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CC 511 3 August 1945.

My dear General:

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With reference to your letter of 31 July 1945, file 4752 A.G., in connection with the award of an Italian decoration to Commander J. J. Lawler, this is to advise you that Commander Lawler was detached from the Allied Commission and departed from Italy on 16 April 1945.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Aide-de-Camp to H.M.H., the Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Translation

4799 /A.C. Rome, 2 August 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom wanted to grant, Motu Proprio, an Italian decoration to the following officers:

1) Colonel Inf. James J. CARNES (1)
Commander of the Special Motortransport Brigade A.C.

2) Lt-Colonel James H. BORDAS (B)
Chief of Staff of the Special Motortransport Brigade A.C.

3) Captain Thomas R. SCHER (A)
Attached to the supplies of the Special Motortransport Brigade A.C.

I shall be most grateful if you let me know your opinion on this matter and also, according to the procedure which has been followed up to now, which of the officers can be decorated at once, and which must wait because they are still in the service of A.C.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

s. Gen A. Infante

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
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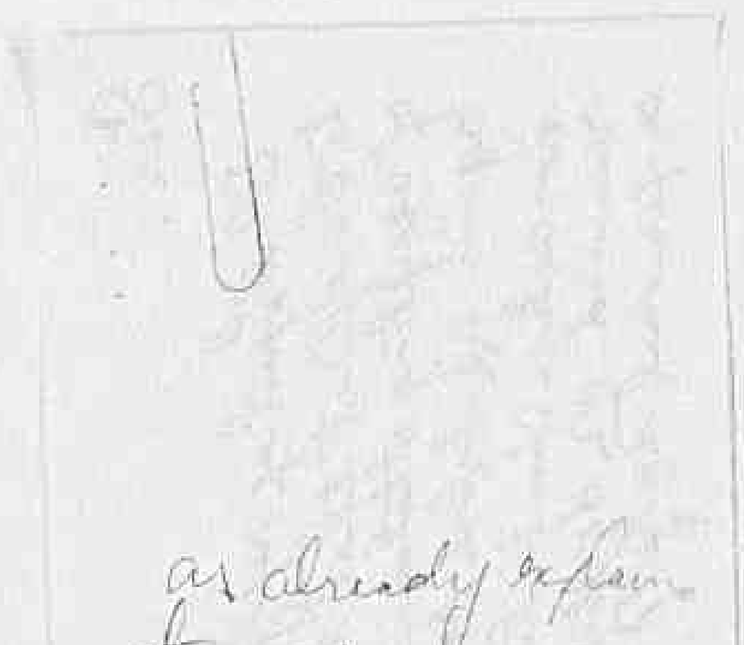
Sir:

Shall I put up reply for your signature to the effect that the question of accepting Italian Decorations is again up before AFHQ and hence no action can be taken until reply is received. Or do you wish to make a personal reply?

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FROM TO

Deputy Ex. Commissioner
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Executive Officer (A)
Executive Officer (B)
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Headquarters Commandant
Adjutant

FOR:
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Investigation and report
Answer
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Your File
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Can Col. Bordas accept an Italian award upon his departure?

NO!

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Roma, li - 2 AGO. 1945

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

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di conferire, Motu Proprio, una onorificenza italiana ai sottonotati Ufficiali:

1)- Colonnello Inf. James J. CARNES
Comandante della Brigata Speciale Autotrasporti A.C.;

2)- Lt. Colonel James H. BORDASS
Capo di Stato Maggiore della Brigata Speciale Autotrasporti A.C.;

3) - Capitano Thomas P. SWISHER
addetto ai rifornimenti della Brigata Speciale Autotrasporti C.A.-

Le sarei grato se volesse cortesemente favorirmi il Suo parere al riguardo ed indicarmi, in base alla prassi finora seguita, quali Ufficiali possono essere subito insigniti e quali debbono attendere perchè ancora in servizio alla A.C.

Mi è gradita l'occasione per inviarle i miei cordiali saluti.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

All'Ammiraglio Ellery STONE
Chief Commissioner
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2696TH TECHNICAL SUPERVISION COMPANY
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

AMA/FTH/rsl

2 August 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Schulz, Earl A. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Award of the Soldier's Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Earl A. Schulz, 16085125, Technical Sergeant, 2696th Technical Supervision Company, be posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy but resulting in the loss of his life.

2. On 1 July 1945 at approximately 1600 hours while swimming at Fregene, Italy, and while on pass at an approved beach, Technical Sergeant Schulz, without regard for his own life and safety, went to the rescue of an Italian woman, Evelina Luzzi Conti, who, having been carried beyond her depth by a strong current and her inability to swim, was in distress and in danger of drowning. Technical Sergeant Schulz, although an excellent swimmer, was battling the current, the waves and the struggling woman. Although he became exhausted, Technical Sergeant Schulz refused to abandon the woman, despite her request, and save himself. He continued to struggle in order to bring her to shore and as a result of the heavy sea, collapsed and died in the water. As a result of Technical Sergeant Schulz's heroic efforts, the woman was brought sufficiently close to shore and supported in the water long enough for the rescue to be completed by a Canadian lifeguard, one Trooper J. P. Jones, Jr., of the Canadian Rest Camp. Technical Sergeant Schulz was immediately brought from the water but all efforts to revive him failed. The immediate cause of his death was due to over-exertion and heart failure. This was later confirmed by a post-mortem examination at the 34th Station Hospital.

3. This act, performed voluntarily, aside from the innate bravery and devotion to duty and the traditions of the United States Army implicit, served as a conspicuous example to Italian civilians and other military personnel who witnessed this act of the qualities of the United States Army Enlisted Man and tended to further increase the respect and admiration of the civilian populace for our Armed Forces, thereby enhancing our prestige.

4. The undersigned was not a witness to this incident but after having investigated the case and secured affidavits in connection with the rescue, the award of the Soldier's Medal to the next of kin of Technical Sergeant Schulz is hereby proposed.

5. The courageous conduct displayed by Technical Sergeant Schulz is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

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6. The commanding officer of this award has no personal knowledge of the act performed by Technical Sergeant Schulz. Attention is invited to the three attached affidavits and one translation of the affidavit executed by the Italian civilian whose rescue was accomplished by Technical Sergeant Schulz.

7. The enlisted man was a Technical Sergeant at the time of the performance of this act. He was assigned to the 2696th Technical Supervision Company for duty as an operations non-commissioned officer with the Maintenance Group of the Allied Commission.

8. The enlisted man was previously awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services per General Order 92, Headquarters, MTOUSA, dated 20 September 1944.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

10. It is requested that, if this recommendation is approved, the award be forwarded to the enlisted man's next of kin, Mrs. Ida Schulz, (Mother), Stevensville, Michigan.

ALMOND M ALLYN
Capt CE
Commanding

5 Incls:
Incl #1 - Proposed Citation
Incl #2 - Statement - Conti (Italian)
Incl #3 - Statement - Conti (Translation)
Incl #4 - Statement - Jones
Incl #5 - Affidavit - Wilson

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200.6
x-201-Schulz, Earl A. (Enl) NPT/rnl
(2 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 2 August 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.

5 Incls:
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200.6
x-201-Schulz, Earl A. (Enl) EWS/rnl
(2 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 August 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

5 Incls:
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200.6
x-201-Schulz, Earl A. (Enl) CMP/rnl
(2 Aug 45)

3d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKER
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

5 Incls:
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PROPOSED CITATION
(POSTHUMOUS)

Technical Sergeant Earl A. Schulz, 16085125, 2696th Technical Supervision Company, Allied Commission, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy but resulting in the loss of his life. On 1 July 1945 while swimming at an authorized beach near Fregene, Italy, Technical Sergeant Schulz, without consideration for his own life and safety, went to the rescue of an Italian woman who was unable to swim and had been carried out to sea by a strong current which placed her in danger of drowning. Although an excellent swimmer, Sergeant Schulz became exhausted by the current, the force of the sea and the struggling woman. He refused to abandon her despite her request that he do so to save his own life. He continued his heroic efforts until he collapsed from exhaustion and heart failure finally resulting in his own death. As a result of his efforts, the woman was brought close enough to shore where she was aided and finally administered to be a lifeguard. Despite attempts to revive him, Sergeant Schulz succumbed from exhaustion and heart failure. This heroic act, performed voluntarily, aside from the innate bravery and devotion to duty, served as a conspicuous example to Italian civilians and other military personnel who were present, of the best qualities of the Enlisted Men of the United States Army and tended to further increase the respect and admiration of the civilian populace, thereby increasing the prestige of the Allied Armed Forces in Italy. Technical Sergeant Schulz's heroic action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Schulz, (Mother), Stevensville, Michigan.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

LDD/FRW/pf

File: 200.6
x-201-Martino, Robert A. (Off)

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the 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. Martino, 0272815, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1944 to 15 January 1945.

2. As Chief of the Requisition Division, Economic Section, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Lt Colonel Martino was responsible for initiating, developing and establishing the complete requisitioning procedure among the various sub-commissions of the Allied Commission for civilian supplies for Italy.

3. In cooperation with the G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, he developed the procedure for the preparation and submission of requisitions for consideration by the United States and United Kingdom economic authorities. During his tenure of office, Lt Colonel Martino prepared and screened more than three hundred requisitions for materials and supplies of all types excluding food, medical and POL requirements. These requisitions covered hundreds of thousands of tons representing many millions of dollars, all essential for the maintenance of the health and welfare of the Italian people. By maintaining close contact with the responsible officials of the Allied Commission and Local Resources Board he was able to determine either local production or availability thereby bringing about a saving of thousands of tons of supplies from being shipped from overseas sources.

4. Many of Lt Colonel Martino's ideas concerning the proper method of requisitioning for civilian supplies for the Italian population have been of immeasureable help to Allied Force Headquarters in facilitating their forwarding of requisitions to the United Kingdom and the United States supply authorities. This work involved the recording, tracing and handling of all supplies received from port to warehouse and arranging for their distribution. Additional status reports on requisitions required by higher authorities rendered by Lt Colonel Martino have enabled these higher headquarters to keep abreast of the situation as it occurred. His individual efforts have resulted in facilitating movement and distribution of both military and civilian supplies immediately upon their arrival at local Italian ports. His contribution to the health, welfare, clothing and housing of the civilian populace, as well as to the furthering of the Allied war effort in Italy, is indicated in the marked degree of success in the movement of all commodities.

5. Lt Colonel Martino's tireless efforts and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and

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reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organisation and the Allied Forces in Italy.

6. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), the officer was a Major. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 May 1944. He was initially assigned as Chief of the Requisition Division, Economic Section, Allied Commission. The officer's present assignment is that of Staff Officer, Economic Section, Allied Commission.

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

8. All subsequent services of Lt Colonel Martino have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel FA
Chief Staff Officer,
Economic Section.

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Martino, Robert A. (Off)
(2 Aug 45) 1st Ind. NPT/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 August 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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200.6
x-201-Martino, Robert A. (Off)
(2 Aug 45) 2d Ind. EWS/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 August 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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200.6
x-201-Martino, Robert A. (Off)
(2 Aug 45) 3d Ind. CMP/pf
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 August 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

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Robert A. Martino, 0272815, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1944 to 15 January 1945. As Chief of the Requisition Division, Economic Section, Allied Commission, Lt Colonel Martino was responsible for initiating, developing and establishing the requisitioning procedure of importations from overseas sources of essential materials and supplies of all types for the maintenance and economic welfare of the Italian people. The requisitions handled by Lt Colonel Martino covered hundreds of thousands of tons representing many millions of dollars, all essential for the maintenance of the health and welfare of Italian civilians and for the return of a normal economic status in Italy. By his untiring efforts, he has made an outstanding contribution to the Allied cause in setting forth a high standard of accomplishment and in establishing an efficient procedure for expediting civilian supplies into Italy with a resultant alleviation of distress, a speeding up of production of essential goods and the economic utilization of shipping space. Lt Colonel Martino's zeal, resourcefulness, 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 Washington, D. C.

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Translation

4752/A.G.

Rome, 31 July 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd, concerning the action to be taken to confer Italian decorations to officers o f the United States Navy.

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom desires to give a token of his esteem to Commander J.J. LAWLER, for the work he did in Italy, and wants to appoint him 'Motu Proprio' Commander of the Order of St, Maurice and Lazarus, taking the date when he left Italy.

Will you kindly let me know this date, so that the granting of the order may be dated from the day when the officer left.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

s. Gen. A. Infante

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Roma, li 31 Luglio 1945

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

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

La ringrazio della cortese Sua lettera del 23 corrente, riguardante la procedura da seguire per il conferimento di onorificenze italiane ad Ufficiali della Marina degli Stati Uniti d'America.

S.A.R.il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, VO= lendo tributare un attestato di stima al Comandante E.J. LAWLER, per i servigi da lui compiuti in Italia, desidererebbe nominarlo, "Motu Proprio", Commendatore nell'Ordine dei SS.Maurizio e Lazzaro, sotto la data in cui egli ha lasciato l'Italia.

La prego, pertanto, di voler gentilmente far= mi conoscere tale data, in modo che la concessione possa figurare avvenuta all'atto della partenza del= l'Ufficiale.

La ringrazio anticipatamente e Le porgo i più distinti saluti.

Suo Aff^mo A. Infante

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner

A. C.
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31 July 1945

Dear Professor:

The Italian Government's proposal, reference your letter of 23 July, to reward officers of the Public Health Sub-Commission with the "Benemeriti della Saluti Pubblica" is sincerely appreciated. However, as expressed in my letter of 6 December 1944, instructions from higher authority still do not permit officers of the Allied Commission to accept awards of this character.

I have again referred this matter to higher headquarters with the recommendation that the restriction be lifted, and will inform you as soon as a reply is received.

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The Minister of the Interior
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Executive Commissioner
VP, Establishment Section
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Headquarters Allied Commission
ROME

30 July 1945.

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I understand that what may be your final honors list may be going in shortly. If this is so, I should be grateful if I could have a word with you about Maurice Lush when I am next in Caserta. His work for General MacFarlane and me has been invaluable, and I should like to see him suitably rewarded.

At the same time, I realize that this is a purely British matter and trust you will not consider me presumptuous as an American in venturing to speak for my British Chief of Staff. But in the Anglo-American integration achieved out here, one is inclined at times to forget nationality.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Field Marshal Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander,
GCB, CSI, DSO, MC, ADC,
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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File: 200.6

30 July 1945

SUBJECT: The Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead).

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

1. Under the provisions of Circular #345, War Department, 1944, as amended, it is recommended that the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead), be awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for the superior performance of duty in exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. The 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead), was organized under authority from Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 30 September 1943. Ever since combat troops scrambled up the Sicilian beaches, Civil Affairs Officers and men of the 2675th Regiment have taken their chances with these combat troops on every "D" Day; at Salerno, Anzio, Sardinia, Corsica, Elba, and from a nucleus of this personnel, in Normandy and Southern France. There are some who wear proudly the Purple Heart and other ranking decorations and awards for meritorious achievement and outstanding services in the performance of duty. Several have been killed and are buried in graves all over Italy side by side with their comrades of the Infantry and other arms of service. As troops struggled forward mile by mile, personnel of this regiment moved with them to see to it that liberated areas helped, rather than hindered, the advance of the armies. The task of helping the Italians to "set their house in order" was most difficult. Weary of war and the throes of fascism, they looked to this personnel for material aid and moral guidance.

3. Personnel found that the front-line soldier's saying that "In battle there is confusion" applied to a large degree to the rear areas also. This unit had no Military Police forces of its own; it had no military and therefore no reliable transport. There were no supplies for industrial and commercial reconstruction. Never were there enough officers and men to cover the areas combat troops had liberated. But the mission of Allied Military Government and the Allied Control Commission was clearly cut. It was to restore the normal life to Italy in its entirety. Ruined towns and wrecked ports had to be rebuilt, re-habilitated and used in the operations of supplying combat troops; roads and bridges had to be repaired; public works and utilities restored and, most of all, food supplied for hungry mouths. Wounded, infirm, sick and aged Italian civilians met the personnel of 2675th Regiment no matter where they traveled. The tasks faced by this personnel were even more complicated by the ruin left behind and by the lingering disease of Fascist corruption. Reconstruction was difficult in a country in which the sense of civic responsibility had been corroded by twenty years of totalitarianism. One can readily understand the cynicism of a people whose society

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and government had been fouled by greedy demagogues who schemed for personal power, glory and wealth at public expense. The experience of these officers and men has been such that it was proven that one of the worst sins of Fascism was the destruction of the sense of public morality and civic responsibility. The problems of a Democratic Government anywhere in the western world are about the same. The principles of sound public administration apply equally as well in Washington, Naples or Liverpool. How complicated the job of administering Washington or Liverpool if the food supplies had disappeared, if all public service and factories had been ruined and if the people lost faith in themselves and their government. That was the situation found in Italian cities. This personnel, through long hours of tireless and unselfish effort, helped to restore public utilities, re-organize industries, manage governmental affairs and protect military supply lines. Despite these tremendous tasks, any of this personnel would say that the biggest problems were Fascists and food. As military government personnel advanced, the Italian people came out of the hills and cellars. They were sick, hungry, homeless and disillusioned. Everywhere, the Italian cry was the same: "Bread and Macaroni" and "Throw out the Fascists". For a long time in Sicily and Southern Italy there were no powdered soups or canned milk available for distribution. There were abundances of fruit and vegetables, but the Italian working man needed more than oranges and onions. The habits of centuries could not be broken by well-intended lectures on proper eating habits. They wanted their bread and macaroni because that is what the Italians have been eating for a thousand years. The ships and their precious cargoes, however, did not begin to arrive nor did they arrive for weeks after personnel had set foot on the mainland. For eight days after military government personnel entered Palermo, there was no regular distribution of bread because the so-called "leaders" had left town with the Germans and disorganization met U.S. military government personnel at every hand. These so-called leaders had been afraid of democratic justice. All motor transport had either been taken away or destroyed by the infuriated Germans. Every flour mill had been bombed into uselessness. Even when conditions were later fairly normal, in most of Sicily only one hundred fifty grams of bread a day, equivalent to five ounces, could be distributed to each person. Even at that time this distribution could not be made daily. When Naples was liberated, only one hundred grams could be distributed. This was later increased to two hundred grams. At the present time the distribution of bread in all of Italy, with a possible exception of some outlying areas in the newly liberated North, is well in excess of three hundred grams of bread and one hundred grams of "pasta" daily for each individual. In addition to this distribution, canned meats, vegetables and powdered soups have been allocated. This shortage of flour was not due to a shortage of the native-grown supply of grain. Personnel of 2675 Regiment arrived in the middle of the harvest but it took time to organize a collection system of our own. The Fascist collection system broke down of its own weight before U.S. Forces appeared on the mainland of Italy. The black market flourished long before they arrived in liberated areas. There was, under Fascism, a local office which kept elaborate records of how many acres of wheat each farmer was to plant. In this way, the local collection agency, known as the "Ammassi", knew what to expect at harvest time. Each farmer had been compelled by law to turn in all his grain to this Ammassi except for the amount he needed to feed himself and his family and to use for seeding.

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4. The conditions which existed when military government personnel arrived in a town were indescribably chaotic. The so-called "Government leaders" had made off for the North. Records were completely destroyed or missing and there were no experienced officials to offer their help. The entire system had begun to totter and then completely collapsed when unscrupulous black market profiteers offered fantastic prices for the farmer's produce. This, in short, was the vicious circle of events. Farmers were being paid from three thousand to four thousand lire for two hundred twenty pounds of flour and such was their cynicism that they saw no valid reason why they should sell at the governmental price of three hundred sixty lire. They argued that prices of commodities that they had to buy had also skyrocketed. The Italian black market had begun to flourish when Mussolini moved his troops into Ethiopia. The Italian masses had no voice in the matter but their reaction proved that they knew Mussolini's imperialistic government was a fake and bound to lead to disaster. Individuals aroused the idea, "Down with Patriotism, I will take care of myself first". When military government personnel arrived in an Italian commune that was the situation. When proclamations were posted stating that all Fascist institutions were abolished, the farmers assumed that this meant the entire system of grain collection and distribution was abolished as well. They could not understand that even in a democracy a product which was scarce in wartime is always publicly controlled and rationed. The task which lay before U.S. personnel was to educate the Italian people that liberty did not mean license; that freedom did not mean anarchy. The Italians were sincere enough in their feelings and beliefs but they did not understand them. They had to be taught that they had an obligation to respect the law if they were to govern themselves. After twenty years of Fascist sabotage and public cynicism, however, this was not an easy lesson to inculcate. Allied Military Government attempted to enforce its proclamations by using the Italian Carabinieri and the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza. Mussolini distrusted the Royal Carabinieri, one of the oldest police forces in Europe. He not only degraded them but created his own private army of Black Shirts and Black Militia. It was these troops who enforced his decrees and preyed upon the masses. The Carabinieri and Agenti, like most Italian civil servants, were pitifully underpaid, getting at the lower levels as little as four dollars per month. Even some of our own forces have mistaken these uniformed policemen for Fascist troops and sometimes disarmed them publicly and otherwise humiliated them. This still further destroyed their authority among the people. Through the efforts of the Public Safety personnel and after innumerable appeals to the Italian people, the Carabinieri and Agenti are now recognized as bona fide Italian public safety personnel performing sworn duties. With the aid of the Carabinieri and Agenti, U.S. officers and enlisted personnel have been able to direct the enforcement of the law. A strong police chief was always needed. He had to be a man of integrity, honesty and democratic principles without the taint of Fascism. The morale of the police had to be rebuilt. Eventually corruption within their own ranks was stamped out. This was extremely difficult when a policeman, paid four dollars a month, had a family to feed. The answer was not just a simple raising of wages. Although wages of public servants were notoriously low, this unit could not embark on a wholesale raft of salary increases. Inflation threatened because of the rate of exchange, the scarcity of produce and the generosity with which troops spent money. The wage increases finally

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allowed were permitted always with this fear in mind; that raising the salary of the policeman, even by one hundred percent, left the problem of inflation. The entire task was further complicated by the Army's entry into the market to buy certain fresh food needed for troops who had been living out of cans for months and had to have the fresh vitamin-laden vegetables which could be obtained for them locally. No one disputed the Army's right to buy Italian vegetables or more fresh steaks or milk if they were obtainable. However, when the Army buys produce in the Italian market, the prices are bound to soar and that aggravated the serious problem of food supply and demand. The market became a sellers' market, with Italians bidding frantically for food that was insufficient to go around. When men obtained passes to go to town, they were so happy about it that they embarked on a spending spree. Gladly, they paid thirty cents for a shave and one dollar for a thirty cent bottle of wine. When this happened, a fruit merchant would not sell apples to an Italian for eight lire a kilo when soldiers would gladly pay twenty-five lire. The price then became twenty-five lire and a poor worker earning one hundred lire a day suffered for it, and more especially, his children. Price lists were prepared by officers and enlisted men of the Regiment so that when troops came into town they could study them and be instructed politely but firmly to refuse to pay more. Military government personnel, in cooperating with civilian experts, set prices on many commodities and went one step further by searching out the Italian merchants who were profiteering and placed them "Out of Bounds". In Sicily and Naples, Italians were urged to form "Citizen Squads", against the black market. This helped some but it was difficult to enforce rationing schemes and selling prices when food was scarce and wages low. Despite these difficulties, the regimental personnel would have had an easier job had it had adequate military transport during the critical days of liberation and if it did not have to depend on civilian motor vehicles. After years of war-Italy had been fighting off and on since 1935-the country was nearly finished economically. Field expedients became the key of of operations by military government personnel. Although it necessitated tremendous expenditures of energy over long periods of work without rest, the movement of food supplies was regularly instituted and continued.

3. Immediately after the invasion of Sicily on 10 July 1943, a serious monetary problem appeared. In order that troops of all the Allied Forces who had landed in the invasion might be paid to the end of August, it was necessary to secure funds for distribution to finance officers so that such payment could be accomplished. The finance personnel of this Regiment, which later became the group to form the Finance Sub-Commission, moved from the United States by air the necessary Allied Military Lire to meet the payrolls for the Allied Forces in all of Sicily for the end of August. It became necessary to print the currency and to further over-print the word "Italy" after the invasion had occurred. Despite the difficulties involved and the immediate necessity for securing the funds, the entire task was accomplished so that needs could be met. More than one hundred forty billion Allied Military Lire were moved from the United States to Italy with only two losses. One loss came as a result of the crash of a plane carrying funds at Miami. After the crash the plane burned and destroyed all the currency it was carrying. The other loss occurred when a ship transporting funds from Sicily to the Italian mainland struck a floating mine. None of this

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vast amount of money was ever lost through robbery or negligence. Never have U. S. Military Government personnel failed to supply adequate amounts of lire to all forces to meet payrolls and normal requirements for expenditures. By plane, by truck, or any available transportation, forces were supplied with the necessary currency over all Italy and the adjacent islands. This small group of officers was responsible for the movement of twenty three tons of gold which had been taken to North Italy by the Fascists and was found at La Fortezza in Bolzano Province. Taking charge of this large amount of gold, the finance personnel moved it by convoy to Rome with the aid of armored cars and jeeps carrying 88th Infantry Division personnel. The large coin collection of the King of Italy which bankers and finance men do not care to appraise because of its enormous value was also returned to the Royal Chambers. From the beginning, U. S. personnel worked constantly with the Banca di Italia, helping restore it to its position as a central bank and enabling it to resume its normal functions as one of the sources of Government Finance. Inflationary effects would have resulted through any other system employed. U. S. personnel took the lead in establishing a personal remittance system between Italy and the United States and the United Kingdom. This accomplished a two-fold effect. First, it enabled relatives to send funds for the maintenance of their families still living in Italy. Secondly, it represented an important source of foreign exchange to the Italian Government. Over the period that this remittance system has been operating, the Italian Government has realized an exchange of over thirty million dollars. Accounting personnel were given the responsibility by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the recording of all charges made against the Italian Government, which charges will finally be used in accounting for the debt which may be placed against the Italian Government. This accounting involved the recording of all imports and civilian supplies, such as food, medicine, coal and gas valued at more than three hundred million dollars and the accounting of equipment and property which has been turned over by the United States Army and to the Italian Army. These personnel assisted the Italian Government to restore its revenue system and worked with the government in strengthening its tax laws so that there is a present yield 45% greater in taxes to the government than before the war. The Social Insurance Section of this finance group worked out a process whereby the Italian Government bears the social insurance costs for the direct employees of the Allied Armed Forces. This has enabled the Allied Forces to employ Italian civilians who are protected against sickness, accident and injury. In turning the entire system over to the Italian Government, the Armed Forces have saved millions of hours and dollars in manpower that would have been necessary to keep the insurance machinery properly working. The Property Control personnel took under their care over twelve thousand separate pieces of Allied property belonging to United States, British, French, Russian, Latin American and other Allied countries' citizens. U. S. personnel arranged for the protection and preservation of the property until its return to its rightful owners could be accomplished. A Budgets Sub-Section operated to supply several individual industries engaged one hundred percent on production for the Allied Armed Forces. Some of the larger plants are the Navale Mecchanica Shipworks in Naples, the Ilva Steel Works at Bagnoli and the Terni Steel Works. These officers and men arranged to keep all of these plants in production. Since these individual industries had no funds to keep operating,

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it would have been necessary to close them down and cease operations had not this section arranged for funds to be supplied to these and other Italian industries for the purchase of raw materials, the payment of power furnished and the salary of the employees. This section has also arranged with the United States Army Fiscal Director, MTOUSA, to receive all unpaid bills and requisitions of the Armed Forces and to turn them over to the Italian Government for investigation and settlement. Had this work devolved on the Armed Forces, countless thousands of dollars would have been expended and a great number of manpower hours would have been used.

6. Another group of the regimental personnel has been engaged in the work of the care and preservation of Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives. This personnel prepared guides listing individual monuments and works of art. These guides were distributed to all task forces and were in the personal possession of all officers of field grade. These guides assisted Army officers in marking art monuments in the path of war which could be spared to the extent that military necessity allowed. These books have been further used by town majors and military organizations concerned with the requisitioning of buildings. Annotated maps indicated the location of art museums, monuments and treasures and pointed out their relation to Air Corps strategic bombing targets so that in the accomplishment of a mission these monuments could be preserved and safeguarded from intense aerial bombardment. In collaboration with the Italian government, these officers and enlisted men prepared lists of deposits of works of art throughout all Italy and undertook to signal to the combat armies the locations, description and amounts of these collections so that upon arrival in towns and cities the army commander could arrange to locate these treasures and take charge and safeguard them upon discovery. The most signal performance in this field was the securing and safeguarding of thirty deposits of Tuscan art in and around Florence. First, this personnel visited the locations, checked against inventories and controlled these treasures while the areas were still under fire by the enemy. Some of the works in these thirty deposits represented world-famous masterpieces of art and sculpture. Many works removed by the Germans from Southern and Central Italy to the North have been recovered and have been placed under proper safeguard. On 22 July 1945, all of Italy saw those treasures returned to Florence by rail where they were either replaced in their former buildings or safeguarded until new structures could be built. In cooperation with army intelligence, this personnel was able to locate the initial deposits of paintings and sculptures which had been removed from the Naples museums to Rome by the Germans and Fascists. This group included priceless Pompeiian deposits which had fallen into the hands of the Hermann Goering Division. After a complete check had been made, certain of these monuments were found to be missing but machinery has now been set into motion to recover these pieces reported to be at present somewhere in Austria. The present forces located in that region are conducting daily searches to recover the missing pieces and restore them to rightful owners. The Soldiers' Guides which are being used by all army personnel in their visits to the largest cities in Italy were prepared through the efforts of the officers and enlisted men of this Monuments and Fine Arts group. Besides locating and safeguarding monuments and works of art, this group took it upon themselves to preserve national monuments of art and certain frescoes. In

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collaboration with the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, arrangements have been made for the replacements of roofs, walls and other component parts of the buildings necessary to safeguard works of art against deterioration. Through the efforts of this personnel, monuments and art treasures have not only been safeguarded but churches and other religious institutions have been saved from the ravages of war.

7. Numerous other instances of restoration of industry, the control of the hemp production and processing, the repair of water systems, highways, bridges and ports, the temporary or even permanent reconstruction of buildings and power stations, the re-opening of industry, both on the Italian mainland and in Sicily and Sardinia, could be recounted here. Suffice to say that the personnal of the Industry group, Public Works and Utilities and the Transportation Divisions have arranged for the restoration of nearly 65% of all power and water facilities on the mainland of Italy since the Allied entry. Individual cases could be cited such as the restoration of lighting facilities in the City of Rome after key power installations had been destroyed and the fuel necessary to create power had either been trucked away or burned by the Germans. Innumerable cases of communication facilities which had been utterly destroyed all across Italy to the North of Rome could be cited as examples of the work of these groups which were engaged in returning Italian people to proper living conditions and in supplying them with the daily necessities of life. Welfare personnel have processed innumerable thousands of refugees through welfare and refugee camps, clothing them, feeding them and returning them to their homes. Personnel engaged in restoring education have secured old textbooks used in the schools throughout Italy and have either expurgated them of Fascist doctrines or have arranged for the printing of thousands of new books. They have arranged for either the reopening and repair of school buildings or the requisitioning of other sites which could be converted into classroom space so that the young of Italy could be educated in the ways of Democracy and fair government. Innumerable warehouses have been established all over Italy for the storage, checking and distribution of clothing and food to thousands of homeless and hungry Italians. Personnel have worked long hours day and night to keep supplies moving in spite of the serious lack of transportation. Food rations which the Italians now receive in their normal daily subsistence have been the result of the untiring efforts of these personnel.

