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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

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File: 200-6  
X-201-Pollard, John H. (O) (USNR)

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John H. Pollard, 205649, Lieutenant Commander, USNR, attached to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Sicily and Italy from 4 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Commander Pollard, then a Lieutenant (USNR), served as Chief of the Mining Division, AMGOT Sicily, from 4 August 1943 to 19 April 1945. He was charged by Allied Military Government authority with the responsibility of the sulphur mining industry in Sicily. When he took over on 4 August 1943, he found approximately eighty important sulphur mines, all of which were in a non-operating condition due to lack of fuel, mining supplies, electricity and war damage. Electric power required to keep the mines from being flooded had been diverted to other purposes to the extent that nearly all the mines were flooded and many in grave danger of complete destruction.

3. He organized the mine operators, obtained fuel, supplies and equipment from meager sources, arranged at the earliest possible moment allotment of electric power and established a price for sulphur that insured necessary supply of labor. He reorganized and re-established the Sicilian and in general re-established the sulphur industry in Sicily. Lieutenant Commander Pollard demonstrated great resourcefulness, efficiency and professional talent in the rehabilitation of the industry. Due to his superior ability and outstanding devotion to duty, only one sulphur mine suffered irreparable damage and production was resumed to the extent that when transportation was made available early in 1944 it was possible to export ten thousand tons of sulphur, critically required for Allied war production, to the United Kingdom.

4. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Commander Pollard is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and Navy and reflect great credit upon himself, the Army organization to which he was attached, and to the United States Navy. He distinguished himself by meritorious achievement and service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States by performance of duty marked by extraordinary fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above and beyond the usual call of duty.

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5. On 7 April 1945 he was promoted by the Navy to the grade of Lieutenant Commander and was transferred to Rome as Chief of the Sulphur Division, Allied Commission, in which position he has continued to distinguish himself.

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

7. All subsequent services of Lieutenant Commander Pollard have been honorable.

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, FA  
Acting Vice President  
Economic Section Allied Commission

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Commander John H. Pollard, 205649, USNR, attached to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Sicily and Italy from 4 August 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Chief of the Mining Division, AMGOT Sicily, he organized the operators of some eighty of the principal sulphur mines in Sicily. These mines were in a non-operating condition due to war damage, lack of fuel, supplies, equipment, electric power and labor. He demonstrated great resourcefulness, efficiency and professional talent in re-establishing the sulphur industry and as a result of his outstanding devotion to duty all of the mines, except one, were saved from irreparable damage. Production was resumed to the extent that early in 1944 it was possible to export ten thousand tons of sulphur critically required for Allied War production to the United Kingdom. In Rome, as Chief of the Sulphur Division, Allied Commission, he continued to distinguish himself by performance of duty marked by extraordinary fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above and beyond the usual call of duty. His distinguished service contributed to the Allied War Effort. Entered the United States Naval Service from Houston, Texas.

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X-201-Pollard, John H. (O) (USNR)  
(22 Aug 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FRW/mv  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 22 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 AGD  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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X-201-Pollard, John H. (O) (USNR)  
(22 Aug 45) 2nd Ind. ESS/FRW/mv  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 22 August 1945.

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

Approved.

MILERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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X-201-Pollard, John H. (O) (USNR)  
(22 Aug 45) 3rd Ind. LNF/FRW/mv  
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 22 August 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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22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Government Decorations.

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

THRU : Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission

1. Pursuant to the instructions contained in MTOUSA letter, from the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated 7 August 1945, it is recommended that permission to accept Italian decorations be granted to the American officers listed in the attached inclosure, as proposed by His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Realm. 164a 1726

2. Individual affidavits as required under the provisions of paragraph 33b, AR 600-45, as amended, and paragraph 11, Circular 73, Hq MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945 are submitted herewith.

ELLEN W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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AMERICAN OFFICERS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION PROPOSED FOR A  
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| RANK       | NAME AND SURNAME       | FUNCTION                                                                      |
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| Colonel    | CHAPMAN John William   | - Director of the P.S. Sub-Commission                                         |
| 9 Nov 44   | MEANEY Martin H.       | - Chief of the Police of the Allied Commission                                |
| 26 Sept 44 | KIRK Paul G.           | - Director of P.S. of the Allied Commission                                   |
| "          | GARNES James J.        | - Commandant of the Special Motortransport Brigade of the A.C.                |
| "          | DENSMORE Leonard D.    | - Chief of Staff and Acting Vice President, Economic Section, A.C.            |
| Lt. Col.   | SCUDLER Henry H.       | - Director of the Communications Sub-Commission                               |
| Major      | KILE Barry Barnaby (B) | - M.M.I.A.                                                                    |
| Captain    | BENATTI Charles P.     | - M.M.I.A.                                                                    |
| 1st Nov 44 | MASTROIANNI Orizzonte  | - Attached to the P.S. Sub-Commission                                         |
| "          | SWISHER Thomas R.      | - Attached to the supplies of the Special Motor-transport Brigade of the A.C. |
| Major      | RIVELY J. C.           | - Of the Economy Section                                                      |
| Lieutenant | LANNIN J.              | - Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Stone                                            |
| Lt. Col.   | MARTINO Robert A.      | - Economic section of the A.C.                                                |

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*Maj. Stearns*File No.  
F15UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

Serial: 4801

22 AUG 1945

From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.  
To : Commander U. S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations. *169*

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ch.Comm., Allied Commission ltr. CC 511 of  
11 August 1945 with enclosure (A) thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.
2. Any proposed Italian awards for Naval personnel attached to the Allied Commission which are received by this headquarters will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy via Commander U. S. Naval Forces in Europe with recommendations.

WILLIAM GLASSFORD

Copy to:  
Ch.Comm., Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS  
2675th REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERSEAS)  
APO 394

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File: 800.6

28 August 1948

X-601-Amoruso, Frank J. (C)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12 AR 600-45, it is recommended that Frank J. Amoruso, OLC8414, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Amoruso was assigned duties in G-4 American, Allied Commission, to take charge of the entire requisitioning and derequisitioning procedure for all vehicles received from Italian civilian sources. The Allied Commission had just completed the temporary requisitioning of some six hundred vehicles and other property urgently needed for the success of Allied Military Government operations in Italy. Operational necessity required that Allied Military Government officers be assigned throughout numerous provinces in Italy. This presented a gigantic task to formalize requisitions and apply current accounting procedure for the accountability of this property. Under many extreme difficulties, i. e., lack of trained clerical personnel and lack of essential data on temporary receipts in the formalization of requisitions, Lieutenant Amoruso worked with very little help to complete the task placed before him. His duties also required the processing of claims which arose out of accidents, thefts and damage to vehicles. Innumerable letters and other correspondence were required to handle the work of this Section. Inquiries, receipts and transmittals of claims alone required an exceedingly large volume of correspondence. The preparation and composition of directives, policy procedures and supply memorandums added to his many tasks. He drafted original salvage certificates, derequisition forms and responsibility release certificates which were finally approved by higher headquarters and adopted for official use. Lieutenant Amoruso's devotion to duty and his efficient promulgation of the tasks placed before him showed his zeal and willingness to do the job placed before him. It necessitated his working long and trying hours to effect an operating procedure for the entire Section. His knowledge of the Italian language and the people enabled him to interview and settle problems of civilian property owners on requisitioning matters in a tactful and forceful manner. Such interviewing alone would have normally been a full time position. His ability and efficiency enabled him to organize and train a staff of eight Italian civilian employees. He directed the setting up of complete and accurate case history file on each item of property.

3. Shortly after the move of Headquarters Allied Commission from Naples to Rome when the volume of Allied Commission requisitioning was at its peak, Lieutenant Amoroso, who had been screening all Italian Government requisitioning requests as well as all of Allied Commission's requisitions, on his own initiative, organized an Italian Government requisitioning agency to screen all requests originating in Italian Ministries, Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces. The efficient work of Lieutenant Amoroso in organizing and instructing this organization, which was headed by an Italian Major General, reduced considerably the utilization of United States officer and enlisted personnel on the actual paper work involved in requisitioning and deregquisitioning procedures. This system placed the responsibility on the Italian Government in the preparation of all motor vehicle requisitioning forms for the final approval of Allied Commission authorities. This organization, known as the IGRA, has functioned most efficiently since its beginning and as a result of Lieutenant Amoroso's guidance remains as a more than satisfactorily working Italian Government agency for the handling of all requisitioning problems.

4. The diligence and untiring efforts of Lieutenant Amoroso have enabled him to arrange for the eventual transfer of all requisitioned property files and requisitions to the Italian Government for complete settlement. His constant work with the Italians in attending Italian Government meetings and his attendance at many conferences at Allied Force Headquarters concerning this subject have enabled him to bring the Italian Government and the Allied Commission to a satisfactory agreement on the conditions of the complete turnover. His knowledge of the subject and his perseverance in pursuing the matter for several months has enabled him to complete this large task with tremendous success and with material benefit to the United States, British and Italian Governments. His ability to speak and correspond with Italian Government authorities on all the problems has been of tremendous value in the efficient performance of the work of the staff of Allied Commission and Italian Government agencies.

5. Lieutenant Amoroso's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed forces.

6. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on 27 April 1944. He has occupied the positions of 2.0  
a Civil Affairs Officer in Sicily Region, Allied Military Government, and as Assistant G-4 American, Allied Commission, in charge of requisitioning. The officer is presently a First Lieutenant and occupies the position as Assistant G-4 American, Headquarters Allied Commission.

