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Maj Stearns--

Maj Timmons called to find out what the Degree of the award is to be for Col Howell. Gen. Infante in his letter asks that the Colonel's name be added to the list but doesn't state what Degree of the Order of the Crown of Italy. I tried to call Gen Infante but he left for Northern Italy this morning.

Sgt HP

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Translation

L180/A.G.

Rome, 28 June 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Colonel Edmund O. Howell has just be mentioned, to be given an Italian decoration. It seems he was in charge of the operations in Portezza for the transport to Rome of the numismatic collection of H.M. the King.

Referring to my letter of the 9th, N. 3866/A.G., I beg you to add his name to the list of the officers to whom H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom meant to grant a decoration, if you have nothing against it.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. Gen. A. Infante

Rear Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
A.G.

Rome

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Roma, 28 giugno 1945

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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Caro Brumbyli Hon,

Per la concessione di una onorificenza italiana, è stato ora segnalato il Colonnello Edmund O. Howell, il quale, particolarmente, avrebbe diretto le operazioni a Fortezza per il trasporto a Roma della collezione numismatica di S.M. il Re.

Con riferimento alla mia lettera del 5 corrente N. 3866/A.G., La prego, pertanto, di voler cortesemente aggiungere il suo nome all'elenco degli ufficiali cui S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di concedere una distinzione cavalleresca, qualora nulla ostasse da Sua parte.

Le rinnovo, con l'occasione, i più distinti saluti.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

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Rear Admiral Ellery STONE
Chief Commissioner

A. C.

ROMA

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

RGK/FRH/HV

File: 200.6

28 June 1945

X-201-Ciaburri, Gerald (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 312, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Gerald Ciaburri, 31279663, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company "A", 3675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri served as the mail clerk in Toscana Region Headquarters, Allied Military Government. He was solely responsible for the receipt, registration, routing and dispatch of all official and personal mail. In addition to his duties he volunteered and assisted to a very great extent in handling the many daily inquiries and callers to Region Headquarters and acted as an interpreter when called upon in this capacity. Without any difficulties arising, such a considerable task would have been hard to accomplish with a large staff of clerks. However, due to the shortage of military clerks, Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri volunteered to assume the task alone. The headquarters of Toscana moved no less than five times in eleven months. Each change of location meant new mail collection centers, the establishment of new courier services, new locations, branches and divisions and new hours for the receipt and dispatch of mail.

3. Personal mail for four hundred and fifty officers and enlisted men in addition to the regular official mail which needed to be distributed to scattered points all over a large region to small groups who are continually changing location, both within and outside the Region, was efficiently handled by Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri. Upon receipt of the mail and other communications it was his responsibility to sort it, register it and route it to no less than nine provinces, seventeen divisional and branch offices and numerous Italian Government offices and agencies. He was continually being interrupted to assist in the work of handling inquiries, acting as an interpreter and receiving messages. The only one method by which this gigantic task could be accomplished by one man was the very greatest devotion to duty, unselfishness and an unprecedented sense of loyalty. Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri displayed such a devotion, tireless energy, unselfishness and loyalty in a manner unequalled by any officer or enlisted man in the Region. His cheerfulness in an exceptionally busy message center, his helpfulness, his ever evident courtesy, and his willingness to assist whomever and whenever he could was an example and inspiration to everyone with whom he came into contact. His devotion to duty

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kept him at work until the last document or letter had been safely recorded and dispatched. To this enlisted man's voluntary acceptance of a difficult and exhausting task, to his initiative and reliability and faithfulness, much of the success of Toscano Region can be attributed. He has maintained a high standard of loyalty throughout every moment of his valuable service with Region Headquarters and his unselfishness and devotion to duty have not been surpassed by any personnel of the region.

4. Technician Fifth Grade Giabarri's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Armed Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the enlisted man's assignment to the 2675th Regiment he was a Private First Class. He was assigned duties of mail clerk of Toscano Region, Allied Military Government. The enlisted man was promoted to Technician Fifth Grade on 17 November 1944. He is presently assigned to Company "I", 2675th Regiment, as a clerk in Regional Headquarters, Laquila Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this ward has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technician Fifth Grade Giabarri.

7. All subsequent services of the enlisted man have been notable.
8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.
9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, Field Artillery
Regional Commissioner

1 Inc:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Ciaburri, Gerald (Enl)

(28 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

x-201-Ciaburri, Gerald (Enl)

(28 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELMER H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Ciaburri, Gerald (Enl)

(28 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 28 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 912,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
n/c

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511/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Gerald Ciaburri, 31279663, Company "1", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. By his tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty, Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri, while serving as Mail Clerk, made an extraordinary and outstanding individual contribution to the accomplishments of Toscana Region. Because of the shortage of military clerks, he volunteered to accept the duties normally allotted to several clerks in the task of receiving, sorting, registering, routing and dispatching of official and personal mail of the Region. His headquarters changed location five times in eleven months. Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri met the disruptions with cheerfulness. He performed other duties, acted as interpreter to civilian inquirers and assisted immeasurably with an unsurpassed cheerfulness. Despite the changes in his headquarters he established new schedules for the receipt and dispatch of mail to no less than nine provinces, seventeen divisional and branch offices, and numerous Italian Government Offices and agencies. His individual efforts have made a direct material contribution to the success of the accomplishments of Toscana Region. Technician Fifth Grade Ciaburri's tireless energy, loyalty and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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HEADQUARTERS
FLORENCE PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LJE/FRN/WW

File: 200.6

28 June 1945

X-201-Sorisi, Charles P. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Charles P. Sorisi, 31261215, Staff Sergeant, Company "E", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As noncommissioned officer in charge of the Provincial Labor Office and the Employment Office for the Allied Military Government in the Province of Leghorn, Italy, Sergeant Sorisi had the responsibility of giving supervision to the office and maintaining all liaison with some eighty-five military establishments in the area of Pisa and Leghorn. In order to facilitate the smooth operation of the Labor Office, Sergeant Sorisi constantly assumed and carried out the responsibility normally assigned to commissioned officers with a high degree of skill. The basic functions of the Labor Office were to employ local civilian labor for the Armed Forces to negotiate labor disputes between civilian employers and employees and to make reports on labor conditions in the area.

3. Sergeant Sorisi, in supervising the work of this office, trained a staff of fifty civilian employees and issued orders and directives necessary for the smooth functioning of the work. Sergeant Sorisi materially aided the war effort and military operations in Italy in all labor problems which included the employment of about thirty thousand workers. He made all arrangements from extraneous sources for the transportation of these employees to and from work, provided food and clothing for them, and maintained a close relationship with all Royal Navy, British, Brazilian and American Land, Naval and Air Forces located in the area. Sergeant Sorisi maintained a close liaison with the Labor Office of the Peninsula Base Section and supplied about twenty thousand civilian workers to that headquarters. He also developed policies on labor practice in cooperation with that headquarters, and supplied it with numerous reports on civilian conditions in that area. 863

4. In order to prevent labor unrest in the area, it was necessary to secure prompt action on food and clothing problems and to obtain approval from Headquarters, Allied Commission for certain corrective measures. His lucid presentation of problems, his grasp of proper solutions and the results of his work were reflected in the smooth functioning of civilian labor operations with a minimum of unrest and dissention. Sergeant Sorisi was additionally of great assistance because of his excellent command of

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the Italian language. Very few English-speaking persons were available in Leghorn and only one was employed by the Labor Office. The civilian employees and the entire program arranged for by Sergeant Sorisi made an immeasurable contribution to the Port and port installations in the Leghorn area. Since the major portion of food, ammunition and transportation supplies were being handled at this large port for onward movement to the combat forces, Sergeant Sorisi's planning and carrying out of the policies established by him materially aided the work of military authorities at the Port and movement of urgently needed supplies to the front.

5. The outstanding devotion to duty and tireless energy of Staff Sergeant Sorisi are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

6. The enlisted man was a Staff Sergeant at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment. He has held alternate assignments of Assistant to the Labor Liaison Officer, Labor Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, and as enlisted assistant to the Deputy Director of Labor Sub-Commission in liaison missions between the Allied Forces and local civilian labor organizations.

7. The enlisted man is presently a Staff Sergeant and is assigned to Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as Chief Clerk of the Labor Office, Liguria Region.

8. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Sorisi.

9. All subsequent services of Staff Sergeant Sorisi have been honorable.

10. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

LESTER J. HENSLEY
Colonel, C.M.

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Sorisi, Charles P. (Enl)

(28 June 45)

1st Ind.

NET/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

x-201-Sorisi, Charles P. (Enl)

(28 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

x-201-Sorisi, Charles P. (Enl)

(28 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CME/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 28 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. E. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant Charles P. Sorisi, 31281205, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in his performance of outstanding services from 18 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Assigned to assist the Labor Liaison Officer at Leghorn, Italy, Staff Sergeant Sorisi was required in many instances to act in the absence of the officer and finally upon transfer of the Labor Officer performed all functions of a large labor and employment office established at Leghorn. The work involved employment, transportation, payment and feeding of some forty thousand civilian employees, working in port and port installations in the Leghorn area. This was the main artery of supply for the combat forces in the Northern part of Italy. He procured civilian workers through an efficient liaison with Italian organizations and supplied such laborers to the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, for the operation of the Port and contingent supply units. He also, by prompt and capable action, resolved several labor disputes before they grew large enough to interfere with the movement of supplies to the combat forces. As a result of his individual efforts, a material contribution was made, not only to the local civilian population, but also to the combat armies in Northern Italy. Sergeant Sorisi's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Westport, Connecticut.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JWC/FBW/mv

27 June 1945

File: 209.6

X-201-Padula, Louis J. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Louis J. Padula, 3L272751, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), formerly Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 13 September 1943 to 1 June 1945.

2. Sergeant Padula was assigned duty in September 1943 as Chief Clerk of the Legal Division, Region III, Allied Military Government and served in that capacity until October 1944. His knowledge of law and his administrative ability were an invaluable aid to the Regional Chief Legal Officer, in the organization of the first Allied Military Court System in the Fifth Army Area in Italy. In the same month Sergeant Padula, without regard for his own personal safety, volunteered to, and did prosecute, the first violators of Allied Military Government proclamations in Salerno while the city was under constant enemy artillery fire. Without the benefit of precedent, Sergeant Padula was directly responsible for the organization and operation of a complete filing and docket system which has come to be regarded and accepted as the standard operating procedure for all the Regional Legal Divisions of Allied Military Government in Italy. His education, training and executive ability were reflected in his supervision of all office procedure including the management of eighty-five civilian personnel and stenographers who staffed the courts and offices of the Legal Division.

3. Sergeant Padula's services were requested by all officers in the Regional Legal Office. His knowledge of law and the application thereof was utilized to the utmost. On two occasions he was appointed co-prosecutor in the trial of homicide cases. His examination of witnesses was masterful, his questions astute and his courtroom deportment demonstrated a wide and extensive training and experience, subsequently resulting in conviction of the accused. The services of Sergeant Padula were not confined to the Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commission, to which he was later assigned as Chief Clerk. The Welfare Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission utilized his special knowledge of orthopedic appliances. His services were utilized as a consultant to the Public Welfare Officer of this Sub-Commission in the officer's discussions with Italian officials. During the time Sergeant Padula acted as an advisor to Welfare Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission, he surveyed salvage dumps for material that could be converted into orthopedic appliances for crippled and mutilated

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children. Sergeant Padula's contribution to the Welfare Branch was made by him in addition to, and without interruption to, his regular work as Chief Clerk to the Public Safety Sub-Commission. His operations in civilian life have been reflected on numerous occasions in his poise, self-assurance and unflinching purposes. His excellent organizing ability and the facility of handling men in an understanding manner resulted in obtaining the maximum effort of all personnel whom he supervised. His efforts and keen understanding of the work and responsibility of his organization have directly resulted in assisting the successful completion of the mission of Allied Military Government.

4. Sergeant Padula's real and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the enlisted man's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Sergeant assigned to duty as Chief Clerk of the Legal Division, Region III, Allied Military Government. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 14 September 1944. In October 1944 he was assigned to duty as Chief Clerk of the Public Safety Sub-Commission. The enlisted man has now been transferred to the Seventh Replacement Depot effective 17 June 1945 for return to the Continental United States for discharge from the service under the provisions of Army Regulations 615-200.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Padula.

7. All subsequent services of the enlisted man have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Padula, Louis J. (Enl)

(27 June 45)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,

U. S. Army, 27 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

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x-201-Padula, Louis J. (Enl)

(27 June 45)

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 27 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

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x-201-Padula, Louis J. (Enl)

(27 June 45)

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 27 June 1945. 4857

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

a/c

PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Louis J. Padula, 31272751, formerly 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 13 September 1943 to 1 June 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Legal Division, Region III, Allied Military Government and Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Sergeant Padula's knowledge of law, administrative and organization ability, were invaluable aids in the establishment of the first Allied Military Court in the Fifth Army Area in Italy. Sergeant Padula, without regard for personal safety, volunteered to, and did prosecute, the first violators of Allied Military Government proclamations in areas in Italy still under constant enemy fire. Sergeant Padula was directly responsible for the organization and operation of a filing and docket system which is now adopted as the standard operating procedure for all Regional Legal Divisions of Allied Military Government in Italy. The enlisted man served as co-prosecutor in trials of homicide cases, and by his masterful handling of his courtroom work, obtained convictions against the defendants. In addition to his normal duties, Sergeant Padula served as advisor to the Welfare Officer of Allied Military Government in the use of orthopedic appliances. During his own free time Sergeant Padula personally surveyed salvage dumps for material which could be converted into orthopedic appliances for crippled and mutilated children. His services have directly contributed to the success of Allied Military Government operations in Italy. Sergeant Padula's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Norwalk, Connecticut.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JKN/FCN/IV

File: 200.6

27 June 1945

X-201-Stein, Eric (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Eric Stein, 36717093, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 28 October 1943 to 30 May 1945.

2. Staff Sergeant Stein was assigned to the Legal Sub-Commission in October 1943. He was required to accompany the Chief Legal Advisor from Africa to Brindisi, the seat of the first government of Marshal Badoglio. From the very beginning of his assignment, he performed the duties which would normally be required of a commissioned officer specialist. There being no additional staff in Brindisi, Sergeant Stein worked from ten to twelve hours daily. He prepared opinions on Italian and international law, in connection with advice given by the Chief Legal Advisor to the various sections of the then Allied Military Mission, later Allied Military Government/Allied Control Commission. At that time the first ground work was being laid to prepare a sound liaison and collaboration between the Legal Sub-Commission and the Italian Ministry of Justice. Staff Sergeant Stein contributed largely to the establishment of such liaison as a result of his daily personal contact with the various departments of the Ministry and his attendance at all meetings between the members of the Sub-Commission, and the Minister and his staff. His skill, tact and tenacity in the preparations of meetings and in his contact with the Ministry greatly facilitated the proper functioning of this phase of the work of the Sub-Commission.

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3. In addition to his personal contacts, Staff Sergeant Stein drafted a considerable part of the communications direct to the Ministry. The entirely novel character of this task presented continuously new problems which could not be solved by looking to any established routine procedure and required a great deal of imagination and initiative. The necessity to obtain rapid action from the Italian bureaucracy in the interest of the proper administration of justice proved at times particularly difficult and required unusual perseverance and skill. It is for this particular aspect of his work that Sergeant Stein deserves special commendation. He followed the Sub-Commission to Salerno and to Rome, the successive seats of the Italian Government, where the patterns of liaison established in Brindisi were followed and further developed. In Salerno the Sub-Commission

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

faced a problem of establishing machinery which would coordinate legislative activities of Allied Military Government with those of the Italian Government. Sergeant Stein Prepared the necessary instructions for Italian authorities, assisted in drafting directives for Allied Military Government authorities, controlled the proper distribution of the Italian Official Gazette in Allied Military Government territory, and assisted in drafting orders implementing Italian legislation. In addition he prepared analyses of Italian decrees which greatly facilitated the task of control exercised by the Sub-Commission. He gave his assistance in the solution of intricate problems arising out of the supervision of Italian courts, in the discussions of personnel problems with the various members of the Ministry, and in the drafting of necessary correspondence. His knowledge of Anglo-American and Italian law as well as laws with respect to accomplishment and understanding of the Italian character have been invaluable assistance to the Sub-Commission. The mission of this section of Allied Military Government and Allied Control Commission has been advanced to the extent that successful completion of its mission in relation to Allied Force functions in Italy is assured.

4. Sergeant Stein's exceptional initiative, devotion to duty, loyalty and tact are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

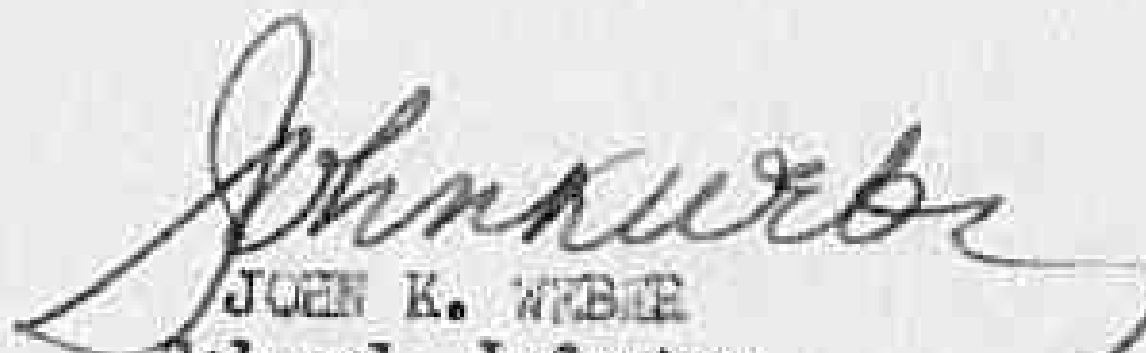
5. At the time of his assignment to the 2673th Regiment, Allied Commission, the enlisted man was a Sergeant. He was assigned the duties of Law Clerk with the Legal Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 14 September 1944, and is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, 2673th Regiment, Allied Commission, as Law Clerk with the Legal Sub-Commission.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Stein.

7. All subsequent services of Staff Sergeant Stein have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).


JOHN K. WEBER
Colonel, Infantry
Assistant Chief Legal Advisor

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

200.6

x-201-Stein, Eric (Enl) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 (27 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 27 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Stein, Eric (Enl) 2nd Ind. ENS/FRW/mv
 (27 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 27 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd)
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

WILLIAM W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Stein, Eric (Enl) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
 (27 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 27 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. W. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Eric Stein, 36717093, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 28 October 1943 to 30 May 1945. Sergeant Stein's tireless energy in the preparation of opinions on Italian and International law in connection with advice given by the Chief Legal Adviser to sections of Allied Military Mission and his assistance in establishing liaison between the Legal Sub-Commission and Italian Ministry of Justice, have resulted in the direct success of the application of law and justice in Italian territory. Staff Sergeant Stein has been responsible for drafting of considerable communications, directives and legal activities of Allied Military Government in connection with administration of law and order by the Italian Government. He assisted in drafting directives for Allied Military Government authorities and orders implementing the Italian legislation in territory turned over to the Administration of the Italian Government. He prepared analyses of Italian decrees which greatly facilitated the task of control exercised by Allied Military Government and Allied Commission. He gave his assistance in solution of problems arising out of the supervision of Italian courts and in numerous cases acted as liaison between the Italian Ministry and the Legal Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission. Staff Sergeant Stein's tireless energy, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Highland Park, Illinois.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

RCK/FRA/mv

File: 200.6

27 June 1945

X-201-Luizza, Joseph (Enl).

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Joseph Luizza, 12063981, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza was assigned to serve as Chief Clerk of Arezzo Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. During this period, the first month of which, Arezzo Province was part of the front line of the British Eighth Army and was repeatedly shelled by German artillery, three different Provincial Commissioners served in this period and officer personnel changed many times. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza applied himself to the work of the Province and carried the weight of responsibility during these many changes. At the time of his arrival in Arezzo Province, it was necessary for him to train civilian personnel to augment the staff of the Provincial team. Due to the chaotic conditions resulting from heavy fighting in that area, civil administration, law and order and housing conditions were in the poorest possible state. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza devoted innumerable hours toward the re-establishment of civil administration and law enforcement bodies, assisting his Provincial Officers far beyond hours required in normal duty.

3. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza worked during this entire period without relief and generally without assistance other than that given by his own locally trained civilians. His own efforts toward the reestablishment of proper housing conditions, employment and the control of rehabilitation have served materially in aiding the work of his senior officers. His cheerfulness and tremendous capacity for work, his willingness at all times to assume responsibilities not ordinarily expected of an enlisted man have been the keynote of the success in performing a difficult mission in a war-torn area. Many problems not usually found in Provincial administration at the time of its control by Allied Commission were solved through the aid and resourcefulness of this enlisted man.

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4. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, the enlisted man was a Technician Fourth Grade. He held the assignment of Chief Clerk of Arezzo Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The enlisted man is presently a Technician Fourth Grade and is assigned to Company "B", 2675th Regiment, as an administrative noncommissioned officer, Liguria Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technician Fourth Grade Luizza.

7. All subsequent services of Technician Fourth Grade Luizza have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, Field Artillery
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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200.6

x-201-Luizza, Joseph (Enl)

(28 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FHM/ev

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

x-201-Luizza, Joseph (Enl)

(28 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/FRW/ev

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

x-201-Luizza, Joseph (Enl)

(26 June 45)

3rd Ind.

QFP/FRS/ev

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVRD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 312,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding1 Incl:
n/c

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511/cc
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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph Luizza, 12063581, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Without assistance in the accomplishment of his assigned mission as Chief Clerk of Arezzo Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, with a tremendous capacity for work and a willingness to assume responsibility, Technician Fourth Grade Luizza has been instrumental in the success of military operations in this section of Italy. For the first month in his assigned duties he worked under constant enemy shell fire to solve numerous problems of housing, law enforcement, and civil administration in the Province. He found solutions to the tasks of rehabilitation, employment, housing, and feeding for the local populace and brought about a resultant cooperation from the local civilian population in the repair of facilities and movement of urgently needed supplies which eventually aided the success of military operations in Italy. Technician Fourth Grade Luizza's outstanding devotion to duty, tireless energy and resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit to himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Elmont, Long Island, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

HCO/FRW/mv

File: 200.6

27 June 1945

x-201-Ferri, Guy (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Guy Ferri, 33570924, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 July 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. Sergeant Ferri was assigned to the Military Government School and Holding Center in July 1943 and for a year served with the various sub-commissions of Headquarters Allied Control Commission, including the Agricultural Sub-Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission, and Food Sub-Commission. He has received several commendations from superior officers for his excellent work. He was personally responsible for the establishment of a complete filing system in the Agriculture Sub-Commission, which is still in effect at the present time. Sergeant Ferri was assigned to the position of Chief Clerk, Requisition Branch, Economic Section, Headquarters Allied Commission in August 1944. Because of the lack of trained personnel and as a result of past administrative record, he was assigned additional responsibilities in the handling of many complicated problems of this duties. His duties involved the recording of all requisitions submitted by the various Sub-Commissions for civilian supplies from overseas sources. He edited and screened these requisitions prior to their forwarding to higher headquarters. His duties included the recording of requisition numbers given to basic requisitions by higher headquarters, the collecting of data from the sub-commissions on additional information required from time to time, the receiving and passing on to initiating sub-commissions all communications dealing with their respective requisitions, the gathering of shipment numbers for the purpose of identifying shipments and the notification to various Italian agencies and sections of the Headquarters concerned with incoming supplies as to the period of arrival and the quantity contained in the shipment. Oftentimes this flow of vital information continued uninterrupted, notwithstanding the fact that pertinent information to identify the arrivals with requisitions pertaining thereto was lacking. In addition to these duties Sergeant Ferri maintained a complete filing system for which he has been commended on numerous occasions. During the periods that the Requisition Branch lacked the supervision of a superior officer, Sergeant Ferri was always ready and cooperative in assuming the responsibility of spending hours in research and gathering information and in the drafting of requisitions for all agencies.

