseless vigilance and cognizance of the smallest detail were directly responsible for the swift elevation of Italian fighting forces to the status of fully trained and equipped combat units that contributed substantially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. His unshinking industry, loyalty and devotion to the Allied cause reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army. Entered service from Turin.

HOBBS E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Director.

RHF/mp

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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31 March 47

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration.

TO : The Commanding General, AFMHA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

THRU : Channels.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Raffaele PELLIGRA, Major General, Director General of Commissary and Administration, Italian Army, be decorated with the Legion of Merit, Chief Commander for exceptionally meritorious services in a position of great responsibility in connection with Allied military activities in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, during the period 3 September 1943 to 23 November 1943, whose services were of direct benefit to the Army of the United States and similarly aided the Allied Nations engaged with the United States in the prosecution of a war against the enemy.
2. On the 5th of September 1943, General PELLIGRA was Chief of Staff of the 7th Italian Army situated in Calabria and other points in Southern Italy. Learning by radio that the Italian Government had requested and received an armistice from the Allied Nations, General PELLIGRA immediately arranged to contact the Allied units, which were at that time proceeding up the Calabria Peninsula, and to put at their disposal the Italian Army units and services in that area. He caused the 7th Army Depots of Bari, Brindisi, Gioia Del Colle, Palla, and Vulture to salvage all stocks of clothing, food, etc and turn them over to the Allied cause. He caused the recovery of material destined for Albania and Aegean Islands by ship and diverted the material to Gallipoli. He caused the equipment in the Depots of the VII Army in the Calabro-Ionica and Apulia Areas to be turned over to the Allied cause. He hindered as far as possible the disbandment of VII Army so that on the arrival of the Allied troops the two Army Corps of Calabria and Apulia were almost intact, and these Corps were eventually used as the First Italian Liberation Corps units. He helped recover and issue the materials existing in Sardinia, and helped form the military factories of Lecce, Fasano, Bari, Brindisi, Catanzaro, Naples, Anghiari, and Recover in order to supply clothing for the troops employed by the Allies.
3. All the above acts reflect great credit upon the above named individual in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military.

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4. The undersigned has full knowledge of the activities afore mentioned, and, in addition, attached as enclosures 1 and 2 are affidavits of Lt.Col. FIORANO Giuseppe, and Lt.Col. SABISSI Aldo, Italian Army, attesting to the true facts of the above.

5. The present address of the recommended individual is:-

Major General Raffaele PELLICIA
Director General of Cooperation and Administration
Ministry of National Defense - Army
ROME, ITALY.

6. The following is a recommended citation for the presentation of the Medal:-

Raffaele PELLICIA, Major General, Stato Maggiore, Italian Army, for exceptionally meritorious achievements and outstanding services in a position of great responsibility in connection with the Allied Military Operations in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, during the period 2 September 1943 to 22 November 1943. In 8 September 1943, General PELLICIA, then Chief of Staff 7th Italian Army, then situated in Calabria and other points of Southern Italy, upon learning that the Italian Government had requested and received an armistice from the Allied Nations, contacted the Allies and caused vast quantities of stores to be turned over to the Allies. In addition to this, he caused the two Italian Army Corps - the Calabria and Apulia - to be turned over intact and have helped materially in providing the First Italian Liberation Corps units which later fought side by side in combat with other Allied Units. General PELLICIA thus exhibited great personal courage, devotion to duty, and efficiency thus materially helping forward the Allied War effort. His conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service and reflected great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

7. Through an oversight this individual has never been recommended for an American Award.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
COLONEL,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - BROTTIO
Direz. Gen. Serv. Comm./to ed Ann/vi

OGGETTO: dichiarazione.

Dichiaro di essere personalmente a conoscenza di quanto segue:

L'8 settembre 1943 il generale di div. Raffaele PELLIGRA era Capo di Stato Maggiore della 7^a Armata dislocata nell'Italia meridionale.

Apprese, per radio, la notizia che il governo italiano aveva firmato un armistizio con le nazioni alleate, Egli cercò immediatamente di mettersi in contatto con i Reparti Alleati che, provenienti combattendo dalle Calabrie e, via mare, da Taranto e Brindisi, si accingevano ad occupare l'Italia meridionale.

Suo precipuo interessamento fu quello di impedire il più possibile il disgregarsi dell'Armata stessa tanto che al sopraggiungere delle Truppe Alleate i due Corpi d'Armata della Calabria (Catanzaro) e delle Puglie (Bari) rimasero pressochè intatti e dettero il primo contributo di uomini e mezzi alla guerra di liberazione, con i reparti ausiliari ed i primi reparti del C.I.L., nonché alla costituzione del nuovo Ministero della Guerra e dello Stato Maggiore, organizzatisi in Lecce sotto l'egida Alleata.

Egli riuscì inoltre ad operare:

- il salvataggio delle ingenti dotazioni di vestiario, viveri ecc. delle basi oltremare esistenti a Bari ed a Brindisi;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione delle dotazioni esistenti nei depositi della 7^a Armata a Gioia del Colle, a Folla, e nella zona del Vulture;
- il recupero dei materiali dirottati a Gellipoli da piroscafi originariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isole dell'Ugea;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna e dell'equipaggiamento esistente nei depositi della 7^a

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- il recupero dei materiali dirottati a Gallipoli da piroscafi originariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isole dell'Egeo;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna e dell'equipaggiamento esistente nei depositi della 7^a Armata nella zona Calabro-Lucana e Pugliese;

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- la creazione dei laboratori militari di Lecce, Fasano, Bari, Brindisi, Catanzaro, Napoli, Cagliari e Macomer allo scopo di fornire il vestiario per le truppe impiegate dagli Alleati.