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

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

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9. The officer has received no previous awards.
10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

C. H. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant Frank J. Amoroso, 01508414, Infantry, Headquarters 287th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services from 18 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. In spite of the lack of trained personnel to assist him, Lieutenant Amoroso worked long and tiring hours in setting up an administrative system for the formalization of urgently needed requisitioned civilian transport property. The Allied Commission had just completed temporary requisitioning of some six hundred vehicles and other property urgently needed for the success of military government operations in Italy. This presented a gigantic administrative task in the formalization of requisitions, application of current accounting procedure, processing of claims which arose out of accidents, thefts and damage to vehicles, inquiries, receipts and transmittals of claims. He prepared numerous directives, policy procedures and supply memorandums, drafted original salvage certificates, derequisition forms, and responsibility release certificates which were approved by higher headquarters and adopted for official use. On his own initiative, Lieutenant Amoroso organized the Italian Government Requisitioning Agency which would screen all requests originating in the Italian Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministries. This reduced considerably the utilization of United States officer and enlisted personnel in the administration of the requisitioning procedure. His diligent efforts have now enabled the Allied Commission to eventually transfer all requisitioned property, files and requisitions to the Italian Government for final settlement. His constant contact with Italian Government officials and agencies, his knowledge of his work and his tactful handling of all problems which had arisen between Allied Commission and the Italian Government on requisitioning procedure have enabled him to arrange a satisfactory agreement on the conditions of the entire turnover of requisitioned property. Lieutenant Amoroso's resourcefulness, zeal, and outstanding attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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X-201-Amoroso, Frank J. (O)  
(22 August 45)

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

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Amoroso, Frank J. (O)  
(22 August 45)

2nd Ind.

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

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Amoroso, Frank J. (O)  
(22 August 45)

3rd Ind.

GMT/ram

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

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Government Decorations.

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

THRU : Commanding Officer, 257th Regiment, Allied Commission

1. Pursuant to the instructions contained in MTOUSA letter, from the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated 7 August 1945, it is recommended that permission to accept Italian decorations be granted to the American officers listed in the attached inclosure, as proposed by His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

2. Individual affidavits as required under the provisions of paragraph 33b, AR 600-45, as amended, and paragraph 11, circular 73, Hq MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945 are submitted herewith.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

22 August 1945

File: 200.6  
x-201-Wotherspoon, William W. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of 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 WILLIAM W. WOTHERSPOON, Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve, 37183, Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1944 to 15 August 1945.

2. Lieutenant Wotherspoon, from the period of his initial assignment as a member of the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission in Taranto, has distinguished himself by his resourceful initiative, excellent administrative ability, sound judgment, and by the outstanding performance of his duties involving the administrative control of the Italian Navy.

3. Lieutenant Wotherspoon reported to the Navy Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Salerno on 5 May 1944 and was ordered to take charge of the Taranto office of the Navy Sub-Commission under the Chief of the Sub-Commission, Rear Admiral Morgan, Royal Navy and the Deputy Chief, Commodore Ziroli, U. S. Navy. This task was exceedingly difficult and called for the utmost energy and skill in view of the fact that at that time, prior to the capture of Rome, the entire offices of the Italian Ministry of Marine were located at Taranto and Lieutenant Wotherspoon was responsible for arranging the liaison between the Allied Naval authorities and the Ministry of Marine, and for channeling and handling the numerous and difficult problems that were presented by the Ministry of Marine for the consideration of the Allied Governments. Through the efforts of Lieutenant Wotherspoon important liaison procedures were established for the administration of the Italian Navy which contributed materially to its efficient control and supervision under the terms of the Armistice and surrender. During the period of his duty at Taranto, Lieutenant Wotherspoon was called upon continually to deal with Allied and Italian officers far senior to him in rank, and through the exercise of unusual ability, judgment, and tact he performed these duties with a dignity of manner that reflected great credit upon the United States Naval representation on the Navy Sub-Commission. His admirable conduct of the Taranto office is particularly praiseworthy when it is considered that he was the only member of the Sub-Commission in the Taranto area under the Chief and Deputy Chief, and that in spite of the com-

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit, Contd.

plexities arising from language difficulties and from the peculiarities of the Italian Navy organization, Lieutenant Wotherspoon with only the assistance of a small staff of enlisted personnel was responsible for providing local liaison with the Ministry of Marine for the administration of the entire Italian Navy of 75,000 officers and men. On numerous occasions Lieutenant Wotherspoon was called upon to inspect Italian vessels and technical equipment for the purpose of evaluating the appropriate action to be taken in its regard by the Allied Governments and to make available such equipment to Allied military commands for war purposes. In all instances, he exercised an unusual degree of ability in dealing with professional naval problems. In June 1944, through the energetic efforts of Lieutenant Wotherspoon and under his direction, a war-damaged Italian destroyer was repaired as a target ship at Taranto and towed to a location in Italian waters where it was urgently required by the Fifteenth Air Force, U. S. Army in developing important new bombing techniques for use in Southern Europe. In July 1944 when major units of the Allied Naval Force based on Taranto prior to the invasion of Southern France, Lieutenant Wotherspoon's knowledge of the facilities at the Italian Navy Dockyard, Taranto and of the organization of the Ministry of Marine proved invaluable in providing maximum Italian repair and supply assistance to the Allied vessels.

4. On 6 August 1944, Lieutenant Wotherspoon was transferred to AGC Headquarters, Rome when the offices of the Ministry of Marine were moved from Taranto to Rome, and was assigned to duty as Staff Officer (Administration) of the Navy Sub-Commission. The Navy Sub-Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the naval provisions of the terms of the Armistice with Italy, and for the administrative control and supervision of the Italian Navy. The working staff of the Sub-Commission consists of only four officers, and is exceedingly small in view of its large responsibilities toward a military organization the size of the Italian Navy. The limited number of personnel on the Sub-Commission has necessitated the placing of a tremendous share of responsibility on Lieutenant Wotherspoon which has been all out of proportion to that ordinarily placed on an officer of his rank. Nevertheless, he has fulfilled all of the responsibilities placed upon him with extraordinary devotion and skill. In his capacity as Chief of the Administrative Division of the Sub-Commission, Lieutenant Wotherspoon has been directly responsible for the efficient handling of all matters involving the Armistice Terms, Italian Navy munition plants, the disposal of war materials, Italian Navy port organization, financial and legal matters, communications, transportation, the lighthouse service, and the Mercantile Marine. In addition Lieutenant Wotherspoon has been responsible for the internal administration of the Navy Sub-Commission. Due to his foresight and energy in inspecting the port of Piombino immediately after its return to Italian Navy control, he was responsible for the prompt rehabilitation of the port by the Italian Navy and its early ability to receive civilian supplies, thereby relieving the Allied port of Leghorn at a time when it was overtaken by the flow of military equipment to the

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Armies. Not content with fulfilling only his responsibilities for the efficient functioning of the Italian Navy organization in the port, Lieutenant Wotherspoon personally visited the Commanding General PBS and brought the important collateral problems of unemployment, transportation and rehabilitation of industry to the attention of several Sub-Commissions which resulted in the general improvement of that port and a benefit to the Italian economy.

5. Lieutenant Wotherspoon's ability and competence in handling these varied and difficult duties were of such high caliber that for an extended period from 16 May 1945 to 21 June 1945 he acted as Chief Staff Officer of the Navy Sub-Commission during the absence of that officer from the theater. In that period, and in other periods of shorter duration he occupied a position that is ordinarily filled by a naval officer of the rank of Captain and exercised supervision over the entire working staff of the Sub-Commission including officers of the British as well as United States Navy. Rear Admiral Gay L. Warren, Royal Navy, Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission, has especially commented on Lieutenant Wotherspoon's excellent performance of duty, diligence, and unusually sound judgment while serving as Chief Staff Officer. His understanding of the highly complex matters, which often have involved international relationships of extreme moment, and his intense devotion to his task have been well recognized by those senior military officers and civilians in high authority with which he has frequently come in contact. The distinguished service rendered by Lieutenant Wotherspoon is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Allied Commission.

6. The officer recommending this award has had personal knowledge of the services performed by Lieutenant Wotherspoon during the entire period covered.

7. Lieutenant Wotherspoon has held the rank of Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. throughout the period during which the services were rendered and up to and including the present date. While on duty at Taranto he was in charge of the Taranto office of the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. During the period of his assignment in Rome he has held the position of Staff Officer (Administration), Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. which position he holds at present.

8. The entire subsequent services of Lieutenant Wotherspoon have been honorable.

9. Lieutenant Wotherspoon has received no decorations to date.

10. Proposed citation (see enclosure 1).

Enclosure 1;  
Proposed Citation.

ELLERY W. STONE  
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR,  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, A.C.