8. In areas now long liberated where social and economic life have become more nearly normal, the food situation is now good. All over Italy, with the exception of some of the far northern areas, the bread and macaroni ration has been increased to almost normal requirements. The potato harvest was beyond all expectation. Seed for this bumper crop was arranged for through agricultural officers by donation from British farmers. There were even enough potatoes to partially supply the City of Rome. In addition, abundant supplies of food and vegetables appeared on the market daily. Supplying the Italian people with enough pasta and bread, the food black market gradually commenced to fade. The first principle of administration in Sicily, Naples and Rome was to turn back to anti-Fascist Italians the government of the people as soon as they were prepared and able to assume the responsibility. It was a task of administering these communes, provinces and regions in Italy so that this group of Italians could assume the responsibility and so that the democratic governments would be assured that Italy was prepared to help Europe remain at peace.

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This principle implied the selection of the right men for the job of government. Military government personnel assigned to this regiment have been responsible for the capture and bringing to trial of many Fascist leaders and other criminals. In the meantime, these officers and men have enabled Italian civilians to know the community and their own people. Careful investigations were conducted by security officers and enlisted personnel and those Italians who could be trusted were gradually brought into office. They were usually not the same men who rushed into the military government offices the first day after liberation. Of these "glad-handers" military personnel were exceedingly wary. As soon as a town had been liberated, everyone proclaimed himself an anti-Fascist. This did not help the tasks facing U. S. personnel. Proclamations were issued listing a specific set of important Fascist jobs, honors and offices. All people involved were dismissed from their positions automatically. Then, too, all persons working in these offices were required to fill out elaborate questionnaires. Skillful officer and enlisted investigators examined each individual case. In this way they were able to ferret out ardent Fascist Italians who had collaborated with the Germans and those who voluntarily joined Mussolini's fake Fascist Government Republic. These were interned for the duration. In areas turned over finally to the Italian Government, responsibility for continuing to "Clean House" then fell to it. Looking back over the experience of nearly twenty months, the record of this military government personnel, despite admitted shortcomings, can rigorously stand inspection. Through difficulties of employment, operation of ports and utilities, transportation, rehabilitation, hospitalization, welfare and food, the individual accomplishments of many officers and enlisted men stand out. Had it not been for the team work and wholehearted cooperation of each individual assigned to the regiment, the myriad tasks of rehabilitation and return to normal could not have been accomplished. When the history of the war in Italy is written, the accomplishments of military government personnel will reflect a daring and progressive experiment by the democratic peoples. In the last war there was nothing even to resemble such administrative action. Germany was occupied until the government of the United States decided that it was time for troops to come home. The work of military government personnel is a proof that Allied democracies are willing to deal tolerantly and fairly with all peoples of the world. This experiment, begun in the turmoil and confusion of war, established in Sicily, Naples and Rome, forms a democratic structure and administration which will long survive. These principles are now being applied in Northern Italy. The philosophy, the conduct and interest of the personnel of the regiment in the long hours spent day and night to house, clothe, feed, medicate and prevent epidemics among the Italian people, to keep them in good health and to restore essential governmental and utility services, are facts that the Italian people can understand. Italians and other Europeans cannot and certainly will not forget these facts. When the international organization was established in San Francisco to guide the destinies of humanity, the good will created by U. S. personnel in the performance of their duties in Italy was not the least of its great cornerstones in the formulation of a democratic way of living for the peoples of the world.

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9. In a unit which has numbered from seven hundred to nine hundred fifty officers and from one thousand one hundred to one thousand five hundred enlisted men, 2675th Regiment has established a high standard of discipline over its period of operation. Personnel have always observed the standard of superior military courtesy required of United States Army personnel. The officers and men of the 2675th Regiment, their billets and the installations which they have established, could stand a most rigorous inspection. Equipment, both in the form of machinery and transportation, have been of the poorest sort. Despite the lack of replacements and the difficulties in securing necessary parts to keep machinery and vehicles running, transportation has been kept road-worthy in order that the mission could be successfully completed. In all cases regardless of scarcity of personnel, all officers and enlisted men have always enthusiastically and cheerfully executed all orders placed before them. In such a large organization dispersed throughout Italy and on the islands of Sicily, Corsica and Sardinia, the outstanding disciplinary record is reflected in the following:

a. Venereal Disease Cases - 66.

b. Number of enlisted men AWOL - 8.

c. Conviction by Courts Martial.

(1) General Court - 1.

(2) Special Court - 4.

(3) Summary Court - 3.

(4) Punishments under 104th Article of War - 107.

The above record for a unit of this size where personnel were placed on their own in the execution of duties under most trying conditions is worthy of the highest emulation.

10. Through the long hours of tireless effort and devotion to duty displayed by each individual officer and enlisted man of this regiment, in the performance of his daily tasks, the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) and Allied Military Government, in close cooperation with its British military officers and men who have cooperated in the establishment of democratic principles, has merited the appreciation of all nations of the world. Upon the success of these tasks, performed in spite of changes of personnel and numerous difficulties arising throughout the operations, this recommendation for the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the personnel of the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), is hereby proposed.

11. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the personnel of the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead).

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral - United States Naval Reserve
Chief Commissioner

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Supplementing my letter of 23 July in further reference to your letter of 17 July concerning an award for Commander John J. Lawler, USCGR, formerly Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, on reconsideration I think it would be in order for an award to be made to Commander Lawler to be sent to him at his present address,

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Commander John J. Lawler, USCGR,
US Group CC,
APO 742, U.S. Army.

Commander Lawler can then take the necessary steps with the Navy Department to secure individual permission to accept the award.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Aide-de-Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
G-1 (B)

27 July 1945.

REFERENCE : G-1B/89/A

SUBJECT : Honours and Awards.

TO : Distribution below.

A/Colonel W. DOHERTY (287699) - Gen.List.
A/Major R.C.L. LIMBERT (291650) - Gen.List.

1. Approval has been given by the War Office for the acceptance and wearing of the U.S. award of the Bronze Star by the above named officers.

2. Presentation of medals and insignia will be made by the local U.S. Commander, Medal ribbons will not be worn before the presentation.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE.

J.C. HODGSON,
Lt.Colonel,
G-1 (B).

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Distribution :

Office of the Chief Commissioner.
Office of the Executive Commissioner.
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.
Vice President, Establishment Section.
Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.
Director, Patriots Branch.
Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.

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My dear General:

I have again been approached by the Italian Government on the question of awards of Italian decorations to American officers on the Allied Commission. Some time ago the Italian Government proposed to award medals of "Public Health Merit" to deserving officers of the Public Health Sub-Commission. In response to that proposal I replied that due to existing regulations it would not be possible for the officers of the Commission to accept any such awards. On 23 July the Prime Minister has reopened the question and has made direct inquiry by letter as to whether it is now possible for officers of the Commission to accept Italian decorations.

While I have pointed out to them that we are still prohibited by MTOUSA from the acceptance of such awards, the Italian Government as well as officers of this Commission cannot understand the ruling, particularly in view of the recent awards, given certain publicity, that the Italian Government was permitted to make to officers of Rome Area Allied Command and MTOUSA. Both of these headquarters, like the Allied Commission, have relations with the Italian Government, and certain MTOUSA officers, such as General McNarney, yourself, and Colonel Mitchell of G-5, have Allied responsibilities with respect to the policies of this Commission and its relations with the Italian Government.

Moreover, as per the attached papers, which were originated, as you will recall, on the suggestion of General Pence, I have been authorized by the Navy Department, on recommendation of COMNAVWAW and COMNAVEU, to accept an Italian decoration. Because I am so authorised, I strongly feel that U.S. Army officers under my command should not be in a more restricted position.

May this question of prohibiting U.S. Army officers assigned to the Allied Commission from accepting Italian awards be now reconsidered?

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

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24 July 1945

Chief Commissioner--

Inasmuch as General McKinely has already been awarded the Legion of Merit, the attached recommendation, once it is resubmitted and approved, will entitle him to a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : C.S.O. to Chief Commissioner

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I contacted Lt. Falvo of G-5, AFHQ, on General McKinley's Legion of Merit recommendation, and the reply which he got from the Awards and Decorations Section, MTOUSA, was to the following effect:

a. General McKinley's award was not favorably considered at the time, since it was considered that the period of service involved was too brief to justify the award (a little over three months) -- hence the direction that the recommendation be resubmitted later.

b. This is the only recommendation which has been returned without action in this manner -- either from A.C. or any other unit.

c. In reply to my question as to whether A.C. should continue to submit recommendations, the answer was "yes, keep right on". (a and b bear this out also)

d. Lt. Falvo stated that he had been informed unofficially, that General McKinley's recommendation was dealt with in this manner because of reluctance flatly to disapprove such a recommendation in the case of a general officer.

C. M. Parkin

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President

Establishment Section
25 July 1945

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The Minister of the Interior

Rome, 23 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

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In your letter of December 6th, 1944, you answered the proposal of granting medals of 'Public Health Merit' (Benemeriti della Salute Pubblica) to the most deserving officers of the Public Health Sub-Commission, by pointing out that the regulations then in force did not allow this, and that you would be glad to take the necessary action if such regulations happened to be modified.

As I very much want to give a concrete token of the gratitude of the Italian Government for their work to the officers of this Sub-Commission before they return home, I shall be most grateful if you let me know whether you have changed your mind on this matter so that the decisions of my Ministry may be conform.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Il Ministro dell'Interno

Roma, 23 Luglio 1945

JUL 25 RECD
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Signor Ammiraglio,

con lettera del 6 dicembre 1944 Ella rispondeva alla proposta di concessione delle medaglie di "Benemeriti della Salute Pubblica" agli Ufficiali più meritevoli della Sottocommissione per la Salute Pubblica, facendo presente che le disposizioni allora vigenti non permettevano tali concessioni e che sarebbe stato lieto di poter adottare le misure necessarie a tale fine qualora dette disposizioni fossero state modificate.

Poiché mi sta molto a cuore voler dare agli Ufficiali di cotesta Sottocommissione, prima che essi ritornino alla Patria di origine, un segno concreto del sentimento di riconoscenza del Governo Italiano per l'opera benemerita da essi svolta, Le sarò grato se vorrà farmi conoscere le eventuali modifiche del Suo pensiero al riguardo al fine di poter uniformare le determinazioni del Ministero da me diretto.

Colgo l'occasione per esprimerLe i sensi della più profonda stima.

Fausto Pani
Sott.

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All'Ammiraglio ELLERY STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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My dear General:

Replying to your letter of 17 July, file 4500/A.C., the State Department has advised the Navy Department that naval officers may accept decorations from cobelligerent governments. However, the State Department has requested that all cobelligerent nations clear contemplated awards, with the exception of immediate combat awards, through diplomatic channels before offering them to the recipient. There has also been a Theater policy prohibiting officers of the Allied Commission from accepting such decorations during their tenure with the Commission.

As Commander Lawler is no longer connected with this Commission, I may inform you that it will be in order for you to clear the contemplated award through your Ambassador in Washington.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Aide-de-Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant
General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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CC 511

17 July 1945.

Dear General Infante:

With further reference to your letters of 5 and 28 June, files 3866/AG and 4190/AG respectively, regarding Italian awards for personnel of the Allied Commission, I have just received a policy ruling from Allied Force Headquarters on the subject.

As a matter of Theater policy, AFHQ informs me that the United States and British members of the Allied Commission are precluded from accepting Italian decorations during their tenure in the Commission. Accordingly, it is understood that, upon leaving the Commission, acceptance of such awards will be permitted.

I shall be glad to make arrangements to have your office notified as soon as any of the personnel recommended leave the Commission.

Very truly yours,

KILLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Aide de Camp to H.M.K., the Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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COMPANY "M"
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

TRP/FRW/pf

17 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Ruisi, Joseph L. C. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15½, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Joseph L. C. Ruisi, O1696204, Major (then Captain), Medical Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Major Ruisi made the amphibious landing at Paestum, Italy with the 120th Medical Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, on 9 September 1943. The communes of Campagna and Contursi were subjected to severe aerial and artillery bombardment resulting in a large number of wounded civilians. Since Allied Military Government personnel were unavailable and, with the exception of two interned doctors who were without medical supplies or surgical instruments, attendant physicians were not available for the care and medication of the Italian civilians. Major Ruisi spent two days under trying circumstances to complete necessary surgery thereby reducing the mortality rate to a bare minimum. He established a small infirmary in a subterranean cellar and arranged for the supply of medicine and medication. At every possible place along the route which he traveled, this officer arranged for equipping communal ambulatorials with medical supplies and assisted civilian doctors in fulfilling multitudinous duties. During the Anzio Beachhead landings he conducted operations under heavy aerial bombardments and assisted in the evacuation of the civilians from the beachhead.

3. In mid 1944 Major Ruisi was assigned as Public Health Officer for the Province of Roma. He immediately set about to reorganize the Public Health and Social Welfare Services. Commencing an immediate inspection of sanitary and welfare agencies in a province of two hundred and ten communes, he arranged for the reopening of pharmacies, surveyed all hospitals and organized hospital staffs to cope with the emergency. Through his untiring efforts he arranged for funds to repair damaged hospitals throughout the entire region. In places where hospitals had been severely damaged or destroyed beyond immediate repair, Major Ruisi arranged for the immediate requisitioning of villas and civilian buildings which could be converted into hospitals and infirmaries. He initiated the prompt acquisition of a villa for orphans in the surrounding area of Frascati and arranged for beds, mattresses, allocation of food and medical supplies for fifty orphans ranging in age from three to six years. On his own initiative he re-opened the

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sanatorium for tubercular children at Nettuno and reconditioned the hospital at Palestrina so that in a surprisingly short period of time the hospital was prepared to accept patients. In the commune of Valmontone, he arranged for necessary medical supplies to equip a large dispensary for the care of the sick and wounded. He inspected and surveyed the water and sewage systems in every bombed and mined area, examining water and analysing the ground of certain areas in the provincial laboratory in order to prevent water-borne diseases.

4. After being appointed the Provincial Public Health Officer of Rieti Province in July 1944, Major Ruisi continued in his tireless efforts to establish medical, hospital, and welfare facilities for innumerable Italian civilians. By an immediate inspection of sewage systems again, he was successful in finding the cause for the sudden outbreak of typhoid in the commune of Amatrice. Above and beyond the call of duty, Major Ruisi was faithful to the vows of his profession in that he treated civilians who were unable to obtain medical help elsewhere, in curing diseases, dressing wounds, performing operations and arranging for the proper and sanitary births of children among the Italian families. In communes which he visited, civilians were without hospital or infirmary facilities. By his untiring efforts he was able to arrange for a supply of medical articles to furnish the dispensaries at neighboring hospitals so that the care of civilian sick and wounded could be carried out. In the early Autumn of 1944 the Senior Public Health Officer of 5th Army requested Major Ruisi's services for the public health survey of the severely damaged city of Rimini. Investigating water and sewage systems and, as a result, chlorinating the city's water supply, he was instrumental in curtailing the epidemic of typhoid fever which broke out in the city in the latter part of September. He immediately initiated the organization of one hospital for typhoid patients and another for non-infectious diseases and surgical cases. Litters, blankets, beds, clothing and any possible equipment which could be utilised in the hospitals were brought to this area under the direction of Major Ruisi. In a short time the Valone hospital for typhoid patients was able to accommodate two hundred eighty individual cases. On the upper floor he arranged for quarters for thirty orphans and a maternity hospital of fifteen beds. Together with Italian doctors he organized public health teams to visit homes of hospitalized patients and to disinfect the clothing and premises. At the same time these teams collected epidemiological information in stamping out a serious outbreak of typhoid. He offered his services again in instructing Italian medical personnel of an Italian field hospital at Pesaro in the care and surgery of the civilian sick and wounded. He felt sure, that with proper instruction, unwarranted elective amputations could be reduced to an absolute minimum. His methods of treatment and care were soon learned and adopted by the Italian doctor personnel. He instructed them to the proper use of sulfonamides, blood transfusion techniques and surgery as laid down by the Surgeon General, United States Army. These teachings resulted in a renewed desire on the part of the Italian doctors to follow through and review each case from the time of its arrival until discharge. At the time that combat troops entered Trieste on 2 May 1945, Major Ruisi entered the town while snipers and small groups of rearguard troops were still in the city. He gathered information concerning the health of people, the required medical supplies, the hospital situation and water sewage system. Under his immediate direction, public health de-

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partments of Rovigo, Treviso and Udine provinces were completely reorganized. By his immediate and tireless efforts, Major Ruisi has not only saved the lives of countless numbers of Italian civilians but has increased the prestige of the military forces in Italy and the work and welfare efforts displayed by Allied Military Government.

5. Major Ruisi's unselfishness, 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.

6. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Captain. He has occupied the positions of Provincial Public Health Officer and Health and Welfare Officer during the entire time of his duty with this organization. He was promoted to the grade of Major on 7 January 1945. He is presently performing duties as Public Health Officer in Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

8. The entire subsequent services of Major Ruisi have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

THOMAS N. PAGE
Colonel - Medical Corps

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Ruisi, Joseph L. C. (Off)
(17 Jul 45) 1st Ind. MPT/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 17 July 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.C.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Ruisi, Joseph L. C. (Off)
(17 Jul 45) 2d Ind. RHS/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army.

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-Ruisi, Joseph L. C. (Off)
(17 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CHP/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 17 July 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

Major (then Captain) Joseph L. C. Ruisi, 0169201, Medical Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. Since Major Ruisi's arrival in Italy as a member of the amphibious forces with the 45th Infantry Division, he has conducted most effective researches in the medical care of Italian civilians and in the prevention of serious diseases and epidemics throughout all of Italy. He has offered his services without thought to his own personal health or welfare in operations and direct care of civilian sick, wounded, aged and infirm. At Paestum, Contursi, on the Anzio Beachhead and again in the entire Rome Province, he arranged to secure necessary medical supplies for the care of the sick, wounded, pregnant and tubercular patients. As a result of his immediate investigations into the water and sewage systems in the severely damaged city of Rimini, Major Ruisi was influential in curbing a serious typhoid epidemic. Giving of his time, effort and professional experience unselfishly, he has created in the Italian people a feeling of deepest respect and gratitude toward the Allied Forces and Allied Military Government in Italy. His tireless energy, unselfish 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 Westerly, Rhode Island.

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Translation

1500/A.C.

Rome, 17 July 1945

My dear Admiral,

Commander J.J. LANLER, Joint Director to C.A. has now been mentioned for the granting of an Italian order by H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom.

Will you kindly let me know your opinion on this matter, for I must know whether this proposal is to be accepted or not.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

G. A. Infante

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner A.C.
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Roma, li 17 Luglio 1945

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

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

per la concessione di una onorificenza italiana da parte di S.A.R.il Luogotenente Generale del Regno è stato ora segnalato il Comandante J.J.LAWLER, Joint Director presso la C.A.-

Per aver norma circa il seguito da dare alla proposta, ricorro alla Sua cortesia per pregarLa di voler farmi conoscere il Suo parere al riguardo.

Voglia gradire, con l'occasione, i più distinti saluti.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Ammiraglio Ellery STONE
Chief Commissioner A.C.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

13 July 1945.

File: 155-156/EST

SUBJECT: Italian Government Awards

TO : All Concerned

1. The following information relative to the acceptance and wearing of awards from the Italian Government, is published for the guidance of all concerned.

2. American Personnel:

a. Direct combat award: Allied Commission American personnel, attached to an Army unit, are authorized to accept and wear Italian decorations, provided the services for which such award is made, were performed with the Army or a unit thereof, prior to 12 May 1945, and further provided that the Army Commander concurs in the acceptance of the award in question.

b. It is not known, as yet, whether the provisions of Circular Number 73, MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945, will be interpreted as reversing previous policy as to the acceptance of Italian awards by Allied Commission American personnel. It is anticipated, however, that some expression of policy from MTOUSA should issue shortly. Upon its receipt, appropriate announcement thereof will be made.

3. British Personnel:

No authority for the acceptance or wearing of Italian decorations by British personnel is now existent.

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Actg Vice President.

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

FRW/ac

13 July 1945

File: 201.22/300.4

SUBJECT: Commendation in General Orders.

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

1. Reference telephone conversation 15 June 1945 between Captain J. F. Meister, Assistant Adjutant, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, and CWO F. R. Wermuth, Assistant Adjutant, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), the attached commendation for the following Enlisted Man is forwarded:

Tec 4 Robert L. Principiano 19136616

2. It is requested that suitable publication be made in General Orders of Headquarters Command, Allied Force and that copies be sealed and forwarded to this headquarters for distribution to the individual concerned.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

F. R. WERMUTH
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

1 Incl:
Proposed General Order Commendation

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201.22/300.4
(13 Jul 45) 1st Ind. EPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 13 July 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

201.22/300.4
(13 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EWS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 13 July 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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201.22/300.4
(13 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CWP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 13 July 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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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Robert L. Principiano, 19186616, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exemplary conduct in the performance of his duties from 23 August 1943 to 10 June 1944. As Legal Stenographer and Law Clerk for the Legal Sub-Commission of Allied Commission, Technician Fourth Grade Principiano has shown exceptional skill in acting as a court interpreter and reporter in many Allied Military Government court cases since 1943. In several trials in which Fascists were accused of war crimes, this Enlisted Man interpreted and reported from English to Italian language and from Italian to the English language the entire court proceedings. With an excellent command of the Italian language and its dialets, he greatly contributed to the recording and interpretation of rapid technical proceedings of the courts in which he performed his duties. Acting in numerous important trials of enemy saboteurs and spies held in Syracuse, Palermo and Lecce, his interpretations proved an indispensable aid in bringing trials to speedy and satisfactory conclusions. Numerous commendations received from high military officials indicate the outstanding results of his work. Technician Fourth Grade Principiano's resourcefulness, exceptional ability 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 San Francisco, California.

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COMPANY "H".
2675th REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

TMP/FRW/ec

File: 200.6
x-201-Hudson, Henry H. (O)

13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Henry H. Hudson, 0397586, Major (then Captain), Specialist Reserve, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding achievement in a position of great responsibility from 1 January 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. In January 1944 Major Hudson was assigned as a Civil Affairs Officer in Cosenza Province at Calabria. At that place several thousand refugees who had been evacuated from the Cassino area had to be assembled and he was given the responsibility of organizing the work for their common existence. There were many difficulties to be overcome because the refugee-care program was just then in its initial stages. It was largely through his efforts in securing food, medicine, clothing and hospitalization for the refugees that very serious sickness and even starvation among them was averted. His work with refugees had been of such outstanding value to the combat forces and to the refugees themselves that he was assigned to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission and placed in command of a mobile group for work in spearhead areas. In this duty he worked in close cooperation with the armies frequently under fire and in heavily mined areas. He succeeded against great odds in securing needed food and medicine for the Allied Nationals who had been assigned to his care. After meeting their emergency needs, he was in charge of their evacuation to the rear areas. During this period he was ordered to the Yugoslav Island of Cos in the Adriatic where he conducted an investigation into conditions concerning the reception, handling and evacuation of Yugoslav refugees to South Italian ports for ultimate settlement in Southern Italy. He performed this task with meritorious and distinguished ability.

3. From the time of the break-through of the Hitler Line in June 1944 to the occupation of Arezzo in July 1944, his unit was on constant duty in forward areas. Under Major Hudson's capable direction, his unit assisted in programs of evacuation of civilians whose removal was necessary for the successful strategic operation of the Allied forces. Over twelve thousand Allied Nationals and Italian refugees were cared for and evacuated under his direction. At the time of Perugia's liberation in July 1944, several hundred Allied Nationals were found in the area huddled in partially

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destroyed buildings that were then under constant enemy shellfire. These distressed people were in urgent need of food and medical attention. Major Hudson was given the responsibility of meeting the difficult situation and succeeded in bringing in food and emergency supplies and evacuating the nationals to places of safety in the rear. He performed his duties without regard for his own personal safety, displaying a great courage and intelligence in the task of clearing the path of the Allied Armies and caring for the safety and well-being of the people. After this distinguished accomplishment, much of it over and beyond the call of duty, it was a natural subsequence that this officer should be called to duty with Eighth Army Headquarters and assigned to the Allied Military Government unit entering the City of Florence as "Allied Nationals Officer". At this time the enemy held the North bank of the Arno and the Allies the South bank. There was constant fighting and sniping in the City itself and the entire area was one of the danger spots of the front. With great courage Major Hudson set up his headquarters on the South bank of the river and conducted his operations from there in spite of the fact that the building was constantly under fire and was hit several times by enemy shells. Here he assembled an organization to provide emergency food rations for several thousands of Allied Nationals, many of whom had recently escaped from German concentration camps and were in a state of complete distraction. He entered Florence with the first Allied Military Government unit to cross the Arno River at that point while enemy patrols were still in the streets and Partisans and Fascists were engaged in frequent street combat. From Florence, under these most difficult conditions, he arranged for the evacuation of over ten thousand ex-internees, set up a food distribution scheme and created the organization which continued to function after he had returned to Allied Military Government Eighth Army Headquarters where he was designated as the officer in charge of all Allied National problems in the Eighth Army area.

4. With the breach of the Gothic Line, Major Hudson was confronted with serious problems of evacuation in every commune. With untiring energy, working day and night and without thought for personal fatigue, he conducted his duties with poise and effectiveness. He entered the Republic of San Marino when only an emergency road had been cleared through the country into the City. In his appointment as Senior Refugee Evacuation Officer for the Eighth Army in mid-December 1944, he was responsible for organizing the evacuation of a three-thousand meter security zone along the entire Eighth Army winter front. For operational reasons this clearance was necessary and Major Hudson was charged with the duty of moving some twenty thousand persons from their homes. To avoid personal hardships he arranged for the billeting of evacuees among relatives, friends and families in approved places. The consideration which he displayed toward the evacuees while at the same time meeting operational requirements of the Armed Forces created a most favorable attitude on the part of the civilians toward Allied Forces and Allied Military Government. Later it became necessary to convert several of the Eighth Army Refugee Camps into holding centers. This required the assembly of stoves, mattresses, and other items of material and equipment, the preparation of food to maintain a minimum of five thousand persons in each

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center daily and the care of the sick, wounded and aged. At the same time the dispersal of civilians within areas near the front had to continue and Major Hudson completed this program with exceptional ability. He provided all holding centers with emergency hospital facilities, Italian doctors and Italian Red Cross nursing sisters. Wherever refugees were assembled, Major Hudson was not content to provide for them the mere necessities of life, but initiated a program for the establishment of chapels and schools and means whereby they might seek their own entertainment. This part of his work was performed with such efficiency and produced such outstanding results that he was called to Rome by Pope Pius XII for a personal audience to determine the results of, and to inform His Holiness as to the progress of, his work. In spite of a limited number of personnel and equipment, the health of refugees was maintained at such a high level that the death rate was less than one-hundredth of one per cent. Six Eighth Army camps were re-organized by him for the anticipated heavy flow of refugees from the areas to the North which almost certainly would soon be liberated after 1 April 1945. Immediately after the Allied offensive commenced, military necessity required that a complete over-all refugee evacuation program become operative especially in Cotignola. This area was ordered to be completely cleared of civilians. The town of Argenta, which had been eighty-five per cent destroyed, also presented a serious problem. In both places the work of Major Hudson was performed while the communities were under heavy fire. The area had been heavily landmined and he performed his tasks under the greatest and most trying difficulties. Civilians were materiel and had it not been for the food, medical supplies and attention which this officer and his unit were able to provide, the loss of life among civilians would have reached large proportions and the program of the Allied Forces through the area would have been seriously interrupted.

5. After the crossing of the Po River these six Army refugee camps were moved forward as rapidly as the military situation permitted in order to relieve the areas occupied by Allied troops. Before the German surrender the roads and highways were crowded with returning refugees coming back from inside Austria and Germany. Camps with personnel and equipment to take care of five hundred refugees daily were placed at strategic points only to be confronted with a load that ran into thousands every day. In the face of these inescapable difficulties this officer, by constant application to the objective of his task and by his application of boundless skill and unceasing labor, met the problems and solved them. At Udine alone, when the refugee camp was opened by this officer, it was estimated that over sixty thousand refugees were milling about in the streets of the City. Similar conditions existed elsewhere. As a result of his careful planning, it was possible to subsequently evacuate over one hundred fifty thousand persons through the camps which he had established and directed. Camps designed to accommodate a maximum of three thousand per night had daily registrations of sometimes as many as twenty thousand persons and each day saw an evacuation of over three thousand five hundred.

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To meet this emergency it required the provision of over seven hundred thousand meals, the securing, loading, routing and unloading of over ten thousand vehicles, the constant coordination of transportation between Eighth Army Corps and Allied Commission refugee camps south of the Army area, a provision for medical care for the sick and the maintenance of persons too old or too sick to travel. This entire program was conducted so capably that the evacuees were administered and forwarded to southern locations, deaths were held to a minimum, and in a final tabulation the successful births exceeded by over five hundred per cent the deaths among the refugees. In all of his duties, Major Hudson has shown a resourcefulness, humanitarianism and ceaseless energy, not only aiding these numberless, homeless civilians, but materially contributing to the success of military operations in all of Italy. His work has displayed to the people of Italy the unselfishness of a free democratic government and the operation thereof which the Allied Forces have fought to preserve.

6. The resourcefulness, foresightedness, tireless energy and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Major Hudson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

7. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the Officer was a Captain. He has occupied the positions of Civil Affairs Officer and Refugee Officer for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. He was promoted to the grade of Major on 7 April 1945. The Officer is presently assigned to Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for duty as a Refugee Officer in conjunction with the refugee and repatriation program of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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

9. The entire subsequent services of Major Hudson have been honorable.

10. The Officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure I).

THOMAS N. PAGE
Colonel, Medical Corps

1 Incl:
Proposed citation

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X-201-Hudson, Henry R.(O)
(14 July 45) 1st Ind. KPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 14 JULY 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

M. P. THEODORE,
1st Lt., A.C.M.:
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
X-201-Hudson, Henry R.(O)
(14 July 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 14 JULY 1945.

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

Approved.