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

3. In January 1945 the Chief of the Division was transferred to the G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters. Sergeant Ferri was left in charge of the office and continued to direct the work of the division until April, when the position was filled by its present chief. In this connection he has won the respect of officers of G-5 AFHQ and is consulted on many occasions by them. Many of Sergeant Ferri's ideas concerning the proper method of preparing requisitions for civilian supplies for the Italian population have been of immeasurable help to Allied Force Headquarters in facilitating their forwarding to United Kingdom and United States Supply Authorities. This work involved monthly reports on requisitions submitted. He has rendered additional status reports on requisitions called for by higher authority, maintained a reference library for military and civilian supplies, and a progress chart indicating the status of requisitions, the receipt, recording and distribution of all correspondence pertaining thereto. At the present time Sergeant Ferri is engaged in establishing a new filing system for the 1945 program of essential Italian imports. The work of this enlisted man has resulted in facilitating the movement and distribution of both military and civilian supplies immediately upon their arrival at ports in Italy. His contribution to the feeding, clothing and housing of the civilian population, as well as to the furthering of the Allied war effort in Italy, has been indicated by the marked degree of success in the movements of all commodities.

4. Sergeant Ferri's painstaking efforts, tireless energy and outstanding devotion are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the enlisted man's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he held the grade of Sergeant. He has alternately performed duty with the Agricultural, Public Safety, and Food Sub-Commissions, Headquarters, Allied Commission, and as Chief Clerk of the Requisition Branch, Economic Section, Headquarters Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Sergeant Ferri.

7. All subsequent services of Sergeant Ferri have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

H. C. QUARTIER
Lieutenant Colonel, GMC
Chief Requisition Branch

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

200.6

x-201-Ferri, Guy (Enl)
(27 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRN/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

x-201-Ferri, Guy (Enl)
(27 June 45)

2nd Ind.

RMS/FRN/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 28 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Ferri, Guy (Enl)
(27 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CM/FRN/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 28 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Sergeant Guy Ferri, 33370924, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 July 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Requisition Branch, Supply Section, Economic Section, Allied Commission, Sergeant Ferri has performed his duties notwithstanding shortages of personnel within his section, the lack of adequate directives, and the responsibilities assigned to the branch. Overcoming many of the difficulties therein, Sergeant Ferri applied himself on his own time to accomplish the necessary results. He has been responsible for the editing and screening of all Allied Commission requisitions, in supervising their approval and forwarding to higher headquarters and maintaining a record of requisitions submitted. He has been responsible for the initiation and maintenance of a complete card index system, file system, and progress chart on the requisitioning, shipment, arrival, transportation and distribution of supplies requisitioned, from the time of their arrival at the port to the time of distribution to the proper authorities. In addition, the data he has gathered from Ocean Manifests, War Department shipping documents and Allied Force Headquarters Maintenance Period Notices has enabled the facilitating of requisitioning and shipment. Monthly and lesser status reports have been prepared by him upon request from higher headquarters. He has maintained a reference library for military and civilian supplies and a progress report showing status of receipts, shipments and distribution of supplies. He has recorded and distributed all special series cables dealing with requisitioning of supplies. Sergeant Ferri's individual efforts have aided in advancing both the Italian civilian population's welfare and the reorganization and supply of Italian industry. His tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty, resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JAG/TRW/mv

File: 200.6

26 June 1945

X-201-Bradbury, Harry B. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AG 600-45, it is recommended that Harry B. Bradbury, 0518942, Major (then Captain), Corps of Military Police, 2075th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 November 1943 to 12 May 1945.

2. Since Major Bradbury was assigned to Allied Commission as a Civil Affairs Officer, Agricultural Officer and a Hemp Control Officer, he has taken upon himself the study of the difficult problem of hemp control. Hemp is one of the most vital commodities in the secure establishment of Italian economy. His first efforts with regard to the establishment of a stable program for the amassing and distribution of hemp started in the southern part of Italy and has now continued to Bologna in the very center of the important North Italian Hemp Industry. Major Bradbury assumed his first duties in this capacity in December 1943 at Frattamaggiore, in Naples Province, the center of the Naples Hemp Industry. He organized the amassing of the 1943 southern crop and the gradual opening of four important rope-making factories. Together with control of innumerable hand-making rope concerns, the supply of ropes in all sizes up to twelve-inch hawsers was accomplished for use by the Allied armies. Large quantities were supplied for agricultural needs. In the program outlined by Major Bradbury, production was gradually stepped to four hundred tons per month. Five important spinning mills in the making of yarns for feeding, the weaving mills in the production of twine for the Armed Forces were reestablished by Major Bradbury and set into operation. In addition, four important weaving mills and a large number of smaller ones, making three types of hemp canvas (heavy, medium and light) for use by the Armed Forces were subsequently established. Hemp sacks were also included in this production. Weaving production was gradually increased to approximately two hundred thousand meters per month. Since March 1944, over two and a half million sacks have been manufactured.

3. During this operation at Frattamaggiore, Major Bradbury arranged for the safeguarding of the hemp warehouses against armed attacks by local civilian gangsters who were intent upon looting them. In further efforts at protection and due to the extreme shortage of personnel

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

Major Bradbury volunteered to, and served as, a Summary Military Court Officer in addition to his regularly assigned duties to investigate and prosecute cases of infractions of the law. He worked indefatigably with complete disregard of hours or personal convenience, not only restoring the hemp industry in that area, but at his own personal risk arranged for the protection of the industry and made a material contribution to the preservation of order. Major Bradbury is now similarly working upon a plan of organization in the North for the assignment and distributing of the 1944 crop. This industry in the North is approximate, in scope, four times more important than that which now exists in Southern Italy. Major Bradbury is now Senior Industry Officer of Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, in charge of the Bologna Central Hemp Offices for the harvesting of the hemp crop and the distribution of this crop to all North Regions and Provinces.

4. Major Bradbury's tireless efforts in the establishment of a working plan to assess, control and distribute the large production of hemp in all of Italy has materially aided the return to normal of Italian economy. His tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Captain. He was assigned duties alternately as Civil Affairs Officer, Agricultural Officer and Hemp Control Officer. The officer was promoted to Major on 7 January 1942. His presently assigned duties are those of Senior Industry Officer, Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Bradbury.

7. All subsequent services of Major Bradbury have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD,
Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Bradbury, Harry B. (O)
 (26 June 45) 1st Inc. HPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Cvhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. F. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Bradbury, Harry B. (O)
 (26 June 45) 2nd Inc. EWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Cvhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

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ELMER W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Bradbury, Harry B. (O)
 (26 June 45) 3rd Inc. OF/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Cvhd), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 26 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
 U. S. Army. 48 2

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Harry B. Bradbury, 0518542, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 November 1943 to 12 May 1945. Major Bradbury is solely responsible for the planning and foresightedness has resulted in the opening of four important rope-making factories, five important spinning mills, and four weaving mills, whose commodities have supplied the needs of the Allied forces and local civilian agricultural requirements over the past eighteen months. Major Bradbury prepared for the defense of hemp warehouses against armed attacks and further offered his personal services as a Summary Military Court Officer for the investigation and trials of criminals who attempted to loot hemp storage plants. His present plan for the control and distribution of the 1944 hemp crop in the very important hemp industry of Northern Italy insures further success in this large industrial program and contributes materially to the re-establishment of a sound economic condition in all of Italy. Major Bradbury's tireless energy, and outstanding devotion to duty, reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and military forces in Italy, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

RAM/FRW/mv

File: 200.6

26 June 1945.

x-201-Mehr, Louis (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Louis Mehr, 0464603, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 2075th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 December 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. In the assignment of Industrial Engineer in the Industry Sub-Commission, Lieutenant Mehr met with his greatest problem shortly after the first of December 1944. The sugar beet processing industry in the portion of Italy already liberated was in a chaotic condition. Due to war damages, plants were unable to operate and skillful German sabotage and wholesale German thievery of essential equipment and lack of raw materials added to the problem. The program for harvesting sugar beets had not been established, nor had the distribution of seeds been made. As much production capacity as possible had to be utilized for the production of sugar and molasses during the forthcoming sugar beet processing campaign. In addition the manufacture of sugar domestically would save considerable vitally needed shipping space. Considering the welfare of Allied forces in Italy, it was necessary to reactivate this industry, since no yeast whatever was being imported in Italy. Yeast has been in world short demand. The needs of troops were being fulfilled solely from domestic yeast production. In order to keep existing yeast producing facilities in operation, the most important item, molasses, had to be provided. Molasses is a by-product of the sugar beet production. Stocks of existing molasses at the processing plants as of January 1945 would be exhausted by the end of August 1945, and Allied troops as well as the civilian population would be without bread after that date. It was drawing dangerously close to the beet seed planting season and nothing whatever had been previously done. The situation required an immediate, detailed technical survey of the sugar beet industry in all liberated Italy. Formulation of a program closely coordinating existing agricultural conditions, transportation conditions, the availability of raw materials and labor and a vigorously executed program of speedy reconstruction.

3. Lieutenant Mehr started a 4,000 mile tour to each sugar beet processing plant in liberated Italy as of 20 January 1945. He prepared a detailed estimate of all twelve plants he visited. Of the twelve, six showed the most promise for successful reactivation in time for the 1945 sugar campaign in spite of severe damages. The program was drawn up by him for production on the basis of the molasses requirement.

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necessary to fill urgent Allied Forces yeast needs. In order to reactivate these plants, replacement of stolen or sabotage plant units were required. In addition, construction materials and the necessary labor for repair of damaged parts were needed. During the tour Lieutenant Mehr made detailed specifications of the missing or destroyed units. Other units found by him were obtained and replacements were earmarked from other plants within the industry that had suffered damages so great as to leave those plants inoperable during the present season. This task was further complicated by the fact that different electric voltages were used in the several plants and machinery had been geared for such current.

4. The program drawn up by Lieutenant Mehr was presented to the Italian Government at joint meetings and was approved in essence. Action was then started to obtain and distribute the necessary beet seeds in the time remaining. After this task was accomplished, Lieutenant Mehr assumed the burden of disassembling the machinery and moving it to the plants that were to be put into operations. These movements and re-assembly are at the present date nearly completed. More difficulties were experienced in moving certain equipment. For example, the largest sugar plant in the program located at Cesena required a 100-ton boiler, but the plant was still in the Army area and the nearby rail center could not be compromised for the extensive period of time required for unloading the heavy boiler sections. Through the personal supervision of Lieutenant Mehr the boiler was broken down into very many small sections - in all, nine rail rail wagons - and the wagons containing the heaviest and bulkiest sections were routed to another unloading station and transported by truck so as not to interfere with military communications by blocking the main rail center at Cesena. The necessary building construction and repair materials were obtained by Lieutenant Mehr for the repair of the damaged plant structures and all plants in the program will be in operable condition in time for the harvest of beets. Since beets must be processed immediately upon maturity and cannot be stored, the success of this program required the immediate reconstruction and operation of as much of the industry as was possible. The reconstruction program, therefore, was a successful race against time in spite of the grave damages and losses suffered by the plants involved.

5. Contrary to the insistence of the Italian Government that coal and coke be supplied to all sugar plants for political reasons, this officer stood firm and only recommended fuel for plants that will be operable during the processing season. Lieutenant Mehr's insistence remained steadfast in spite of a very unfavorable campaign in the Italian press, which was filled with misrepresented facts and in some cases downright falsehoods. As a result, a considerable quantity of highly critical coal and coke was saved from dissipation. The necessary coal and coke to insure a successful program have been allotted and the first shipment has already arrived from the United States. The entire chaotic picture has been cohesively coordinated and success for the program is insured. All

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necessary raw materials have been obtained and rehabilitation work is nearly completed solely through the efforts of this officer. Any sugar manufactured in Italy in 1945 will be a direct result of the perseverance, sense of urgency and vigor of this officer. Furthermore, all bread eaten by the Allied Forces as well as the civilian population will be a result of the successful operation of the yeast processing plants and the vision in making provisions for the further raw materials to maintain production. From the six sugar plants now reactivated below the Pisa-Rimini line, approximately thirteen thousand tons of urgently needed sugar are expected to be produced. Enough molasses can then be made as a by-product to supply the Allied Forces in Italy with yeast to make bread for one year under this program.

6. Lieutenant Mehr's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

7. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, he was a First Lieutenant, assigned duties as Industrial Engineer for the Industry Sub-Commission. The officer is presently a First Lieutenant and is now Chief of the Food Processing Division, Industry Sub-Commission.

8. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Mehr.

9. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Mehr have been honorable.

10. The officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Col., Sp. Res.
Staff Officer, Economic Section

1 Incl:
n/c

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200.6

Z-201-Mehr, Louis (O)

(26 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THRORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

Z-201-Mehr, Louis (O)

(26 June 45)

2nd Ind.

ENS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

Z-201-Mehr, Louis (O)

(26 June 45)

3rd Ind.

OAG/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

O. M. PARSON
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant Louis Mehr, 3464603, Air Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 December 1944 to 31 May 1945. As a direct result of the extraordinary services of this officer, the reactivation of the gravely damaged and chaotic sugar producing industry in time to allow for the harvesting of the sugar beet crop has arranged for the production of thousands of tons of urgently needed sugar for civilian needs during the current year. As a further result of the reactivation of the sugar beet processing industry, the production of molasses for yeast to fill Allied Army and civilian needs will not be interrupted, since molasses is the main ingredient in yeast manufacture and all products are a direct result of sugar beet processing. Lieutenant Mehr, in completing a four-thousand-mile personal tour of inspection to coordinate a program for the successful reactivation of the industry was the initial factor in overcoming serious damages suffered by the sugar industry. The damages resulting from sabotage and the theft of vital plant units, the conditions of difficult transportation, the movement of materials and equipment, the lack of raw materials, lack of proper space in plant structure and agricultural problems, were meted with in Lieutenant Mehr's activation of the entire program. He secured necessary labor, materials, machine parts and plant units to insure the success of the program. Since yeast is in world short demand and the production of bread for the Allied Forces in Italy is dependent solely on the domestic production of yeast, Lieutenant Mehr's program insures bread for not only Allied troops but for civilians in the coming year. Due to technical skill, vigor, sense of urgency, courage, coordinating ability and vision of this officer, the production of thousands of tons of sugar is assured this year and necessary molasses and yeast requirements for military and civilian needs will be met. Lieutenant Mehr's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the service from New York, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIORENZA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LJR/FES/mv

File: 200.6

26 June 1945.

X-201-Cimador, Virgil J. (PRL)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Virgil J. Cimador, 33405749, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 1 February 1945.

2. Corporal Cimador, an Assistant to the Regional Engineer Officer of Region III, and Southern Region, Allied Commission, proved himself a highly valuable assistant to the Regional Engineer in the City and Province of Naples. His fluent knowledge of the Italian language, his personal loyalty to duty and unceasing efforts aided greatly in the original organization and direction of the rehabilitation of public utilities in that area. Public utilities were found in chaotic condition upon arrival of the first Allied Military Government units accompanying the task forces. Upon arrival in Naples, the city lacked water, electricity, telephone and telegraph facilities and the transportation whereby the myriad of tasks could be accomplished. Water aqueduct lines had been completely destroyed. Power sub-stations for the generation of electric current had been destroyed either by German or Allied bombings or complete and crafty German sabotage. At this time the population of the City of Naples was drawing water from old wells all of which were highly polluted. Corporal Cimador demonstrated unique ability in improvising and installing approved water points within the war-torn areas of the City.

3. In a partially ruined metropolis lacking the formal functions of public utilities, Corporal Cimador readily displayed outstanding leadership and ability in rendering invaluable services in the immediate improvisation and rehabilitation of public works and communications within the City. In December 1943 a series of severe explosions occurred in a large ammunition and high explosive dump located within the Fontanelle Caves area in the City of Naples. These caves were being used by the Fifth Army and the Peninsular Base Section Chemical Warfare Service as storage dumps. The explosives were of such tremendous and destructive proportions as to cause the death of an Allied Military Government officer who was then in charge of fire control for Region III. At 1730 hours Corporal Cimador departed for the area and directed the evacuation of workmen and civilians to lessen injuries and deaths resulting from recurrent explosions. The main cave's entrance was extremely dangerous because of the heavy explosions, falling debris and shattering rock. He was instrumental in

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

removing and safeguarding communications and public works equipment in this area from certain destruction and as a result averted serious conditions within the City. The ultimate services rendered to both the military and civilian population and the restoration of public utilities was greatly aided by the tireless energy of Corporal Cinador. With the re-establishment of these utilities, port operations were greatly speeded up, power and light were furnished to increase the immediate movement of supplies to the combat areas to the North of the City. The supply of power for industry and business directly aided the return of the City of Naples to a partially stable economic status.

4. The tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Cinador are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. Corporal Cinador, since his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, has been an enlisted Assistant to Regional Engineering Officers in Region III, and Southern Region, Allied Commission, and in the Florence Province of Allied Military Government. The enlisted man is presently a Corporal, assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, and performing duty as Assistant to the Provincial Commissioner, Florence Province.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Corporal Cinador.

7. All subsequent services of Corporal Cinador have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

LESTER J. BRADLEY
Colonel, C. S. A.,
Provincial Commissioner
Florence Province.

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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200.6

X-201-Cimador, Virgil J. (Enl)

(26 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THREASON
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

X-201-Cimador, Virgil J. (Enl)

(26 June 45)

2nd Ind.

NPT/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

SHANNY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

X-201-Cimador, Virgil J. (Enl)

(26 June 45)

3rd Ind.

Ond/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVND), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 26 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 612.4824
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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511/c

PROPOSED CITATION

Corporal Virgil J. Cimador, 33405749, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 1 February 1945. During this time Corporal Cimador, by most commendable efficiency in the performance of his duties and in an unceasing application of his abilities to the problems assigned to him, succeeded in greatly aiding the early restoration of vital public utilities services for both the military forces and the civilian population of Naples and the surrounding area. Working under all the disabilities imposed by the chaotic conditions of modern warfare and by an enemy who had carefully planned the systematic destruction of such utilities, Corporal Cimador tirelessly assisted the Regional Engineer Officer in organizing and carrying out a program of restoration and rehabilitation of water, gas, telephone, telegraph and electrical services. These difficult and diversified tasks accomplished with marked success by Corporal Cimador contributed in a large measure toward the successful completion of Allied military operations in the Italian campaign. His outstanding devotion to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JWC/FRW/mv

File: 200.6

25 June 1945

A-201-Palmeri, Edward L. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Edward L. Palmeri, 0332502, Major, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 October 1943 to 31 March 1945.

2. As Legal Officer and as Staff Officer for the Allied Commission, Major Palmeri played an important part in reestablishing, supervising, and coordinating the work of the Italian judicial system in Sardinia and on the mainland of Italy, particularly in relation to the Public Safety interests of the Allied Forces and in the preparation of the Italian court for the assumption of work transferred from the Allied Military Court System. He made an important contribution in the formulation and passage of the laws which abrogated all forms of racial discrimination in Italy and restored the political and property rights of persons subject to the original Racial Decrees. Major Palmeri's research of the Italian racial laws began in the planning period in North Africa and continued through the later part of 1943 and the early part of 1944 in Brindisi and Bari. His work was later reflected in General Order No. 18, promulgated by the Supreme Allied Commander, abolishing the discriminatory laws in all occupied territory.

3. Major Palmeri's work was very seldom of a routine nature. He was transferred from place to place to deal with special situations of urgency which at times required tact and resourcefulness. Between December 1943 and June 1944 he successfully accomplished several important missions to Naples, Brindisi, Bari, Taranto, Potenza and Sardinia. His work in Sardinia deserves particular mention. His mission there lasted from 11 March to 13 April 1944. The purpose of his mission was to re-establish the defunct Civil Court System of Cagliari. Due to the heavy bombings of the city all the judicial personnel had sought refuge at scattered places throughout the island. Moreover, there were acute problems of transportation, housing, and feeding which rendered the re-establishment of any normal military agency extremely difficult. The presence of immediate Allied military installations in and around Cagliari and the city's use as a supply port made it imperative from the standpoint of Allied interests that alarming increases in crime taking place be dealt with expeditiously.

4. The necessity for the maintenance of public order and the orderly disposal of criminal cases created custodial problems which were complicated by the fact that a great deal of the crime was then committed by

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

Italian soldiers. Major Palmieri formulated plans in conjunction with Italian officers for the reorganization of the courts and the enlargement of custodial facilities. This task was rendered difficult because of the lack of Allied personnel and the fact that the Allied Governments were unable to make any material contributions toward the work of reconstruction. Major Palmieri sought out dispersed court personnel and court records and arranged for their transfer to Cagliari. He surmounted the problems of setting up the court, arranged for the repairs to damaged court buildings, and established mess and housing facilities for court personnel. In one instance Major Palmieri conducted a search among the ruins of bombed out buildings to procure mechanical equipment required urgently for the mess in the main court building. The results of Major Palmieri's efforts in Sardinia and in Italy are indicated in that the Italian courts were made to function in the Allied interests and far sooner than it would otherwise have been possible. The courts made a necessary and vital contribution to public order among large civilian populations during a period when important military operations were being carried out and Allied military installations were being organized. Had it not been for Major Palmieri's successful accomplishments, there is no doubt that heavy burdens would have been imposed upon military personnel and the facilities and success of military operations immediately jeopardized.

5. As Staff Officer for the Civil Affairs Section, Major Palmieri was placed in charge of Italian epuration from 4 April 1944 to 10 February 1945. He was initially assigned to a mission to France, the object of which was to study the legal basis of epuration as applied by the French Government and the manner in which this system worked in practice with a special view to finding elements of improvement which could be adapted to the epuration machinery in Italy. Major Palmieri submitted a forty page report of his work which was carefully documented by statistics and basic legal information. This report received praise from the Executive Commissioner as well as the French Ambassador to Rome. Despite the fact that it was in many respects critical of French epuration, it was actually used by the Italian Government to amend Italian procedures. In one respect, this work of Major Palmieri was of very great importance. His suggestion that special courts be set up to deal with collaboration and to thus avoid their being dealt with by public courts relieved much of the strain of heavy burdens set upon the popular courts. Major Palmieri's report anticipated the activities of partisans in North Italy in taking matters into their own hands on the ground that normal procedures were too slow and cumbersome. The suggestions he made with regard to the establishment of the proposed special courts were adopted in their entirety by the Italian Government and were enacted into the law creating the Special Courts of Assize (D.L.N. 142 of 22 April 1945). There are now some forty Special Courts of Assize functioning in Northern Italy. Italian officials have on numerous occasions expressed their gratitude for the assistance of these courts. These courts have permitted the patriots themselves to participate in the judgment of collaborators on an orderly and legal basis and have prevented bloodshed and disorder.

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6. Major Palmieri's resourcefulness, tireless energy, and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Military Government in Italy.

7. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Major. He was assigned duty as Legal Officer for Allied Commission and later as Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section. The officer is presently a Major and is performing duty as Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section.

8. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Palmieri.

9. All subsequent services of Major Palmieri have been honorable.

10. The officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD,
Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
n/c

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X-201-Palmieri, Edmund L. (O)

(25 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/TV

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

R. F. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

X-201-Palmieri, Edmund L. (O)

(25 June 45)

2nd Ind.

ZWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

200.6

X-201-Palmieri, Edmund L. (O)

(25 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMF/FRW/TV

HEADQUARTERS, 267TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 25 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major Edmund L. Palmieri, 0532562, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 October 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Legal Officer, Acting Chief Counsel, and Staff Officer of the Allied Commission in Italy, Major Palmieri was responsible for the preparation of the Allied military orders and legislations passed by the Italian Government restoring the political and property rights of Jews, in re-establishing the civil court system in Sardinia and in preparing the civil court system on the mainland of Italy for the assumption of work transferred from the Allied Military Court System. Major Palmieri made a commendable study of epuration in France and suggested the measures for the improvement of epuration in Italy. His suggestions were adopted in their entirety by the Italian Government and were made law in April 1945. These suggestions resulted in the establishment of Special Courts of Assize in Northern Italy which have prevented disorders and bloodshed and have successfully dealt with the great public clamor for justice to Nazi and Fascist collaborators. Major Palmieri's tireless and outstanding devotion to duty, his zeal and resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

NEF/FHW/mv

File: 200.6

25 June 1945.

X-201-Williams, Wilson C. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Wilson C. Williams, 0213601, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, Army of the United States, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1943 to 14 August 1944.