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x-201-Motherspoon, William W. (O) 1st Ind. RPT/FRW/mv  
(22 Aug 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 22 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:  
n/c

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x-201-Motherspoon, William W. (O) 2nd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv  
(22 Aug 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 22 August 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

Lieutenant William W. Wotherspoon, 87188, United States Naval Reserve, member Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Italy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1944 to 15 August 1945. Throughout his assignment as a member of the Navy Sub-Commission, he displayed resourceful initiative, excellent administrative ability and sound judgment in his important duties involving the administration of the Italian Navy. Prior to the capture of Rome, when the Italian Ministry of Marine was located at Taranto, Lieutenant Wotherspoon, as the only member of the Navy Sub-Commission in Taranto under the Chief and Deputy Chief, established initial liaison procedures for the administration of the entire Italian Navy which contributed materially to its efficient control and supervision by the Allied Governments under the terms of the Armistice and Surrender. Through the exercise of a great degree of professional naval ability and through his thorough knowledge of Italian Navy facilities and equipment at Taranto, he was responsible for the maximum Italian repair and supply assistance being rendered to the major Allied Naval units based on Taranto prior to the invasion of Southern France and was responsible for the utilization of the maximum amount of Italian Naval equipment and knowledge by Allied military commands. Later, in the capacity of Chief of the Administrative Division of the Navy Sub-Commission in Rome, he was responsible for all matters of administration of the Italian Navy, including those involving the interpretation of the Armistice and Surrender Terms. His ability and competence in handling the large number of varied and difficult tasks were of such high caliber that on several extended occasions he occupied a position which ordinarily is held only by a senior naval officer and which placed the most exceptional responsibilities on an officer of Lieutenant Wotherspoon's rank. His tact, understanding, and unswerving devotion to duty under all circumstances won him the confidence and respect of the Allied and Italian officers with whom he came in contact and reflected the greatest credit upon himself and the Allied Commission, and were in accord with the best traditions of the United States Navy. Entered the United States Naval Service from Washington, D. C.

HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 334

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21 August 1945

File: 200.6  
-x-201-Arnold, John S. (Off)

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 John S. Arnold, 0245277, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

2. Upon completion of his assignment as Provincial Commissioner of Rome Province, Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Arnold was appointed Provincial Commissioner of Como Province, Lombardia Region. After staying for a short period at Advance Army Headquarters, he secured permission from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, IV Corps, to proceed to Como with his Provincial Team. He arrived with his team of five officers and three enlisted men early evening of 30 April 1945. He immediately contacted the Commanding General, 1st Armored Division, whose troops held Como and was given warning by the Commanding General that withdrawal of Armored Division troops would necessitate the turning over to him of captured German troops numbering approximately seven hundred. This transfer also included the headquarters of the German Ligurian Army with complete arms and equipment.

3. During the next day and night, the number of prisoners of war was swelled by additional captives brought in by local Patriots and the Armored Division troops were withdrawn to participate in the capture of two additional enemy divisions still operating to the south and west of Como. Immediately after assuming the Army task assigned to him, which was over and above his normal Allied Military Government duties, Lieutenant Colonel Arnold contacted Headquarters IV Corps and secured necessary orders to evacuate prisoners of war of Coms. Due to transportation shortages, he directed the prisoners of war to put the captured motor equipment in running condition and successfully evacuated the prisoners of war in their own, plus ten United States Army, vehicles with the assistance of ten enlisted drivers. He accomplished the collection and storage of arms, the feeding and transportation of the prisoners and the safeguarding of war loot without incident and in a manner in keeping with the best traditions of the service.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Arnold's resourcefulness and outstanding attention to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization

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and the Allied Armed Forces.

5. At the time of his assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Lieutenant Colonel. He has occupied the positions of Provincial Commissioner, Rome Province, and Provincial Commissioner, Como Province, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Lieutenant Colonel, and is still performing duty as Provincial Commissioner, Como Province.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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Proposed Citation - Arnold, John S. (Off)

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel IAB  
Regional Commissioner

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-x-201-Arnold, John S. (Off)  
(21 Aug '45)

1st Ind

NPT/FRW/fp

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

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

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE  
1st Lt. AGD  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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-x-201-Arnold, John S. (Off)  
(21 Aug '45)

2nd Ind

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

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

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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-x-201-Arnold, John S. (Off)  
(21 Aug '45)

3rd Ind

CMP/FRW/fp

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

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

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
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PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel John S. Arnold, 0245277, Infantry, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services 30 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. As Provincial Commissioner of Como Province, Lieutenant Colonel Arnold secured the permission of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, IV Corps, to proceed to Como with his Provincial Team to commence military government activities. Arriving in the early evening of 30 April 1945, he immediately contacted the Commanding General, 1st Armored Division, who advised him that his troops were being withdrawn to participate in further action to the south and west of Como, which necessitated his turning over to Lieutenant Colonel Arnold approximately seven hundred German prisoners of war, the headquarters of the German Ligurian Army and all arms and equipment. Despite the fact that during the next day and night the number of prisoners captured was greatly swelled by additional prisoners captured by local Patriots, he secured the necessary orders to evacuate all prisoners then under his jurisdiction. Due to transportation shortages he arranged for the prisoners to place into running order captured motor equipment and accomplished a successful evacuation. He directed the collecting and shortage of arms, the feeding and transportation of prisoners of war and the safeguarding of war loot without accident. In assuming these tasks over and above his normal Allied Military Government duties, he contributed to the success of final military operations in this area, relieving the tactical commanders of responsibility of evacuation and civil affairs. His resourcefulness, zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Alexandria, Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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21 August 1945.

x-201-Bizzozero, Orpheus J. (O)

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

TO : Commanding General, MEXMBA, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Orpheus J. Bizzozero, O 214 414, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Medical Corps, formerly 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero has served as Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer in Sicily, Lazio-Umbria, and Lombardian Regions with an unusual intelligence, devotion to duty and outstanding integrity. He has employed these characteristics and the soundness of judgment of a charitable individual to bear upon the vast and complex problems of Public Health and Welfare with the full weight of his wide and humane scientific knowledge. He has been a major collaborator of the Regional Commissioners in three Regions, not only in the fields under his jurisdiction, but also in the wider fields of political and social problems where his practical judgment and sagacity have been of inestimable value.

3. While in Sicily, as a result of the clear foresight of Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero, a new pharmaceutical industry was created from nothing, with limited resources, but with the exceptional enthusiasm of Italian specialists in whom this officer inspired a sense of importance of the task at hand. Within a few months, smallpox serum and sulfanilamide were produced in quantities large enough to be of tremendous help in the field of medical science. The smallpox serum, for example, proved to be somewhat of a "God-send" in the epidemics which broke out in Naples, Taranto and Rome. Not only were countless lives saved and Allied troops spared from the danger of infection, but shipping space for transporting these medicinal products from the United States was conserved for other uses. This is a little-known, but moving chapter in the history of Allied Military Government in Italy. Because of the esteem with which Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero is held in Vatican circles, he has been of great daily service to the Regional Commissioner in relations with all church groups. He has been called upon several times by His Holiness, the Pope, for advice on Public Health and Welfare problems not only in and around the Rome area but in all of Italy and the

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adjacent islands. He has also been called upon by the Pope on several occasions to sit in audience and note with His Holiness the progress of his own program. Through this officer's efforts and in cooperation with the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Baldelli, the Pontifical Commission for Refugees was organized. This coordinated the church welfare activities among refugees and helped immeasurably to lift the full weight of this burden from the shoulders of Allied Military Government. Through the efforts of this outstanding officer, much has been done to not only return Public Health and Welfare activities to their former status, but they have been considerably advanced, so that living conditions, hospitalization, institutions for the aged and infirm, and immediate and complete medical care for the sick and pregnant have been brought forward in highly advanced stages.

4. The resourcefulness, zeal, humanitarianism and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

5. At the time of his assignment to this organization, the officer was a Major. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 27 May 1944. He has occupied the position of Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer in Sicily, Lazio-Umbria, and Lombardy Regions. Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero was relieved from this organization effective 1 August 1945 for transshipment to the United States for relief from active duty.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES FOLLETTI  
Colonel, NMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Bizzozero, Orpheus J. (off)  
(21 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 29 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.  
Recorder1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Bizzozero, Orpheus J. (off)  
(21 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

EWS/FRW/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO  
394, U. S. Army, 29 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 Commissioner1 Incl:  
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x-201-Bizzozero, Orpheus J. (off)  
(21 Aug 45)

3d Ind.

CMP/FRW/pf

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 29 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.

Approved.

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

PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Orpheus J. Bizzozero, O 214 414 Medical Corps, Army of the United States, formerly 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer in Sicily, Lazio-Umbria, and Lombardia Regions, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero has applied unusual intelligence, devotion to duty, integrity and humanness, in the solution of the major problems of Public Health and Welfare. In the wider fields of political and social problems his practical wisdom has been of inestimable aid to his superior officers in the successful completion of the Military Government mission. Under his supervision a pharmaceutical industry was created in Sicily. Within a few months smallpox serum and sulfanilamide were produced in large quantities. The smallpox serum was of extreme value in the epidemic which broke out in Naples, Taranto and Rome. Not only countless civilian lives were saved and Allied troops spared from the danger of infection, but shipping space which would have been used for transporting these products from the United States was conserved for other uses. Held in high esteem by Vatican circles, Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero was called upon on several occasions by His Holiness the Pope on consultations concerning Public Health and Welfare. Through his efforts, and in cooperation with the clergy in Vatican City, the Pontifical Commission for Refugees was organized. Lieutenant Colonel Bizzozero's inestimable aid to the advancement of the Public Health and Welfare services in Italy reflects the highest qualities of an officer of the United States Army. His resourcefulness, zeal, and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and bring great credit upon himself, and his organization. Entered the military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

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LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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21 August 1945

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x-201-Nornholm, Stig G. (Enl)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45 it is recommended that Stig G. Nornholm 36708288, Private First Class (then Private), Company "F", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 5 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. In August 1944, Private First Class Nornholm was assigned to Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for duty with Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government. Due to a shortage of officers in the Region at the time of his assignment, Private First Class Nornholm was placed on complete charge of the Regional Disbursing Office. During his period of service, he received only the barest of supervision from the Headquarters Commandant. This assignment is normally the full time duty of an officer and despite the fact that there were no officer personnel available for this assignment, the entire burden and responsibilities of the operations of this office were placed squarely upon Private First Class Nornholm's shoulders. He supervised a staff of two accountants and four bookkeepers who were trained in this work by him. During the following six months the records of the Accounting Section for the Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, showed that there was not one instance of a major error, either in mathematical computation or in disbursing policy. During this period the average monthly disbursements of this Regional Office totalled five million lire. The office paid directly as many as nine hundred civilian employees as well as all bills contracted for by the Purchasing and Contracting Office. An average of two hundred payment vouchers and payrolls were prepared, either by this enlisted man or under his supervision each month. Regularity of performance and the errorless results of this office are directly attributed to the resourcefulness, zeal and attention to duty of this enlisted man.