Tali atti sono sempre stati compiuti dal Gen. PUGLIERA in perfetta armonia con i vari Comandi Alleati.

IL GEN. COM. COND/TIO DELLA DIRIZ. GEN. SERV. JOINT/TC
(Giuseppe PISICARO)

Giuseppe PISICARO

in perfetta armonia con i vari Comandi Alleati.

IL TEN. COL. COMM/TIC DELLA DIRIZ. GEN. SERV. COMM/TIC
(GIUSEPPE FISICARO)

Giuseppe Fisicaro

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - ESERO-70 -
Direz. Gen. Serv. Comm./to ed Ann/vi

OGGETTO: dichiarazione.

Dichiaro di essere personalmente a conoscenza di quanto segue:

L'8 settembre 1943 il generale di div. Raffaele PELLIGRA era Capo di Stato Maggiore della 7^a Armata dislocata nell'Italia Meridionale.

Apprese, per radio, la notizia che il governo italiano aveva firmato un armistizio con le nazioni alleate, Egli cercò immediatamente di mettersi in contatto con i Reparti Alleati che, provenienti combattendo dalle Calabrie e, via mare, da Taranto e Brindisi, si accingevano ad occupare l'Italia meridionale.

Suo precipuo interessamento fu quello di impedire il più possibile il disgregarsi dell'Armata stesse tanto che al sopraggiungere delle Truppe Alleate i due Corpi d'Armata della Calabria (Catanzaro) e delle Puglie (Bari) rimasero pressochè intatti e dettero il primo contributo di uomini e mezzi alla guerra di liberazione, con i reparti ausiliari ed i primi reparti del C.I.L., nonchè alla costituzione del nuovo Ministero della Guerra e dello Stato Maggiore, organizzatisi in Decce sotto l'egida Alleata.

Egli riuscì inoltre ad operare:

- il salvataggio delle ingenti dotazioni di vestiario, viveri ecc. delle basi oltremare esistenti a Bari ed a Brindisi;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione delle dotazioni esistenti nei depositi della 7^a Armata a Gioia del Colle, a Follia, e nella zona del Vulture;
- il recupero dei materiali dirottati a Gallipoli da piroscafi originariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isole dell'Egeo;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna e dell'equipaggiamento esistente nei depositi della 7^a Armata nella zona Calabro-Iucara e Puglia;

Dichiaro di essere personalmente a conoscenza di quanto segue:

L'8 settembre 1943 il generale di div. Raffaele EDLIGRA era Capo di Stato Maggiore della 7^a Armata dislocata nell'Italia Meridionale.

Apprese, per radio, la notizia che il governo italiano aveva firmato un armistizio con le nazioni alleate, Egli cercò immediatamente di mettersi in contatto con i Reparti Alleati che, provenienti combattendo delle Calabrie e, via mare, da Taranto e Brindisi, si accingevano ad occupare l'Italia meridionale.

Suo precipuo interessamento fu quello di impedire il più possibile il disgregarsi dell'Armata stessa tanto che al sopraggiungere delle Truppe Alleate i due Corpi d'Armata delle Calabria (Catanzaro) e delle Puglie (Bari) rimasero pressochè intatti e dettero il primo contributo di uomini e mezzi alla guerra di liberazione, con i reparti ausiliari ed i primi reparti del C.I.D., nonchè alla costituzione del nuovo Ministero della Guerra e dello Stato Maggiore, organizzatisi in Lecce sotto l'egida Alleata.

Egli riuscì inoltre ad operare:

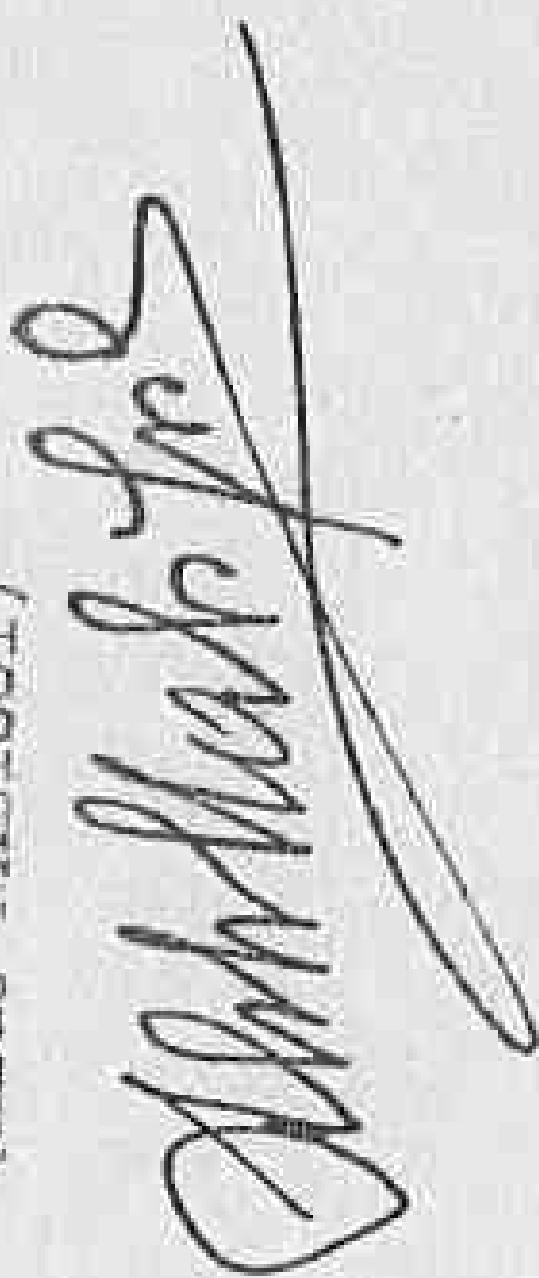
- il salvataggio delle ingenti dotazioni di vestiario, viveri ecc. delle basi oltremare esistenti a Bari ed a Brindisi;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione delle dotazioni esistenti nei depositi della 7^a Armata a Gioia del Colle, a Polla, e nella zona del Vulture;
- il recupero dei materiali dirottati a Gallipoli da piroscafi originariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isole dell'Egeo;
- il recupero e l'utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna e dell'equipaggiamento esistente nei depositi della 7^a Armata nella zona Calabro-Lucana e Pugliese;

