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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

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15 May 1947.

Subject: ASSISTANCE TO H.M.S. CHEQUERS.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. When H.M.S. "CHEQUERS" recently arrived at Spezia her power boat had been badly damaged at sea. The Italian Admiral at Spezia very kindly arranged for the repair of the boat without charge to His Majesty's Government.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has asked me to convey to you his appreciation of this gesture of good will by the Italian Navy.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

16 MAY 1947



Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
1st April, 1947.

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DIRECTOR OF THE ITALIAN NAVY BRANCH OF ALLIED FORCE
HEADQUARTERS.

(Copy to:-

Rear Admiral (D). (Minute II No. A.D. 141/20,
dated 22nd March, 1947).

DAMAGE TO MOTOR BOAT NUMBER 431091.

When H.M.S. "CHELERS" recently arrived at
SPEZIA her power boat had been badly damaged at sea.
The Italian Admiral at Spezia very kindly arranged
for the repair of the boat without charge to His
Majesty's Government. Request you will pass to the
Ministry of Defence (Navy) my appreciation of this
gesture of good will by the Italian Navy.

Admiral

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Air Forces Sub-Section,
A F O 794

18 FEB 1947

Air Headquarters, U.S.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

DMW/751/P.2/A.P.

Remarks and Awards to Italian Air Forces
(General).

15th February, 1947.

It is understood that on the 6th July 1946 and at the request of the Military Secretary, the Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMA) forwarded recommendations to U.S.A. Italy for 236 decorations and 5 Mentions in Dispatches to be awarded to members of the Italian Army who took part in the later stages of World War No. 2. It is believed that the authorization in London may authorize the award of these honors and decorations shortly after the Peace Treaty with Italy is ratified. It is suggested that parallel action may be favorably considered in respect of personnel of the Italian Air Force by the Air Ministry, London; if necessary it is suggested that the awards to the Italian Army be held up pending agreement on awards which may be made to Italian Air Force individuals.

2. The authorized strength of the Italian Army (excluding carabinieri) at the end of hostilities was 39,000, and the authorized strength of the Italian Air Force was 31,000. It may be argued that the proportion of honors and awards should be similar for both the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force; that would permit of 12 decorations and 7 Mentions in Dispatches to be awarded to personnel of the Italian Air Force. However, because a larger proportion of the Italian Air Force was in combat against the Germans than was the case in the Italian Army, it is suggested that a higher proportion may be permitted to personnel of the Italian Air Force, namely 40 decorations and 45 Mentions in Dispatches. It is desired to recommend the award of the following number of decorations: 4 C.O.'s, 3 M.B.'s, 7 O.B.'s, 5 M.B.'s, 2 M.B.'s, 4 M.B.'s, and 1 M.B.'s: may I be informed whether this is agreed.

3. For your information, the Italian Air Ministry has not been consulted on this matter but in selecting those officers and other personnel most deserving of honors and awards it would be advantageous if the subject could be discussed with the Italian Chief of Air Staff. Provided the policy of awarding awards to Italian Air Force personnel is agreed in principle, it is suggested that I may be authorized to consult the Italian Chief of Air Staff. It is not the intention to recommend any honors and awards for services rendered except during the period between the Armistice with Italy and the cessation of hostilities against Germany.

4. Citations in respect of honors and awards to personnel of the Italian Air Force are, for the most part, completed but a review is now being made and copies will be forwarded to the British Embassy in Rome the policy is undecided by the time this Headquarters folds up on or shortly after ratification day. If, however, citations and an order of priority are required they will be forwarded.

5. Copies of relevant previous air experience are forwarded herewith, namely letters DMW/751/25/P.1., dated 4th June 1945 from Headquarters, U.S.A.F., DMW/751/1/P.1., dated 22nd June 1945 to U.S.A.F., and DMW/751/3, dated 4th July 1945 from U.S.A.F., Office of the Chief of Staff.

Copies to: SAC Secretariat, British Embassy, Rome,
Air Forces Sub-Section, Base E-1-Section, U.S.A.F.

J.S. POORE, AIR VICE MARSHAL
15 FEB 1947, A.F.M., U.S.A.F.

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