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Will Ian go ahead & get them typed.
Duncan Sandys Sign them as SSO. & I will compose a letter to Air Ministry forwarding them with a copy to Med/Int.

Reference Enclosure 1.A. and Minute 1.

This Headquarters writes (1A) asking for a distribution of .1 CB. 3 CBEs, 8 OBEs. 4 DSOs. 5 MBE. and 18 DFCs. to officers of the I.A.F. who flew (as worked) for the allies from the date of the armistice 10 Sept 1943 to the end of the war.

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Staff and Liason

1. CB.
3. CBE.
8. OBE. 7325
2. MBE.

Technical

2. OBE.
2. MBE.

Flying

4. DSO.

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Flying 18. DFC.

1 to Special Missions.
4 .. Transport.
4 .. Day Bomber.
3 .. Seaplanes
6 .. Fighters.

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P. All claims will have to be dated 8. May 1945 (VE day) with the exception of those from the Far East

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Direction

Enquired from Colonel Pidsley. MMIA. this morning (10 Feb 1947) whether they were taking further action in obtaining honours and awards for Italian army personnel.

② He stated that as far as he knew, the ban on the award of British decorations to Italians would be cancelled on 'R' day and that he thought that there would be an announcement of award to Italian army to coincide with the Press announcement of the Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

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④ Will you check the attached DRAFT letter to A Hqs I. and if you agree give it you approval.

⑤ The citation of the I.A.F. personnel should also be checked by the S.I.O. you P.A and myself.

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FROM: I.A.F. MINISTRY
DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SCHOOLS
ALLIED OFFICE

TO: AIR FORCES BRANCH

REF. NO. UA/859/885COLL

DATE: 14/6/47

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR I.A.F. PERSONNEL WHO COLLABORATED WITH THE ALLIED FORCES

FOLLOWING the verbal agreements made between Group Captain Jarman and myself, we request you to give W/O Sana the certificates of merit signed by the Supreme Commander Alexander. In accordance with letter A.F.S.C/751/P1 dated 31 October 1946, these certificates are to be forwarded us.

CHIEF OF ALLIED OFFICE
CAPTAIN BERARDUCCI

Translated by L.A.C. Costigan

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Direzione Personale Militare e Scuole
Ufficio Alleati

AIR FORCES BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 794
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

Rif. n. UA/859 del 28 Maggio

Risposta al foglio n. del

OGGETTO: Certificato meritorio a favore del personale dell'A.M. che ha collaborato con le forze armate alleate.

A seguito degli accordi verbali intercorsi tra il G/Capt Jarmann e lo scrivente, si prega voler consegnare al nostro incaricato -M.llo Sanna- i certificati di merito a firma del Comandante Supremo Alexander, destinati a questo Ministero come da vostra comunicazione AFSC/751/P.1 in data 31 Ottobre 1946.

IL CAPO UFFICIO ALLEATI
(Capitano A.A. - C.Berarducci)
Berarducci

Ricevuti certificati. Nos. 101001. - 102000.
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097001 - 098000.
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Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Air Forces Subsection,
A P O 794

Air Headquarters, M.A.F., Italy, C.M.F. — IMAS/751/S.1/A.F.

Honours and Awards to Italian Air Force Personnel. — 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 (MMIA) forwarded recommendations to G.H.Q. Italy for 136 decorations and 45 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 authorities in London may authorise the award of these honours and decorations shortly after the Peace Treaty with Italy is ratified. It is requested that parallel action may be favourably considered in respect of personnel of the Italian Air Force by the Air Ministry, London; if necessary it is requested 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 authorised strength of the Italian Army (excluding carabinieri) at the end of hostilities was 350,000, and the authorised strength of the Italian Air Force was 31,000. It may be argued that the proportion of honours 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 requested 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 - 1 G.B., 5 G.C.B.E's, 7 G.B.E's, 5 K.B.E's, 2 K.C.B's, 4 D.S.O's, and 18 D.F.C'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 ranks most deserving of honours and awards it would be advantageous if the subject could be discussed with the Italian Chief of Air Staff. Provided the policy of making awards to Italian Air Force personnel is agreed in principle, it is requested that I may be authorised to consult the Italian Chief of Air Staff. It is not the intention to recommend any honours 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 honours 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 case 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 correspondence are forwarded herewith, namely letters CAF/7501/25/S.1., dated 4th June 1945 from Headquarters, M.A.A.F., AFHQ/751/1/S.1., dated 22nd June 1945 to H.Q. M.A.A.F., and GB.37/3, dated 4th July 1945 from H.Q. M.A.A.F., Office of the Chief of Staff.

Copies to: MAAG Secretariat, British Embassy, ROME.
Land Forces Sub-Section, Navy Sub-Section.

I.H. [illegible] ODIE, AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR, A.F.S.S., T.M.A.F.

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