2. As Deputy Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, from the time of his assignment to the organization, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was one of the original members of the Allied Control Commission Planning Staff. He displayed unusual ability in the original planning and later in the field in anticipating problems and expediting administrative details and other measures necessary to procure personnel, initiated direct action and coordinated group action required for the control or correction of public health and medical supply problems. Among his outstanding accomplishments was the setting up of plans for and a procurement of personnel and supplies for medical supply, malaria control and typhus control. In addition to his duties as Deputy Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission, he also served as Director of the Typhus Control Branch from early January 1944 until his relief from this organization and transfer to the continental United States in August 1944.

3. At the time of the outbreak of typhus in and around the city of Naples, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was the guiding factor behind the successful campaign to stamp out the disease which grew day by day among the local civilian populace. In spite of lack of transportation, a shortage of communications facilities and at that time an immediate lack of experienced personnel in the handling and control of typhus cases, Lieutenant Colonel Williams offered his services unstintingly to the medication, hospitalization and cure of civilians and the military stricken with the disease. As a result of long and tireless hours of work, the epidemic was brought into check in time shorter by far than the greatest expectations. His immediate and direct action in the handling of serious cases and in the steps to control the spread of the disease resulted in the ultimate saving of hundreds of lives. Lieutenant Colonel Williams was a tireless and inspired worker. He was always willing to continue over and beyond the call of ordinary duty to perform far more than a normal assignment. He set an excellent example for others to follow in all his personal and professional dealings with his fellow officers and the local civilians.

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4. Even during the time that the typhus epidemic was at its height Lieutenant Colonel Williams was influential in the formation of additional branches of the Public Health Sub-Commission and in the initiation of their future policy. He drew up plans for the conduct of Public Health Officers traveling with the combat forces as well as for those officers who would be controlling the public health situation at the time territories were occupied and governed by Allied Control Commission. The policies initiated by Lieutenant Colonel Williams have proven to be a direct success in the operations of the Public Health Sub-Commission, and have lent toward a reduction of disease and serious illness in all parts of occupied Italy.

5. Lieutenant Colonel Williams' untiring and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

6. At the time of his assignment to the Allied Commission, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was appointed Deputy Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, and Director of the Typhus Control Branch. The officer was transferred from the 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, to the continental United States on 14 August 1944 to assume the duty of training Civil Affairs Officers who were in the United States preparing for overseas assignments.

7. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Williams.

8. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Colonel Williams have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE 4826
Colonel, Cavalry.
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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X-201-Williams, Wilson C. (O)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

(25 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

X-201-Williams, Wilson C. (O)

2nd Ind.

ENS/FRW/mv

(25 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6

X-201-Williams, Wilson C. (O)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

(25 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 25 June 1945.

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

Approved.

G. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
n/c

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511/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel Wilson C. Williams, 0213651, Medical Corps, Army of the United States, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 September 1943 to 14 August 1944. As Deputy Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was one of the original members of the Allied Control Commission Planning Staff. He was responsible for the initial planning for the procurement of personnel and the action required for the control or correction of public health and medical problems. He accomplished plans for the procurement of personnel and supplies for the malaria control and the typhus control program initiated by Allied Commission. He was influential in directing and supervising the hospitalization, medication and care of the civilians of Naples at the time of the serious outbreak of typhus in that city. Through his individual efforts the epidemic was curbed and stamped out in an unbelievably short space of time. Lieutenant Colonel Williams' tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JWC/ERN/mv

File: 200.6

25 June 1945.

X-201-Warren, Clyde A. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Clyde A. Warren, 0521383, Major (then Captain), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 January 1944, to 15 June 1944.

2. In January 1944, Major Warren was placed in charge of the newly organized Police Division of the Central Prosecutor's Office, Naples Province. Because of his civilian training and natural ability, Major Warren was given the task of producing the civilian and military witnesses and the involved physical evidence needed for the prosecution of the varied crimes against the military forces in that area. No precedent of previous experience existed as a guide for Major Warren in the performance of his duties. His was a task that knew no precedent. The stake was the operation of the courts themselves and the success of military operations by the combat armies north of the city. If witnesses and other evidence had not been immediately made available through the efforts of this officer, courts would have been idle and the breakdown of law and order inevitable.

3. In the five months that followed thirty thousand offenders of occupational law appeared before Allied tribunals. The achievement of the prosecutor's office in trying, reviewing, and completing the cases is now a matter of record. Criminals were brought to justice, tried and were sentenced to death or given long prison sentences. An inseparable part of this record is the contribution made by Major Warren. thwarted by lack of transportation vitally necessary to the summoning of witnesses, plagued by the constant shifting of the arresting military units and tentatized by faulty communications, Major Warren labored with unremitting zeal in the colossal task of maintaining a smooth organization of law enforcement in a disturbed and hostile territory. His resourcefulness and patient effort applied to new and challenging problems materially contributed to the establishment of law and order essential to the success of combat operations.

4. His example of unselfish conduct, boundless energy, and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of

Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. The officer's initial duty was that of Chief of the Police Division, Naples Province. He was promoted to Major on 7 January 1945 and is presently assigned as Provincial Officer, Varese Province, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Warren.

7. All subsequent services of the officer have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Warren, Clyde A. (O)
 (25 June 1945) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Warren, Clyde A. (O)
 (25 June 45) 2nd Ind. RWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

Ellery W. Stone
 ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USAR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Warren, Clyde A. (O)
 (25 June 45) 3rd Ind. CME/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 25 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. W. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Clyde A. Warren, 0521383, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 January 1944 to 15 June 1945. As head of the Police Division, Central Prosecutor's Office, Naples Province, Allied Military Government, it was Major Warren's duty to summon civilian and military witnesses and to obtain physical evidence necessary in the prosecution in crimes against military installations and occupation authorities. Without any precedent to follow from previous military occupation, Major Warren created an organization which allowed the military tribunals to function in smooth operation. His resourcefulness and patient effort enabled the courts to dispose of the unprecedented number of thirty thousand offenders of occupational law in Naples Province. In spite of lack of communications facilities, the constant shifting of the arresting military agencies, motor transportation, and experienced personnel, Major Warren labored with unremitting zeal to the end that each challenging new problem was met with success in the ever-changing situation. His resourcefulness and imagination contributed materially in the reassertion of law and order in direct support of campaign operations in Italy. His selfless and untiring devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Portland, Oregon.

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23 June 1945.

x-201-Rosenbaum, Joel (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Joel Rosenbaum, 0304978, Major, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 October 1944 to 30 April 1945.

2. Major Rosenbaum was assigned to the Industry Sub-Commission as an industrial officer in October 1944. One of the most important single chemicals to Italian economy is carbon bisulphide. This chemical is used in the fumigation of grain, the extraction of olive oil from sansa, the manufacture of rayon, the manufacture of rubber, and the production of pharmaceuticals. In addition to Italian requirements, other countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea consumed imported carbon bisulphide from Italy. At the time of Major Rosenbaum's assignment the carbon bisulphide situation was critical. Grain had to be fumigated before storage or it would be largely destroyed by weevil. The olive crop was being harvested and unless sansa could be extracted, large amounts of edible olive oil for food and nonedible olive oil for soap manufacturing would be lost. The manufacturing plants for carbon bisulphide were not operating due to lack of raw materials, power, fuel, and transportation and small stocks of carbon bisulphide at the plants were being rapidly dissipated. In addition to his assigned duties as industrial officer, Major Rosenbaum volunteered to attempt a solution of the carbon bisulphide problem.

3. The solution of the problem involved a steadfast determination and great resourcefulness. Although Mr. Kitchen of the Ministry of Supply, London, had stressed the importance of carbon bisulphide in a letter from Allied Force Headquarters on 15 March 1944, the situation in October 1944 had not improved. The material could not be imported as it was in short supply in both the United States and the United Kingdom. In addition, importation of the chemical would have been with considerable risk involved, especially in war time, since it is a volatile and inflammable fluid, far more dangerous to handle than gasoline. Due to the personal efforts of Major Rosenbaum production and distribution was started in December 1944 in Sicily. Sardinia received its first shipment of carbon bisulphide in nearly two years during the month of February 1945. By the end of April 1945, all carbon bisulphide plants in liberated Italy

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were set into operation. As a result requirements for grain fumigation and olive oil extraction are assured for 1945 and additional quantities will be available to partially supply the rayon manufacturers, rubber manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers and export demands. The entire success in the solution of the problem placed before Major Rosenbaum has been due to his resourcefulness and tireless energy.

4. Major Rosenbaum's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest tradition of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of his assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was assigned the duty of Industrial Engineer in the Industry Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. The officer is presently a Major and is presently assigned as Chief of the Organic Chemicals Division and Pharmaceutical Division, Industry Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Rosenbaum.

7. All subsequent services of Major Rosenbaum have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Col., Sp. Res.
Staff Officer
Economic Section.

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Rosenbaum, Joel (O)
 (23 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FHW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THIMORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Rosenbaum, Joel (O)
 (23 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FHW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 25 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Rosenbaum, Joel (O)
 (23 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FHW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 25 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Major Joel Rosenbaum, 0304978, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. In addition to his normal duties as Industrial Engineer, Industry Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Major Rosenbaum undertook to solve the problem of a shortage of carbon bisulphide, one of the most important single chemicals to Italian economy. As a result of his personal efforts, production and distribution of this chemical was started in December 1944 in Sicily and Sardinia received its first shipment in two years during the month of February 1945. By the end of April 1945, Major Rosenbaum had arranged the reopening and operation of all carbon bisulphide plants in liberated Italy. As a result grain was fumigated prior to storage, thus preventing destruction by weevil and sesam was extracted from olive oil so that the entire olive crop could be put to its greatest use. In addition quantities will be available for the partial supply to rayon manufacturers, rubber manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and export demands. Major Rosenbaum's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394

REF/FRS/mv

23 June 1945

File: 200.6

x-201-Chapman, John W. (U)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, MTCUSA, APO 612, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AM 600-45, it is recommended that John W. Chapman, 3204184, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), JAGD, 287th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services from 25 October 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. On 25 October 1943, Colonel Chapman entered Naples as Deputy Chief Legal Officer of Region IV, Allied Military Government. However, due to the tactical situation that Region was unable to enter its proper territory and Lieutenant Colonel Chapman volunteered his services to the Legal Division of Region III, Allied Military Government (Naples). At that time numerous crimes against law and order were rampant. The port activities were threatened with serious thefts of food and critical supplies for the combat troops to the north of the city. Against strong opposition Colonel Chapman, with a tact and determination and in close liaison with the Judge Advocate with the then Fifth Army Base Section, established the first Summary Military Court within the area of the Port of Naples as the first important step in the prevention of the wholesale thefts of essential war supplies. Colonel Chapman then established the first Curfew Court as another step in deterring crimes against Allied supplies and interests. On 1 February 1944, Colonel Chapman was assigned as Regional Legal Officer. At that time the Legal Division was admittedly unable to cope with the mounting flood of crime. Overcoming all handicaps of shortage of port accommodations and legal officer personnel, Colonel Chapman efficiently and quickly reorganized the entire Legal Division. Through tactful arrangements he drew necessary additional personnel from the resources of the Peninsular Base Section in order to establish a complete and adequate jurisdiction system which included a Prosecutors Section, Court Section, and Finance Section. His prompt and decisive action contributed materially to the reduction of losses of essential war material and other necessary supplies flowing through the Port of Naples. His patience and tact with the personnel under his command removed all dissension and created cordial relations between American and British personnel.

3. On 20 June 1944, Colonel Chapman was assigned as Regional Commissioner of Region III, at which time Naples had become the center of political and labor organizational activities. Labor troubles were rife due to economic conditions and the struggle for control by rival labor organizers. In an ill-conceived plan to quiet the local civilian population extravagant promises had been made. The principal promise was one to increase the food ration as of 1 July 1945. Colonel Chapman was informed that this pre-

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vious promise could not be met. Refusing to accept this decision, Colonel Chapman's energetic action resulted in the promise being kept and rations were distributed before the time promised. This action resulted in the maintenance of order in the port through which was flowing the greatest portion of supplies and materials for the combat armies.

4. On 1 September 1944, the Director of Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, requested to be relieved as a result of constant dissension between American and British personnel. On 25 September, Colonel Chapman was assigned as Director of the Sub-Commission. He was immediately confronted with the task of dealing with Public Safety problems incident to what then seemed to be immediately imminent, the rapid occupation of additional enemy territory, as well as the reorganization of the Sub-Commission. The normal tasks were accomplished, the major and more difficult tasks of arranging for the establishment of cordial relations between the American and British personnel were accomplished through the patience, tact, and diplomacy of Colonel Chapman, who succeeded in welding the personnel into an efficient and smoothly working team.

5. Colonel Chapman's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military services and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

6. Colonel Chapman was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Colonel on 17 May 1944. The officer has occupied the positions of Deputy Regional Legal Officer, Regional Legal Officer, and Regional Commissioner of Region III, Allied Military Government, as well as Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission. The officer is presently a Colonel and is assigned as Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Chapman.

8. All subsequent services of Colonel Chapman have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Chapman, John W. (O)
 (23 June 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

S. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.C.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Chapman, John W. (O)
 (23 June 45) 2nd Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

WILBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Chapman, John W. (O)
 (23 June 45) 3rd Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 23 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) John W. Chapman, 0204184, JAGD, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 October 1943 to 31 May 1945. In the positions of Deputy Chief Legal Officer and Regional Legal Officer, Colonel Chapman against strong opposition and with a lack of proper personnel and court accommodations established a complete and adequate jurisdiction system for the prosecution of crimes against the military establishment in the port city of Naples. Thefts of food and vital military supplies were mounting in number and became a serious threat to the success of Allied military operations in Italy. Colonel Chapman, in his organization of the court system in Naples, including Summary Military Courts and Curfew Courts, organized the prosecutor Section, Court Section, and Financial Section, which were able to keep pace with and control the crime situation. Through his individual efforts extravagant promises which had been made prior to his assumption to the duties of Regional Commissioner, Region III, Allied Military Government were fulfilled. Food was furnished and labor problems satisfied to contribute to the maintenance of law and order in the port city. Again, as Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Colonel Chapman's personal effort resulted in a complete reorganization of this Sub-Commission and the maintenance of law and order by Public Safety Officer personnel who were assigned to such duties in the rapid occupation of additional enemy territory. Through the patience, tact, and diplomacy of Colonel Chapman, the personnel were welded into an efficient and smoothly working team. The resultant curbing of lawlessness and crime directly aided the success of military operations in Italy. Colonel Chapman's zeal and outstanding attention to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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23 June 1945

X-301-Banning, Paul D. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Paul D. Banning, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 0524391, 15B, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. As Deputy Chief Accountant of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Lieutenant Colonel Banning has, in addition to his general duties, been in direct charge of all accounting for imported civilian supplies and releases to civilians of supplies from the Allied Armed Forces. This task involved the development of procedures for the proper accounting for thousands of varied commodities from the time of their arrival in Italy until their final disposal to the Italian Government for sale to individual consumers. The procedures involved warehousing and sales accounting, collections of the proceeds of sales, consolidation of regional and national accounts, a construction of total charges against the Italian Government, coordination of accounting procedures in the field with those in the United States and Great Britain and the development of procedures with the Italian Government.

3. The magnitude of this work is reflected in the fact that imports for civilian consumption from the date of occupation through 31 December 1944 amounted to one and one-half million tons covering several hundred varied items. Since 31 December the number of items concerned has increased many times over. The value of the supplies sold to hundreds of civilian consumers for which proceeds of sales were collected in cash by the Allied Commission amounted to the equivalent of about seventy million dollars. The difficulties which needed to be overcome were enormous. The fact that an operation such as Allied Military Government with its attendant supply problems was without precedent and entire procedures were set up by original planning. Unlike Army accounting, which deals almost exclusively with transactions with Army units and is, therefore, based on standardized procedure, AO/AMG accounting deals mainly with transactions with Italian civilian agencies not subject to military controls and discipline. The everchanging status of the AO/AMG organization and the various stages from military government in Army areas to Allied Control Commission with advisory functions in Italian Government territory to the Italian Government as military campaigns progressed made standardized accounting a matter of extreme difficulty. Serious problems resulting from the shortage of trained personnel and adverse conditions

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in a war theater, insufficient communications facilities, lack of proper warehouse accommodations, and unloading and storage operations in crowded ports added to the difficulties encountered by Lieutenant Colonel Banning. In spite of these difficulties Lieutenant Colonel Banning's efforts resulted in the development of standardized procedures which have permitted the accurate accounting for all the variegated activities connected with civilian supplies and the preparation of consolidated accounts with a minimum loss of time. Lieutenant Colonel Banning has achieved first class knowledge of accounting in all its branches. He has labored tirelessly for long hours beyond the normal requirements of duty. He has played a large role in developing the accounting staff of the Allied Commission into an efficiently working team.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Banning's initiative, ability, tireless energy, and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The officer was a major at the time he was assigned to the 2675th Regiment for duty as Deputy Chief Accountant, Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 October 1944. The officer is presently a Lieutenant Colonel and is assigned the same position as Deputy Chief Accountant.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Banning.

7. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Colonel Banning have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT B. MEWAPAGE
Colonel, Specialist Reserve,
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Banning, Paul D. (O)

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(23 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 24 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:

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x-201-Banning, Paul D. (O)

2nd Ind.

EMS/FRW/mv

(23 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 24 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

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x-201-Banning, Paul D. (O)

3rd Ind.

GMP/FRW/mv

(23 June 45)

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 24 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Paul D. Banning, 0524891, NMB, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1944 to 31 May 1945. As Deputy Chief Accountant of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Colonel Banning was placed in direct charge of all accounting for imported civilian supplies and the release of civilian supplies from the Allied Armed forces. He developed procedures for the proper accounting of thousands of different commodities totaling some one and one-half million tons and amounting in sales proceeds to the equivalent of about seventy million dollars. Without precedent in operations of this nature all attendant supply problems and accounting procedures were set up by him from original planning. In spite of the difficulties encountered, Lieutenant Colonel Banning has carried out his duties with the resultant accurate accounting for all imported civilian supplies and release to civilians of supplies from the Allied Forces. Lieutenant Colonel Banning's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military services from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
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File: 200.6

23 June 1945

x-201-Angibault, Robert H. L. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 312, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-43, it is recommended that Robert H. L. Angibault, S/93072, Staff Sergeant Major, RASC, British Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. Warrant Officer Angibault was appointed Chief Clerk of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, during the early planning period in North Africa in 1943. His first responsibility was to organize the office routine of the Sub-Commission, including the handling and routing of correspondence, the planning of filing systems, and the operation of a large typing pool. SSM Angibault accomplished his assigned tasks in a superior manner in spite of severe difficulties. He has often been required to work with far less than a minimum staff, necessitating the reassignment of duties on very short notices. During the period of nearly two years that SSM Angibault has occupied his present position, the headquarters of the Finance Sub-Commission have been divided into two and sometimes three widely separated detachments. At one time headquarters were being maintained at Palermo, Sicily, and at Brindisi and Naples, Italy. Subordinate headquarters, those of Regional Finance Officers, have varied at times in numbers from nine to fourteen. In spite of the handicaps of insufficient personnel and the geographic dispersion of these offices, SSM Angibault has, through ability far above the average and an untiring devotion to duty, succeeded in keeping the administrative paper duty of the Finance Sub-Commission on a continuously current basis, materially aiding the coordination of the work of these headquarters.

3. The exceedingly large volume of daily work, often numbering two to three hundred items, many of a policy nature, has required an individual who is mentally agile, able to work at top speed without error, possessing a considerable knowledge of the technical problems presented by the work of the Finance Sub-Commission. These qualifications SSM Angibault has exhibited to a high degree. The work of the Finance Sub-Commission has involved the preparation of hundreds of reports, memoranda, telegrams. Each month a report averaging one hundred pages in length is sent to Allied Force Headquarters for onward transmission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington for the purpose of informing Governmental

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departments in Washington and London of financial developments in occupied territories. As a result of the office organization planned and supervised by SSM Angibault, these reports have always been prepared and forwarded on schedule. In addition, the Finance Sub-Commission has exchanged some twelve hundred telegrams with the Combined Chiefs of Staff through Allied Force Headquarters. SSM Angibault has been responsible for their preparation and filing in an elaborate cross index file for immediate reference. He has personally drafted many letters and instructions on administrative subjects and has otherwise performed the duties far above those usually expected of a non-commissioned officer.

4. SSM Angibault's unfailing, cheerful, courteous and helpful attitude, his mastery of the technique of efficient office procedure and his complete and outstanding devotion to duty indicate the finest traditions of the British Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. Warrant Officer Angibault was a Staff Sergeant Major at the time of his assignment to duty as Chief Clerk of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. He is presently a Staff Sergeant Major and occupies the same duties as Chief Clerk.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by SSM Angibault.

7. All subsequent services of SSM Angibault have been honorable.

8. SSM Angibault has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT B. NEWBACE
Colonel, Specialist Reserve
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Angibault, Robert H. L. (Enl)
 (23 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

M. P. THRODRE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Angibault, Robert H. L. (Enl)
 (23 June 45) 2nd Ind. SWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELMER E. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Angibault, Robert H. L. (Enl)
 (23 June 45) 3rd Ind. SMP/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 23 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. H. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant Robert H. L. Angibault, S/93072, RASC, British Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Finance Sub-Commission, SSM Angibault organized the office routine of the Sub-Commission, including the handling and routing of correspondence, the planning of a file system, and the operation of a large typing pool. In spite of severe difficulties resulting from less than a minimum staff and the change of assignment of his personnel upon very short notice, his accomplishments have been of the highest order. He has coordinated the administrative functions of the several headquarters and Regional Finance Offices during the time of the Sub-Commission's operation. He has succeeded in keeping administrative paper duties of the Sub-Commission on a continuously current basis, aiding immeasurably the coordination of action of the operating headquarters. His daily work involved two or three hundred items, many of policy nature. He has displayed his knowledge of the technical problems presented by the work of the Sub-Commission. He is responsible for the drafting and completion of letters and instructions on administrative subjects and in the forwarding of large reports of Finance Sub-Commission activities to the Combined Chiefs of Staff informing Governmental offices in Washington and London of the effect of finance operations in occupied territory. SSM Angibault's unceasing and outstanding devotion to duty indicate the finest traditions of the British Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service of Great Britain from Northwich Park, Middlessex, England.

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22 June 1945

File: 200.6

201-Penick, James H. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Honor.

TO: 1. Commanding General, HQUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that James H. Penick, O10466, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Honor for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. As chief of the Allied Financial Agency, Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Lieutenant Colonel Penick has been in charge of the receipt, storage, and safeguarding, as well as the distribution of Allied Military currency, totaling over one hundred thirty billion lire. Of this amount, Lieutenant Colonel Penick has arranged for the disbursement of over seventy billions to finance officers, paymasters, and provincial and regional finance officers of the Allied armies, navies, and air forces. By his keen foresight in anticipating requirements in ordering currency in advance from Washington, where printing was accomplished, in organizing and effecting the unloading of numerous shipments in all principal ports of Italy under bombardment by enemy aircraft, Lieutenant Colonel Penick has succeeded by ability, organization, and untiring efforts in making the Allied Finance Agency function in a smooth and coordinated manner. In spite of the lack of trained personnel, transport, and normal facilities damaged by the war, finance officers of all Allied forces have received required currency more expeditiously and their problems in dealing with unusual accounting and disbursing procedures have met with a solution by Lieutenant Colonel Penick with an unfailing willingness and cooperation. He has planned and organized branches of Allied Finance Agency in Rome, Bari, Naples, Genoa, Florence, and Milan, carrying out frequent and large movements of Allied lire funds required to supply this large network.