3. Upon the inactivation of Lazio-Umbria Region, Private First Class Nornholm was transferred to Lombardia Region for duty with the Disbursing Office of that organization. In setting up the office for this Region's future operations, a tremendous volume of work resulted. Private First Class Nornholm voluntarily, with enthusiasm and diligence, applied himself to the tremendous task, working till late at night

for seven days a week in the first months of operations. He performed these duties under trying conditions, always displaying an accuracy and stability under pressure which is worthy of the highest emulation. The operations of the present office in Lombardia Region involve even greater responsibilities than Private First Class Nornholm had had in his previous assignments. His efforts and the results of his work have never ceased to be, and now are, of the highest order.

4. Private First Class Nornholm's zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces.

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 1 May 1944. Because of the lack of promotion vacancies within this organization it has been impossible to further promote this enlisted man in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments. He has occupied the position of "Disbursing Officer" for both Lazio-Umbria and Lombardia Regions, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLINTI,  
Colonel, MEB,  
Regional Commissioner.

Incl. 1:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Private First Class (then Private) Stig G. Nornholm, 36700298, Company "B", 2875th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Because of the lack of officer personnel, Private First Class Nornholm has successfully occupied the position of "Disbursing Officer" in two Regions of Allied Military Government. He supervised a staff of six accountants and bookkeepers, paid directly more than nine hundred civilian employees and an average of two hundred payment vouchers and payrolls each month. He also arranged for the paying of all bills contracted by the Purchasing and Contracting Section. During this period of service this enlisted man has worked tirelessly and with exceedingly great accuracy to the extent that not one major mistake, either in mathematical computation or in disbursing policy in the handling of over five million lire per month, was made. His work for long hours over several days a week indicates the devotion to duty and zeal of this enlisted man. His outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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X-201-Norholm, Stig G. (Enl) 1st Ind.  
(21 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 August 1945. NPT/ram

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Norholm, Stig G. (Enl) 2nd Ind.  
(21 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 August 1945. EAC/ram

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

Approved.

MILERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Norholm, Stig G. (Enl) 3rd Ind.  
(21 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U.S.  
Army, 21 August 1945. CMP/ram

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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21 August 1945

-x-201-Peebles, Bernard M. (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 M. Peebles, 33385994, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 5 November 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. With the organization of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission at Palermo on 5 November 1943, Staff Sergeant Peebles was appointed Chief Clerk and was charged with full responsibility, under the Director, for setting up the new and complex files and records of the sub-commission. For this task he had virtually no guiding precedent; the type of assignment confronting the sub-commission had in no organized sense been attempted in previous wars. The battleground of Italy presented a larger number of famous historic buildings, paintings, sculptures, libraries, museums and archives than any other similar area in the world. The preparation of a practical system for coordinating, recording and reporting the expected damage and loss in these categories was a huge and complicated task. Yet, under only the most general supervision, and despite the critical shortage of competent enlisted and civilian assistants to help him at the time, Staff Sergeant Peebles accomplished the job with exemplary comprehension and dispatch.

3. Throughout the life of the sub-commission, the responsibility for maintaining the system of records he established, and for extending them as the campaign moved forward, was in this enlisted man's hands. His management of these technical records, involving relations between the Allied Governments, the Italian Ministry, the Church and numerous scientific societies in England and the United States, has been a model of precision and intelligence.

4. Staff Sergeant Peebles was the principal editorial assistant to the Deputy Director of the sub-commission in the difficult task of preparing and publishing the seven official volumes of "Lists of Protected Monuments" to implement Administrative Instruction No. 10 of Headquarters, Allied Armies, Italy. Despite the lack of adequate equipment and the chaotic condition of the Italian printing industry in the spring of 1944, this job was accomplished largely to the industry and perseverance of Staff Sergeant Peebles and pushed through to completion in time for the 1944 offensives.

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5. From 5 November 1943 up to the present date, Staff Sergeant Peebles had complete charge of the organization and functioning of a very miscellaneous civilian and enlisted clerical staff, numbering from six to eight, on work of highly technical nature. Under his immediate guidance, this staff handled, in addition to the normal administrative office routine: research in classical, medieval and Renaissance art and history, compilation of displacements of valuable works of art, libraries and archives, correlation of these records with officers in the Armies and Regions as the advancing battle brought further movement of art deposits and collections in enemy territory, indexing and coordinating a heavy flow of reports from Allied and enemy sources on damage to thousands of monumental buildings and on financing of projects for first-aid repair of the most important ones. After the German surrenders, the preparation of intricate reports on investigation and interrogation of Nazi and Fascist prisoners was made in order to trace and recover looted works of art, to determine the individual guilt of those responsible and to formulate a basis for future international claims.

6. Staff Sergeant Peebles' work required him to conduct correspondence and research in Italian, French, German and English. This linguistic obstacle he overcame by his own brilliance and by constant study. In the performance of his assignment and of many intricate tasks beyond the dictates of duty, this enlisted man has demonstrated not only brilliant scholarship, but also great practicality, tact, efficiency and personal initiative. Largely as a result of his superior services, the sub-commission was enabled to carry out the Commander-in-Chief's directive to avoid, wherever possible, any needless harm or loss to the historical, artistic and cultural heritage of Italy. In the opinion of the undersigned, who certifies the above from personal observation and knowledge, the contribution of Staff Sergeant Peebles could normally have been equalled only by an officer of exceptional qualifications.

7. Staff Sergeant Peebles' boundless energy, scholarly performance and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

8. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the enlisted man was a Staff Sergeant. He has been Chief Clerk of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission since 5 November 1943 and at present holds his rank of Staff Sergeant.

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

10. All subsequent services of this enlisted man have been honorable.

11. Staff Sergeant Peebles has received no previous awards.

12. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

NORMAN R. NEWTON  
Major AC  
Acting Deputy Director

PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant Bernard M. Peebles, 33385998, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 5 November 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Staff Sergeant Peebles has, during this entire period, been in complete charge of the organization and functioning of the enlisted and civilian staff of the sub-commission headquarters. He planned and operated the complex system of technical records and, through his personal initiative and superior performance of intricate tasks beyond the dictates of duty, he contributed greatly to the accomplishment of the mission of monuments and fine arts activities in all of liberated Italy. His outstanding performance 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 Annapolis, Maryland.

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-x-201-Peebles, Bernard M. (Enl)

(25 Aug '45)

1st Ind

MPT/FRW/fp

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 25 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead),  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE

1st Lt AGD

Recorder

1 Incl:

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-x-201-Peebles, Bernard M. (Enl)

(25 Aug '45)

2nd Ind

MPT/FRW/fp

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO  
394, U. S. Army, 25 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead),  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

MILBRY W. STONE

Rear Admiral, USNR

Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

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-x-201-Peebles, Bernard M. (Enl)

(25 Aug '45)

3rd Ind

MPT/FRW/fp

HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD) APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 25 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.

Approved.

G. M. PARKIN

Colonel, Infantry

Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1945

x-201-Ciardella, Vasco (Enl)

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 15<sup>1</sup>, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Vasco Ciardella 38837000, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 October 1943 to 15 September 1944.

2. Corporal Ciardella was assigned to Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, as a driver and interpreter. In January 1944 he was attached to Civil Affairs Section for AMG 4th Corps for duty at the Anzio Beachhead. During this entire period he was under almost constant enemy shellfire. He was sent on many occasions in the vicinity of the front lines to pick up bodies of civilians who had been killed in the course of battle and to return them to the civilian cemeteries. Civilian vehicles were not allowed to travel on the roads within the beachhead area and this entire responsibility for the removal and return of the bodies was placed upon this enlisted man. During a four-month period he removed several of these dead, some of them already in a decomposed stage.

3. He greatly assisted in the vacation of 19,600 civilians from the beachhead area in this same period. He arranged for their transportation, directed their housing, feeding and well-being until they could be returned to the safety of the rear areas. At one time it was necessary to place him in charge of one of the churches crowded with refugees. This was necessary since there were more churches and buildings of this nature filled with refugees than there were officers to look after them. He offered his assistance through long hours, displaying a tireless devotion to duty and an outstanding dependability in whatever task was placed before him. On many instances he has performed duties usually assigned to commissioned officers. He has kept himself constantly available and has always been able to accomplish needed work. Using ingenuity and tact in his dealings with the Italian civilians, his services have been outstandingly effective. He has not only aided his immediate superiors, but has contributed greatly to relieving the tactical commanders of civil administration and refugee and civil problems.

