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AUG. 1943; APR. - JULY 1945; JAN. 1946

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO : H.Q. M.A.C.A.P. C.M.P. ATTENTION "P" STAFF.
COPY : H.Q. M.A.A.P. C.M.P. (A.L.S.)

DATE : 23rd JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/751/T.1.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

With reference to my letter AFSC/751/P1, dated 12th July 1945, the following names of personnel of the Italian Air Force, drawn from the various Operational and Headquarters Units, are submitted to you in order of priority by rank.

GENERALS.

1. CCE + "A" PIACENTINI, Pietro (S) ✓
2. CCE + "A" SANDALLI, Renato (S) ✓
3. CCE + "A" ALMONECAT, Mario (S) ✓
4. CCE + "A" GRANDE, Enrico (S) ✓
5. CCE + "A" ELFTI, Giuseppe (S) ✓
6. CCE + "A" GAETA, GIUSEPPE (S) ✓
7. CCE + "A" COLONNELLIS.

8. CCE + "A" BERNARDINO, Aldo (S) ✓
9. CCE + "A" CIGARRIA, Enrico (S) ✓
10. CCE + "B" FRANCES, Armando (S) ✓
11. CCE + "B" LEONE, Leonello (S) ✓
12. CCE + "A" BERNINI, Giacomo (S) ✓
13. CCE + "A" PORTA, Giorgio (S) ✓
14. CCE + "A" BOLLINO, Stefano (S) ✓
15. CCE + "A" SCARLATA, Giuseppe (S) ✓

LT. COLONELS.

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GENERALS.

+ "A" PIAZZINI,
+ "A" SANDALLI,
+ "A" ALMONDINI,
+ "A" GRANDE,
+ "A" RIFFI,
+ "A" **GAETA**,
COLONELS.

Pietro
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Enrico
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GIUSEPPE

+ "A" RENDANO,
+ "A" CIVERA,
+ "B" FRANCOIS,
+ "B" LEONE,
+ "A" RENTIN,
+ "A" PONTI,
+ "A" BONINO,
+ "A" CARLATA,

Aldo
Enrico
Armando
Leonello
Giacomo
Giorgio
Stefano
Giuseppe

LT. COLONELS.

+ "B" PIAZZI,
+ "A" BENTICA,
+ "A" DE VINCENZI,
+ "A" GOVEDA,
+ "A" SOCI,
+ "A" CERSINI,
+ "A" PEZZANI,
+ "A" SANTINI,
+ "B" VIGNALI,
+ "A" RINERO,
+ "B" COLAVOLPE,
+ "A" PIONBINO,
+ "A" BIGNARDI,

Dulio
Luigi
Aristide
Renato
Paolo
Mario
Giovanni
Felice
Ugo
Virginio
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LT. COLONELS.

"A" DONADIO,	Giuseppe	(S)
"A" CASSINARIO,	Ambrosio	(S)
"A" LIBRI,	Domenico	(S)
"A" GASPERI,	Mario	(S)
"A" SCLAUSONE,	Francesco	(S)
"A" BOCOLATTE,	Augusto	(S)

MAJORS.

"B" PICCOLOMINI,	Clementine, Carlo (F)	(S)
"E" RISALITI,	Giulio (H)	(S)
"B" RIZZI,	Carlo-Alberto	(F)
"B" FASSI,	Roberto	(F)
"A" RUSPOLI,	Carlo	(S)
"A" ECHI,	Leonardo, Nicola	(S)
"B" PATTIBENE,	Nicola,	(B)
"B" RICCI,	Corrado,	(B)
"B" BADIOH,	Mario	(F)
"A" FIORIO,	Frencio	(S)
"B" LEONCINI,	Francis	(F)
"A" VALENTINI,	Gastone	(F)
"A" GRASSETTI,	Cesare	(S)

CAPTAINS.

"B" MEDAGLIA,	Edoardo	(B)
"B" GRAZIANI,	Giulio Cesare (L.B.)	(S)
"B" FRANCHINI,	Giovanni	(F)
"B" PARENZAN,	Remigio	(F)
"B" CATTAVIANI,	Vincenzo	(F)
"A" VERONESI,	Stefano	(F)
"B" ANTONI,	Emanuele	(F)
"B" SPADACCINI,	Paolo,	(F)
"B" SPERAFICO,	Mario,	(F)
"B" RINDONE,	Pietro	(L.B.)
"A" ARNALDI,	Emmanuel	(S)
"B" SBOARINA,	Sergio	(B)

Carlo-Alberto	(F)
Roberto	(F)
Carlo	(S)
Leonardo, Nicola	(S)
Nicola,	(B)
Corrado,	(B)
Mario	(F)
Franco	(S)
Francis	(F)
Gestone	(F)
Cesare	(S)

LIEUTENANTS & 2nd LIEUTENANTS.

1000	"B"	Lieut.	LARRI,	Furio	(S.D.) ✓
1001	"A"	Lieut.	POMPEI,	Luigi	(S) ✓
1002	"B"	Lieut.	BADALINI,	Giovanni	(L.B.) ✓
1003	"B"	2nd. Lt.	SICOMANI,	L.	(F) ✓
1004	"B"	Lieut?	GORI,	Piero	(F) ✓
1005	"A"	Lieut.	CHERINER,	Roberto	(S) ✓
1006	"A"	Lieut.	NOZZENTIL,	Ciacinto	(S) ✓
1007	"B"	Lieut.	ORRESPI,	Roberto	(I.B.) ✓
1008	"B"	2nd. Lt.	VALLETTA,	Carlo	(L.B.) ✓
1009	"B"	2nd. Lt.	COCCA,	Merio	(L.B.) ✓
1010	"B"	Lieut.	POTTITO,	Domenico	(B) ✓
1011	"B"	Lieut.	NECHI,	Carlo	(B) ✓
1012	"B"	Lieut.	SALVATORE,	Luigi	(L.B.) ✓
1013	"A"	JACULLI,	Lieut.	Paolo	(S) ✓
1014	"B"	Lieut.	CAIO,	Luigi	(H) ✓
1015	"B"	Lieut.	LUONCO,	Ottorino	(L.B.) ✓
1016	"B"	Lieut.	OMORATO,	Enrico	(H) ✓
1017	"B"	Lieut.	SARRA,	Michela	(S) ✓
1018	"B"	Lieut.	DEL GIUDICE	Cirolesmo	(H) ✓
1019	"B"	Lieut.	VERDI,	Edgardo	(H) ✓
1020	"B"	Lieut.	BOSSI,	Amerigo	(H) ✓
1021	"B"	2nd. Lt.	BROCCARDO,	Attilio	(H) ✓
1022	"B"	2nd. Lt.	BRABACCHIA,	Egone	(H) ✓
1023	"B"	AZZARITI	2nd. Lt.	Calisto	(H) ✓
1024	"A"	MASTALDI	Lieut.		(S) ✓

OTHER RANKS.

1025	"B"	W/O.	PANELLI,	Giuseppe	(H) ✓
1026	"B"	Sgt. Maj.	STELLATO,	Giuseppe	(H) ✓
1027	"B"	W/O.	POMCI,	Giorgio	(B) ✓
1028	"B"	W/O.	MAIOLO,	Angelo	(L.B.) ✓
1029	"B"	W/O.	CEMINO,	Angelo	(S) ✓
1030	"B"	Sgt. Maj.	MACCARIO,	Alessandro	(L.B.) ✓
1031	"A"	Sgt. Maj.	DALL'ALBA,	Arturo	(S) ✓

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+ "B" Lieut. NEGRI, Carlo
 + "B" Lieut. SALVATORE, Luigi
 + "A" SQUILLI, Lieut.
 + "B" Lieut. CALO, Luigi
 + "B" Lieut. LUONGO, Ottorino
 + "B" Lieut. ONORATO, Enrico
 + "A" Lieut. SARNA, Michele
 + "B" Lieut. DAL GIUDICE, Ciriolema
 + "B" Lieut. ZERILLI, Egidio
 + "B" Lieut. RONZI, Amerigo
 + "B" 2nd Lt. BROCCARDO, Attilio
 + "B" 2nd Lt. BRADASCIA, Egone
 + "B" ALCANTARI, 2nd Lt. Calisto
 + "A" MAZZUOLI, Lieut.

OTHER NAMES.

+ "B" W/O. PARELLI, Giuseppe
 + "B" Sgt. Maj. STELLATO, Giuseppe
 + "B" W/O. MORI, Giorgio
 + "B" W/O. MAROLO, Angelo
 + "B" W/O. CIMINO, Angelo
 + "B" Sgt. Maj. MAGGIORIO, Alessandro
 + "A" Sgt. Maj. DANIELA, Arturo
 + "B" Sgt. Maj. DA FORTO, Arrigo
 + "A" Sgt. Maj. PABIANO, A.
 + "A" Sgt. SABA, V.
 + "B" W/O. CARABBA, Stanislao
 + "A" ~~SCARABBA, S.~~
 + "B" AC-1 DORINI, Romeo
 + "B" SGT. D'ANGELO, Salvatore
 + "A" Sgt. Maj. SACCHI, Carlo
 + "A" AC. CARPINETTI, Adelmo
 + "A" AC. MOLRANO, Mario
 + "A" AC. VENTRIGLIA, Giuseppe
 + "A" AC. SALFERT, A.
 + "A" Cpl. MARESHINI, Giacomo
 + "A" W/O. PERECOTA, Lucio
 + "A" W/O. FOMMIGNONE, Walter

3. I would refer you to para. 5 of my previous letter and would point out that, out of a total of nearly 31,000 Italian Air Force personnel, 293 names were originally received from Detachments and H.Q. A.F.S.C. for recommendation. These have now been reduced to the 118 specially recommended.

4. The A.F.S.C./O.C. Seaplane Detachment has also submitted the names of Italian Navy Observers which are added to the 117 I.A.F. recommendations.

Captain	MUCIGNATO	Francesco,
Captain	PERFUMO	Enrico,
Lieutenant.	CARDINI	Attilio,
2nd. Lt.	RATTO	Giorgio,
2nd. Lt.	ROCCA	Roberto,
2nd. Lt.	PIOVESAN	Italo,
2nd. Lt.	GARINI	Tiziano,
2nd. Lt.	SARCHI	Carlo.

5. It is not known whether it is intended that these Certificates be also issued posthumously, but assuming that this can be done, additional names are submitted:

Major	MARIOTTI,	Luigi. C. ✓
Major	ERASI,	Massimiliano. ✓
Capt	ROSSINI,	Piero ✓

6. Names of those officers and airmen who would normally have been recommended for a decoration are marked with a star. Citations will be forwarded at an early date in case they are required in the future.

7. Letters in brackets after each name denote: -

- S (Staff), F (Fighter pilot), B (Bomber Aircrew)
- L.B. (Light Bomber Aircrew), H (Hydroplane Aircrew) -

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2nd. Lt. ROCCA
 2nd. Lt. PIOVESAN
 2nd. Lt. GARINI
 2nd. Lt. SARCHI

Giorgio,
 Roberto,
 Italo,
 Tiziano,
 Carlo.

5. It is not known whether it is intended that these Certificates be also issued posthumously, but assuming that this can be done, additional names are submitted:

Major MARIOTTI, Luigi, C. ✓
 Major BRASI, Massimiliano, ✓
 Capt. ROSSINI, Paolo ✓

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I.E. BRODIE,
 AIR VICE MARSHAL,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Recommendations of Italian Air Force Officers
For Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Generals - Piacentini

Sandalli

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Colonels - Francois *Ant*

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Bonino

Lieut. Colonels - Farali

Co. Sini

Majors - Riani

Fasol

Rugoli

Bonai

Fattinone

Tait

Piccolomini

Lieutenant - Pampel

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Lieut. Colonel	Bonino
	Fanelli
	Cozzini
Major	Rizzi
	Passi
	Reggoli
	Bonzi
	Pattibene
Captain	Pait
	Nicolomini
Lieutenant	Pompi

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Spinal Base by
AVN Foster & the associates (P)

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From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.
(Office of the Chief of Staff, R.A.F., Med.ME.)

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

Date :- 4th July, 1945.

Ref. :- GB.37/3.

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With reference to AFSC/751/1/P.1. dated 22nd June, 1945, the question of the award of British Decorations to Italian personnel was considered by the Supreme Commander and the various Ministries concerned in the United Kingdom recently, and the various factors mentioned in your letter were fully appreciated and brought to light.

2. The decision reached not to make awards to Italian personnel was taken at a very high level and full weight was given to the fact that other Allied Nations give and receive Italian awards.

3. In these circumstances, and after reference to the appropriate Branch of A.F.H.Q., it is regretted that the matter cannot be reopened in the sense you suggest.

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(G.B.A. BAKER)
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff,
R.A.F., Med.ME.

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AIRGRAM

FROM:- A.P. SUB-COMM (ROME)

TO:- A.E.S. D.A.F. C.M.F.

P. 361.

T.O.O. 024724B. JULY. CONFIDENTIAL (.)

FOR FOSTER FROM BRODIE (.) YOUR ADC/244 25/6 (.)

FOLLOWING IS LIST OF ITALIAN OFFICERS AS REQUESTED (.)
 GENERAL PLACENTINI (.) GENERAL SANDALLI (.) GENERAL TESSORI (.) GENERAL

GRANDE (.) GENERAL D'ARMILO (.) COLONEL CICERZA (.) COLONEL GAVINO (.)

COLONEL BONINO (.) COLONEL FRANCOIS (.) COLONEL SCARLATA (.) COLONEL AMANTEA (.)

COLONEL POETA (.) COLONEL RANIERI (.) COLONEL RUCCIA (.) COLONEL SIMONETTI (.)

COLONEL FIOMBINO (.) LT. COLONEL DENTICE (.) LT. COL. COTTINI (.) LT. COL.

ORBOLAN (.) LT. COL. PALMENTOLA (.) LT. COL. PEZZANI (.) LT. COL. DONADIO (.)

LT. COL. DOTTORI (.) LT. COL. CASSINERIO (.) LT. COL. GASPERI (.) LT. COL. DE

VINCENTI (.) LT. COL. COLUMBA (.) LT. COL. MAZZOTTI (.) LT. COL. PANALI (.)

LT. COL. LAGUZZI (.) LT. COL. LEVIS (.) MAJOR CONSONI (.) MAJOR RICCIO (.)

MAJOR MORELA (.) MAJOR BASSILLO (.) MAJOR MAGINI (.) MAJOR SADOHI (.) MAJOR

FIORE (.) MAJOR FASSI (.) MAJOR RIZZI (.) MAJOR OTTAVIANI (.) MAJOR PATTIERNA (.)

MAJOR RUSPOLI (.) MAJOR BONZI (.) CAPTAIN BERGASILLA (.) CAPTAIN TESSARI (.)

CAPTAIN DI BELLA (.) CAPTAIN BARACCHINI (.) CAPTAIN TATE (.) CAPTAIN FARINO (.)

CAPTAIN PEINER (.) CAPTAIN CALLILI (.) LT. POMERI (.) LT. SANCIO (.) LT.

CIVALLERI (.) LT. PALMA (.) LT. CATTOLICA (.)

REQUEST YOU INFORM ME WHEN YOU WISH TO BE RECOMMENDED/IN ORDER OF PRIORITY (.) -
 PER CERTIFICATION

SPOKE NEW AIR MINISTER CONCERNING GENERAL PLACENTINI TODAY AND HOW FOR BETTER

TREATMENT (.)

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FROM ANG ~~DAZ~~ DAF 251836B

TO A.C.C. ROME

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PERSONAL FOR BRODIE FROM FOSTER.

1. I HAVE INVITED GENERAL PIACENTINI TO
STAY WITH ME HERE FOR A FEW DAYS. I WILL
SEND AN ~~IT~~ AIRCRAFT TO CIAMPINO ON WEDNESDAY.
JUNE 27 TO COLLECT THE GENERAL WHO SHOULD BE READY TO TAKE
OFF AT 1030 HOURS PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT
YOUR END.

2. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER
CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR (I.A.F.)

OFFICER COULD YOU PLEASE EXTRACT FROM YOUR FILES A LIST OF OFFICERS

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WHO WERE SERVING ~~IT~~ UNDER ME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1943
AND MARCH 1944 SO THAT I COULD SEND IN A

LIST OF PEOPLE WHOM I PROPOSE TO RECOMMEND.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/751/1/P1.

CONFIDENTIAL.

21st June, 1945.

Dear

We have been instructed by M.A.C.A.F. to send in recommendations for awards in respect of Italian Officers, and I think perhaps you would like to make some suggestions because there are very few people left in the Sub-Commission who were in it in the early days. Amongst others, I propose to recommend:

GENERAL P. PIACENTINI.
GENERAL M. AIMONE CAT.
COLONEL A. REMONDINO.
COLONEL CIGERZA.
COLONEL DI VINCENTI.
LT/COL. FREZZANI (TARANTO.)

I do not propose to recommend GENERAL GAETA nor COLONEL FRANCOIS both of whom have adopted a "go-slow" policy, and in fact are now rather a nuisance.

2. The form in which the award is going to be is a piece of parchment (?) saying what good boys these chaps have been, and a copy of the wording is hereto attached for your information.

3. Personally I think it a great pity that the British should again have to lose "character" in view of the fact that the Americans are giving actual medals. For your information I am representing this aspect to M.A.A.F., and I gather that M.M.I.A. and Naval Sub-Commission intend taking similar action.

4. Have you started a Polo Club yet?

Yours 7502

Air Vice-Marshal P.M. Foster, CBE, DFC,
A.C.C.
Headquarters, D.A.F. C.M.F.



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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F. (A.L.S.)
COPY H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. C.M.F.

DATE: 22ND JUNE, 1945.

REF: AFSC/751/1/P1.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS AND CAMPAIGN MEDALS FOR
THE I.A.F.

With reference to M.A.C.A.F. postagram P/307 dated 31st May, 1945 concerning recommendations for Certificates of Congratulation to Italian Air Force personnel, I feel it my duty to suggest that the British will lose considerable "character" as the Americans are giving decorations to Italian military personnel. I have unofficially discussed this with ADMIRAL WATTEN (Director of the Naval Sub-Commission,) who holds similar views, and is considering taking up the matter with the C-in-C Med. I also understand from MAJOR GENERAL BROWNING (M.M.I.A) that he has strongly taken up this matter with A.F.H.Q.

2. Apart from the serious loss of "character", it is an undoubted fact that considerable bravery has been shown by a number of Italian airmen, and a great deal of hard work has been done by some ground crews and Officers in administrative and operational capacities when fighting against the Germans.

3. If you will consider taking this matter up with higher authority, I would like to suggest that the distribution of Certificates be suspended until a final decision is reached, and I would further suggest that any decorations which may be awarded should be given on a very limited scale in the shape of "Orders of the British Empire", "Distinguished Flying Crosses", and Certificates equivalent to "Mentions in Despatches."

4. Recommendations in accordance with M.A.C.A.F.'s postagram will be forwarded to M.A.C.A.F. under separate cover.

5. As regards the award of campaign medals to Italians, I am in agreement with the views expressed by MAJOR GENERAL BROWNING in his letter A/11/5 of 14th May 1945 addressed to A.F.H.Q., of which a copy is attached for ready reference. (22 5 M.A.C.A.F.)