3. He has planned an important program in establishing the system of remittances from the United States and United Kingdom to Italy in which millions of dollars and pounds were transferred into lire payments to beneficiaries in Italy, relieving widespread distress conditions. At the same time and in cooperation with the network of Bank of Italy branches he has planned and executed transfers of many billions of Italian currency vitally important to the operation of the Italian banking system and governmental operations. At the time of the combat armies' entrance into Florence, Lieutenant Colonel Penick proceeded personally into the city while it was still under enemy shell fire to commence operations. A

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particularly well planned and successful mission carried out by Lieutenant Colonel Penick was the transfer of twenty-three tons of gold found in enemy possession at Fortezza in Bolzano province to the Allied Financial Agency vaults in Rome. In the same operation he also arranged for the transfer of other valuables including the coin collections of the Italian Royal House and one billion lire of German funds captured as war booty. His superior performance in effecting the smooth operation of the handling of these large amounts of currency, with the accounting, reporting and providing adequate safeguard without loss or delay is worthy of emulation. Lieutenant Colonel Penick has contributed materially to the effective completion of finance operations of the Allied Forces and Allied Military Government. Lieutenant Colonel Penick has not spared himself but has accomplished his tasks successfully through close personal attention and direct personal action.

4. By his zeal, tireless energy, and outstanding devotion to duty Lieutenant Colonel Penick has exemplified the finest traditions of the United States Army and has reflected the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The officer was a Major at the time he was assigned to the 2675th Regiment for duty as Chief of the Allied Financial Agency. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 October 1944. The officer is presently a Lieutenant Colonel and is still on duty as Chief of the Allied Financial Agency.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Penick.

7. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Colonel Penick have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT B. MURPHY
Colonel, Specialist Reserve
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Penick, James H. (U)
(22 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Penick, James H. (U)
(22 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EAC/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[s] Ellery W. Stone
ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Penick, James H. (U)
(22 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVRD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 23 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. FARVIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) James H. Penick, 0104466, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1944 to 31 May 1945. As Chief of the Allied Financial Agency Lieutenant Colonel Penick has directed the receiving, storing, safeguarding, and distribution of Allied military currency totaling over one hundred thirty billion lire. He has directed the disbursement of seventy billion to finance officers, paymasters, and other officers of the Allied armies, navies, and air forces. By his keen foresight in anticipating requirements in ordering currency in advance from Washington, where it was printed, in organizing and effecting the unloading of numerous shipments in all principal ports of Italy he has succeeded in completing the mission of the Allied Financial Agency in a smooth and orderly fashion. Despite lack of personnel, transportation, and facilities due to war damage, Lieutenant Colonel Penick has planned and executed his missions without loss of time. His direction was the primary factor in the transfer of twenty-three tons of gold found in enemy possession in Bolzano province to the Allied Financial Agency vaults in Rome. In addition, the safe transfer of other valuables, including the coin collections of the Italian Royal House and one billion lire of German funds captured as war booty, reflect the tireless energy and devotion to duty of Lieutenant Colonel Penick. His tireless efforts, zeal, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RGA/FRW/mv

22 June 1945

File: 200.6

X-201-Tito, Thomas G. (C)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 19 $\frac{1}{2}$, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Thomas G. Tito, O1176525, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, formerly 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, now assigned to 2600th Special Detachment (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 9 July 1944 to 20 April 1945.

2. Lieutenant Tito was assigned to duty as Civil Affairs Officer of the City of Piombino in the Province of Livorno. At the time of Lieutenant Tito's arrival, the City and its Port were a vital link in the line of supply to the Allied combat forces to the North. The Port and City were severely damaged as a result of Allied bombings and front line artillery and small arms action. Due to the heavy Allied air attacks just prior to the City's liberation, the civilian population had been evacuated and the Civil Affairs of the City were completely disorganized. Offices of the local government were reinstated by Lieutenant and his personnel and immediate action was applied to furnish Civil Administration personnel to administer the needs of the City and to arrange for personnel for the operation of the large Port at Piombino. In reactivating the civilian administration, Lieutenant Tito located and screened such officials as could be found and selected new ones to fill necessary posts.

3. In addition to the employment of thousands of civilian laborers for Port duties, the balance of the City's unemployed were placed in other labor capacities with the Armed Forces and several hundreds were used to aid in clearing the City. As a result, roads were reopened, housing facilities were furnished for the local workers and refugees from other towns and provinces who had come to this city in search of work or refuge. Lieutenant Tito's exceptional ability to handle the difficult administrative problems which faced him in the initial reactivation of local government and to assist in the re-creation of the large port activities, directly contributed in no small measure to the eventual success of Allied combat operations in the North, since the operations of the Port assured arrival at the proper time of sorely needed combat supplies.

4. As a further result of his tireless efforts, Lieutenant Tito secured the cooperation of the local populace and averted serious disturbances usually encountered by the Army because of a dissatisfied population. Due to Lieutenant Tito's hard work and efforts and to his under-

Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

standing, courtesy and tact, the badly damaged city was quickly rehabilitated and living conditions restored as nearly normal as was possible. His work was such, and his counsel that resolute, that the city was left with a strong foundation upon which to rebuild a competent civil administration. His efforts in the Port area also secured for workmen and employers alike a feeling of complete satisfaction in one another's efforts and inculcated in them a spirit of good-will and agreement.

5. Lieutenant Tito's tireless energy, zeal and resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Military Government in Italy.

6. Lieutenant Tito was initially assigned as Provincial Officer in Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, on 9 July 1944. He assumed the duties of Civil Affairs Officer in the City of Piombino in September 1944. The officer is still a Second Lieutenant and was transferred on 21 April 1945 to the 2600th Special Detachment (Overhead). His duties there are unknown.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Tito.

8. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Tito have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, F. A.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Tito, Thomas G. (O)
(22 June 45)

1st Ind.

RPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODORE

1st Lt., A.G.D.

Recorder

1 Incl:

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x-201-Tito, Thomas G. (O)
(22 June 45)

2nd Ind.

RMS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

EMERY W. STONE

Rear Admiral, USNR

Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

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x-201-Tito, Thomas G. (O)
(22 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 22 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. R. PARNIN

Colonel, Infantry

Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

PROMISED CITATION

Second Lieutenant Thomas G. Tito, O1176525, Field Artillery, 2600th Special Detachment (Overhead), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 9 July 1944 to 20 April 1945. As Civil Affairs Officer of the City of Piombino immediately after the City's liberation, Lieutenant Tito quickly and efficiently reactivated the civil administration which had been left in a chaotic condition due to Allied bombings and prior evacuation of civilian population. Through his effective use and supervision of civilian administrative officers, he arranged for the employment of several thousand laborers to work and operate the large port at Piombino, which was one of the links in the main supply line serving the combat forces to the immediate North. In addition the balance of the unemployed were used in clearing the debris in the City proper and in reconstructing roadways and bridges. As a result of Lieutenant Tito's tireless efforts the urgent demands on the Port were met and an increasing flow of military supplies passed to the combat troops for the successful completion of operations. Lieutenant Tito's unselfish and outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Staten Island, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

RHM/SHW/ov

File: 200.6

22 June 1945

x-201-Crawshaw, Harold G. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Harold G. Crawshaw, 123597, Colonel, General List, British Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. Colonel Crawshaw was appointed Chief Accountant of Allied Commission and was from the start confronted with an extremely difficult assignment. Owing to the lack of advance information little had been accomplished toward establishing standard accounting and auditing procedures for the occupation of Italy. With no precedent to serve as a guide, he formulated the necessary instructions and established an efficient accounting organization by drawing upon his long experience as a practicing Chartered Accountant in Italy, and by applying that knowledge to war conditions he was able to anticipate demands which would be made upon the Military Government from a fiscal standpoint. All activities in Italy touch upon many fields of accounting, their range exceed ordinary governmental accounts and the operation is far more complex. Included in the activities subject to accounting are the receipt and disbursement of moneys by Allied Commission/Allied Military Government, advancement of costs of occupation to the Allied armies, provisions for the handling of imported food stuffs and other civilian articles, medical supplies, coal and petroleum products, the purchase of supplies for resale and for export, the warehousing and storage of supplies, the operation of military and civilian truck pools, the distribution of supplies to Italian agencies, the caring for displaced persons and internees, the issue of equipment and supplies to the Italian Armed Forces, the sale of salvage and surplus supplies previously the property of Allied armies and the advancement of moneys to the Italian State, provinces, and local governmental organizations. Each of these activities enters into Allied Commission accounts. Funds involved are receipts exceed one hundred billion lire with a somewhat small amount shown as disbursements.

3. In providing for each of these activities, Colonel Crawshaw developed and placed into effect the necessary financial regulations, making these into an integrated system of accounts. Following the initial instructions, he thereupon took effective measures to see that

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such instructions were faithfully promulgated by accountable officers. He developed essential checks and balances, including comprehensive auditing procedures for the verification of accounts, of receipts, for disbursing officers, custodians of funds and the operations of the Allied Financial Agency. So effective have been these measures that throughout the entire period of occupation of Italy there have never been irregularities sizeable enough in the accounts of Allied officers worthy of mention.

4. Colonel Crawshaw has demonstrated rare ability in meeting rapidly changing conditions in the early stages of occupation. Money activities, particularly those relating to the handling of supplies were necessarily performed by personnel of the Allied armies due to the economic situation of the local Italian governments and disruption of distributing organizations. Originally Allied Commission and Allied Military Government found it necessary to receive, transport, warehouse, sell, and collect for all civilian imports. Colonel Crawshaw immediately assumed the view that since effective national organizations could be developed, these activities should be taken over by the Italian authorities. He clearly foresaw that with the extension of liberated territory merchandising on such a scale could not continue indefinitely with the limited Allied staff available for the work. Colonel Crawshaw assumed the lead in fostering the transaction of accounting responsibility to Italian organizations in conducting preliminary negotiations and in prescribing the accounts required by the Allied Commission. Among the arrangements performed by him, in which five varied Italian receiving agents are utilized, are those for food stuffs and agricultural imports, petroleum supplies, medical supplies, coal, and miscellaneous products, each type of supplies handled by an Italian national agency specializing in the commodity and acting as a receiving and distributing agent for the Italian Government. Had it not been for Colonel Crawshaw's ability to foresee the need for utilizing such organization and his successful negotiations with the officers in their own language, adding to this the final execution of the necessary system, the supply program in its present scope and magnitude could not have been carried out by the small amount of personnel available for such work.

5. Colonel Crawshaw's initiative, foresightedness, and outstanding devotion to duty are an indication of the finest traditions of the British Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Military Government in Italy.

6. The officer was a Colonel at the time of his assignment to Allied Military Government in 1943. He has been the Chief Accountant, Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, since that time. The officer is presently a Colonel and occupies the same position.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Crawshaw.

8. All subsequent services of Colonel Crawshaw have been honorable.

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Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT B. MESSAPAGE
Colonel, Specialist Reserve
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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X-201-Crawshaw, Harold G. (C)
 (22 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (OVHD),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

1 Incl:
 n/c

R. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

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X-201-Crawshaw, Harold G. (C)
 (22 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (OVHD),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

1 Incl:
 n/c

ELBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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X-201-Crawshaw, Harold G. (C)
 (22 June 45) 3rd Ind. OAF/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2075th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 23 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 312,
 U. S. Army.

Approved.

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1 Incl:
 n/c

C. M. PARRIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel Harold G. Crawshaw, 123597, General List, British Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1943 to 31 May 1945, as Chief Accountant of the Allied Commission. Colonel Crawshaw established and organized the standard accounting and auditing procedures for the occupation of Italy. The many technical fields of accounting involved in the occupation range exceedingly above ordinary governmental accounts. Some of the activities, such as receipts and disbursements of moneys by Allied organizations covering the handling and purchase of food stuffs and other articles, the pay of the Allied Armies, the operation of military and civilian truck pools, the care of displaced persons and internees, and the advances to Italian Governmental organizations were entered into Allied Commission accounts. Colonel Crawshaw developed and placed into effect the necessary accounting regulations. He developed essential checks and balances including comprehensive auditing procedures for the verification of accounts. In foreseeing the assumption of these activities by Italian authorities, Colonel Crawshaw conducted all preliminary organizations in prescribing the accounts to be rendered by these agencies to the Allied Commission. Had it not been for Colonel Crawshaw's ability in utilizing the organizations available in formulating the accounting procedures and in effecting their operation, the program in its present scope could not have been carried out by the small amount of personnel available for the work. Colonel Crawshaw's efforts have been of such a highly effective nature that his services have materially aided the successful completion of the mission of the Allied Forces in Italy. Colonel Crawshaw's foresightedness and outstanding devotion to duty are an indication of the finest traditions of the British Army and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service of Great Britain from London S.W. 1, England.

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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File: 200.6

22 June 1945

A-201-Levitt, Robert (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Robert Levitt, OJ43518, Major (then Captain), Corps of Military Police, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 November 1943 to 9 May 1945.

2. Major Levitt, then a Captain, was assigned as Company Commander, Company "A", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, on 24 November 1943. Company "A", the first company activated in the regiment, was the sole administrative unit for American personnel in the first operations of Allied Military Government. In August 1943 nearly two hundred officers and one hundred and seventy enlisted men of this first AMGOT group to be sent on a mission were ordered to Sicily as a part of the 15th Army Group. This unit was considered an "AMGOT Detachment" at that time. When the Company was activated, officer and enlisted personnel and equipment were spread over the entire island of Sicily and some had moved with their equipment to the Italian Mainland. Major Levitt was entrusted with the task of locating these personnel and equipment, accounting for the property and equipment in their possession, arranging for systems of communication, setting up supply lines for the normal rationing of his organization and arranging for the numerous tasks of administration of his company's personnel. The difficulties of lack of transportation, water, housing facilities and innumerable obstacles in the chaos resulting from the Sicilian invasion presented Major Levitt with a task considered far beyond human endurance. Through his resourcefulness, attention to duty and hard work through long hours of the day, Major Levitt had located, administered and initially supplied ninety percent of his organization in the short span of one month. In spite of the fact that personnel was so widely dispersed, that the company was established without tables of basic allowances or tables of equipment, that personnel had no knowledge of duties of supply sergeant, transportation sergeant, or administrative clerks, Major Levitt's initiative, knowledge and persistence overcame all these difficulties and obtained such excellent results that the activation of future companies with Allied Military Government duties had had an example set for them in the company established by this outstanding officer.

3. Major Levitt was relieved as Commanding Officer, Company "A" on 7 August 1944, to assume the organization and command of Company "M",

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which was subsequently slated as the organization to occupy the Venetian Region in Northern Italy. Shortly after its activation, Company "M" was moved to the 8th Army side and was in constant contact with front-line troops. The organization supplied the spearhead Civil Affairs Officers, Public Health Officers and other military government officials for 8th Army in its march up the Eastern Coast. Again nearly fifty percent of the personnel of Major Levitt's Company was spread over an area of approximately one hundred square miles. In spite of road transportation and other existing conditions, Major Levitt accomplished the insurmountable feat of supplying, paying, clothing and administering nearly two hundred personnel assigned to the Company. His efforts in securing the services of the personnel to administer areas newly liberated by the 8th Army on the Eastern Coast averted further strikes and bloodshed, pilferage and similar evils with the result that all towns occupied by the personnel of Major Levitt's organization have been quickly and accurately administered and have obtained for Allied Military Government in Italy the respect and esteem of the Italian people.

4. Major Levitt's outstanding devotion to duty, his resourcefulness and coolness under pressure reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. The characteristics of Major Levitt are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

5. Major Levitt was a Captain at the time he assumed his duties as Commanding Officer, Company "A". He was promoted to Major on 7 May 1944. The officer is presently a Major and is assigned as Company Commander of Company "M", 2673th Regiment, Allied Commission.

6. The commanding officer has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Levitt.

7. All subsequent services of the officer have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

C. R. FARRIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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X-201-Levitt, Robert (O)
 (22 June 45) 1st Ind. MPT/HRW/HR
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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X-201-Levitt, Robert (O)
 (22 June 45) 2nd Ind. SRS/HRW/HR
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELMER W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

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X-201-Levitt, Robert (O)
 (22 June 45) CME/HRW/HR
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVND), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 22 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. A. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Robert Levitt, 0343518, CMP, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services from 4 November 1943 to 9 May 1945. As a Captain, Major Levitt was assigned as Company Commander of the first company organized as an Allied Military Government unit. In August 1943, nearly two hundred officers and one hundred seventy enlisted men of this first AMGOT group to be sent on a mission were ordered to Sicily for military government duties following the invasion forces on that Island. When the Company was activated, officer and enlisted personnel and their equipment were spread over the entire Island of Sicily and in some cases had moved to the Italian Mainland. Through Major Levitt's resourcefulness, insurmountable obstacles were overcome and the enormous task of locating this personnel and equipment, accounting for equipment and property in their possession, arranging for communications systems, setting up supply lines for the normal rationing of his company and the administration of the personnel was completed in a short span of one month. The results obtained through Major Levitt's efforts are reflected in the excellent record of Allied Military Government and its accomplishments on the Island of Sicily. Later as Company Commander of Company "M", 2675th Regiment, subsequently to form the American Unit in the Occupation of Venezia Region at the time of its liberation, Major Levitt's organization was moved to Northeastern Italy as a military government organization in connection with Eighth Army operations. Despite transportation and communications difficulties, Major Levitt's direction of personnel in his organization in the functions of Allied Military Government in Northern Italy resulted in facilitating army operations in that sector. Major Levitt's outstanding devotion to duty, resourcefulness and untiring efforts are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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21 June 1945

File: 200.6
X-201-Nevens, Edward E., Jr. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 312, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15g, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Edward E. Nevens, Jr., 01797692, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 27 February 1944 to 20 April 1945.

2. Lieutenant Nevens has held the assignments of Prosecutor of Allied Military Government Courts in the City of Naples and Provincial Legal Officer, Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. Both in Naples and in Pisa the offenses committed against the Allied Forces were a matter of grave concern to military combat forces, especially in cases of espionage, assaults upon our troops and black market operations which demanded the talents of seasoned administrators of the law. Gunning pilferage by an alien population of supplies vital to the success of military operations required immediate and resolute trial. Lieutenant Nevens was chosen for the task required.

3. With untiring energy and painstaking use of his prior civilian training and without regard to physical comfort, Lieutenant Nevens, as a prosecuting officer, relentlessly applied the full measure of the law to these enemies of Allied operations in Italy. Innumerable cases of petty and grand larceny, assault and espionage were investigated and tried in court by Lieutenant Nevens. His investigations of crimes required the work of the officer through long and tiring hours. The result of his efforts are found in the long terms of imprisonment and death sentences applied to such offenders at a time when Allied Military Government operations were sorely in need of sustained support. His efforts resulted in a successful administration of the law, maintenance of order in occupied territory and in an unending flow of supplies required by the combat forces.

4. Lieutenant Nevens' tireless efforts and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

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5. At the time of his initial assignment to the Allied Military Government, the officer was a Second Lieutenant. He occupied the positions of Prosecutor, Allied Military Government Courts in the City of Naples and was later assigned as Provincial Legal Officer, Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The officer was promoted to First Lieutenant on 17 September 1944. He is at present assigned as Provincial Legal Officer, Pisa Province, Toscana Region.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Nevana.

7. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Nevana have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, F. A.
Regional Commissioner

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Proposed Citation

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x-201-Nevans, Edward M., Jr. (O)
(21 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

F. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Nevans, Edward M., Jr. (O)
(21 June 45) 2nd Ind. BWS/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 22 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

Chief Commissioner

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Nevans, Edward M., Jr. (O)
(21 June 45) 3rd Ind. CAP/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 22 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Edward E. Nevens, Jr., 01797692, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 27 February 1944 to 28 April 1945. As Prosecutor of Allied Military Government Courts in the City of Naples and Provincial Legal Officer, Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Nevens was charged with the application of the full measure of the law. Both at Naples and at Pisa, the offenses being committed against the Allied Forces were a matter of grave concern to the military establishments. Cases of espionage, assaults upon our troops and an overwhelming pillage of supplies vital to the success of the Allied effort were resolutely prosecuted by Lieutenant Nevens. With untiring energy and painstaking use of his prior civilian training and without regard to physical comfort, Lieutenant Nevens spent long and tiring hours in investigating and bringing before the courts of law the trials of the enemies of the Allied Forces in Italy. Heavy sentences of imprisonment and death were invoked on the offenders at a time when Allied Military Fortunes were in need of sustained support. As a result of the officer's efforts the supplies needed by the combat forces in their movements to the North of Italy were transported in a considerably short space of time. His efforts in the successful administration of the law and in the maintenance of order in occupied territory contributed materially to the final success of combat operations in Italy. Lieutenant Nevens' tireless efforts and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

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HEADQUARTERS
TUSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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21 June 1945

X-201-Brownlee, Thomas R. (U)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Thomas R. Brownlee, 0152813, Captain, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 10 August 1944 to 6 May 1945.

2. Captain Brownlee was assigned as Public Works and Utilities Officer, Toscana Region, in charge of the repair and reconstruction of bridges and highways. The officer was assigned to duty in an area where the enemy had made a long stand against Allied aerial artillery and ground assaults. In many instances bridges and highways had been obliterated. Materials and equipment were entirely lacking at the start. Captain Brownlee effectively reorganized civilian bridge and highway construction associations. By virtue of his engineering knowledge and untiring efforts, together with his tact in contacts with civilian and Army authorities, excellent coordination of the repair work was obtained. Through the reorganization of the civilian associations, numbers of engineering and construction combat forces were freed from work in the rear areas to move nearer the front where immediate services were required.

3. The region in which Captain Brownlee was assigned to duty is located to the South and North of the large Port and City of Leghorn. Immediately after the city's liberation, the Port was used as the main supply line for combat forces to the North. As a result of the intense Allied bombings, the roads and bridges were in a poor state of repair. In order that supply lines of combat troops would not suffer, immediate action on the part of Captain Brownlee was necessary. Temporary reconstruction was effected through his efforts, so that supplies could be moved in a steady stream from the Port to the lines. At such time as was possible, permanent bridges and roads were rebuilt. The services of Captain Brownlee contributed to a large extent in the successful operations of the combat troops.

4. The resourcefulness, tireless efforts and sound judgment of Captain Brownlee are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied forces in Italy.

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Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

5. The officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment as Public Works and Utilities Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Captain and is still assigned as Public Works and Utilities Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain Brownlee.

7. All subsequent services of Captain Brownlee have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT C. KINGWOOD
Colonel, P. A.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Brownlee, Thomas R. (O)
 (21 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

S. P. THODDRE
 1st Lt., A.O.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Brownlee, Thomas R. (O)
 (21 June 45) 2nd Ind. SMS/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

WILEY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Brownlee, Thomas R. (O)
 (21 June 45) 3rd Ind. GMP/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 812,
 U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. E. PARKIE
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain Thomas R. Brownlee, 0192813, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Public Works and Utilities Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Captain Brownlee effectively reorganized civilian bridge and highway construction organizations. In spite of lack of materials and civilian labor, roads and bridges almost beyond repair as a result of Allied air and artillery bombardment were restored on a temporary basis in an exceedingly short period of time to permit the movement of badly needed supplies for the combat forces in the North. Captain Brownlee improvised equipment and materials with which to work and in his tact in the handling of civilian contractors brought about the effective coordination of their efforts with those of the Armed Forces. His performance of duty and the result of his planning and organization contributed to the successful completion of combat operations. Captain Brownlee's tireless efforts, sound engineering judgment and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the Military service from Columbus, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File: 200.6

21 June 1945

x-201-Savin, William H. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that William H. Savin, O511995, Major, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 15 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Major Savin was assigned to duty as Civil Affairs Officer of the Comune of Leghorn immediately after its liberation in 1944. At the time of its liberation, the Port and City were severely damaged as a result of German and Allied bombings and front-line action. Due to the heavy Allied air attacks prior to its liberation, the civilian population of Leghorn had been evacuated and Civil Affairs of the Comune were completely disorganized. Offices of the local government were reinstated by Major Savin and his personnel, immediate action was applied to furnish personnel for the operation of the Port, in order that the combat armies in action a short distance to the North could receive the necessary supplies. In reactivating the civilian administration, Major Savin located and screened such officials as could be found and selected new ones to fill necessary posts.