4. Corporal Giardella's tireless energy, exceptional ability and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment the enlisted man was a Private First Class. He was promoted to Corporal on 26 July 1944. He has occupied positions as driver, interpreter and translator. He is presently a Corporal and is assigned as Legal Clerk for Milan City, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The Enlisted Man has had no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see inclosure 1).

CHARLES POINTELLI  
Colonel, USAR  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Corporal, (then Private First Class) Vasco Ciardella, 3983700, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 October 1943 to 15 September 1944. Despite the fact that this enlisted man was initially assigned as a driver and interpreter, he was placed under almost constant enemy shellfire at the Anzio Beachhead shortly after the landings, proceeding many times to the front lines to pick up and return the bodies of civilians killed in the course of battle. He returned them to the civilian cemeteries for burial and arranged for burial services to be carried out. He aided, in an outstanding manner, in the evacuation of over 19,000 civilians from the beachhead area. On several occasions he was placed in charge of large groups of refugees and ably assisted in their care, feeding and transportation to the rear areas. Performing duties far beyond those expected of his rank, he has employed a high degree of diligence, initiative and tact. The services he has rendered not only directly aided his superior officers but relieved the tactical commanders in the field of the necessity of administering to civilian needs and civil affairs. His devotion to duty and self-sacrificing endeavor are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

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x-301-Ciandella, Vasco (Enl)

(21 August 45)

1st Ind.

HPT/ram

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

R. F. THORP,  
1st Lt., A.C.D.  
Recorder

2 Incl:

n/c

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x-301-Ciandella, Vasco (Enl)

(21 August 45)

2nd Ind.

HPT/ram

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

Approved.

HARRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

n/c

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x-301-Ciandella, Vasco (Enl)

(21 August 45)

3rd Ind.

HPT/ram

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
VIETNAM REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1945

x-201-Pallotti, Francis P. (C)

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

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

1. Under provisions of Paragraph 15<sup>1</sup>, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Francis P. Pallotti, 0100293, Major (then Captain) FA, 3675th Regiment, Allied Commission be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 December 1944 to 10 April 1945.

2. Major Pallotti served as Civil Affairs Officer in the Comune of Faenza, Province of Ravenna, Italy for the period stated above. At the time of Major Pallotti's entry into this area, the entire Province was under constant enemy shellfire. During the entire period of his administration of this Comune he was in constant danger of his life and safety. The entire Comune and Province were in the center of combat activity. He immediately set about to organize and direct civilian activities under these extremely adverse and dangerous conditions. He immediately organized a sound local Government, calling upon the residents to elect competent officials to assist him in the administration of the area. Despite lack of communications and transportation, he arranged for assistance to the sick, aged and infirm, to obtain proper care and attention for children and homeless refugees. He directed a policing force to maintain law and order to apprehend criminals plotting against the Allied efforts in Italy and arranged for the trial and speedy prosecution of criminal cases.

3. Major Pallotti has contributed, in an immeasurable degree, to the security, comfort and welfare of the civilian population of Faenza. In the winter months of 1944-45 he also directed and controlled the evacuation of thousands of refugees from the front lines along the Senio River through Faenza and back to the security of the rear areas. He rendered valuable assistance to military authorities in taking from their hands civilian responsibilities and relieving them to concentrate more fully on combat plans and operations. The return to normal and peaceful living conditions in this area are directly attributed to the tireless efforts of this outstanding officer.

4. The zeal, resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Major Pallotti are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

5. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 8675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Captain. He was promoted to the grade of Major on 25 December 1944. He has been, throughout the period of his services with this organization, a "spearhead" Civil Affairs Officer. He is presently a Major and is now assigned as a Provincial Officer in Trento Province, Venezia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. This officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see enclosure 1).

THOMAS H. PAGE,  
Colonel, M. C.  
Deputy Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Francis P. Pallotti, 0102293, VA, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 December 1944 to 10 April 1945. As a "spearhead" Civil Affairs Officer, Major Pallotti entered the Comune of Faenza, Province of Ravenna, Italy, to undertake to restore the Civil Administration in the community. During this time, the area was under daily enemy shellfire. Major Pallotti's action in organizing and directing civil government and civilian activities under extremely adverse and dangerous conditions without regard for his own personal safety, contributed greatly to the security, comfort and welfare of the civilian population. Throughout the winter months of 1944-45 he also directed and controlled the evacuation of thousands of refugees from the front lines along the Senio River, through Faenza, and back to the safety of the rear areas. His valuable assistance to military combat authorities took from them the burden of civil affairs and enabled them to concentrate more fully on the tactical situation. His resourcefulness, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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x-201-Pallotti, Francis P. (0)  
(21 August 45)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 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.C.D.  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Pallotti, Francis P. (0)  
(21 August 45)

2nd Ind.

RPS/rm

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

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

Approved.

ELBERT W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Pallotti, Francis P. (0)  
(21 August 45)

3rd Ind.

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

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

Approved.

C. H. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIAN REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

TRF/FRG/mv

File: 200.6

21 August 1945

x-201-Simpson, Alva A., Jr. (c)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15a, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Alva A. Simpson, Jr., O-1797027, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), GMP, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 17 July 1943 to 18 May 1945.

2. During the entire period, Captain Simpson has served as a "spear-head" Civil Affairs Officer for Allied Military Government. He was one of the first Allied Military Government Officers to set foot on the Mainland of Italy. He landed on D-Day in Reggio-Calabria and, on 3 September 1943, participated in raising the first American flag on the continent of Europe in World War 2. Throughout his entire period of service, Captain Simpson has served with the forward units of Allied Military Government, Eighth Army. His services in civil affairs have extended from Sicily to the far northeastern coast of Italy. The problems of immediate administration of civil affairs in war-torn towns following the entry of allied troops is one in which conditions are almost indescribable. Upon entering into a town he found that civil officials had either been killed, taken along as prisoners with German troops or had fled as a result of their collaboration with Nazi officials. There was no food, power or transportation facilities available. In most cases, along the eastern coast, towns were severely damaged or completely destroyed. Refugee problems were acute and thousands of homeless people had to be accommodated with shelter, medical care and normal necessities of life. Captain Simpson gave of his time and efforts in the re-establishment of law and order in these devastated areas, working constantly in danger of his life from enemy artillery and aerial bombardment.

3. His services extended through such important towns as Siracusa, Catania, Campobasso, Cassino, Frosinone, Perugia, Arezzo, Rimini, Padova, and Udine. The success of military government operations in all of these localities can be attributed directly to the outstanding record of performance on the part of this officer. Without regard for his own personal safety, he contributed directly to the maintenance of law and order, security, comfort and welfare of countless thousands of Italian civilians. His work was also an outstanding contribution to the military combat units in that it freed the armies of civilian responsibilities in forward areas. Despite lack of transportation and other necessary every-day facilities in the performance of his daily tasks, Captain Simpson labored tirelessly to

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re-establish sound government and to reconstruct utilities and homes for needy Italian people.

4. Captain Simpson's outstanding performance of duty in the field of military government both as an organizer and an administrator are in accordance with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of his assignment to this organization the officer was a First Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain on 7 November 1944. Throughout the entire period stated, he has served as a "spearhead" Civil Affairs Officer in the forward areas in Sicily and Italy, serving through this time with Allied Military Government, Eighth Army. The officer is presently a Captain and is assigned as Civil Affairs Officer for Trento Province, Venezia Region.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

THOMAS N. PAGE  
Colonel MC  
Deputy Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Alva A. Simpson, Jr., O-1797027, CMP, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 17 July 1943 to 18 May 1945. Captain Simpson served as a "Spearhead" Civil Affairs Officer with AMG Eighth Army throughout the entire period. Landing on D-Day in Reggio-Calabria, he participated in raising the first American Flag on the continent of Europe in World War II. Captain Simpson's outstanding record of performance under heavy enemy artillery and aerial bombardment in the rehabilitation of seriously devastated towns and in the reconstruction of sound civil administration stand as a monument to his outstanding performance and tireless energy. Upon his entry into seriously damaged or completely destroyed towns all along the eastern coast of Italy, he set about to replace civil administrators in office, to reconstruct transportation, food, public utilities and facilities, to aid in the care of the sick and aged and to return normal life to all of the areas. His work was of an inestimable value to the military combat units in freeing military commanders of civilian responsibilities in forward areas. His contribution to the war effort is reflected in the successful completion of military government operations throughout all of Italy. Captain Simpson's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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x-201-Simpson, Alva A., Jr. (G) 1st Ind. NPI/FRW/mv  
 (21 Aug 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 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:  
 n/c

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x-201-Simpson, Alva A., Jr. (G) 2nd Ind. EWS/FRW/mv  
 (21 Aug 45)  
 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.

ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Simpson, Alva A., Jr. (G) 3rd Ind. CMP/FRW/mv  
 (21 Aug 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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21 August 1945

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-x-201-Phillips, Wendell E. (OFF)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Wendell E. Phillips, 0160841, Major (then Captain), CAC, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 March to 8 May 1945.

2. Major Phillips was appointed Provincial Commissioner of Pavia Province, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government on 29 March 1945. During the final advance of the Fifth Army, he brought his Provincial team as close behind the Army as was possible, in order to be able to enter the Province and begin the administration of Civil Affairs as soon as the area was liberated. In Parma, contact with Regional Headquarters and any type of Armed Forces was lost due to the rapid advance and change of direction of the assaulting armies. Major Phillips did not hesitate to make his own reconnaissance, in spite of information that elements of three German divisions were astride the road leading from Piacenza to Pavia. On April 30, with the aid of Italian Partisan troops, he and his team crossed the Po River in a captured German ferry and, with two divisions still in the Province north of the Po, he found a clear path to the capital which was already evacuated by the enemy.