[Signature]
I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Post to 320 (only) by - 25/6
Hand L. notes to A.C. by hand

Translation : Sgt. TAYLOR



COMPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN WAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER THE 8/9/1943

In relation to the tours of operations made out by circulars n.1939/Od.3 in date of the 9/11/44 and n. 32569/Od.6 in date of the 10.8.45 of this General Staff, and as a result of further regulations issued by the Combined General Staffs, the following rules on the above mentioned subject have been made out :

10) Compensations obtained for having taken part in warlike activities after the 8/9/43 will be awarded to :

a) Military and militarised personnel belonging to Commands, units or sections stationed in Italian territory not occupied by the Germans, and already mobilised or mobilised after the 8/9/43 with effect from the date of their mobilisation. In the case of the Regia Aeronautica, a service which was fully mobilised on the 10/6/40, this would apply to its personnel already called-up by the 8/9/43.

In respect of the above mentioned, and as stated by paragraphs 2 and 3 of the already quoted circulars n.1939/Od.3 and n. 32569/Od.6 in date of the 9/11/44 and 10/8/45 respectively, military and militarised personnel belonging to these units already mobilised are granted compensations if they have served within the areas and during the periods mentioned in the order as follows :

- Operations in Sardinia: from 8/9/43 to the 18/9/43
- Operations in Crete and in the islands of the Egeus under the General Staff of the Armed Forces: from the 8/9/43 to the 30/11/43
- Operations in the Balkans (Greece included): from the 8/9/43 to the 30/4/45
- Operations in Corsica : from the 8/9/43 to the 4/10/43.
- Operations in Italy from the 8/9/43 to the 8/5/45.
- Operations at sea: from the 8/9/43 to the 8/5/45.

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- Operations in Italy from the 8/9/43 to the 8/5/45.
- Operations at sea: from the 8/9/43 to the 8/5/45.

b) To all who have taken part in the Resistance Front and who have belonged to Partisan Formations. In respect of this the following personnel are considered qualified :

- "Fallen in the struggle for freedom"
- "Mutilated or invalidated in the struggle for freedom"
- "Combatant Partisan"

The qualifications and lengths of services required for the above mentioned are made out by Commissions created for this purpose by the General Staff Decree n; 518 in date of the 21/8/45.

c) To prisoners of war including the periods i) previous to their capture and ii) whilst in working units or similar organisations created by an Allied Command, and carrying out operations or likewise activities in Allied Operational units.

d) To military personnel who deliberately crossed the enemy lines to reach liberated or Allied Controlled territory in order to serve the legitimate Italian Government, and if their conduct previous to the Armistice is considered favourable. The date, with effect from which their compensation is due, will be the day of their re-employment with a unit up to the end of the war.

e) To abandoned military personnel who, after the 8/9/43 in the Balkans area (Greece included), and whilst expecting to reach territory under Control of the Italian Government, joined fighting or working units, or Combattant Partisan units.

2°) Personnel whom owing to their behaviour from the 8/9/43 onwards have been sentenced or penalised by the State, are excluded from these compensations.

In the case of personnel sentenced and subsequently discriminated and re-taken into the services, the decision as to whether they are entitled or not to compensations will be referred to competent authorities.

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(Sgd) Head of the General Staff
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COMPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR HAVING PARTAKEN IN WAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER THE 8/9/1943

In relation to the tours of operations made out by circulars n.1939/Od.3 in date of the 9/11/44 and n. 32569/Od.6 in date of the 10.8.45 of this General Staff, and as a result of further regulations issued by the Combined General Staffs, the following rules on the above mentioned subject have been made out :

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a) Military and militarised personnel belonging to Commands, units or sections stationed in Italian territory not occupied by the Germans, and already mobilised or mobilised after the 8/9/43 with effect from the date of their mobilisation. In the case of the Regia Aeronautica, a service which was fully mobilised on the 10/6/40, this would apply to its personnel already called-up by the 8/9/43.

In respect of the above mentioned, and as stated by paragraphs 2 and 3 of the already quoted circulars n.1939/Od.3 and n. 32569/Od.6 in date of the 9/11/44 and 10/8/45 respectively, military and militarised personnel belonging to these units already mobilised are granted compensations if they have served within the areas and during the periods mentioned in the orders as follows :

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- Operations in Corsica : from the 8/9/43 to the 4/10/43.
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- "Fallen in the struggle for freedom"
- "Mutilated or invalidated in the struggle for freedom"
- "Combatant Partisan"

The qualifications and lengths of services required for the above mentioned are made out by Commissions created for this purpose by the General Staff Decree n; 518 in date of the 21/8/45.

c) To prisoners of war including the periods i) previous to their capture and ii) whilst in working units or similar organisations created by an Allied Command, and carrying out operations or likewise activities in of Allied Operational units.

d) To military personnel who deliberately crossed the enemy lines to reach liberated or Allied Controlled territory in order to serve the Legitimate Italian Government, and if their conduct previous to the Armistice is considered favourable. The date, with effect from which their compensation is due, will be the day of their re-employment with a unit up to the end

e) To Abanded military personnel who, after the 8/9/43 in the Balkans area (Greece included), and whilst expecting to reach territory under Control of the Italian Government, joined fighting or working units, or Combatant Partisan units.

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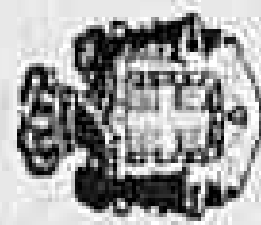
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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

II REPARTO - ORDINAMENTO

Sezione Ordinamento

Prot. N. 200118 Od. 6

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Roma, 8 gennaio 1945

AI MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro

AI COMANDO UNITA AEREA
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(drammazione estesa sino ai Comandi di Squadriglia, di Aeroporto, Magazzini e Depositi)

e, per conoscenza:

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- Operazioni in Corsica: dall'8 settembre 1943 al 4 ottobre 1943;
- Operazioni in territorio della Penisola: dall'8 settembre 1943 all'8 maggio 1945;
- Operazioni in mare: dall'8 settembre 1943 all'8 maggio 1945.

b) A tutti coloro che abbiano appartenuto a formazioni di Patrioti od abbiano preso parte attiva alle operazioni del Fronte di Resistenza Clandestina. - A tale scopo è considerato unicamente il personale qualificato:

- • Caduto per la lotta di liberazione •;
- • Mutilato ed invalido per la lotta di liberazione •;
- • Partigiano combattente •.

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Le qualifiche ed i periodi di tempo per i quali è riconosciuto il diritto ai benefici vengono stabiliti dalle apposite Commissioni istituite con Decreto Luogotenenziale n. 518 del 21-8-1945.

c) Ai prigionieri di guerra limitatamente al periodo precedente alla loro cattura ed ai successivi eventuali periodi nei quali essi abbiano partecipato, in unità cooperanti lavoratori e simil' regolarmente costituite da Comandi Alleati, ad attività relativa ad operazioni di guerra, al seguito di Armate Alleate operanti.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
AJMONE-CAT

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Detached temporarily
and is now in my
possession.

Frank K. March
Lt. Col. A. C.

Subject: Recommendation for
Award of the Medal of Freedom
with Silver Palm for Lt. Col.
Adriano, D.A. F.

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From:- Royal Air Force Station EL ADAM, U.A.R.
 To:- Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. ROME.
 (Attention of Air I.).
 Date:- 18th December, 1945.
 Ref:- LA/1204/23/P1.

Accident to Dakota EG 548

Reference your letter 751/P1 dated Dec.
 nothing is known at this station with regard to Captain
 ROBERTO GUZA rescuing an American girl from the aircraft.

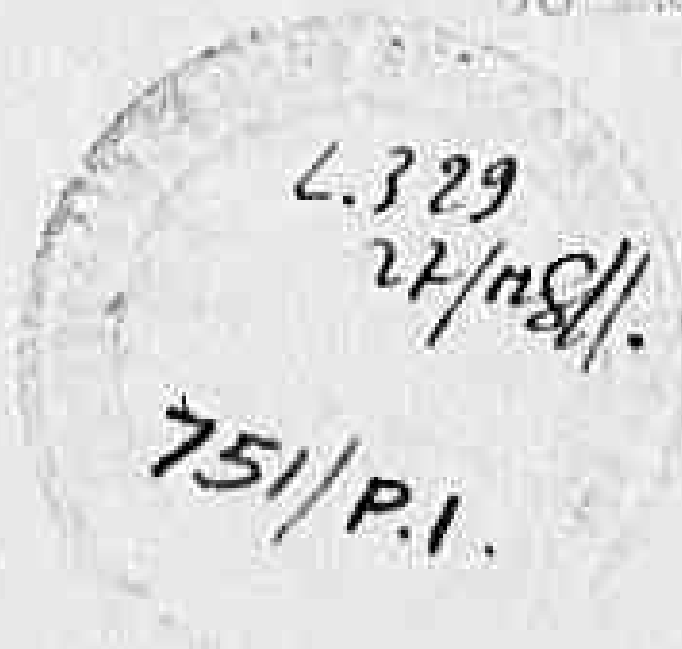
2. It is however a fact that R.A.F. personnel
 and German P.O.W. definitely risked their lives in
 rescuing people from the burning aircraft.

3. The American girl aboard the aircraft was
 Miss. GILLEN, U.S.N.R.A. (Civil).

4. It is regretted that we cannot give you
 any other information.

J. S. Spragg 7/10

(G.S. SPRAGG) P/O,
 For Wing Commander,
 Commanding R.A.F. Station,
 El Adam - U.A.R.



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FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. Rome.
SUBJECT : Airplane Accident.
TO : Commanding Officer, R.A.F. Air Base,
El Adem, Libya.
REF : 751/P1

Information has reached this Sub Commission that Captain RODOLFO GUZA of the Italian Air Force, a passenger on DC 4 plane that crashed at El Adem Airfield on 14 November 1945, with disregard for his personal safety rescued an American girl from the ablazing plane.

2. In order to recognize this heroic deed, it is the intent of the undersigned to recommend subject Officer for the American Soldier's Medal. It would therefore be appreciated if the undersigned could be furnished with a complete report of the incident and the name and address of the American girl rescued from the wrecked plane.

FRANK E. MAREK
Lt Col, Air Corps
AIR 1

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., ROME

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

DATE: 10/11/45

REF.: AFSC/751/P.1

COMMENDATION IN A.F.S.C. OFFICERS REPORT

The following extract from a report of a Senior Officer attached to the Air Forces Sub-Commission in Northern Italy is forwarded for your information and any action you think desirable:-

"It would not be correct to finish this report without a mention of the exceptional work done by Lt. MASTALDI. He has worked hard and intelligently. His knowledge of his specialized branch - AF - is very considerable and he is both keen and hard working. He is completely reliable and honest.

Should this job turn out to be a success, it will be largely due to his efforts and maintenance of aim.

I would suggest that an extract from this report be translated into Italian and forwarded to Air Ministry, since I have seldom seen a case where a special commendation was so greatly merited or where an officer so clearly stood out among his contemporaries. "

WNB
W.M. BINDER W/C
AIR FORCE MAGAZINE, 7482
AIR OFFICE COMPILING

*Place in Honours of Aeronautica
File 1A-1
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Extract from "Gazzetta Ufficiale" del Regno d'Italia dated 4/10/45

Inscriptions in the Rolls of Honour of the Regia Aeronautica.

Extract:

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However, NCO's and other ranks, formerly pupils of the Academy or officer cadets on the reserve, who have not been able to obtain nomination to officer status for one of the above mentioned reasons, can obtain at the same time of inscription in the Rolls of Honour, nomination to 2nd Lieutenant, once the agreement of the High Commission for Promotions has been obtained, and be considered as included in the Service Rolls of ~~the~~ the Aeronautica.

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Etc... Rome, 10th August, 1945.

Umberto di Savoia.



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Rome, 10th August, 1945.

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FROM: A.F. SUB COMM(ROME).

TO : A.HQ RAF ITALY.

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REF YOUR POSTAGRAM MEDME/1805/9/P3 OF OCTOBER 2 (.) THE REPLY REQUIRED
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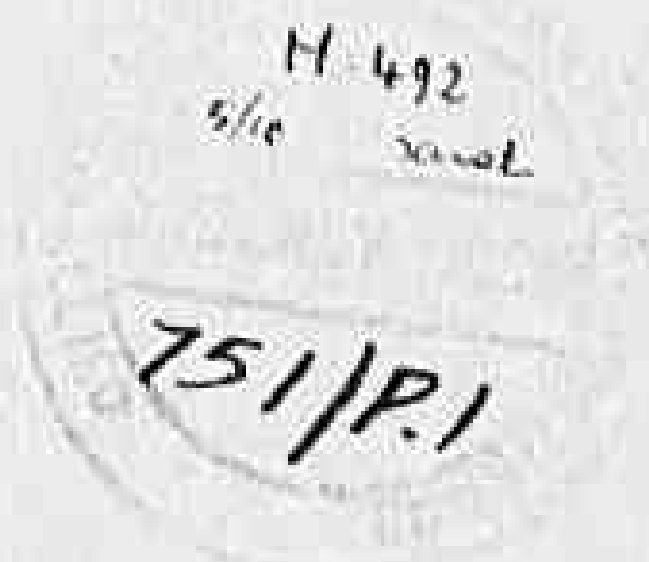
Date:— 2nd. October, 1945

From: Headquarters, R.A.F. MEDICE, CASERTA, C. M.F.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. It is requested that a reply be sent immediately to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 9th. August, 1945 and this Headquarters signal P.775 dated 11th. August, 1945, regarding the list of recommendations for recognition of services rendered by members of the Italian forces.

2. Please address your reply to A.H.Q. ITALY.



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Originator's
Signature

(R. JONES) S.P.S.O.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM: A.F. SUB COMM (ROME.)

TO: H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. ATTENTION "P" STAFF.

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REF OUR AFSC/751/P1 23RD JULY PLEASE INSERT NAME OF CAPTAIN

R. DEZZANI WITH STAR AFTER THAT OF CAPTAIN OTTAVIANI AS IT WAS
INADVERTENTLY OMITTED (.)

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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION , ROME .

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DOES YOUR LIST ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DESERT

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*Replied by telephone
Answer in affirmative
T. J. S.
14/8/45*



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From:- Headquarters, R.A.F., MEDME., CASERTA, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME. ✓

Date:- 9th August, 1945.

Ref.:- MEDME/1803/9/P.3.

HONOURS AND AWARDS
ITALIAN AIR FORCE

With reference to your letter AFSC/751/P.1. dated 23rd July, 1945, it is notified that a list of names has been forwarded by Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, which includes some of the names shown in your list.

2. Presumably the names submitted in B.A.F. list have been considered by you, along with other recommendations, and your list is a consolidated return. If this is so, B.A.F. list need not be submitted to the S.A.C.

3. Your confirmation is requested.

(R. JONES),

Air Officer i/c Administration,
Royal Air Force,
Mediterranean and Middle East

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Replied by phone.
Baf. list

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

Date : 31st JULY 1945

Ref. : AFSC L/12/P.RA

MAJOR MARIOTTI K. (POSTHUMOUS) LUIGI

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice 10th. Sept. 1943, and until he was reported missing from operations on Dec. 27 1944 was C.O. of the 4th. STORMO.

This officer was a natural leader of men and the way in which his Macchi and Aircobra squadrons worked smoothly together is proof enough of his personality.

He was strict but scrupulously fair and his men respected him almost to the point of worship.

His many exploits on straffing missions have become a legend with the I.A.F.

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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1945.
REF. : AFSC/L.12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CAPT. LALATTA IPPOLITO .

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice i.e. September 1943 and is Deputy Commander of a Macchi Squadron.

His a pilot of great experience and his powers of leadership are reflected in the excellent results achieved by his squadron.

His unfailingly good humour and ability to see the funny side of ~~the~~ things have made him a very popular and respected officer.

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W. Deane
OFFICER COMMANDING
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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1948.
REF. : AFSC/L.12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CAPT. MANFREDINI ENRICO.

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice i.e. September 1943. and is Deputy Commander of a Macchi Squadron.

He has shown himself to be a good and resourceful leader who has always kept the squadron at a very high standard of efficiency.

He has always undertaken all consignments cheerfully and has the happy knack of removing ~~any~~ any obstacles obstructing his path of duty.

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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1945.
REF. : AFSC/L/12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CAPT. FERRAZZANI GIUSEPPE.

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice i.e. September 1943 and was Deputy Commander of a Macchi Squadron prior to conversion to Aircobras.

He is a very reliable and consciencious officer as well as a good leader. His keenness and cooperation have brought his squadron to a high level of efficiency and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

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W. C. Mason
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ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L/12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS -; CAPT. MARTINELLI TULLIO.

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice 1:0: September 1943 and was flight commander of a Macchi Squadron prior to their conversion to Spitfires.

The consistently good work of the Squadron as a whole is in no small measure due to this officer who is an excellent pilot, leads his flight intelligently, and who has also energy and drive .

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W. Deason
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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L.12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - 2nd. Lieut. BIGNAMI LUIGI .

This ex-warrant officer pilot has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice i.e. September 1943 and has shown qualities which are second to none.

His consistently good operational record allied to his excellent work in the administrative sphere have together played a big part in the reorganisation of the fighter wing .

On more than one occasion he succeeded by his excellent navigation in finding important obscure targets when other attempts had failed .

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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
DATE : 1st. AUGUST 1945.
REF. : AFSC/L.12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS -; MAJOR PICCOLOMINI CLEMENTINO CARLO.

This officer is the commanding officer of the 4th Stormo and succeeded in flying over to our lines at the time of the Armistice in September 1943 bringing with him a number of his colleagues.

He has been actively engaged on operations ever since and has certainly shown himself to be a first rate leader as well as a popular efficient senior officer.

He has always cooperated splendidly and his handling of his Macchi and Airacobra squadrons during close support operations resulted in many signals of appreciation being received from the British and Yugoslav Military Authorities.

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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

Date : 31/JULY/1945

Ref. : AFSC L/12/P.RA

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CPT. SPREAFICO MARIO

This officer commanded the Reggiane 2002 (Dive-bombers) Squadron which he brought over to our lines at the time of the Armistice i.e. Sept. 1943.

Has on many occasions shown great determination in dive-bombing attacks against heavy flack concentrations and is a leader of the first quality. He is very popular with his men and has cooperated splendidly throughout.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - CPT. SPADACCINI PAOLO

This officer has been operating with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice i.e. Sept. 1943 and commanded a Macchi squadron prior to their conversion to Spitfires.

His handling of his men on operations has contributed in no mean manner to the excellent reputation gained by his squadron. His tactful and cheerful qualities paid dividends when working alongside R.A.F. and Yugoslav Squadrons.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - CPT. ANTONI ERMANUELE

This officer is commander of one of the Aircobra squadrons.

His leadership, zeal and determination in overcoming all obstacles is reflected in the very high level of efficiency existing throughout all his squadrons.

He has been operating with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice and comanded a Macchi squadron prior to their conversion to Aircobra.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - OPT. VERONESI NATALE

This officer is deputy commander of the 4th. STORMO and is an experienced and excellent pilot. His handling of his squadrons on operations plus his remarkable administrative qualities have proved of inestimable value especially during the reorganisation periods.

Through his popularity he has always been assured of support by all his men and this has undoubtedly resulted in the operational successes of his squadrons.