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- la creazione dei laboratori militari di Lecce, Fasano, Bari, Brindisi, Catanzaro, Napoli, Cagliari e Macomer allo scopo di fornire il vestiario per le truppe impiegate dagli Alleati.

Tali atti sono sempre stati compiuti dal Gen. PELLIGRA in perfetta armonia con i vari Comandi Alleati.

IL TEN. COL. COMM/RIO DELLA DIRIZ. GEN. SERV. COMM/TO
(ALGO NABISSI)



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in perfetta armonia con i vari Comandi Alleati.

IL TEN. COL. COMD/RIC DELLA DIREZ. GEN. SERV. COMD/TO
(ALDO NABISSI)



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MEMO ON THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY GEN. PELLICRA FROM 8th
SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 1943 - FOLLOWING THE "CURRICULUM VITAE"
ALREADY FORWARDED.

Salvage of the large quantities of clothing, food,
etc. of the overseas bases, existing at Bari and Brindisi;
- recovery and re-issue of the quantities of clothing, food
etc. existing in the depots of 7 Army at Gioia del Colle, Polla
and in the Vulture area;
- recovery of the material diverted to Gallipoli by ships
originally destined to Albania and Aegean islands;
- salvage of almost all the equipment depots of the VII Army
in the Calabro-Lucana and Apulia areas.
- He hindered as far as possible the disbandment of said Army,
so that on the arrival of the Allied troops, the two Army
Corps of Calabria (Catanzaro) and Apulia (Bari) remained almost
intact and gave their contribution to the war of liberation,
with the auxiliary units and the first CIL (Italian Liberation
Corp) units, and also their contribution to the formation of
the new Ministry of War and of the SM formed at Lecce;
- recovery and re-issue of the materials existing in Sardinia;
- formation of the military factories of Lecce, Fasano, Bari,
Brindisi, Catanzaro, Naples, Cagliari, Macomer in order to
arrange for the clothing of the troops employed by the Allies.

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CHIARIMENTI SULL'APPRETTA' SVOLTA DAL GEN. PELLIGRA
DALL'8 SETTEMBRE AL NOVEMBRE 1943-A SEQUITO DEL
QUERICHILUM VITAE CIA' PRESENTATO -

- Salvataggio delle ingenti dotazioni di vestiario viveri ecc.
delle basi Oltremare esistenti a Bari e a Brindisi;
- ricupero e utilizzazione delle dotazioni vestiario viveri ecc.
esistenti nei depositi della VII Armata a Gioia del Colle, a
Folla, e nella zona del Vulture;
 - ricupero dei materiali dirottati a Gallipoli da piroscafi ori-
ginariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isole dell'Egeo;
 - salvataggio di pressochè tutti i depositi di materiali della
VII Armata nella zona Calabro-Lucana e Pugliese;
 - impedito il più possibile il disgregarsi dell'armata stessa
tanto che al sopraggiungere delle truppe alleate i due corpi
d'armata della Calabria (Catanzaro) e delle Puglie (Bari) ri-
masero pressochè intatti e dettero il primo contributo di
uomini e mezzi alla guerra di liberazione, con i reparti ausi-
liari ed i primi reparti del C.I.L. (Corpo Italiano Liberazio-
ne), nonché alla costituzione del nuovo Ministero della Guerra
e dello Stato Maggiore organizzatisti in Lecce;
 - ricupero e utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna;
 - creazione dei laboratori militari di Lecce, Fusano, Bari, Brin-
disi, Catanzaro, Napoli, Cagliari, Macomer, per provvedere al-
la vestizione delle truppe impiegate dagli alleati.

- Salvataggio delle ingenti dotazioni di vestiario viveri ecc. delle basi Oltremare esistenti a Bari e a Brindisi;
- ricupero e utilizzazione delle dotazioni vestiario viveri ecc. esistenti nei depositi della VII Armata a Gioia del Colle, a Folla, e nella zona del Vulture;
 - ricupero dei materiali dirottati a Rullipoll da piroscafi originariamente destinati all'Albania e nelle Isola dell'Egeo;
 - salvataggio di pressochè tutti i depositi di materiali della VII^a Armata nella zona Calabro-Lucana e Pugliese;
 - impedito il più possibile il disgregarsi dell'armata stessa tanto che al sopraggiungere delle truppe alleate i due corpi d'armata della Calabria (Catanzaro) e delle Puglie (Bari) rimasero pressochè intatti e dettero il primo contributo di uomini e mezzi alla guerra di liberazione, con i reparti ausiliari ed i primi reparti del C.I.I. (Corpo Italiano Liberazione), nonché alla costituzione del nuovo Ministero della Guerra e dello Stato Maggiore organizzatisi in Lecce;
 - ricupero e utilizzazione dei materiali esistenti in Sardegna;
 - creazione dei laboratori militari di Lecce, Fusano, Bari, Brindisi, Catanzaro, Napoli, Cagliari, Macomer, per provvedere alla vestizione delle truppe impiegate dagli alleati.