3. He established and supervised a Civilian Housing Authority to prepare and allocate housing for some twenty thousand workers required by the Port and local military units. He displayed exceptional ability to estimate the character of employees; operated coolly and efficiently under the chaotic conditions that existed and handled the difficult administrative problems which arose in the Port and City proper. He devoted himself to his work far beyond the call of duty and without regard for his personal health and comfort. As a result of his efforts the civil affairs of the Comune were reactivated well in advance of expected dates. Sufficient workers were employed and housed locally for the work urgently needed within the Port area. The result was an increasing flow of military supplies to Allied combat troops in the North and the final resultant success of the military operations. 784

4. Major Savin's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

5. Major Savin was initially assigned as Provincial Officer in Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The officer assumed the duties of Civil Affairs Officer for the Commune of Leghorn in September 1944. The officer is still a Major and is at present performing the same duty as Civil Affairs Officer of the Commune of Leghorn.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Savin.

7. All subsequent services of Major Savin have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, P.A.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Savin, William H. (O)
 (21 June 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

1 Incl:
 n/c

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

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x-201-Savin, William H. (O)
 (21 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

1 Incl:
 n/c

ELERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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x-201-Savin, William H. (O)
 (21 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

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

Approved.

1 Incl:
 n/c

C. M. PARKIE 4782
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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511/cc

PROPOSED CITATION

Major William H. Savin, 0511995, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 15 September 1944, to 8 May 1945. As Civil Affairs Officer of the Comune of Leghorn immediately after the city's liberation, Major Savin quickly and efficiently reactivated the civilian administration, left in a chaotic condition due to the Allied bombings and the prior evacuation of the civilian population. Through his effective use and supervision of civilian administration, he arranged for the employment of twenty thousand workers required for military labor in the Port of Leghorn and with the military forces located in the Comune. As a result, the urgent demands from the Port were met and an increasing flow of military supplies passed to the combat troops for successful completion of operations. Major Savin's tireless efforts and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Washington, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File: 200.6

21 June 1945

X-201-Hill, Robert M. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Robert M. Hill, 0517625, Major (then Captain), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations from 3 July 1944 to 29 April 1945.

2. Major Hill was assigned as Provincial Legal Officer of Grosseto Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. At this time the combat line was located in the direct center of the Province. A large number of spies had passed through the mountains to our lines. Sabotage became active, Government and Legal Institutions were either non-existent or disorganized, officials had fled, communications were disrupted, and the enormous food and supply dumps immediately behind the lines constituted an almost overwhelming temptation to an alien population. The conditions of war afforded a unique opportunity for a vast herd of criminals, blackmarketeers, racketeers and petty thievery individuals.

3. Court rooms had been destroyed, records had been removed and legal personnel had vanished or were incapable of performing the duties of Italy's law members by virtue of their political connections with the Fascist Party. It was necessary that the alien population, long accustomed to the Fascist expediency, must be educated in the law. Without regard to his physical discomfort and with charitable patience, untiring energy and painstaking care, Major Hill resolutely set upon the enforcement of occupation law and the rebuilding of the Italian judicial system of Grosseto Province. In the courts set up by Major Hill, numerous cases of petty and more serious crimes were tried. The sentences imposed included substantial terms of imprisonment or death. Lawless implements were routed out and enemies to law and order were speedily convinced of the law's stern realities. Combat forces on the nearby line at the time Major Hill assumed his duties were hindered by constant interruptions of thievery, sabotage and numerous spy systems. Major Hill worked long and tiresome hours in setting up the judicial system which eventually handled the cases of these criminal civilians. Major Hill handled an unusually large volume of cases and reviews and in his sincerity in the enforcement of law curbed the outbreak of a dangerous criminal situation. What threatened to be a problem of extraordinary dimensions ceased to be a matter of

Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

concern to the combat forces over a surprisingly short period of time. In the courts set up by Major Hill, hundreds of criminals were tried and convicted and through his efforts a formulated plan of law and order was placed into effect. Major Hill has the enviable distinction of being twice commended by the Legal Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission. His tireless efforts in his organization of a judicial system, his zeal and energy and inspiring leadership, resulted in a successful completion not only of the mission of Allied Military Government, but allowed for the unhampered continuance of the operations of combat forces. His unselfish devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

4. The officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment as Provincial Legal Officer of Grosseto Province. He was promoted to Major on 7 January 1945. The officer is presently a Major and is assigned as Provincial Legal Officer, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

5. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Hill.

6. All subsequent services of Major Hill have been honorable.

7. The officer has received no previous awards.

8. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, F. A.
Regional Commissioner

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Proposed Citation

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x-201-Hill, Robert M. (O)
 (21 June 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovrd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODORIS
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Hill, Robert M. (O)
 (21 June 45) 2nd Ind. RPT/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovrd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Hill, Robert M. (O)
 (21 June 45) 3rd Ind. CAP/FRW/av
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVRD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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 C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Robert M. Hill, 0517625, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations from 3 July 1944 to 29 April 1945. As Provincial Legal Officer, Grosseto Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Major Hill was confronted with an outbreak of lawlessness which threatened to hamper military operations on the combat line, then located in the center of the Province he controlled as Provincial Legal Officer. Spies were passing through the mountains into our lines, sabotage became active, Government and legal institutions were either completely non-existent or disorganized, officials had fled, and the enormous food and supply dumps offered an overwhelming temptation to criminals, blackmarketeers, and petty thieves. With complete disregard for his own health and welfare and with untiring energy, Major Hill immediately set upon the enforcement of occupational law and of rebuilding the Italian judicial system in Grosseto Province. Hundreds of cases were tried and substantial terms of imprisonment or sentences of death were meted out to offenders. What had proved to be a serious threat to the operations of combat forces ceased to be a matter of great concern. The meritorious conduct of Major Hill contributed not only to the successful administration of the province, but materially aided the combat operations of the fighting forces not far to the North. A large amount of the success attained by the combat forces in this area was due solely to the bringing to justice those criminals who worked to hamper combat operations. By his tireless efforts, forceful leadership and energy Major Hill set an example for Italian legal procedure throughout all of Italy. His outstanding devotion to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied forces in Italy and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Awards from Cobelligerent Nations

TO : Establishment Section

1. On 8 June this office forwarded to G-5, AFHQ, correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm concerning correspondence covering a list of Allied officers of this Headquarters to whom it is desired to grant the Order of the Crown of Italy as a reward for the recovery of the King's coin collection. Copies of this correspondence are enclosed.

2. In accordance with telephone conversation between Major Thompson (G-5, AFHQ) and M/Sgt Giuliano (of G-1A, this Hq), it will be necessary that all officers mentioned in this list submit individual affidavits in accordance with paragraph 11c of MTOGSA Circular No. 73, dated 12 May. Please take appropriate steps to have individual affidavits submitted by all the officers concerned in this matter and upon completion forward them directly to G-5, AFHQ.

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, ADC
SO to Chief Commr.

cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

HGX/FRW/sc

File: 200.6

20 June 1945

x-201-weber, John K. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John K. Weber, O102751, Colonel, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Colonel Weber was assigned to Naples Province and assumed the post of Legal Officer in January 1944. The task which he faced with a great many prisoners awaiting trial, with an over-crowding of prisons, with many necessary courts non-existent, without officer personnel and without available transportation, appeared almost insurmountable. Colonel Weber, displaying boundless initiative, borrowed the services of necessary officers from British and American sources and assigned them to court positions. He conducted schools for the education of the officers in the administration of Allied Military Government. He planned and devised not only the court system itself, but all phases, i.e. the preparation of cases for trial, prosecution, attendance of witnesses, and a most efficient records department. Too much credit cannot be given Colonel Weber for the splendid results of his performances in developing and carrying on the entire judicial machinery in the important Province and City of Naples. He displayed a tenacity and perseverance which was most outstanding in obtaining motor transport, personnel and an efficient organization of the courts necessary to conduct trials.

3. On 10 June 1944 Colonel Weber was assigned to Region VIII., Allied Military Government, as its Regional Legal Officer. In this position, it was his responsibility to set up and operate Allied Military Courts in the various provinces of the Region as rapidly as the advance of the Fifth Army permitted. Crimes menacing the safety and security of the Armed Forces and civilian population were tried and immediately punished by such courts. Another enormous task was the rehabilitation and revitalization of the Italian judicial system and the supervision of its operation. Colonel Weber formulated decrees and orders for the better government of Tuscany and generally acted as an advisor to the Commissioner of Toscana region on all legal matters concerning Allied Military Government. Acts menacing the security of the Armed Forces were denounced by proclamations under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Colonel Weber's main task was to insure the faithful observance by the civilian

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Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

population of such proclamations to the end that the Army might go forward with its primary object of destroying the enemy in the field unhampered by wayward Italian civilians. Further, the existence of a state of war imposed upon the occupying forces the duty of maintaining law and order. So far as Region VIII. was concerned, this responsibility fell solely upon Colonel Weber. Difficulties encountered were largely inherent in the situation: numbers of spies passed through the mountains through our lines, sabotage became active, government and legal institutions were either completely non-existent or disorganized, officials had fled, communications were disrupted, enormous food and supply dumps constituted an almost overwhelming temptation to an alien population and the conditions of war afforded a unique opportunity for a vast hoard of criminals, black-marketeers, disaffected elements, racketeers, prostitutes and general criminal individuals.

4. To meet this situation, Colonel Weber organized Allied Military Courts for Fifth Army in all the nine provinces of Tuscany. Action of the most resolute kind was immediately necessary to prevent the population from getting out of control, particularly in the large cities and ports. Swift and often exemplary justice needed to be meted out on the spot, calling for a high degree of improvising and long hours of labor and anxiety. Flagrant cases of petty and more serious crimes were tried in these courts and fines ran into many millions of lire, sentences imposed death or substantial terms of imprisonment. Lawless elements were rooted out, particularly at the Port of Livorno where theft of and tampering with vital military supplies and the mail services at one time threatened to assume proportions extremely dangerous to the flow of supplies to the combat Armies. On the Italian courts judges were appointed as a temporary measure and under Colonel Weber's superintendence such courts were reorganized and returned to the exercise of their former functions. Innumerable difficulties had to be overcome; damage to courts and judicial premises, lack of transportation, the prosecution of many new political crimes and the simplification of the cumbersome processes of the Italian legal machine. Where Italian courts proved unable to cope with the situation, Colonel Weber did not hesitate to seize jurisdiction for Allied Military Government courts and many convictions for infraction of purely Italian domestic law were secured. This was particularly true when a strong and immediate action was necessary to prevent the collapse of the Italian olive oil program and to stop flagrant violations of the salt monopoly. By this medium the procuring of these vital commodities was largely secured for the civilian population.

5. Colonel Weber's enormous task called for a high degree of skill in legal matters, but required to an even greater extent invincible energy and an iron determination to overcome every difficulty by a most outstanding and aggressive leadership. By his ceaseless devotion to

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

duty through every difficulty and trial, he inspired the army of judges and legal personnel under his jurisdiction. The enormous volume of work performed personally by Colonel Weber reveals to the fullest his genius for systematizing and simplifying the most complicated work. He allowed himself no personal consideration of time or comfort to interfere with his ponderous burdens. The overwhelming majority of cases tried came before Colonel Weber for decision or review and he brought his detached and impartial judgment to bear upon over ten thousand appeals reviewed by him. The results of Colonel Weber's work are to be seen in that the Army was left free to fulfill its primary function of destroying the enemy with a freedom from the serious worry and trouble the civilian population could offer. By his zeal and devotion to duty, he was able to enforce law and order in the wake of the Army in circumstances of extreme difficulty and by timely and forceful action was able to prevent many dangerous situations from developing. Colonel Weber's work throughout was a model for all to follow and his efforts contributed materially to the success of the Allied Armed Forces.

6. Colonel Weber's zealous attention and outstanding devotion to duty, his resourcefulness and uncanny ability to solve the most difficult of problems, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

7. Colonel Weber was a Colonel at the time he first assumed duties with Allied Military Government in Italy. He has performed the duties of Legal Officer, Naples Province, and Legal Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The officer is still a Colonel and is assigned as Legal Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government.

8. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Weber.

9. All subsequent services of Colonel Weber have been honorable.

10. The officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, Field Artillery
Regional Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Weber, John K. (O)
(20 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

E. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Weber, John K. (O)
(20 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[Signature] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Weber, John K. (O)
(20 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 21 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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1 Incl:
n/c

PROPOSED CITATION

John K. Weber, 0102751, Colonel, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 January 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Provincial Legal Officer, Naples Province, from 22 January to 10 June 1944, Colonel Weber was initially faced with a rising tide of crime and lawlessness that presented grave concern to the military authorities because of its serious effect on the movement of military supplies. He met the unusual conditions with resourceful and forceful measures. He obtained temporary use of legal talent from outside the Allied Commission, established courts and instructed personnel in the legal techniques of military government. By his tireless energy and with his outstanding legal experience and ability, with his firm but just administration of the law, he was instrumental in curbing crime in the entire comune of Naples, thereby reducing supply losses until criminal depredation in that area ceased to be a matter of concern for military authorities. As Regional Legal Officer of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, since 10 June 1944, he reorganized and revitalized the Italian courts. In spite of difficulties arising out of lack of transport, politically disqualified personnel, and damaged court buildings, he obtained the personnel to act as judges and legal investigators for these courts, instructed and directed activities of legal personnel in the war area, including the large port at Livorno, and brought about a curbing of crime and lawlessness. In his capacity as Acting Legal Officer of Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, he insured the functioning of military courts close behind the front lines and gave overall direction to the trial of a substantial number of espionage cases to the end that they were handled with marked efficiency and dispatch. Colonel Weber has shown unusual organizing ability, sound judgment and boundless energy in reviewing over eighteen thousand cases and ten thousand appeal cases. His superior legal accomplishments have resulted in marked advantages in the success of the mission of the Allied Commission. Colonel Weber's zealous performance and outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

REM/TRM/sc

20 June 1945

File: 200.6

x-201-Timmons, Benson E. L., III. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Benson E. L. Timmons, III., 0953545, Major (then Captain), Cavalry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 October 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. As Executive Officer and Assistant to the Joint Directors of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Major Timmons was faced with the coordination of finance and Treasury activities of Allied Commission and Allied Military Government Headquarters located at Palermo, Sicily, at Brindisi, Italy, where the new Italian Government was commencing its functions, at Naples subsequent to the invasion and at the Headquarters of Fifteenth Army Group. Major Timmons created a smooth-working organization of the Finance Sub-Commission in spite of poor transportation and communications. During the twenty months of its existence Finance Sub-Commission has carried on a voluminous amount of correspondence on policy and operational matters by letter and telegram with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D. C., Allied Force Headquarters, Allied Commission political advisers, the United States and British Embassies, the Advisory Council for Italy, and other high echelons and Allied Headquarters. Major Timmons has devoted to this work a painstaking amount of attention over long hours, giving unselfishly of his time and efforts to the timely and efficient administration of these activities.

3. To the successful solution and completion of many problems in the Finance Sub-Commission in the capacity of adviser to the Italian Government, Major Timmons has consistently made most valuable contributions. Among these have been the rehabilitation of the Ministries of the Treasury and Finance of the Italian Government, the solution of the plan for printing of new currency, the plans for the resumption of payment of interest on the public debt, the preparation of Government budgets, the control of exchange, the pay of the Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces, the effectuation of the financial arrangements between the United States and Italian Governments leading to the granting by the latter of the troop expenditure credit in dollars, the financial side of the utilization of Italy's credits abroad and on boards of other financial operations of the Italian Government which leaned heavily on the Finance Sub-Commission for advice and assistance. The organization of a system of money remittances by Italians in America to their relatives in Italy was

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Medal (Cont'd)

was another achievement of great benefit to Italy and a wide-spread relief to its people. In this and in the relatively early re-establishment of other Italian financial services, Major Timmons played an important part and has thus contributed materially toward the restoration of normal economic life in Italy.

4. As a key officer in the Finance Sub-Commission, Major Timmons has handled innumerable problems affecting the Allied Forces, such as the working out of policies and plans for the supplying of currency to the United States, British, French, Polish and other Allied Forces, the procedure by which unpaid bills and requisitions of the Allied Forces have been turned over for payment to the Italian Government and other similar gigantic financial problems. Major Timmons has personally aided, written, or supervised the preparation of the series of monthly reports of the Finance Sub-Commission covering the period from May 1943 to the present. These reports cover every phase of the Finance Sub-Commission's activities in Allied Commission and have been most comprehensive and enlightening. These reports have been forwarded to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the State Department and Foreign Office of the Treasury of the United States and United Kingdom, Allied Force Headquarters and other interested agencies. These reports and those personally responsible for their preparation have received high praise for their completeness, clarity and superior form. A large part of the work in the compilation of these reports has been handled by Major Timmons during other than the normal hours of work.

5. The tireless energy, zeal and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Major Timmons are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and Allied Military Government in Italy.

6. Major Timmons was a Captain at the time of his assignment as Executive Officer and Assistant to the Joint Directors of the Finance Sub-Commission. The Officer was promoted to Major on 17 May 1944. He is presently a Major and occupies the same position as Executive Officer and Assistant to the Joint Directors, Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Timmons.

8. All subsequent services of Major Timmons have been honorable.

9. The Officer has received no previous award.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

ROBERT B. MENAPACE
Colonel, Specialist Reserve
Joint Director
-2- Finance Sub-Commission

PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Benson E. L. Timmons, III., 0353545, Cavalry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 October 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Executive Officer and Assistant to the Joint Directors of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Major Timmons was charged with the coordination of the finance activities of widely separated Headquarters of Allied Commission and Allied Military Government at Salerno, Sicily, and Brindisi, Italy, where the new Italian Government was beginning to function, in Naples immediately after the invasion and at Headquarters Fifteenth Army Group. During the early months of the existence of the Finance Sub-Commission, Major Timmons, by overcoming the obstacles of distance and poor communications and by tactful and tireless work, successfully accomplished the coordination which was vitally necessary for the successful completion of the tasks of Military Government. In the Finance Sub-Commission voluminous correspondence on policies and operational matters with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, Allied Force Headquarters, United States and British embassies, with the Advisory Council for Italy, and other high commands and Allied Headquarters, and in spite of insufficient personnel, Major Timmons devoted himself painstakingly to the administration of activities important to the respective Allied Governments. Major Timmons has contributed valuable services to the Finance Sub-Commission as advisor to the Italian Government and has had most important parts in the rehabilitation of the Ministries of Finance and Treasury of the Italian Government. He has worked tirelessly in coordinating plans for the printing of new currency, for resumption of payments on the public debt, the preparation of government budgets, the control of exchange, the pay of the Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces; the effectuation of financial arrangements between the United States and Italian Governments leading to the granting by the latter of the troop expenditure credits in dollars, and other financial services and functions, the early resumption of which contributed materially to the restoration of economic life in Italy. Major Timmons played an important role in formulating the policies for the supply of Allied Military Currency for the Allied Armed Forces and a procedure by which unpaid bills and requisitions of the Allied Forces were turned over to the Italian Government for payment. In addition to these exacting and time-consuming functions, Major Timmons has, with outstanding ability, written and supervised preparation of a long series of monthly reports of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, eventually forwarded to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters and interested government departments. b6 b7C His excellent technical preparation, his energetic and effective application of his abilities, and his readiness and willingness to apply himself without stint of time or effort, Major Timmons has performed his duties in a manner worthy of the highest emulation. His outstanding devotion to duty, zeal and tireless energy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Miami, Florida.

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x-201-Timmons, Benson E. L., III. (O)
(20 June 1945) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt. AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Timmons, Benson E. L., III. (O)
(20 June 1945) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO
394, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Timmons, Benson E. L., III. (O)
(20 June 1945) 3rd Ind. CME/FRW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 20 June 1945.

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

Approved.

G. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES COMMUNE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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19 June 1945

x-201-Piper, Henry C. S. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Henry C. S. Piper, 32426429, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 1 May 1945.
2. Sergeant Piper, upon assignment to the 2675th Regiment, was given the duty as Chief Clerk of the Finance Division, Southern Region, Allied Commission. At the time of the liberation of the City of Naples, Sergeant Piper joined with commissioned officers in the laborious tasks connected with opening of banks, checking the contents of safety deposits, investigation and blocking of enemy and Fascist assets, and the control of legal tender in the country; on personally conducting banking staffs and their equipment to the forward areas, thus enabling financial institutions in those cities to resume banking operations according to operating plans. The efficiency and resourcefulness of Sergeant Piper contributed materially to the proper and successful functioning of the Finance Division.
3. Frequently in the course of its activities the Finance Division called upon Sergeant Piper to make searching investigations in many cases of extremely difficult nature. He distinguished himself by his patience, tact and skill in eliciting the most valuable information. His fluent knowledge of five foreign languages, together with his high degree of efficiency, was a direct contribution to the Allied effort in restoring banking in Italy to its former position prior to hostilities. The present status of banking operations in all of Southern Italy and in parts of Italy to the North are due in no small measure to the tireless efforts of this enlisted man.
4. Sergeant Piper's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Sergeant Piper deserves highest commendation for his resourcefulness, extraordinary ability, tact and successful completion of his assigned tasks.
5. The enlisted man was a Sergeant at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was assigned the duties of Chief Clerk, Finance Division, Southern Region, Allied Commission. The

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

enlisted man is presently a Sergeant and is assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He is presently performing duties in the Finance Sub-Commission of Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Sergeant Piper.

7. All subsequent services of Sergeant Piper have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

GUY I. WARREN
Lieutenant Colonel
Specialist Reserve
Deputy Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Piper, Henry C. S. (Enl)
(19 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder1 Incl:
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x-201-Piper, Henry C. S. (Enl)
(19 June 45)

2nd Ind.

SMS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Piper, Henry C. S. (Enl)
(19 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTER, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 21 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

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C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding1 Incl:
n/c

PROPOSED CITATION

Sergeant Henry C. S. Piper, 32426429, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 27 September 1943 to 1 May 1945. As Chief Clerk, Finance Division, Southern Region, Allied Commission, and upon the liberation of the City of Naples, Sergeant Piper joined with commissioned officers in the laborious tasks connected with the opening of banks and checking safety deposits, investigating and blocking enemy and Fascist assets, and in moving banking staffs and their equipment from Naples to the forward areas to allow financial institutions to resume banking operations timed according to plans. Sergeant Piper conducted searching investigations in many cases of an extremely delicate nature and the results obtained by him in his investigations greatly contributed to the success of the re-establishment of banking operations in all of Italy. Sergeant Piper's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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19 June 1945

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X-201-Journalist, Eugene J. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Eugene J. Journalist, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 31272732, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1943 to 26 October 1944.

2. As Chief Clerk of the Orders and Bulletins Section, Headquarters Allied Military Government, Sergeant Journalist was faced with the problem of the organization of an efficient section to handle the publication of orders covering the travel and assignment of personnel of all nationalities, including French, British, Russian, Italian and American, and all those personnel assigned, attached, or on duty with Allied Military Government and Allied Commission. Although faced with myriad difficulties, including the solution of administrative problems caused by the different procedures in use by the Armed Forces of other nations, Sergeant Journalist successfully coordinated these procedures into one harmonious system. He produced a volume of work comparable to that common to a much larger headquarters, although critically handicapped by a shortage of personnel. Voluntarily and on his own initiative, he worked out a series of administrative shortcuts which materially improved the efficient functioning of his section.