He has been operating with the R.A.F. since the ARMISTICE 10th Sept. 1943.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - CPT. FRANCHINI GIOVANNI

This flight commander of the long range Macchi squadrons has operated with the R.A.F. since the Armistice.

Although small in stature he is a veritable bundle of energy and is only happy when flying on operations.

The locomotive busting record attributed to this squadron by B.A.F. is in no small measure due to the persistency and tenacity of this officer.

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LIEUT. GORI PIETRO - HONOURS AND AWARDS

This officer has flown with the R.A.F. ever since the Armistice 10th. Sept. 1943.

He is a flight commander of the Spitfire squadrons and held that position with a Macchi squadron prior to their conversion.

He is an excellent leader and handles his team very well indeed. Their operational successes are due in no small measure to this keen and extremely capable officer.


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To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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Date : 31/JULY/1945

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

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Enclosed are citations as requested in your AFSC/
751/P.1 dated 24.7.45

2. The citation in respect of Cpt. OTTAVIANI is a copy
of the one submitted by hand on July 19th. together with
one in respect of Cpt. MEDAGLIA Edoardo.

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Air Forces Sub Commission
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ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 31st. JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L/12/P.R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Capt. RUGGERO GIOVANNI.

A very intelligent officer and competent pilot, he has made for himself an excellent reputation for operations as pilot of a Cant Z .

Realising the necessity for operating as often and efficiently as possible on behalf of the Allies this officer would never be content with results achieved and was continually studying possibilities for improving supply dropping technique to ensure that supplies did not fall into enemy hands as a result of wide drops. Possessing a keen sense of humour he was very popular with his fellow officers and being able to raise a laugh under the most trying circumstances he cheered and encouraged everyone at all times .

Since the cessation of hostilities he has been extremely co-operative in reorganising and centralising operations and flying control on allied lines when the airfield passed from American to Italian control. This cooperative spirit has not only improved the efficiency of this airfield but has done a lot towards keeping a cheerful and sound understanding between the Italians and members of this detachment.

W. Deason
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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 31st. ~~Aug~~ JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L.12. P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Col. LEONE LIONELLO.

This officer assumed command of the Bomber & Transport Wing at Lecce Airfield in October 1944 and commanded it during the ensuing months of the European war.

Due to his keenness and understanding and desire to do as much as possible towards the Allied war effort he was very soon established as a popular and sympathetic commander. This undoubtedly helped considerably in improving the efforts of the crews under him who were flying very old aircraft. While operating this wing he showed a strong desire to cooperate to the full extent in operational matters and made the job of the R.A.F. liaison officers as easy as possible at all times.

He was not backward in teaching by example and undertook many operational missions himself. This leadership impressed and stimulated his crews during the most difficult times.

On one occasion piloting a Cant Z aircraft on a supply dropping mission after going through what can only be described as appalling weather conditions he succeeded in finding the target and dropping successfully. The following day a signal from the field asked that the pilot be congratulated for his perseverance. It was also established that this was the ~~only~~ aircraft engaged on supply dropping which completed the mission on that particular day.

W. C. Deason
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REF. : AFSC/L.12/P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Cpt. ZEGRINI AUGUSTO .

This officer was a Cant Z pilot operating from Lecce. Although he never carried out any spectacular work, his standard was considered more consistent than other pilots in the wing and this was borne out by photographic evidence collected during operations. Regardless of very bad weather encountered frequently over the Balkans and the poor performance of a heavily loaded Cant Z he unvariably pressed on with determination and thus created his good record of consistency.

Apart from his flying activity he was also most helpful on the ground. As relieving operations officer, he did much to lighten the job of the Allied operations officer by collecting and circulating intelligence and operational information with the least possible delay and ensuring that all orders were correctly interpreted by the crews operating.


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HONOURS AND AWARDS - Capt. PARENZAN REMIGLIO.

This officer was employed in the B. & T. Wing Lecce as chief signals officer. Through his initiative, drive, and personal interest in the operations in hand his efforts had a decided influence which went a long way to improving his wing's efficiency. His thoughts and feelings were at all times very pro-allied and this seemed to be a latent force driving him to further effort at all times. An example of this was a personal effort made by him to learn English in order to be more helpful to the Allied liaison officers at Lecce. In this he succeeded so well that he was very often called upon to act as interpreter. Apart from his duties as signals officer he was intensely interested in general matters and was always extremely helpful. His ever cheerful disposition and desire to help was most refreshing and created a very pleasant atmosphere on this station both for Italian and Allied personnel.

W. C. Mason
OFFICER COMMANDING

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ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION;
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 31st. JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L.12. P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Lt; NEGRI CARLO.

This officer is the engineer officer of the Cant Z squadron which took part in supply dropping operations. Although realising he was fighting a losing battle in trying to maintain very old aircraft without industrial backing and with restrictions placed on the repair of them, he nevertheless maintained a cheerful and determined disposition. This together with sympathetic understanding of the pilots problems gave them confidence in him and their aircraft, this confidence being reflected in the perseverance of the crews during operational missions. Undoubtedly his personal drive and initiative were in large ^{part} responsible for numerous operations which otherwise would not have been carried out due to lack of serviceable aircraft.

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OFFICER COMMANDING
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ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME .

DATE : 31st. JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L.12./P. R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Lt. POTTITO DOMENICO .

This officer is in charge of the S.R.A.M. and workshops undertaking repair and maintenance of S.M. 82. Although spares have always been in short supply, the aircraft old, and the maintenance not backed by industry, his determination to overcome obstacles however difficult and the improvisation initiated by him have maintained serviceability at very high level. His cheerful disposition and the excellent way he handles his workmen have produced results and efforts of a very high order. At all times ~~conscientious~~ ^{conscientious} he has spared himself no effort to produce the required number of aircraft for operations. By his efforts to improve aircraft and engine maintenance he has won and kept the confidence and respect of aircrews even when confronted with most difficult problems and has been a source of inspiration to them which is reflected in the good operational record of the S.M. 82 Squadron.

W. C. Mason
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DATE : 31st. JULY 1945.
REF. : AFSC/1/12/P.RA.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Cpt. BELLINIA CARLELO.

This officer commanded the Cant Z 1007 Squadron during supply operations over the Balkans.

Although this type of aircraft was not suitable for supply dropping, it was nevertheless necessary to use them within their limitations to release allied aircraft for missions further afield. Realising this Cpt. Bellinia was untiring in his efforts to operate his aircraft whenever possible and encourage his crews to further effort. In this way his squadron contributed considerably to operation. He had a very good record of consistent operations himself and this undoubtedly was also a source of encouragement.

On one occasion due to faulty loading, a parachute on an externally stowed container opened during flight and soon put the aircraft in a perilous situation. Nevertheless by a super effort this pilot retained control of the aircraft until the container pulled away. The aircraft returned to base safely and was ~~found~~ found to be extensively damaged on the ailerons, tail plane and rudder.

Of a pleasing disposition the Allied officers always found him very cooperative and pleasant to work with.

W. C. Quason
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission

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TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 31st. JULY 1945.

REF. : AFSC/L/12/P.R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Cpt. SBOARINA SERGIO.

This officer was employed as Flight Commander in the S.M. 82 Squadron at Lecce during supply dropping operations. As well as being a very popular and efficient flight commander commanding the respect of all ranks with whom he worked he was a consistently good operational pilot and undertook all assignments in a cheerful and undaunted manner which was a source of inspiration to his own crew and other crews in his squadron.

On one occasion while flying an SM 82 on operations, a cylinder flew off one engine causing considerable damage to the engine mounting and fuselage in the vicinity. Due to loss of oil the engine could not be feathered and considerable vibration resulted. In spite of this he stuck to the controls and succeeded in bringing the damaged aircraft back to base. On arrival it was found that due to the vibration, the pilot's eyes were bloodshot to the extent where he had great difficulty in seeing and his hands were badly blistered and bleeding. Notwithstanding this after medical treatment he was prepared and keen to operate a few days later. This courage of a high order set an excellent example to all.

During operations in North Italy, transporting supplies during the advance of D.A.F., his efforts to despatch these supplies to schedule were untiring, and the allied liaison officer spoke very highly of his energy and drive.

W. C. Mason
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Air Forces Sub Commission

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ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE : 17th. JULY 1945.

REF : AFSC/L/12/P.R.A.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Cpt. OTTAVIANI VINCENZO .

This officer who has only one eye was captain of Cant Z 1007 throughout the period of supply dropping operations over the Balkans.

On one occasion an urgent signal was received asking for relief for a hard pressed company of partisans operating with a British military mission. The weather was extremely bad and considerable doubt existed as to whether it would be possible to complete the mission successfully.

About 20 minutes before reaching the target one engine of this pilot's aircraft seized and was feathered. In spite of this and very bad weather the pilot carried on to the target with a fully loaded aircraft where he circled for some considerable time before finding a ^{break} in cloud through which to descend. Having located the target and dropping his load successfully the pilot had to spend 40 minutes in regaining height in order to get above mountains which hemmed in the target area. The perseverance shown by this pilot was of a very high order and inspired his fellow pilots to better efforts in the ensuing days when the partisans were being hard pressed and supply dropping became a matter of great urgency.

W. C. Mason
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.

To : A.F.S.C. Lecce
(Attention F/O Rovira)

Date : 24th July 1945

Ref : AFSC/751/P.I.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE

With reference to our letter of even reference dated 7th July 1945, and to Paras 4 and 5 in particular.

2. Please let us have citations for the following personnel who have been strongly recommended : -

BOMBERS.

Col.	LEONE, Leonello.
Capt.	PARENZAN, Remigio
"	OTTAVIANI, Vincenzo
"	SBOARINA, Sergio
"	BELLINIVIA, Carmelo
"	ZEGRINI, Augusto
"	RUGGERO, Giovanni
Lieut.	POTTITO, Domenico
"	NEGRI, Carlo

FIGHTERS.

Major.	PICCOLOMINI, Clementino Carlo
Capt.	FRANCHINI, Giovanni
"	VERONESI, Natale
"	ANNONI, Emanuele
"	SPADACCINI, Paolo
"	SPREAFICO, Mario
"	MARTINELLI, Tullio
"	FERRAZZANI, Giuseppe
"	MANFREDINI, Enrico
"	LALATTA, Ippolito
2nd Lieut.	BIGNANI,

Please let us have citations for the following personnel who have been strongly recommended : -

BOMBERS.

Col.	LEONE,	Leonello.
Capt.	PARENZAN,	Remigio
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"	MANFREDINI,	Enrico
"	LALATTA,	Ippolito
2nd Lieut.	BIGNAMI,	
* Lieut.	GORI,	Piero

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Major. MARIOTTI, Luigi

- 3. It is suggested by W/Cdr. Royce that Flying Officer Rovira should compile citations for the Fighter Pilots as he was with them for so long.
- 4. It would be appreciated if 2nd Lieut. Bignami's full Christian name be inserted with his citation.

File

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P.S.O. to T.E. DE BENEDETTO
Air Vice Marshal
A.F.S.C. F

SUBJECT: Lieut LAURISECRETNo. 1 Special Force,
HQ SC(M)
C.M.F.

Ref: ML/P#1433

13 Jul 45.

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~~25HQ~~Copy to: Air Force Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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W. H. S. L.

For Lieut Col, G.S.

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Mr. Cesare GRASUENTI. Born in Milan, the 28th August 1909.

(He is a Professor of Law in the University of Modena.)

Since 1940 he has been serving in the Italian Air Force as a temporary Officer in the "Commissariato Aeronautico". Most of the time till September 1943 was spent serving in the Law section, Air Ministry, Rome.

He left Rome in September 1943, refusing to serve under Nazi domination, and went to Scanno (Abruzzo), which he reached on the 20th September. Since that date he persistently disobeyed all control calls of the Republican Armed Forces, and never communicated his whereabouts, notwithstanding all calls and decrees which imposed upon all officers the strict obligation to transfer themselves to the north and ordered all defaulters to be court martialled. On one occasion he was captured by the Nazi in Pratura (near Scanno, pt. 1250) for help given to P.O.W. of the United Nations, but he succeeded in escaping from Nazi on the same day.

After several attempts to cross the lines, he finally succeeded in his efforts, after spending 8 months in the mountains of Abruzzo, in and around Scanno. He led through the mountains a party of 8 men, armed with guns, till they all reached the Allied lines. In his party there were scouts who had a good knowledge of the mined area between Anversa and Opi (Abruzzo), and could act as excellent guides for the Allied Forces. This introduction and liaison, and all information available of the movements of Nazi troops for a large area, was deeply appreciated by the HQ. and Int. of the Essex Regiment, with which he contacted at Opi and at San Donato Val Comino. A full report of the liaison is attached herewith.

He then reported to the Italian Air Ministry, which was at the time at Bari, then proceeded to Naples and to Rome.

He is at present serving as a Major (temporary) on active duty in the Italian Air Force, Air Ministry, Rome, at the Liaison Section with Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

AFSC/751/PI.

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MEMORANDUM

PA to AOC

17th July 1945

Major GRASSETTI Cesare IAF

1. It is requested that the above-named Officer be included in the list for the award of a certificate ('A')
2. He is now Liaison Officer at Milan, and his activities during the German Occupation are contained in the attached letter.
3. Efforts have been made by this Sub-Commission since April to obtain confirmation from the Essex Regt. (File J.W. 2000 enc. 10A refers) but owing to the transference of this unit to another theatre, our efforts have been unavailing.
4. It is suggested, however, that the award of the above - mentioned certificate, would meet the case admirably.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr, Org 1

~~Air Vice Marshal~~~~Air Officer Commanding.~~

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

Date : 17/JULY/1945

Ref. : AFSC L/12/P.RA

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W. C. Mason
OFFICER COMMANDING

Air Forces Sub Commission
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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

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OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

Date : 17/JULY/1945

Ref. : AFSC L/12/P.RA

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CPT. MEDAGLIA EDOARDO

This officer has commanded a squadron of S.M.82 aircraft since the Italian Air Force started operating with the ALLIES.

He is an inspiring leader and because of this quality he has continually improved the operational effort of his unit. When any doubt existed as to the difficulty or danger of a mission he invariably led his unit, and in addition to having considerable success under many adverse conditions he was always a source of inspiration to his crews.

Due to his untiring efforts his unit was undoubtedly a great asset to the Allies, particularly when supply dropping activities reached a peak and every available aircraft was pressed into service. Although equipped with very old aircraft his squadron carried on against all odds, due in no small measure to his officer's courage and personal example.

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W. C. Mason Jr.
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission
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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, LECCE.

To : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

Date : 16/JULY/1945

Ref. : AFSC L/5/P.4

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Ref. your letter AFSC/751/P.1 dated July 7th. the nominations from LECCE are re-submitted in order of priority as follows :

2. (i) Generals - Nil.

(ii) Col. and Lieut.Col.

Lieut.Col. VICENZI Ugo
Col. LEONE Leonello
Lieut.Col. COLAVOLPE Giuseppe

(iii) Majors

Major RICCI Corrado

(iv) Captains

Cpt.(++)MEDAGLIA Edoardo
" (+) OTTAVIANI Vincenzo
" SBOARINA Sergio
" RUGGIERO Giovanni
" PARENZAN Remigio
" ZEGRINI Augusto
" BELLINVIA Carmelo

(vi) W/O. RONZI Giorgio
W/O. CIMINO Angelo
Sgt. DA POZZO Placido

(v) Lieuts:

Lt. POTITO Domenico
" NEGRI Carlo

W. Deason
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission
LECCE

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From :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Headquarters Allied Military Govt.,
Naples Commune. C.M.F. APO 394

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date :- 13th July, 1945.

Ref :- AFSC/N/751/Pl.

CONFIDENTIAL

HONOURS AND AWARDS

I. Reference your AFSC/751/Pl dated 7th July, we had hitherto submitted only one name (our AFSC-N/151/Pl dated 18th June refers) as we were looking at the matter only from an operational point of view.

2. There are many Italian Air Force Officers, W.C.O's and Airmen in this zone, however, who have rendered valuable service to the cause in their respective spheres and we therefore enclose a more comprehensive and carefully selected list.

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W. L. Minter

(W. L. Minter)

Wing Commander, Commanding
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Naples Detachment

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - ITALIAN AIR FORCENAPLES DETACHMENTLieutenant Colonels

Luigi DENTICE di Accadia (+ +) (G.D.)

Lieutenant Colonels

Francesco SCIAUDONE.

Majors

Salvatore CELL

CaptainsWilliam BASURIO ✕
Ignazio DI GIORGIO
Marcellino LEONE -

(Equipment)

(Engineering)

(G.D.)

(P. Staff)

(Carabinieri attached
to R.A.)

Luigi MATURI

Matteo GIANNETTI

Leopoldo MAZZONE

(A. and S.D.)

(A. and S.D.)

(Carabinieri attached
to R.A.)Warrant Officers (Maresciallo)

Luca PERROTTA -

(Rigger)

Sergeants (Sergente)

Renato RENGÀ

(M.T.)

A.C.H.'s (1^o Aviere)

Antonio GIANNETTI

Ciro SCOGNAMILLO

(Guards)

(Guards)

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LOOSE MINUTE

To :- PA to A.C.C.

Awards to I.A.F. Personnel

Reference enclosure 10 A, I should like to recommend the following:-

T.Col LIBRI Domenico ✓

(Recommended for certificate)(a). Head of the Italian Meteorological Service. *a great asset to this service branch, his work was indispensable to the*
Ten. SARFA Michele ✓ *Italian Air Force, operational duties after the armistice*

(Recommended for cert)(a). Passed through the line in Nov. 1943 and has been responsible for the re-organisation of the Italian Meteorological Weather Observing Network. Strongly recommended *for O.B.E.*

B.O.F. Tott *SL*

16th July, 1945.

AFSC/751/P1.

B.O.F. Tott, S/Ldr.
Attached Met Officer.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : H.Q. Fifth Army
Date : 14th July 1945
Ref : AFSC/751/P1

GENERAL D.A. UMBERTO CAPPA

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A letter, reference AFSC/751/P1 dated 20th May 1943 addressed to G 1 5th Army, was sent to your H.Q., and as far as can be traced, no reply has yet been received.

2. It concerned the provision of the certificate relative to the award of the Bronze Star to above mentioned Officer, and the Italian Air Ministry would like this document.

3. May some information be given this H.Q. on the subject?


F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to Italian Air Ministry

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From : Italian Air Ministry,
Liaison Office

To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

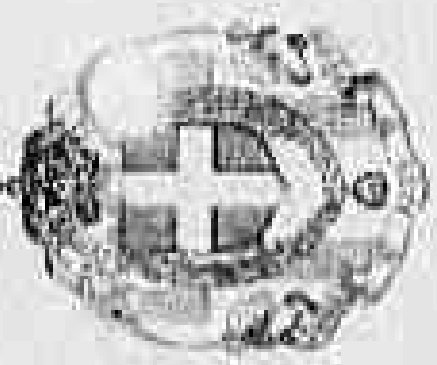
Date : 4th July 1945

Ref : 3735/Coll



GEN. D.A. UMBERTO CAPPA

We ask you to give a kind reply to our letter 14237/
3006/Coll. dated 14/5/45.