TRANSLATION

From Catania in 1907 he entered the Mil. Int. and Cav. Academy of Modena. He left the Academy with the rank of 2/Lt. Cav. in 1909.

Div. Gen. Pelligra Raffaele son of the late Francesco, born at Comiso (Ragusa) on 5 December 1888. He comes from the cavalry in which he attained the rank of Colonel, with which rank he commanded in peace-time in the "Lancieri Aosta" Regt. stationed at Naples. Promoted general officer he has in war-time carried out the following duties:
2nd of an Army
Commander of an Infantry Division.

On 8th September 1943 Gen. Pelligra was Chief of Staff of the 7th Army stationed in Southern Italy.

In this position he could collaborate with the Allied Commands ~~and~~, which fighting their way from Calabria, and, coming by sea, from Taranto and Brindisi, were about occupying Southern Italy.

Appointed in December 1943, on disbandment of 7th Army, as General Director of the Commissariat Services at the M. of W. which was formed at Lecce under the Anglo-American Command, he organised the reconstruction of the General Directorate under his command, and further, as the advance progressed, the reconstruction of all the Commissariat Directorates, among which were those of Catanzaro and Cagliari now disbanded with the suppression of those Mil. Territorial Commands.

In order to cope with the needs of the troops in the field of messing, clothing and accommodation - he had to provide in harmony with the orders of Allied Authorities, for the arranging and working of numerous establishments (Central food depots, distribution stores, central clothing depots, clothing

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distribution stores, barrack and fuel depots) as well as the creation of repair and salvage centres, working under the direct command of the general directorate, and each including various factories for repair and manufacture of linen, of clothing and footwear, of kitchen equipment; all for the most part with civilian labour recruited on the spot with ^{the} small difficulties.

single It is to be noticed, all this work was neither easy nor *single*:

- 1) because he had to arrange for the entire working of these establishments, as those existing before the armistice were completely lost either through destruction and pillage by the Germans, or through thefts committed by civilian population;
- 2) owing to the number of troops which he had to supply (number which at certain times exceeded 400,000 men including personnel of the Navy and Air Force which, as is known, until last year remained attached, ^{the} as regards commissariat service - to the Army);
- 3) owing to the difficulties in finding suitable premises due to war damage and the use of numerous buildings as Allied stores, establishments and barracks;
- 4) because these problems were, as now, complicated by the known deficiencies of raw and manufactured materials, deficiencies which only the help of the British and Americans has been able to overcome.

In March 1945 the General Directorate of Administrative Services was also assigned to Gen. Pelligra, being attached, on the order of the Minister at that time, to that of the Commissariat, and which was destined to arrange besides the administration of all the Units of the Army, for the settlement of P.O.s, repatriates and partisans, and also for the indemnities for damages caused by Italian and Allied vehicles and troops in general.

This latter duty then - relative to the payment for indemnities for damages committed by the Allies - has been entrusted only recently to the General Directorate under the command of General Pelligra and has entailed the creation of new offices for the enquiries which each incident necessitates.

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In his duties Gen. Pelligre has collaborated with the Allied Mission and in particular with many officers of the American Army, all officers whom he remembers always with pleasure because they have always helped the huge task entrusted to him and for which were available, as now, very limited means.

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Attached correspondence is for PRIORITY TWO translation.

Date/Time 24 1000

R. A. Channing

to GSO Lt Col
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Secretary of Gen. PELLÌ A

Lt. V a c c a /has called giving me the following message :

Da Catania nel 1907 entrò all'Accademia Militare di Fanteria di Cavalleria di Modena. Uscì dall'Accademia col grado di Sottotenente di Cavalleria nel 1909.

31 January 1947/ 1400 hrs.

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Proposta al Regio del
Dir. Te N. 72

OGGETTO

Generale di Divisione Raffaele PELLIGRA Ju Francesco, nato a Coriso (Ragusa) il 5 dicembre 1883.

Proviene dall'arma di cavalleria nella quale ha percorso la sua carriera fino al grado di colonnello, col quale grado ha comandato - in tempo di pace - il reggimento "Lancieri Aosta" di stanza in Napoli.

Promosso ufficiale generale fu - in tempo di guerra - ricoperto le seguenti cariche:

- Intendente di un'armata; 6-4
- Comandante di una Divisione di fanteria. RE upto March 43

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L'8 settembre 1943 trovò il generale Pelligra Capo di Stato Maggiore della 7^a Armata dislocata nell'Italia meridionale.

In tale circostanza Egli ebbe a collaborare con i Comandi Alleati che, profittando del combattimento dalle Salernite e, via mare, da Taranto e Brindisi, si accingevano ad occupare l'Italia meridionale.

Ortamento nel novembre 1943, allo scioglimento di tale grande unità, quale Direttore Generale dei Servizi di Com. Esortato presso il Ministero della Guerra ove si costituiva il Lecco sotto l'egida Anglo-Americana, occupata in

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Proposta al Regio del
Dir. N. 2

OGGETTO

Generale di Divisione Raffaele PELLIGRA fu Francesco, nato a Comiso (Ragusa) il 5 dicembre 1888.