HILARY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
X-201-Hudson, Henry R.(O)
(14 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 14 JULY 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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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Henry E. Hudson, 0337586, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for outstanding achievement in a position of great responsibility from 1 January 1944 to 31 May 1945. Major Hudson, as a Civil Affairs Officer and Refugee Officer in the forward areas with the combat armies, played an important part in the initial phases of the Allied Armies' Program for the evacuation and care of numberless thousands of displaced persons, Allied Nationals and Italian civilians. By the application of outstanding skill and resourcefulness he set up a program in Calabria, Italy, which became a pattern for future operations on an enlarged scale. Having been placed in charge of a mobile unit designed for the care and evacuation of refugees in the forward areas, Major Hudson proceeded with his tasks under constant danger of enemy shellfire and snipers in caring for the homeless population which had become a serious problem to the strategic operations of the combat armies. He directed the evacuation of thousands of these refugees, secured food, medicine and hospitalization to assure their health and welfare. He was responsible for evacuating a three-thousand-meter area used as a security zone along the entire Eighth Army winter front in 1944 and provided for the movement of twenty thousand persons from their homes to the rear areas. He not only provided for the mere necessities of life but established chapels and schools and places of entertainment, thus creating among the Italian populace a deep appreciation and gratitude for the Allied Forces in Italy. In the Spring of 1945 his establishment of six refugee camps enabled the armies to arrange for the immediate evacuation of large throngs of civilians pouring into Italy from concentration camps from Austria and Germany. Had it not been for the successful efforts of Major Hudson in providing hysterical civilians with homes, food, medical supplies and care, the loss of life among these groups would have reached great proportions and the progress of the Allied Armies would have been seriously affected. When it became necessary to convert refugee camps into holding centers, he performed an outstanding job of assembling personnel and equipment and in operating centers which cared for thousands of people daily. Through his personal efforts and foresight in planning the overall evacuation program, more than one hundred fifty thousand persons passed through the camps which he established. Throughout all of these outstanding accomplishments, Major Hudson displayed a fine organizational ability and humanitarian instinct. His tireless efforts, outstanding attention 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 in Italy. Entered the military service from Russellville, Arkansas.

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HEADQUARTERS
267TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (WESTHEAD)
APO 394

FRH/rel

13 July 1945

File: 200.6

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Army Group, APO 777, U. S. Army.

1. Information is requested concerning the status of the following recommendations concerning the award of the Legion of Merit to officers of this organization forwarded to your Headquarters on the dates listed below:

Brig Gen EDGAR ERSKINE HUME, CSC, 04033 - b/c dated 30 October 1944, forwarded by 1st Ind. dated 30 October 1944.

Col (then Lt Col) LOUIS A. JENNY, GS, 02453627 - b/c dated 30 October 1944, forwarded by 1st Ind. dated 30 October 1944.

Col NELSON W. MINFORT, AUS, 0501537 - - - - - - - b/c dated 19 April 1945, forwarded by 1st Ind. dated 2 May 1945.

Col JOHN T. ZELLARS, Inf, 07056 - - - - - - - - - - b/c dated 27 October 1944, forwarded by 1st Ind. to Hq AAI on 27 October 1944.

2. The disposition of these communications cited above is requested. If action to accomplish the awards has been completed, it is requested that the Headquarters to which these recommendations have been forwarded be advised of this communication, so that any further action in securing the information required may be taken. If action on these papers was either suspended or completely stopped, this Headquarters proposes to re-recommend these officers for the awards for which they had been recommended at that time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

F. R. WARREN
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 794

FEW/jtg

File: 200.6

13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

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

1. Information is requested concerning the status of the following recommendations concerning the award of the Legion of Merit to officers of this organization forwarded to your headquarters on the dates listed below:

Col DICKENS S. ADAMS, CE, 0531665 - b/c dated 13 April 1945 forwarded by 5th Indorsement, 16 May 1945.
Commander JOHN J. LAWLOR, USCGR, - b/c returned by Minutes No. 2, Inter-Office Memorandum, dated 29 May 1945.

2. The disposition of these communications cited above is requested. If action to accomplish the awards has been completed, it is requested that the headquarters to which these recommendations have been forwarded be advised of this communication, so that any further action in securing the information required may be taken. If action on these papers was either suspended or completely stopped, this headquarters proposes to re-recommend these officers for the awards for which they had been recommended at that time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

F. R. WENTWORTH
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JKW/FHS/jtc

File: 200.6

13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 1g, AR 600-45, it is recommended that George T. Johnson, 156676, Colonel, Italian Army, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy.

2. Colonel Johnson joined Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, as its Executive Officer on 1 August 1944. In an area over which the tides of war had ebbed and flowed, where fear and want were rampant and devastation was about him, Colonel Johnson was called upon to carry into realistic achievement the policy fixed by higher authority and his Regional Commissioner. All institutions of sound and orderly government had come to a standstill; civilians had to be fed and clothed, the sick administered and order substituted for chaos and confusion. With unfailing resolution and calm precision, Colonel Johnson entered into the discharge of each task, working far beyond normal requirements of duty, in the fulfillment of every requirement made of the Region and in the mastery of its innumerable complex problems. Armed with a richness of professional experience, Colonel Johnson gave a new lustre to each duty in keeping with the dignity of a professional soldier. His example of loyal service to the Region and its Commissioner insured the stability of deportment for Allied effort and Allied achievement.

3. Toscana Region, of which Colonel Johnson was the Executive Officer, lay in the heart of the static battle line from late Summer of 1944 to the early Spring of 1945. Through the area of the Region flowed the heart-line of tactical supplies for the combat armies in both eastern and western Italy. His direction of innumerable problems of maintenance, transportation, employment and labor in general, were met with a firmness which resulted in final success in the movement of supplies to the combat troops. Despite lack of transportation, utilities and other facilities needed for the repair of bridges, roadbeds and other necessary means, supply lines were opened as a result of the personal efforts of this officer. The Italian civilians were enlisted and employed in the reconstruction and maintenance of the arteries of supply. This task presented even greater problems in that all supplies from the large ports of Leghorn and Piombino were flowing through this Regional area. His direction and decisions in the problems of forceful administration were outstanding. With a clear aforesightedness, he rendered exceptional solutions to problems and enhanced the success of not only military supplies but the success also of Allied Military Government operations in Northwestern Italy. His tact and diplomacy did much to weld Toscana Region

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into an harmonious Allied team. He acted in the absence of the Regional Commissioner both at Regional Headquarters and by frequent visits to the Provinces. He was exposed to shellfire in the forward areas when he could have avoided such danger without the least criticism.

4. Colonel Johnson's outstanding example of loyalty and devotion to duty under adverse conditions indicate the finest traditions of the British Forces and reflect greatest credit upon Himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The officer was a Colonel at the time of his assignment to duty with Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. He has performed duties throughout this period as Executive Officer of Toscana Region. He is presently a Colonel and is now awaiting reassignment to one of the regions further to the North of Italy.

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

7. All subsequent services of Colonel Johnson have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOHN K. WEBER
Colonel, Infantry
Asst Chief Legal Advisor

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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200.6
x-201-Johnson, George T. (Off) (Hr)
(13 Jul 45) 1st Ind. HT/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 15 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Johnson, George T. (Off) (Hr)
(13 Jul 45) 2nd Ind. EHS/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 15 July 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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200.6
x-201-Johnson, George T. (Off) (Hr)
(13 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 15 July 1945.

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

Approved.

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C.M. PARTIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel George T. Johnson, 188576, Indian Army, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 August 1944 to 1 May 1945. As Executive Officer of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Colonel Johnson carried into realistic achievement the policy fixed by higher authority and the Regional Commissioner of Toscana Region. He acted for the Regional Commissioner in his absence and, in frequent visits to Northern Provinces, exposed himself to heavy enemy shellfire in performing his duties. In a region in which the static battle line was located through the Autumn of 1944 and in the Spring of 1945, Colonel Johnson was faced with the necessity of feeding, clothing and housing Italian civilians and refugees, administering to the sick and of bringing order out of chaos and confusion. His decisions in the restoration of civil administration resulted in a quick return of orderly governmental control. Despite difficulties in lack of transportation and utilities, Colonel Johnson directed, with an exceptional degree of intelligence, the repair of roads and highways and the employment of civilians in the movement of sorely needed tactical supplies to the combat armies. His outstanding example of loyalty and devotion to duty under adverse conditions indicate the finest traditions of the British Armed Forces and reflect greates credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied forces in Italy. Entered the military service of Great Britain from Devon, England.

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CITATION

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLEMENT C. PETRILLO, 01995320, Adjutant General's Department, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead). For meritorious services in support of combat operations on 30 April 1945. First Lieutenant PETRILLO accompanied by two other officers, was assigned the mission of seizing the Commanding Officer of the German SS troops in Milan, Italy as the Commanding General of the German Forces in Northwest Italy had surrendered. The situation at the time was still very fluid and the attitude of the SS troops, who were noted for their trained cold blooded hatred and brutality, added to the danger of the mission. First Lieutenant PETRILLO and the party of officers entered the city and contacted the commanding officer and arrangements were made for surrender and evacuation. However, First Lieutenant PETRILLO had no transportation and was faced with a serious problem, as the civilian populace had heard of the SS troops leaving and large crowds gathered around the barbed wire which protected the immediate front of the building in which First Lieutenant PETRILLO and the officer party were located. It was clearly evident that the people were in a belligerent and revengeful mood and trouble was stirring. Together with the other officers, First Lieutenant PETRILLO hastily assembled all the usable German vehicles in the vicinity and even towed some not usable until sufficient transport to evacuate some 200 German officers, soldiers and civilians was available. The situation increased in tenseness and the crowd became uglier and excited. Through First Lieutenant PETRILLO'S cool, calm efforts and complete understanding of the seriousness of the problem, he and the party of officers moved the hated enemy just in time, for as the vehicles left the courtyard, the crowds broke through the barbed wire enclosure and rushed the end of the column. First Lieutenant PETRILLO's quick action and calmness under intense pressure succeeded in avoiding disastrous disorder and bloodshed with its inevitable discredit on the American forces. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

/s/ Willis D. Crittenberger
WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding
IV Corps, U. S. Army

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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F. R. WERMUTH
CWO USA

Awarded per Section II, General Orders No. 47, Headquarters IV Corps, dated 12 July 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Horkheimer, Bernard (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 Bernard Horkheimer, Private First Class, (then Private), 36655439, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 December 1943 to 1 September 1944.

2. Private First Class Horkheimer joined the Billeting Section, Allied Commission Headquarters at the time when the Allied Commission had moved from Palermo to Naples, Italy. It was necessary to find quarters and office space for the Headquarters, as well as for officers who were being assigned to the Commission for further assignment in territories that were to be liberated. This presented a large task insofar as all of the hotels with one or two exceptions, were destroyed or damaged in the City of Naples. Under very extreme difficulties, Private First Class Horkheimer succeeded in finding proper billets and through his own diligence and hard work he managed to make most of these suitable habitations. Many of these billets were damaged from the bombings and they had to be repaired in order to be made habitable. It was extremely difficult to find material for this work. It was also extremely difficult to find trained personnel to assist in these tasks. Private First Class Horkheimer is responsible for the present system of payment made by the Comando Genio militare to the Managers and proprietors of the hotels requisitioned by the Allied Commission. He carried on Liaison between the Allies and the representatives of the Italian Government over a period of several months until a satisfactory and workable system could be formulated. The hotels of the Allied Commission were the first to receive payments from the Italian Government on their requisitions.

3. His work also required the setting up of an administrative system so that all of the requisitioned properties were properly inventoried and all expenses connected with each piece of property were listed in the proper category. Innumerable letters and other correspondence were required to promulgate the work of this section. Inquiries, receipts, inventories, transmittals of claims and the like required an exceedingly large volume of correspondence. Private First Class Horkheimer's assistance in the preparation and composition of directives, policy procedures and the like added to his tasks. He was instrumental in the drafting of billeting reports and certificates of release which were finally adopted for official use for the Naples area. Private First Class Horkheimer's devotion to duty and his efficient promulgation

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of tasks placed before him showed his willingness to do the job. It necessitated his working from fourteen to sixteen hours daily on numerous occasions and this he did without complaint and with energy far above normal requirements. He also succeeded in learning the Italian language so that he was finally able to interview and settle problems with civilian property owners on requisitioning matters. He has been very tactful and diplomatic in his work. He was able to deal with military personnel of all ranks with equal poise. His friendly and ever -helpful manner and his unquestionable honesty earned for him the respect of his superior officers and the admiration of his fellow soldiers.

4. Private First Class Horkheimer'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.

5. Private First Class Horkheimer was a Private at the time of his assignment to duty as Chief Clerk, Real Estate and Billeting Section. He was promoted to Private First Class on 6 April 1944. He is presently a Private First Class assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd). His duties have not changed.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Private First Class Horkheimer.

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

8. The soldier has received no previous decorations.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED A. CHIARINO
Captain, F. A.
Billeting Officer

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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200.6
x-201-Horkheimer, Bernard (Enl)
(12 Jul 45) 1st Ind. NPT/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 12 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.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Horkheimer, Bernard (Enl)
(12 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EWS/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 12 July 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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200.6
x-201-Horkheimer, Bernard (Enl)
(12 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/pf
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 12 July 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

Private First Class Bernard Horkheimer, 36655439, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 12 December 1943 to 1 September 1944. Without the assistance of trained personnel Private First Class Horkheimer worked long hours to set up an administrative system for all requisitioned real estate of Headquarters Allied Commission. He devised a system for filing of requests for requisitions, inventories and complete case histories on each item of property. His liaison work with the Comando Genio Militare made it possible for the proprietors of the hotels occupied by the Allied Commission to receive advances from the Italian Government in order to operate these billets in a satisfactory manner. He also prepared innumerable directives and policy procedures. Without regard for his own personal health, he solved the many difficult problems of requisitioning procedure, interviewed property holders, and by his tireless energy, tact, diplomacy under pressure, and his diligent effort, he won the respect of his officers, the admiration of his fellow soldiers and served as an inspiration to those who worked with him. His unselfish devotion to duty in in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6
x-201-McPhail, Arthur H. (OEF)

12 July 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 Arthur H. McPhail, 01,94536, Captain, (then 1st Lieutenant), Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 May 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. As Motor Transportation Officer (American) for the Headquarters Commandant Section, Allied Commission, Captain McPhail has been responsible for the operation and maintenance of War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles in the Headquarters Commandant Pool. As Administrative Officer of the Super Garage, he has been responsible for the coordination of operations of all units in the Super Garage with the following personnel under his direct jurisdiction:

American Enlisted Men	:	55
Italian Civilian Personnel:		555
Italian Military Personnel:		80

These figures do not include British Military Personnel who are under the direct supervision of the British Motor Transportation Officer. Captain McPhail is also responsible for the procurement of spare parts and materials for War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles and for all matters pertaining to civilian personnel, including the preparation of payrolls and the payment of salaries and wages amounting to approximately five million lire per month and the security of the entire installation. As Garage Dispatch Officer he was responsible for the functions of the garage dispatch office which in turn dispatched regimental, War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles.

3. As was the case in liberated Italy after the break-through at Cassino and subsequently in the Northern areas, the unusual and probably unique situation created when a regimental organization is called upon to furnish transportation in widely scattered areas presented the tremendous difficulties in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles. With a limited number of War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles to meet the ever increasing demand on transportation, both by the Allied Commission and the 2675th Regiment, Captain McPhail, through his untiring efforts and splendid leadership, managed to obtain the maximum utilization of personnel and equipment in such a manner that it was possible to meet all demands on transportation, both in the rear as well as in the forward areas, at a time when such a task appeared operationally impossible.

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4. Due to his ingenuity and personal initiative as a Motor Transportation Officer and through long hours of work at times beyond endurance, he managed to maintain both War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles in road-worthy condition. By carrying on exhaustive searches for spare parts and materials or by adapting available materials when standard parts were unobtainable, Captain McPhail insured the proper maintenance of all transportation. He has demonstrated exceptional ability within the field of transportation and maintenance and has proven his adaptability to new and difficult conditions. Faced with the lack of trained personnel, he has managed to organize and train the various sections under his command, bringing out the quality of leadership among his non-commissioned officers and increasing the efficiency and discipline among military and civilian personnel serving under his jurisdiction.

5. The tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain McPhail are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

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

7. The officer was a 1st Lieutenant at the beginning of the period these services were rendered and was assigned to Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as Motor Transportation Officer for Headquarters, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Captain on 7 September 1944. The officer is presently a Captain and is performing the same duties.

8. The entire subsequent service of Captain McPhail has been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed Citation (see Inclosure 1).

E. J. BOCCHINO
Major, Infantry
Asst Headquarters Commandant

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-McPhail, Arthur M. (Off) 1st Ind. MPT/jtg
(12 July 1945)
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 12 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.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-McPhail, Arthur M. (Off) 2d Ind. EHS/jtg
(12 July 1945)
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 12 July 1945.

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

Approved.

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-McPhail, Arthur M. (Off) 3rd Ind. CHP/jtg
(12 July 1945)
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 12 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. H. PARKER
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain (then 1st Lieutenant) Arthur M. McPhail, 0494536, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 May 1944 to 31 May 1945. As American Motor Transportation Officer, Administrative Officer and Garage Dispatch Officer for the Headquarters Commandant Motor Pool, Allied Commission, Captain McPhail, by utilizing outstanding resourcefulness, tact, keen judgment and conception of responsibility, forceful leadership and executive ability, achieved remarkable success in handling complicated problems of motor transportation for a widely dispersed organization with over six hundred Italian civilian and military personnel and fifty-five American Enlisted Men under his jurisdiction. Captain McPhail successfully coordinated the operations of maintenance, dispatching and administrative sections of the large Super Garage for the Allied Commission. By initiating exhaustive searches for spare parts and materials or by adapting available materials when standard parts were unobtainable, Captain McPhail succeeded in maintaining in roadworthy condition several hundred War Department and civilian requisitioned vehicles. Faced with the lack of trained personnel, he has managed to organize and train the various sections under his jurisdiction bringing out the quality of leadership in his non-commissioned officers and increasing the efficiency and discipline among military and civilian personnel serving under him in order that this section, which was so important to the immediate success of operations, could properly function. The tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain McPhail 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 Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

MEMP/ABM/ac

File: 200.6
x-201-Bowman, Alfred C. (O)

11 July 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 Alfred C. Bowman, O-320343, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Judge Advocate General's Department, 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 30 June 1945.

2. As Chief, Liaison Division, Allied Commission, Colonel Bowman undertook early in February 1944 the difficult task of explaining and "selling" the functions of Allied Military Government, and of the Allied Commission to the Allied combat and service forces in Italy particularly Peninsular Base Section in Naples for the purpose of securing better cooperation and a coordinated effort. Although the "Military Public Relations" of Allied Commission, as a combined British and American organization were at a low ebb in February, Colonel Bowman, by the exercise of a very high degree of tact, diplomacy, persuasion and leadership, and by arduous effort succeeded in bringing about greatly improved understanding and community of effort between Allied Military Government and Italian Civil officials, on the one hand, and the combat and service forces on the other, with the result that the progress of the armies was facilitated by the removal of civilian obstructions. Operations particularly affected and improved by this closer liaison were the provision and distribution of civilian supplies through the Port of Naples, the rapid establishment and operation through the coordinated effort of Allied Military Government and combat units of centers for the assembly of refugees and displaced persons and the early opening of schools with consequent removal from combat areas of school children whose presence interfered with military operations. In the course of his efforts Colonel Bowman conceived and put into effect many internal reforms in Allied Commission.

3. Colonel Bowman was appointed Regional Commissioner, Region IX, Allied Military Government, on 26 June 1944 about three weeks after the fall of Rome and while the armies were progressing rapidly toward the North. Faced with the necessity of organizing quickly an operating civil affairs team, at a time when Allied Military Government officers were at a premium throughout Italy, Colonel Bowman nevertheless, through his untiring persistence, met all commitments ahead of schedule and had organized an effective headquarters and had put eight provincial teams in the field fully equipped and in direct support of the armies by 1 September 1944. When the progress of the armies was stopped by winter conditions, Colonel

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Bowman, with the consent of Allied Military Government Fifth Army, offered his Regional Headquarters staff to Allied Military Government Eighth Army and served all winter as Administrative Headquarters for Allied Military Government Eighth Army, achieving a new high in coordination between Allied Military Government Armies and Static Control Groups which was highly commended by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer and the Commanding General, Eighth Army. This scheme of preoccupation consolidation of staffs was used as a modal for the British Civil Affairs operation in Austria and in other theaters.

4. At the same time, Colonel Bowman travelled constantly across Italy under extremely adverse weather and combat conditions, to maintain the morale and efficiency of the officers and men constituting the other fifty per cent of his command. The five provincial civil affairs teams throughout the winter operated as members of Fifth Army Allied Military Government in the Provinces of Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Pisa and Livorno. Commanding throughout the year a force consisting of about one hundred and fifty American and British officers, two hundred and fifty Enlisted Men and Other Ranks, an Italian Platoon, several hundred Italian civilians and about two thousand Carabinieri Police, his leadership and force of personality welded this heterogeneous assembly of assorted persons of varying nationalities and backgrounds into an extremely cohesive, effective civil affairs team whose efficiency and morale actually improved, instead of deteriorated, during the winter.

5. Because of the rapid advance in the April offensive, Colonel Bowman was forced to take over his territory without relaxation of Army control and to administer it under extremely adverse conditions, despite the immediate loss of large numbers of personnel whom, it had been intended, should serve with him for a long period. At one time his Region had to be administered in four separated parts: two provinces under Allied Commission, one under Eighth Army, three under Fifth Army, and two under Fourth Corps, a position unparalleled in the history of Military Government. Problems included the presence in the area of thirty-five thousand armed partisans, who were successfully disarmed at ceremonies which Colonel Bowman personally conducted; dissipent and dissatisfied public officials whom Colonel Bowman personally argued, cajoled, and persuaded "into line", committees of liberation who had experienced a taste of government and were unwilling to relinquish their powers; private vendettas in full swing under cover of unsettled conditions, plus all the other normal civil affairs problems of newly-liberated territory.

6. Colonel Bowman, working day and night with an extremely limited staff and without benefit of troops, adequate police, or other means of direct enforcement, successfully coped with all of these difficulties, established stable governments in the provinces of Emilia, reduced violence to a minimum and placed the people under the effective control of Allied Military Government. Colonel Bowman's initiative, ingenuity,

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and leadership under unique and unprecedented conditions relieved the Army in its rapid progress of all concern for the civil order and administration of a large and recently liberated area, and contributed, to a degree far beyond normal and above the required performance of duty, to the success of Allied Military operations in Northern Italy.

7. Colonel Bowman's outstanding devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armies in Italy.

8. The Officer was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time of his assignment to Allied Military Government, and was promoted to the grade of Colonel on 17 January 1945. He has performed duty as controller of property, Region V; Officer in Charge of refugee evacuation (West Italy); Chief, Liaison Division, Allied Commission, and Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, his present assignment.

9. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Bowman.

10. All subsequent service of Colonel Bowman has been honorable.

11. The Officer has received no previous awards.

12. Proposed citation is attached.

EDGAR E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Bowman, Alfred C. (O)
(11 July 45) 1st Ind. RPT/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 11 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Bowman, Alfred C. (O)
(11 July 45) 2nd Ind. NWB/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 11 July 1945.

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

Approved.

WILMOT W. HOBLE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Bowman, Alfred C. (O)
(11 July 45) 3rd Ind. GHP/sc
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 11 July 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

Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) Alfred C. Bowman, O-320313, Judge Advocate General's Department, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 February 1944 to 30 June 1945. As Chief of the Liaison Division, Allied Commission, Colonel Bowman overcame many obstacles inherent in the nature of the combined bi-national Allied Commission and the distrust of it by regular combat and services, to effect many internal reforms and to fuse Allied Military Government and the Commission into an integral, accepted and highly useful part of the Allied Armed Forces in Italy. As Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, Colonel Bowman, in a short period of time, organized heterogeneous elements of several nationalities and backgrounds into homogeneous civil affairs teams and thereafter for a period of almost a year maintained his command at a high level of morale and enthusiasm. During the winter of 1944-45, Colonel Bowman's headquarters in amalgamation with Allied Military Government Eighth Army reached a new high in effective pre-occupation collaboration with the fighting forces and established a new pattern for military government operations in other theaters. Confronted, due to the unexpectedly rapid and continued advance of the armies through his region, with the necessity of dealing with unusual conditions of violence, lawlessness and public unrest, Colonel Bowman, though handicapped by heavy personnel losses, lack of any troops, adequate police or other instruments for the direct enforcement of orders, succeeded, by devotion to duty, ingenuity, personality and leadership in establishing law, order, and a stable government in the eight Italian Provinces of Forli, Ravenna, Ferrara, Bologna, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Parma and Piacenza. By relieving the Army in its rapid progress of all concern for the civil order and administration of large liberated areas, Colonel Bowman contributed to an unusual degree to the success of Allied Military Operations in Northern Italy. Operating at the time in various sections of his area under Allied Commission, two armies, and a separate corps, Colonel Bowman so maintained his relations with all concerned, and so conducted his operations, as to result in the highest possible satisfaction to all units served. Colonel Bowman's resourcefulness, energy, efficiency and his tireless devotion to duty 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 from Glendale, California.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

MSC/PRW/sc

File: 200.6
x-201-Di Matteo, Emanuele (Enl)

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Emanuele Di Matteo, 13101114, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 February 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. Since February 1944 Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo has been engaged in handling refugees and displaced persons. Coming from Palermo into Naples where conditions were in a chaotic state, with no opportunity for previous training in his duties because the magnitude of the refugee problem had not been foreseen, Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo entered into the task of housing, feeding, caring for and evacuating thousands of refugees with a boundless energy, initiative and comprehension. He assisted in setting up, organizing, and operating the first three refugee camps in the Naples area. Due to the very small number of personnel allocated for this work, he very often exercised the functions and assumed the responsibilities of a commissioned officer, making important decisions amply and quickly. By his action he was largely responsible for bringing some semblance of order out of the confusion that inevitably surrounds the handling of large masses of Italian people.

3. Having been tested in the Naples camps, Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo was selected to serve with the special force sent into Rome on the day the City was liberated. His task was to organize camps at Cine Citta, Rome, at Follonica and at Recignano for the thousands of refugees scattered throughout the areas, organize them and commence orderly evacuations. Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo was of invaluable assistance to his superiors in carrying out these assignments. His work in the camps was exemplary. At all times his unselfishness to duty guided him in the proper housing, care and sanitation of the countless thousands of refugees processed. His ability was outstanding and his tact and patience in dealing with Italians was a paramount factor in the success of the camps. By his actions, his determination and understanding of the Italian refugees, Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo has not only successfully aided combat oper-

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ations, but has established in the minds of thousands of Italian homeless a feeling of respect and admiration for the ability of Allied troops.

4. Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo'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 the Enlisted Man's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Private First Class. He was promoted to Technician Fifth Grade on 21 December 1944 and has served as an Enlisted Assistant in Refugee Camp Work for Displaced persons and repatriation Sub-Commission of Allied Commission since joining the organization. He is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. His duties have not changed.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

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 I).

WARD J. OATES
Major, Specialist Reserve

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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m-201-DiMatteo, Emanuele (Ind) HP2/ec
(10 July 45) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
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200.6
m-201-DiMatteo, Emanuele (Ind) HWH/ec
(10 July 45) 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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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m-201-DiMatteo, Emanuele (Ind) CMP/ec
(10 July 45) 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Ovhd), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. N. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fifth Grade Emanuele Di Matteo, 12001114, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 February 1944 to 31 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo has rendered outstanding services in the handling of the refugee problem in Italy until the defeat of the German Armies in May 1945. His invaluable assistance in three refugee camps in Naples in early 1944 resulted in the solution of the serious refugee problem. Proceeding to Cine Citta, setting up a camp, and to Rome the day it was liberated, with spearheads up the west coast of Italy and among the first Allied troops to enter Milan, Technician Fifth Grade Di Matteo worked tirelessly to organize, clothe, feed, house, render medical aid and evacuate tens of thousands of refugees. Because of lack of personnel he exercised the functions and assumed responsibilities of a commissioned officer, displaying rare judgment and initiative. His patience and tact were entirely expressed by act and deed in the kind of tolerance and recognition of individual human rights which the Allied Nations have fought to preserve. His 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 Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

MPO/JTM/ss

10 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Lavorato, Albert L. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Albert L. Lavorato, 37269635, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 February 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. Since February 1944 Corporal Lavorato has been engaged in handling refugees and displaced persons. Coming from Salerno into Naples where conditions were in a chaotic state, with no opportunity for previous training in his duties because the magnitude of the refugee problem had not been foreseen, Corporal Lavorato entered into the task of housing, feeding, caring for and evacuating thousands of refugees with a boundless energy, initiative and comprehension. He assisted in setting up, organizing, and operating the first three refugee camps in the Naples area. Due to the very small number of personnel allocated for this work, he very often exercised the functions and assumed the responsibilities of a commissioned officer, making important decisions amply and quickly. By his action he was largely responsible for bringing some semblance of order out of the confusion that inevitably surrounds the handling of a large mass of Italian people.

3. Having been tested in the Naples camps, Corporal Lavorato was selected to serve with the special force sent into Rome on the day the City was liberated. His task was to organize a camp for the thousands of refugees scattered throughout the City, organize them and commence orderly evacuations. Corporal Lavorato was of invaluable assistance to his superiors in carrying out this assignment. His work in the camps was exemplary. At all times his unselfishness to duty guided him in the proper housing, care and sanitation of the countless thousands of refugees processed. Again in August and in October this enlisted man spearheaded the refugee teams into Follonica and Resigano. Again his ability was outstanding and his tact and patience in dealing with Italians were a paramount factor in the success of the camps. In April 1945 he was attached to the Refugee Section of Allied Military Government, IV Corps, for the Offensive over the Appennines and across the Po Valley. By his untiring efforts, his enthusiasm and willingness combined with his exceptional ability, the problems of handling refugees encountered were quickly overcome. As one of the first Allied troops to enter Milan City, Corporal Lavorato capably assisted in the organization of the Milan Camp. By his actions, his determination and

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understanding of the Italian refugees. Corporal Lavorato has not only successfully aided combat operations, but has established in the minds of thousands of Italian homeless a feeling of respect and admiration for the abilities of Allied troops.