Ministro dell'Aeronautica

UFFICIO COLLABORATIVO

Divisione 5735 folli Allegati
Dott. 7.5

11.11.1945 - A.O.
= R.O. 1.1.1. =

Proposta al Foglio del
Gen. 31.5

OGGETTO : Generale D.A. - (MOSCOVA 1945) -

e, per conoscenza:

AL GASTRONE DEL MINISTERO
Segreteria

= SPDM =

è seguito dal foglio 11.11/1004 del
11/3/45 ed prega di dare un corso di
tro.



Il capo ufficio
M. 11.11.1945

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Roma, 4 luglio 1945

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Il foglio 11.11/1004 del 11/3/45 ed prega di dare un corso di tro.

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FROM : AIR MINISTRY.
T O : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION. A.C. (Thru Liaison Office).
DATE : 14 MAY 1945.
REF. : 14237/3006/Coll.

GENERAL D.A. UMBERTO CAPPAS

This Ministry has been informed in January 1945 by the War Ministry that Gen. D.A. CAPPAS Umberto was awarded the "Bronze Medal" by the U.S. 5th American Army.

We urgently request your Sub Commission to obtain the Certificate for the above mentioned decoration and forward it to this Ministry.

(s) Col. PORRU.

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
Gabinetto del Ministro

Roma li 14 maggio 1945

Segreteria

Prot.n° 14237/3006 Coll. ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C.
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

Oggetto: Generale D.A. Umberto Cappa.

Questo Ministero ha ricevuto comunicazione nel gennaio u.s. dal Ministero della Guerra dell'avvenuta concessione da parte del Comandante la 5^a Armata Americana al Gen. di D.A. CAPPÀ Umberto del la medaglia "Stella di Bronzo".

2. Si prega vivamente codesta Sottocommissione di voler richiedere la trasmissione a questo Ministero del diploma relativo alla sopraindicata decorazione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
P/to: (Col.A.A.r.n. - M. PORRU)

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

P/to: (Col.A.A.r.n. - M. PORRU)

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ADDETTO
(G. Morini)

*In allegato al
Ripeto 3725 CL.
del 6/12/15*

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. C.M.F. ATTENTION "P" STAFF.
COURT: H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F. (A.L.S.)

DATE: 12TH JULY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/751/P1.

CONFIDENTIAL.

NOTIONS AND AWARDS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

With reference to M.A.C.A.F. letter CAF/7501/25/P1 concerning recommendations for Certificates of Congratulation which will be signed by the Supremo Allied Commander, the delay in rendering the return is unavoidable as considerable work has been entailed both at this Headquarters and elsewhere, in sorting out particularly the order of priority, and as a result of a conversation at CASERTA with A.L.S. and "P" Staff on the 5th July, I decided to start afresh.

2. It is hoped to be able to let you have a comprehensive list of recommendations in order of priority which will include Italian personnel who operated in B.A.F., and also recommendations from Air Vice-Marshal POWELL who was, at one time, the A.O.C. Air Forces Sub-Commission. This list should be available on approximately the 21st of July.

3. The principle which is now being followed is to treat the Certificates as parallel with our own Notions in Despatches, but certain names will be annotated to indicate that if, in the future, it is decided to award British decorations, they will be readily available with the citations.

5. As it has not been possible to obtain information as to the number of Certificates which it is desired to give to the Italian Armed Forces, the names will appear in order of priority by rank in two categories - (a) [unclear] outstanding services and devotion to duty, and (b) for gallant conduct during operations. If it is found that too many recommendations have been made, it is suggested that names be deleted from the bottom upwards, rank-by-rank in an appropriate proportion.

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14th Aug 1947
from C.S. to [unclear]
10/10/47

[Signature]
I.E. BRIDLE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

LOOSE MINUTE.

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F/LT. WHITE.Ref: 10A:Category "A"

Colonello Remondino - Deputy C.A.S.

Ten. Col. Santini - C.I.O.

Category "B"

Tenente LAURI Furio

(Operated Fieseler Storch for No.1
Special Force carrying out many flights
into E.O.T. picking up documents and
Allied wounded. See 1A and 2A9.

14.6.45

Sublegat
for T.G.M. PEARCE W/CDR

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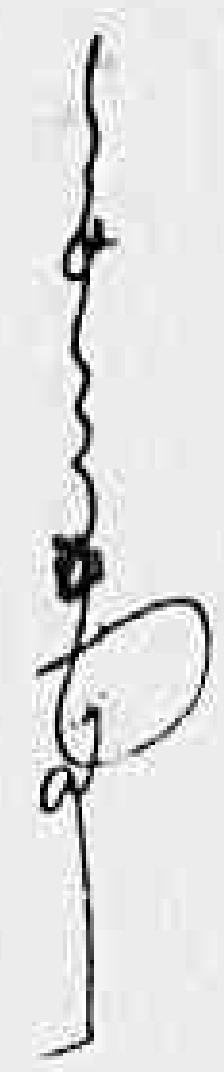
FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. JME.
 TO:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, NAPLES.
 " " " " BARI.
 " " " " LECCE.
 " " " " TARANTO.
 DATE:- 7th. July, 1945.
 REF:- AFSC/751/P.1.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

With reference to our letter AFSC/751/P.1 dated 13th. June, 1945.

2. Please confirm that the lists submitted are in order of priority. If not they are to be re-submitted in order of priority by ranks:-
 (i) Generals (ii) Cols. and Lt. Cols. (iii) Majors.
 (iv) Captains (v) Lieutenants. (v) Other ranks.
3. Names of those officers and airmen who would normally have been recommended for a decoration if it was our policy to make awards are to be marked:-
 { + + } for leadership, courage and devotion to duty.
 { + } for bravery in action.
4. This return is to be forwarded as soon as possible, and is to be followed by citations for all those recommended for decorations.
5. These citations will be held and used in the event of a change in policy which may permit the granting of decorations to Italians. They must be drawn up on British standards and be carefully considered so that award is not cheapened.
6. Full christian names must be included.

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L.E. JARMAN G/CAPT.
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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 FROM A.F. SUB COMM LECCE
 TO A.F. SUB COMM ROME
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25 JUNE CONFIDENTIAL (.)

ADD TO AFSC/L/12/P(RA)

DATED 17/6/45 FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS (.)

PARA (2)A SPECIALLY RECOMMENDED (.)

CAPT PARENZAN ✓ LT. COL VICENZI ✓ CAPT RUGGERO ✓

PARA (2)A / 1077 MAJOR RICCI ✓ CAPT BELLINIA W/O RONZI ✓

CAPT ZGRINI ✓ LIEUT. POTTITO ✓

LIEUT. NEGRI ✓ LT. COL COLAVOLPE W/O CIMINO GGT MAJ. DA POZZO (.)

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Bari.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 21st. June, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/B/751/P.1.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

With reference to your letter AFSC/751/P.1.
dated 13th. June, 1945, attached hereto is a list of Italian
Officers recommended in respect of the above.

W.B. Royce
W.B. ROYCE. W/CDR.
Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Bari Detachment.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HONOURS AND AWARDS." A "

Colonel FANALI.

Major PICCOLETTINI.

Major MARRIOTTI. (Killed in Action).

" B "

Major LEONCINI.

Capt. SPADACCINI.

No. 20 SQUADRON.

Capt. MARTINELLI.

Lieut. GORI.

Capt. ANTONI.

No. 12 SQUADRON.

Capt. FERRAZZANI.

Capt. VERONESE.

No. 10 SQUADRON.

S/Lieut. BIGNAMI.

MACCHIS.

Capt. FRANCHINI.

Capt. MANFREDINI.

REGGIANES. (DIVE & BOMBERS).

Capt. SPREAFICO.

Note.All the above have flown with the Allies ever since the
Armistice, i.e. September 1943.

7392

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Bari.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 26th. June, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/B/360/1/ORG.

✓ SGT. MAJ. A. FANTANO.

The attached letter (4 copies) has been prepared
in favour of the above named Italian N.C.O.

2. The Officer Commanding, Bari Detachment, would
desire the Air Officer Commanding to sign this letter if he
approves.

3. Two copies to be sent to Headquarters, 4th. Z.A.T.
and one copy to Bari Office.

W.B. Royce
W.B. ROYCE. W/CDR.
Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Bari Detachment.

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Note this man for
a Certificate of Appreciation
pl. 1003 20/6

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Recommendation for Award (I.A.F.)

Tenante Jaculli Paolo.

One of the first Italian officers to assist the Air Forces Sub-Commission. He has been the Officer Commanding the Autogruppo di Manovra since its formation.

The vehicles are all British and many of them were not in a serviceable condition when issued. It has been entirely due to his efforts and efforts of the men under him, that these vehicles have been kept running and have done such excellent work for the Italian Air Force.

This S & T Column is controlled by the A.C.S.C. and is run on strict R.A.F.

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the Autogruppo di Manova since its formation.

The vehicles are all British and many of them were not in a serviceable condition when issued. It has been entirely due to his efforts and criticism of the men under him, that these vehicles have been kept running and have done such excellent work for the Italian Air Force.

This S & T Column is controlled by the A.F.S.C. and is now on strict R.A.F. procedures. It is only through the efforts of this Officer and his untiring co-operation, that this has been possible.
4/46.

Leitch

R.T. Staff Officer

Air Force Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

25th June, 1945.

UFFICIALI OSSERVATORIGuardiamarina Osservatore
183^a Squadriglia Idro

RATTO

Giorgio ✓

Guardiamarina Osservatore
139^a Squadriglia Idro

ROCCA

Roberto

S. Ten. Vasc. Osservatore
139^a Squadriglia Idro

GARDINI

Attilio ✓

Guardiamarina Osservatore
287^a Squadriglia Idro

SARCHI

Carlo ✓

Ten. Vasc. Osservatore
149^a Squadriglia Idro

PERFUMO

Enrico

Guardiamarina Osservatore
149^a Squadriglia Idro

PIOVESAN

Italo

This officer of the Italian Navy has completed a total of 210 flying hours as an observer, for a comprehensive 210 observations, meriting a certificate of merit from the Italian Navy. He has also been awarded a certificate of merit from the Canadian Navy for his services as an observer on the Canadian ship "H.M.C.S. (sic) ...".

La sua attività di osservatore è infatti di ore 283,30', le missioni di scorta, ecc. -

At the time of the armistice, he was on the ship "H.M.C.S. (sic) ...", which was then in the Adriatic Sea. He was then transferred to the ship "H.M.C.S. (sic) ...", where he continued his duties as an observer.

This officer escaped from the ship "H.M.C.S. (sic) ..." and was captured by the enemy. He was then held in a prison in Sicily. He has since been released and is now serving in the Italian Navy.

Anche egli si è distinto senza (195 ore e 35') menomasse la sua opera.

Ha sempre condotto le missioni affidategli (47

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✓ This officer of the Italian Navy has undertaken 64 missions composed of 210 flying hours as an observer. He was instrumental in finding a document from the body of a German aviator, he rescued 3 Canadian aviators, 3 British aviators and 1 Italian aviator. He also treated some British aviators who had bled out over the sea and signalled the British shore authorities.

- In his activities as a pilot he is very efficient. He has completed in fact 333,30' of flying hours, performing many missions of search A.S., rescue of downed, etc.

✓ At the time of the armistice he was at Torre del Lago, but managed to get away and return to Udine in one of 84 Saba biplanes.

He has always shown himself to be a first class observer and undertook 84 special missions of various kinds with a total of 222 1/2 flying hours.

✓ This officer escaped from Torre del Lago on 4th September 1943 in an aircraft belonging to 84 Saba biplanes.

He has 188 1/2 flying hours to his credit which included picking up 3 bled out British aviators during poor weather conditions and a rough sea.

- He is also distinguished for his activities as a pilot very intense (195 hours and 35') without neglecting his duties as an observer.

- He has always conducted happily to the end the numerous missions assigned to him (47) amounting to 182 hours and 25' of flying.

Ten. Vasc. Osservatore
257^ Squadriglia Idro

MUCIGNATO

Francesco

- Riveste la carica di
Ciò nonostante si è
do a termine numerose

Guardiamarina Osservatore
287^ Squadriglia Idro

GATINI

Tiziano

- Buona attività di vol
ni per complessive 13

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- IGNATO Francesco - Riveste la carica di Capo Osservatore del Raggruppamento. Ciò nonostante si è dedicato al volo con passione portando a termine numerose missioni per un totale di ore 171.-
- CASINI Tiziano - Buona attività di volo.- Ha preso parte a numerose missioni per complessiva 131 ore di volo.-
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SCIENTIFICI

Maresciallo Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

FANELLI

Giuseppe

This Neo has completed
Ha compiuto diverse missioni
rischiose, tra cui una per
la quale si è ancora in mani italiane
di samos per portare ordigni
non portati a terra
... in mare per
di volo.

Serg. Magg. Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

STERIATO

Giuseppe

This Neo has completed
Ha totalizzato ore 102,30
missioni prendendo parte con
missioni del Maresciallo

Sergente Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

DEGANO

Gino

Ore 122,05' di volo e n.3
ghi ed il salvataggio di

Maresciallo Pilota
149^a Squadriglia Idro

LA MACHIA

Giuseppe

Ore 88,55' ore - n.30 missioni
di 3 naufraghi inglesi.

Serg. Magg. Pilota
149^a Squadriglia Idro

CONSOLINI

Erlando

ore 85,20' di volo - n.27
di 3 naufraghi inglesi.

Sergente Pilota
149^a Squadriglia Idro

SANCRISTOFARO

Giorgio

Ore 86,15' di volo - n.31
di 5 naufraghi canadesi.

Sergente Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

BROGNIERI

Alessandro

Ore 134,05' - n.40 missioni
un Me.109 - equipaggio in

Serg. Magg. Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

NINZI

Vito

Ore 117,15' - n.33 missioni
dale con un ammasso no
di Pelagosa-Taranto.

Maresciallo Pilota
288^a Squadriglia Idro

VIELMO

Nino

Ore 116,50' - n.37 missioni
Comando R.A.T.

Maresciallo Pilota
183^a Squadriglia Idro

ANDREOLETTI

Tobia

Ore 99,35 - n.40 missioni
sommersibili ed altre.

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- This N.C.O. has completed several missions of a particularly important nature, among which are:*
- Ha compiuto diverse missioni particolarmente importanti e rischiose, tra cui una per l'isola di Lero per controllare se ancora in mani italiane o tedesche; una per l'isola di Samos per portareadini e arance; una per l'isola di Lissa non portata a termine perché attaccato da un sottomarino. Ha ammontato il suo tempo aereo per un totale di ore 89,50' di volo.
 - *Finis N.C.O. has completed 102,30 flying hours and 34 missions.*
Ha totalizzato ore 102,30' di volo ed ha compiuto n.34 missioni prendendo parte come secondo pilota alle stesse missioni del maresciallo ~~XXXXXX~~ segnalato innanzi.
 - Ore 122,05' di volo e n.35 missioni di cui 2 ricerca naufraghi ed il salvataggio di 3 naufraghi inglesi.
 - Ore 88,55' ~~ore~~ - n.30 missioni, -fra le quali un salvataggio di 3 naufraghi inglesi.
 - ore 85,20' di volo - n.27 missioni, tra cui un salvataggio di 3 naufraghi inglesi.
 - Ore 86,1' di volo - n.31 missioni fra cui un salvataggio di 5 naufraghi canadesi.
 - Ore 134,05' - n.40 missioni, in una delle quali veniva da un Me.109 - equipaggio incolume.
 - Ore 117,15' - n.33 missioni, fra cui una ricerca nave ospedale con un salvataggio notturno, e un trasporto feriti isola di Pelagosa-Raranto.
 - Ore 116,50' - n.37 missioni, di cui 13 missioni speciali per Comando R.A.F.
 - Ore 99,35 - n.40 missioni, fra cui scorte A.S. - ricerche sommergibili ed altre.

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Maresciallo Pilota
287^ Squadriglia Idro

PROCIDANO ✓

Oscar

Ore 94,15' - n.28 miss
sommersi
sommersi
tre vapori
ad Elmas

Maresciallo Pilota
139^ Squadriglia Idro

GROSSO ✓

Francesco - Ore 131,10 - n.31 miss
zioni spi

Sergente Pilota
139^ Squadriglia Idro

CORRADI ✓

Pietro - Ore 139,45' - n.36 miss
naufreghi

Serg.Magg.Pilota
139^ Squadriglia

OMAGGI ✓

Gietano - Ore 131,50' - n.34 miss
fraghi c

Serg.Magg.Pilota
139^ Squadriglia

GIAMBIASI ✓

Francesco - Ore 73,05' - n.28 miss
antiasom
l'armistia
a Taranto.

Maresciallo Pilota
139^ Squadriglia Idro

FERRARI ✓

Comino - Ore 117,45' - n.36 miss
a.s., coll

Maresciallo Pilota
139^ Squadriglia Idro

RUSCO ✓

Innocenzo - Ore 106,20' - n.31 miss
A.S., coll

Maresciallo Pilota
141^ Squadriglia Idro

MAGLIA ✓

Manlio - Ore 85,45' - n.19 miss
naufreghi
attaccato
1943 ripie
con un R.3
chilo.-

1882

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COIRANO ✓ Oscar - Ore 94,15' - n.28 missioni, fra le quale scorte anti-sommergibili, ricerche naufraghi e caccia sommergibili.- All'atto dell'armistizio trovavasi a Torre del Lago.- Ha ripiegato ad Elmas, portando in salvo un apparecchio.-

SSC ✓ Francesco - Ore 131,10 - n.31 missioni, fra le quali collegamenti, missioni speciali e scorte A.S.-

RADI ✓ Pietro - Ore 139,45' - n.36 missioni, fra cui un salvataggio di 16 naufraghi inglesi.-

ACEI ✓ Gaetano - Ore 131,50' - n.34 missioni, per scorta A.S., ricerca naufraghi e collegamenti.-

DIASI ✓ Francesco - Ore 73,05' - n.28 missioni, per missioni speciali, scorte antisommergibili e collegamenti. All'atto dell'armistizio trovavasi a Corfu. Ha ripiegato a Taranto, portando in salvo un apparecchio.-

RARE ✓ Cosimo - Ore 117,45' - n.36 missioni per ricerca naufraghi, scorta a.s., collegamenti e missioni speciali.-

SS ✓ Innocenzo - Ore 106,20' - n.31 missioni per ricerca naufraghi, scorta A.S., collegamenti e missioni speciali;-

HA ✓ Manlio - Ore 85,45' - n.19 missioni, fra cui una per salvataggio naufraghi presso la costa albanese.- Venne attaccato da aerei tedeschi. Il 9 Settembre 1943 ripiegava da Torre del Lago ad Elmas con un P.S.14, portando in salvo un apparecchio.-

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ELENCO DEL PERSONALE CHE SI E' DISTINGUITO PER ATTIVITA' BELLE
DOPO L'8 SETTEMBRE 1943

UFFICIALI PIONI

Maggiore A.A.R.N.Pil. **REBAZZI** **Giario**
 Com/te 1° Gruppo Idro

Capitano A.A.R.N.Pil. **GORBI** **Luigi**
 Com/te 149° Squadr. Idro

Capitano A.A.R.N.Pil. **FIOSCHI** **Raffaele**
 Com/te Interinale dell'85° Gruppo Idro e
 Com/te della 257° Squadriglia Idro.-

Capitano A.A.R.N.Pil. **RAI CAROSCO** **Giovanni**
 Comandante 141° Squadr. Idro

On the declaration of armistice
 All'atto dell'armistizio di
 Italian territory, flying over
 the was promoted to rank
 of 84 Squadron 500H. In the
 given for his work. His complete
 situation. He was instrumental in giving
 out over the sea and also for
 corso della guerra con un
 On the declaration of armistice
 All'armistizio trovandosi
 commanded the 149 Squadron flight of
 Squadron 500H. He was in
 porto al completo compo
 raggiungendo la base di
 linea and took part in
 e 25° di volo effettuando
 At the time of the armistice
 All'atto dell'armistizio
 Pescara. He was determined
 and leaving the base and presenting
 500H Squadron. He was
 a questo reggimento,
 Squadriglia formata da
 was made up from the base
 in apparecchio A.S. 12, ma
 uomini e materiale di ol
 degna. The good work of
 flying hours and 220 missions
 fatto da un totale di
 cui 109 di guerra. Il C
 his credit and 26 missions
 di combattimento ha al suo
 tale di 28 missioni.
 This officer of the line
 the 11th Sept 1943 he escaped
 leaving his family and
 Squadron operating with the
 e la propria famiglia e la

PERSONALE CHE SI E' DISTINGUITO PER MERITO, DEDICAZIONE, E
DOPO L'8 SETTEMBRE 1943

On the declaration of armistice he was stationed at Pola and reached Italian territory by flying over in an ANTI. biplane 2-506

He was promoted to Major and handed over the command of 84 biplane GRON. In this capacity nothing but praise can be given for his work. He completed 12 missions for the A.P.C. and was instrumental in giving assistance to airmen who had bailed out over the sea and also made a difficult landing in open sea.