Proviene dall'arma di cavalleria nella quale ha percorso la sua carriera fino al grado di colonnello, col quale grado ha condecorato - in tempo di pace - il reggimento "Lancieri Aosta" di stanza in Napoli.

Famoso ufficiale generale fu - in tempo di guerra - ricoperto le seguenti cariche:

- Intendente di un'Armata; 6-4
- Comandante di una Divisione di Fanteria. RE n. 43

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Calato nel novembre 1943, allo scioglimento di tale grande Unità, quale Direttore Generale dei Servizi di Commissariato presso il Ministero della Guerra che si costituiva a Lecce sotto l'egida Anglo-Americana, provvide innanzitutto alla ricostituzione della Direzione Generale ai suoi ordini, e successivamente, man mano

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che l'avanzata progrediva, alla ricostruzione di tutte le Direzioni di Commissariato, fra cui quelle di Catanzaro e Cagliari ora disciolte con la soppressione di quei Comandi Militari Territoriali.

Per far fronte ai bisogni delle truppe - nel campo del vestiario, del vestiario e dell'accasernamento - dovette provvedere, in armonia con le disposizioni delle Autorità Alleate, all'impianto ed al funzionamento di numerosi stabilimenti (Depositi Centrali Viveri, Magazzini Distribuzione Viveri, Depositi Centrali Vestiario, Magazzini Distribuzione Vestiario, Depositi Casermando e Combustibili) nonché alla creazione di Centri Confezioni e Recupero, funzionanti alle dirette dipendenze della Direzione Generale, e comprendenti ciascuno laboratori vari per la riparazione e confezione della biancheria, degli oggetti di vestiario e calzature, dei materiali da cucina; il tutto in gran parte con maestranze civili reclutate sul posto con non poche difficoltà.

E' da rilevare che tutte queste attività non furono né facili né semplici :

- 1o- perché si trattava di provvedere all'impianto integrale di tutti questi stabilimenti, essendo mancati completamente per tutti quelli esistenti pre-arranzato sia per attrezzature ed attrezzature operate dai tedeschi, sia per sottrazioni commesse dalla popolazione civile;
- 2o- per l'entità delle truppe cui si doveva provvedere (entità che ha superato in certi momenti i 400.000 uomini ivi compreso il personale della marina e dell'aviazione che, come è noto, fino all'anno scorso è restato affittato - per il servizio di commissariato - agli organi dell'Esercito);
- 3o- per la difficoltà di trovare locali adatti sia per effetto delle distruzioni operate dalla guerra che per la coesistenza dei numerosi impianti per i depositi, gli stabilimenti e gli accasernamenti Alleati;
- 4o- perché tali problemi erano - come sono - complicati dalle notevoli deficienze di materie prime e manufatti, deficienze queste che solo mercè gli aiuti degli Anglo-Americani hanno potuto essere superate.

Nel marzo 1945 venne assegnata al Generale Pelligra anche la Direzione Generale dei Servizi Amministrativi, fusa per disposizione del Ministro dell'epoca con quella di Commissariato, e che è destinata a provvedere oltre che alla amministrazione di tutte le unità dell'Esercito, anche alle liquidazioni dei prigionieri di guerra, dei reduci e dei partigiani, nonché agli indennizzi per danni prodotti dagli automezzi italiani ed alleati e dalle truppe in genere.

Quest'ultima incumbenza poi - relativa al pagamento degli indennizzi per danni prodotti dagli Alleati - è stata affidata solo di recente alla Direzione Generale agli ordini del generale Pelligra ed ha comportato la creazione di nuovi uffici per le inchieste che ciascun incidente comporta.

Nelle sue attribuzioni il generale Pelligra ha collaborato con la Missione Alleata ed in particolare con molti Ufficiali dell'Esercito Americano, Ufficiali tutti che egli ricorda sempre volentieri come coloro che gli hanno facilitato l'innano compito a lui affidato e per il quale disponeva, come del resto dispone tuttora, di mezzi molto limitati.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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All'Associazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci,
Consiglio Direttivo Centrale,
Piazza S. Spirito, 5, ROMA.

SUBJECT: Authorization of Bronze Star Award
to Vittorio RIGONI.

1. Vittorio RIGONI has been authorized by the President of the United States to wear the Bronze Star Award.
2. Citation is as follows:-

"Vittorio RIGONI, 19068, Sergeant Major, Engineers, 29th Field Company, 144th Engineer Battalion, Cremona Gruppo, Italian Army, for heroic service in action on 2-3 March 1945 in Italy. Detailed to clear a gap through a minefield ahead of advancing infantry and tanks, Sergeant RIGONI led a section of sappers through particularly treacherous terrain in full view of the enemy. During the entire operation, his skill, leadership, coolness, determination and utter contempt for danger so inspired his men that the work of mine detection and lifting proceeded steadily despite determined enemy interference by fire. Pushing on to within a few yards of the positions being attacked, he gained a safe passage through the minefield for the infantry and tanks, thereby immeasurably aiding in the success of the operation. Resident of Vicenza, Italy."

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Major General,
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See Folio *(20A)*

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Risposta al foglio del
Dir. Fin. N. 2

OGGETTO Richiesta brevetto decorazione.

e, per conoscenza :

ALL'ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE COMBATTENTI E REDUCI
Consiglio Direttivo Centrale - piazza Grazioli, 5

R O M A

Il serg. magg. RIGONI Vittorio, decorato della
"Bronze Star Medal", come da comunicazione della M.M.I.A.
con lettera n°A 245 del 9.4.1946, desidererebbe venire in
possesso del brevetto di concessione.