3. Upon arrival at Provincial Headquarters, he immediately set about to appoint new civil officials. He coordinated the efforts of large patriot groups, the activities of C.N.I., church organizations and other groups for immediate civil administration. Food supplies were immediately moved and communication systems were immediately organized under his direction. The Partisan forces which instantly recognized Allied Military Government authority began negotiations for the surrender to the Allied Forces of two German divisions. In addition, some five thousand Germans in smaller groups, surrendered to Major Phillips and his staff. This fantastic military activity for a small civil affairs staff is perhaps even less important than his direction for a rapid and orderly liquidation of the potentially dangerous and highly armed Partisan Army. He displayed a high degree of skill and tact in restoring order as rapidly as the German and Fascist forces were brought under control, and through his tireless efforts relieved and the tactical commanders of the necessity of administration of civil affairs.

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4. Major Phillips' outstanding energy and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and re-

flect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, the officer was a Captain. He was promoted to Major on 8 January 1945. He has occupied duties as Civil Affairs and Provincial Officer with Allied Military Government. He is presently a Major and is performing duties as Provincial Commissioner of Pavia Province, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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Proposed Citation - Phillips, Wendell E. (Off)

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel IMB  
Regional Commissioner

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-X-201-Phillips, Wendell E. (off)  
(21 Aug '45)

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

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE  
1st Lt. AGD  
Recorder1 Incl:  
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-X-201-Phillips, Wendell E. (off)  
(21 Aug '45)

2nd Ind

EWS/FRW/EP

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

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

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

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-X-201-Phillips, Wendell E. (off)  
(21 Aug '45)

3rd Ind

CMP/FRW/EP

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD), APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.

Approved, for the Bronze Star Medal only.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding1 Incl:  
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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Wendell E. Phillips, 0160841, CAG, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 March to 8 May 1945. As Provincial Commissioner of Pavia Province, Major Phillips moved his Provincial Team immediately behind the combat armies in order to enter his province and commence administration of civil affairs as soon as the area was liberated. Losing contact with the Armies in their rapid advance, he directed his own reconnaissance, crossed the Po River in a captured German ferry with the aid of Partisan troops and entered the Capitol of the Province already evacuated by the enemy. He immediately coordinated the activities of the C.N.L., newly appointed civil officials, Patriot groups and church organizations. He immediately organized transportation for food supplies and set up a complete communications system. Some five thousand German troops surrendered to Major Phillips and his staff. More important was Major Phillips' tact and resourcefulness in immediately arranging for a rapid and orderly liquidation of the potentially dangerous and highly armed and mobile Partisan Army. By an outstanding display of resourcefulness, he relieved the combat commanders of all administration of civil affairs and directly aided the immediate return of normal living in the area under his control. His outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Force. Entered the military service from Port Jervis, New York.

HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1945

2-501-Braconi, Raymond A. (Enl)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 15j, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Raymond A. Braconi, 31514973, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company "P", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. As Acting First Sergeant of two companies of the 2675th Regiment, Staff Sergeant Braconi has performed these duties over and above those normally required of an enlisted man of his rank in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. By his outstanding example, forceful leadership and devotion to duty, he has evoked from the enlisted members of his organization a high degree of efficiency and morale to successfully accomplish the mission of Allied Military Government. Despite the shortages of personnel in all sections of his organization, he has given competent direction to the completion of all activities. He has provided the enlisted members of his organization with clean and comfortable quarters, an abundance of recreational facilities and, by his efforts, has lifted and maintained to the highest degree the morale of his fellow soldiers.

3. Despite the difficulties created by the nature of the assignments held by members of his company in normal military government functions and the necessity for using Italian civilians for all the house-keeping tasks, Staff Sergeant Braconi has, through constant and untiring efforts, kept a semblance of military order and has earned for his organization high ratings for efficiency and orderliness from all inspectors who have visited his company. His tasks have not only involved the normal duties of a First Sergeant, but have gone further in that he has supervised the maintenance of both officer and enlisted personnel records, motor transportation, post exchange and clothing supply, recreational activities and has acted as a supervisory mess officer. Despite these myriad tasks, he has attained a high degree of efficiency and outstanding success. Without his inspiring leadership and extraordinary devotion to duty during the critical period of initial operations, the accomplishments of his organization would not have reflected such immediate success and efficiency.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Raymond A. Bracci, 51314073, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Acting as a First Sergeant of two companies assigned to Allied Military Government duties, Staff Sergeant Bracci has performed his duties in a manner worthy of the highest emulation. He has provided the enlisted members of his organization with clean and comfortable quarters, an abundance of good food and recreational facilities and has maintained to the highest degree the morale of his fellow soldiers. Despite the difficulties created in using Italian civilians for all his housekeeping tasks, Staff Sergeant Bracci has, through constant and untiring efforts, managed to display the highest type of military order and earned for his organizations high ratings of efficiency and accomplishment. His devotion to duty, organizational ability, initiative and tireless energy reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Newuk, Connecticut.

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4. Staff Sergeant Bracci's resourcefulness, sound judgment, devotion to duty and loyalty to his organization are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the enlisted man held the grade of Sergeant. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 14 September 1944. He has acted as First Sergeant for two companies of the 2675th Regiment. He is presently a Staff Sergeant and is Acting First Sergeant of Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission.

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

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

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, NMB  
Regional Commissioner

I Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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x-201-Bracci, Raymond A. (Enl)  
(21 August 45)

1st Ind.

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

TO: Commanding Officer, 8675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:

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x-201-Bracci, Raymond A. (Enl)  
(21 August 45)

2nd Ind.

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

TO: Commanding Officer, 8675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd),  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

DILEY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

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x-201-Bracci, Raymond A. (Enl)

3rd Ind.

CMP/ram

HEADQUARTERS, 8675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PASCIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:

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## DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD

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## ALLIED COMMISSION

21 August 1945

MINUTESOF THEDECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD

1. The Decorations and Awards Board of the Allied Commission was called to order by Colonel Fiske at 1100 hrs. 21 August 1945. The following members were present:

|        |                      |          |          |
|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Col    | NORMAN E. FISKE      | 04741    | Cav      |
| Col    | JOHN W. CHAPMAN      | 0204184  | JAGD     |
| Lt Col | ROBERT A. MARTINO    | 0272815  | Spec Res |
| Lt Col | LESLIE S. MOORE      | 0216697  | AGD      |
| 1st Lt | NICHOLAS P. THEODORE | 01001062 | AGD      |

2. The following were recommended for approval:

LEGION OF MERIT

|           |                        |     |          |          |
|-----------|------------------------|-----|----------|----------|
| Commodore | HUMBERT WM. ZIROLI     | (A) | 9565     | USE      |
| Col       | EDWARD POLEY JR        | (A) | 0911946  | QMC      |
| Col       | EDMUND O. HOWELL JR    | (A) | 0138157  | Inf      |
| Capt      | HARRY ST. JOHN BUTLER  | (A) | 57477    | USNR     |
| Lt Col    | EDWARD C. KING         | (A) | 0191976  | Spec Res |
| Lt Col    | WILLIAM M. SPAN        | (A) | 0260170  | QMP      |
| Lt Col    | JOHN MC SWEENEY        | (A) | 0164741  | Spec Res |
| Lt Col    | JOHN B. W. PERKINS     | (B) | 97025    | R. Arty  |
| Major     | THOMAS G. BERGIN       | (A) | 0528710  | NMB      |
| Major     | JOHN P. LEACACOS       | (A) | 0914269  | NMB      |
| Major     | LOYD W. STEARNS        | (A) | 0303781  | AGD      |
| Major     | RALPH R. TEMPLE        | (A) | 0523284  | Spec Res |
| Lt Comdr  | EDMUND C. P. MULIERI   | (A) |          | USCGM    |
| Lt Comdr  | JOHN H. POLLARD        | (A) | 205649   | USNR     |
| Capt      | RICHARD B. BULLOCK     | (A) | 024198   | Inf      |
| Lieut     | WILLIAM W. WOTHERSPOON | (A) | 87188    | USNR     |
| S/Sgt     | Bernard M. Peebles     | (A) | 33385998 |          |

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|        |                   |     |           |          |
|--------|-------------------|-----|-----------|----------|
| Major  | ELIOT J. BOGGINO  | (A) | 0377876   | Inf      |
| Major  | PAUL S. SAVAGE    | (A) | 0522162   | Spec Res |
| 1st Lt | RALPH F. GERMANN  | (A) | 01303138  | Inf      |
| T/Sgt  | Dennis Giardina   | (A) | 35435782  |          |
| Sgt    | Eric A. Papps     | (B) | 813058698 |          |
| Tec 4  | Joseph P. Latella | (A) | 33430760  |          |
| Pfc    | Karl D. Hess      | (A) | 33606364  |          |

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| Tec 4 | Jerry G. Andiorio | (A) | 32762258 |
| Tec 4 | Rocco A. Rizzo    | (A) | 20254755 |
| Tec 5 | Charles A. Palmer | (A) | 12107707 |

## 3. The following were disapproved:

LEGION OF MERIT

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| Capt | WARNER G. PETERSON | (A) | 0454713 | GAC |
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| Tec 4 | Seymour I. Mandell | (A) | 12038651 |
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4. No further business was at hand and the meeting adjourned at 1250 hrs, and would reconvene at the call of the President.