On the declaration of Armistice he was stationed at Cattaro where he commanded the 149 biplane flight detachment. He succeeded in reaching the Taranto biplane base intact with his flight consisting of 9 aircraft and 83 men.

He has completed 88 hours flying time and took part in 22 war missions.

At the time of the Armistice he was on convalescent leave at Pescara. He was detained by the Germans but succeeded in escaping and crossing the lines and presenting himself to the Government at Bari. Told to 85% biplane 24th, he was told to form a flight of R. S. 14.

This flight was the 207 which was made up from the Sardinian remnants of three other flights.

The good work of the flight is proved by a total of 788 flying hours and 220 missions of which 109 were operational sorties. Captain Tirocci had 86 flying hours to his credit and 28 missions.

This officer at the time of the armistice was near Pola. On the 11th Sept 1943 he escaped in a Canb. 2-506/6 Mussolini's own biplane leaving his family and all his effects in order to join the Italian Squadrons operating with the Allies.

(Segue Capitano DAL CARO)

Capitano A.A.R.N. Pil. PRITONI Severo
Com/te 139^a Squadr. Idro

Capitano A.A.R.N. Pil. MUREDDU William
Com/te 140^a Squadr. Idro

Tenente A.A.R.N. Pil. ONORATO Enrico
145^a Squadriglia Idro

Tenente A.A.R.N. Pilota CAIO Luigi
141^a Squadriglia Idro

Tenente A.A.R.N. Pilota DEL GIUBICE Girolamo -
147^a Squadriglia Idro

Il Comandante del Raggruppamento
faciale e di Pilota, gli e
Squadriglie - comando che
si all'altezza del comito
na *and completed 50 missions*
na attività di volo, avente
totale di ore di volo 145.
From 9th Sept 1943 he was
Dall'8 settembre 1943 gli
with a task which he has
He last once of serviceability
him to carry out all missions
te richieste, dedicandosi
180th flying hours
vita di volo totalizzando
ore di volo di 188,50' -
As commander of 14th
Ha il comando della 14^a
Squadriglia he was faced with a
he was always able to maintain
la Squadriglia. He completed
commanding during which
W.A.F. - 11.30 missions per
ni ricerca naufraghi. Ha
This officer was the first
He effected to his volte e
of his and made several
under took a risky night mission to
30 missions and has 84 flying
missions per un totale di
This officer undertakes the
con tutto un salvataggio
in 12^a gennaio 1943 and also rescued
18th March 1943. He completed 15 spe
piato in 15 missioni sped
77,30' -
On 8th September 1943 he flew
Dall'8 settembre 1943 lascia
in Egypt with his flight, where
flights for the allies.
He flew back to
Alleati. Rimpatriava con
condizioni
per la sua per il volo
bombing of German naval units of
la Squadriglia (17^a Squadriglia)
13 missions special missions for
dai attivo 13 missioni sped
78,55' -
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Il Comandante del Raggruppamento per le sue belle doti di Ufficiale e di Pilota, fu nominato al Comando della 134^a Squadriglia - comando che egli mantenne fino al momento di essere promosso a Maggiore.

He was made Flight Commander and completed 50 missions with 149 flying hours.

From 8th Sept 1943 he was made commander of 134 Flight with a task which he has admirably carried out, having extracted the last ounce of serviceability out of all his aircraft, which enabled him to carry out all missions which his flight was ordered to execute. He himself took part in 49 missions and totalled 189 1/2 flying hours.

As commander of 140 SRDN Seaplanes, based stationed in Sardinia he was faced with a shortage of spares, but in spite of this he was always able to maintain a high serviceability.

He completed several missions for the Allied command during which 8 were for Air Sea Rescue.

He totalled 40 1/2 flying hours.

This officer was the first to establish contact with the island of Lissa and made several contacts after that with this island. He also undertook a risky night mission to Lussino in October 1943. He completed 30 missions and has 84 flying hours to his credit.

This officer undertook the rescue of 5 five American bailed out aviators on 12th November 1943 and also rescued 2 German bailed out aviators on 18th March 1944. He completed 15 special missions for a total of 77 1/2 flying hours.

On 8th September 1943 he flew away from the island of Leros and landed in Egypt with his flight, where for several months they carried out special flights for the Allies.

He flew back to duty in a Curtiss which was in poor flying condition on 26th September. He attempted the bombing of German naval units off the island of Hovos. He completed 13 missions special missions for a total of 79 flying hours.

Tenente A.A.R.N. Pilota 149 ^a Squadriglia Idro	NERI	Edgarde	-
Tenente A.A.R.N. Pilota 149 ^a Squadriglia Idro	ROSSI	Amerigo	-
Tenente A.A.R.N. Pilota 140 ^a Squadriglia Idro	PICCHER	Ferruccio	-
S. Tenente A.A.R.N. Pil. 139 ^a Squadriglia Idro	BROCCARDI	Attilio	-
S. Tenente A.A.R.N. Pil. 286 ^a Squadriglia Idro	BRADASCIA	Egone	-
S. Tenente A.A.R.N. Pil. 287 ^a Squadriglia Idro	AZZARITI	Calisto	-
Tenente A.A.R.N. Pil. 288 ^a Squadriglia Idro	CAMEIONE	Mario	-

This officer completed a dip
in October 1943 and total
to his credit

This officer was instrumental
in the rescue of
to the vicinity of the Jug
va.

This officer took part in
also took part in 5 air sea
and 100 flying hours for

This officer was in Venice at
an aircraft by flying it over
himself when flying on special
escort duties and air sea re
on 24 missions and completed
147,351.

This pilot completed 29 mis
6 and from the island of his
he was attacked by 2 Me. 109
hours to his credit.

This pilot was at Torre de
away with his aircraft and la
He was killed with de
according to plan. He has 68
le di 92,40' ore di volo

Ha compiuto 26 missioni.
li, caccia anti-sommergi
totalizzato ore 92,30'

This Officer completed a difficult night mission over Lussimpele in October 1943 and totalled 30 special missions with 91 1/2 flying hours to his credit.

This Officer was instrumental in leading complete crew composed of 5 Canadians. This rescue was of an extremely dangerous nature owing to the vicinity of the Jugoslavian coast.

This Officer took part in several special missions for the Allies and also took part in 5 air sea rescue attempts. He has totalled 44 missions and 105 flying hours for a total of 149 missions.

This Officer was in Venice at the time of the Armistice, he was able to save an aircraft by flying it over to the allied lines. He distinguished himself when flying on special missions for us. He also took part in escort and air sea rescue missions. This pilot flew his biplane on 34 missions and completed 187 1/2 hours flying.

This pilot completed 24 missions including communication flights to and from the island of Lissia. Anti-submarine raids. During a mission he was attacked by 2 Me. 109 but returned safely to base. He has 104 flying hours to his credit.

This pilot was at Torre del Lago at the time of the Armistice but got away with his aircraft and landed at Lissia. The aircraft was an R. 5. He.

He has served with distinction and carried out all his 34 missions according to plan. He has 82 1/2 hours flying time to his credit.

Ha compiuto 26 missioni. - Tra queste vi sono missioni speciali, caccia anti-sommergibili, scorte antisommergibili. - Ha totalizzato ore 92,40' di volo.

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Officer Commanding.
(Hq. Unit)
A.F.S.C. Rome.

Flt Lt J. J. Rosta
A.F.S.C. Bari.

June 23rd 1945.

28/6/45
781/01
DAS/217
16/45

Nominations from Fighter Wing.

Sir, In presenting the attached nominations from the I.A.F. Fighter Wing, I have taken into account the following statistics:-

1 That from September 1943 10 Squadrons have been employed on operations.

2 Operational Hours flown total 12,000 (Approx)

This does not include Training, Engine checks, etc.

3 The strength of the wing averaged 2500 personnel of whom 250 were pilots.

4 The coefficients represent the following:

A. Outstanding leadership as well as Personal Courage.

B. Personal Courage (in regard to Pilot only not only)

C. Devotion to Duty

5 Inclusion of the 29 Pilot killed on ops. I think

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- ③ The strength of the wing averaged 2500 personnel of whom 250 were pilots.

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④ The coefficients represent the following:

- A. Outstanding leadership as well as Personal Courage.
- B. Personal Courage (in regards Pilot only not really)
- C. Devotion to Duty

⑤ Inclusive of the 27 Pilot killed on ops. I think my lists represent a fair and proportionate picture.

A = 25 B = 60 C = 23.

(i.e. 1 in 23)

I trust you will now have sufficient material to work from.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant. Harold B. No.

PAGE I

A	1st Lt. Pil. Francis M.	✓	Chief of Fighters - new chief-of-staff at BARI.
A	1st Lt. Col. P. Pannelli B.	✓	Chief of Fighters. Excellent Pilot with leader
A	1st Lt. P. Piccolomini F.	✓	C.O. of 10 th Squadron and 14 th Stormo.
A	1st Lt. P. Vignone H.	✓	C.O. of 9 th 10 th and 12 th (P.39) Squadrons.
A	1st Lt. P. Leoncini F.	✓	C.O. of 102 nd + 155 th (MACCHI) Squadrons.
A	1st Lt. Ing. Florio E.	✓	Chief Engineering/Technical Officer to the Fighter Wing.

10th SQUADRON - (P.39's.)

B	1st Lt. P. Mattiasso A.	✓	Flight Commander.
B	1st Lt. P. Tomassini C.	✓	Flight Commander.
A	1st Lt. P. Pignoni L.	✓	Excellent Pilot - organizes The original Fighter Wing
B	1st Lt. P. D'Allasta E.	✓	} All very good pilots - Consistently good results even when flying their Macchis under desert Air Force and Coastal Command.
B	1st Lt. P. Zucconi G.	✓	
B	1st Lt. P. Picchiottini V.	✓	
B	1st Lt. P. Baroni F.	✓	
B	1st Lt. P. De Verrini M.	✓	
B	Sgt. M. Pil. Cecchetti A.B.	✓	Commander.
C	W/O Pedrucci B.		Answerer.
C	W/O Capriotto L.		Fitter.

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12th SQUADRON - (P.39's.)

A	1st Lt. P. Cecchetti M.	✓	Flight Commander - now on staff at BARI
A	1st Lt. P. Arzuffi E.	✓	C.O. of Squadron.
A	1st Lt. P. Salvi E.	✓	Flight Commander

(P.39's.)

- 12th SQUADRON

1st. Pil. Mettingno A. ✓

2nd. Pil. Lombardi C. ✓

3rd. Pil. Pignani I. ✓

4th. Pil. D'Allesse E. ✓

5th. Pil. Zucconi G. ✓

6th. Pil. Piccolotto F. ✓

7th. Pil. Beroni R. ✓

8th. Pil. De-Ferrari M. ✓

Serg. M. Pil. Codolatta C.E. ✓

W/O Pedrocchi E.

W/O Carliotto L.

Flight Commander.

Flight Commander.

Excellent Pilot - organizes The original Fighter Wing

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even when flying their Macchis

under desert air force and Coastal

Command.

Answer.

Fitter.

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(P.39's.)

- 12th SQUADRON

Cap. Pil. Necetti M. ✓

Cap. Pil. Annoni E. ✓

Cap. Pil. Selvi E. ✓

Capt. Pil. Bertolotto G. ✓

S. Ten. E. Dallari E. ✓

S. Ten. E. Volten E. ✓

S. Ten. E. Comas E. ✓

S. Ten. E. Mauri S. ✓

W/O Mattiello A.

Serg. I. V6504 V.

Flight Commander - now on Staff @ 8ARI

C.O. of Squadron.

Flight Commander

Flight Commander.

Good work with Macchi days.

no —

Consistent.

Very Keen.

Fitter.

Fitter.

B

B

A

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3rd SQUADRON -

A	Det. Pil. Pennacconi ✓	Flight Commander. Good Leader.
B	Ten. Pil. Gargini ✓	Flight Commander.
B	Ten. Pil. Novella De-Rossi ✓	
B	Ten. Pil. Pozzoni ✓	
B	Serg. Pil. Bonardini ✓	
B	Ten. Pil. Berra ✓	
C	W/O Flaminio	

Key New indices. }
Engineers. }

20th SQUADRON - (Spitfire II's)

A	Capt. Pil. Spaccocini ✓	C.O. Squadron - new at H.Q. Lecce
A	Capt. Pil. Sguadri ✓	C.O. Squadron.
A	Capt. Pil. Martinelli ✓	Flight Commander
A	Ten. Pil. Gori ✓	Flight Commander.
B	Ten. Pil. Longo ✓	
B	Ten. Pil. Mainini ✓	
B	Ten. Pil. Cacciatore ✓	
B	Ten. Pil. Meloni	
B	W/O Assogna	
B	Ten. Eng. Delì Eze ✓	
C	S. Ten. Sanfilippo	

Really excellent well balanced Squadron - loses 3 times by C.O.s Commanders in hand for their excellent close support.

Fitter
Engineer
Equipment

102nd SQUADRON - (Macchi 202's)

C.	S. Ten. Pil. Bissoli	Pilot
C.	W/O Trevisan	Fitter

N.B. All other personnel new on 1.39. 1945.

(Macchi 202's Normal)

(Spitfire II)

-200 SQUADRON

A Cap. Pil. Spadocchini E. C.O. of Squadron - new at H.Q. Lecce
 A Cap. Pil. Spadocchini I. C.O. of Squadron.
 A Cap. Pil. Martiniello II. Flight Commander
 A Ten. Pil. Cori III. Flight Commander.
 B Ten. Pil. Longano I. } Really excellent & well balanced
 B Ten. Pil. Melini I. } Squadron - Prised 3 times by
 B Ten. Pil. Cacciabattone II. } C.O. Commanders in highland for
 B Ten. Pil. Meloni I. } their excellent close support.
 B W/O Ascone A. Fitter
 B Ten. Ing. Dell'Upe I. Enquirer
 C S. Ten. Scarsinella I. Equipment

(Macchi 205)

- 102 SQUADRON

C. S. Ten. Pil. Dissoli G. ✓ Pilot N.B. All other ~~by~~ personnel
 C. W/O Trevisan G.P. Fitter now on P.39, Igles.

- 155 SQUADRON

A Cap. Pil. Piccolini II. C.O. { Macchi 205 Normal.
 A Cap. Pil. Dezzani I. } Macchi 205 Long Range.
 B Cap. Pil. Mantredini I. } Squadron - new outfit at Rome.
 A Cap. Pil. Bagnoli I. } of Long Range Section.
 A Cap. Pil. Francolini I. } Flight Commander (Normal Section)
 A Ten. Pil. Tommasini I. } Flight Commander (Normal Section)
 B S. Ten. Pil. Iacola I. } Flight Commander (Long Range)
 B S. Ten. Pil. Iacola I. } Flight Commander (Long Range)
 } Good Pilots - lots of operations.

B. Ten. Pil. Cossani ✓
 B. Ten. P. Permetiani ✓
 A. Cap. Pil. Scavini ✓
 B. Sarg. H.P. Balda ✓
 B. Ten. Pil. Bellisio ✓
 B. Ten. Pil. Caponetti ✓

Flight Commander (Long Range.)

- REPAIR SQUADRON - (Bomber now obsolete.)

A. Cap. Pil. Sursalini ✓
 A. Cap. Pil. Mochini ✓
 B. Cap. Pil. Perodi ✓
 B. Ten. Pil. Magliore ✓
 B. Ten. Pil. Morichelli ✓

Flight Commander.
 Flight Commander.

} N.B. In 1943/1944 this Squadron did all the bombing + strafing.

Headquarters Staff

C. Magg. Pil. Valentini ✓	Operations Officer.
B. S. Ten. ~~X~~ . Pazzo ✓	Adjutant
B. Cap. ~~X~~ . Cion ✓	Works + Bricks + Rations. etc.
B. W/O Permiconi ✓	1/2 all radio installations.
B. Cdr. ~~X~~ . Marre ✓	Camp Commandant.
C. S. Ten. ~~X~~ . Freschi ✓	Equipment.
C. Fer. M. Sebile ✓	Specialty recommended.
C. Ten. Dorda ✓	Admin.
C. Rep. Fusano ✓	W/T + R/T. his lot of good work.
C. S. Ten. Dalo ✓	Admin.

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Flight Commander.
 Flight Commander.
 N.B. In 1943/1944 this Squadron did all the bombing & strafing.

Headquarters Staff

C.	Magt. Pil.	Valentini	A.	Operations Officer.
B	S. Ten. ~~X~~	Desso	D.	Adjutant
B.	Cap. ~~X~~	Cicu	V.	Works & Bricks. Rations. etc.
B	W/O	Tomacconi	W.	1/2 all radio installations.
B	Cap. ~~X~~	Marre	H.	Camp Commandant.
C	S. Ten. ~~X~~	Proenzi	H.	Regiment.
C	Ser. M.	Sabie	V.	Specially recommended.
C	Ten.	Bondi	P.	Admin.
C	Ten.	Poleno	Q.	W/T & R/T. his lot of good work
C	S. Ten.	Dalo	P.	Admin.
C	Cap. Hagg.	Maneghini		(This Corp. delivers munition)
C	Cap. Hagg.	Salari	S.	(Works in ops room clerk)
C	Ten.	Meyri	P.	Technical Corp.
C	Ten.	Grossi	C.	Admin.
C	Ten.	Tempesti		Doctor.
C	Ten.	Bracolini		Doctor.
C	Ten. Camp.	Gratellini	E.	Works & Bricks.
C	Cap.	Iacovacci	V	CHAPLAIN.
C	S. Ten.	Fioravanti	B.	Superintendent engine workshop at Brindisi.
				Subsistence P. 34 Workshop at Lecce.

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After Colonel Farnelli's untimely death, the first fighter pilot.