Si prega voler cortesemente aderire alla richiesta
dell'interessato tramite Associazione Nazionale Combattenti
e Reduci, in indirizzo.

à ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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IMAS/71/1/A/LE

12 Mar 47

Commanding Officer, 7106 LACAD,
Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army.

SUBJECT : Presentation of Decoration.

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1. Reference your AG 201-7-Calabrini, Luigi Andrea
(Ital O) dated 4 March 1947.

2. On 12 March 1947, Major Calabrini was presented
with the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm by Col. Norman E. Fiske
at a formal ceremony in the offices of Land Forces Sub-Section,
IMAS, Rome, Italy. Present at the ceremony were Major General
E.H. Goulburn, Director LFSS, IMAS, (British); Major J.D. Loewus,
and Capt. W.F. Judkins, (American); and Major Volitto, P.R.O.
Italian Army. Photographs were taken of the ceremony and a press
release was given Major Volitto by Capt. Judkins.

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Previous Correspondence.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M. of D.
To : IMAS

Ref: I33/47/On
Date: 4/2/47

Subject: American decoration.

In reply to letter 4/1/1/A 4 dated 14 Feb. 1947.

We thank you for the info in a/m letter and
authorise Maj. Cav. CALABRINI Luigi to accept Medal
of Freedom with bronze palme.

A/m officer is attached to your Unit and is on
the strength of the Italian S.F.E.

*See folio 16
gla.*

Sgd. SURIHO
Gen.

*Letter Sent
Folio 18.*

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Oggetto: Decorazione americana.

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IIAS - LAND FORCES SUB SECTION ROMA

Si ringrazia della comunicazione di cui alla lettera in riferimento e si autorizza il maggiore di cavalleria CALABRINI Luigi ad accettare la Medaglia della Libertà con palme di bronzo. Il predetto ufficiale presta servizio presso cotesto Ente ed è in forza allo Stato Maggiore Esercito Italiano.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

4 March 1947

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In reply refer to

ATTN: 201-P-Calabrizi, Luigi Andrea (Ital O)

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SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding Officer, Ross Area, NWANA, APO 794,
U. S. Army.

1. The recommendation for the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm to Major Luigi Andrea Calabrizi, Italian Army, has been approved and concurred in by the Italian authorities.
2. Attached are copies of the official citation and medal. Publication will be made in War Department General Orders and copies forwarded at a later date.
3. Information has been received from the Italian Military Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Rome, that subject individual is presently attached to that headquarters as Liaison Officer.
4. It is requested that your headquarters take action to make presentation in accordance with paragraph 5b, AR 600-45, which requires that American decorations be formally presented by the commander, or an officer of the American Army designated by him, and to inform this headquarters when presentation has been accomplished.

It is requested that Major James D. Leourea, Land Forces Liaison Officer, telephone 489.061, extension 218, be contacted with regard to presentation.



- 2 Incls:
- 1- Citation (dup)
 - 2- Medal

A. F. ROBERT
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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cc: Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
APO 794, U. S. Army
Attn: Major James D. Leourea

Attention invited to paragraph 4 above.

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4 Mar 47

Commanding General,
TROUSI, APO 512, U.S. Army,
Ita. A.C.B.

SUBJECT: A.G. 201-P-SORCHAMIGLIO, Pasquale
(Ital. Army)
A.G. 201-P-PISAPIA, Antonio (Ital. Civl.)

Folio 124
FILE ADON/1

1. Ref your letter AG 200.63/041-P dated 20 Sep 1946.
2. The Italian Government has approved the award of Medal of Freedom for Maresciallo SORCHAMIGLIO Pasquale whose present address is: Comando Legione Guardia di Finanza, NAPOLI.
3. No reply, has as yet, been received on PISAPIA Antonio, Italian civilian.
4. The clearance of the award for the individual mentioned in paragraph 2 is being handled by, Chief of Branch, U.A.C.A.B., APO 794, U.S. Army.

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Major General,
Director.

Copy to: Chief of Branch, U.A.C.A.B.

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28 Feb 47

Commanding General,
WFOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army,
Attn. A.G.O.

SUBJECT: Clearance of American Awards
to Italians.

1. It is requested that hereafter all inquiries concerning clearance or location of Italian civilians being awarded American decorations be addressed to:

Chief of Branch, LACAB
APO 794, U.S. Army.

2. It is further requested that all inquiries concerning clearance or location of Italian Military personnel being awarded American decorations be addressed to:

L.F.S.S., I.M.A.S.
APO 794, U.S. Army.

3. The reason for the above requests of change are that the Chief of Branch, LACAB deals with clearances for Italian civilians thru the Ministry of Interior, while the L.F.S.S., I.M.A.S. work in conjunction with the Ministry of National Defence - Army.

4. Communication from your headquarters pertaining to Italian civilians are, at present, being unnecessarily handled twice.

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Major General,
Director.

Copy to: Chief of Branch LACAB.

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28 Feb 47

Commanding General,
MPGOSA, APO 512,
U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Request for Location.

- 1. Ref AG 201-2-Gatta, William (Italian Officer) dated
 FOLIO 141 (A245/h) — 19 January 1947, 15 November 1946, 28 October 1946, and 1 October
 1946. FOLIO 154 (245/h) FOLIO 153 (A245/h) FOLIO 135 (245/h)
- 2. Clearance has been obtained from the Italian Government
 to award William Gatta, with the Medal of Freedom.
- 3. The present address of a/s individual is:

Via S. Maria Fulcorina 17,
MILAN.