3. At the time of the merger of the Headquarters Allied Military Government and Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Sergeant Journalist, with his small staff, was faced with more than double the volume of orders which had previously flowed through his section. The high efficiency of his unit, and the soundness of the procedures adopted by him, allowed his section to handle this additional volume without the slightest difficulty or delay, thereby testifying the soundness of his planning and execution.

4. Reduction in military personnel of the Allied Commission came at a time when the volume of work in Sergeant Journalist's section had reached a peak never before attained in the experience of the Commission. It, therefore, became necessary to infiltrate civilian employees, many of whom could not read, write, or speak English, nor were they versed in the mechanics of Army administrative procedures. Sergeant Journalist personally trained this group of civilian personnel, and as a result of the soundness of his training and the painstaking educational procedures which he adopted

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a number of enlisted men were released for other military duties, some of which included training for infantry combat.

5. Sergeant Journalist's character, intelligence, devotion to duty and leadership reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

6. At the time the enlisted man was assigned the duties of Chief Clerk of the Orders and Bulletins Section, he held the grade of Sergeant. The enlisted man was promoted to Staff Sergeant 12 June 1944. He is presently a Staff Sergeant and is still performing the duty of Chief Clerk of the Orders and Bulletins Section, Headquarters Allied Commission.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Journalist.

8. All subsequent services of Staff Sergeant Journalist have been honorable.

9. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

L. T. MONTANT, JR.
Captain AGD
Staff Officer
Establishments Section

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Eugene J. Journalist, 31272732, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1943 to 26 October 1944. As Chief Clerk of the Orders and Bulletins Section, Headquarters Allied Military Government, and Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Sergeant Journalist was faced with the problem of organizing an efficient section to handle publications involving personnel, both military and civilian, of British, French, Russian, Italian, American and numerous other Allied nationalities. Despite administrative difficulties arising out of the diverse procedures adopted by the Armed Forces of other nations and in spite of the handicap of shortage of personnel, Sergeant Journalist produced a volume of work in such an efficient manner that the mission of Allied Military Government and Allied Control Commission in Italy was materially aided in its operations. When both headquarters merged, Sergeant Journalist, with his small staff, was faced with double the work previously charged to this section. Reduction in military personnel at a time when the volume of work was highest in the experience of Allied Commission made it necessary to infiltrate civilian employees. Despite the fact that these civilians could neither read, write nor speak English and despite their ignorance of military procedures of Allied Forces, Sergeant Journalist successfully undertook the training of these civilian personnel. Through the soundness of his training and the painstaking procedures which he adopted, a number of military personnel were released for combat duty. By his tireless efforts and devotion to duty, Sergeant Journalist has exemplified the finest traditions of the United States Army and has reflected greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Noroton Heights, Connecticut.

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x-201-Journalist, Eugene J. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 1st Ind. HPT/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394.
 U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th REGIMENT, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE,
 1st Lt. AGD
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Journalist, Eugene J. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 2nd Ind. EAS/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO
 394, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Journalist, Eugene J. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 20 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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19 June 1945

x-201-Grassi, Anzo A. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Anzo A. Grassi, 32650128, Private First Class, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. In October and November 1944 the food situation in Rome was at its most critical state. The City was living on a "starvation ration". A Grain Transport Office was established to transfer grain from Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro Provinces. Private First Class Grassi reported for duty on 3 November and was assigned the job of supervisor of the operations at the Chiaravalle Railhead. Private First Class Grassi and the other enlisted men at the Railhead were completely inexperienced in this type of operation. The truck company detailed to haul the grain was unfamiliar with the roads and the size and seriousness of the job ahead. The Consorzio Agrarios were decidedly inefficient. The combination of these factors threatened to disrupt the program from the start. Jesi and Senigallia Railheads were unable to meet their quotas for shipment. Rome and the Italian Government demanded and must be immediately furnished the necessary grain. Through the singular resourcefulness of Private First Class Grassi, by his attention to duty and working long hours through the night, the City of Rome received its grain, even though late, in time to avert famine.

3. In the course of his duties, it became necessary for Private First Class Grassi to apply considerable pressure on the Consorzio Agrarios and by adroit maneuvering of truck company vehicles he managed to supplement the losses in shipments by the other railheads. His railhead, in the period from November 1944 to March 1945, moved more grain than the other railheads combined, even though Private First Class Grassi was in sole charge at Chiaravalle, whereas the other two railheads were supervised by groups of Enlisted Men and British Other Ranks.

4. The distribution of sacks for the transportation of the grain presented a gross problem at the time of the heaviest burden of shipment. Without a timely and proper distribution, the program would inevitably have fallen down. The Consorzio Agrarios had asked that sacks be sent to its main warehouse in Jesi. This was done, but in the interim, after several weeks of mishandling, it was decided to add to Private First

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Class Grassi's cumbersome burdens that of receiving and distributing the weekly carloads of sacks. From the time he assumed this responsibility, entire operations moved according to schedule.

5. In the performance of these duties and even at the present time under similar circumstances, diligence, patience and attention to duty need be the prime moving factors. In every respect Private First Class Grassi was more than self-sufficient. His tireless energy, zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Military Government in Italy.

6. The soldier was a Private First Class at the time he assumed the duties of supervising the Chiaravalla Railroad. The soldier was at that time assigned to Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. The soldier is presently a Private First Class and occupies the assignment of Transportation Supervisor for Grain Movements in Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Private First Class Grassi.

8. All subsequent services of Private First Class Grassi have been honorable.

9. The soldier has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see inclosure 1).

THOMAS E. PAGE
Colonel
Medical Corps
Senior American Officer
Venezia Region

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Grassi, Anzo A. (Enl) 1st Ind. EPT/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), APO
 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Grassi, Anzo A. (Enl) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

J. E. W. Stone

ELLEN W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Grassi, Anzo A. (Enl) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512, 4757
 U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Amo A. Grassi, 32650128, Private First Class, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Private First Class Grassi, at the time of activation of the Grain Transport Office, established to arrange large shipments of grain to Rome from Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro Provinces, was placed in charge of operations at the Chiaravalle Railhead. The food situation was in a critical state. The Roman civilian population subsisted on "starvation rations". Despite Private First Class Grassi's inexperience, the unfamiliarity of the truck company detailed to haul the grain with the roads and the enormity of the job, he assumed his duties with a force and determination to see his assignment successfully completed. Other railheads were unable to meet their quotas. Rome and the Italian Government demanded and immediately required grain shipments. By putting pressure to bear on Consorzio Agrario and by adroit maneuvering of vehicles trucking this commodity, Private First Class Grassi was able to make up for the loss in shipments of other railheads. His railhead in a five-month period moved more grain than all other railheads combined and was the prime factor in averting famine in the City of Rome. Private First Class Grassi's outstanding devotion to duty, tact and diplomacy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES COMMANDE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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X-201-Costella, Adolph S. (Enl) 19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Adolph S. Costella, 39845023, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 August 1943 to 1 May 1945.

2. Master Sergeant Costella was one of the first enlisted members of Allied Military Government at the time of its activation in North Africa. He acted as a duty non-commissioned officer at that time and upon activation of Company "C", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, was appointed its First Sergeant. He was entrusted to fill the table of organization of one hundred and fifty enlisted men according to grade and qualifications. As a result of the highly efficient manner in which he carried out these instructions, the necessity of making only a minimum of changes in assignments of enlisted personnel tended to enhance the success of operations at the time this company moved to Italy for duty. In addition to his other duties, Master Sergeant Costella was selected to make a choice of enlisted personnel who were to be attached to combat units as spearhead Allied Military Government forces for D-Day operations in Salerno. Again Master Sergeant Costella displayed a high degree of judgment in choosing these personnel and further distinguished himself as a superior noncommissioned officer. Company "C" landed at the Salerno beachhead in three sections on the nights of 9, 12 and 13 September 1943, respectively.

3. Master Sergeant Costella acted as First Sergeant during the landing operations and on 12 September 1943 proceeded to Salerno. Although the area was under heavy artillery fire, Sergeant Costella established the Company Headquarters and had it in full operation two hours after arrival. In the landing operations Master Sergeant Costella again distinguished himself as a cool, competent and forceful leader under enemy fire with a resultant high degree of efficiency and discipline. On 1 October 1943 Company "C" arrived in Naples a few hours after the liberating troops. Again Sergeant Costella was given the responsibility for setting up Company Headquarters, Personnel Section, and the administrative body for one hundred and two officers and one hundred and fifty enlisted personnel. During the period of time Sergeant Costella has been First Sergeant of Company "C", approximately a thousand enlisted men have been assigned or attached to the Company. During the time of

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its operation six new commanding officers of the Company had changed assignments. However, under the tutelage of Sergeant Costella, perfect discipline has been maintained and the morale of the men has been reflected in the successful completion of their individual tasks. It is also reflected in the enviable record of only three cases of venereal disease in twenty months, and during this period not a single case of drunkenness or disorderly conduct on the part of the Company Complement. During a portion of this period Master Sergeant Costella was also noncommissioned officer in charge of the British Allied Military Government Enlisted Personnel. At one time his full complement of Enlisted Men and Other Ranks numbered well over four hundred. As a result of his outstanding tact and inspiring leadership, a high degree of good-will and friendly relationship were created among the Enlisted Troops.

4. Master Sergeant Costella has conducted himself in a most noteworthy manner and deserves highest commendation for his successful assignments, extraordinary ability and devotion to duty, which reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

5. The enlisted man has been a Master Sergeant throughout the period the services were rendered and was assigned to Company "C", 2675th Regiment, as First Sergeant. He is presently a Master Sergeant and is assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, performing the duties of Regimental Sergeant Major.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Master Sergeant Costella.

7. All subsequent services of Master Sergeant Costella have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

GUY I. WARREN
Lieutenant Colonel
Specialist Reserve
Deputy Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Costella, Adolph E. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/ac
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 19 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., AGD
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Costella, Adolph E. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/ac
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO
 394, U. S. Army, 19 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Costella, Adolph E. (Enl)
 (20 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/ac
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 20 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Master Sergeant Adolph E. Costella, 39845023, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 13 August 1943 to 1 May 1945. As First Sergeant of Company "C", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, Master Sergeant Costella was charged with filling the table of organization of one hundred and fifty enlisted men according to grade and classifications. As a result a minimum of changes in assignments of enlisted personnel after the Company was assigned to operations in Italy were necessary. Master Sergeant Costella's company was selected for the D-Day operations on the Salerno Beachhead on 9, 12 and 13 September 1943. He proceeded to Salerno with his company and although the area was under heavy artillery fire, Company Headquarters was established and in full operation within two hours after arrival. His coolness and competency under enemy fire resulted in a high degree of efficiency and organization throughout his company. Upon arrival of the Company in Naples, a few hours after liberating troops, he organized the Company Headquarters and Personnel Section for one hundred and two officers and one hundred and fifty enlisted men. Approximately one thousand enlisted personnel having been assigned or attached to the Company at various times, the Commanding Officer of the Company has been changed six times. However, under the tutelage of Master Sergeant Costella, perfect discipline was maintained and the morale of the personnel was at the highest at all times, leading to the success of Allied Military Operations in Italy. During the twenty-month period, no cases of drunkenness or disorderly conduct, and only three cases of venereal disease throughout the entire organization have been reported. Master Sergeant Costella was also NCO in charge of British Allied Military Government Enlisted Personnel. His personnel complement at one time ranged as high as four hundred and fifty Enlisted Men and Other Ranks. Through his forceful leadership, tact and diplomacy he created a high degree of good-will and friendly relationship between the troops of the Allied Forces. Master Sergeant Costella's conduct, extraordinary ability, resourcefulness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. His efforts have lent to the success of Military Government operations in Italy. Entered the military service from Santa Cruz, California.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6

19 June 1945

*301-Pratt, Willis E. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Willis E. Pratt, 0521390, Captain, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 5 February 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As Education Officer for Headquarters, Education Subcommittee, and for Avellino Province, as Deputy Regional Education Officer for Lazio-Umbria, as Fifth Army Education Officer for Florence, as Fifth and Eighth Army Education Officer for Emilia, and as Regional Education Officer for Emilia Region, Captain Pratt has met and overcome innumerable obstacles in the successful accomplishment of his mission to reestablish education on a non-fascist basis. There was extreme shortage of all raw materials needed for printing new text books, and old ones were infested with fascism; there were often no school supplies -- chalk, pencils, pens, ink, paper; transport was lacking; school buildings were destroyed or requisitioned; children were hungry and ill-nourished; school heads and many teachers were Fascists and had to be eliminated; yet non-Fascists usually lacked experience in school administration. To obtain capable personnel, train them in their new jobs, inspire them with a democratic ideal, and put them to work against all these seemingly insuperable difficulties was a Herculean task, and was brilliantly accomplished.

3. Through dynamic drive, great ingenuity, and unfailing tact Captain Pratt found places to hold classes. He succeeded in preventing the requisition of some school and university buildings or getting them quickly derequisitioned. Where this was impossible he devised other accommodations -- army tents, church sacristies, motion picture houses, double and triple use of rooms, classes in teachers' homes. He personally found raw materials for printing text books -- ink in an army store; zinc for illustrations in the rafters and cupboards of little shops; a substitute for binding thread in a distant factory for making thread for cobblers. He personally supervised the printing of hundreds of thousands of new elementary school text books from which the Fascist taint had been expunged. He devised means of distributing the books to the most remote hill top villages. He caused school supplies to be manufactured, and brought chalk up from Calabria, and distributed all to the children. He organized a school lunch program so that hundreds of thousands of children had a hot noon-day meal daily. He found and trained competent school heads to replace the Fascists. He opened the universities of Florence, Bologna, Modena, Parma, and Ferrara, named their rectors and operated their faculties. He rewrote the educational directives, since used in all Italy. In these and countless other

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

ways his dynamic spirit, unflagging zeal, and ingenious efficiency brought about a reopening and revitalizing of the schools and universities wherever he served. His work was an inspiration and example to other Education Officers, and was a benefit to civilization.

4. As a result of Captain Pratt's brilliant work, far beyond the requirements of duty, kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, technical institutions, universities and cultural organizations, are functioning successfully in each Region where he has worked. His efforts have shown civilians that schools can be run justly and without bias or propaganda. Fascist propaganda has been abolished; Fascist personnel have been eliminated. And in their place is a new education, Italian, but with a breath of democracy and new life blowing through it.

5. Captain Pratt's keenly intelligent work, his skill, initiative, and ingenuity, have brought about a new education in Italy. His unselfish attention to duty, his loyalty, and his tireless efforts with complete disregard to personal health are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. The results of his work reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces.

6. The Officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment to duty with Allied Military Government. He has performed duty in the assignments of Education Officer in Headquarters of the Education Subcommittee, Deputy Regional Education Officer in Lazio-Umbria Region; Regional Education Officer for Emilia Region, and Education Officer for Fifth and Eighth Armies, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Captain and is assigned as Regional Educational Officer, Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain Pratt.

8. All subsequent services of Captain Pratt have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

Carlton W. Washburne

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Col. Specialist Reserve
Director of Education

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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X-201-Pratt, Willis E. (O)
(19 June 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRS/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 3 July 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder1 Incl:
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X-201-Pratt, Willis E. (O)
(19 June 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 3 July 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

E. W. STONE

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner1 Incl:
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X-201-Pratt, Willis E. (O)
(19 June 45)

3rd Ind.

OHP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVRD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 3 July 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. W. PARKIN 4789
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain Willis E. Pratt, 0521390, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 5 February 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Education Officer for Headquarters, Education Subcommission; Deputy Regional Education Officer for Lazio-Umbria Region; Education Officer for 5 and 8 Army; and as Regional Education Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Captain Pratt was faced with seemingly insuperable obstacles in reestablishing Italian education on a non-fascist basis, and making schools, universities, and cultural institutions function. Through his efforts, teachers were screened, active Fascists dismissed, and competent, non-Fascist personnel were found and trained to head each educational enterprise; buildings were derequisitioned or repaired, or alternative accommodations found; new courses of study were made available; new text books, free from fascist propaganda, were printed and distributed; school supplies were found or manufactured; school children were given hot lunches. The entire school system, from kindergartens to the highest institutions of learning, were made to function effectively, free from Fascist taint, and revitalized with a new interest in a free and democratic education. Through his efforts the universities of Florence, Bologna, Modena, Parma, and Ferrara were reopened. In many cases improvised class rooms were used in promulgating the educational programs. Captain Pratt's resourcefulness, ingenuity, dynamic energy and high efficiency are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit on himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the Military service at Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

GIW/KRW/sc

19 June 1945

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X-201-Davini, William J. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, AR 600-45, it is recommended that William J. Davini, 31188334, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 1 October 1943 to 2 March 1945.

2. As Chief Clerk of Public Works and Utilities Division of Southern Region, Allied Military Government, the inspiring efforts of Staff Sergeant Davini contributed greatly to restoration of power, water and gas facilities to the liberated City of Naples. His linguistic ability and resourcefulness aided materially in bringing about immediate cooperation from civilian engineers and civilian utility personnel with Allied Military Government Utilities Officers. The immediate functioning of all power utilities was necessary because of the need to ports, warehouse and shipping centers for the movement of vital military supplies. Immediate and forceful action on the part of Sergeant Davini resulted in emergency restorations of power utilities and a continuing flow of supplies to the combat armies north of the City.

3. During the night of 26 December 1943 Staff Sergeant Davini reported to the scene of ammunition dump fire in a cave in the Fontanelle District in Naples. This ammunition dump was controlled by the Chemical Warfare Branch of the United States Army. Staff Sergeant Davini was called to the scene in order to arrange in cutting off the current in that area due to excessive burning of line wires near the cave. During his absence the Civilian Defense Officer entered the cave to determine means of extinguishing the fire, but was killed by the explosions occurring at almost the same instant. The explosions continued throughout the night and Sergeant Davini worked tirelessly, assisting in the evacuation of the injured and the residing civilian population nearby. In spite of long hours of work Sergeant Davini effected the saving and restoration of vitally needed power and utilities services. In spite of the seriousness of the fire, which threatened to disrupt operations, Sergeant Davini labored far in excess of required time of duty to accomplish the restoration so that the combat troops to the North would not be hindered or suffer from loss of sorely needed supplies and ammunition.

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

4. Sergeant Davini's complete disregard for his own health and safety, his zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

5. The enlisted man was a Staff Sergeant at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was initially assigned to duty with Company "C" as Chief Clerk, Public Works and Utilities Division, Southern Region, Allied Commission. The enlisted man is presently a Staff Sergeant and is now assigned to Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, in the position of Chief Clerk, Public Works and Utilities Division, Toscana Region.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Davini.

7. All subsequent services of Staff Sergeant Davini have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous award.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Colonel
Specialist Reserve
Deputy Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Davini, William J. (Enl)
 (19 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:

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x-201-Davini, William J. (Enl)
 (19 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

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x-201-Davini, William J. (Enl)
 (19 June 45) 3rd Ind. OWP/FRW/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant William J. Davini, 31188334, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of military operations in Italy from 1 October 1943 to 2 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Davini, by the most commendable efficiency in the performance of his duties as Chief Clerk, Public Works and Utilities Division, Southern Region, Allied Military Government, succeeded in greatly aiding the early restoration of vital public utilities services in support of the movement and shipment of ammunition and supplies required by the Combat Armies to the North of the City of Naples. Working under disabilities imposed by the chaotic condition of modern warfare and the enemy's carefully planned destruction of these facilities, Staff Sergeant Davini consistently assisted the Regional Engineer Officer in organizing and carrying out a program of restoration and rehabilitation resulting in an early resumption of water, telephone, gas and electrical services. The results of these difficult and diversified tasks contributed immeasurably to the success of military operations and toward the progress of Allied Military Government operations in the Italian campaign. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Davini is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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19 June 1945

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x-201-Apicella, John V. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John V. Apicella, 32406987, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Apicella has served in the capacity of Chief Clerk for the Education Sub-Commission in various regional headquarters of the Allied Commission. Corporal Apicella was faced with organizing a completely new educational office in seven different headquarters located in the provinces of his assigned region. In the first organization of offices of advanced headquarters of the Education Sub-Commission in Naples and again in Rome and in the opening of the Regional Education Office in Lazio-Umbria, in Emilia and Venezia Regions, he has had the difficult, pioneering job of building up and equipping an office and furnishing it with a competent civilian staff. The establishment of these offices was of the utmost importance, since it was the first direct effort to promote the democratic way of thinking in the Italian mind, without the tireless energy and devotion to duty, and without the painstaking and expert direction displayed by Corporal Apicella, the efficiency of these offices could never have obtained such high standards.

3. The manifold abilities and outstanding qualities of this enlisted man came into full play during the period when his immediate superior, the Regional Education Officer, was confined in hospital. At that time it was necessary for Corporal Apicella to deal personally with all of the complexities and administrative difficulties of the office. He met with educational leaders of the Region and by his tact and diplomacy was able to present solutions to problems offered by the visitors to his office. The results of his work contributed materially to the smooth functioning of the office until the return of the Director from the hospital. He has opened and organized seven distinct education offices and has given to them successively competent supervision. He has displayed a devotion and interest far beyond the ordinary requirements of duty. He has, when occasion required, performed the work and made the decisions of a commissioned officer. Throughout his work he has been unfailingly cheerful and utterly loyal, and has accomplished results without waiting for instructions or orders to perform his duties.

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Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

4. Technician Fifth Grade Apicella's unselfish and outstanding devotion to duty reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armies in Italy, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

5. The enlisted man was a Technician Fifth Grade at the time of his assignment as Chief Clerk of these Education Sub-Sections. He is presently a Technician Fifth Grade, and is assigned as Chief Clerk, Education Section, Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technician Fifth Grade Apicella.

7. All subsequent services of the enlisted man have been honorable.

8. Technician Fifth Grade Apicella has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lieutenant Colonel
Specialist Reserve
Director of Education

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fifth Grade John V. Apicella, 32406987, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 10 January 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Education Divisions in Lazio-Umbria, in Emilia and Venetia Regions, Allied Military Government, Technician Fifth Grade Apicella was charged with the organization of the offices of advanced headquarters, Education Sub-Commission, in Naples, Rome and the northern regions. His duties were the difficult pioneering job of building up and equipping offices with competent civilian staffs. His contact with directors of education in Italy at a time when senior officers were absent gave evidence of the energetic and zealous effort Technician Fifth Grade Apicella applied to his work. The importance of the office organization and staff by Corporal Apicella were the first direct steps in the promotion of a democratic way of thinking in the minds of the Italian people. His tact and diplomacy in meeting with educational representatives and his intelligence in the solution of their problems greatly contributed to the success of the mission of Allied Commission in Italy and fostered in the Italian people a feeling of respect and gratitude toward the Allied Forces. Technician Fifth Grade Apicella's zeal and devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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x-201-Apicella, John V. (Enl) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.C.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Apicella, John V. (Enl) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Apicella, John V. (Enl) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 394,
 U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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19 June 1945

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x-201-Piombino, Nicholas (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Nicholas Piombino, Chief Warrant Officer (then WOJG) W2106470, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1943 to 26 October 1944.

2. As Assistant Adjutant of Headquarters Allied Military Government and the Allied Control Commission, Chief Warrant Officer Piombino has displayed qualities of intelligence, resourcefulness, initiative and leadership which contributed in no small measure to the success of Allied Military Government operations in Italy. The complexity of the operations of Allied Military Government, coupled with the myriad administrative and technical problems arising out of the joint operation of an Allied headquarters, centered around the operations of the Adjutant General's and the Adjutant's sections. As Assistant Adjutant General of Headquarters Allied Military Government and Assistant Adjutant of Allied Control Commission, Chief Warrant Officer Piombino was faced with numerous administrative problems, the solutions of which were not provided by normal military administrative experience. Publication of orders covering the assignment and travel of personnel, military, para-military and civilian of all nationalities, the preparation of administrative directives, successfully harmonizing the different practices of the American and British Army Forces, the development of methods for the handling of signals sent under both British and American practice and the checking and processing of all foreign cables sent by and to the Italian Government were among the administrative difficulties which he faced.