H. P. THEODORE,  
1st Lt, ASD,  
Assistant Recorder

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1945

x-201-Lynch, John J. (O)

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 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that John J. Lynch, O-1797489, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), CMF, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Lieutenant Lynch, as Public Safety Officer, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government, planned a complete program for Public Safety activities immediately upon occupation of the Region of Italy to which he was assigned duties. He entered Milan immediately upon occupation by the Allied forces and was instrumental in returning law and order with the least possible bloodshed in the difficult days at the beginning of the occupation. Lieutenant Lynch frequently went with small squads of men on dangerous missions which were not normal functions of his assignment. He entered many partisan headquarters where over-enthusiastic partisans had detained persons, probably rightly in their opinion but wrongly in the opinion of the legal officers and Allied Military Government officials, and obtained their releases to the proper authorities, thereby preventing countless political murders. The cool and courageous action of Lieutenant Lynch at this critical period where the lack of direct action might have been interpreted as a sign of weakness did much to create a feeling of respect for Allied authorities.

3. In addition to these tasks, Lieutenant Lynch has rendered outstanding help in re-organizing the forces of law and order in the city and region. Having removed incompetent officials, he directed the appointment and employment of competent persons to carry out the desires of military and governmental commanders in the resumption of order in cities bound by overwhelming chaos at the time of the initial liberation. He worked long and tiring hours to the end that with the restoration of order a direct contribution could be made toward the cooperation of civilians with legal military authorities. His efforts were not only a direct aid to the restoration of law and order, but the effects thereof resulted in a whole-hearted cooperation of government officials and individual civilians in accomplishing the tasks of Allied Military Government in this area.

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4. Lieutenant Lynch's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces.

5. At the time of his assignment to the 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Second Lieutenant. He has throughout this period performed the duties of Public Safety Officer. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on 17 January 1945. He is presently assigned to Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government, as a Public Safety Officer.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, RMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) John J. Lynch, O-1797489, CMP, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. As a Public Safety Officer, Lieutenant Lynch went beyond the normal requirements of duty in directing small squads of men on dangerous missions to release and turn over to proper authorities political prisoners held by over-enthusiastic partisans. He has contributed immeasurably to the restoration of law and order in obtaining the cooperation of Italian government authorities and Italian civilians so that the mission of Allied Military Government in the area in which he has served could be successfully carried out. The cool and courageous action of Lieutenant Lynch during the critical period immediately following the liberation of North Italy has done much to create a feeling of respect for Allied authorities and enhance the cooperation of Italian civilians with local military establishments. Lieutenant Lynch's tireless energy, resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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x-201-Lynch, John J. (O)  
 (21 Aug 45) 1st Ind.  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. Army, 21 August 1945. NPT/FRW/mv

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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

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x-201-Lynch, John J. (O)  
 (21 Aug 45) 2nd Ind.  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. Army, 21 August 1945. MWS/FRW/mv

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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x-201-Lynch, John J. (O)  
 (21 Aug 45) 3rd Ind.  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. Army, 21 August 1945. CWF/FRW/mv

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

Approved.

G. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
SICILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

GP/FRS/mv

File: 200.6

21 August 1945

X-201-Brannigan, Frank (O)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Frank Brannigan, O-126589, Major (then Captain), Transportation Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Sicily and Italy from 7 November 1943 to 31 March 1945.

2. Major Brannigan has served as Fire Control Officer in Sicilia Region, Region III, and in Rome Region, Allied Military Government. In Sicily he supervised the "Vigili del Fuoco" and civil defense organizations for all of the island. He inspected and arranged for the repair of all fire apparatus. He removed incompetent civil officers and coordinated the activities of civil and military fire services. He restored badly damaged air-raid shelters and buildings in danger of collapse were either made safe or demolished under his supervision. He supervised the removal of countless thousands of unexploded shells, mines and other fire hazards to prevent loss of life and property.

3. In Naples and Rome, he performed similar duties to those he so ably conducted in Sicily. At the Naples Port he organized a civil fire service to augment military fire units already stationed there. He arranged for the employment, training and equipping of units so that they would be immediately ready and experienced in fire control to successfully combat any conflagration which might break out in this important port area. Several instances of blazes which were immediately checked without loss of time or equipment in this port area are a tribute to his successful contribution to military operations. He salvaged fire boats which he had repaired by local civilian labor and placed in service for port fire duty. He supervised the operations of fire services and civil defense organizations before, during, and after air raids.

4. In Rome, Major Brannigan again performed outstanding services in directing fire control as he had so capably done in his previous assignment. He disbanded the Fascist U.F.P.A. civil defense organization and turned their duties over to Civil Fire Brigades. He secured parts and materials to repair and place into service large quantities of fire apparatus and equipment. As a result of this officer's outstanding services, he has done much to contribute to the safety and the well-being of not only

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

military units, but also to the safe living of civilian inhabitants.

5. Major Brannigan's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. .

6. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a Captain. He was promoted to Major on 7 May 1944. He has occupied the positions as Fire Control Officer of Sicilia Region, Region III, Lazio-Umbria Region and Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government. The officer is presently a Major and is performing duties as Fire Control Officer for Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, USAR  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Frank Brannigan, O-126589, TC, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Sicily and Italy from 7 November 1943 to 31 March 1945. As Fire Control Officer for four regions, Allied Military Government, Major Brannigan has rendered outstanding services in disbanding defunct Fascist civil defense organizations and has organized and directed new civilian defense activities, coordinating them with military services. He restored badly damaged air-raid shelters and buildings in danger of collapse and has supervised the removal of countless thousands of unexploded shells, mines and fire hazards to prevent the loss of life and property, both military and civilian. In Naples, Major Brannigan organized a civil fire service to augment military fire organizations located in the port area. By salvaging fire boats and directing their repair, he was able to place these important fire combat units back into service. He has secured parts and material to repair and place into service large quantities of fire apparatus and equipment, and by so doing, has rendered very valuable assistance to the advancement of civilian safety and to the success of military operations in Italy. His resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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x-201-Brannigan, Frank (O)  
(21 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 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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x-201-Brannigan, Frank (O)  
(21 Aug 45)

2nd Ind.

BWS/FRW/mv

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

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

Approved.

ALBERT W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Brannigan, Frank (O)  
(21 Aug 45)

3rd Ind.

JMP/FRW/mv

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 21 August 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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x-201-Weber, John K. (Off) 6th Ind. HEL/jtg  
 (5 Jul 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (QVHD), APO 394, US Army,  
 20 August 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

In accordance with letter, Office of the Chief Commissioner, file:  
 CC 511, subject: "Acceptance of Italian Decorations", dated 8 August 1945,  
 the attached evidence of intended award and affidavit for permission for  
 acceptance is forwarded for your approval.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HOWARD E LEE  
 Capt Inf  
 Adjutant

3 Incls:  
 n/c

7th Ind.

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x-201-Weber, John K. (Off)  
 (5 Jul 45)  
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

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

THRU: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, APO 394, U.S. Army

Recommend approval.

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ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

3 Incls:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
LORRAINE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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31 August 1945

File: 200.6

x-201-Culloton, Bernard A. (O)

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

TO : Commanding General, HQUUSA, APO 812, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15g, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Bernard A. Culloton, O 322 482, Major, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 January 1944 to 30 March 1945.

2. As Regional Refugee Officer of Region III, Allied Military Government, he planned and organized the first Refugee Camp on the Fifth Army Front during the evacuation of the Cassino Line in the months of January to March 1944. This area was over crowded with homeless and hungry people in the direct paths of the battle lines, who not only for the sake of their own safety and well-being, but for definite reasons of tactical importance, must be moved in the shortest space of time of safety to the rear areas. Major Culloton not only directed the functions of the Camp but arranged for the evacuation of these thousands of civilians. Despite lack of transportation and officer or soldier assistance, he arranged for their evacuation, necessary clothing, food, bed clothing and medical care. Under the most difficult conditions, he assumed the entire burden of this humanitarian work and thereby removed from the responsibilities of the Army commanders the administration of refugee affairs in the area.

3. Taking the experience he had gleaned in his handling of the refugees in the Cassino Area, he performed outstanding services in directing the evacuation of thousands more civilians from the Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead during May 1944. He was faced with even greater problems in finding food, shelter and care for these homeless refugees. Working long hours and without regard for his own health, he placed into operation one of the most effective camps which ever handled refugees directly on the Fifth Army Front.

4. In August 1944, Major Culloton was assigned to Lazio-Umbria Region as Movement Control Officer. In this assignment, he directed the use of existing transport facilities, coordinated their movement and arranged for the transportation of foodstuffs and essential supplies to the civilian population in the Rome area during the Summer and Fall of 1944. This assignment did not mean that it was only necessary to start food moving and keep it moving, but it meant that the food so sorely

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needed throughout this starvation period must be moved immediately and in far larger quantities than this transport would normally be able to haul. Despite the difficulties, Major Culloton set about the task to move as heavy a load of foodstuffs as the transportation could possibly bear and as often as the vehicles were able to make the trips. As a result of his tireless efforts, Rome was assured of a minimum ration of food throughout the winter of 1944-45.