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Major General,
Director.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M. of D.

Ref: OI953/41

To : I.M.A.S.

Date: 21/2/47

Subject : Request for data.

FOLIO 145. (245/1A)

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Further to letter II 464/41 of 19 October
last, we would inform you of the data relative to:

- Capt Inf Res. GATTA Guglielmo son of
Nicola ci. 1908 D.M. Sulmona.

has chosen to live in Milan - Via S. Maria Fulcorina 17.

R.P.C.

Sgd. GANDINI
Gen.

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Ministero della Guerra

A Roma, 24-2-1947

DIREZ. GEN. PERS. OFF. II

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Risposta al f. del Dir. Sez. (Alleg. 27/2)

Oggetto: richiesta dati

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ALLA D.G.P.U. - Off. Onorif. e Ricomp. - S E D E

Seguito f. 11464/41 del 19 ottobre s.a., si comunica i dati relativi al

canit. ftr. col. GATTA Guglielmo di Nicola - cl. 1908

D.M. Sulmona. -

ha eletto domicilio in Milano - via S. Maria Fulco-

ri n. 17.

= IL MINISTRO
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27 Feb 47

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

SUBJECT: Award to Italian.

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1. Reference your AG 201-P-CALABRINI Luigi Andrea (Italian Officer) dated 10 February 1947.

2. Italian clearance has been obtained from Ministry of National Defence - Army to present a/a Italian Officer with the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm. (8)

3. It is requested that (since this officer is at present attached to this headquarters for duty as Liaison Officer) this headquarters be allowed to make the presentation.

4. The a/a Officer's address is: Eliseo Hotel, Room 63, Rome.

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*For the Benefactor
see photo. 16917-118.*

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Major General,
Director.

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To Land Forces
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LIAISON AND CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
R O M E
APO 79
Office of the Chief of Branch

Ref. : LACAB/260/12/CB

711 26 February 1947

SUBJECT: Awards.

TO : Ministry of the Interior,
Rome.

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Reference is made to your letter no. 70086/26662 dated 26 December 1946 addressed to Allied Commission.

Early information would be appreciated about Pasquale Scognamiglio and Antonio Pisapio in order that the American Military authorities may be informed.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Alayth Kuschy
Brigadier, *capt*
Chief of Branch

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Copy to: HQ MTOUSA
(Your letter, this subject, dated 20 Feb. 1947 addressed to the Military Mission, Italian Army, refers)

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
27 Feb	LACB Chief of Branch	7L/1 A folio 9	Since this is a civilian matter request you handle it.

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 J. D. LOENTUS,
 Major,
 Asst A.
 I. P. S. S., I. M. A. S.

27 Feb

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Chief of
Branch

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Since this is a civilian matter request you handle it.

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J. D. LOEWIS,
Major,
Asst. A.
I. I. S. S., I. M. A. S.

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In reply
refer to:

AG 200.63/044-P

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

It is requested the present location of the Italian Partisans indicated be furnished this headquarters in order that presentation of awards may be made as soon as practicable.

Manrico Ducoeschi

Lino di Pietro Davare

Luigi Armi (or Dell'Armi)

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

*Records copy to
Chief of Base
APO 512
2/27/47*

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FROM: M. of D.

TO: Col. NORMAN E. FISER
Land Forces Sub Section
Italian Military Affairs Section
Via Veneto

LCMA

Rome, 19 Feb. 1947.

Dear Colonel,

I thank you for your letter dated 13th inst. dealing with the High American Award proposed for Maj. Luigi CALABRINI.

In the meantime I inform you that regarding the award of the Cross for War Merit requested by you a behalf of ~~said~~ officer, it is essential that he forward, through channels, the prescribed application to this Ministry - Personnel Directorate General (Officers) Award Office.

If the Major possesses the necessary qualifications laid down in regulations in force, there will be no reason to prevent the granting of the award.

Yours truly

SUPINO
Gen.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA DIFESA

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Roma, 19 febbraio 1947.

Egregio Colonnello,

La ringrazio della notizia datami con la Sua lettera del 13 c.m. circa l'alta onorificenza americana per la quale è stato proposto il maggiore Luigi CALABRINI.

Nel contempo Le comunico che, per quanto riguarda il conferimento della Croce al merito di guerra da Lei richiesto in favore dell'ufficiale, occorre che l'interessato inoltri, tramite Autorità gerarchica alla quale è in forza, la prescritta istanza a questo Ministero - Direz. Gen. P. U. - Ufficio Ricompense.

Se il maggiore risulterà in possesso dei particolari requisiti stabiliti dalle disposizioni in vigore, non vi sarà motivo perchè non si faccia luogo alla relativa concessione.

La ringrazio del Suo particolare saluto e glielo ricambio.

Indirizzo

Gen. Carlo Lupatino

Al Col. NORMAN E. FISKE
Land Forces Sub Section
Italian Military Affairs Section
via Veneto

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AG 201-P-Scognamiglio, Pasquale (Ital. Army)
x-P-Pisapia, Antonio (Ital. Civ.)