3. Working with an extremely small staff and faced with the necessity of training and instructing an augmenting staff of Italian civilian employees, many of whom knew no English and none of whom had the slightest familiarity with either British or American administrative procedures, Chief Warrant Officer Piombino developed and put into effect a system for the preparation and publication of orders which satisfied the divergent requirements of the forces concerned. He also superintended the preparation and publication of numerous directives covering the widely-spread activities of military government with marked success. The speed and dispatch with which Chief Warrant Officer Piombino promulgated his assignment resulted in a more efficient completion of the mission of Allied Military Government in Italy.

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

4. His leadership, attention to duty, initiative and intelligence have contributed in a marked degree to the successful functioning of Allied Military Government in Italy and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

5. Chief Warrant Officer Piombino was a Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, at the time he was assigned his first duties with Allied Military Government. He was alternately Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Allied Military Government, and Assistant Adjutant, Headquarters Allied Control Commission. The Officer was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer on 1 May 1944. The Officer is now a Chief Warrant Officer and is assigned as Assistant Adjutant, Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Chief Warrant Officer Piombino.

7. All subsequent services of Chief Warrant Officer Piombino have been honorable.

8. The Officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

L. T. MONTANT, JR.
Captain AGD
Staff Officer
Establishments Section

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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X-201-Piombino, Nicholas (O)
(20 June 45)

1st Ind.

HDI/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt. AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
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X-201-Piombino, Nicholas (O)
(20 June 45)

2nd Ind.

HDI/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), APO
394, U. S. Army.
Approved.

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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X-201-Piombino, Nicholas (O)
(20 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 20 June 1945.

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

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Chief Warrant Officer (then WOJG) Nicholas Piombino, W2106470, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1943 to 26 October 1944. As Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Allied Military Government, and Assistant Adjutant, Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Chief Warrant Officer Piombino was faced with a complexity of operations of a large-size Allied Headquarters. The numerous administrative and technical problems arising out of such a joint operation knew no solution through normal military administrative experience. Chief Warrant Officer Piombino was responsible for the development of a system for the preparation and publication of orders and directives affecting military, para-military and civilian personnel of all nationalities. He developed a system for the handling of signals sent under both British and American procedure as well as a system for the checking and processing of all cables sent to foreign enterprises by the Italian Government. Through Chief Warrant Officer Piombino's untiring efforts the mission of the Allied Military Government in Italy has been furthered to a successful end. Chief Warrant Officer Piombino's intelligence, resourcefulness, initiative, leadership and attention to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6

19 June 1945

x-201-Reid, Robert A. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Robert A. Reid, 13054869, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 September 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. First Sergeant Reid was assigned as Chief Clerk in the Headquarters of the Allied Financial Agency upon its activation in Lelermo in September 1943. As the agency expanded and branches were opened in Sardinia and on the Italian mainland, Sergeant Reid's work not only increased proportionately in volume but became more highly confidential in nature. Due to lack of trained officer personnel in the specialized field of finance in which the agency operated, Sergeant Reid was given a great deal of additional responsibility in the handling of many complicated banking problems. These problems included liaison with Banco de Sicilia, Banco de Napoli and Banco d' Italia on United-States-Italian personnel money remittance systems, forged currency cases, worn and mutilated notes, advance to Italian representatives in the United States, and the preparation of reports regarding these activities. Sergeant Reid was instructed to perform an important part in the detailed arrangements for currency shipments, the largest amounting to twenty billion Allied Military Lire, brought from Naples to Rome in June 1944; in the procurement of storage facilities for currency held by the Allied Financial Agency branches and in obtaining labor and materials on short notice to repair damaged vaults used in the storage of the lire currency shipped forward as new territory was liberated. As a result of Sergeant Reid's efforts, much valuable time was saved and sufficient quantities of Allied Military Lire were available for the immediate use of finance officers in the forward areas.

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3. Sergeant Reid served three months in Sicily, handling currency movements under adverse conditions. In Naples, he served six months during the winter of 1943-44, personally conducting money shipments and supervising clerical personnel, both military and civilian. During the period many currency-bearing ships were unloaded while the harbor was frequently under bombardment by enemy aircraft. These activities were performed by Sergeant Reid in addition to his regular duties as Chief Clerk, Allied Financial Agency. His willingness at all times to carry

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out many extra tasks and his tireless and efficient efforts in spite of difficult situations, contributed in an important way to the successful results obtained. The mission of Allied Financial Agency, in ordering and receiving from the United States very large shipments of Allied Military Lire in the various ports of Italy, in transporting, storing and protecting this money, in disbursing it to Allied Military Government and Allied Forces Finance Officers and Paymasters in all areas, including combat zones, has been achieved through the unstinting, personal devotion of its small force of personnel to which Sergeant Reid had been assigned as the controlling individual. In carrying out his tasks, Sergeant Reid contributed faithfully and efficiently and far beyond what could normally be expected of a noncommissioned officer. For his meritorious and superior work, Sergeant Reid has been four times recommended for promotion to the rank of a commissioned officer. He has also been selected by a board of officers as fit for commission, but due to lack of vacancies such commission could not be granted.

4. Sergeant Reid richly deserves emulation for the fine results of his work. His tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Military Government.

5. The enlisted man has been a First Sergeant for the entire period of his service with Allied Military Government. Upon assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, First Sergeant Reid was assigned principal duties as Chief Clerk of the Allied Financial Agency. The enlisted man holds the same grade and same position at the present time.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by First Sergeant Reid.

7. All subsequent services of First Sergeant Reid have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT B. MENAPAGE
Colonel, Specialist Reserve
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

PROPOSED CITATION

First Sergeant Robert A. Reid, 13054869, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 18 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. When Headquarters Allied Financial Agency was organized in Palermo in September 1943, First Sergeant Reid assumed the duties of Chief Clerk. As activities expanded and branches were established in Sardinia and Italy, it became necessary for Sergeant Reid to take on additional and far more important duties. He acted as liaison with all important Italian banks in the handling of large remittances from the United States and United Kingdom to Italian residents. Sergeant Reid arranged for detailed shipments of currency amounting to twenty billions of Allied Military Lire between Italian cities, including storage and safeguarding of these important funds. Additional duties involved the handling of cases of forged currency, the disposition of worn and mutilated notes, advances to Italian representatives in the United States, and the procuring of labor and materials for the repair of damaged vaults used in the storage of this currency. As a result of Sergeant Reid's faithful and tireless work much valuable time was saved and sufficient quantities of currency were made available to finance officers in the combat areas. Supervising the unloading of large shipments of currency, often under heavy bombardment from enemy aircraft, Sergeant Reid successfully accomplished the duties of receiving, storing and disbursing the currency required by the Allied Forces in this theatre. His attention and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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x-201-Reid, Robert A. (Enl) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Reid, Robert A. (Enl) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Reid, Robert A. (Enl) 3rd Ind. CAP/FRW/mv
 (19 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVED), APO 394, U.S.
 Army, 21 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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 C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

LHM/FRW/ac

File: 200.6

12 June 1945

I-201-Angelini, Nicholas D. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Nicholas D. Angelini, 12057568, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 November 1943 to 26 October 1944.

2. As Chief Clerk of the Miscellaneous Section, Adjutant's Department, Headquarters Allied Military Government and Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Staff Sergeant Angelini was placed in charge of the organization of a message center and Chief Clerk's Section of a headquarters exceeding in complexity by far the normal operations of an American Military Unit. The Allied Control Commission's operations extended into every military phase. It involved extensive dealings with virtually every branch and instrumentality of the Italian and other governments. These dealings resulted in a tremendous volume of correspondence, much of it in Italian, requiring a routing to the rapidly extended and extremely complex sub-units of the Commission. Starting with a mere handful of comparatively inexperienced personnel and faced with the complexities which inevitably resulted from the merger of two widely divergent systems of military administration, the American and British, Sergeant Angelini, through the exercise of great personal leadership, intelligence and unparalleled devotion to duty, successfully organized and put into operation a unit which expertly handled a volume of traffic heavier than that handled by the largest of headquarters.

3. Upon the merger of the then-divided headquarters of Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government, Sergeant Angelini assumed the additional and heavier responsibilities of a greatly enlarged section with skill and sureness. Although the volume of signal traffic after the liberation of Rome assumed unprecedented proportions, Sergeant Angelini personally took charge of this vitally important work in addition to his other duties. It required long and tedious hours of labor, without regard for his own personal health, which Sergeant Angelini gave to the best of his ability. Although in charge of enlisted men of both nationalities and coming into contact with officers and representatives of numerous governments and armies, his tact, diplomacy and personal leader-

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ship were displayed in such a manner as to create the best of harmonious relations with all concerned.

4. Sergeant Angelini's tireless and unselfish devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. His leadership and attention to duty have been a source of inspiration to all who have been associated, or who have worked, with him.

5. The enlisted man was a Technician Fourth Grade at the time he assumed the duties of Chief Clerk, Miscellaneous Section, Headquarters Allied Military Government and Headquarters Allied Commission. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 12 June 1944. The enlisted man is still a Staff Sergeant and occupies the same position as Chief Clerk, Miscellaneous Section, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Staff Sergeant Angelini.

7. All subsequent services of Staff Sergeant Angelini have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

L. T. MONTANT, JR.
Captain AGD
Staff Officer
Establishments Section

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) Nicholas D. Angelini, 12057568, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 15 November 1943 to 26 October 1944. As Chief Clerk of the Miscellaneous Section of the Combined Headquarters Allied Military Government and Allied Control Commission, Sergeant Angelini was placed in charge of the organization and operation of a Message Center and Chief Clerk's Section of a highly complex headquarters, exceeding by far the normal operations of an ordinary military unit. This section handled extensive operations and virtually every branch and instrumentality of the Italian and other foreign governments. Starting with a mere handful of inexperienced personnel and faced with the complexities resulting from the merger of two widely divergent systems of military administration, Sergeant Angelini, through the exercise of great personal leadership, intelligence and unparalleled devotion to duty, successfully organized and put into operation a unit which handled a volume of traffic heavier and far more complex than that handled by all but the largest headquarters. Although the volume of signal traffic after the liberation of Rome assumed unprecedented proportions, Sergeant Angelini personally assumed charge of this vitally important section of the headquarters, working long and tiresome hours to advance the operations and missions of Allied Military Government in Italy. Sergeant Angelini's zeal and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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x-201-Angelini, Nicholas D. (Enl)
(20 June 45)

1st Ind.

NFT/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Angelini, Nicholas D. (Enl)
(20 June 45)

2nd Ind.

NFT/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO
394, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Angelini, Nicholas D. (Enl)
(20 June 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 20 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

RGR/FRH/sc

16 June 1945

File: 200.6

x-201-Hartt, Frederick (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Frederick Hartt, 0580805, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Hartt was assigned as Monuments and Fine Arts Officer of Toscana Region during the advance of the Fifth Army on Rome. He was attached to the Fifth Army and accompanied a special corps which fought its way into Rome with the first troops to arrive there. During this advance into Rome, Lieutenant Hartt was exposed to artillery and small arms fire and conducted himself during this approach with a complete disregard for his personal safety, in order to locate, guard, post and preserve valuable documents, paintings, statural and monumental structures. He continued the advance north at all times searching for deposits of art and protecting monumental structures from damage by troops and foreign sources. Particularly in the Army's advance on Siena and Florence he lived in the field all of the time, moving with the combat forces.

3. Many of the valuable works of art from a large number of museums and institutions in Florence had been disbursed over an area which later became the battlefield. Lieutenant Hartt, with the cooperation of certain local civilians, located these valuable collections, took steps to guard and preserve them from further damage by troops or combat action, made an inventory of all collections, and obtained information in detail which contributed materially to the later assembly of these valuable works. Lieutenant Hartt has a broad technical knowledge and fine appreciation of Italian art, and has devoted his efforts with marked selflessness for its preservation. During the period when the battle line was static, he worked constantly towards the restoration of many monumental structures and has accomplished most effective achievements. By his tireless energy, disregard for his own personal safety and with a remarkable technical knowledge, Lieutenant Hartt has contributed much towards the gratitude Allied Nations have received will receive for their unselfish international service in protecting and restoring Italian art.

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4. In carrying out his assignment, Lieutenant Hartt showed an unbounded resourcefulness and an intelligence and tireless effort in preserving for posterity the art of past centuries. His zeal and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

5. Lieutenant Hartt was a First Lieutenant at the time these services were rendered and was assigned as Monuments and Fine Arts Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The officer is now a First Lieutenant and is still assigned as Monuments and Fine Arts Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Hartt.

7. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Hartt have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Col. Field Artillery
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Hartt, Frederick (O) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/sc
 (20 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO
 394, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., ASD
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

200.6

x-201-Hartt, Frederick (O) 1st Ind. EWS/FRW/sc
 (20 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO
 394, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

1 Incl:
 n/c

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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x-201-Hartt, Frederick (O) 3rd Ind. CWP/FRW/sc
 (20 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 20 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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G. M. PARKIE
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

1 Incl:
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant Frederick Hartt, 0580805, Air Corps.
2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious
conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 July 1944
to 8 May 1945. As Monuments and Fine Arts Officer, Toscana Region,
Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Hartt demonstrated unusual
zeal, boundless energy and a marked devotion to duty in accompanying
a special force which first occupied Rome in order to better locate,
protect and preserve internationally famous works of art. Similarly
from Siena to Florence he accompanied the combat troops in the field,
located valuable art collections, and took prompt and effective ac-
tion to preserve these works. Since occupation of Florence, he has
devoted himself with idealistic fervor and a realistic objectiveness
to the work of locating, protecting and restoring priceless works of
art in the form of documents, paintings, statuary and monumental
structures. Lieutenant Hartt's work has in a large measure contri-
buted to saving for posterity irreplaceable objects of art and has
contributed materially to the accruing credit given Allied Govern-
ments for an unselfish, international service. Lieutenant Hartt's
unselfish devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions
of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself,
his organization and the Allied Forces. Entered the military services
from New York, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

REC/FAV/mv

File: 200.6

18 June 1945

2-201-Morimer, Jack H. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600.85, it is recommended that JACK H. MORIMER, 052733, Lt Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2075th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 August 1944 to 1 March 1945.

2. As Major and a Lieutenant Colonel, Lt Colonel Morimer served as Chief Supply Officer in the Food Sub-Commission of Allied Commission. When he was given his assignment in August 1944, he displayed a keen perception of the vast proportions of the problem facing him and an acute realization of its magnitude and difficulties which beset him at every hand. Appointed Chairman of the Rome Supply Group, his was the task of bringing to normal the chaotic conditions which then existed in the area of providing for the people of Rome. Food supplies were at a dangerously low level. It was necessary to consider at all times the prime necessity of so resolving the problem as to permit unhampered support of military operations of our armies in the North. Under Lt Colonel Morimer's leadership normal operation of all food facilities was restored.

3. In the course of his duties, Lt Colonel Morimer exhibited outstanding initiative, enterprise and resourcefulness. Working in conjunction with the Italian Government, his tact and forceful leadership resulted in the acceptance and use of a system essential to the economy of Rome. At the same time he was responsible for devising a system in which various Italian agencies could closely supervise transportation facilities to insure that merchants transportation commitments were fulfilled. To many of the civilians with whom he dealt in his performance of duty, this was the first contact with any representative of the democratic government, and Lt Colonel Morimer's efficiency and skill in handling varied problems left the Italians with a deep sense of respect and gratitude. He aided organizations of merchants in revitalizing more fully the existing transportation facilities and so coordinated transportation and supply that for the first time since liberation civilian merchants were enabled to undertake the loading of large ships with wine and fruits for Rome. Through his expert handling of the situation, transportation shortages which might have brought criticism of Allied policy were averted and a system was instituted which played a large and important part in keeping down illegal market operations and in procuring a greater food supply for the City of Rome.

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4. Lt Colonel Borimer's resourcefulness and devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. His tact, diplomacy and resourcefulness in his dealings with local government and civilian officials have impressed in the minds of the Italian people a feeling of helpfulness of the Allied Nations and a deep sense of respect and gratitude for Allied Occupation Armies.

5. The officer was a Major and Lieutenant Colonel at the time these services were rendered. He was assigned as Chief Supply Officer, Food Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 January 1945, and is presently assigned as a Provincial Officer, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lt Colonel Borimer.

7. All subsequent services of Lt Colonel Borimer have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

MORRIS E. FLYKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lt Colonel (then Major) JACK M. BORIMER, 0523738, Specialist Reserve, 375th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 August 1944 to 1 March 1945. Lt Colonel Borimer was appointed Chairman of a special Rome Supply Group at a time when the City's food supplies were at a dangerously low level. Under his efficient enterprise and resourcefulness, the apparently insuperable difficulties were met with and overcome by Lt Colonel Borimer. He guided organizations of merchants to more fully utilize existing transportation facilities, and so coordinated their operations that they could undertake the loading of large ships with wine, citrus fruits and other food supplies for Rome for the first time since the liberation. At his direction a working system was designed to give the agencies of the Italian Government control over the food supplies and the responsibility to see that the transportation commitments of the merchants were fulfilled. As a result of Lt Colonel Borimer's persistence and untiring efforts, a serious food crisis and possible famine in Rome was averted. His zeal and outstanding devotion to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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201-Foriner, Jack H. (O)
(18 June 45)

1st Ind.

NFS/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

B. F. THOMPSON,
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder.

1 Incl:
n/a

200.6

201-Foriner, Jack H. (O)
(18 June 45)

2nd Ind.

NFS/TEM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[s] Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/a

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201-Foriner, Jack H. (O)
(18 June 45)

3rd Ind.

GDP/TEM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 18 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. W. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
n/a

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

CRM/EM/SC

File: 200.6

x-201-Noe, Samuel V. (0)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Samuel V. Noe, 0521655, Captain, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 5 February 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As Regional Education Officer for Region III, Piemonte Region, and Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Captain Noe has been faced with insurmountable problems concerning the advancement of education in Italy. He has met with the obstacles of lack of material and transport, the destruction and requisition of school and university buildings, and the lack of sufficient books and educational material to carry out the program. The problems of reorganizing school systems of all regions with which he has been associated were manifold in nature. Classroom space was needed for the many school buildings which had been requisitioned by Army organizations. Text books either had to be expurgated of Fascist doctrines or in other instances new texts were required. It was necessary to screen all teachers prior to their employment. Others who had been banned by Fascist authority were reinstated. School supplies were unobtainable. The entire school system required revitalization with a new interest and new purpose.

3. Captain Noe set about to arrange the derequisitioning of as much classroom space, buildings and universities as possible so that the new educational program could be carried out. Through his own personal efforts secondary school text books were expurgated of Fascist and Nazi indoctrination and he personally made arrangements and carried out the plans for printing of thousands of new elementary school text books eventually distributed for use in the reorganized school system. At a time when the lack of necessary facilities required for engineering courses made it impossible for such courses to be presented at the University of Pisa, Captain Noe introduced the American system of extension courses to relieve this problem. Under his guidance, damaged schools were repaired or classrooms were improvised. Through his efforts school supplies and educational material were furnished by organizations and private individuals throughout the entire Province. In every branch of this system, from the elementary schools to the universities, the program of revitalization was further energized by Captain Noe in a manner that produced manifest and marked results. His work was a benefit to civilization in the regions to which he had been assigned.

4. Through the work of Captain Noe, Italians are now attending school and college classes in which the doctrines of democratic and

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free government are presented on a wide basis. His efforts are placing before the eyes of the local civilians the system of free and unbiased education. Through his efforts Captain Noe has succeeded in securing agreements of high Army authority to prevent the requisitioning of school and university buildings. The program has expanded to such an extent and has been carried out with such a degree of marked success that practically all children and students have been able to resume their studies.

5. Captain Noe's initiative and ingenuity in setting up what would be considered an entirely new educational system, his unselfish attention to duty, and his tireless efforts are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. The results of his work reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and Allied Forces in Italy.

6. The Officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment to duty with Allied Military Government. He has performed duty in the assignments of Regional Educational Officer, Region III, Toscana Region, and Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Captain and is assigned as Regional Education Officer, Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government.

7. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain Noe.

8. All subsequent services of Captain Noe have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

Carlton W. Washburne

CARLTON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col. Specialist Reserve
Director of Education

1 Incl:
Proposed citation.

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x-201-Noe, Samuel V. (O)
(19 June 45)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

NPT/FRW/mv

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

1 Incl:
n/cN. P. THEODORE,
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder

200.6

x-201-Noe, Samuel V. (O)
(19 June 45)

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 June 1945.

DWS/FRW/mv

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

1 Incl:
n/cELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

200.6

x-201-Noe, Samuel V. (O)
(19 June 1945)

3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 21 June 1945.

GMP/FRW/mv

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

Approved.

1 Incl:
n/cC. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain Samuel V. Noe, 0521655, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 5 February 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Regional Education Officer, Region III, Piemonte Region, and Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Captain Noe was faced with many obstacles in creating a new system of education in Italian schools and universities. Through his efforts educational material and transport were obtained, schools and universities were reopened, buildings requisitioned by Allied Military authorities were de-requisitioned for educational use and text books were either expurgated of Fascist doctrines or new books were printed. His duties also entailed the screening of teachers for employment under the new educational system, the reinstatement of others who had been banned by Fascist authority, and the entire school system was revitalized with a new interest in a free and democratic education. Through his personal efforts the universities of Siena, Pisa and Florence were reopened. In many cases improvised classrooms were used in promulgating the education program. Captain Noe's resourcefulness, energy and efficiency and his unbounded devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

File: 200.6

13 June 1945

A-201-Henderson, James L. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that James L. Henderson, 1273, Colonel, Royal Signals, British Army, Headquarters Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 September 1943 to 26 May 1945.

2. Colonel Henderson, as Deputy Director and later Director of Communications Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, was confronted with the dual problem of insuring that Allied Military Forces were afforded the maximum communications facilities from Civilian Sources and at the same time of restoring communications for essential civilian needs. Colonel Henderson, by his tireless energy, unceasing application, and outstanding technical ability was at all times able to satisfy the communications requirements of military authorities and to make available to civilians the maximum possible amount of facilities.

3. In December 1944 Colonel Henderson was assigned the additional responsibility of arranging accommodations in Salerno for the Italian Government and the Rear Headquarters of Allied Commission. In the face of predictions that sufficient space could not be found to supply needed accommodations, Colonel Henderson undertook to direct the repair of necessary buildings, space was made available and communications were established. The completion of installations of both the Italian Government and Rear Headquarters Allied Commission were accomplished far in advance of the scheduled date. Although he was handicapped by lack of transportation facilities, a shortage of supplies and inadequate equipment, by April 1944 Colonel Henderson had made available on a limited although adequate emergency scale telephone and telegraph facilities to all parts of Italian territory under the control of the Italian Government. This action contributed in a marked degree to the re-establishment and proper functioning of the Italian Government.

4. In April 1944 administrative supervision of civil censorship activities in Italy was transferred to the Communications Sub-Commission and here again Colonel Henderson displayed outstanding ability and initiative in assuring that civil censorship, while fulfilling the requirements of military security, did not become a barrier to the establishment and functioning of essential civil communications facilities. A measure of

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Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

the accomplishments of Colonel Henderson is to be found in the use made of civilian telecommunication facilities by Allied Military establishments. By insuring, through his Sub-Commission officers in the field, that civilian agencies gave the fullest cooperation, a marked saving in manpower and materials was made possible for more important uses by military organizations.

5. With the liberation of Rome and the transfer of the Italian Government to that city, communication facilities were strained to the utmost, but again by constant effort Colonel Henderson was able to re-establish for civilian use the most essential mail, telephone and telegraph facilities. Hampered again by lack of transport and materials and an insufficient number of experienced officers, he was nevertheless able within a few months of the liberation of Rome to establish communications for both civilian and governmental agencies between Rome and all the important provincial centers in Italian Government Territory.