4. Corporal Lavorato'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 the Enlisted Man's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Corporal. He has been on duty as an Enlisted Assistant in refugee camp work for Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission of Allied Commission since joining the organization. His assignment and duties have not changed.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

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

8. The Enlisted Man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

WARD J. OATES
Major, Specialist Reserve

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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200.6
z-201-Lavorato, Albert L. (Inl)
(10 July 45) 1st Ind. HPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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.C.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
z-201-Lavorato, Albert L. (Inl)
(10 July 45) 2nd Ind. HWS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

KELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
z-201-Lavorato, Albert L. (Inl)
(10 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Corporal Albert L. Lavorato, 37269636, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 February 1944 to 31 May 1945. Corporal Lavorato has rendered outstanding services in handling of the refugee problem in Italy until the defeat of the German Armies in May 1945. His invaluable assistance in three refugee camps in Naples in early 1944 resulted in the solution of the serious refugee problem. Proceeding to Rome the day it was liberated, with spearheads up the west coast of Italy and among the first Allied troops to enter Milan, Corporal Lavorato worked tirelessly to organize, clothe, feed, house, render medical aid and evacuate tens of thousands of refugees. Because of lack of personnel he exercised the functions and assumed responsibilities of a commissioned officer, displaying rare judgment and initiative. His patience and tact were entirely expressed by act and deed in the kind of tolerance and recognition of individual human rights which the Allied Nations have fought to preserve. His 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 Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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10 July 1945

File: 200.6
m-201-Avveduto, Gaetano F. (Pvt)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Gaetano F. Avveduto, 32791655, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 February 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. Since February 1944 Private First Class Avveduto has been engaged in handling refugees and displaced persons. Coming from Salerno into Naples where conditions were in a chaotic state, with no opportunity for previous training in his duties because the magnitude of the refugee problem had not been foreseen, Private First Class Avveduto entered into the task of housing, feeding, caring for and evacuating thousands of refugees with a boundless energy, initiative and comprehension. He assisted in setting up, organizing and operating the first three refugee camps in the Naples area. Due to the very small number of personnel allocated to this work, he very often exercised the functions and assumed the responsibilities of a commissioned officer, making important decisions amply and quickly. By his action he was largely responsible for bringing some semblance of order out of the confusion that inevitably surrounds the handling of large masses of Italian people.

3. Having been tested in the Naples camps, Private First Class Avveduto was selected to go into the forward areas to organize refugee camps. His task was to organize camps at Cine Citta, Rome on 6 June 1944, at Follonica in August 1944 and at Rosignano in October 1944. Private First Class Avveduto was of invaluable assistance to his superiors in carrying out these assignments. His work in the camps was exemplary. At all times his unselfishness to duty guided him in the proper housing, care and sanitation of the countless thousands of refugees processed. His ability was outstanding and his tact and patience in dealing with Italians was a paramount factor in the success of the camps. By his actions, his determination and understanding of the Italian refugees, Private First Class Avveduto has not only successfully aided combat operations, but has established in the minds of thousands of Italian homeless a feeling of respect and admiration for the abilities of Allied troops.

4. Private First Class Avveduto's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United

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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 Private. He was promoted to Private First Class on 25 April 1944. He is presently a Private First Class and has served as an Enlisted Assistant in Refugee Camp Work for Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission of Allied Commission since joining the organization. His assignment and duties have not changed.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

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 I).

WARD J. OATES
Major, Specialist Reserve

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x-201-Avveduto, Gaetano F. (Hnl)
(10 July 45) 1st Ind. NPM/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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-Avveduto, Gaetano F. (Hnl)
(10 July 45) 2nd Ind. EHS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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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200.6
x-201-Avveduto, Gaetano F. (Hnl)
(10 July 45) 3rd Ind. CEP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Ovhd), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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

Private First Class (then Private) Gaetano F. Avveduto, 32794635, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 February 1944 to 31 May 1945. Private First Class Avveduto has rendered outstanding services in the handling of the refugee problem in Italy until the defeat of the German Armies in May 1945. His invaluable assistance in three refugee camps in Naples in early 1944 resulted in the solution of serious refugee problems. Proceeding to Cine Citta, setting up a camp, and to Rome, Follonica and Rovigneno, Private First Class Avveduto worked tirelessly to organize, clothe, feed, house, render medical aid and evacuate tens of thousands of refugees. His patience and tact were entirely expressed by act and deed in the kind of tolerance and recognition of individual human rights which the Allied Nations have fought to preserve. His 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 Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION
SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJO/FTH/jtg

10 May 1945

File: 200.6
-COL-Nash, Edmund W. (3)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 19d, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Edmund W. Nash, 0179710, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Corps of Military Police, 26/9th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 January 1944 to 30 May 1945.

2. In January 1944 Lieutenant Nash was assigned as one of the original staff to the Italian Refugee Branch, Headquarters Allied Commission. In a field of endeavor entirely new to him and one in which he had no previous planning or training, Lieutenant Nash took up the humanitarian task of housing, feeding, caring for and repatriating hundreds of thousands of Italian refugees, a task in direct support of combat operations. His first job was in the Naples area where he administered the first camp in Aversa. Conditions in Naples were chaotic as far as refugees were concerned and it was almost a superhuman task to bring order in the mass of confused and homeless people. He was shortly sent into Naples City to assist in administering three large refugee camps there. He was charged with housing, procurement of food, transportation of medical supplies and care of sick refugees who were brought to the camp for repatriation. Despite insurmountable obstacles of lack of transportation and proper facilities, Lieutenant Nash handled these civilians in a most exemplary manner. By mid-1944 Lieutenant Nash had accomplished his work in these three camps that well that all were handed over to Italian control and he was sent back to Aversa to establish what is now the Allied National Camp.

3. In August 1944 Lieutenant Nash was ordered to Follonica to establish another camp at that location. He performed his duties in such an outstanding manner that in September he was ordered to Florence to assist in organizing and operating one of the largest of the refugee camps in Italy. This particular site became one of the most famous of all refugee camps as a result of the high standards of housing and sanitation established there. It is constantly referred to as the model of refugee and repatriation camps in Italy. In January 1945 Lieutenant Nash assumed command of the Florence Camp and as a result of his able administration, his tactful handling of the refugees and his high humanitarian policies he won the admiration and evotion of the thousands of refugees who passed through the camp as well as the respect and admiration of the Italian staff which was working with him. The orderly handling of large masses of Italian people is generally regarded as a humanly impossible task, but Lieutenant Nash not only demonstrated that it could be done but also

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that it can be done in such a way as to be an effective means of healing the scars of battle in the souls of people who were once the enemies of the Allied Nations. Because of his training and proven ability, Lieutenant Nash was chosen to serve with the spearhead Allied Military Government groups in the offensive from La Spezia to Genoa. He organized the refugee camp in that area with exceptional speed and dispatch and thereby relieved the combat forces of the heavy burden of caring for refugees. As a means of expressing gratitude for the assistance offered them in a time when it was most sorely needed by the thousands of refugees, individual acts on their part in support of the Allied effort have proven to be a direct contribution to the success of Allied Military Operations in Italy.

4. Lieutenant Nash's tireless efforts and unselfish 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. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, he was a Second Lieutenant. The officer was promoted to First Lieutenant on 7 June 19[illegible], and has served throughout the entire period as a refugee camp officer for Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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

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

8. Lieutenant Nash has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

WARD J. GATES
Major, Specialist Reserve

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Nash, Edmund W. (O)
(10 Jul 45) 1st Ind. HPT/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Nash, Edmund W. (O)
(10 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EHS/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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-Nash, Edmund W. (O)
(10 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CWP/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. E. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION:

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Edward W. Nash, 01797169, Corps Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 January 1944 to 31 May 1945. With exceptional ingenuity and improvisation Lieutenant Nash successfully handled the housing, feeding, clothing, prevention of disease and epidemics, and established a high degree of morale among hundreds of thousands of Italian refugees processed through numerous refugee camps in all of occupied Italy. Despite lack of transportation and facilities, Lieutenant Nash's efforts in establishing sanitation, proper housing conditions, and in his care of disabled and sick refugees in dispatching them from camps to their homes, showed most exemplary results. His diplomacy long hours of work and patience won for him the admiration and devotion of thousands of homeless people and established a sound basis for international good-will. As a result of the gratitude of these numerous thousands of Italians, individual efforts accomplished by them resulted in contributing to the direct success of Allied operations in Italy. Lieutenant Nash's untiring 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 New York, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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File: 200.6

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John L. Muller, 39911333, Private First Class, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 7 October 1944 to 26 December 1944.

2. As Chief Clerk for the Patriots Branch, Allied Commission, Advance Detachment, Private First Class Muller was attached to the Psychological Warfare Branch, Combat Propaganda Team, Headquarters Fifth Army through October and November 1944. Able to speak Italian and German fluently, he volunteered to serve in Prisoner of War camps in the forward areas for the purpose of securing intelligence needed by the Patriots Branch. He worked closely with interrogation teams of the 91st and 34th Infantry Divisions and rendered invaluable service to the Patriots Branch. He was detailed in December 1944 to assist the Patriots Branch of the Fifth Army with the interrogation corps near Viareggio. He ably assumed charge and organized the Patriots Center for more than five hundred Patriots, who arrived without warning, and for more than two thousand refugees who had been without food and shelter for many days.

3. Private First Class Muller was instrumental in setting up an emergency screening board distinguishing true Patriots from refugees, representing themselves as such, who hoped to secure Patriot treatment. Within ten days, as a result of his incessant activities, accommodations were found, blankets were supplied, messing and cooking facilities efficiently arranged, supplies and local contracts completely organized, water supplied, sanitary arrangements and proper lighting were secured, and an infirmary for the care of the sick and wounded was established. The subsequent cooperation and information received from this civilian group aided intelligence in establishing plans for the future military offensive in Northern Italy.

4. Private First Class Muller's resourcefulness 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.

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Ltr, Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Contd.

5. The Enlisted Man was a Private First Class at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has performed duties as Chief Clerk for the Patriots' Branch, Allied Commission, Advance Detachment. The Enlisted Man is presently a Private First Class, assigned to Company "I", 2675th Regiment, performing Patriots Branch duties with Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

7. All subsequent services of Private First Class Muller have been honorable.

8. The Enlisted Man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Muller, John L. (Encl)
(10 July 45) 1st Ind. HPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

W. F. THEODORE,
1st Lt., A.C.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Muller, John L. (Encl)
(10 July 45) 2nd Ind. HPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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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200.6
x-201-Muller, John L. (Encl)
(10 July 45) 3rd Ind. CAP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. H. PARVIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Private First Class John L. Miller, 39911333, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 7 October 1944 to 26 December 1944. As Chief Clerk in the Patriots Branch, Allied Commission, Advance Detachment, Private First Class Miller volunteered to serve in prisoner of war cages in the forward areas, working in coordination with interrogation teams of the 91st and 34th Infantry Divisions, for the purpose of securing intelligence greatly needed by the Patriots Branch. In December 1944 he organized the Patriots Center near the Viareggio for more than five hundred Patriots who arrived without warning and for more than two thousand refugees who had been without food and shelter for days. Through his extensive activity accomodations were found, blankets supplied, messing and cooking facilities efficiently arranged, and supplies and local contracts completely organized. Water supply, sanitary arrangements and proper lighting were secured and an inventory was established all within ten days. In setting up an emergency screening board to distinguish between true Patriots and refugees who represented themselves as such, he secured information valuable to intelligence in planning operations for the Allied Offensive in early 1945. His resourcefulness 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. Entered the military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

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10 July 1945

Memorandum:

To : CSO to Chief Commissioner

1. The recommendations for American awards for personnel of Allied Commission, after being signed by the Chief Commissioner, are indorsed by 2675th Regt., forwarded to Hq. Command, AF, by which, in turn, they are indorsed onward to MTOUSA.

2. At MTOUSA, the awards go before a special board, which considers all recommendations from all units in the theater. The board either approves, recommends an award of lesser degree, or disapproves each recommendation. To date, due to the large number of recommendations, no response has been received on any Allied Commission awards.

L. T. MONTANT
Capt., AGD
Staff Officer

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10 July

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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10 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Ravarino, Mario (C)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Mario Ravarino, 01585824, First Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 11 October 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Ravarino, as Provincial Finance Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, has demonstrated exceptional ability, resulting in marked achievement in the highly specialized field of finance. During the months of waiting for the final Allied offensive through the Appennines, from October 1944 to April 1945, he was engaged in extremely hazardous work for Headquarters Allied Military Government, Fifth Army. He frequently supervised the financing of the communes in the front line areas occupied by II Corps, IV Corps and XIII Corps troops. His duties were performed under heavy shelling and bombardment by enemy forces and in several instances in direct danger of small arms fire. The results of his efforts proved extremely beneficial to military operations in that they materially helped relieve combat troops of attention to civilian needs. Since the occupation of Bologna, Lieutenant Ravarino acted as Provincial Finance Officer for three-fourths of a million people. Charged with the responsibility for controlling the movement of cash in the opening phases of the offensive, he demonstrated outstanding ability by effectively supervising the blocking and subsequent releasing of accounts immediately after liberation. He exercised a high degree of care in placing appropriate limits on cashing of checks written prior to the liberation. It was through his constant attention to duty that funds did not fall into enemy hands and that the circulation of banking drafts in lieu of cash was kept to the absolute minimum. He effectively controlled the budgets of seventy state and parastatal offices. With sound judgment he immediately blocked their accounts and credits in order that budgets could be properly complied.

3. Lieutenant Ravarino prepared a budget at the communal level to control the financing of Bologna Province. He supervised the reorganization of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Italy, the Credito Italiano, the Casse di Risparmio and the Banca Commerciale Italiano. Although constantly plagued with requests for the unblocking of accounts and hampered by the slowness of this release procedure, he was nevertheless able to

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advance twenty-four million lire between the 1 May and the 10 June. With unselfish determination he pressed the collection of delinquent taxes and has succeeded in reducing the deficit to the barest minimum. By maintaining close contact with the Provincial Postal Director, the Insurance Commissioner, the Consorzio Agrario, the Intendente di Finanza and the Director General of the Bank of Italy, he has been able to control the entire financial framework of Bologna Province and restore it to normalcy in one month.

4. Lieutenant Ravarino's tireless energy, resourcefulness and boundless 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 First Lieutenant at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has occupied the duties of a Provincial Finance Officer. The Officer is presently a First Lieutenant and is a Provincial Finance Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. Lieutenant Ravarino has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure I).

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Reverino, Mario (C)
(10 July 1945) 1st Ind. HPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODOR,
1st Lt., A.C.M.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Reverino, Mario (C)
(10 July 1945) 2nd Ind. HMS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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200.6
x-201-Reverino, Mario (C)
(10 July 1945) 2nd Ind. CWP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

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R. N. PARKIN
Commanding Officer

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant Mario Navarino, 0156624, Quartermaster Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 11 October 1944 to 31 May 1945. As Provincial Finance Officer for Bologna Province, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Navarino supervised the financing of the Communes in the front line areas occupied by II Corps, IV Corps, and XIII Corps troops. He performed his duty at a risk of life from enemy shell fire and in many cases small arms fire. By his energetic action he has materially helped relieve combat troops of attention to civilian needs. Since the occupation of Bologna, Lieutenant Navarino has directed and supervised the financing operations of three-fourths of a million people. He has controlled the budgets of seventy state and para-statal offices and through his efforts has restored the financial framework of Bologna Province to normalcy within a month after occupation. He has pressed for the collection of delinquent taxes and has succeeded in reducing the deficit to the lowest possible minimum. By a standing block of accounts in the combat areas he has prevented funds from falling into enemy hands and the results of his work have materially aided the success of military operations in Northern Italy. Lieutenant Navarino's resourcefulness, tireless energy and unselfish 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 Webster Grove, Missouri.

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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File: 201.22/300.4

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation in General Orders.

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

1. Reference telephone conversation, 15 June 1945, between Captain J. P. Meister, Assistant Adjutant, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, and CWO F. R. Wermuth, Assistant Adjutant, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), the attached commendations for the following officers and enlisted men are forwarded:

Lt Col	John W. Clarke	0519659	CMP
1st Lt	John P. Simoni	01798303	CMP
S/Sgt	Charles D. Moses	39556503	
Sgt	Joseph A. Marcuzzo	37071962	
Cpl	Angelo A. Crocco	35091872	
Pfc	Daniel S. Hacker	32978154	
Pfc	Oscar A. Granati	32734962	

2. It is requested that suitable publication be made in General Orders of Headquarters Command, Allied Force and that copies be sealed and forwarded to this headquarters for distribution to the individuals concerned.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

F. R. WERMUTH
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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Proposed General Orders Commendations.

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(10 Jul 45) 1st Ind. NPT/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 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.
Recorder

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201.22/300.4
(10 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EWS/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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201.22/300.4
(10 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/pf
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Clarke, 0519659, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), is commended for exemplary conduct in the performance of his duties from 22 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Regional Finance Officer of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Clarke met the difficult and diverse problems of establishing sound financial operations in territory where chaotic conditions prevailed due to the results of recent combat. By positive, energetic action, coupled with sound judgment and wise direction, Lieutenant Colonel Clarke arranged for the transfer of currency to forward areas for the opening of banks. He met with banking officials and Treasury Office representatives under the joint direction of Fifth and Eighth Armies. Through personal contacts Lieutenant Colonel Clarke kept in close touch with the needs of forward communes within the area of the Army boundary line. At the beginning of 1945 he had assumed the full financial management of Grossetto, Arezzo, Pisa, Leghorn and Siena. Lieutenant Colonel Clarke's resourcefulness and exceptional performance of 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 Chicago, Illinois.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) John P. Simoni, 01798303, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for outstanding performance of duty in the period from 15 April 1944 to 12 May 1945. As an Education Officer of Region IV, Region V, Umbria-Marche Region and Liguria Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Simoni performed swift and pioneering work in organizing the opening of schools in the badly devastated province of Frosinone. He assisted and then succeeded the Regional Education Officer in Abruzzi-Marche Region. As a Second and a First Lieutenant he carried the full responsibility of a senior officer, overcoming the handicaps by sheer efficiency and tact. He entered Liguria Region as soon as it was liberated and rapidly and effectively organized all phases of education in the area. His loyalty, intelligence 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 Baldwin City, Kansas.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Staff Sergeant Charles D. Moses, 39556503, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) is commended for exemplary conduct in the performance of his duties from the 15 May 1944 to 1 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of Southern Region, Allied Commission, Staff Sergeant Moses' exceptional ability in obtaining replacements from civilian sources to obviate losses of key commissioned and enlisted personnal utilized in other units being formed for future operations allowed for the proper functioning of his organization. When it became necessary to transfer general assignment enlisted men to replacement depots for conversion and training as combat infantrymen, the effects of inexperienced replacements were greatly minimized due to this enlisted man's resourcefulness and ability to allocate personnal to duties commensurate with their qualifications. As a result, a high degree of efficiency was maintained in his organization. Staff Sergeant Moses' resourcefulness 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 Los Angeles, California.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Sergeant Joseph A. Marcusse, 37071962, Company "O", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) is commended for his performance of duty during the period 12 September 1943 to 14 April 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Records and Pay Section of Company "C", Sergeant Marcusse conceived and established a procedure for interview of personnel in order that officers and enlisted men's records could be checked for accuracy of entry and for new information in the proper promulgation of Army administration. Despite the fact that personnel were attached for duty to combat units or were stationed in numerous towns and communes on duty for Allied Military Government, the resourcefulness and exceptional ability of Sergeant Marcusse led to the efficient administration of personnel stationed in an area covering over twenty-six thousand square miles. Sergeant Marcusse deserves high commendation for his resourcefulness, extraordinary ability and outstanding devotion to duty. These characteristics 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 Omaha, Nebraska.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Corporal Angelo A. Grecco, 35091872, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) is commended for extraordinary performance of duty in the period from 10 June 1944 to 1 May 1945. Corporal Grecco was assigned the duties of Chief Clerk in the Purchasing and Contracting Office in the City of Naples. Due to his initiative and exceptional organizational ability it was found possible to reassign an officer in his section to other duties commensurate with his rank and qualifications. While in charge of this office, Corporal Grecco established procedures allowing for competition among local procurement sources, thereby maintaining a high level of service and a consistent expenditure rate. This has contributed materially to local financial economy. Due to the necessity for conservation of manpower, the Civilian Personnel and Billeting Offices were combined with Corporal Grecco's section. The enlisted man was placed in charge of the three offices and conducted himself in a highly commendable manner. Corporal Grecco's tireless energy 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 Gary, Indiana.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Private First Class Daniel S. Hacker, 32978154, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for outstanding performance of duty in the period from 3 September 1944 to 31 May 1945. As Chief Clerk for the Legal Division, Headquarters Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Private First Class Hacker has demonstrated marked devotion to duty by processing and reviewing Allied Military Government court cases tried in Emilia Region. On his own initiative he instituted a method of indexing and filing these cases for the Headquarters. This method was promptly adopted in the various provinces and resulted in a speedier disposition of these cases. As a de facto Legal Officer for West Headquarters, Emilia Region, in Caltino, he displayed outstanding ability, tact and a professional knowledge of his work by successfully maintaining the Legal Office and his dealings with Allied Officials. His attention to duty is 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 Brooklyn, New York.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Private First Class Oscar A. Ornati, 32734982, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) is commended for exemplary conduct in the performance of duty. Private First Class Ornati rendered most extraordinary services as technical interpreter at conferences held in Rome from 30 November 1944 to 3 December 1944 of all Allied Agricultural Officers and Italian Ministerial and Compartmental Agricultural Officers. Particular reference is made to his interpretation of the addresses delivered by the Chief Commissioner, the Italian Minister, Undersecretary of Agriculture and the Director of the Agricultural Sub-Commission. In recognition of the advancement made in local agricultural activities, Private First Class Ornati is commended for his willing and outstanding services during this period. His attention to duty reflects greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

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HEAD-QUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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15 July 1945

File: 200.6
z-201-Selvaggio, Anthony (Pvt)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Anthony Selvaggio, 33122115, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 January 1944 to 30 May 1945.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Selvaggio was originally assigned as a driver to Headquarters Emilia Region. His potentialities as a valuable Enlisted Man were soon discovered and he was assigned to the Camp Control Division. During the early months of the Allied Occupation of Italy, he performed his duties under most hazardous conditions. He was often exposed to shell fire and enemy air bombardments. While at Frattamaggiore, he remained at his post rendering valuable services to the Camp Control Section. He demonstrated ability in diplomatically handling civilians, thereby enabling the Camp Section to erase the army of this vital Naval commodity without civilian disturbances of any kind. Riots which preceded the advent of Allied Forces into southern areas were quickly mediated due to the efforts of this Enlisted Man.

3. Working long and tiring hours he has organized and supervised the hemp industry throughout the South of Italy with excellent results and has given his time and energies to the work of his section in far greater degree than was required of him. Due to lack of sufficient officer personnel in this department, he was placed in charge of hemp control in Ravenna Province in February 1945. He supervised the renovation of a roofless, utterly destroyed hemp factory. The machines in this plant were badly battered, rusted and damaged as a result of German sabotage action. In less than six months he rebuilt the factory which has been in full production six weeks. In addition he has directed the operation of five other factories in this area by improvising power and utilizing reconstructed automobile motors. He has displayed exemplary iniative and resourcefulness in rehabilitating this vital industry in Emilia Region.

4. Technician Fifth Grade Selvaggio's resourcefulness 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.

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5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the Enlisted Man was a Technician Fifth Grade. He was assigned to Company "I", 2675th Regiment, and assumed duties with the Hemp Control Division of Emilia Region. The Enlisted Man is presently assigned to the same organization, performing the same duties.

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

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).

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Selvaggio, Anthony (Enl)
(10 July 45) 1st Ind. MPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 3675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Selvaggio, Anthony (Enl)
(10 July 45) 2nd Ind. 394/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

/s/ Emmet W. Stone

MILTON W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Selvaggio, Anthony (Enl)
(10 July 45) 3rd Ind. CAC/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (Ovhd), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 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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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony Salvaggio, 33422115, Company "I", 26756h Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 January 1944 to 30 May 1945. As a member of the Hemp Control Section, Southern Region and Bailie Region, Allied Military Government, Technician Fifth Grade Salvaggio has rendered services above and beyond the call of duty by subjecting himself to enemy shell fire and aerial bombardment while assuring the crop of this vital Naval commodity at Frattamaggiore. As a result of his untiring efforts and diplomatic handling of Italian civilians, the riots which preceded the advent of the Hemp Control Section in the Southern Region were successfully mollified. As a de facto Hemp Control Officer for Ravenna Province since February 1945, he has demonstrated extraordinary resourcefulness in his initiative by renovating a hemp factory which had been utterly destroyed by the Germans. By improvising power supply in his utilization of reconstructed automobile motors he restored this factory to its full production capacity in less than six months and enabled the supply of this vital material in the manufacture of rope to continue uninterrupted. Technician Fifth Grade Salvaggio'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: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

CHP/PTW/rsl

10 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201--Jones, John L. (Off)

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 L. Jones, 11109h, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Pioneer Corps, British Army, Headquarters Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 May 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. The Officer in Charge of G-1 (British) and as Executive Officer (British) of the Allied Commission, Colonel Jones has worked relentlessly and untiringly in the task of supervising British personnel and in aiding the joint operations of the Allied Commission. He has shown boundless understanding and fairness in his treatment of all Anglo-American problems and has gone far out of his way to be cooperative. His excellent judgment in the placement of personnel to utilize the maximum of their services and his efforts to overcome any difficulties which have arisen have been outstanding. He has performed far more than required of him in an effort to guarantee the successful operation of the organization. He has frequently given much extra time and effort to achieving this end. In his position Colonel Jones has been faced with many extremely vexing problems which he has rapidly solved in an understanding manner. He has cooperated with and assisted the American Executive Officer to the fullest extent, supporting him in his decisions and aiding whenever his services were called upon. As a result of this outstanding perseverance and devotion to duty, much credit can be given him for the success of Allied Commission in Italy.

3. As the Executive Officer of the Allied Commission, Colonel Jones was faced with the administration and maintenance of a headquarters of approximately two thousand individuals. In his supervision of the billeting and rationing of personnel, transportation and the establishment and maintenance of motor pools accommodating some four hundred vehicles, he has been constantly faced with the problem of lack of transportation, housing and feeding of individuals who were required for certain missions of the Allied Commission. Plans formulated by Colonel Jones were so detailed and were prepared for functioning under most difficult situations that at all times all personnel requiring aid in any field of endeavor were dealt with in the usually satisfactory and noteworthy manner.

4. Colonel Jones' resourcefulness 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.

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5. At the time of his assignment as G-1 (British), Headquarters Allied Commission, the officer was a Lieutenant Colonel. He was later assigned as Executive Officer (British), Headquarters Allied Commission. The Officer was promoted to Colonel on 22 December 1944 and presently occupies the position of Executive Officer (British), Headquarters Allied Commission.

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

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

8. Colonel Jones has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Jones, John L. (Off)
(10 Jul 45) 1st Ind. NFT/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODORE
1st Lt., ACD
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Jones, John L. (Off)
(10 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EWS/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Jones, John L. (Off)
(10 Jul 45) 3d Ind. CMP/ral

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945.

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

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C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) John L. Jones, 111094, Pioneer Corps, British Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 May 1944 to 31 May 1945. As G-1 (British) and Executive Officer (British) of Headquarters Allied Commission, Colonel Jones has indicated outstanding resourcefulness in his task of supervising British personnel and in aiding joint operations of the Allied Commission. His excellent judgment in the placement of British personnel in duties whereby the ultimate of their experiences could be utilised has resulted in the success of Allied Commission in Italy. Giving freely of extra time and effort, he has directed the organization of a Headquarters of some two thousand personnel. The overwhelming problems of housing, supply, rationing and transportation were surmounted by dint of resourcefulness and tireless energy. His cooperation with and assistance to the American Sections of Allied Commission have resulted in a fairness of treatment of all Anglo-American problems and have created in all individuals a feeling of good-will and esprit de corps in our relations with the British Forces in the accomplishment of military operations in Italy. His outstanding devotion to duty, resourcefulness and tact 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 Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JRW/FRW/ec

9 July 1945

File: 200.6
Walters, Thomas W. J. (c)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Thomas W. J. Walters, 179356, Lieutenant Colonel, General List, British Army, Headquarters Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Walters was assigned as the Provincial Commissioner, Pian Province, Tuscana Region, Allied Military Government. As Director of Military Government in one of the most difficult provinces in Italy, Lieutenant Colonel Walters assumed and executed his duties, showing an unusual resourcefulness with the limited means at his disposal. He achieved marked success in overcoming obstacles which seemed insurmountable and were in most cases of grave consequence both to the Allied Armies and to the civilian population. The task facing him was as grim as any ever faced by a Provincial Administrator. The Town of Pian itself was badly damaged as a result of air raids and its close proximity to the battle lines, more or less static during the winter months. Buildings had been entirely demolished or were almost beyond repair. The housing shortage was acute and was only aggravated by the large number of troops requiring billeting space in the area. The water supply was barely adequate, owing to the destruction of the main lines, and the constant threat of epidemics and disease was an ever-present menace to the health of both soldiers and civilians. Lieutenant Colonel Walters was hampered always by a shortage of staff and adequate transportation so that the administration could be accomplished. Most of the bridges in the vicinity were completely destroyed, thereby making communications difficult and the distribution of food and other supplies a very serious problem. There was no electric power whatsoever. Many of the public buildings had been destroyed and the Town of Pian and the surrounding area had been heavily mined by the enemy.

3. In September 1944, to add to the difficulties already encountered by Lieutenant Colonel Walters, the Arno River flooded the town, rising in some areas from a depth of four feet to six feet. During this period, the town was virtually cut off. Through all the never-ending crises and threats of disturbances, disease, epidemics, shortage of food, transportation and utilities, Lieutenant Colonel Walters, by his clear-sightedness, coolness, admirable tact and resourcefulness restored order out of chaos. Under his direction a new civil administration was organized. Hiring of civilian labor commenced and the reconstruction of roadways, bridges and buildings was started to aid in increasing communications facilities, in

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arranging for the supply of sorely needed materials for the combat armies. in providing for housing space for homeless civilians and military units requiring living quarters. Because of Pisa's location, it was a connecting link in the line of supply for the main ports of Leghorn and Piombino. Since these ports were the heart of the supply line to the combat armies, it was immediately necessary to reestablish utilities and communication facilities as a direct aid to the successful completion of combat operations. Too much credit cannot be given this officer for his splendid task in rehabilitating and revitalizinglocal government in Pisa Province to the immediate credit of the Allied Forces in Italy.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Walters' outstanding devotion to duty indicates the finest traditions of the British Army and reflects greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The Officer was a Lieutenant Colonel during the entire period of his service with Allied Commission. He was assigned as Provincial Commissioner, Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The Officer's present assignment is that of Provincial Commissioner, Modena Province, Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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 K. WEBB,
Colonel, Infantry
Assistant Chief Legal Adviser

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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X-201-Walters, Thomas W. J. (O)
(9 July 45) 1st Ind. MPT/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

K. P. EDWARDS,
Lt Col., A.G.D.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
X-201-Walters, Thomas W. J. (O)
(9 July 45) 2nd Ind. AWS/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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-Walters, Thomas W. J. (O)
(9 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/ec
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

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Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. J. Walters, 27936, General List, British Army, Headquarters Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services from 7 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Provincial Commissioner, Pisa Province, Tuscan Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Walters has always been able, by his sheer force of will and resourcefulness, to adapt the means at his disposal in solving difficult problems of civil affairs and civil administration. Pisa Province, a devastated area close to the battle line, containing many thousands of troops and a population of several thousands, many of whom were without homes or food, offered one of the most serious problems to any Civil Affairs Officer in Italy. The destruction of utilities, roadways, bridges and homes, and a large number of refugees found in the city and surrounding area, presented almost every conceivable problem ever faced by a military government administrator. Lieutenant Colonel Walters, by dint of his untiring efforts, organizing ability, skillfulness, singleness of purpose and devotion to duty brought order out of chaos in the area covered by him. He directed the reconstruction of highways and bridges so that sorely needed supplies could be immediately moved to the combat forces. His plans for the repair of buildings to make them livable for the Italian civilians and military troops requiring housing, his supply of food, fuel, transportation, and his reactivation of public utilities was a material aid to the combat operations in Italy. In spite of the seriousness of the Pisa flood in late 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Walters continued in the assignment in an exemplary manner to bring order out of chaos caused by this additional handicap. His resourcefulness 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 London, England.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6
x-201-Cunliffe, James W. (O)

9 July 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 James W. Cunliffe, 0507276, Major, Adjutant General's Department, 2677th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 October 1944 to 12 May 1945.