1	Major. Pil.	Maricotti E.	(P. 30)	
2	Capt. Pil.	D'Agostino J.	(Regione)	
3	Ten. Pil.	Hessl	U. (Mc. 2002)	
4	Capt. Pil.	Carotti	E. (Mc. 202)	
5	Serg. Pil.	Daffi Walter	(Regione)	
6	S. Ten. Pil.	Sifismondi	V. (Macchi Long-Range)	
7	Ten. Pil.	Leonese	S. (Mc. 202)	
8	Ten. Pil.	Barbasetti	S. (P. 30)	
9	Serg. Pil.	Michieloni	M. (P. 30)	
10	Serg. M.P.	Marinelli	M. (P. 30)	
11	Ten. Pil.	Valente	V. (Regione)	
12	Ten. Pil.	Roz	P. (Regione)	
13	S. Ten. Pil.	Hegni	C. (Macchi 105)	
14	S. Ten. Pil.	Reisler-Prantz	(Mc. 202)	
15	S. Ten. Pil.	Barsimont - Fagnani E.	(Mc. 201)	
16	Ten. Pil.	Wells	M. (Mc. 202)	
17	Ten. Pil.	Grasiani	C. (Mc. 202)	
18	Ten. Pil.	Paroni	S. (Mc. 202)	
19	Ten. Pil.	Venditti	C. (Mc. 202)	
20	Ten. Pil.	Glauer	P. (P. 30)	
21	Ten. Pil.	Veronesi	A. (Spit)	
22	Serg. M. E.	Molteni	M. (P. 30)	
23	Ten. Pil.	Bizzifera	P. (P. 30)	

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(9) T. Col. Pilota ARISTIDE DE VINCENTI.
Direttore della Telecom.
Strongly Recommended.

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Sup. S.O. 7364

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Recommended.

MaJ. Fiorio. Fighter Wing Engineer Officer.

Ten. Col. Gasheri. Bomber Transport Wing Engineer Officer

Recommended.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
c/o A.M.G., NAPLES, A.P.C.394.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 18th June, 1945.

Ref :- AFSC/N/751/Pl.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS.

1. Reference your AFSC/751/Pl dated 13th June, it is suggested that the under-mentioned I.A.R. Officer fully merits being included in the list of those to receive a Certificate of Congratulations for the reasons indicated, viz:-

Lieut.Col. Luigi DENTICE di ACCADIA - Born 1/11/1905.

On the 8th September, 1943, this Officer was in Command of Italian Seaplane Squadrons in Greece. Immediately he heard of the Armistice and the instructions of Marshal Badoglio that all serviceable aircraft should be flown to named bases in the South of Italy, he collected all serviceable Italian Seaplanes from Patras, Argostoli and Corfu, and flew with them to Taranto, where he arrived on the morning of the 5th September with 12 Cant.Z.500 and Cant.Z.501. The Germans in Greece made every endeavour to prevent these Seaplanes leaving and it was only owing to clever strategy on the part of Lieut.Col. Dentice that he succeeded in getting the Aircraft away.

He was then appointed Commanding Officer of Italian Seaplanes in Southern Adriatic. This office he held until December, 1943, when he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Italian Units in the Naples area (Campania) which office he still holds. Ever since September 1943 Lieut.Col. Dentice has been closely associated with the Allies and with this Sub-Commission and has always shown himself to be a very willing, efficient and loyal collaborator, ably fulfilling all requests made upon him.

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// Lieut.Col. Luigi DENTICE di ACCADIA - Born 1/11/1905.

On the 6th September, 1943, this Officer was in Command of Italian Seaplane Squadrons in Greece. Immediately he heard of the Armistice and the instructions of Marshal Badoglio that all serviceable aircraft should be flown to named bases in the South of Italy, he collected all serviceable Italian Seaplanes from Patras, Argostoli and Corfu, and flew with them to Taranto, where he arrived on the morning of the 9th September with 12 Cant.Z.50s and Cant.Z.501. The Germans in Greece made every endeavour to prevent these Seaplanes leaving and it was only owing to clever strategy on the part of Lieut.Col. Dentice that he succeeded in getting the Aircraft away.

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2. It is suggested that if this recommendation be approved Certificate (a) should be awarded.

W.L. Winter

(W.L. Winter)
Wing Commander, Commanding
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Naples Detachment.



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TO : AIR FORCE SUB COM IS ICA,
I.C. WILM.
FROM : AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
I.C. INCH TRANSPORT.
DATE : 17th JUNE 1945.
REF : AF31/1/12/P. 1.

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Ref. your AF30/751/21., the following Officers are *strongly*
recommended under para. 2(a) of AF30/7501/25/P. 1 :

- Captain METAFIA, Major,
- Captain SUOMINA, Sergeant,
- Captain OTTAVIA, Sergeant.

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W. W. Mason
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission
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Originator's Reference Number:—
CAF/7501/25/F.1
Date:—/4th. June 1945.

To: Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

From: Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS:
CERTIFICATES OF CONGRATULATION TO MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN FORCES

It is requested that a reply may be forwarded immediately to this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 4th. June 1945.

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Originator's
Signature

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WING COMMANDER.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME

TO : HQ. M.A.C.A.F.

P 305 /./ 150013 JUNE 1945 /./
UNCLASSIFIED /./ YOUR P394 11TH JUNE, CONFIRMED
NIL RETURN /./

PRIORITY ROUTINE


J.G. WHITE F/LT.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.

TO:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. BARI.
" " " " " NAPLES.
" " " " " LECCE.
" " " " " TARANTO.

DATE:- 13th. JUNE, 1945.

REF:- AFSC/751/P.1.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS.

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Attached herewith a copy of H.Q., M.A.C.A.F.
letter CAT/7501/25/P.1. dated 4th. June, 1945.

2. It is requested that recommendations be forwarded
to reach this Headquarters by not later than the
21st. June, 1945. NIL returns are required.



J.G. WHITE, F/LT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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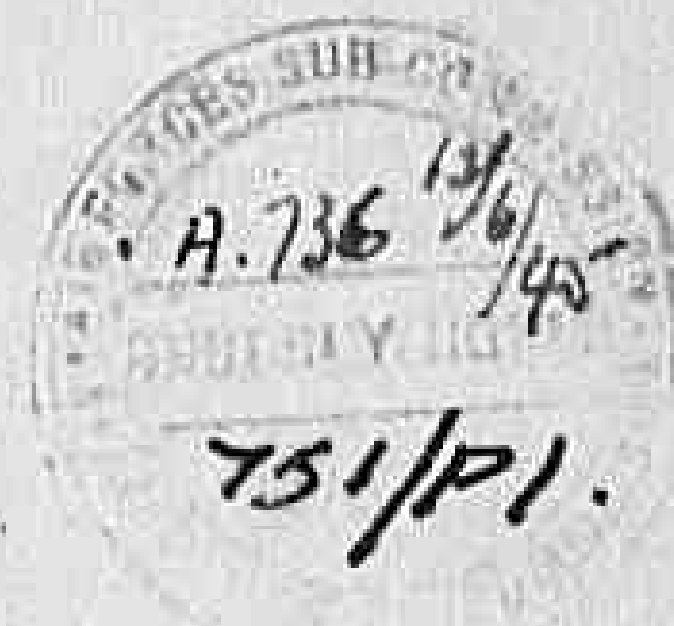
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From : - Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force

To : - Officer Commanding Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Rome.

Date : - 4th June, 1945.

Ref : - CAF/7501/25/P.1.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

It has been decided that gallantry and meritorious service of co-belligerent members of the Italian Forces shall be recognised by Certificates of Congratulation signed by the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. If you wish to have the services of any Italian recognised, please forward names in full, stating which of the undermentioned certificates will be appropriate : -

- (a) "I wish to congratulate you on the part you have played in the liberation of your country. Your outstanding service and devotion to duty in the cause of Freedom have my deepest appreciation."
- (b) "As a token of my appreciation, I wish to congratulate you on your gallant conduct during recent operations. The part you have played in the liberation of your country, your spirit of loyal co-operation and devotion to duty on the field of battle have my highest regard."

3. It is requested that a reply may be made at your earliest convenience please. A "Nil" return is required.

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Air Commodore,
Air Officer i/c Administration
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COASTAL AIR FORCE.

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From Headquarters, No.2 R.A.F. BASE AREA, CMT.
 To All Units.
 Date 3 JUNE 1945
 Ref 2BA/3.1506/P1

CONFIDENTIALAWARDS TO FOREIGN SUBJECTS

Attached herewith a copy of HQ MACAF Airgram P.307 dated 31 May 1945.

2. As this Headquarters has to make a consolidated return, all recommendations, with the exception of those to United States personnel should be forwarded to arrive at this Base Area not later than 18th June 1945.

3. Recommendations in respect of United States personnel are to be forwarded by return and a signal (priority 'IMPORTANT') despatched advising that a recommendation is being made under this paragraph.

4. Nil returns are required under para. 2 of this letter, but NOT under para. 3.

PLEASE TREAT AS URGENT.

See 9A Nil Return

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for

Flight Lieutenant ADMIN,
 COMMANDER, No.2 RAF BASE
 AREA, CMT.

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AIRGRAM

TO:- No:2 R.A.F. BASE AREA (Etc)
 From:- Headquarters M.A.C.A.F.

P/3C7: 31.5.45

CONFIDENTIALAWARDS TO FOREIGN SUBJECTS

Notification has been received from Air Ministry that approval has been given in principle for the institution of two new medals for award to foreign subjects, namely: (i) The King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom, and (ii) The King's Medal for Service to the Cause of Freedom;

2. These medals are intended primarily for award to Allied and neutral civilians (male or female) without distinction of status or rank for services during the present war. They can also be awarded to foreign military personnel who have rendered special services outside the scope of military duties.

3. The first mentioned medal will be awarded only for acts of courage entailing risk to life or for service entailing dangerous work in hazardous circumstances. It is intended mainly for those who render assistance to prisoners of war, or personnel escaping but may also be awarded for other dangerous work.

4. The second award is for meritorious service such as that rendered by persons in the United States who assisted British relief, organised bundles for Britain etc., and by United States Diplomatic and Consular Officers in Europe and elsewhere who were concerned with representation of British interests between Sept. 1939 & Decr. 1941/.

5. The ribbons for the medals will be issued to recipients as soon as the awards are made, but the design and manufacture of the medals themselves will be postponed until the end of the War. The grant of either medal would not disqualify the recipients for other awards such as the G.M., MBE, etc. in respect of other services.

6. You are invited to make recommendations for the following awards:- Courage George Medal; British Empire Medal; British Empire

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6. You are invited to make recommendations for the following awards:- Courage George Medal; British Empire Medal; British Empire Order (appropriate class military or Civil division); King's Medal for service to the Cause of Freedom; King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom; Commendation for Brave Conduct; Other Services British Empire Order (Appropriate Class Military or Civil Division); British Empire Medal.

7. Appointments to the British Empire Order and the Award of the British Empire Medal should be recommended in exceptional cases only. In the majority of cases, the appropriate King's Medal should be recommended. Recommendations should give brief but adequate indications of the nature of the services rendered, the awards proposed, names in full, address, occupation; age, nationality, title or rank (ie. normal prefix showing for women whether married or unmarried) and should be arranged in order of priority.

8. Recommendations in triplicate should be submitted to this Headquarters as soon as possible. Those in respect of United States nationals should be submitted so as to reach this HQ not later than 8.6.45.

(Sgd) M. A. C. A. P.
Senior Personnel Staff Officer.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/751/P1.

4th June, 1945.

I have received a letter from GROUP CAPTAIN STAPLETON of BIFFORD in which he tells me that he has been asked by LT. COL. ROVEDA to suggest recommendations for awards in respect of the Stormo Baltimore. C/Capt. STAPLETON has done this, and no doubt you will receive the recommendations in due course, but in this connection the names of two Italian Officers which do not appear on these lists should be brought to your notice for consideration, which, on the recommendations of C/Capt. STAPLETON, I have pleasure in endorsing.

(i) LT. COLONEL. ROVEDA.

I must state that this Officer has commanded the Stormo with distinction. He is an officer with a very high degree of intelligence who has, under very adverse circumstances, maintained a morale and technical standard of a very high order. His difficulties when controlling a formation with very much less technical equipment have been met and overcome by his determination to show that his men could perform as well as the next. The standard of their results achieved is a tribute to his capabilities. He has co-operated admirably and has always shown a great spirit of loyalty. I recommend him most strongly for a high award - Avversamento per M. Guerra.

(ii) LT. GAMBER.

As you know, this officer speaks more than excellent English, and combines his interpreters abilities with a high degree of common sense. Col. ROVEDA has recommended him for a permanent commission, but he is not prepared to take it unless given it with his present seniority, i.e. his present rank after all is not very high. He certainly has the ability for even Captain's rank as he could I imagine, very well enter the Italian Diplomatic Service or be an able Air Attaché in England. He is quite keen to get back into flying, particularly heavy bombers or transport work, but he is very uncertain of his position at the moment. Probably his best employment in the immediate future is to continue with A.C.C. work in the North of Italy, which he knows backwards.

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to contact from

20/20/254 date 30/1/45

[Signature]

L.E. BRUCE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

L.E. General M. Airone Cat,
Chief of Air Staff,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

ELenco DEL PERSONALE DEL 28° GRUPPO BALTIMORE PROPOSTO PER RICONFENZE AL VALOR M
EQUIPAGGI DI VOLO

Grado	Cognome e Nome	n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta	
Ten. Col. Pil.	MOCI Paolo	40	Avanzamento per M. Guerra-	Strongly Rec
Cap.	SCARFELLATO Umberto	60	" " "	Should not be
Cap.	SANSEVERINO Vittorio	50	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Strongly Rec
Ten.	LAURENZA Stanislao	44	" " "	
Ten. (°)	COLANTONIO Giuseppe	16	" " " (°)	To m
Ten.	BALBOINI Giannino	49	" " "	Recom
Ten.	CARESTO Manlio	42	Promozione per Mer. Guerra	Recom
Ten.	CIOCE Generoso	39	Avanzamento per Mer. "i Guer	Recom
Ten.	BADALINI Giovanni	48	Medaglia "oro al V.M. (in e- same)	Strongly
Ten.	FUMAGALLI Malachia	46	Promoz. in S.P.E. per Mer. G.	Recom
Ten.	MEKNOZZI Fiorentino	40	" " "	Recom
Ten.	ZANCHI Rodolfo	37	Med. Arg. al V.M.	
S. Ten.	MINASI Fortunato	47	" " "	Recom
S. Ten.	BOCCIOLI Riccardo	31	Promoz. in S.P.E. per Mer. G.	
S. Ten.	D'APRILE Elio	23	Med. Bronzo al V.M.	
S. Ten.	MICHELINI Carlo	33	Med. Arg. al V.M.	
Serg. M/	BRUSCANTINI Pio	44	Promoz. per merito "i Guerra	Recom
Ten.	ATTANASIO Francesco	52	" " "	Recom
Ten.	DE ROSA Antonio	26	Med. " Arg. al V.M.	
Ten.	CIRIMINO Fulco	33	" Bronzo " "	
Ten.	PARIGIANI Teal'o	26	" " "	
Ten.	MONACO Alberico	46	" Argento al V.M.	Recom
Ten.	MURA Antonio	37	" " "	
S. Ten.	CARUGNO Enzo	27	" Bronzo " "	
S. Ten.	MITCHELL Mario	26	" " "	
S. Ten.	BERNARDINI Umberto	40	" Arg. " "	Recom
S. Ten.	SPINELLI Domenico	46	" " "	Recom
S. Ten.	(°) CAUSA Enzo	16	" Bronzo " "	
(°) E' stata compresa attività di guerra svolta in periodi precedenti.				

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GRUPPO BALTIMORE PROPOSTO PER RICOMPENSA AL VALOR MILITARE

n° azioni		Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
	40	Avanzamento per M. Guerra-	<i>Strongly recommended. Very efficient officer</i>
	60	" " " "	<i>Would not recommend him for so high an award. He has done a lot</i>
	50	Med. Arg. al V.M.	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>
	44	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	16	" " " " (o)	<i>To my mind insufficient operations for award</i>
	49	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	42	Promozione per Mer. Guerra	<i>Recommended</i>
	39	Avanzamento per Mer. "i Guer	<i>Recommended</i>
	48	Medaglia d'oro al V.M. (in e-	<i>Strongly recommended</i>
		same)	
	46	Promoz. in S.P.E. per Mer.G.	<i>Recommended</i>
	40	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	37	Med. Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
	47	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	31	Promoz. in S.P.E. per Mer.G.	<i>Recommended</i>
	23	Med. Bronzo al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
	33	Med. Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
	44	Promoz. per merito "i Guerra	<i>Recommended</i>
	52	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	26	Med. Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
	33	Bronzo " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	26	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	46	Argento al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
	37	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	27	Bronzo " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	26	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	40	Arg. " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	46	" " " "	<i>Recommended</i>
	16	Bronzo " "	<i>Recommended</i>
guerra svolta in periodi precedenti.			

segue EQUIPAGGI DI VOLO

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Grado Cognome e Nome				n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta			
S.Ten. Nav.	DE PAZIO	Salvatore		41	Med. Arg. al V.M.	(°)		
S.Ten.	COZZA	Flaminio		43	" " " "			
S.Ten.	TRIMARCO	Agostino		34	" " " "	(°)		
S.Ten.	BERTIOTTI	Clemente		29	" Br. " "			
S.Ten.	TITO	Paolo		33	" Arg. " "	(°)		
S.Ten.	TEDESCO	Luigi		35	" Br. " "			
S.Ten.	LEUZZI	Giovanni		24	" " " "	(°)		
Cap. GARI	ARNALDI	Emmele		3	Avanzam. per Mer. Guerra			
Ten. Marc.	ZOPPI	Pelice		12	Med. Br. al V.M.			
Mar. Arm.	GORINI	Giuseppe		48	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra			
Mar.	CASELLI	Roberto		46	" " " "			
Mar.	MASSIMI	Remo		38	" " " "			
Serg. M. Arm.	CAPURSO	Nicola		24	Med. Br. al V.M.	(°)		
Serg.	CALZAVARA	Guerrino		38	" " " "			
Serg.	MURA	Giuseppe		16	" Arg. " "	(°)		
1° Av.	GUACCIO	Pasquale		40	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra			
1° Av.	FIORINA	Andrea		35	" " " "	(°)		
1° Av.	TOPPIA	Sandro		45	Med. Arg. al V.M.			
1° Av.	CLEMENTE	Giuseppe		37	Med. Br. " "			
Av. Sc.	PALMIERI	Nunzio		32	" " " "			
Av. Sc.	GENOVA	Pierino		32	" " " "			
Av. Sc.	RICCHIUTO	Vincenzo		32	" " " "			
Av. Sc.	ZERINI	Franco		36	" " " "			
Mar. Marc.	FORNASIER	Vincenzo		32	" " " "			
1° Av.	FAVA	Elio		47	" Arg. " "			
1° Av.	SICILIANI	Nicola		46	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra			
1° Av.	DI CARLUCCIO	Pasquale		37	Med. Arg. al V.M.	(°)		
1° Av.	ALBIGNONI	Luigi		20	" Br. al V.M.	(°)		
1° Av.	FERRI	Vasco		44	" Arg. " "			
1° Av.	PETROSINO	Amilcare		33	" " " "	(°)		

(°) - E' stata compresa l'attività di guerra svolta in periodi precedenti.