6. During the advance of the Allied Armies, civilian communications were moved forward as fast as military security would permit, and Colonel Henderson, by his foresightedness and determination, was largely responsible for the speed with which communications were re-established. By his organizational ability, Colonel Henderson formed a group in which an efficient and smooth-running Allied team, although constantly under-strength, was able at all times to accomplish the tasks set before it.

7. The unselfish and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Henderson is indicative of the finest traditions of the British Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armies in Italy.

8. At the time of his assignment to Allied Military Government, the officer was a Colonel. He occupied the posts of Deputy Director and Director Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Military Government and Headquarters Allied Commission. The officer is presently a Colonel and was recently transferred to Civil Affairs Section, Eighth Army, for eventual assignment to the Allied Commission in Austria.

9. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Henderson.

10. All subsequent services of Colonel Henderson have been honorable. 720

11. The officer has received no previous awards.

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

12. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel James L. Henderson, 1273, Royal Signals, British Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 September 1943 to 26 May 1945. As Deputy Director and later Director of Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Colonel Henderson, by his untiring efforts, insured that Allied Military Forces, the Italian Government, and civilian agencies were afforded the maximum communications facilities from civilian sources and at the same time arranged for the restoration of communications for essential civilian needs. Colonel Henderson directed the repair of buildings required for the Italian Government and the Rear Headquarters of Allied Commission at Salerno. Handicapped by a lack of transport equipment, shortage of supplies, inadequate equipment and inexperienced personnel, Colonel Henderson arranged for the re-establishment of telegraph, telephone and mail facilities on an adequate scale to meet the proper functioning of the Italian Government. He undertook to supervise civil censorship activities in early 1944, and through his initiative insured that all requirements of military security were met, but that civil censorship functions did not become a barrier to the establishment and functioning of essential civil communications facilities. After the liberation of Rome and the transfer of the Italian Government to that city, Colonel Henderson re-established the use of the most essential telephone, telegraph and mail facilities. By his unstinted efforts the officer arranged for an entire system of communications between Rome and the important provincial centers in Italian Government territory. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Henderson is indicative of the finest traditions of the British Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service of Great Britain from London, England.

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x-201-Henderson, James L. (O)

(18 June 45)

1st Ind.

HPT/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. F. THEODORE,
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder.1 Incl:
L/c

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x-201-Henderson, James L. (O)

(18 June 45)

2nd Ind.

CMP/FRW/sc

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Ovhd), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 18 June 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Col. Infantry
Commanding1 Incl:
n/c

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COMPANY "G"
2675th REGIMENT ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

File: 200.6

x-201-Picciotti, Maurice G. (Enl)

HPK/FRW/ac
18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Maurice G. Picciotti, 37114658, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company "G", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 10 December 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. At the time of Technical Sergeant Picciotti's assignment to this regiment, he was assigned duty of First Sergeant of Company "G". This company was the sole administrative body for Allied Military Government personnel on duty with both Fifth and Eighth Armies. Both officer and enlisted members of this company were scattered over the fighting fronts of both armies in as many as fifteen small groups, some of which were as far as one hundred miles from company headquarters. Communications and personal contacts were of an extremely difficult nature. Through the untiring efforts of Sergeant Picciotti, the individual officers and enlisted men were contacted, rationed, supplied, and administered in all phases. As a result, these isolated groups were kept closely united one with another and a high degree of unit consciousness and esprit de corps was maintained.

3. The duties of the officers and enlisted men assigned to this company involved their traveling with front line combat units and the occupying of liberated areas as the lines advanced. The administration of this personnel required Sergeant Picciotti's traveling under enemy bombardment and heavy shell and small arms fire. During periods of operational emergencies and at times when officers were unavailable, Sergeant Picciotti was called upon to assume responsibility of reconnoitering, planning and supervising innumerable camp sites. He is largely responsible for the large and smoothly functioning movement of this mobile military government unit. His conduct of company affairs is, and has always been, of the highest order. The enlisted man has received several commendations for the success of his efforts from high Army and Unit Commanders.

4. The efficient management, good judgment and spirit of cooperation shown by Technical Sergeant Picciotti in the performance of his duties are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Cont'd)

Allied Military Government in Italy.

5. The enlisted man was a Staff Sergeant at the time he assumed the duties of First Sergeant of Company "G". He was promoted to Technical Sergeant on 18 July 1944. He is presently a Technical Sergeant and is still the first Sergeant of his Company ("G"), 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technical Sergeant Picciotti.

7. All subsequent services of the enlisted man have been honorable.

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

HERMAN F. KEENEY
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Picciotti, Maurice G. (Enl)
 (20 June 1945) 1st Ind. NPI/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE
 1st Lt., AGD
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Picciotti, Maurice G. (Enl)
 (20 June 1945) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Picciotti, Maurice G. (Enl)
 (20 June 1945) 3rd Ind. CMF/FRW/sc
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 26 June 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding 4710

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Maurice G. Picciotti, 37114658, Company "G", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations in Italy, from 10 December 1943 to 8 May 1945. Sergeant Picciotti acted as the First Sergeant of the sole administrative body of Allied Military Government operating with the combat forces of the Fifth and Eighth Armies. His attention to the supply and administration of Company personnel scattered over the fighting fronts in as many as fifteen small groups contributed to the success of Allied Military Government operations in the occupation and government of liberated areas. As a result of his untiring efforts, these isolated groups were kept closely united and a high degree of unit consciousness and esprit de corps was maintained. His individual aid to the personnel of his company in the conduct of occupational operations resulted in a more successful and satisfactory completion of their assigned tasks. He directly contributed to the successful operations of the combat armies since he had assumed the problems of the individual and allowed a freedom of movement and operation for the benefit of Allied Military Government. Sergeant Picciotti's outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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18 June 1945

x-201-Kirkwood, Robert G. (U)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 11, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Robert G. Kirkwood, 02449, Colonel, Field Artillery, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in a position of great responsibility from 3 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. On 3 January 1944, Colonel Kirkwood reported at Brindisi to Headquarters Allied Commission for duty as Director of Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. At that time an unexpected emergency had arisen for Allied Commission due to the fact that refugees were streaming to Italy from Dalmatia in large numbers. The Allied Commission was not at that time prepared to handle these refugees, so in its initial stages the Army was required to take over this task along with its normal duties. The Army was anxious to be relieved of this responsibility, the Allied Commission anxious to assume it, but neither had personnel or facilities to cope with the situation. Colonel Kirkwood, using outstanding determination and organizing ability, took energetic action to reorganize the Sub-Commission. With personnel inadequate in numbers and inexperienced in such refugee work, and in a relatively short space of time, Colonel Kirkwood effected an organization and obtained facilities for camps in which over twenty thousand refugees were received, disinfested, medically examined, fed, clothed and housed. He established two large hospitals, one of which specialized in obstetrical cases and the treatment of the aged and infirm. He also established an orphanage to accommodate thousands of orphans received. It soon became necessary to prepare all Yugoslav refugees, physically capable of travelling, for embarkation to the Middle East. A port camp was established by Colonel Kirkwood and over sixteen thousand Yugoslavs were sent to their new destination by boat. In addition to the Yugoslav Refugee Camp, he assumed responsibility for the improvement of camps for displaced persons, which included not less than thirty-five different nationalities and numbered more than three thousand persons. Ten different military missions from foreign countries were attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and were administered under his direction. He assisted these camps in accomplishing their objectives of caring for their nationals to the mutual benefit of the Allies and the nations involved.

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Medal (Cont'd)

3. On 23 April 1944 Colonel Kirkwood reported as Regional Commissioner of Region VII, which was composed of the three provinces of Calabria. For various reasons these provinces were in an unsatisfactory condition at the time Colonel Kirkwood assumed his new duties. By personnel changes and the revamping of the entire system of operation, through his energetic direction and sincere thoughtfulness, he inculcated life and efficiency into the provincial administration and organized supply and transportation in order to overcome former deficiencies. Colonel Kirkwood secured the help of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, in establishing supply accounting which had not worked properly in that area since the invasion of the mainland of Italy. Thereafter he maintained a high standard of supply and general accounting in the Region. After recommending changes in Italian official offices and through his intelligent direction, he assisted local governments to function effectively. In a short period of six weeks he overcame the former difficulties in the administration of the area and placed the Region on a sound basis for future operation.

4. On 12 June 1944 Colonel Kirkwood was assigned as Regional Commissioner of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, at approximately the same time that the Allied Armies entered Tuscany. The Toscana Region presented many problems in military government, due to the intense fighting in the area, and at two intermittent periods the lines were static for a considerable time. Colonel Kirkwood's administration of this region has set a very high standard for Allied Military Government in Italy for agencies interested in or connected with Military Government. The results of such government in Toscana Region have indicated the outstanding quality of the work accomplished. The Toscana Region has always been hampered by continual changes of key personnel and the lack of sufficient personnel. Nevertheless, due to Colonel Kirkwood's foresightedness and intelligent direction, the success achieved has been outstanding. Phases of regional work such as the medical, public health, public safety, public works and utilities, monuments and fine arts, have been presented with unusual and sometimes serious problems. The large Port of Livorno, supplying the entire Fifth Army, has presented problems of law and order, public safety and public health comparable to those which first appeared in Naples after occupation. Through his foresightedness, energetic and intelligent action, Colonel Kirkwood was able to curtail crimes against law and order, and the results of his work in public health have become a matter of excellent military record. Colonel Kirkwood's direct and firm stand does credit to his administration in the face of local government problems and has resulted in a minimum of dissension and a maximum of high order of performance. Officers and government officials visiting and inspecting his region have agreed that the standard which Allied Military Government attained in that area has set an example worthy of emulation.

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Medal (Cont'd)

5. Colonel Kirkwood's outstanding devotion to duty, initiative and intelligence, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

6. The officer was a Colonel at the time he first assumed duty with Allied Military Government. Colonel Kirkwood has occupied the positions of Director, Internees and Displaced Persons, Sub-Commission; Regional Commissioner, Region VII., and Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Colonel and still holds the position of Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Kirkwood.

8. All subsequent services of Colonel Kirkwood have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous award.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel (then Lt. Colonel) Robert G. Kirkwood, 02449, Field Artillery, United States Army, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility from 3 January 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Director of Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, later as Regional Commissioner of Region VII, Allied Military Government, and Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Colonel Kirkwood, through his energetic devotion to duty, foresightedness and initiative, cared for some twenty thousand Yugoslav refugees who had fled to Italy in early 1944. These refugees were received, disinfested, medically examined, clothed, fed and housed. He established two large hospitals and one orphanage. In spite of the lack of personnel, trained and experienced in the work, sixteen thousand Yugoslav refugees were disposed of to the Middle East by water transportation. His execution of tasks in the regions over which he assumed control were of the highest order. His organization of supply, transportation and supply accounting resulted in a high standard of supply and general accounting for Allied Military Government equipment and properties. In Toscana Region, always hampered by lack of personnel and continual changes in key personnel, Colonel Kirkwood, by his intelligent direction, solved the unusual and serious problems in the legal, public health, public safety, public works and utilities section and the important employment and benefit problems for workers at the Port of Livorno. The example set by Colonel Kirkwood in his administration of his duties as Director of Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, as well as Regional Commissioner, Region VII., and Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, has set the standard for Allied Military Government in Italy and is deserving of the highest emulation. Colonel Kirkwood's outstanding devotion to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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x-201-Kirkwood, Robert G. (O)
(18 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/ERW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

1 Incl:
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H. P. THEODORE,
1st Lt., A.O.D.
Recorder.

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x-201-Kirkwood, Robert G. (O)
(18 June 45) 2nd Ind. CMP/ERN/sc
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Ovnd), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 18 June 1945.

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

Approved.

1 Incl:
n/c

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

12 June 45

SUBJECT: Record of Awards Recommended by AC

TO : HQ, 2675th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd), US Army
(Attention: Mr. Wermuth)

1. Reference telephone conversation Stearns-Wermuth, this date, the Chief Commissioner desires to make a visual record (tabulation) for his personal use to show exactly what recognition AC is giving to its officers whose services justify such awards. Accordingly, a tabulation in the form as shown below should be made (separate tabulation for British officers recommended):

AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY ALLIED COMMISSION (2675th REGT)

Name (American)	Assignment	Award	Date Recommended*	Approved by WD
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2. The attached tabulation previously submitted is confusing in that it shows all awards now held by American personnel of this Headquarters.

(*) NOTE: Actually sent forward to higher hq; recommendations that have not received the CC's approval should only be shown as Recommendations Pending CC Approval.

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

FJA/mv

File: 200.6

9 June 1945

x-201-Pascala, Donato A. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, MIDUSA, APO 312, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Donato A. Pascala, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), 32614851, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Sergeant Pascala joined the Requisition Section, G-4 (American) Allied Commission, at the time when the Allied Commission had just completed the temporary requisitioning of some six hundred vehicles and other property urgently needed for the success of Allied Military Government operations in Italy. Operational necessity required that AMG officers be assigned throughout various provinces of Italy. This presented a gigantic administrative task to formalize requisitions and apply current accounting procedure for the accountability of this property. Under many extreme difficulties, i.e., lack of trained clerical personnel, lack of essential data on temporary receipts in the formalization of requisitions, Sergeant Pascala worked long hours without help to complete the tasks placed before him.

3. His work also required the processing of claims which arose out of accidents, thefts and damage of vehicles. Innumerable letters and other correspondence were required to handle the work of this section. Inquiries, receipts, transmittals of claims required an exceedingly large volume of correspondence. Sergeant Pascala's assistance in the preparation and composition of directives, policy procedures and supply memorandums added to his tasks. He was instrumental in the drafting of original salvage certificates, de-requisition forms and responsibility release certificates which were approved by higher headquarters and adopted for official use.

4. Sergeant Pascala's devotion to duty and his efficient promulgation of the tasks placed before him showed his willingness to do the job ahead. It necessitated his working from fourteen to sixteen hours daily on numerous occasions, without complaint and with an energy far above normal requirements. His knowledge of the Italian language and the people enabled him to interview and settle problems of civilian property owners on requisitioning matters. His tact and diplomacy were always evident. Such interviewing would have been a normal full time position. His ability and efficiency

Ltr Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Cont'd)

enabled him subsequently to organize and train a staff of eight Italian civilian employees in the Records Section. He initiated the system of setting up a complete and accurate case history file on each item of property. His patience and diligence won for him the respect of his superiors and was an inspiration to all those serving with him and under his direction to complete their individual assignments.

5. Sergeant Pascale's unselfish devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

6. The recommending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Sergeant Pascale.

7. Sergeant Pascale was a Corporal at the time of his assignment to duty as Chief Clerk, Requisitioning Section. He was promoted to Technician Fourth Grade on 28 October 1944. Sergeant Pascale departed this organization on 8 May 1945 for the 7th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States on rotation.

8. The soldier has received no previous decorations.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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Proposed Citation

FRANK J. AMOROSO
1st Lt., Infantry
Assistant G-4 (American)

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal) Donato A. Pascale, 32614851, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. In spite of trained personnel to assist him, Sergeant Pascale worked long hours to set up an administrative system for the formalization of urgently needed requisitioned property. Under his supervision a system for formalizing requisitions, files of complete case histories on each item of property, boundless correspondence, directives and policy procedures were set up and placed into operation. Without regard for his personal health he solved the manifold problems of requisitioning procedure, interviewed property holders, and by his tireless energy, tact and diplomacy under pressure, and his diligent effort won the respect of his officers, the admiration of his subordinates and served as an inspiration to those who worked with him. His unselfish devotion to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the United States Army. Entered the service from New York, New York.

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x-201-Pascale, Donato A. (Enl)
 (9 June 45) 1st Ind.
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, NPT/mv
 U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

W. P. THEODORE,
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

1 Incl:
 n/c

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x-201-Pascale, Donato A. (Enl)
 (9 June 45) 2nd Ind.
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, EWS/mv
 U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

WILLIAM W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Pascale, Donato A. (Enl)
 (9 June 1945) 3rd Ind.
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. CMP/mv
 Army, 18 June 1945.

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

Approved.

4703
 C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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 1 Incl:
 n/c

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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8 June 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Ballew, John W. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 151, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John W. Ballew, Major (then Captain), 0518294, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations from 10 December 1943 to 11 April 1945.

2. Major Ballew was assigned to Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Eighth Army, as Senior Welfare Officer. His duties were the accomplishment of solutions to the difficult problems of medical, housing, food and the handling of displaced persons. From the very beginning, Major Ballew tackled the tasks confronting him with a spirit and determination that hinted the type of future results of his work. In this same month of December, 1943, and in January, 1944, Major Ballew, performing his duties under extreme difficulties of war conditions, organized the first Civilian Welfare Committee at Lanciano while the Communes were still being shelled. His problems were increased by the fear and shock imbued in the local inhabitants. These Italians were living in basements and air raid shelters. Near starvation, diseases, sickness and mothers with child were his primary problems. Next came housing, disposal of displaced persons and the problems of systematized medical and dental care for these refugees. Under the trying conditions which existed, at times narrowly escaping with his life from the ravages of long-range enemy artillery, Major Ballew worked day and night to accomplish and see working the plans for the general welfare of Italian people he had made.

3. During the advances of the Eighth Army from Cassino to Florence, in Southern Florence in August, 1944, and from Pesaro through the Argenta Gap in 1945, monuments of Major Ballew's tireless and wholehearted efforts are found. These monuments are the Civilian Welfare Agencies, organized, staffed, and initially operated by Major Ballew consistently under shelling, bombing and in some cases, remaining small arms fire of enemy and Allied troops still fighting in the towns. These agencies were established by him to deal with the problems of local homeless and displaced persons. He left behind him, in the Communes and Provinces, well staffed and efficiently operating Civilian Welfare Organizations that could serve the needs of the poor, the disabled, the sick and the elderly. In addition to these duties, and in the absence of a sufficient number of Medical Officers, he has always exceeded his normal duties and organized civil hospitals in the Corps Areas and personally assisted in the evacuation and medical care of wounded civilians. One of these monuments of Major Ballew's efforts is the V. D. Clinic and Hospital in Vasto.

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4. Major Ballew's efforts are best displayed in the conditions which now exist in the areas in which he worked. The long hours which he worked, his understanding of the problems which he faced, the successful functioning of the associations which he organized stand as monuments to two years of his profound ability. He has created in the Italian people a feeling of deepest respect and gratitude to the Allied Forces. Their families and loved ones were immediately and properly cared for, despite conditions, lack of supplies and facilities and efficient personnel to man the clinics and hospitals organized by him.

5. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Major Ballew is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces. His work will serve as an inspiration to all who have been associated with him.

6. The recommending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the deeds performed by Major Ballew.

7. Major Ballew was a Captain at the time he assumed his duties as Senior Welfare Officer, AMB Eighth Army. He was promoted to Major on 25 December 1944. Major Ballew was transferred to the 2600th Special Detachment (Overhead) on 12 April 1945. His present duties are not known.

8. Major Ballew has received no decorations to date.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) John W. Ballew, 0518294, Specialist Reserve, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations from 10 December 1943 to 11 April 1945. As Senior Welfare Officer of Allied Military Government, Eighth Army, Major Ballew organized and staffed Civilian Welfare Associations, Clinics and Hospitals from Southern Italy. Working for exceedingly long hours, under shelling and front line combat conditions, Major Ballew directed the care of the aged, sick, wounded, and homeless Italian Civilians. His work was a direct counterattack on the disease, near starvation and sickness which existed in each Comune and Province entered by the Eighth Army. Numberless thousands of Italian Civilians have been fed, housed, medically treated and placed in suitable living abode. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Major Ballew is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, has fostered in the Italian people a feeling of deepest respect and gratitude to the Allied Forces, and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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x-201-Ballew, John W. (O) 1st Ind. RPT/mv
 (8 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

R. P. THEODORE,
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

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x-201-Ballew, John W. (O) 2nd Ind. SWS/mv
 (8 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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x-201-Ballew, John W. (O) 3rd Ind. CMP/mv
 (8 June 45)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 18 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. M. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
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x-201-Malatesta, Andrew J. (Off)

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15^a, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Andrew J. Malatesta, Major (then Captain), O-311039, Infantry Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations from 16 July 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Major Malatesta was one of the first AMGOT officers. He entered Sicily in July 1943 as a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer. As Civil Affairs Officer with 15th Army Group, and subsequently with Eighth Army, Major Malatesta's performance and results of his duties have been outstanding. His missions made it necessary for him to move with front-line combat troops. As communes and provinces were liberated, Major Malatesta, without regard for his own safety and performing his duties under shellfire, bombing and small arms fire, entered Italian towns and assumed command of all military and administrative functions. Through his tireless energy, profound ability and boundless zeal, towns through Sicily and from the South to the North of Italy were placed under control and were returned to normal living in surprisingly short time.

3. Through his benevolence, his knowledge of the Italian language and of the Italian people and their customs, he obtained immeasurable support of the local inhabitants. As a result, towns were rapidly cleared of debris to allow passage of combat troops and vehicles, policing systems were restored or newly organized for the prevention of lawlessness, pilferage and espionage. Because of his manner, the respect and cooperation he obtained from Italian civilians resulted in the capture of known German and Fascist Italian soldiers or sympathizers in hiding. Hundreds of the enemies of the Allied Forces were imprisoned or brought to justice. Major Malatesta restored trade and business to normal, arranged for the housing, feeding and care of the sick among thousands of Italians. His duties knew no hours. He gave of his time and energies in an unselfish and soldierly fashion. Working for long periods without rest and in constant danger of enemy fire, he accomplished his missions in an exemplary manner.

4. Subsequently, Major Malatesta was assigned the duty of a Division Liaison Officer and Staff Officer. He showed, in his completion of duties, a complete disregard for personal safety and health in his continuous supervision of Allied Military Government functions in the forward areas. He has been under enemy fire for long periods, and has always been the first to volunteer for any hazardous task. In this connection he arranged for parachutist training should his duties require his entry into enemy territory with parachute as the only means.

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5. By this unselfish devotion to duty, his rapid solution of the complex problems of a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer and complete disregard for his own safety, has won for Major Malatesta the deep respect and esteem of Allied Forces with whom he has come into contact. His exemplary work has served as an inspiration to officers and enlisted men alike, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. His zealous attention to duty and the outstanding results of his achievements reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

6. The recommending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the outstanding services rendered by Major Malatesta.

7. The officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment as Civil Affairs Officer, AMG Eighth Army. He was promoted to Major on 25 December 1944, and was assigned duties as Division Liaison Officer and Staff Officer, AMG Eighth Army. Officer is presently a Major and is assigned as Staff Officer, AMG Eighth Army.

8. Major Malatesta's entire subsequent service has been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous decorations.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Andrew J. Malatesta, O-311039, Infantry Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations from 16 July 1943 to 8 May 1945. From Sicily, through all of the North of Italy, Major Malatesta was a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with Allied Military Government Eighth Army. Moving with combat troops, Major Malatesta entered newly liberated communes and provinces, and under constant shell-fire, bombardment, and occasional small arms fire, assumed command of all military and administrative functions. Through long and tedious hours he arranged for clearance of debris to permit immediate passage of combat troops and vehicles, restored or newly organized police and local government establishments and directed the housing and feeding of the homeless and the care and hospitalization of civilian sick, injured and aged. Through his direction hundreds of Nazi and Fascist Soldiers and sympathizers were brought out of hiding and brought to justice. Major Malatesta was a willing volunteer for any hazardous mission and showed a complete disregard for his own personal health and safety. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and his organization and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Albany, New York.

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x-201-Malatesta, Andrew J. (O)
 (8 June 45) 1st Ind. HPT/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 19 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE,
 1st Lt., A.G.D.
 Recorder

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x-201-Malatesta, Andrew J. (O)
 (8 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
 U. S. Army, 19 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELMER W. STINE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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x-201-Malatesta, Andrew J. (O)
 (8 June 45) 3rd Ind. CAP/mv
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
 Army, 19 June 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512, 4696
 U. S. Army.

Approved.

C. W. PARKIN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding

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