2. Early in October 1944 the influx of Allied civilians into Allied Commission had obtained considerable proportions. The administrative problems which had arisen in connection with the publication of assignments and travel orders on this type of personnel and the myriad complexities of questions considering the status equivalent to officer or enlisted personnel, of housing, feeding and supplying not only American but also British And other Allied civilians was the initial problem faced by Major Cunliffe as a staff officer in the Establishment Section. Many of these Allied civilians were assigned to other organizations and their position with and relationship toward Allied Commission were far from clear. The demand for an experienced officer in this type of personnel and supply administration was demanded as a full-time assignment. Major Cunliffe was faced with the problem of determining the status of virtually every civilian of all nationalities on duty with or attached to the Allied Commission, determining authorities for their arrival and the screening of all requisitions for orders concerning travel and assignment which might affect them.

3. Entirely without staff and with no Allied personnel available, Major Cunliffe recruited a staff of Italian civilians who were completely inexperienced in this form of administration. In a remarkably short period of time he trained the staff, devised a complete set of records which combined the extremely diverse requirements of the various organizations to which these civilians were assigned, had established the status of this personnel and maintained a smooth and efficient liaison unit through which a steady flow of information vital to the functioning of Allied Commission relative to the numbers of civilians, their organizations, activities and status, commenced to appear. In addition to his own duties and entirely on his own responsibility, Major Cunliffe established as a service to the administrative chiefs of the Allied Commission a series of personnel reports which contained vital information concerning the location and number of specialties of Allied Commission personnel, both at headquarters and in the field, and as to the location and number of housing facilities and transportation available to them.

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These reports were of greatest assistance to the Commission and to the various Allied Military Government personnel in the field during the period when available personnel and transport were taxed to the maximum.

4. Major Cunliffe's resourcefulness 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. During this period of service the Officer was a Major and was assigned as a Staff Officer, Establishment Section, Headquarters Allied Commission. The Officer is presently a Major, assigned to Allied Military Government, IV Corps, as an administrative officer.

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

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

8. Major Cunliffe has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISHE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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~~O'~~Sullivan, James W. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 9 July 1945. RPT/jtg

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

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~~O'~~Sullivan, James W. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945. EMG/jtg

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

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

1 Incl:
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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~~O'~~Sullivan, James W. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 9 July 1945. CWP/jtg

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

Approved.

1 Incl:
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C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major James W. Cunliffe, 0307478, Adjutant General's Department, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 October 1944 to 12 May 1945. As a Staff Officer in the Establishment Section, Headquarters Allied Commission, Major Cunliffe, with a staff of Italian civilians trained by himself, devised a complete set of records concerning assignments, status, organization and travel of Allied Commission Allied civilians of all nationalities. In his establishment of this system Major Cunliffe devised an efficient Liaison Unit through which flowed a steady compilation of information vital to the functioning of the Allied Commission. A series of personnel reports which Major Cunliffe prepared for the Administrative Chiefs of the Allied Commission were of greatest assistance in administration at a time when personnel and transport were taxed to the maximum and every available service was required. His efforts have contributed materially to the success of the mission of Allied Commission. Major Cunliffe'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 Claremont, California.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

HSP/PWI/rsl

File: 200.6
x-201-Marshall, Robert P. (Off)

9 July 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 Robert P. Marshall, 0138535, Colonel, Field Artillery, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 August 1943 to 12 May 1945.

2. Colonel Marshall has occupied positions as Executive Officer of Region IV and as Regional Commissioner of Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government. During this period the heaviest demands were met by Colonel Marshall's skill, judgment, tact and leadership in that he was charged with the planning, first, for the occupation by Allied Military Forces of the City of Rome and surrounding area, and secondly, of the turbulent, highly populated and highly industrialized northwest section of Italy, including the City of Turin. During the long period of military stalemate in which the Allied Forces engaged the enemy below Cassino it was Colonel Marshall's duty to plan for every potentiality in the fall of Italy's capital city. Further, in a group exclusively engaged upon planning operations, morale, of necessity, suffered through what may have seemed to subordinates to be inactivity. This situation called for the exercise of the highest qualities of leadership. Ample evidence of the careful planning and devotion to detail and duty by Colonel Marshall is found in the overwhelming success with which the previously completed plans for the necessary military administration of the City of Rome were placed into effect.

3. As the Regional Commissioner of Abruzzi-Marche Region, Colonel Marshall accepted the administration of this territory as it was released to Regional Allied Military Government control by the Eighth Army as rapidly as it was occupied. This assumption of control and administration by the Region itself reduced the demands from the Army for Allied Military Government officials. During the three-month period from July to September 1944 extreme relief measures were necessary in the devastated areas. Despite the obstacles of insufficient transportation and lack of communication facilities, Colonel Marshall directed the consignment and distribution of food and other essential commodities. Approximately forty thousand mines were lifted from this area in a broad reconstruction and rehabilitation program. This program included the repair of roads, bridges and power plants and under Colonel Marshall's guidance the entire plan was promptly initiated and vigorously executed. Electric current for industry and use in the City of Rome itself was provided from rebuilt plants. Some five hundred tons of potatoes per day were made available to meet the food necessities for the City of Rome.

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4. In October 1944 Colonel Marshall was relieved of this assignment in Region IV and was charged with an even more difficult and important assignment in that he was required to execute the plans for the occupation and administration of important Northwest Italy. Colonel Marshall's estimates of required personnel and supplies and his superbly detailed plans for the rehabilitation of utilities and industry, together with the methods he devised and placed into operation for the immediate procurement of supplies contributed materially to the ease and success of military operations at the height of the North Italian campaign. In like manner the confused and chaotic situation, consequent upon the rapid collapse of German Armies in the North, was provided for by Colonel Marshall's minute planning for occupation of Northwest Italian Territory. In advance of planned schedules and working under the greatest of handicaps insofar as supply and transportation were concerned, he moved his unit, a key organization in the Military Government structure of Northwest Italy, into position and assumed military administration with unparalleled smoothness and efficiency. The entry of the Piemonte Region into this territory was made substantially without support of Allied troops. During the time that the City of Turin was still under combat between partisans and Fascist and German elements, Allied Military Government was immediately established in cooperation with the Committee of National Liberation. Allied Military Government in the entire Piemonte area has been set up and is successfully maintaining order and control over all of the Region. Through Colonel Marshall's efforts, food has been allocated and distributed. Public works and utilities are now successfully operating and the reconstruction of buildings, highways and bridges is successfully in operation.

5. Colonel Marshall's boundless energy, resourcefulness, outstanding leadership 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 in Italy.

6. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Colonel. He has successively occupied the positions as Executive Officer of Region IV and as Regional Commissioner of Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government. The Officer is presently a Colonel and is performing duty as Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region.

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

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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200.6
x-201-Marshall, Robert P. (Off)
(9 Jul 45)

1st Ind. RPT/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEOBURE
1st Lt., AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Marshall, Robert P. (Off)
(9 Jul 45)

2d Ind. EWS/rml

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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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200.6
x-201-Marshall, Robert P. (Off)
(9 Jul 45)

3d Ind. CMP/ral

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel Robert P. Marshall, 0136555, Field Artillery, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 August 1943 to 12 May 1945. As Executive Officer of Region IV and as Regional Commissioner of Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government, Colonel Marshall's aforesightedness in planning for the military occupation of liberated territories has materially contributed to the success of Allied operations in Italy. Colonel Marshall directed the operations of Abruzzi-Marche Region as soon as the territory was released by Eighth Army. Despite the extreme situation in the shortage of food and lack of transportation, food, other commodities and essentials were distributed under his direction to prevent starvation and spread of disease. His broad reconstruction program was executed in such a forceful manner that roads, bridges and power plants were repaired to the extent that electric current for industry was provided in enabling the economic situation to return to normal. Despite the confused and chaotic situation consequent upon the rapid collapse of German Armies in Northern Italy, Colonel Marshall's careful planning for the occupation of this highly important industrial region allowed military government structure in Northwest Italy to function to the extent that utilities are now returning to normal and serious food needs have been met. Colonel Marshall's aforesightedness, tireless efforts, outstanding leadership 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 in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

AGB/ETW/ec

9 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-DiVincenzo, Armando (Pnl)

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 Armando DiVincenzo, 31119083, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 January 1945 to 20 March 1945.

2. As a result of lack of officer personnel, Technician Fourth Grade DiVincenzo acted as a de facto Regional Prison Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government. He organized, maintained and supervised the prison system for the Provinces of Forli and Ravenna during the static period of the Allied advance in these provinces. He was responsible for employing and instructing large numbers of prison cars on short notice and for ensuring the steady flow of prison supplies, clothing and medical equipment between the towns of Forli, Ravenna, San Casciano, Rimini, Santarcangelo, Segliano al Rubiconi and Cassino. All of this required the transfer of entire penal services, constant supervision of equipment and inventories and maintenance of prisoner records. He worked tirelessly to find alternative accommodations for future arrested persons in Forli and supervised the transfer of more than one hundred of them from Forli and Ravenna. He attended personally to the procurement in Rome of all prison supplies and clothing and effected their distribution in the two provinces. He was aware of the need for exercising extreme care in the handling of more nefarious prisoners and at all times acted in an exemplary manner.

3. Technician Fourth Grade DiVincenzo, alone and virtually unaided during the winter months, overcame every obstacle to accomplish his mission. He was constantly faced with the difficulty of transferring guards and maintaining their morale. His entire operations were accomplished over bombed and heavily mined roads, often under enemy shell fire within five miles of the front lines. He coped successfully with the conditions caused by refugee movements, with the difficulty of requisitioning space to house prisoners in order to keep pace with large numbers of arrests, in the alleviation of over-crowding quarters. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and comfort, he completed the operation successfully in far less than the time allowed him. By exercising tact and diplomacy in his relations with Allied officers of high rank, he was able though a noncommissioned officer, to maintain high standards of sanitation and efficiency while housing a prison populace two

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hundred and fifty per cent higher than normally confined in the available buildings. Performing duties which would normally be done by a senior commissioned officer, his outstanding accomplishments are worthy of the highest emulation.

4. Technician Fourth Grade DiVincenzo's 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 the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The Enlisted Man was a Technician Fourth Grade at the time he accomplished these services. He was and still is assigned to Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, performing duty in the Public Safety Division of Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commanding officer of this board has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

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

8. The Enlisted Man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED C. BONHAM
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl
Proposed Citation

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x-201-DiVincenzo, Armando (Enl)
(9 July 45)

1st Ind. IPT/ec

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394 U. S. Army, 9 July 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

200.6
x-201-DiVincenzo, Armando (Enl)
(9 July 45)

2nd Ind. IWS/nc

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

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HILBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-DiVincenzo, Armando (Enl)
(9 July 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/ec

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade Armando DiVincenzo, 31119053, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 January 1945 to 20 March 1945. As de facto Prisons Officer for Allied Military Government in the Provinces of Forli and Ravenna, Technician Fourth Grade DiVincenzo alone and virtually unaided revitalized the entire prison system in both of these provinces. With total disregard for his personal safety in heavily mined areas and under constant danger from shell fire in front line zones, he successfully moved equipment and personnel throughout the provinces during winter months when roads were rutted and bridges destroyed. He supervised the transfer of entire penal services to relieve the chaotic conditions which resulted from mass arrests and overcrowding of prisoners. He worked tirelessly to maintain high standards of sanitation and efficiency while housing a prison population two hundred and fifty per cent greater than was normally housed in the available buildings. His resourcefulness, tireless energy, complete disregard for his personal safety 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 Cranston, Rhode Island.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

AAO/FRW/ss

9 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Campo, Frederick V. (Pvt)

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 V. Campo, 19085051, Private First Class, 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 1 June 1945.

2. Private First Class Campo joined Headquarters Allied Commission in November 1943 at Naples at the time when the forward echelon of the Allied Commission moved from Palermo to Naples to set up its new headquarters. It was of immediate importance to locate accommodations for personnel of the headquarters as well as office space for the operations so that the functions of the Commission could be carried out in an efficient manner. Under circumstances existing in Naples at that time, this presented a tremendous problem. The City had been considerably damaged by bombings and other units which had moved into the City before Allied Commission had selected most of the centrally located billets. It was therefore necessary to repair many of the centrally-located, damaged buildings to provide accommodations for the Officers, Enlisted Men and Other Ranks of the Headquarters. Private First Class Campo, as supervisor of maintenance and repair of those buildings, worked under the most extreme difficulties in order to arrange for the housing of all personnel. There was a definite lack of materials as well as trusty and efficient civilian personnel. This required that he work long hours without aid to complete the tasks placed before him. Under his supervision one building was immediately repaired so that it was possible to house all of the Enlisted Men and Other Ranks. Once the billets had been furnished, they required constant repair and maintenance to keep them in livable condition, since plumbing and electrical systems in all of these buildings were in exceedingly poor condition.

3. Private First Class Campo's work also required the interviewing, screening, employment and appointment of the civilians necessary to carry on the cleaning, repairing and maintenance of these billets. It also required the preparation of requests for supplies and services, initiation of inventories and the de-requisitioning of property as their use was no longer required. He also gave his time to assist in clerical duties in

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the Billeting Office and in addition acted as a driver for the section. Private First Class Campo's devotion to duty and his efficient promulgation of the tasks placed before him showed his willingness to do more than his share in order to make the personnel of this Headquarters as comfortable as possible in the performance of their duties. On more than one occasion he worked from twelve to fourteen hours per day. There were also times when it was possible for others to have a few hours freedom yet he would forego this in order to complete his work. This he did freely and voluntarily and without complaint. His knowledge of the Italian language enabled him to interview the civilians and to supervise their work in an efficient manner. It was largely due to his patience and diligence that it became possible to accommodate all of the personnel of the Headquarters in a decent and comfortable manner.

4. Private First Class Campo'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.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the enlisted man was a Private First Class. He was then and still is assigned to the Billeting Section, Headquarters Allied Commission, as a Private First Class.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the Enlisted Man.

7. All subsequent services of Private First Class Campo have been honorable.

8. The Enlisted Man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure I).

ALFRED A. GUARINO
Captain, Field Artillery
Billeting Officer

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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200.6
x-201-Campo, Frederick W. (Enl)
(9 July 45) 1st Ind. EPT/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 9 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.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
201-Campo, Frederick W. (Enl)
(9 July 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved. /s/ Ellery W. Stone

MILLARD W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Campo, Frederick W. (Enl)
(9 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/sc
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 9 July 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

Private First Class Frederick W. Campo, 19086051, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 16 November 1943 to 1 June 1945. Private First Class Campo labored long and arduous hours in acquiring and maintaining billets for all personnel of Allied Commission then located in the City of Naples. Under his supervision water and electricity were secured and maintained in these accommodations. In spite of the numerous tasks assigned to him, he was also able to assist in the clerical work and act as driver of the Billeting Section. Without regard to hours of work or his own personal health or comfort, he maintained the required billeting space, interviewed, employed and arranged for the payment of civilian workers and directed the entire maintenance and upkeep of requisitioned buildings. Through his efforts the advancement of the work of his organization has shown a marked success. His 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. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

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COMPANY "M"
275TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERSEAS)
APO 394

TWP/FTW/rsl

File: 200.6
x-201-Spinosa, Cosmo (Enl)

9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15g, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Cosmo Spinosa, 31206370, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company "M", 275th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 17 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. At the time when Region IV, Allied Military Government, was being activated in Naples, Staff Sergeant Spinosa was given the responsibility of organizing the Division of Public Health and Welfare. He was charged with assembling civilian personnel, procuring office equipment, supplies, establishing filing systems, directing activities of the Headquarters employees and acting as principal interpreter and translator for the Division. Well equipped by education and knowledge of the Italian language, Staff Sergeant Spinosa succeeded in training local Italian civilians in the operations of Allied Military Government and in consolidating the work of the Division in such a way that it functioned smoothly and efficiently during the entire time of operation. Acting as interpreter, Staff Sergeant Spinosa accompanied the Director and other officers of the Division into combat zones which were frequently under fire. During the spring of 1944 a large part of the work be performed in the field was executed in areas that had been heavily mined by the enemy. His services as official interpreter were extremely accurate and through exercise of tact and diplomacy he was able to secure information of importance which would normally have been unavailable.

3. At times when the Division lacked sufficient personnel and did not have the services of a medical supply officer, Staff Sergeant Spinosa was given the additional responsibility of maintaining large quantities of medical stores, supervising their transport from one place to another and their distribution to the civilian organizations. Despite the fact that these duties were quite foreign to his work as Chief Clerk and Interpreter, he performed them with skill and outstanding efficiency. He sat in on conferences between high Italian officials and dignitaries of the Church and Allied Military Government officials and because of his unfailing technique and understanding he created good will for Allied Military Government and added to its prestige among civilian representatives with whom his duties brought him into contact. In the operations of the Public Health and Welfare Division, serious problems in outbreak of epidemic and disease caused an over-abundance of work in the section. Despite long and tiring hours, Staff Sergeant Spinosa gave his aid to the solution of the tasks to be done. The resultant establishment of sound public health systems throughout the occupied territory and a sound program of welfare operations are a result of the efficient cooperation of this enlisted man.

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4. Staff Sergeant Spinosa'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. The enlisted man was a Sergeant at the time of his assignment to Region IV, Allied Military Government. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 20 November 1944 and is presently performing the duties of Chief Clerk, Public Health and Welfare Division, Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The soldier has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

THOMAS N. PAGE
Colonel, Medical Corps
Senior Public Health Officer

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Spinosa, Cosmo (Enl)
(9 Jul 45)

1st Ind. MPT/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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., AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Spinosa, Cosmo (Enl)
(9 Jul 45)

2d Ind. EWS/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

KELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Spinosa, Cosmo (Enl)
(9 Jul 45)

3d Ind. CMP/ral

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. M. PAKKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Cosmo Spinosa, 31206370, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 17 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk, Public Health and Welfare Division, Region IV and V$_9$nemic Region, Allied Military Government, Staff Sergeant Spinosa performed outstanding services in his organization, training and control of Headquarters personnel. As principal interpreter for the Division, he rendered accurate services, displaying courage and fearlessness in combat areas under fire and heavily mined by the enemy. He acted as official interpreter in important conferences with high Italian officials and Allied Military Government officers, adding materially to the prestige of Allied operations in Italy. Acting in lieu of a Medical Supply Officer, he assumed the responsibility, over and above normal duty, for the transportation, storage and distribution of large quantities of medical supplies destined for civilian use in the Army areas. Through the exercise of a foresightedness, perseverance and his own executive ability, Staff Sergeant Spinosa contributed materially to the valuable services performed by the Division of Public Health and Welfare in occupied Italy. 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. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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9 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Decker, Stanley D. (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 15g, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Stanley D. Decker, 0525612, Captain, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 6 December 1944 to 30 April 1945.

2. As a Public Safety Officer at Senigallia, Italy, Captain Decker assumed the direction of operations in twelve Italian communities in the Adriatic area. Through his tact and diplomacy this officer won and retained the respect, admiration and cooperation of Italian civilians and other government officials soon after his arrival in this area. His close liaison with the Headquarters, Adriatic Base Command (Advance) enabled that headquarters to proceed with the organization and operation of its depot installations resulting in the timely and uninterrupted delivery of critical items of supply to the Air Corps. These items were necessary in effecting the subsequent collapse of organized resistance and the ending of hostilities on the Italian front. Through his forceful direction and in surmounting obstacles of transportation and utilities, Captain Decker gave of his time and effort to arrange liaison with Army organizations and Adriatic Headquarters in order that the mission be successfully accomplished. He arranged for the employment of civilians to aid in the movement of supplies and in maintaining often-used roadways and bridges which had been constructed on emergency measures.

3. Captain Decker was instrumental in the reconstruction of the water systems in all the towns of this area shortly after his arrival. In spite of lack of materials and the necessary labor, he improvised so that the supply could be maintained. He arranged for shipments of charcoal for delivery to bakeries and hospitals, and arranged for transportation from such widespread sources that the entire movement of fuel was done in a highly commendable manner. He arranged for reconstruction of power utilities and for the distribution of electrical power to the various industries in the area. At one time serious outbreak of disease threatened the inmates of the Senigallia prison. Captain Decker immediately took the situation in hand and by forceful measures and thorough sanitation and sterilization provided the prison with clean living conditions and averted a possible epidemic. His efforts have materially contributed to the cooperation received from the Italian civilians in advancing the air-war effort in

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Italy. They have also been a material benefit to the Italian civilian population.

4. Captain Decker's resourcefulness 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 Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the officer's assignment to 2675th Regiment, he was a Captain. He has performed duties as Public Safety Officer since that time. The Officer is presently a Captain, assigned to Venezia Region, Allied Military Government as Public Safety Officer.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain Decker.

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

8. Captain Decker has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, A.G.D.
Director Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Proposed Citation

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Smith-Decker, Stanley D. (O)
(9 July 45) 1st Ind. NFE/ec

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, EXCHANGE AND AGENCY BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

N. F. PARKER,
Lt Col., A.G.D.
Recorder

1 Encl
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200.6
Smith-Decker, Stanley D. (O)
(9 July 45) 2nd Ind. NHS/ec

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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 Encl
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200.6
Smith-Decker, Stanley D. (O)
(9 July 45) 3rd Ind. CNP/ec

HEADQUARTERS 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

TO: Commanding officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Forces, APO 512, U. S. Army.

Approved.

O. N. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Encl
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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain Stanley D. Decker, 0525612, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy, from 6 December 1944 to 30 April 1945. By his unselfish devotion to duty Captain Decker operated in close liaison with Headquarters, Adriatic Base Command (Advance), and enabled it to proceed with the organization and operation of its depot installations. Despite the obstacles of lack of transportation, Captain Decker secured the necessary vehicles for movement of critical items of supply to air corps units in the area, effecting the subsequent collapse of organized resistance in Italy. He was instrumental in reconstruction of water systems in twelve communes in the Adriatic area. He arranged for immediate supply of charcoal to Italian bakeries and hospitals, obtaining vehicles for transportation of this fuel from outlying sources. He was instrumental in reconstruction of power houses and distribution of electrical power to the various industries in this area. Through his efforts a serious epidemic of disease in Senigallia Pylon was averted. He arranged for complete sanitation and aviation facilities in order to provide suitable quarters for prison inmates. His tact and diplomacy in dealing with Italian civilians and their officials won for him the respect, admiration and cooperation of the civilians in further advancing the air-war effort in Italy. Captain Decker's unselfish 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 Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Pasadena, California.

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VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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File: 200.6
x-201-Kenny, Raymond (C)

9 July 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 Raymond Kenny, 0520679, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 October 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Immediately upon his arrival in Italy in October 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny was given the responsibility for reorganizing the social insurance program of the Italian Government in the Province of Naples. Because of the importance of the Port of Naples to the Allied Armies, the reorganization of unemployment and health insurance schemes was of great military necessity to the end that all qualified civilian workers be made available for work. Acting on behalf of Region III, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny instituted reforms and devised plans for the reorganization of unemployment compensation offices and labor employment offices. These plans, when put into effect, reduced the number of relief clients and increased the number of daily civilian workers for the military and naval forces.

3. In January 1944 as Regional Welfare Officer for Region IV, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny supervised a check of civilian clothing needs in the Province of Foggia and in cooperation with American Red Cross and Civilian War Relief Representatives he formulated a plan for the transport and distribution of sorely needed clothing to Italian citizens resident in strategic Army areas. The plan which he produced and carried into effect was the first of its kind to be applied in Italy. It proved so successful that it was accepted as a pattern for similar operations in other areas and is still being employed in the Provinces of Northern Italy. On temporary duty as a Welfare Officer for Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, Lieutenant Colonel Kinny supervised evacuation of civilians in the path of the Armies, supplied the urgent welfare needs of hospitals and homes for the aged in bombed-out areas, and operated under fire and in land-mined sectors, conducting himself with a poise and confidence in the completion of his duties and displaying a zeal which foretold the success of his accomplishments. He acted with meritorious discretion and good judgment as a liaison officer between Allied Military Government and the various components of Fifth Army. He displayed a skill and diplomacy in his negotiations with officers of units of various nations so that by the

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end of March 1944, due to his continued labors in the field and extreme exposure at various times, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny was hospitalized with pneumonia in one of its more serious forms. After his discharge from the hospital he at once rejoined Region IV and immediately set into operation a plan of bringing order to the devastated areas of Littoria and Frosinone Provinces. He set up local welfare committees in the communes and instituted the establishment of Provincial Departments of Social Welfare for the coordination and supervision of relief.

4. It was necessary for Lieutenant Colonel Kenny to completely reorganize the existing Italian welfare agencies in two months. This work was so efficiently done that by the end of the period necessary organizations were operating in each of the Provinces then under Regional control. In the badly bombed-out communes of Gaeta, Itri, Fondi and Frosinone, he applied the plan of clothing distribution which he had operated in Foggia in the preceding January, reorganized the local offices of Ente Comunale Assistenza for the granting of cash benefits to the needy civilians and assisted in the restoration of civilian hospitals, welfare institutions, orphanages and homes for the aged. After the liberation of Rome, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny's operations concerned the Provinces in the Rome area. He established extremely friendly relations with Pontifical Welfare Offices and responsible Italian civilian welfare agencies. He saw need for supplementary training of Red Cross personnel in order that they would more fully appreciate the complex problems in this particular field of endeavor. To this end he organized and placed into operation for the first time in Italy an indoctrination course of distinct benefit both to those attending it and to the welfare activities of Allied Military Government.

5. In the fall of 1944 Lieutenant Colonel Kenny operated as Allied Military Government Welfare Officer in the Eighth Army area. He supervised the evacuation of civilians both South and North of the Po River from the time of the static front to the time of the Allied offensive in the spring of 1945. He initiated the organization of departments of social welfare in Padova, Rovigo, Venezia, Treviso and Udine Provinces. He drew up plans under which a social welfare survey was made of fifty-eight communities of ten thousand or more population. In these surveys a compilation of detailed reports for each commune on welfare conditions was supplied for the guidance of Allied Military Government and Italian Provincial Officials. Red Cross representatives, working under Lieutenant Colonel Kenny's direction visited the war-devastated communes and sought out local officials and welfare authorities. Lieutenant Colonel Kenny showed an invaluable understanding of Italian characteristics and outstanding ability in cooperating with both military and civilian personnel, regardless of nationality. As a result of his tireless efforts, the welfare of poor, sick, aged and homeless Italians in the greater part of Italy have been materially aided to the extent that their rehabilitation and future good fortune depend largely upon the efforts of this officer.

6. Lieutenant Colonel Kenny's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States

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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 Major. He has occupied the positions of Regional Welfare Officer in Regions III, IV and Venezia Region, Allied Military Government, and as a Welfare Officer with both Fifth and Eighth Armies. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 January 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Kenny is presently assigned as Regional Welfare Officer, Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

9. All subsequent services of the Officer have been honorable.

10. The Officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

THOMAS W. PAGE
Colonel, Medical Corps

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Kenny, Raymond (O)
(9 July 1945) 1st Ind. APO/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

W. P. THRONSON,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Kenny, Raymond (O)
(9 July 1945) 2nd Ind. ZWI/ec
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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

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x-201-Kenny, Raymond (O) 3rd Ind. GHP/ec
(9 July 1945)
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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) Raymond Kenny, 0520679, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. As a Senior Welfare Officer with Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Kenny has performed outstanding services in local Public Welfare work from South of Naples to the far Northeast portion of Italy. He has reorganized the unemployment compensation and labor agencies; initiated plans for clothing distribution to needy civilians; has supervised the evacuation of civilians in the path of the Army, rehabilitated and arranged for the repair of hospitals for the sick and wounded, welfare institutions, homes for the aged and unfortunates. His services have been directed to the relief of civilians in the seriously bombed-out and destroyed areas in the heart of Italy from South to North. His assistance in setting up a course of indoctrination for welfare work has furnished material aid to all welfare agencies and Red Cross personnel engaged in this field. It has been used as an instrument in the guidance of all Allied Military Government Welfare Officers in assisting them to carry out their manifold tasks. Lieutenant Colonel Kenny's efforts have resulted in the alleviation of serious welfare problems, has contributed much to the present welfare of the people of Italy and the plans formulated by him will materially aid the welfare of Italian civilians in the future. 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. Entered the military service from Grafton, West Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

ACR/FRW/pf

9 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-White, Emanuel M. (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 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Emanuel M. White, 0518006, Captain, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 11 February 1945 to 27 May 1945.

2. As regional Food Officer of Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Captain White was responsible for the procurement and distribution to the civilian population of Emilia Region of supplies of basic imported foodstuffs at the same time coordinating the organization of exports. By his energetic efforts, the Province foodstuffs were allocated and their prices regionally controlled. He displayed a boundless amount of energy in restoring food throughout the Region, while effectively using every available resource, and succeeded in re-establishing high standards of health in the devastated Provinces of Ravenna and Forli. Captain White was constantly handicapped by the acute shortage of transportation. Communications were seriously hampered as a result of blown bridges and rutted and heavily-bombed roads. In spite of the scarcity of food and oil, he turned to practical account every resource, however limited, at his hand.

3. After the static phase when the break-through was effected in April and the remainder of Emilia Region was liberated, Captain White immediately imposed a uniform Region-wide system of control of surplus foodstuffs found in the rural areas. With meticulous care he moved large quantities of basic foodstuffs into deficiency areas in less than one month following liberation. Within three weeks he had reduced, by as much as fifty per cent the cost of many of the food items in Bologna City where food was extremely scarce as a result of German depredations. He directed and supervised programs for rationing, storing and price-fixing of foodstuffs, gasoline, oil and lubricants. Single-handed and without regard for his own personal comfort, Captain White exercised the highest degree of initiative and keen judgment in restoring the food economy of Emilia Region to the pre-war level.

4. The tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain White 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. During the period referred to the officer has held the rank of Captain. He was assigned to duty as Regional Food Officer, Emilia Region. The officer is presently a Captain and is still performing duty as Regional Food Officer, Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain White.