SUBJECT: Awards to Italians

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army

*FOLIO 126
FILE 24511*

1. Attention is invited to letter, this headquarters, file
AG 200.63/044-P, dated 20 September 1946, requesting appropriate
Italian clearance of the awards to the individuals indicated, and
further requesting location of subject individuals:

Pasquale Scognamiglio, Adjutant of Combat, Finance Guards,
Italian Army, Medal of Freedom

Antonio Pisapia, Italian Civilian, Medal of Freedom

2. Information is requested as to what action has been
taken in this matter.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

*Action Taken
See Folio 10*

INTER - BRANCH MINUTE SHEET

Date	Pass to Branch/ Section	Ref Folio	REMARKS
20 Feb 47	LN & C.A., G-5, AFHQ. (Attn: Chief of Branch)	IMAS 71/1/A/ LF folio 6.	<p>For your information, Since this is a civilian matter suggest you handle it.</p> <p><i>J.D.L.</i> J. D. LOEWUS, Major Asst A. I.F.S.S., I.M.A.S.</p> <p><i>AG-201-P. Lombardi, Francesco de Vito, Giorgio (H. bin)</i></p>

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J. D. LOEWUS,
Major
Asst A.
I.F.S.S., I.M.A.S.

*16-201-P. Santucci, Pracom
de Vitor, Giorgio (R. L.)*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489061

→ IMAS/71/1/A/LF
17 Feb 47

Commanding General, MTOUSA,
APO 512, U.S. Army
Attn: Adjutant General.

SUBJECT : Award to Italian.

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1. Reference your letter, 201-P-GIOVANNETTI Virginio (Ital. Civ.) dated 8 February 1947.
2. The Ministry of National Defence - Army was approached again on the subject of appropriate clearance for the a/n individual to receive the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm. We were informed that the answer would be forthcoming in the near future.
3. As soon as an answer is obtained, this headquarters will forward same to you.

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[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081
Ext: 218

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14 Feb 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

SEE FOLIO 2

Subject:- Request for Italian Clearance
CALABRINI, Luigi Andrea, Major (Ital. A.)

1. Request that permission be granted to present to Major Luigi Andrea C a l a b r i n i , Italian Army, the Award of Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

2. The following is the proposed citation:

" Major Luigi Andrea CALABRINI, Italian Army performed meritorious services in Italy from January 1945 to January 1946 with the Military Mission to the Italian Army. As Chief Italian Liaison Officer to Land Forces Sub-Commission with the Italian War Ministry he was responsible for the coordination and maintenance of proper liaison with the War Ministry exercising great force, tact and diplomacy in his dealings to the end that he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of Land Forces Sub-Commission in bringing the Italian Army to a high state of efficiency in a short period of time. Major CALABRINI, by his unselfish performance of his duties of high responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied War effort in Italy and the successful termination of the Italian campaign all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied cause."

*Answered
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3. It is further requested that the full address of subject individual be furnished this headquarters.

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8 February 1947

AG 201-P-Giovanetti, Virginio (Ital. Civ.)

SUBJECT: Award to Italian

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army.

FOLIO 125 FILE 2654

Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected: Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 8 January 1947, requesting appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Mr. Virginio Giovanetti, Italian civilian, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A F Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGO
Asst Adjutant General

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8 February 1947

AG 201-P-Giovanetti, Virginio (Ital. Civ.)

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FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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*19 May 47
Passed to Lt. Col. A. H. Hubbard
Lancet - as a caution matter*

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AG 201-P-Celebrini, Luigi Andrea (Ital O)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 704, U. S. Army.

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Major Luigi Andrea Celebrini, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. A copy of the proposed citation is forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A F Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 201-P-Calabrini, Luigi Andrea (Ital O)

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Major Luigi Andrea Calabrini, Italian Army, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. A copy of the proposed citation is forwarded for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Proposed citation

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CITATION FOR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Bronze Palm

Major Luigi Andrea Calabrini, Italian Army, performed meritorious services in Italy from January 1945 to January 1946 with the Military Mission to the Italian Army. As Chief Italian Liaison Officer for Land Forces Sub-Commission with the Italian War Ministry he was responsible for the coordination and maintenance of proper liaison with the War Ministry exercising great force, tact and diplomacy in his dealings to the end that he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of Land Forces Sub-Commission in bringing the Italian Army to a high state of efficiency in a short period of time. Major Calabrini, by his unselfish performance of his duties of high responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied war effort in Italy and the successful termination of the Italian campaign all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied cause.

INTER - BRANCH MINUTE SHEET

Date	Pass to Branch/ Section	Ref Folio	REMARKS
8 Feb 47	IN & C. (C-5) ADHQ. (Attn: Chief of Branch)	71/1 A Folio 1.	<p>For your information. Since this is a civilian matter suggest you handle it.</p> <p><i>J. Downs</i> Sgt. LOUIS, Major ASST A. I.M.S.S., I.M.A.S.</p>
10/2/47	I.M.A.S. for land prices	Ref min of I.	<p>Action will be taken by this office in folio apposite and reply forwarded to you.</p> <p><i>Alaud Kinsey</i> <i>eggs</i> I.M.S.S.</p>

J. Downes
W. L. LOONEY,
Major
Asst. A.
E.P.S.S., I.M.A.S.

Action will be taken by
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5 February 1947

In reply
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AG 201-P-Bonelli, Giorgio (Ital. Civ.)

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army,
APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. It is requested that appropriate Italian clearance be obtained for Dr. Giorgio Bonelli, Italian civilian, in the acceptance of the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.
2. Inclosed is a copy of the proposed citation for your information in obtaining such clearance.
3. It is further requested that the present location of subject individual be furnished this office.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Proposed citation