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n° azioni		Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
ore	41	Med. Arg. al V.M. (°)	Recommended
io	43	" " " "	Recommended
no	34	" " " " (°)	Recommended
ite	29	" Br. " " (°)	Recommended
	33	" Arg. " " (°)	Recommended
	35	" Br. " " (°)	Recommended
ni	24	" " " " (°)	Recommended
le	3	Avanzam. per Mer. Guerra	Recommended
	12	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommended
pe	48	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra	Recommended
o	46	" " " " "	Recommended
	38	" " " " "	Recommended
a	24	Med. Br. al V.M. (°)	Recommended
no	38	" " " " "	Recommended
pe	16	" Arg. " " (°)	Recommended
le	40	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra	Recommended
	35	" " " " (°)	Recommended
	45	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Recommended
pe	37	Med. Br. " " "	Recommended
	32	" " " " "	Recommended
o	32	" " " " "	Recommended
zo	32	" " " " "	Recommended
	36	" " " " "	Recommended
zo	32	" " " " "	Recommended
	47	" Arg. " " "	Recommended
	46	Promoz. per Mer. Guerra	For Consideration
quale	37	Med. Arg. al V.M. (°)	Recommended
	20	" Br. al V.M. (°)	Recommended
	44	" Arg. " " "	Recommended
e	33	" " " " (°)	Recommended

attività di guerra svolta in periodi precedenti.-

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Grado Cognome e Nome				n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta			
I° Av.	Mare.	RE	Enrico	40	Promoz.	per Mer.	di Guerra	
I° Av.	"	DE FAZIO	Attilio	29	Med.	Br.	al V.M.	.....
I° Av.	"	LASCO	Francesco	44	Me.	Arg."	"	.....
I° Av.	"	POTA	Vincenzo	35	"	"	" (°)	.....
I° Av.	"	BASSI	Oscar	36	"	"	" (°)	.....
I° Av.	"	PAGANINI	Giuseppe	29	"	"	" (°)	.....
I° Av.	"	CORBELLINI	Mario	46	"	"	"	.....
I° Av.	"	CAIPA	Maffeo	38	"	Br.	"	.....
I° Av.	Mot.	DI RACCA	Alessandro	29	"	Arg."	" (°)	.....
Av.Sc.A.Mare.	PALUDE	Amleto		I	Avanzam.	a scelta		

(°) - E' stata compresa l'attività di guerra svolta in periodi precedenti.=

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n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta	Note e' osservazioni
tico	40	Promoz. per Mer. di Guerra
ilvio	29	Med. Br. al V.M.
ncesco	44	Med. Arg. " "
cengo	35	" " " " (o)
ar	36	" " " " (o)
seppa	29	" " " " (o)
ario	46	" " " " "
feo	38	" Br. " " "
ssandro	29	" Arg. " " (o)
eto	I	Avanzam. a scelta

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Gra'o Cognome e Nome			Ricompensa proposta		
Serg. Magg. Mot.	DALL'ALBA	Arturo	Avanzam.	a scelta	 <i>Sc</i>
Sergente	"	COMUNIAN	"	"	.....
Serg. Magg. Mont.	MAGNANI	Sergio	"	"	.....
Serg. Magg.	"	LELLA VALIE	"	"	
1° Av. Eletttr/co	FIORE	Raffaele	"	"	
Sergente Mot.	PARACCHINI	Sem	"	"	

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	Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
tuoro	Avanzam. a scelta	 <i>Strongly Recommended.</i>
ruccio	" "	 <i>Recommended</i>
rgio	" "	 <i>Recommended</i>
ossandro	" "	 <i>Recommended</i>
ffaele	" "	 <i>Recommended</i>
m	" "	 <i>Recommended</i>

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ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEL PERSONALE DEL 132° GRUPPO BALTIMORE PROPOSTO PER RICOMPENSA
EQUIPAGGI DI VOLO

Grado - Cognome e Nome	n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta	Note
Cap. Pil. GRAZIANI G. Cesare	74	Promoz. per M.G.	Very Strongly Recommended
Cap. Pil. RINDONE Pietro	52	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Commander of the Storm
Cap. Pil. MANESCALCHI Enrico	42	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Very promising Officer
Cap. Pil. BALDONI Vares	58	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Recommended
Ten. Pil. AMMANATO Porthos	25	Avanz. per M.G.	Recommended
Ten. Pil. DURANTE Raffaele	48	Prom. per M.G.	Recommended
Ten. Pil. SALVATORE Luigi	55	Avanz. per M.G.	Recommended
Ten. Pil. MOLANZI Lino	34	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommended
Ten. Pil. CRESPI Roberto	51	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Keen and Efficient
Mar. All. Uff. DANIELI Domenico	26	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommended
Mar. Pil. OMODEO S. Piero	45	Prom. per M.G.	Recommended
Mar. Pil. MANOLO Angelo	51	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Strongly Recommended
Mar. Pil. TAGLIABUE Teodoro	43	Pass. Carr. per M.G.	Recommended
Serg. " CENTORI Vitaliano	43	Prom. per M.G.	Recommended
" " " BABUSCI Romeo	36	Med. Br. al V.M.	
" " " FRIGO Angelo	28	Med. Br. al V.M.	
" " " BOTTINI Lorenzo	34	Med. Br. al V.M.	
" " " MACCARIO Alessan'ro	46	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Has done well & has achieved some very
Ten. Nav. LUONGO Ottorino	52	Prom. per M.G.	Recommended
Ten. Nav. BRANCO Domenico	42	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommended
S. Ten. " AVONA Sebastiano	38	Med. Br. al V.M.	
S. Ten. " BENNICOLI Carlo	49	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Strongly Recommended
S. Ten. " SANSONETTI Stefano	47	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Strongly Recommended
S. Ten. " TURCO Mario	43	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Recommended
S. Ten. " VALLETTA Carlo	60	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Very strong
S. Ten. " COCCA Mario	57	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Very Strongly Recommended
S. Ten. " BRACOLLA Renato	41	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Recommended

PERSONALE DEL 132° GRUPPO BALTIMORE PROPOSTO PER RICOMPENSE AL VALOR MILITARE

n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta	Note e' osservazioni
74	Promoz. per M.G.	<i>Very Strongly Recommended. The outstanding Garrison Command of the Storm - Very keen and a vigorous officer.</i>
52	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Very promising officer. - Strongly Recommended</i>
42	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
58	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended Strongly</i>
25	Avanz. per M.G.	<i>Recommended</i>
48	Prom. per M.G.	<i>Recommended Strongly</i>
55	Avanz. per M.G.	<i>Recommended - Very promising officer</i>
34	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Keen and efficient. A good pilot & officer. Recommended Strongly</i>
51	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
26	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
45	Prom. per M.G.	<i>Strongly Recommended. Has done a lot of flying and needs a good rest.</i>
51	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
42	Pass. Carr. per M.G.	<i>Recommended</i>
48	Prom. per M.G.	<i>Recommended</i>
36	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
28	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
34	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
46	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Has done well & kept hard. Strongly Recommended</i>
52	Prom. per M.G.	<i>Has achieved some very fine results. Technically sound & Very strongly Recommended</i>
42	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
38	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
49	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>
47	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Strongly Recommended - Lies very hard indeed</i>
43	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>
60	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Very strongly Recommended</i>
57	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Very Strongly Recommended</i>
44	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	<i>Recommended</i>

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Grado - Cognome e Nome			n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta		
S. Ten. Nav.	FRATANTONIO	Paolo	34	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.		
S. Ten. Nav.	DAZZI	Cesare	32	Med. Br. al V.M.		
Mar. Marc.	CARABBA	Stanislao	65	Iron. Aiut. Batt. per M.G.		
Serg. M. Marc.	GRASSI	Arcangelo	43	Promoz. per M.G.		
Serg.	"	BESOLI	Vincenzo	26	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
Serg.	"	GALASSO	Egizio	32	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	SALVATI	A'olfo	49	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	SARDELLA	Oronzo	42	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommend
I° Av.	"	RUBINO	Pasquale	36	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
I° Av.	"	DALLONI	Antonio	32	Med. Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	DI LARIO	Guido	38	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	PIRAZZINI	Primo	41	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	CHINCA	Ergio	40	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
I° Av.	"	AUSIELLO	Giuseppe	38	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
I° Av.	"	CARFARELLI	Ottavio	33	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
Av. Sc.	"	BORINI	Romeo	50	Me ^a . Arg. al V.M.	Strongly
Av. All.	"	CIMINIELLO	Mario	35	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
Serg. M. Arm.	GIANNINI	Gior'ano	49	Me ^a . Arg. al V.M.	Recommend	
"	"	PETROSINO	Giuseppe	35	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Strongly
Serg.	Arm.	D'ANGELO	Salvatore	57	Med. Arg. al V.M.	Strongly
"	"	VILLA	Vittoriano	38	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
"	"	SALOMIA	Emanuele	30	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	PAMOSO	Rosario	34	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	
I° Av.	"	ANDRIANO	Giuseppe	42	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommend
I° Av.	"	FULGIONE	Ugo	39	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
Av. Sc.	"	CARBONE	Mario	47	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
Av. Sc.	"	RINALDI	Sauro	31	Med. Br. al V.M.	Recommend
Av. Sc.	"	TURTURO	Vincenzo	42	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	Recommend
Av. All.	"	POSILLIPO	Arman'o	35	Me ^a . Br. al V.M.	

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	n° azioni	Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
to	34	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
are	32	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
islao	65	Iron. Aiut. Datt. per M.G.	
angelo	43	Promoz. per M.G.	Very strongly recommended
enzo	26	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
io	32	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
io	49	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
zo	42	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
quale	36	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
enio	32	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
o	38	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
o	41	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
o	40	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
eppe	38	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
vio	33	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
o	50	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	Strongly Recommended
o	35	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
ano	49	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	Recommended
eppe	35	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
atore	57	Me ^o . Arg. al V.M.	Strongly recommended
oriano	38	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
uele	20	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
rio	34	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
eppe	42	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
	39	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	
o	47	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
o	31	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
enzo	42	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	Recommended
o	35	Me ^o . Br. al V.M.	

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Grado - Cognome		Nome	Ricompensa proposta	
Serg. Magg. Mot.	SACCHI	Carlo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>alta</i>
I° Av.	TACCONI	Venanzio	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	PISANO	Francesco	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	FEDERZONI	Ivo	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	GIBERTINI	Lorenzo	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av. Sc.	FULITO	Matteo	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	ANTONACCI	Vittorio	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	FERRETTI	Enrico	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	CANTATORE	Pasquale	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av. All.	BENADUSI	Amos	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Mar. Ilo Mont.	CAPPELLINI	Aurelio	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Serg. Magg.	FULITO	Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Serg. Magg.	PASQUI	Luigi	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I° Av.	DAL FARA	Amerigo	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av. Sc.	BERTOZ	Alfo	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av. Sc.	SEMERARO	Luciano	Promoz. a specialista	.....
Av. Sc.	BALZAN	Luono	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av. Sc.	CICCIOLI	Sergio	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Serg. Elettr.	BULZONI	Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Mar. Elettr/co	DE QUERQUIS	Renato	Promoz. a scelta	
Ten. G.A.R.I.	CIAMPOLINI	Giulio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>alta</i>

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	Nome	Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
	Carlo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Strongly Recommended</i>
	Venanzio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Francesco	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
I	Ivo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
I	Lorenzo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Matteo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
I	Vittorio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Enrico	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
E	Vasquale	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Amos	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
NI	Aurelio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Luigi	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
A	Amerigo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Aldo	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
O	Luciano	Promoz. a specialista	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Luino	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
I	Gergio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
	Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
UIS	Renato	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
NI	Giulio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Strongly Recommended</i>

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ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEL PERSONALE DELLA 254^a UNITA' R.S.U. PROPOSTO PER RICOMPENSA

SPECIALISTI A TERRA

Grado Cognome e Nome		Ricompensa proposta	
Av. Governo	CARPINETI A'elmo	Promoz. a ^o Av.Sc. e nomina a ^o Aiuto Specialista	.....
Av. Governo	NOIRANO Mario	come sopra	.....
Av. Governo	VENTRICIA Giuseppe	come sopra	.....
Serg.Magg.Mont.	BARBILEI Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I ^o Av.	"DI MANNA Domenico	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I ^o Av. Mot.	MARINI Tommaso	Promoz. a scelta	.....
I ^o Av.Mont.	AULINO Giovanni	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av.Sc.Mot.	VINCI Pasquale	Promoz. a scelta e commutaz. ferma	.....
Av.Sc.Ar.	LEGGERO Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av.Sc.A.Ant.	FAGGIOLI Giulio	Promoz. a scelta	.....
Av.All.El.	NAVACCI Augusto	Promoz. a scelta e nomina a specialista	
Av.All.Mare.	VARONE Onesino	come sopra	

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NALE DELLA 254^a UNITA' R.S.U. PROPOSTO PER RICOMPENSA PER LAVORO SVOLTO.

Nome	Ricompensa proposta	Note e osservazioni
A'elmo	Promoz. a ^o Av.Sc. e nomina a ^o Aiuto Specialista	 <i>Strongly Recommended</i>
Mario	come sopra	 <i>Strongly Recommended</i>
Giuseppe	come sopra	 <i>Strongly Recommended</i>
Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Domenico	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Tommaso	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Giovanni	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Pasquale	Promoz. a scelta e commutaz. ferma	 <i>Recommended</i>
Giuseppe	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Giulio	Promoz. a scelta	 <i>Recommended</i>
Augusto	Promoz. a scelta e nomina a specialista	 <i>Recommended</i>
Onesino	come sopra	 <i>Recommended</i>

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From :- Group Captain D.C. Stapleton, D.F.C. A.F.C.

254 Wing,
R.A.F. C.M.F.

30th May, 1945.

DC/DCS/254

Dear

I am enclosing a list of honours and awards proposed and submitted for my remarks from the O.C. Stormo Baltimore, Lt. Col. Roveda. He has sent a duplicate list with his own remarks through the Regia Aeronautica channels.

It is a curious system of recommendations but so far as my own and my specialist officers are capable, through knowledge of the ~~reasons~~ ^{reasons} of making remarks on them I have incorporated these on the attached lists. Those left blank I am either doubtful of recommending or have no knowledge of their work.

In connection with these recommendations I wish to mention three names which do not appear on these lists.

Firstly Lt. Colonel Roveda. - I must state that this Officer has commanded the Stormo with distinction. He is an officer with a very high degree of intelligence who has under very adverse circumstances maintained a morale and technical standard of a very high order. His difficulties when controlling a formation with very much less technical equipment have been met and overcome by his determination to show that his men could perform as well as the next. The standard of their results achieved is a tribute to his capabilities. He has co-operated admirably and has always shown a great spirit of loyalty. I recommend him most strongly for a high award - *Arranzamento per M. Guerra.*

Secondly F/O De Beneducci. - This Officer has done a very difficult job excellently. He has a good deal of intelligence and has used it to maintain an admirable spirit of co-operation in all administrative matters. I should like to recommend him for a Mention in Despatches in any award list you may be submitting from A.F.S.C.

Thirdly Lt. Gmeiner. - As you know, this officer speaks more than excellent English and he combines his interpreters abilities with a high degree of common sense. Lt. Col. Roveda has recommended him for a permanent commission but he is not prepared to take it unless given it with his present seniority i.e. Lieutenant - which after all is not very high. He certainly has the ability for even captain's rank as he could I imagine, very well enter the Italian Diplomatic Service or be an able Air Attaché in England. He is quite keen to get back onto flying particularly heavy bombers or transport work but he is very uncertain of his position at the moment. Probably his best employment in the immediate future is to continue with A.C.C. work in the North of Italy which he knows backwards.

I am enclosing the latest and last operational return for 132 and 28 Squadrons which you may like to have for record purposes.

May I thank you for your very kind remarks in para. 5 of your ^{5.3.4} D.C. dated 5th May. We are truly sorry to see them go and wish yourself Sir, and the Stormo the very best of luck in the future.

Yours very sincerely *Group Captain Stapleton*.

A.V.M. I.E. Brodie, O.B.E.

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DATE	NO OF A/C DETAINED.	RUB	NO OF A/C ATTACHING	LEADER'S NAME	TARGET OR ALTERNATIVE	RESULTS	PICTO ERROR	R E M
<u>APRIL</u>								
1st.	12	-	12	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	200 700	
2nd	12	-	12	Capt Rindone Capt Marescalchi	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss Miss	210 558	Direct hits on
3rd	12	-	12	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	245 570	2 direct hits
	6	-	6	Capt Balboni	"	Miss	440	1 stray bomb
5th	12	-	12	Capt Rindone Capt Marescalchi	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss	650 150	
	6	-	6	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Hit	-	Many hits on
6th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. Stojan Pt.	-	-	Did not bomb
7th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. Kristophor Pt.	-	-	Did not bomb
8th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. " "	Miss	380	
9th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss	80 240	
	9	-	9	Capt Rindone	W/Y Zenica.	-	-	Did not bomb
10th	9	1	8	Capt Graziani	W/Y Zenica.	-	-	Did not bomb
	6	-	6	Capt Rindone	Gun Battery No. 52 Lussino	Hit.	-	
11th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	R/Yds Zavidovici	Hit	137	Track possible
12th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	W/T S. of Englaç	Miss	290	
15th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Porto Brioni.	Miss	300	
	2	-	2	Capt Minviti Lt. Crespi	Leaflet dropping Lussino	-	-	
16th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions ERY.	Hit	-	Both gun posns

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NO OF VC ATTACKING	LEADER'S NAME	TARGET OR ALTERNATIVE	RESULTS	PHOTO ERROR	REMARKS
12	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	200 700	
12	Capt Rindone Capt Marescalchi	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss Miss	240 558	Direct hits of 20 w/ gun positions.
12	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	245 570	2 direct hits on road.
6	Capt Balboni	"	Miss	440	1 stray bomb hit bridge S. end.
12	Capt Rindone Capt Marescalchi	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss	650 150	
6	Capt Rindone	Bridge at Otoka	Hit	-	Many hits on approach and direct hits.
12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. Stojan Pt.	-	-	Did not bomb due to weather.
12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. Kristophor Pt.	-	-	Did not bomb due to weather.
12	Capt Graziani	Gun posns " "	Miss	380	
12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss	80 240	
9	Capt Rindone	M/Y Zenica.	-	-	Did not bomb due to weather.
8	Capt Graziani	M/Y Zenica.	-	-	Did not bomb due to weather.
6	Capt Rindone	Gun Battery No. 52 Iussino Mt.	Hit	-	
12	Capt Graziani	M/Yda Zavidovici	Hit	137	Track possibly cut by 2 bombs.
12	Capt Graziani	M/T S. of Maglaj	Miss	290	
12 2	Capt Graziani Capt Minniti Lt. Crespi	Porto Brioni. Leaflet dropping Iussino	Miss -	300 -	
12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions KRZ.	Hit	-	Both gun positions covered by bomb bursts.