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-White, Emanuel M. (C)
(9 July 45)

1st Ind. MPT/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

BY THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD:

W. P. THEOBOLD
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Recorder.

1 Incl:
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x-201-White, Emanuel M. (C)
(9 July 45)

2d Ind. EWB/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-White, Emanuel M. (Off)
(9 July 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/pf

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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

Captain Emanuel M. White, 0518006, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 11 February 1945 to 27 May 1945. As Regional Food Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Captain White's energetic action resulted in the restoration of the flow of local food and in the re-establishment of high standards of health in the devastated Provinces of Forli and Ravenna. With unstinted efforts in his establishment of programs for rationing, storing, transporting and price-fixing of food-stuffs and petroleum, he reduced the cost of commodities in Bologna City by as much as 50%. By fully exploiting local resources, he relieved military transportation at a time when every vehicle was needed in the greatly extended lines of military supply. Single-handedly he procured and distributed basic imported food-stuffs throughout the Regions to reestablish the pre-war food economy. Captain White'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 Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

WDS/FTB/jtg

File: 200.6
Falkland, John F. (Pnl)

9 July 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 John F. Falkland, 31135072, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 February 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As Chief Clerk of the Signal Center, Headquarters Allied Commission, Technician Fourth Grade Falkland was wholly responsible for the efficient administration of this center of communications. Facing an ever-increasing load of vitally important signal traffic and extreme shortage of personnel, he voluntarily remained at his post exceptionally long hours above and beyond his regular duty to personally assist in the handling, routing and delivery of this important traffic. At Naples, with only himself and one other assistant, this center handled from ten thousand to twelve thousand groups of traffic daily. He worked an average of from sixteen to eighteen hours during this period and at one time voluntarily refused hospitalization for sand fly fever, pressing himself beyond the level of physical endurance to bear the brunt of a heavy traffic load which he felt it was his duty to efficiently deliver. Through his untiring efforts to establish and maintain the efficiency he was instrumental in setting up an intricate traffic handling procedure which involved both traffic for Italian Government as well as Allied military organizations. He effected the complete installation and development of a filing and records system to guard security against such mixed traffic as well as training of new personnel and file clerks assigned to the center.

3. Technician Fourth Grade Falkland accomplished these achievements against a load increase of from ten thousand to thirty thousand groups daily as against an increase of from two to four men in the operation of the center over the same period. In addition to the Allied military traffic passing through the center, Italian Foreign Ministry messages were being handled by this agency. He also established the guarding of security of this Ministry traffic, which involved Allied Military Government activities in forward areas. The information contained in these messages affected actual military operations of vital secrecy and importance in pursuit of the Italian campaign and the supply and transport problems facing Allied Control Commission. His contribution to the Mission of Allied Military Government and to the successful completion of operations in all of Italy

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has materially aided the victory achieved by the Allied Armies.

4. Technician Fourth Grade Falkland's tireless energy, 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 in Italy.

5. The enlisted man was a member of the 311st Signal Service Group, attached to the 2675th Regiment, until 9 December 1944. He was assigned to the 2675th Regiment from this attached status on the 10 December 1944. The enlisted man is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as Technician Fourth Grade, and occupies the position of Chief Clerk of the Allied Commission Signal Center.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the enlisted man.

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

8. The Enlisted Man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

WILLIAM B. SIMMONS
First Lieutenant, Signal Corps
Communications Officer

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Falkland, John F. (Encl)
(9 Jul 45)

1st Ind. HPT/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 9 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.C.D.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Falkland, John F. (Encl)
(9 Jul 45)

2d Ind. EMC/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 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-Falkland, John F. (Encl)
(9 Jul 45)

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 9 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) John F. Falkland, 31139078, Headquarters Company, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 February 1944 to 8 May 1945. Faced with an ever increasing load of vitally important signal traffic and an extreme shortage of qualified personnel, Technician Fourth Grade Falkland remained at his post long hours in excess of normal duty to insure that the traffic vitally important to the Combat Operations and to the Italian Government/Allied Commission would be properly handled, recorded and distributed to the receiving agencies. He established an intricate traffic-handling procedure which involved both the Italian Government traffic as well as Allied Military Government traffic and installation of complete filing and records system to guard security. Handling from ten thousand to thirty thousand groups daily, in spite of the lack of personnel, the entire operations of the center were so successfully completed as to aid both military combat operations and Allied Military Government operations in all of Italy. Technician Fourth Grade Falkland'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 Brookline, Massachusetts.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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9 July 1945

File: 200.6.
AS-201-Carter, Arthur (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Arthur Carter, 0518411, Captain, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 23 April 1945 to 9 June 1945.

2. As the Civil Affairs Officer for the City of Bologna, Captain Carter exhibited the keenest judgment and a thorough knowledge of city administration procedure by re-establishing an able civil administration in Bologna. He entered the City on 23 April as a member of the Allied Military Covernment City Team and immediately applied himself to the enormous task of inculcating the civil officers with a sense of their own responsibility and of the necessity for their full and complete administration of civil affairs. He impressed upon their minds that this responsibility rested solely with them and that they should not allow themselves to depend upon the Allied Forces for the conduct of their administration. Upon the departure of the City Team of twenty officers, Captain Carter alone assumed all the functions which had been performed by this team in a city having a population of three hundred thousand people. By his unlimited efforts he restored full operation of the water, gas, electric and tram utilities and solved the manifold problems of alimentation, housing of refugees and sanitation. He carried on an effective liaison with the Committee of National Liberation, at all times maintaining the friendliest relations with their members and exacting the fullest measure of their support and cooperation. With an intimate knowledge of political affairs and at a great risk to himself, he removed potential hazards to orderly operations by his diplomatic handling of the partisans. At the same time he firmly demonstrated the necessity for the establishment of a municipal government in fact and not in name only.

3. With consummate tact and diplomacy, resulting in a minimum of misunderstanding, Captain Carter successfully resolved the delicate problem of civilian displacement by the military. He convinced the municipal officials of the pressing need for a housing survey to determine actual conditions. This facilitated the proper placement of civilians without proper shelter and the foundation for a future program of reconstruction. By his indefatigable efforts he imbued the new city officials, many of whom were without previous governmental experience, with an enthusiasm for the job to be accomplished. Setting the pace with an unselfish devotion to duty, he spurred the Italian authorities to greater efforts by his own example, even though

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he was confronted with the most insurmountable obstacles. His administration in Bologna has been characterized by a cordial, whole-hearted cooperation from the entire staff of the City. This can be attributed mainly to the friendly relations which he was able to establish and maintain with all officials and employees. The freedom from any political manifestation of dissatisfaction can be considered a reflection of the tactful manner in which he has discharged his duties and of the keen interest and participation he has evidenced in community affairs and activities. While constituting a severe drain on his own physical resources, he scrupulously adhered to a policy of personally seeing every person visiting his office with a result that problems were solved and much political unrest was avoided.

4. Captain Carter's unselfish actions 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. The Officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment to duty as Civil Affairs Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Captain and is still performing duty as Civil Affairs Officer for the City of Bologna.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Carter, Arthur (O)
(9 Jul 45) 1st Ind. KFT/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 9 July 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.C.D.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Carter, Arthur (O)
(9 Jul 45) 2d Ind. RWS/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army.

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

Approved.

KILLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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x-201-Carter, Arthur (O)
(9 Jul 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 9 July 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

Captain Arthur Carter, 0518111, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 23 April 1945 to 9 June 1945. As Civil Affairs officer for the City of Bologna, Captain Carter's tireless activity has resulted in the re-establishment of an orderly and able city administration. With brilliant planning and skillful execution he restored the early operation of gas, electric, water and town utilities. Recognizing the imperative need for conserving water supply, he initiated and executed a program to accomplish this economy by utilizing newspapers, radios, bill boards and pulpit announcements with a large degree of tact. With a disregard for his own personal safety he enacted the fullest measure of cooperation from the partisans and the Committee of National Liberation in removing potential hazards to orderly governmental operations in Bologna. Captain Carter instituted a housing survey to facilitate the proper placement of civilians without proper shelter and to lay a foundation for a later program of reconstruction. In overcoming the most insurmountable obstacles, Captain Carter has reestablished a sound city government in the City of Bologna. His tact, boundless 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 service from Amsterdam, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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9 July 1945

File: 200.6
Col-Freese, Duane D. (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 13a, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Duane D. Freese, 0529309, Major (then Captain), Infantry, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 December 1944 to 25 April 1945.

2. As Adjutant and an Executive Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Major Freese accepted almost complete operational responsibility for an organization consisting of nearly three hundred American and British personnel, several hundred Italian civilians and large numbers of American and Italian Red Cross personnel and members of other Allied organizations. Due to the wide geographical distribution of the units of his organization behind the fighting lines across Italy, necessitating constant travel by his Commanding Officer, and a pre-occupation of the officer second in command with a special assignment for Allied Military Government, Eighth Army, Major Freese accepted and carried out the tasks placed upon him with a high degree of skill and resourcefulness. During the period involving operations of the area administered by Emilia Region, Major Freese's unit was under the military jurisdiction of Eighth Army, Fifth Army and Fourth Corps respectively. This required the exercise in operation of a high degree of sound judgment, diplomacy and tact, and Major Freese proved fully equal to this task.

3. The administration of the organization involved the movement, housing, feeding and transporting of the personnel assigned thereto. The unit was spread over several thousand square miles in small groups, rendering his task more difficult. By sound foresightedness and application of personal effort, Major Freese maintained a high degree of administrative efficiency, conducting his affairs in a most note-worthy manner. The immediate success of the operations of this region in administering the civil needs in the rehabilitation of utilities, repair of housing and roadways is due in no small measure to the individual efforts of this officer. Maintaining a close liaison with the Headquarters exercising military jurisdiction, Major Freese obtained the fullest amount of cooperation in the administration of the areas of Emilia Region. Despite the lack of transportation and communications facilities, he applied himself in the highest degree to accomplish his mission in the shortest period of time.

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4. Major Freese'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. The officer was a Captain at the time of his assignment to Emilia Region, Allied Military Government. He was promoted to Major on 7 January 1945. The officer is presently a major, assigned to duty as Administrative Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. Major Freese has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

ALFRED C. BOREAN
Colonel JAGD
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Preese, Duane D. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

1st Ind. MPT/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Preese, Duane D. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

2d Ind. EMS/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 9 July 1945.

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
n/c

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x-201-Preese, Duane D. (O)
(9 Jul 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/[illegible]

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVND), APO 394, US Army, 9 July 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

Major D. Freese, 0362900, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 December 1944 to 25 April 1945. As Adjutant and Administrative Officer for Emilia Region, Allied Military Government, Major Freese accepted almost complete operational responsibility for an organization consisting of approximately three hundred American and British personnel, several hundred Italian civilians and large numbers of personnel of the American and Italian Red Cross and other Allied organizations. Due to the wide geographical distribution of the units of his organization behind the fighting lines, necessitating constant travel by his Commanding Officer and the pre-occupation of the officer second in command with a special assignment for Allied Military Government, Eighth Army, it was necessary for Major Freese to direct the administration of his organization in the housing, feeding, transportation and supply of all personnel. His contribution to the operations of the Region in the rehabilitation of housing facilities, in the repair of highways and bridges, and in returning the Region to a sound civil administration have contributed materially to the success of military operations in Italy. Major Freese's sound judgment, diplomacy, tact 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 Grosse Point Woods, Michigan.

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Major S —
Were the recommendations for Br officers listed in my letter of 22/11/44 resubmitted?
Yes — noted S —
8 July 1945 File

JUL 10 RECD

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Dear Ellery:

Before leaving the theater I have been cleaning up awards to officers, both British and American, within this section as well as to senior officers of other civil affairs formations in the theater. This has reminded me of several letters which you wrote me on awards a few months ago. At that time awards were stopped unless the officer was separated from the theater, as you know. The stop is now removed and I assume that you are taking steps to submit recommendations for the officers who were on your original lists of last winter as well as others who may deserve awards.

If there is anything I can do along this line before leaving, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Rear Admiral Ellery J. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

NEF/FTRM/pf

7 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Dewald, Ernest T. (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 Ernest T. Dewald, 0527698, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 4 March 1944 to 18 June 1945.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald was appointed Director of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission in March 1944. This Sub-Commission, though its officers had effected useful individual work in Sicily, was at the time lacking both in the organization and in the authority to assume and solve the more complex problems of the Allied Commission. The circumstances of the occupation by the troops of the armies of the major museums in Naples had caused considerable alarm on the part of Allied authorities and were at that time the subject of an Army Court of Inquiry under Major General Collier. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald faced these problems with energy and prevision. In conjunction with Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, he prepared an administrative memorandum (AAI Administrative Instruction No. 30 of 1944) governing the conduct of troops with respect to monuments and collections. He directed the preparation of lists of some six thousand monuments in the whole of Italy and the first of these lists was issued to combat troops before the advance on Rome in preparation for the safe and proper care of monuments and historical arts and archives. All were ready by August 1944.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald immediately concerned himself with billeting problems in the Naples area. Through liaison with individual organization billeting officers, he arranged for the evacuation of the museums and for the subsequent billeting of troops in normal housing facilities. He assumed the duties as an individual liaison officer with the Allied Air Forces and in this liaison prepared annotated target maps for use in the briefing of all bombings against towns containing important monuments. The results of this liaison were subsequently proven by the accurate effectiveness of bombings in that upon occupation of Italian territory to the North of Naples monuments and archives were surprisingly preserved in spite of ceaseless Allied air assaults. This culminated the preliminary plans of successful missions against military targets around Rome and in Florence and Siena which were accomplished with an absolute minimum destruction to monuments of cultural value. Within the framework of Allied Commission Lieutenant Colonel Dewald arranged for the assignment

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of Specialist Monuments officers for duty with Allied Military Government in each of the two armies and for the assignment of others in advance to the Regions being activated for northern occupation. This organization was achieved by Lieutenant Colonel Dewald within three months and has since proven itself an effective and sound plan. In the first days of the occupation of Rome (planning for which in conjunction with fine arts was primarily the work of Lieutenant Colonel Dewald during the previous winter) was all achieved smoothly and billeting problems both then and subsequently were satisfactorily negotiated. Monuments, museums and buildings of historical importance were protected from requisitioning or occupation by military troops, thus assuring the preservation of the fine and priceless works of art then located in the City of Rome. With very few exceptions this entire plan applied throughout the rest of the campaign and prevented a repetition of the situation in Naples and Southern Italy.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald went forward personally into Rome immediately after its occupation and was later present in the organizing phases at Florence and Bologna. Throughout the campaign he has not ignored one opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge of the problems of his officers in the field. In August 1944 the discovery of twenty-six deposits of priceless works of art evacuated from the Florence galleries by combat forces presented a new and pressing problem. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald proceeded North and organized the measures which enabled these pieces of art to be occupied and guarded, in most cases while still under fire, without the loss from Allied action of a single piece. He conducted an immediate check and in it revealed that many, including world-famous masterpieces, had been removed by the German Armies to the North. In conjunction with G-2 Agencies the location of these and other missing works of art were identified and in the eventual advance into Northern Italy ninety-nine per cent of these were recovered intact. In the Sub-Commission's many dealings with the Italian Government the major difficulty for over a year was the lack of a capable Central Fine Arts Organization. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald has surmounted this obstacle almost entirely by his personal tact and diplomacy and as a result of his own personal efforts much of the Sub-Commission's work can now be passed over to competent Italian bodies. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald has also found time in addition to his immediate duties to write extensive Soldiers' Guides to Rome and Florence, and to lend a great deal of personal assistance to the problems of troop education and entertainment. As a result of his personal qualities of sincerity, tact and unstinting determination, the work of the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission has achieved its present status and has been enabled to do so much to safeguard Italy's cultural heritage from needless destruction.

5. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald'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 Forces in Italy.

6. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Major. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 27 November 1944. From the time of his assignment to the present he has occupied the position of Director of Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FIGUR
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

200.6
x-201-Donald, Ernest T. (O)
(7 Jul 45) 1st Ind. WTT/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 7 July 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.C.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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x-201-Donald, Ernest T. (O)
(7 Jul 45) 2d Ind. EWS/pf
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 7 July 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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K-201-Oswald, Ernest T. (O)
(7 Jul 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/pf

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394,
U. S. Army, 7 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PAIGIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Ernest T. Dewald, 0527698, Special-ist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 4 March 1944 to 18 June 1945. As director of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Lieutenant Colonel Dewald has given of his time and resourcefulness in establishing a system for the safeguarding of monuments and art treasures in all of occupied Italy. Acting as a liaison with Allied Air Forces, he prepared annotated target maps for use in the briefing of all missions against towns containing important monuments and art treasures. The first major test of his work was shown in the occupation of Rome, Florence and Siena. The plan devised by Lieutenant Colonel Dewald resulted in an absolute minimum of destruction to monuments and works of cultural importance. His arrangements for the safeguarding of twenty-six deposits of priceless works of art found in the neighborhood of Florence resulted in all the works being preserved without a single loss due to Allied action. His institution of an immediate check on fine arts and archives revealed that many pieces, including world-famous masterpieces, had been removed by the Germans to North Italy. In conjunction with G-2 agencies the location of these and other missing works of art were identified and in the eventual advance into North Italy ninety-nine per cent of these works were recovered intact. Lists concerning some six thousand monuments covering the whole of Italy were issued to combat troops prior to the advance on Rome with the result that the fine works of art located therein were preserved from destruction or pilferage. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald occupied a great part of his own time in writing timely Soldiers' Guides to Rome and historical parts of Italy thereby lending much personal assistance to the problems of troop education and entertainment. His personal efforts have resulted in the preservation for posterity of the cultural works of art, the fine monuments and the archives for which Italy is world-famous. Lieutenant Colonel Dewald'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 Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Princeton, New Jersey.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

JEH/PTH/jtc

7 July 1945

File: 200.6
~~x-201~~-Reilly, Harold V. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, MTO USA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Harold V. Reilly, 0521473, Major, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 September 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. Major Reilly was first appointed a provincial officer in Tuscans Region, Allied Military Government, as Civil Affairs officer of the Province of Prato. Prato was a very important textile center of Italy, whose chief industry was severely impaired because of the damage done to looms as a result of extensive enemy and Allied bombardment. It presented all of the major problems normally found in a liberated town in the forward areas. There were the problems of transportation, supply, welfare, and local administration which were complicated by the fact that the industrial life of the town had been inhibited. Despite the obstacles faced by Major Reilly, his immediate assumption of control, his direction and adoption of plans for the proper administration of the Province and his steps toward the rehabilitation of utilities and sorely needed transportation contributed materially to the return of normal life in the commune. He took emergency measures to restore order and civil government and achieved marked success in quickly restoring order from the chaos following intense combat in the area. He directed the repair of roadways and bridges to the extent that they could be successfully used in the movement of tactical supplies for the combat troops. He organized welfare units and individual housing and medical organizations to direct the housing, feeding and care of the civilian populace. He succeeded in revitalizing the textile industry in the course of rehabilitation of municipal agencies, administration and normal industrial life.

3. In mid-December 1944 Major Reilly was assigned as the Civil Affairs officer on the Island of Elba. Similarly on Elba he arranged for the renewal of the mining industry, which was promptly used for the supply of sorely needed fuel and ore in Italy. He directed salvaging of ships that had been sunk as a result of contact with mines or from Allied or enemy bombing. In utilising these facilities he was able to revive a pre-war thriving fish industry. Besides its unfavorable supply and communications facilities, Major Reilly found that the Harbor of Portoferraio had been severely damaged to the extent that it could not be immediately utilized. Recruiting labor from all over the Island, he directed the repair and reconstruction of the Port to the extent that it served as a point of import and export for supplies emanating from and arriving at the Island. Through his successful

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recruitment of civilian labor, he arranged for the reopening and operation of iron ore mines so that sorely needed ore and its by-products could be obtained for major industry on the Italian mainland. Municipal administration evolved naturally as a result of his provincial knowledge and skill. Major Reilly proved himself to be a capable, conscientious and hard-working officer who possessed sound judgment and a knowledge of the Italian people and their customs to inspire within them a confidence and cooperation definitely beneficial to the Allied Military effort during the course of its operations in Italy.

4. Major Reilly'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 the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Major. He has occupied the positions as Civil Affairs Officer, Tuscana Region, Allied Military Government, Civil Affairs Officer of the Island of Elba, and is now the Provincial Commissioner of Livorno Province, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Major.

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

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 K. WEISER
Colonel, Infantry
Assistant Chief Legal Advisor

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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~~201~~-Reilly, Harold V. (O)
(7 July 45)

1st Ind. KPT/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATION AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 7 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.C.D.,
Recorder

1 Incl:
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~~201~~-Reilly, Harold V. (O)
(7 July 45)

2d Ind. EWS/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 7 July 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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200.6
~~201~~-Reilly, Harold V. (O)
(7 July 45)

3d Ind. CMP/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army, 7 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. W. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major Harold V. Reilly, 0[illegible]473, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services from 6 September 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Civil Affairs Officer of Prato, Tuscana Region, Allied Military Government, and again as Civil Affairs Officer of the Island of Elba, Major Reilly displayed the greatest degree of skill and energy in his administration of Civil affairs and in the reactivation of industry and civil administration. His execution of plans prepared by him resulted in the clearing of roadways and bridges so that vital supplies could be immediately transported to the combat forces. He directed his energies toward the rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes and industry in the highly industrialized textile center of Italy. On the Island of Elba he turned his resourcefulness to the reactivation of the fishing industry and to the reinstitution of the mining industry so necessary to the economic life on the mainland of Italy. Overcoming obstacles of supply and transportation and defunct civil administrations, he directed his efforts to the adoption of new civic administrative organizations with the securing of the necessary labor for operation of mines and the creation of the interest of the local populace in revitalising the fishing industry. The results of his work have been of outstanding aid to the return of economic life, both on the Island of Elba and on the mainland of Italy. Major Reilly'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 Englewood, New Jersey.

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Col. Fiske

Please advise Adm. Stone that I gave a confirmation over the phone to MTOUSA that he would like to present the Legion of Merit to Gen. McKinley. This is one from Wash. and not our board. The medal will be sent to me next few days.

(init.) C.M.P.
Col.

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CC for information

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Subject: Acceptance of Foreign Awards.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

G.M.F.

AC/589/MS

7 July 45

1. As American personnel are eligible to receive Italian decorations under instructions contained in MTOUSA Circular No. 73, the following was forwarded to AFHQ by this Headquarters in order that a ruling might be given as regards similar awards to British personnel :

> "As British personnel are still de-barred from accepting such decorations, it is requested that this Headquarters may be informed whether it is intended to allow British personnel to accept co-belligerent decorations subject to the same conditions as laid down for American personnel."

2. In their reply AFHQ have stated that for the present the ruling for British personnel still stands and recommendations for Italian awards cannot be considered.

3. Until such time therefore, as the above policy is altered, it is requested that such recommendations which may have been submitted be retained, as they cannot be forwarded to higher authority.

W. A. MORRIS, Major.
Dep Asst Mil Sec.

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CO. 2675 Regiment. HQ.AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

6 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-Di-Shenfield, Lawrence W. (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 Lawrence W. Shenfield, 11091904, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Shortly after his arrival at Brindisi in November 1943, Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was assigned as Chief Clerk in the Office of the Adjutant General. This office, consisting of a message center, typing pool, filing section, orders and administrative section, mail room, and reception service, provided clerical facilities for the Commanding General, the Chief of Staff, and nearly all other sections of the Commission. Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was charged with the essential task of reorganizing the Adjutant's Department to meet the heavy demands being made upon it by the Commission's rapidly expanding and increasingly vital work. Through the exercise of great initiative, keen intelligence, personal leadership and outstanding devotion to duty, he successfully reorganized the Adjutant's Department into a unit which expertly handled the complex operations of its work in a volume comparable to that of the largest of headquarters. He overhauled outmoded methods and devised new and remarkably effective administrative short-cuts which greatly improved the efficient functioning of his office. Throughout this work he was gravely handicapped by the wide divergence of American and British administrative systems, which he reconciled in the most highly commendable manner. There was at all times a serious shortage of personnel, office space, and equipment. Added to these difficulties were the incessantly heavy demands made on his department by the five generals and more than one hundred and twenty other officers whom it served. In his desire to do the best possible job, Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield remained at his work throughout a twelve-hour day seven days per week, displaying an interest and loyalty far beyond the ordinary requirements of duty. Although his rank of Corporal was inferior to that of seven and only equal to that of six of the thirty-four enlisted men of whom he was in charge, he accomplished his difficult assigned tasks in a most superior manner and with the application of native ability, tact, and foresight of the highest order. Another difficulty encountered by Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was the necessity for using the Italian language in frequent dealings with Italian officials and their correspondence, despite a critical shortage of translators and interpreters. On his own initiative, and with a view to the better performance of his duties, Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield, who did not previously speak the language, applied himself in his spare time

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to the study of Italian with such diligence and success that within a short time he was performing the larger part of the interpreting and translating of his department. Because of the superior clarity and exactitude of this work, he was assigned as translator and interpreter for the Commanding General and Chief of Staff, Allied Control Commission, in addition to his other duties. As a direct result of Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield's efforts, the detrimental effects of the lack of skilled linguists on the work of the Commission, vitally linked to that of an Italian-speaking government, were materially reduced.

3. With the transfer of Headquarters in February 1944, Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was assigned the task of organizing the office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner and Deputy Secretary General at Rear Headquarters in Salerno. Again displaying tireless energy and singular competence, he overcame difficulties imposed by a shortage of trained personnel and evolved an exceptionally efficient office system eminently adapted to the peculiar conditions of the Commission's work. He showed excellent judgment and sound planning technique in inaugurating a filing system and a set of files which, because of their marked superiority, were later chosen to form the basis of the Office of Record for the Chief Commissioner. The greatest difficulty encountered and that most successfully solved by Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was the need for maintaining at Salerno a set of files which duplicated in every respect, while considerably larger, those in the corresponding offices of the Secretary General at Main Headquarters in Naples. The main portion of the credit for making efficient and practical the interchangeability of the dual headquarters, indispensable at that time, thus devolves upon Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield. In addition, he again showed his unfailing zeal and devotion to duty by volunteering to work long hours translating and interpreting for the Chief and Deputy Chief Commissioners at Rear Headquarters. His high competence and trustworthiness in carrying out work of a highly confidential nature, and the great skill and diplomacy exercised by him in his frequent contacts with high-ranking officials of the Allied and Italian governments, made Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield's services of the utmost value in the conduct of the affairs of the Chief Commissioner's office. He further volunteered his help to the Chief Staff Officer in the drafting of important letters, the investigation of cases, and the accomplishment of special missions. In all this work he exhibited the qualities of a highly skilled administrative officer. In June the Deputy Chief Commissioner recommended Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield for promotion to the rank of a commissioned officer.

4. During the interim period in Naples in July of 1944, Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield was instrumental in the efficient amalgamation of the two offices of the Secretariat, acting for and in the absence of the Deputy Secretary General. Upon transfer of the Headquarters to Rome, he assumed complete charge of the files of the Office of the Chief Commissioner, giving proof of the soundness of his organizing ability in the speed and efficiency with which he was able to handle an ever-increasing flow of highly classified

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policy records, while at the same time facilitating through his efforts a reduction in personnel. To increase still further the quality of his work, he undertook the task of expanding and improving the files of his office until they numbered well over 600, adding to these a highly effective locator index. Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield has brought to all his work a notable resourcefulness in meeting perplexing problems and a profound capacity for understanding and remembering for daily reference the complex background of the Commission on the highest levels throughout a period of one and a half years.

5. Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield's character, intelligence, and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the 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.

6. The enlisted man was a Corporal at the time of his assignment as Chief Clerk of the Adjutant General's Office. He was promoted to the grade of Technician Fourth Grade on 20 June 1944, and is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as Chief File Clerk, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission.

7. The commanding officer of this award has had personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield.

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

9. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

KELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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X-201-Shenfield, Lawrence W. (Enl)
(6 July 45)

1st Ind. RPT/FHM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 6 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.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
X-201-Shenfield, Lawrence W. (Enl)
(6 July 45)

2nd Ind. GHP/FRM/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 6 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal) Lawrence W. Shenfield, 11091904, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk in the Office of the Adjutant General he reorganized the department to meet the heavy demands being made upon it by the Commission's expanding and increasingly vital work. He overhauled outmoded methods and devised new and effective administrative short-cuts to improve the efficient functioning of his section. Despite shortages of personnel, his department met the demands of the large headquarters which it served. Because of his initiative in learning the Italian language and his exactitude of work he was assigned additional duties as interpreter/translator for the Commanding General and Chief of Staff of Allied Control Commission. His translations and interpretations were those involving important contacts between Allied Commission and the Italian Government. He organized the offices of the Chief Commissioner and Deputy Secretary General, and in setting up his administrative procedures a large system of files, accommodating intricate Allied Military Government cases operated with such efficiency and offered such a complete and accurate source of information that this system was used as a basis for reference by the Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission in his dealings with Italian Government officials. Technician Fourth Grade Shenfield's services have been an invaluable aid to the success of Allied Commission operations in Italy. His 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 and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronxville, New York.

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6 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Board of Officers

TO : See Distribution

1. Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 2 July 1945, pertaining to a board of officers to review recommendations for Decorations and Awards for personnel of this command, is revoked.

2. Lt Col LESLIE S. MOORE, 0210697 AC (A), is appointed a Member of the Board of Officers to review recommendations for Decorations and Awards for personnel of this command, vice Col CHARLES W. WALTON, 06715 AC (A), relieved.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6
x-201-Scholtz, Joseph D. (O)

5 July 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 Joseph D. Scholtz, 0521012, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 February 1944 to 19 April 1945.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz was assigned as the Provincial Commissioner for the Provinces of Teramo and Aquila, Region V, Allied Military Government, and in addition, as Executive Officer of Region V. From January to mid-April 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz was Acting Regional Commissioner of Lazio-Umbria Region. As Provincial Commissioner and as Executive Officer of Region V, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz was faced with what might be termed the "usual Allied Military Government problems". These included the housing of the homeless, the care of refugees, the epuration of fascists, the rehabilitation of industry, public utilities and the transportation network, and the provision for medical supplies, care of the sick and wounded and the supply of sorely needed food commodities. These problems prevalent in every portion of occupied Italy were far more in evidence in the territory for which Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz was placed in charge than anywhere else in Allied occupied Italy. In the two provinces concerned, some of the heaviest and more serious fighting had occurred. Complete towns were virtually destroyed and as a result of insistent and successful Allied bombings roadways, buildings and public utilities had been leveled to such an extent that their immediate employment in alleviation of serious existing conditions was impossible. Added to this was the presence of numerous military units, all of which required assistance in the hiring of civilian labor, in the allocation of billeting and warehouse space and in the provision of public utilities services.

3. To all of these problems Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz applied a sureness of touch gained from broad experience in civilian administration. His tact in the handling of local political situations and his broad intelligence that enabled him to foresee both the military and civilian requirements enabled him to successfully complete the Allied Military Government mission in this area. Due to the absence of both the Regional Commissioner and his deputy it became necessary to appoint a Regional Commissioner in the interim covering the area which included the City of Rome with its innumerable and pressing problems. Rather than appoint a more senior officer, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz was transferred from his previous post and

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charged with the direction of the entire Region. A deft handling of the delicate political situation in Rome proper and the energy with which he attacked the continuing problems of rehabilitation of Rome's public utilities with the resultant success of Military Government achievements in this area are attributed to his forceful leadership and expert direction.

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

5. At the time of this officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Major. He has occupied the positions of Provincial Commissioner for the Provinces of Teramo and Aquila, Region V, Allied Military Government, and Acting Regional Commissioner of Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government. The officer was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 October 1944. Due to the inactivation of his previously assigned unit and return of the territory to the control of the Italian Government, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz is now awaiting reassignment to other duties.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph D. Scholtz, 0521012, Specialist Reserve, 2677th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 February 1944 to 19 April 1945. As Provincial Commissioner for the Provinces of Teremo and Aquila, Region V, and later as the Acting Regional Commissioner of Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz applied himself with a resourcefulness and devotion to duty that eventually resulted in the successful completion of the Allied Military Government mission in this area. Despite serious difficulties resulting from almost complete destruction of cities throughout the area, lack of transportation and public utilities services, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz directed the rehabilitation and reconstruction of this area, planning for the housing of the homeless, care of refugees, epuration of Fascists, the rehabilitation of industry, public utilities and of the transportation network, for the provision of medical care and supplies and the sorely needed supply of fuel. His aid to numerous military units, all of which required assistance in the hiring of civilian labor, in the location of billeting and warehousing space, and in the provision of public utilities services, Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz contributed materially to the success of military operations in that section of Italy. His tactful handling of the political situation in Rome and vicinity, during the time in which he served as Acting Regional Commissioner, resulted in a successful operation of democratic policies and the consequent re-establishment of utilities services and the supplying of food and transportation to the City of Rome and the surrounding areas. Lieutenant Colonel Scholtz's outstanding devotion to duty, tireless energy and tact and diplomacy 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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x-201-Scholtz, Joseph D. (O)
(5 July 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 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.
Recorder

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x-201-Scholtz, Joseph D. (O)
(5 July 45) 2nd ind. EWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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-Scholtz, Joseph D. (O)
(5 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
2677TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

CMP/FRA/mv

File: 200.6
A-201-Hershenson, Harry G. (O)

5 July 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 Harry G. Hershenson, 0518698, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Specialist Reserve, 2677th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 December 1943 to 13 January 1945.

2. During the period indicated above, Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson as Civil Affairs Officer, Provincial Officer and Provincial Commissioner for the City of Naples, carried out in a most creditable and superior manner the functions of his position and displayed initiative and keen ability. During the month of December 1943, he went to the District of Nola, which comprised twenty-six Communes with a population of approximately 350,000 people. He sat as judge in the AMG courts without any assistance and no prosecutors. During the time he sat as judge, the crime rate in the district of Nola was reduced approximately seventy-five percent in eleven weeks. He also assisted in the typhus epidemic which was raging in the district of Nola at that time. During the last eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson was most instrumental in assisting in the evacuation of and relief of the civilian population in the vicinity. Through his soundness and logic, depth of foresight and untiring efforts, coupled with his background and experience in governmental and business agencies, Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson fostered many improvements and expedited operating effectiveness in the functioning of his office and related sections of Southern Region, Allied Military Government. His tact and diplomacy in dealing with various civilians and Italian representatives has been of great assistance to the Allied Commission.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson has taken an active interest in the participation of all operations related with his office. He has followed through his plans and policies to their ultimate successful conclusion. Through his close contact with both Italian Government agencies, and his military headquarters, he has assisted greatly with valuable decisions, imperative to the Italian economy in avoiding disease, crime and unrest.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson's outstanding devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armies in Italy. It has also established the basis for a friendly, lasting realationship between representatives of Allied and local governments and the representatives of Allied Military Government in Italy.

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

5. Officer was a Major during period of services rendered. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 17 October 1944. He is presently assigned as Provincial Commissioner for Milan City, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead).

6. The commending officerof this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson.

7. The entire subsequent service of Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson has been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Enclosed herewith is proposed citation.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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x-201-Hershenson, Harry G. (O)
(5 July 45) 1st Ind. HPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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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200.6
x-201-Hershenson, Harry G. (O)
(5 July 45) 2nd Ind. HPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 45.

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-Hershenson, Harry G. (O)
(5 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Harry G. Hershenson, 0516898, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 December 1943 to 13 January 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson, who held the position of Civil Affairs Officer, Provincial Officer and Provincial Commissioner for the City of Naples, Allied Commission, gave evidence of his superb ability for organization and profound foresight in the promulgation of policies designed to make maximum contribution in the re-establishment of Italian affairs in support of the Allied effort. Through his individual initiative great progress has been attained in reducing disease, crime and turmoil. Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson has been an inspiration to all personnel working with him through unceasing assiduity and devotion to duty. In dealing with United States and other Allied Nationals and representatives of the Italian Government, his tact, diplomacy and understanding have established the basis for a friendly lasting relationship between the Allied and local Italian Governments and with representatives of Allied Military Government in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Hershenson's outstanding services and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armies in Italy. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: 200.6
2-201-Page, Thomas E. (O)

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Thomas E. Page, 018300, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Medical Corps, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 27 September 1943 to 12 May 1945.

2. Colonel Page was assigned the duties of Regional Director of Public Health, Region IV, Allied Military Government, to 30 June 1944 and subsequently as Regional Director of Public Health, Venezia Region, Allied Military Government. During this entire period the heaviest demands were made upon Colonel Page's professional skill, his knowledge of Italian medical methods, the methods of medical administration, and upon his tact, diplomacy and leadership. In both of these positions Colonel Page was charged with the planning and preliminary execution of measures designed to maintain public health in the areas liberated and occupied by the combat armies. His personal accomplishments resulted in the reactivation of all health services at a critical time. His foresightedness in furnishing powder for the prevention of typhus enabled the establishment of an adequate pestering system required to meet the serious typhus emergency in early 1944. He completely reorganized and placed on a functional basis the public health needs of Region IV in a period of only two months, always realizing that at that time Region IV (from Naples to North of Rome) was the most devastated area in all of Italy and held the greatest potentiality for malaria and other communicable diseases of any of the Regions of Allied Military Government. During the time of his organization of a plan for typhus control, Colonel Page planned a clothing distribution system so that clothing could be distributed almost immediately to homeless persons in Naples in the dead of the 1943-44 winter. This system was so effective that it was adopted as a model by the American Red Cross for their system of clothing distribution.

3. Ever since Colonel Page's initial entry into Italy on 5 November 1943, he has been constantly located in the combat zones. Much of this time he has been exposed to enemy fire and to the hazards of mines and booby traps in the daily accomplishment of his tasks. He made complete and daily sanitation inspections covering the entire sewerage system which led through fields heavily mined. In the Province of Foggia he called a conference of all persons interested in the health and welfare of the community

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and thereby obtained clear-cut responsibilityfor each type of work. This conference included representatives of the American Air Corps, British District, Allied Military Government, and medical units both British and American. Prior to this time there was a continuous overlapping of work which resulted in wasted efforts. In setting into early operation the Provincial Laboratory and Zoological Laboratory, he obtained the release of sufficient funds to begin the control of the serious epidemics and innumerable diseases. He instituted a check on refugees for typhus and other serious ailments at the time of their arrival into Italy from across the Adriatic and together with the Senior Public Health Officer, Eighth Army, set up a powdering system for the proper care of these refugees. Initial work in the control of typhus fever was started in Foggia before the Naples epidemic appeared.

4. In early February 1944, Colonel Page set the plans for the occupation of Region IV, consisting of Littoria, Frosinone, Rome, Rieti, Viterbo, Terni and Perugia Provinces, making an early reconnaissance of the first towns in the new area to be liberated. His plans were so well prepared and so well executed that upon assuming control as the Regional Public Health Officer, all departments functioned smoothly and efficiently. He exposed himself to constant enemy shell fire and to the danger of mines and booby traps which had not yet been cleared. As a result of the initial planning, the Regional Medical Personnel were housed and functioned so effectively that all supplies sent into the Region were immediately collected and a complete distribution was made to all the Provinces at the end of a short period. In his organization of the clothing distribution system in this area Colonel Page based his planning on the system devised at Foggia, and by the end of July 1944 the distribution was about ninety per cent complete. At the time that this area was turned back to the Italian Government on 15 August 1944 the entire task was completed. Colonel Page successfully reorganized and directed what was once a badly disrupted malaria control organization. In a short period the clearing of ditches and the draining of flooded land had been accomplished. This work was so well organized that although no immediate effect was noted in the malaria rate, the following year showed a marked benefit from this work. He set up an organization, renovated and repaired damaged hospitals, so that sufficient space would be available to care for the civilian sick and wounded.

5. Assuming the duties of Regional Public Health Officer, and in addition, the duties of acting Regional Commissioner in December 1944, Colonel Page set into operations the plans for not only establishing public health services in the first liberated part of Venezia Region, but was able by dint of effort and ingenuity in furnishing this first area with electric lights and water facilities. In April of 1945, Colonel Page assumed the additional duties as Senior Public Health Officer of Eighth Army. He directed the medical care and evacuation of wounded civilians in the area south of the

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

Po River. Having command of the Ninety-Second Italian Field Military Hospital and one ambulance platoon, he directed the medication and care of all sick and wounded civilians in the area. Colonel Page assumed control of a civilian hospital at Medicina and in two days had obtained a release of this structure from the control of Corps and arranged for its functioning in the caring of sick and wounded. In moving into Argenta to supervise evacuation of civilian casualties, Colonel Page was subjected to heavy shelling, and in one case along his route, to heavy fire from enemy tanks. When he entered the town, fires were still raging and many seriously wounded civilians required evacuation. He accomplished this task without further delay and in doing so saved the lives of countless hundreds of civilians. In the latter part of April, Colonel Page entered Ferrara where enemy snipers were still holed up in buildings. Despite the danger to his own life, Colonel Page immediately set into operation arrangements for the hospitalization of civilians and for the transportation of medical supplies forward during the entire action. In the first week in May Colonel Page entered Padova while combat was still progressing in the streets of the City. He immediately organized the functioning of medical services in Rovigo, Treviso and Padova Provinces. An immediate survey was made ant the evacuation of the wounded commenced. He arranged for typhoid vaccine to be sent to that area and innoculations were immediately started. The Town of Cavarzere was approximately eighty per cent destroyed and evidence of a typhoid epidemic was indicated. Due to the tireless efforts of Colonel Page this epidemic was averted.

6. The tireless energy, resourcefulness, zeal and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Page 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. The officer was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time of his assignment to the 267th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Colonel on 17 June 1944. He has occupied the positions of Public Health Director, Region IV, Allied Military Government, and as Public Health Director for Venezie Region, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Colonel and occupies the same position as Regional Public Health Director, Venezie Region.

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

9. All subsequent services of the officer have been honorable. 4921

10. The officer has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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NORMAN S. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Page, Thomas N. (O)
(5 July 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 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.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Page, Thomas N. (O)
(5 July 45) 2nd Ind. KWS/FHS/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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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200.6
x-201-Page, Thomas N. (O)
(5 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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) Thomas H. Page, 018300, Medical Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 27 September 1943 to 12 May 1945. As Regional Director of Public Health for Region IV and Venezia Region, Allied Military Government, Colonel Page adapted his professional skill, his knowledge of Italian medical methods and methods of medical administration in his outstanding aid to civilian sick and wounded in all of occupied Italy. His plans for the establishment of public health, his arrangements for the distribution of clothing to homeless Italians and his Typhus Control organizations resulted in alleviating suffering and saved thousands of Italian civilian lives. Despite almost insurmountable obstacles, Colonel Page set into operations his plans and directed their functioning so that in surprisingly short periods of time the public health situation in occupied Italy had arrived at a level in which fear of epidemics or serious outbreaks of disease or famine had been curtailed. Exposing himself on several occasions to the dangers of enemy artillery, tank and small arms fire, and to the danger of mines and booby traps in the early occupied areas, Colonel Page did not desist in making inspections of liberated areas in caring for the sick and wounded and in arranging for evacuation and immediate medical care. His disregard for personal safety, his zeal, 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 Takoma Park, Maryland.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

NEF/FLW/mv

File: 200.6
x-201-Warren, Guy I. (O)

5 July 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 Guy I. Warren, 01.2747, Lieutenant Colonel, Specialist Reserve, 2675th 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. Lieutenant Colonel Warren has occupied the positions as Director of Economics and Supply, first with Fifteenth Army Group and subsequently with Region III, Allied Military Government, thence as Executive Officer of Southern Region, Allied Military Government/Allied Control Commission. Lieutenant Colonel Warren wasfaced with the vitally important problem of providing enough essential supplies in food and relief materials to insure that disease and unrest would not imperil the lines of communications of the armies and to enable the civilian population to make their contribution to the common prosecution of the struggle against the enemy. As Assistant to the Provincial Commissioner of Naples Province, Lieutenant Colonel Warren was assigned the tasks of cleaning up Naples Province as requested by the Base and District Commanders. By his coordination of the civilian health and sanitation agencies with those of the armies and by executing a campaign of publicity against filth and disease, a high degree of success in maintaining public health was accomplished. The resultant safe-guarding of the health of troops in this area materially assisted the successful completion of combat operations. During this tour of duty Lieutenant Colonel Warren was placed as second in command of operations covering the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and in this capacity directed the evacuation of thousands of civilians from San Sabastiano and Massa di Somma to safe areas where temporary housing and facilities were established. During the latter part of May 1944 he also directed the evacuation of several thousand civilians from the Formigliano area to make way for United States Army Air Corps personnel. Although threatened by a large mob of Italian men and women who were determined to cause bloodshed in Allied ranks, Lieutenant Colonel Warren carried out his assignment without any untoward incident and without direct assistance from local Military Police forces. This task was accomplished in direct support of troops and at considerable risk to the officer's personal safety.

3. Despite the difficulties and complexities of his task in the City of Naples due to constant enemy air attacks on the port and surrounding area, Colonel Warren executed the rehabilitation and reconstruction of local utilities to the extent that the successful movement of tactical supplies

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for the fighting troops was completed in a short space of time. The port of Naples was operating to supply all combat troops in Italy at the time the Allies assumed control of this water area. The Region over which Lieutenant Colonel Warren served as Executive Officer embraced all of Southern Italy to the North to Naples. Lieutenant Colonel Warren was faced with administrative problems of no small nature. Communications were inadequate or non-existent, transportation was sorely needed and operating personnel were few in number. To these problems were added a critical shortage of fuel, unemployment and an immediate need for the rebuilding and repairing of a large portion of the City damaged by successive Allied and enemy bombardments. His efforts to secure the necessary rehabilitation and reconstruction and in the stamping out of a large and unscrupulous black market, Lieutenant Colonel Warren gave his broad experience in administration, tact, patience and intelligence to the successful solution of each individual problem. Together with the Regional Commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel Warren established a strong group of local Italian Governmental officials, supervised the export of public utilities, and took long strides towards stamping out the black market. His sympathy with the Italian people and his tireless energy contributed materially to the successful completion of the Allied effort in Italy.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Warren's tact, resourcefulness 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 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Lieutenant Colonel. He has occupied the position of Director of Economics and Supply, Allied Military Government, Fifteenth Army Group, and Region III (Southern Region), Allied Military Government/ Allied Control Commission. The officer is presently a Lieutenant Colonel and is assigned as Commissioner, Naples Commune, Allied Military Government.

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

7. All subsequent services of the officer have been honorable. 397

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Warren, Guy I. (O)
(5 July 45)

KPT/FRW/mv

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 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.C.D.
Recorder

1 Incl:
n/c

200.6
x-201-Warren, Guy I. (O)
(5 July 45)

KMS/FRW/mv

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 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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200.6
x-201-Warren, Guy I. (O)
(5 July 45)

CMP/FRW/mv

3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 5 July 1945.

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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

Lieutenant Colonel Guy I. Warren, 0122747, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 November 1943 to 12 May 1945. In his positions as Director of Economics and Supply for Allied Military Government, Fifteenth Army Group and Region III (Southern Region), Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Warren materially contributed to the success of military operations in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Warren assumed the tasks of providing enough essential supplies in food and relief materials to insure that disease and unrest would not imperil the lines of communications for the armies. Despite the difficulties existing in the bomb-shattered Port of Naples, Lieutenant Colonel Warren's direction of rehabilitation and reconstruction of public utilities and housing resulted in the immediate movement of highly needed tactical supplies for the fighting troops. His efforts in stamping out a large and unscrupulous black market in this area diverted from this source sorely needed food supplies in the feeding and care of not only sick and wounded but the local civilian populace. His direction of the evacuation of civilians during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and his provision for the temporary housing and feeding of the evacuees resulted in an orderly completion of this task and the cooperation of local Italian civilians in gratitude for the aid. His successful efforts in the administration of Allied Military Government have materially aided not only the welfare of local Italian inhabitants, but the successful completion of Allied combat operations in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Warren's tireless energy, resourcefulness 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 Corpus Christi, Texas.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

2 July 1945

Adj: 200.6

SUBJECT: Board of Officers

TO : See Distribution

So much of letter, this Headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 23 May 1945, appointing a board of officers to review recommendations for Decorations and Awards for personnel of this command, as reads: "Col CHARLES W. WALTON, 06715 AC (A) Member" is rescinded and the following substituted therefor: " Lt Col LESLIE S. MOORE, 0216697 AGD (A) Member."

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
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HEADQUARTERS
TUSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

RGK/FKN/mv

File: 200.6
x-201-Riccitelli, Dante (Enl)

2 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15a, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Dante Riccitelli, 32438144, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As Chief Clerk of the Public Safety Division, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Technician Fourth Grade Riccitelli was responsible for the operation of an office in which all the clerical work for the police, fire and prison services was performed. In this Region of Allied Military Government in proximity to the front lines for a prolonged period, the successful operations of these services meant much to the successful completion of military operations in the area. Innumerable cases of theft and other crimes not only deprived the civilian population of returning to a peaceful way of living, but also interrupted the success of military operations in this section of Italy.

3. Crime immediately after liberation was in an extreme state. In assisting his superior officers in the maintenance of the Public Safety Division office, Technician Fourth Grade Riccitelli made a material contribution to the success to Allied Military Government in this area. It was necessary that this office maintain up-to-date files and records of all cases involving public safety within this Region. Since he was the only enlisted man assigned to this office, it required his duty for long hours and an indomitable spirit in the training of new Italian civilian personnel. His thorough knowledge of office procedure and his industry and application to his work have done much to bring about the smooth functioning of the office, despite the inadequacy of the staff. The enlisted man has worked long hours over that expected in the normal line of duty in order to keep abreast of the abundance of work which flowed into this division. At no time was there ever any delay in the completion of important work necessary for the public safety of the occupied territories within this Region. Technician Fourth Grade Riccitelli has been extremely efficient and conscientious, and the results of his work reflect in the successful maintenance of law and order in all of Toscana Region.

4. Technician Fourth Grade Riccitelli's 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.

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5. The enlisted man was Technician Fourth Grade at the time of his assignment to the Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, in the position of Chief Clerk of the Public Safety Division. The enlisted man is presently a Technician Fourth Grade, assigned to Company "A", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, performing duty as Chief Clerk of the Public Safety Division in Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

7. All subsequent services of Technician Fourth Grade Riccitelli 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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x-201-Riccitelli, Dante (Enl)
(2 July 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 2 July 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

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200.6
x-201-Riccitelli, Dante (Enl)
(2 July 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,
U. S. Army, 2 July 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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200.6
x-201-Riccitelli, Dante (Enl)
(2 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
Army, 2 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade Dante Riccitelli, 32438144, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Public Safety Division Office, Region III, Allied Military Government, this enlisted man gave of his efforts far beyond the call of duty to establish a working mechanism in the promulgation of law and order. Crime was seriously rampant in Toscana Region at the time this enlisted man assumed his duties as Chief Clerk. So that the success of military operations might be assured, the immediate establishment of law and law enforcement in occupied towns and communes of the Region was immediately necessary. As a result of the untiring efforts of this enlisted man his superiors were materially assisted in carrying out their assigned missions with the resultant success of law enforcement in Military Government Territory and the ultimate success of military operations in Italy. 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. Entered the military service from New York, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
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File: 200.6
x-201-Mussi, Joseph (Enl)

2 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15j, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Joseph Mussi, 32803065, Private First Class, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Private First Class Mussi was assigned duties of Acting Mess Sergeant of Company "H" at the time the mess was first set up and continued in that assignment seven days per week without interruption until the time of the discontinuance of Company "H" on 8 May 1945. No other military personnel were assigned to the mess and the enlisted men had had no prior experience in mess operation. He selected and hired Italian civilian personnel to staff his kitchen, supervised their work and instructed them in carrying out their duties. During several displacements forward which required a complete change of Italian civilian personnel, he reorganized his mess, retrained the entirely new kitchen staff and operated his mess without appreciable delay. Private First Class Mussi established and maintained through constant effort and close supervision high standards of cleanliness, service and quality of food. The sanitary rating of the mess has always been excellent and the use of rations intelligent and economical.

3. Because of the various types of duties assigned to the personnel of the Region and Provinces within the Region, it became necessary for this enlisted man to arrange for their feeding at hours far beyond those normally considered for messing. Despite the fact that the table of organization within the Regiment did not allow for his promotion, he nevertheless continued to show a devotion to duty and to cheerfully strive to improve the mess, content to accept as his reward the satisfaction of the men he was serving. As a result of his efforts, the company mess was organized and functioned continuously without demands for assistance from hard-pressed officers and non-commissioned officers of the company. The superior quality of the food served resulted in high morale among the enlisted personnel and thus made a significant contribution to the successful completion of the assigned mission of Toscana Region.

4. Private First Class Mussi's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United

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

5. The enlisted man was a Private First Class at the time of his assignment to duty with 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was assigned duties of Acting Mess Sergeant of Company "H", 2675th Regiment, and continued on these duties until his transfer on 8 May 1945 to Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He is presently performing the duties of Acting Mess Sergeant in that organization.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Private First Class Mussi.

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

8. The soldier has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

John G. Andrews
JOHN G. ANDREWS
Major, Infantry

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Russi, Joseph (Enl)
(2 July 45)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 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., AGD
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Russi, Joseph (Enl)
(2 July 45)

EWS/FRW/mv

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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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200.6
x-201-Russi, Joseph (Enl)
(2 July 45)

CMP/FRW/mv

3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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

Private First Class Joseph Mussi, 32803065, Company "I", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Acting as Mess Sergeant, the enlisted man established a Company Mess, using only civilian assistants trained by him, and maintained a mess at a high standard without interruption during the forward movement of his organization. Handicapped by lack of military personnel to assist him, he was able by virtue of extraordinary effort and devotion to duty and standards to so operate his mess as to earn the appreciation of both officer and enlisted personnel. His understanding of the Italian people and knowledge of their language enabled him to employ a civilian staff in the maintenance of a mess that was beyond reproach in sanitation, economy and quality of food. As a result of his efforts a high morale among the enlisted men contributed materially to the successful operations of his organization. Private First Class Mussi's resourcefulness 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 military service from New York, New York.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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File: 200.6
x-201-Ruscetti, Marshall (Enl)

2 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15c, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Marshall Ruscetti, 33409536, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 19 February 1944 to 10 May 1945.

2. The enlisted man was assigned to duty with the Finance Division of Abruzzi-Marche and Umbria-Marche Regions since early 1944. Shortly after the first of September, Technician Fourth Grade Ruscetti went to the office of the Regional Civil Transportation Officer and volunteered his services in setting up a uniform accounting system for the Allied Military Government Truck Pools within the Region. At that time there were some two hundred and fifty War Department trucks assigned to the Region which were in turn broken down into individual pools. The vehicles were driven and maintained by Italian Civilians employed by Allied Commission. For all haulage made by these vehicles a tariff rate was charged to the contractor. This tariff amounted to some one hundred thousand dollars per month for this Region alone. These funds were absorbed as Allied Military Government monies. Technician Fourth Grade Ruscetti worked almost entirely on his own time -- at night, on holidays, Sundays or any other free time allotted to him -- to organize the system he had offered to establish.

3. The enlisted man set up and placed into operation a uniform system of accounting in all eight trucking pools of the Region. The enlisted man did more than prepare a financial accounting system. He worked on his own time to perfect a system of Operational Efficiency Reports. It took him some three months to perfect this system. He performed these services without the cooperation of the Italian civilians in the truck pools. It was only through this enlisted man's untiring efforts that he finally accomplished the task of obtaining a current Operational Efficiency Report from each truck pool on a monthly basis. This report included some of the following information: the total kilometers operated per pool per month; the average kilometer rate per truck per day; the total kilometers and percentage the trucks operated both loaded and empty; the total truck hours available, operated, standing, deadlined and idle; the quintals hauled, stating the various commodities and the points between which trucks operated; the amount of gasoline and diesel oil consumed; and the average amount of fuel consumed per kilometer.

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4. The resultant compilation of these Efficiency Reports not only aided the operation of the Regional Civil Transportation Office, but materially aided the curtailing of wasted time and effort and assisted the Regional Transportation Officer in the performance of his assigned duties. These reports were first sent to Headquarters, Allied Commission, for review; to the Finance Sub-Commission for information; thence to Allied Force Headquarters. They have been used as a basis for transport haulage in the Abruzzi-Marche Region during the past six months. The reports assisted the Petroleum Section, Allied Force Headquarters, as a basis for the allocation of gasoline and fuel for Allied Commission. The accomplishment of these tasks merit the highest emulation, especially since the enlisted man offered his time willingly outside the normal requirements of duty.

5. Technician Fourth Grade Ruscetti'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.

6. The enlisted man was a Corporal at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was assigned duties in the Finance Offices of Abruzzi-Marche and Umbria-Marche Regions, Allied Military Government, since February 1944. He was promoted to Technician Fourth Grade on 10 July 1944. The enlisted man is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, performing duties with the Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the enlisted man.

8. All subsequent services of Technician Fourth Grade Ruscetti have been honorable.

9. The soldier has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Lieutenant Colonel QMC
Administrative Officer
Transportation Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Ruccetti, Marshall (Enl)
(2 July 45) 1st Ind. NPT/CHW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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.C.I.
Recorder

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Ruccetti, Marshall (Enl)
(2 July 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 1945.

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

Approved.

MILMEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Ruccetti, Marshall (Enl)
(2 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/sc
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade Marshall Ruscetti, 33409538, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 19 February 1944 to 10 May 1945. The enlisted man offered his services outside his normal time of duty in setting up and maintaining a uniform accounting system for eight truck pools in the Abruzzi-Marche and Umbria-Marche Regions, Allied Military Government. He adopted a system for the accounting of some one hundred thousand dollars per month paid as tariffs for the haulage accomplished by these vehicles. In addition his establishment of a system of Operational Efficiency Reports enabled the Regional Civil Transportation Officer to base his operations on the information reported therein. The reports were that extensive in detail that they were used as a basis for transport haulage in the Region during the first six months of 1945 and formed a basis for fuel allocation to the Allied Commission from Allied Force Headquarters. Technician Fourth Grade Ruscetti'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 New Castle, Pennsylvania.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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2 July 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Visco, Anthony E. (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15a, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Anthony E. Visco, 36348158, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in connection with military operations in Italy from 26 September 1943 to 29 October 1943.

2. Technician Fourth Grade Visco was on duty in the Civilian Supply Division of AMGOT, located in Sicily during this period. At 1400 hours on 29 September 1943 he was advised that he was to be placed in charge of the Schooner "Alma" to commence the export of Sicilian goods, the cargo consisting of one hundred ninety-five tons of sulphur urgently needed in North Africa. This Italian vessel with an Italian captain and a crew of seventeen Italian merchant seamen was dispatched from Sicily to Tunis. The ship was placed in complete charge of Technician Fourth Grade Visco. Previous to receipt of his orders, the enlisted man had had no experience with ships. Despite this fact, the "Alma" set sail at 1800 hours on that date with two hundred tons of flour for Messina. When this cargo was discharged, Sergeant Visco then proceeded from Messina to Catania and loaded on board the cargo of sulphur. His orders were to take the sulphur to Tunis, discharge it and there pick up a cargo of flour for Capri and Ischia. Upon arrival in Tunis, After first putting in at Pantelleria to tide over a bad storm, two members of the crew were suffering from injuries and one member was quite ill. He arranged for the injured seamens' injuries to be dressed in the hospital in Tunis and arranged for the examination of the sick seamen. Upon his arrival at Tunis he was informed by the North African Economic Board that the sulphur was required by Sousse. Upon his arrival at Sousse, he arranged for the sick seamen to be sent to a British dispensary there and secured transportation to Tunis for further orders concerning the return load. 49.3

3. Aboard the "Alma" Sergeant Visco then proceeded to Bizerte where the schooner was loaded with approximately one hundred and ninety-five tons of foodstuffs with orders to return to Palermo. Despite no facilities being placed at his services, he was successful in arranging with the proper organizations at Algiers and Bizerte to successfully complete his mission. The entire voyage was extremely hazardous because of mined waters. Although he was unable to locate the section to which the original cargo was to be delivered, he employed the utmost resourcefulness to arrange for the discharge of his cargo and the reloading of the return cargo to Sicily. He was so diligent and persistent in meeting the emergencies and difficulties of the

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assignment that the entire round trip was performed without serious mishap. The sulphur required for industry and the Armed Forces then located in Africa was a material and direct aid to the success of future military operations in Italy.

4. Technician Fourth Grade Visco's resourcefulness, tireless efforts 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 Military Government in Italy.

5. At the time of the enlisted man's assignmet to the 2675th Regiment, he was given duty in the Civilian Supply Division of AMGOT. He is presently a Technician Fourth Grade, assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, performing duty as head of the Filing Section, Industry Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by the enlisted man.

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

8. The soldier has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOEL ROSENBAUM
Major, Infantry
Industry Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Visco, Anthony E. (Enl)
(2 July 45) 1st Ind. MFT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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

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x-201-Visco, Anthony E. (Enl)
(2 July 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FTM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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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200.6
x-201-Visco, Anthony E. (Enl)
(2 July 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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

Technician Fourth Grade Anthony B. Visco, 36348158, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 28 September 1943 to 29 October 1943. Technician Fourth Grade Visco was placed in charge of the schooner "Alma" and charged with responsibility of carrying out the first export of civilian goods to North Africa. Despite the fact that he had no previous experience with ships of any type and the course of the ship was extremely dangerous because of mine-filled waters, he succeeded in loading and delivering two hundred tons of flour and one hundred and ninety-five tons of critical sulphur needed by industry and the military forces in North Africa. On the return trip the ship transported one hundred and ninety-five tons of urgently needed foodstuffs on the Island of Sicily. The enlisted man's resourcefulness and devotion to duty were a direct contribution to the success of military operations in Italy, 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 Chicago, Illinois.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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File: 200.6
x-201-Cleaves, William K. (Enl)

30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15½, AR 600-45, it is recommended that William K. Cleaves, 33509391, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 21 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. In his capacity as Motor Transport Sergeant, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Technician Fourth Grade Cleaves was responsible for the supervision and maintenance of over ninety requisitioned civilian vehicles and seventy military vehicles. Because of the the movement of Regional Headquarters to three different locations over a period of six months, it was necessary for Technician Fourth Grade Cleaves to establish new maintenance arrangements for vehicles at each of the new locations. These changes were carried out by this enlisted man with efficiency and skill, although the Unit was not a mobile one, and the only equipment consisted of a very small amount of second echelon repair tools. At each new location a new staff of Italian civilian mechanics were employed by this enlisted man. Maintenance by Army Ordnance Units was impossible, due to the large number of requisitioned vehicles, the distances involved, and the frequent changes in ordnance assignment. It was necessary that Regional personnel be supplied with transportation at any time of day or night in order that they might successfully carry out their assigned missions.