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12th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	N/T S. of Engleaj	Miss	250	
15th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Porto Brioni.	Miss	300	
	2	-	2	Capt Minniti Lt. Grespi	Leaflet dropping Lussino	-	-	
16th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions AN.	Hit	-	Both gun pos.
17th	12	-	10	Capt Graziani	Interdiction of Y/L.	Hit	100	Line and road
	2	-	2	Capt Rindone Capt Minniti S.Maj. Centori	Brod-Novska Leaflet dropping	Miss	120	did not take
18th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Capt Rindone	Rly Patrino Popovaca ST 753320	Miss Nr Miss	400 100	
19th	9	-	9	Capt Graziani	Gun posn. No. 52 Lussino	Miss	150	Aimed for wrong
	6	-	5	Capt Rindone	Asinello guns Lussino.	Hit	-	Direct hit. 1
20th	9	-	9	Capt Graziani	Gun posn No 43 Cherso.	Hit	-	Direct hit.
21st	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Lt. Salvatore	R/Yd Popovaca	Hit Miss	- 200	Direct hit on Very good com
23rd	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Lt. Salvatore	R/Y Banova Jaruga. R/Y Popovaca	Miss "	200 310	Bombs in open do.
24th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Lt. Salvatore	R/Y Banova Jaruga	Hit "	- 135	Both boxes on
	1	-	1	S.Maj Bottini	Leaflets on Istria	-	-	
25th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Lt. Salvatore	R/L Popovaca	Hit Hit	- 135	
26th	12	-	12	Capt Graziani Lt. Salvatore	R/L Popovaca	Miss Miss	80 450	Bombs fell in

STATISTICS

Total operational hours	- 743 1/2
Total operational sorties	- 290
Total number of aircraft attacking	- 287
Total number of sorties abortive :-	
due to weather	- 41
other reasons	- 1
Total bomb tonnage dropped	- 210
Total operating days	- 22

Losses	- Nil
Accidents	- 3
Average hit probability.	- 43.72 .87 increase on
Average miss probability	- 56.28 .87 decrease on
Average serviceability	- 89.79 5.19 increase on
Average bombing error	- 215 yds. 135 yds decrease
Average effort per operating day	- 13.2 a/o.

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12	Capt Graziani	N/T S. of Maglarj	Miss	250	
12	Capt Graziani	Porto Briond.	Miss	300	
2	Capt Minniti Lt. Grospl	Leaflet dropping Lussino	-	-	
12	Capt Graziani	Gun positions RRL	Hit	-	Both gun positions covered by bomb bursts.
10	Capt Graziani	Interdiction of N/L	Hit	100	Same and road cut. 2 aircraft
	Capt Rindone	Brod-Novska	Miss	120	did not take off.
2	Capt Minniti S. Maj. Centoni	Leaflet dropping	-	-	
12	Capt Graziani	Rly Patrino Popovaca	Miss	400	
	Capt Rindone	SP 753320	Nr Miss	100	
9	Capt Graziani	Gun posns. No. 52 Lussino	Miss	150	Aimed for wrong pinpoint.
5	Capt Rindone	Asinello guns Lussino.	Hit	-	Direct hit. 1 a/c did not take off.
9	Capt Graziani	Gun posns No 1/3 Cherso.	Hit	-	Direct hit. Excellent bombing.
12	Capt Graziani	N/Yd Popovaca	Hit	-	Direct hit on N/Y.
	Lt. Salvatore		Miss	200	Very good concentration on road N. of N/Y.
12	Capt Graziani	N/Y Banova Jaruga.	Miss	200	Bombs in open country.
	Lt. Salvatore	N/Y Popovaca	"	340	do.
12	Capt Graziani	N/Y Banova Jaruga	Hit	-	
	Lt. Salvatore		"	135	Both boxes out trucks.
1	S. Maj Bottini	Leaflets on Istria	-	-	
12	Capt Graziani	N/L Popovaca	Hit	-	
	Lt. Salvatore		Hit	135	
12	Capt Graziani	N/L Popovaca	Miss	80	
	Lt. Salvatore		Miss	450	Bombs fell in open country.

STATISTICS

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Losses

Accidents

Average hit probability.

Average miss probability

Average serviceability

Average bombing error

Average effort per

operating day

- Nil

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- 43.72%

- 56.28%

- 89.79%

- 245 yds.

- 13.2 a/o.

.87% increase on last month.

.87% decrease on last month.

5.19% increase on last month.

133 yds decrease on last month.

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ASSESSMENTS

Flying Discipline	- Good. Take off and landing drill needs	/Inclination to rush both o
Formation flying	- Above average.	
Flying punctuality	- Good	
Air W/T and R/T efficiency	- Average	
Navigational efficiency	- Average	
Bombing efficiency	- 1st half of month below average; 2nd h	Improvement in both patterns and a
Photographic efficiency	- Average. Much improvement.	

REMARKS.

This Squadron's general all round flying efficiency improved greatly over last month and if continued will rapidly achieve above average generally. Credit due to maintenance crews for high serviceability rate and low R.T.B. returns.

D.C. STABLETON
Group Captain,
Commanding,
No. 25, Wing,
R.A.F. C.M.F.

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ASSESSMENTS

Flying Discipline	- Good. Take off and landing drill needs careful supervision.	/Inclination to rush both on take off and landing.
Formation flying	- Above average.	
Flying punctuality	- Good	
Air W/T and R/T efficiency	- Average	
Navigation efficiency	- Average	
Bombing efficiency	- 1st half of month below average; 2nd half Average and great improvement in both patterns and aiming.	
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25A WING MONTHLY MISSION ANALYSIS28 SQUADRON, I.A.F.

DATE	NO OF A/C Detailed.	REB	NO OF A/C ATTACKING	LEADERS NAMES	TARGET OR ALTERNATIVE	RESULTS	PHOTO ERROR	REMARKS
<u>APRIL</u>								
1st.	12	-	12	Lt Col Moci	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	330	
2nd.	12	1	11	Lt Col Moci Capt Scapellato	Gun positions E. of Rab Town.	Miss Miss	114 700	Near miss on gun Direct hit on 2
3rd.	12 6	1 -	11 6	Lt. Col Moci Capt Scapellato	Bridge at Otoka " " "	Miss Miss	200 450	Direct hits on Bad pattern.
5th.	12 6	- -	12 6	Lt Col Moci Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Gun positions E. of Rab town. Bridge at Otoka	Hit Miss Miss	- 350 380	
6th.	12	-	12	Lt. Col Moci	Gun positions Stojan Pt.	Miss	324	Bombs very scat
7th	12	-	12	Lt Col Moci	Gun positions Kristophor Pt.	Miss	450	All bombs in sea
8th	12	-	12	Lt Col Moci	" "	Hit	-	Probable damage
9th	12 9	- -	12 9	Capt Scapellato Lt Col Moci	Gun positions E. of Rab town. R/Yda Zenica.	Miss Miss	520 500	
10th	9 2 6	- - -	9 2 6	Lt Col Moci Capt Scapellato Lt. Gioce Lt. Laurensa	R/Yda Zenica- Leaflet dropping. " " Gun Battery No. 52 Bussino.	- - - Miss	- - - 550	Did not bomb due
11th	12	2	10	Lt Col Moci	R/Yd Zavidovici	Hit	90	Track out, posa
12th	12	-	12	Lt Col Moci Lt Laurensa	R/T S. of Maglaj	Hit Miss	- 400	Direct hit. Road hit at diff
13th	12	3	9	Lt Col Moci	Porto Brioni	-	-	Did not bomb.
16th	12	-	12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Pinpoint SF 711331	Miss Hit	300 100	Direct hit on 1

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NO OF A/C ATTACKING	LEADERS NAMES	TARGET OR ALTERNATIVE	RESULTS	PHOTO ERROR	REMARKS
12	Lt Col Mool	Bridge at Otoka	Miss	330	
11	Lt Col Mool Capt Scapellato	Gun positions E. of Rab Town.	Miss Miss	114 700	Near miss on gun positions Direct hit on 2 x 20 m/m guns.
11 6	Lt. Col Mool Capt Scapellato	Bridge at Otoka " " "	Miss Miss	200 450	Direct hits on road N. of bridge Bad pattern.
12 6	Lt Col Mool Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Gun positions E. of Rab town. Bridge at Otoka	Hit Miss Miss	- 350 380	
12	Lt. Col Mool	Gun positions Stojan Pt.	Miss	324	Bombs very scattered.
12	Lt Col Mool	Gun positions Kristopher Pt.	Miss	450	All bombs in sea.
12	Lt Col Mool	" "	Hit	-	Probable damage and direct hits.
12	Capt Scapellato	Gun positions E. of Rab town.	Miss	520	
9	Lt Col Mool	R/Yds Zenica.	Miss	500	
9 2	Lt Col Mool Capt Scapellato	R/Yds Zenica. Leaflet dropping.	- -	- -	Did not bomb due to weather.
6	Lt. Cloce Lt. Laurenza	" Gun Battery No. 52 Lusino.	- Miss	- 550	
10	Lt Col Mool	R/Yds Zavidovici	Hit	90	Track cut, possible damage to tracks.
12	Lt Col Mool Lt Laurenza	R/T S. of Maglaj	Hit Miss	400	Direct hit. Road hit at different pin point.
9	Lt Col Mool	Porto Brioni	-	-	Did not bomb.
12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Pinpoint SF 711331	Miss Hit	300 100	Direct hit on line.

11th	12	2	10	Lt Col Moci	R/Ya Zavidovici	Hit	90	Target out, poss
12th	12	-	12	Lt Col Moci Lt Laurenza	R/Y S. of Maglaj	Hit Miss	400	Direct hit. Road hit at dis
13th	12	3	9	Lt Col Moci	Porto Brioni	-	-	Did not bomb.
16th	12	-	12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Pinpoint SW 711331	Miss Hit	300 400	Direct hit on
17th	12	1	11	Capt Scapellato	Interdiction of R/L Brod - Novska	Miss "	450 ?	N.P.L. impossi
18th	10	1	9	Lt Col Moci	Rly Battirina-Popovaca	Miss	300	
19th	9	1	8	Lt Col Moci	Gun position No. 52 Lussino	Miss	750	
	6	-	6	Capt Scapellato	Asinello guns Lussino	Miss	700	
20th	9	2	7	Capt Scapellato	Gun posn No 50 Cherno	Miss	500	
23rd	6	-	6	Capt Sanseverino	Railway Popovaca	Miss	300	
	1	-	1	Lt Fumagalli	Leaflet dropping.	-	-	
24th	12	-	12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	N/Y Banova Jaruga	Miss -	600 -	Did not bomb d
25th	12	-	12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	N/Y Banova Jaruga	Miss Miss	? ?	No photographs evasive action
30th	6	-	6	Capt Scapellato	Interdiction R/L Popovaca-Bagreb	-	-	Recalled due t

STATISTICS

Total operational hours	- 740 1/2	Losses	- Nil
Total operational sorties	- 261	Accidents	- 2
Total number of aircraft attacking	- 253	Average hit probability	- 17.2% 32.76 decrease
Total number of sorties abortive:-		Average miss probability	- 82.76 32.76 increase
Due to weather	- 27	Average serviceability	- 84.06 .84 decrease
Other reasons	- 21	Average bombing error	- 371 yds 47 yds increase
Total bomb tonnage dropped	- 186	Average effort per	
Total operating days	- 21	operating day	- 12.6 a/c 3.1 a/c increase

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10	Lt Col Mool	R/Ya Zavidovici	Hit	90	Track cut, possible damage to tracks.
12	Lt Col Mool Lt Laurenea	N/T S. of Maglaj	Hit Miss	400	Direct hit. Road hit at different pin point.
9	Lt Col Mool	Porto Saloni	-	-	Did not bomb.
12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	Pinpoint SP 711331	Miss Hit	300 400	Direct hit on line.
11	Capt Scapellato	Interdiction of R/L Brod - Novska	Miss "	450 ?	M.P.I. Impossible to assess bombs scattered.
9	Lt Col Mool	Rly Battrina-Popovaca	Miss	300	
8	Lt Col Mool	Gun position No. 52 Lussino	Miss	750	
6	Capt Scapellato	Asinello guns Lussino	Miss	700	
7	Capt Scapellato	Gun posn No 50 Cherec	Miss	590	
6	Capt Sanseverino	Railway Popovaca	Miss	380	
1	Lt Tumagalli	Leaflet dropping.	-	-	
12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	N/Y Banova Jaruga	Miss -	600 -	Did not bomb due to weather.
12	Capt Scapellato Capt Sanseverino	N/Y Banova Jaruga	Miss Miss	? ?	No photographs due to evasive action.
6	Capt Scapellato	Interdiction R/L Popovaca-Jagreb	-	-	Recalled due to weather.

STATISTICS

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Shortive:-	- 261	Accidents	- 2	
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	- 21	Average effort per operating day	- 12.6 a/c	5.1 a/c increase on last month.

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ASSESSMENTS

Flying Discipline	- Good
Formation flying	- Above average.
Flying punctuality	- Good.
Air W/T and R/T efficiency	- Average. Improvement shown on R/T.
Navigation efficiency	- Below average.
Bombing efficiency	- Bad. Patterns very bad but effort shown to improve.
Photographic efficiency	- Average but affected occasionally by unnecessary evasive action.

REMARKS. A most disappointing month. Results indicating the need for intensive training in bomb navigation, and correct bomb releases over target.

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No. 254 Wing
R.A.F. C.M.

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Disappointing month. Results indicating the need for intensive training in bomb aiming, and correct bomb releases over target.

D.C. STAPLETON
Group Captain,
Commanding,
No. 254 Wing,
R.A.F. C.M.E.

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To : - 1 R.A.F. BASE AREA 2 R.A.F. BASE AREA 3 R.A.F. BASE AREA
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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C. (POME) H.Q., (U) M.A.C.A.F.

From : - Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

2/307 : 31st May, 1945.

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AWARDS TO FOREIGN SUBJECTS.

Notification has been received from Air Ministry that approval has been given in principle for the institution of two new medals for award to foreign subjects, namely (1) The King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom, and (2) the King's Medal for Service to the Cause of Freedom.

2. These medals are intended primarily for award to Allied and neutral civilians (male or female) without distinction of status or rank for services during the present war. They can also be awarded to foreign military personnel who have rendered special services outside the scope of normal military duties.

3. The first mentioned medal will be awarded only for acts of courage entailing risk to life or for service entailing dangerous work in dangerous circumstances. It is intended mainly for those who render assistance to prisoners of war or personnel escaping but may also be awarded for other dangerous services.

4. The second award is for meritorious service such as that rendered by persons in the United States who assisted British relief, organised Bunkers for Britain etc., and by United States Diplomatic and Consular officers in Europe and elsewhere who were concerned with representation of British interests between September 1939 and December 1941.

5. The ribbons for the medals will be issued to recipients as soon as the awards are made, but the design and manufacture of the medals themselves will be postponed until the end of the war. The grant of either medal would not disqualify the recipient for other awards such as the G.M., M.B.E., etc. in respect of other services.

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6. You are invited to make recommendations for the following awards: - Courage George Medal; British Empire Medal; British Empire Order (appropriate Class Military or Civil Division); King's Medal for Service to the Cause of Freedom; King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom; Commendation for brave conduct; Other Service British Empire Order (appropriate Class Military or Civil Division), British Empire Medal.

7. Appointments to the British Empire Order and the Award of the British Empire Medal should be recommended in exceptional cases only. In the majority of cases the appropriate King's Medal should be recommended. Recommendations should give brief but adequate indication of the nature of the services rendered, the awards proposed, names in full, address, occupation, age, nationality, title or rank (i.e. normal prefix showing for women whether married or unmarried) and should be arranged in order of priority.

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3. Recommendations in triplicate should be submitted to this Headquarters as soon as possible. Those in respect of United States nationals should be submitted so as to reach this Headquarters not later than 8th June, 1945. Nil Returns are required.

2. Acknowledgement of this postagram is requested from all addressees.

Originator's
Signature.

Wing
Commander.

Amend
Senior Personnel Staff Officer.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/751/P1.

26th May 1945.

Dear

With reference to your enquiry as to whether or not the Americans are giving decorations to the Italians, I attach a list of decorations which have been given to Italian Air Force personnel by the Americans, and also a list of Italian decorations which, so far as we know, have been given to Americans.

Yours

R.B.

Air Vice-Marshal G. Baker, CB, CBE, MC,
Headquarters,
E.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: G.1 H.Q. Fifth Army

Date: 20th May, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/751/P1

GENERAL D.A. UMBERTO CAPPA

A request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that the certificate relative to the award of the Bronze Star to the a/m officer in January last, be forwarded to them.

This Sub-Commission will be grateful if this could be done, and will be pleased to forward the required document on its receipt from you.


F.L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

From : Italian Air Ministry, Cabinet of the Minister
To : AFSC (through Liaison Office)
Date : 14th May 1945
Ref. : 14237/3006 Coll.

GENERAL D.A. UMBERTO CAPPAS.

This Ministry received information on January last from War Ministry that the Commander 5th American Army has granted to Gen. D.A. Cappas Umberto a decoration "Bronze Star".

We kindly request you that the certificate relative to the a/m decoration be forwarded to us.

by order of
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

translated by E. Gasparini





MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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Oggetto: Generale D.A. Umberto Cappa.-

Questo Ministero ha ricevuto comunicazione nel gennaio u.s. dal Ministero della Guerra dell'avvuta concessione da parte del Comandante la 5^a Armata Americana al Gen. di D.A. CAPPÀ Umberto della medaglia "Stella di Bronzo".

2. Si prega vivamente codesta Sottocommissione di voler richiedere la trasmissione a questo Ministero del diploma relativo alla sopraindicata decorazione. =

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Alf. Mauri

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: MAJOR C.W. MACINTOSH,
TAC H.Q.
NO.1 SPECIAL FORCE.

DATE: 20TH APRIL, 1945.

REF: AFSC/751/P1.

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1A
Thank you for your letter of the 16th April 1945 recommending Lieut. LAURI for a British decoration. We are very glad to hear that LAURI has done so well, but are afraid that it is not possible to recommend him for a decoration as none are, at the present, being given to the Italians.

2. However, his name has been noted and will be submitted through the usual channels, if and when the ban is lifted.

I.E. Brodie
I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Tac H.Q.,
No:1 Special Force.

16th April 1945.

Sir,

I am very glad to report that since my last letter Lieut. LAURI has successfully completed three pick-up operations.

In all cases seriously wounded Allied officers have been evacuated from E.O.T. All operations have been carried out in daylight and have added greatly both to the prestige of the British missions in the field and to partisan morale. It is also a great consolation to our officers to know that, if they are wounded in action in E.O.T., they can be safely brought out to A.O.T. within a few hours.

All these operations have only been possible by the use of the FIESELER STORCH; no other aircraft could possibly land on such short grounds.

The aircraft not only brought the wounded officers but also the very important documents captured in the successful attacks we have recently made on:

- (a) HQ 51 German Mtn Corps (in which the Chief of Staff and many other officers are known to have been killed and the General is believed to have been killed)
- (b) HQ ITALIA DIVISION in which the entire signals staff of the Div HQ were captured.

I would be glad, Sir, if you would consider the possibility of recommending Lieut. F. LAURI for a BRITISH decoration in view of his very gallant operations he has undertaken in our service. If you consider it desirable ~~and~~ I would be glad to set out the details of the operations in a letter.

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All these operations have only been possible by the use of the FIESELER STORCH; no other aircraft could possibly land on such short grounds.

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