3. For better than half of the time that this region was located in Tuscany, the battlefield was a part of the territory. Personnel from the Region were required to move with the Armies and assist the Army Commanders in the immediate administration of civil affairs in occupied towns and provinces. In order to insure their arrival and completion of missions it was contingent upon this enlisted man to be ever resourceful and attentive to duty to assure that transportation needs be met. Sergeant Cleaves' administration and unusual ability to improvise and devise methods for the repair of the numerous civilian cars, parts for which were not obtainable or could only be found after most diligent search, provided the transport. It was principally through his efforts that the personnel of the Region were supplied with transportation at the time it was required with minimum of inconvenience and delay. He worked long hours to accomplish his duties and materially contributed not only to the successful completion of the mission of Allied Military Government, but substantially aided the success of military operations in Northern Italy.

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4. Technician Fourth Grade Cleaves' resourcefulness, 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. The enlisted man was a corporal at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was assigned as Motor Transport Sergeant for Toscana Region, Allied Military Government in September 1944. He was promoted to Technician Fourth Grade on 17 November 1944. The enlisted man is presently a Technician Fourth Grade, assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for duty as a transportation sergeant in Florence Zone, Allied Military Government.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by this enlisted man.

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

8. The soldier 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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x-201-Cleaves, William K. (Enl)
(30 June 45)

1st Ind. NFT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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

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200.6
x-201-Cleaves, William K. (Enl)
(30 June 45)

2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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-Cleaves, William K. (Enl)
(30 June 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 2 July 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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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fourth Grade William K. Cleaves, 33509391, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 21 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Through the untiring efforts and exceptional ability of this noncommissioned officer, vehicles assigned to and requisitioned for use in Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, were maintained and dispatched so successfully that the needs of all personnel of this Region were met to allow for the successful completion of the mission of Allied Military Government. He carried out maintenance work even though there was a lack of equipment and parts for civilian vehicles and the military vehicles were of a class requiring frequent repairs. Despite three changes in the location of Region Headquarters, this enlisted man employed and trained new Italian civilian employees at each new location. His attention to duty allowed for the completion of the administration of civil affairs in occupied territory in direct support of combat operations in Italy. Technician Fourth Grade Cleaves' tireless energy, resourcefulness 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 Bart, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Files: 200.6
x-201-Gambardella, Vincent (Enl)

30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Vincent Gambardella, 31249188, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters, 2679th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy, from 1 October 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. After landing at the Salerno Beachhead on D plus 1 and upon subsequent entry into Naples on 1 October 1943, Sergeant Gambardella was charged with the task of organizing the Finance Office for Naples Province, Allied Military Government. No precedent of previous experience existed as a guide to be followed in meeting challenging problems. By his adroit use of clear thinking and calm resolution, Sergeant Gambardella toiled untiringly in the establishment of a successfully functioning Finance Office. It was necessary through this office to supply Allied Military Government officers in the field with monies to carry out required repairs, feeding, housing, and rehabilitation in towns and communes at the time of their liberation. Due to the aforesightedness and planning on the part of this enlisted man, the entire mission of this office was facilitated. He arranged for the proper administration of this office, for the maintenence of records and assisted his superior officers in long hours far beyond normal duties to assure that the mission would be carried out.

3. In September 1944 Sergeant Gambardella became Chief Clerk of the Regional Finance Office, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. His varied experiences in Naples, tested by the acid conditions of war, became an asset to the operations of this office. Sergeant Gambardella sought for and obtained a level of achievement which was known for its effectiveness. To his care were entrusted the files, the records of account, the books of transaction and the training and supervision of civilian clerks. At the time of this Region's entry into Tuscany, the greater part of the area was still the battlefield. Numerous problems presented themselves in the administration of this office in conjunction with its representatives in the field. Despit lack of sufficient transportation, impassable, and mined roads, it was through the efforts of this enlisted man that contact with the field representatives was continuously maintained. As new territory was liberated, the problems of this enlisted man became more acute. He gave unstintingly of physical efforts and mental vision to assist the personnel of the Regional Finance team in accomplishing their missions throughout the area. His services were a distinct contribution to the military effort and through his contact and cooperation with the forces in the field materially aided the success of military operations in Italy.

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

4. Sergeant Gambardella's energy, resourcefulness 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. The enlisted man was a Technician Third Grade at the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has been performing duty as Chief Clerk of the Finance Division, Region III, Allied Military Government and Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. The enlisted man is presently a Technician Third Grade assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, awaiting reassignment of duty within the Allied Commission.

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

7. All subsequent services of the soldier 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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x-201-Gambardella, Vincent (Enl)
(30 June 45) 1st Ind. HPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 June 45)

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

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200.6
x-201-Gambardella, Vincent (Enl)
(30 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 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-Gambardella, Vincent (Enl)
(30 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 June 1945.

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

Approved.

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C. N. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Third Grade Vincent Gambardella, 31249188, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. After landing at the Salerno Beachhead and upon subsequent entry into Naples on 1 October 1943. Sergeant Gambardella was charged with the task of organizing the Finance Office for Naples Province, Allied Military Government. Working at a task where precedent was non-existent and by the adroit use of calm resolution and clear thinking, Sergeant Gambardella labored unstintingly in the establishment of an orderly structure for the finances of occupational government in a war-torn area. Subsequently as Chief Clerk of the Toscana Region Finance Office, he placed into operation an office serving a region over eight thousand square miles in size. He maintained a high standard of administration, assisting the representatives of the Finance Office in the field in establishing a successful administration of civil affairs in occupied territroy. His contribution to the vital program of military occupation was a direct factor in contributing to the success of military operations in Italy. Sergeant Gambardella'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 Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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File: 200.6
x-201-Hill, Milton T. (C)

29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Milton T. Hill, 0477318, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Sanitary Corps, 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Captain Hill was assigned to duty as a Regional Sanitary Officer of Sicilia and Toscana Regions, Allied Military Government. He has shown unusual resourcefulness in solving the complex problems of sanitation. With limited means at his disposal and with normal sanitation facilities either destroyed or badly wrecked from war conditions, he has achieved remarkable success. In many cases sanitary problems became exceedingly serious, both from the standpoint of health of the community and of armed troops billeted in the community. An outstanding feat accomplished by Captain Hill during his service in Sicily was the restorations of the Caltanissetta Water Supply in a period of fifteen days. Estimates had been received requiring from three to six months to complete the restoration and then only with the help of Army engineers. In accomplishing this feat, Captain Hill showed not only ingenuity but also vision and adaptability. At the time of the restoration of this water supply, combat troops in Sicily depended upon local water sources for drinking, bathing and normal physical use of local water. Had it not been for this immediate restoration, the welfare of combat troops in that area would have been materially affected.

3. Although the anti-malarial program as applied to Tuscany was not within the field of his work as Sanitary Officer, he applied himself to it so thoroughly and so successfully that malaria both among the civilian populace and the combat troops located in Toscana Region has been controlled in a surprisingly marked degree. His technical advice and direction in the establishment of water supply systems in Toscana Region has resulted in reliable water supply in a comparatively short period of time. This 4360 turn has lessened the danger to the health of troops and has benefited the civilian communities. Captain Hill has always used his outstanding technical knowledge, resourcefulness and energy to advance the solution of sanitary problems in this war-torn area and in so doing has not only advanced the work of Allied Commission, but has materially aided the continued health of the area and Allied Army troops located in Toscana Region.

4. Captain Hill'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.

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5. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a First Lieutenant. His initial duty was that of Regional Sanitary Officer, Sicilia Region, Allied Military Government, from November 1943 to 7 June 1944. The officer was promoted to Captain on 27 April 1944. He was assigned on 8 June 1944 as Regional Sanitation Officer, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. He is now performing duty as Regional Sanitary Officer, XIII Corps, in Venezie Giulia.

6. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Captain Hill.

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

8. The officer 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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x-201-Hill, Milton T. (O)
(29 June 45) 1st Ind. NFT/FRW/mw
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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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200.6
x-201-Hill, Milton T. (O)
(29 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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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200.6
x-201-Hill, Milton T. (O)
(29 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 June 1945.

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

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Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Milton T. Hill, 0477318, Sanitary Corps, 2679th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 November 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Regional Sanitary Officer in both Sicilia and Toscana Regions, Allied Military Government, Captain Hill, by unusual resourcefulness, has always been able to adapt facilities placed at his disposal for the successful solution of difficult and serious sanitary problems. He was solely responsible for the restoration of the Caltanissetta Water Supply in fifteen days, although estimates had been submitted from three to six months and then only if assistance of Army engineers had been given. This immediate restoration of water supply in Sicily at the time combat troops were therein located, aided materially in maintaining the high standard of health within the combat armies. He applied himself with marked success in carrying out the anti-malaria program in Toscana in addition to his duties as sanitary officer to the end that both civil and Army malaria cases were cut to a surprising minimum. His technical advice and direction in re-establishing and maintaining water supply systems has produced reliable water supply in surprisingly short periods of time, thereby lessening danger to the health of troops and civilian populations. Captain Hill's outstanding technical skill, energy, resourcefulness, and his 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 Newburgh, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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29 June 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Fehr, Carl E. (C)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15b, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Carl E. Fehr, 01796138, First Lieutenent, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in direct support of military operations in Italy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945.

2. Lieutenent Fehr was assigned to the Security Division as an investigator, inquiring into such matters as may affect the security of Allied Comission. On 8 March 1945 an Italian civilian, giving the name of Lombardi Luchiano, inquired at the reception desk, Headquarters, Allied Commission, if a "Movement or Civilian Pass" was required in addition to an Allied Commission travel order. As this was an unusual request, he was referred to the Adjutant, who issues travel orders, and when the Adjutant examined the travel order in question he declared the document a forgery. In the ensuing minutes and due to language difficulties with an excited member of the civilian staff, the man was allowed to go and took with him the alleged forged order. The matter was reported through channels and when Lieutenant Fehr was ordered to undertake the inquiry the Italian had made a complete getaway. The only information with which he had to work was a name remembered from a quick glance at the document. This in itself was scant information and the Lieutenant's inquiries through sources he had developed during his security work revealed that there were at least twelve persons with the name of Lombardi Luciano resident in Rome. By sheer persistence Lieutenant Fehr had traced the one concerned by the following morning and had arrested him.

3. Great difficulty was experienced in persuading the badly frightened man to talk. Eventually however, he made a complete statement to the effect that with two other Italians named Abbruzzese Vincenzo and Francesco D'Errica he had purchased three travel orders for Forli for 27,000 lire. The persons from whom this civilian had purchased the orders were also promptly arrested and detained separately, because the first thought in the mind of the officer was that these civilians might well be enemy agents attempting to cross into German lines at a point where the officer knew that many such agents had attempted to do the same thing. Protected inquiries revealed that they were not agents but business men of doubtful repute who wanted to go to Forli to purchase materials for sale in Rome at a very great profit. All told the same story and it was obvious that they had adopted the well-known Italian method of bribery to obtain a

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pass from a man whom they thought to be an employee of Allied Commission. This employee involved was a certain Vergara Mario. In attempting to locate him, Lieutenant Fehr made very thorough inquiries, in particular at his usual address, but he had not been at home for two days. He was located at 1700 hours in a Rome cafe and was arrested. This was not easy, as he had two truculent friends with him who themselves were not clear of suspicion and the general atmosphere of the place was distinctly anti-Allied. Lieutenant Fehr, however, left the cafe with his prisoner and in his subsequent questioning obtained a full confession. It is interesting to note that the man Vergara had at one time been an employee of Allied Commission and had used a copy of a genuine travel order which had come into his possession during the course of his employment as a basis for the forgery.

4. The action of Lombardi Luchiano in coming to Allied Commission on behalf of himself and his friends to inquire if the pass was in order was sufficient to clear them of conspiracy and Vergara's own statement exonerated them completely. In view of the importance of the case from a military point of view, Vergara was tried by a special Allied Military Court instead of handing him over to the Questura as is normal in liberated Italy. He was sentenced to a well-merited punishment of two years.

5. In the above account reference was made to Abbruzzese Vincenzo. During Lieutenant Fehr's interview with the civilian he searched him for weapons while four suspects were in the room. He found many papers in Abbruzzese Vincenzo's pockets, one of which appeared in miscellaneous writing with the word "Penicillin" distinguishable. He questioned Abbruzzese about this notation and learned that the Italian had been offered the handling of some of the drug, but was reluctant to undertake it since this drug was "hot". Although this is a matter removed from Lieutenant Fehr's normal work, he was quick to realize that the whispers of a black market in penicillin were not without foundation, that such supplies could only come from military sources since penicillin was not manufactured locally, and that for the coming spring's offensive every available amount of penicillin would be needed for the combat troops. Lieutenant Fehr arranged with Abbruzzese that he should buy a bottle of the medicine from the man Mangiamela, who was supposed to be in a position to supply it. An appointment was arranged with one of the Lieutenant's agents acting as a confidential chemist to Abbruzzese. It was apparent that Mangiamela feared a trap, as he kept his appointment some distance from the cafe, where it should have been taken place. He walked backwards and forwards until he thought the coast was clear and then finally entered the cafe. Lieutenant Fehr followed some minutes after in a different part of the bar. About ten minutes later, he saw Mangiamela pass an object to Abbruzzese under the table.

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The latter gave a pre-arranged sign and Lieutenant Fehr went over and arrested Mangiamela. When he was searched at the office, no trace could be found of the check for 80,000 lire paid for the penicillin, but close scrutiny of the individual's car revealed it hidden in the upholstery. Mangiamela, after telling several different stories, finally admitted the truth that he and two others with whom he shared a room in the Hotel Dragoni had sixty-seven bottles of penicillin hidden somewhere in Rome. Lieutenant Fehr went to this hotel, arrested the two accomplices and a third individual in whose house the other sixty-seven bottles of penicillin were later discovered. After further questioning Lieutenant Fehr ascertained that the penicillin had come from Naples through American sources, and, in view of the possibility of disciplinary action against the American Military personnel deemed it wise to hand the entire case over to the CID. An inquiry recently made into the case reveals that there are two enlisted men and ten civilians awaiting trial on various charges in Naples in connection with this case. As a particular point of interest, the black market price for the sixty-eight bottles of penicillin would be 1,360,000 lire.

6. The entire investigation was handled by Lieutenant Fehr in a manner which reflects the highest credit upon him. His original assignment was in itself a difficult one. Not only did he discharge the original task, but over and above his normal duties he unmasked a ring of black marketeers trafficking in penicillin, a most precious medicine on which the lives of fighting soldiers may depend. He also had the instinct to hand the entire matter over to the CID in proper time so that these illegal operations could be curtailed. The penicillin discovered by Lieutenant Fehr was returned to medical channels and that stock of medicine, endangered by these operations, was now free from theft and with the amount of penicillin used in the cases of wounded and seriously ill Allied troops entering hospitals as a result of combat action he has contributed to the saving of innumerable lives which would have been lost or seriously jeopardized had not this medicine been available. The results of Lieutenant Fehr's immediate and forceful action have materially aided the welfare of all Allied troops in Italy and have added to the success of military operations.

7. Lieutenant Fehr's resourcefulness, perseverence, tireless energy 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 in Italy.

8. The officer was a First Lieutenant at the time he performed the duties above stated. He was and presently is an Investigating Officer in the Security Division, Allied Commission. The officer is still a First Lieutenant. 489

9. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by First Lieutenant Fehr.

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

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

11. The officer has received no previous awards.

12. 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-Fehr, Carl E. (O)
(29 June 45) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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

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x-201-Fehr, Carl E. (O)
(29 June 45) 2nd Ind. RWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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-Fehr, Carl E. (O)
(29 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 June 1945.

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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 Carl E. Fehr, 01798138, Corps of Military Police, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in direct support of military operations in Italy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945. In his apprehension of an Italian civilian having in his possession of a forged official travel order, Lieutenant Fehr, through his questioning and investigation of this case, was immediately responsible for uncovering a large black marketing operation dealing in precious penicillin. The amount of the medicine originally in Rome would have sold on the black market for 1,360,000 lire. As a result of this officer's forceful investigation of this case a large black market ring dealing with the handling and transporting of this medicine, important to the lives and welfare of Allied combat troops in Italy, was uncovered. This officer's resourcefulness in investigating the case in the beginning and turning the facts over to the Criminal Investigation Division resulted in the apprehension of fifteen individuals, among them two American enlisted men, and the resultant curtailing of these illegal operations. The officer's forceful action resulted in recovery of urgently needed medicine for the treatment of wounded and seriously ill Allied troops and has contributed materially to the success of military operations in Italy. Lieutenant Fehr's forcefulness, 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 services from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

AGK/FKN/mv

29 June 1945

File: 200.6
A-201-Andrews, John G. (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 15c, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John G. Andrews, 0308737, Major (then Captain), Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Major Andrews has served as Commanding Officer, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, and in addition to his other duties has acted as American S-4 for Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. Further, in addition to his normal duties, he has discharged the duties of motor and transport officer since October 1944. Provincial teams of the Region have been functioning with the combat armies since the time Major Andrews assumed the duties of Commanding Officer. Major Andrews has worked without regard to hours, maintaining supply to both Region Headquarters and Provincial teams on the combat fronts. He has also maintained a high standard of morale and accomplishment by the personnel of his company. The organization has no record of absence without leave, venereal disease, or Courts Martial proceedings.

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3. Although his supply responsibilities and the personnel of his company were scattered over eight provinces through the winter of 1944-45, he nevertheless continually maintained personal contact and supervision over the personnel and supply activities for which he was responsible, thus contributing materially to the success of the teams and relieving the combat armies of concern about civil affairs. It was a most difficult and continuous task to obtain the necessary spare parts to effect repairs and to keep vehicles in running condition primarily because most of them were in very poor condition when transferred to this regiment. His administrative duties in the housing, feeding and pay of his personnel have been of the highest order. By his example he has fostered a spirit of esprit de corps which has been a contributing factor in the success of military government operations in occupied territory. Through his direction of personnel, cities and communes within the region have been successfully administered and rehabilitated and roadways and bridges necessary to the movement of supplies to the combat armies have been repaired, contributing immeasurably to the resultant success of military operations in Italy.

4. Major Andrew's 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.

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

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, the officer was a Captain. He has held the positions of Commanding Officer, Company "K", 2675th Regiment, and Company "H", 2675th Regiment. The officer was promoted to Major 7 January 1945. Major Andrews is now in theprocess of clearing the records of Company "H", which was recently discontinued. As yet he has received no further assignment.

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

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

8. Major Andrews 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-Andrews, John G. (O)
(29 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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-Andrews, John G. (O)
(29 June 45) 2nd Ind. WGS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 June 1945.

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

Approved.

By direction of Gen Stone

MILLARD W. STROBE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
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200.6
x-201-Andrews, John G. (O)
(29 June 45) 3rd Ind. C&P/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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 (then Captain) John G. Andrews, 0308737, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. In his capacity as Commanding Officer of Company "H", 2675th Regiment, and in addition to these duties, S-4 American of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, Major Andrews has by his tireless application to duty, maintained a high standard of leadership. He has achieved and maintained a superior performance by his subordinates in their duties of supplying and operating Regional Military Government Headquarters and Provincial teams. The outstanding and invaluable service to the combat armies in their relations with civilian population during the campaign in Toscana Region were materially aided through the efforts of this officer. Regardless of hours or physical fatigue, he has maintained contact with and the direction of widely scattered Civil Affairs personnel in their civil administration of cities and communes in the Northern Section of Italy. His efforts have contributed materially to relieving the combat armies of concern for civil affairs and through painstaking effort has materially aided the successful military operations in Italy. Major Andrews' 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 military service from Rochester, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
FLORENCE PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

LJH/FRW/mv

File: 200.6
x-201-DeKime, George S. (Enl)

29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for 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 George S. DeKime, 32663341, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Private First Class DeKime served as a clerk in Livorno Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, during this period. During the heavy burden of work always present in a port city he assisted the Civil Affairs Officer and helped to a marked degree in the establishment of the Communal Labor Office. He acted as assistant to two different Provincial Commissioners and in this assignment displayed a boundless amount of initiative, energy and zeal. His contacts with Italian officials and the successful completion of his assigned duties within the Province won for him the high esteem, respect and cooperation of Italian Provincial Governmental officers. With the ever decreasing number of officers to administer a difficult port province, Private First Class DeKime's responsibility increased as he progressively accepted duties which had always been performed by commissioned officers.

3. Housing and food problems in the Province were in a seriously acute condition. The Port of Leghorn required a large number of civilian workers to help move food, ammunition and other supplies to the combat armies. During the period of service, Private First Class DeKime has accepted without complaint the ever-growing burdens placed upon him. While the Provincial Commissioner was seriously ill in the hospital and with no officer available to replace him, the soldier assumed the officer's responsibilities and succeeded in carrying on, shouldering with enthusiasm the heavy burden of administering a large province of this type. Housing facilities and food were provided and laborers supplied for port operations through this enlisted man's individual and diligent efforts. As a result of his personal initiative and the seriousness of the work he performed, it was unnecessary to make changes in officer personnel which might have had damaging effects on the work of other provinces within the region. His tireless efforts contributed not only materially to the success of Allied Military Government operations, but allowed for the prompt transportation of sorely needed supplies by the combat armies.

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

4. Private First Class DeKime'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.

5. The enlisted man was a Private First Class at the time of his assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. At that time he was assigned duty as a clerk in Livorno Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Private First Class, assigned to Headquarters Company, and performing duty in Livorno Zone, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

LESTER J. HESSLEY
Colonel, C.E.

1 Inclosure:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-DeKime, George S. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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

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200.6
x-201-DeKime, George S. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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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200.6
x-201-DeKime, George S. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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

Private First Class Georgs S. DeKime, 32663341, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As a clerk in the Province of Leghorn, Private First Class DeKime acquitted himself far above the normal requirements of duty. In his assistance to Provincial Commissioners and in his helpful contacts with the local Italian Government, he not only won the esteem but the co-operation of Italian Provincial Government officials. As the number of officers available for duty decreased, he accepted more responsibility to solve the problems of such a large province in which was located the main supply port for the combat armies. During the serious illness of the Provincial Commissioner and due to the inability of assigning an officer to act in the Commissioner's stead, Private First Class DeKime assumed the responsibilities of his senior officer and succeeded in carrying on toward the solution of the problems which had arisen. He continued in the administration of the Province and the large port city. His work toward the housing, feeding and employment of Italian civilians materially aided not only the local populace, but also the success of military operations in Italy. Private First Class DeKime's ability, energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS
FLORENCE PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

LJH/FRW/mv

29 June 1945

File: 200.6
x-201-Pusateri, Augustus J. (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 Augustus J. Pusateri, 37651151, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "S", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. After being assigned to Region III, Allied Military Government, Technician Fifth Grade Pusateri was placed on duty with the Central Prosecutor's Office then being established for the enforcement of occupational law in Naples Province. The need for enlisted personnel was overwhelming but the supply of personnel was not forthcoming. The burden of duty was cast upon Technician Fifth Grade Pusateri. In this situation he functioned as a Public Relations Officer, Process Server, Clerk and Interpreter, performing a multitude of jobs in an accurate fashion. Despite the ever-changing situation, with a devotion to duty which can well be described as extraordinary, he discharged each task with mental alertness and unsparing physical effort. His services were a distinct contribution to the re-establishment of law and order and law-enforcement bodies in the city of Naples and the surrounding area. Several thousand cases were tried and prosecuted in Allied Military Government Courts. His services were a distinct contribution to the military effort in that rapid prosecution of violators of military law enabled a more immediate supply of food, ammunition and materials to the combat forces north of the City of Naples.

3. In June 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Pusateri was assigned as Chief Clerk for Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. With Pisa Province under shell fire, with the city in ruins due to missions of war, with a population in need of food and shelter, he responded in conjunction with his superior officers, giving unstintingly of his talents and energy in the establishment of a working mechanism of government for the return of law and order. During the Pisa flood he worked relentlessly without regard to personal safety in this great peril to lives and property. His individual efforts in re-establishing employment organizations, safe and adequate housing, food and medication for the civilian populace materially aided the mission of Allied Military Government and Allied Forces in Italy. He directed his energies toward the welfare of the embattled province.

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placing first the safety and health of the local civilian population. He met each new and challenging problem at times taxing his own powers of endurance and energy with an unflinching energy and renewed patience. As a result of his efforts the aid of Italian civilians was secured in assisting with repair of roads and buildings used by the military and directly aided the movement of essential supplies to the combat armies.

4. Technicain Fifth Grade Pusateri's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping of 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 Technician Fifth Grade. He has been assigned duties in the Central Prosecuter's Office in Naples Province and as Chief Clerk, Pisa Province, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Technician Fifth Grade and is assigned to Company "S", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as a noncommissioned officer in Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

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

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

LESTER J. HENSLEY
Colonel
Corps of Engineers

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Pusateri, Augustus J. (Enl)
(29 June 45)

1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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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200.6
x-201-Pusateri, Augustus J. (Enl)
(29 June 45)

2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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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200.6
x-201-Pusateri, Augustus J. (Enl)
(29 June 45)

3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 29 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

Technician Fifth Grade Augustus J. Pusateri, 37651151, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1944 to 8 May 1945. Assigned to duty in the Central Prosecutor's Office, Naples Province, Technician Fifth Grade Pusateri gave invaluable aid to the organization for the enforcement of occupational law. Due to lack of adequate personnel, he performed a multitude of tasks as Process Server, Clerk, Interpreter and Public Relations official. With an extraordinary devotion to duty he discharged each task with mental alertness and unflinching physical effort. As Chief Clerk of Pisa Province, Toscana Region, Allied Military Government, he aided in arranging for the feeding sheltering and medication of the local population while the Province was still under enemy shell fire. He worked untiringly in the establishment of an organization of government which ultimately brought law and order, free from want and fear. Technician Fifth Grade Pusateri, during the Pisa flood, worked relentlessly against this peril to save lives and property. As a result, the cooperation obtained from Italian civilians directly aided the furthering of the war effort by their assistance in repairing of roads and transportation facilities and in the movement of supplies to the combat armies. His tireless energy 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 in Italy. Entered the military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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COMPANY "H"
2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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29 June 1945

File: 200.6
Z-201-Picetti, Aldo L. (Sgt)

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 Aldo L. Picetti, 32060768, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Acting as First Sergeant of Company "H", Master Sergeant Picetti has served in that capacity since the activation of the unit in June 1944. In addition to his First Sergeant's duties and due to the fact that there was a constant shortage of officer personnel, he has fulfilled the duties normally required of a commissioned officer who would act as Assistant to the Company Commander and has also acted as the Chief Assistant to the Regional Requisitioning Officer. In this last capacity he was responsible for the organization and maintenance of all records and reports in connection with property and transport requisitioning procedures. With a company of as many as one hundred and twelve officers and an equal number of enlisted men distributed over the nine provinces of Toscana Region, comprising an area of approximately eight thousand, eight hundred and fifty-nine square miles, the problems of administration and supply often seemed an impossible task. For a large part of the time Company "H" was located in Toscana Region, a great portion of the Region itself was a part of the battlefield. Although not equipped as a motile headquarters, the Regional Headquarters and Company Headquarters moved forward five times in less than ten months. Sergeant Picetti directed and supervised the movement of these headquarters as its senior noncommissioned officer and is directly responsible for the smooth operation and functioning of these headquarters prior to, during and after movement was accomplished.

3. More than seventy-five per cent of the personnel above mentioned were located in small groups throughout the nine provinces of the Region in towns and communes throughout Toscana. As the First Sergeant of the Company, Master Sergeant Picetti accomplished an immeasurable feat of administering, supplying, transporting, paying and arranging for the feeding of all personnel of the Company. It has required working long and tiring hours to accomplish the record he established And the result has been that Sergeant Picetti's superior example to both officers and men in his company has welded it into a fine and smoothly functioning group. The remarkable record has been established within the Company in that since its activation no cases of venereal disease, absence without leave or courts martial convictions have occurred. Since the personnel of Master Sergeant Picetti's

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organization were acting in direct support of combat troops in the forward zones, supply and administration of personnel reflected in their esprit de corps and the accomplishments of their own individual tasks. As a result, the fine accomplishments of these small field groups reflect the tireless energy of Master Sergeant Picotti. Combat armies and their commanders were immediately relieved of the burden of civil affairs and were allowed to carry on in their mission of defeating the enemy in Italy.

4. Master Sergeant Picotti, with his unswerving loyalty to his superior officers, his ability to follow and execute intelligently all orders, his untiring and diligent efforts far beyond the ordinary call to duty, his cheerful willingness to sacrifice all personal leisure and privileges in order to better serve his officers and men has helped to establish an enviable civil affairs record for his company and Toscana Region. His unquestionable honesty, fine moral character, increasing physical activity and inexhaustible reservoir of good-will and regard for the welfare of his men 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 Master Sergeant. He has acted as an Administrative Noncommissioned Officer in Region III, Allied Military Government, and as First Sergeant of Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. Company "H" was recently discontinued and Sergeant Picotti is now in the process of clearing the records of this company prior to the assumption of a new assignment. He was recently transferred to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, upon the discontinuance of Company "H".

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

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

8. Sergeant Picotti has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

JOHN G. ANDREWS
Major, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Picetti, Aldo L. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 1st Ind. EPT/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 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-Picetti, Aldo L. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 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-Picetti, Aldo L. (Enl)
(29 June 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRM/mv
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 30 June 1945.

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

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Approved.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

Master Sergeant Aldo L. Picetti, 32060768, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 8 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Master Sergeant Picetti, acting as First Sergeant, fulfilling the duties of an Assistant Company Command and as Chief Assistant to the Regional Requisitioning Officer, has been responsible for the succes in administration of civil affairs by the personnel of Toscana Region, Allied Military Government. In this Allied Military Government region comprising an area of approximately eighty-eight hundred and fifty-nine square miles, the problems of administration and supply, complicated by lack of communications and travel on roads that were often impassable or heavily mined were resolved chiefly as a result of efforts, far above the ordinary call of duty, of this noncommissioned officer. His cheerful willingness to sacrifice personal leisure and privileges in order to better serve his officers and men has helped to establish an enviable record in civil affairs for his organization. As a result of the esprit de corps created in the personnel of his organization, solely through this enlisted man's example, the heavy burdens of civil affairs administration were accepted from army commanders in a surprisingly short space of time and allowed the armies to continue the offensive against the enemy of the United States. Master Sergeant Picetti'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 Service from West Orange, New Jersey.

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