5. Major Culloton's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.

6. The officer has been a Major since his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has occupied the positions as Regional Welfare Officer and Regional Movement Control Officer. He is presently assigned as Executive Officer of Brescia Province, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, RMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major Bernard A. Culleton, O 522 482, Specialist Reserve, 2875th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 January 1944 to 30 March 1945. As a result of the outstanding resourcefulness and attention to duty of this officer, the first refugee camp on the Fifth Army front was organized and directed by him in the evacuation of thousands of refugees from the Cassino Line area. He performed outstanding work in the handling and supervision of the evacuation of countless more thousands from the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead during May 1944. In a later assignment as Movement Control Officer, he coordinated and directed the use of an exceedingly small amount of existing transport facilities in the Rome Area during the Summer and Autumn of 1944 in order to move foodstuffs and essential supplies to the civilian population and thereby avert starvation in this important area of Italy. Major Culleton's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Kingston, New York.

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X-201-Culloton, Bernard A. (C)  
 (21 August 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FPW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 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

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Culloton, Bernard A. (C)  
 (21 August 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FPW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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X-201-Culloton, Bernard A. (C)  
 21 August 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FPW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVID), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
SICILY REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1946

X-801-Bolick, Clarence P. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Award of the Legion of Merit

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, Army Regulation 600-45, it is recommended that Clarence C. Bolick, O 174 447, Colonel, Field Artillery, 1675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 September 1943 to 8 August 1944.

2. During the period for which Colonel Bolick is recommended for this award he was Communications Officer of Sicily Region. Colonel Bolick's problems in Sicily immediately after occupation were plentiful and their solution was further hampered by the lack of necessary materials and facilities. One of the most vital problems in Sicily in the early days was the acute shortage of electricity. This was brought about by the severe damage to the three steam generating plants on the island, the shortage of water for hydroplants and the destruction of about 35 kilometers of a 70 kv transmission line which divided the island in half. Colonel Bolick made many urgent requests for vital materials in order to restore the sorely needed electrical power. His urgent requests were never met and it became necessary for him to attempt to secure the necessary materials for the repair of the three plants from anywhere he might find on the island. By improvising materials and by displaying a boundless amount of resourcefulness he directed the complete repair of these plants, thereby solving the problems of acute electrical shortage. The 70 kv transmission line was reconstructed by using salvaged trolley wire to replace the missing double stranded aluminum wire. The entire job of reconstruction was completed from all improvised materials and the soundness of its rebuilding is evidenced in the fact that the entire system is still in service. This outstanding effort enabled Allied Military Government to tie the eastern and western sides of the island together on a common grid.

3. One of the largest fuel boilers at the Palermo steam plant was completely pulverized after having received a direct hit in one of the bombings of the island. This destruction resulted in the loss of a 7500 kilowatt steam turbine. The boiler was rebuilt in utilizing seemingly impossible materials. Boiler tubes were made out of three pieces of double strength pipe welded together. The boiler was completed, the turbine was overhauled and the entire system was again restored to

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service. At the Porto Empedocle Plant one of two 5000 kilowatt turbines was completely destroyed and the other was seriously damaged. The most difficult problem in the damage of the second turbine was a bent rotor shaft. Colonel Bolick arranged for the rotor to be transported to Palermo and the shaft straightened at the Navy Yard. Through Colonel Bolick's direction the shaft was repaired and returned to service. Two weeks after it had been placed into operation it was sheared off near the bearing. It was again taken to the Navy Yard in Palermo and against the advice of several engineers and other officers concerned in the reconstruction of the island, Colonel Bolick arranged that a piece of shaft be cast and welded to the original shaft. The job was completed under his direction and the unit was returned to service. The soundness of his reasoning is reflected in the fact that the improvised shaft is still operating.

4. Electrical problems were not the only difficulties faced by Colonel Bolick. The task fell upon his shoulders to rebuild the Sicilian State Railways. Forty-six of the railway bridges and nine large tunnels were either completely destroyed or damaged in two important sections of the railway between Catania and Messina and between Messina and Palermo. Contracts for the reconstruction were arranged for and promulgated by Colonel Bolick and the two sections of the railroad were restored to service in August of 1944. The problem of highway reconstruction, including the repair or rebuilding of three hundred highway bridges, the repair of damage to water systems in large and small cities and the severe damage to the cities themselves were some of the varied other important problems which faced this officer. Despite the lack of available materials, transport and organized labor, Colonel Bolick went about his tasks, his only purpose was to see to it that reconstruction was started, that laborers were employed and that the necessary funds were allowed to secure the required materials. For example, as a result of his achievement, reconstruction in Messina was started and in the course of the program some 450 million lire were spent in the reconstruction work. Colonel Bolick, on numerous occasions, overcame obstacles that would normally be considered insurmountable. His successful completion of the tasks placed before him can only be attributed to his outstanding qualities of ingenuity, quick-thinking, resourcefulness, and intense devotion to duty. When Colonel Bolick closed his division on the island, there was an adequate supply of electrical energy for all essential needs, including the power for civilian electrical appliances. The main highways all over the island and the bridges connecting them were made passable to the heaviest of traffic. The main lines of the Sicilian State Railroad were repaired and trains were again able to maintain a running schedule. The efforts of this officer will long stand as a testimonial of his individual energy and resourcefulness.

5. The tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Bolick are in keeping with the finest traditions of the

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United States Army and reflect greatest upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces.

6. The officer was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time these services were rendered. He was then Communications Officer for Sicily Region, Allied Military Government. He was promoted to Colonel on 7 January 1945 and now occupies the position of Regional Engineer, Lombardis Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, ISAB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) Clarence P. Bolick, O 174 447, Field Artillery, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 6 September 1943 to 8 August 1944. Through the resourcefulness of this officer, entire electrical systems which had been completely destroyed or very seriously damaged were repaired by using improvised materials or by arranging for the substitution of workable parts which other individuals insisted would not stand wear and tear. The results of his resourcefulness are indicated in the fact that all electrical power being supplied on the Island of Sicily is generated by machinery which was repaired and substituted under the direction of Colonel Bolick. His direction of the reconstruction of the Sicilian State Railways, the repair of 46 bridges and 9 large tunnels along the main lines of this transport link resulted in a resumption of normal schedules. Added to this, he directed the repair and rebuilding of some 300 highway bridges, water systems, and some of the largest cities on the Island. For example, as a result of his efforts, the reconstruction of the city of Messina was arranged and some 450 million lire were spent in the reconstruction work. Colonel Bolick displayed outstanding resourcefulness and tireless energy in overcoming insurmountable obstacles. His successful completion of these tasks can only be attributed to his outstanding qualities of ingenuity, quick thinking and intense devotion to duty. The qualities of leadership displayed by Colonel Bolick are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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x-201-Bolick, Clarence P. (C)  
 (21 August 45) 1st Ind. NPT/TRW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 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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x-201-Bolick, Clarence P. (C)  
 (21 August 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/TRW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

KILBRY E. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Bolick, Clarence P. (C)  
 (21 August 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/TRW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

21 August 1945

X-201-Piccione, Salvatore J. (Enl)

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

TO : Commanding General, MFOUSA, APO 812, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Salvatore J. Piccione, 32196190, Private First Class (then Private), Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 May 1944 to 30 March 1945.

2. Private First Class Piccione was assigned to the Purchasing and Contracting Section of Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government. Due to a shortage of officer personnel, the entire responsibility of purchasing required supplies and equipment for Regional operation and contracting for building and housing space for its supplies and services and other necessities for operation with both civilian and military organizations completely fell upon the shoulders of this enlisted man. The contracts and purchases which he handled involved many thousands of dollars worth of equipment, supplies and services. By diligent application to his work, he was able to obtain the necessary commodities important to the successful operation of his organization.

3. One of his outstanding achievements aside from his normal duties occurred when he acted as a convoy commander of a serial of twenty-five O&C two and one-half ton trucks driven by inexperienced Italian drivers from Naples to Nettuno before the fall of Rome in May 1944. The trucks were destined for Allied Military Government use, but were being employed enroute as transportation in the movement of a Fifth Army Class II and IV Dump from Sparanise to Nettuno. The task of loading, conveying and unloading this group of vehicles would ordinarily have been done by an officer and a detail of enlisted men. Without any military assistance whatsoever, Private First Class Piccione brought these trucks with their valuable cargoes so necessary to the immediate needs of the combat armies through to their destination. Despite all kinds of motor trouble from trucks in poor mechanical condition and minor accidents on the part of inexperienced Italian civilian drivers, the mission was successfully accomplished and the supplies so necessary to the Army's maintenance and movement were delivered as required.

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4. Private First Class Riccione's outstanding qualities of leadership, his resourcefulness and attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the Enlisted Man's assignment to the 2875th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Private. He was promoted to Private First Class on 1 May 1944. He has been assigned to two regions of Allied Military Government, acting as a de facto Purchasing and Contracting Officer for both regions. He is presently Private First Class performing these same duties with Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, IMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Private First Class (then Private) Salvatore J. Piccione, 32196150, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 May 1944 to 30 March 1945. Performing the duties of a Purchasing and Contracting Officer in the Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, Private First Class Piccione was responsible to obtain necessary housing, equipment, supplies and services for the proper functioning of the organization. He applied diligence and attention to duty in performing a task normally assigned to a commissioned officer. His work involved the contracting and expenditure of thousands of dollars in his purchasing and contracting functions. Outside his normal duties, he acted as a convoy commander in moving twenty-five GMC two and one-half ton trucks from Naples to Nettuno in the movement of a Fifth Army Class II and IV Dump from Speranico to Nettuno. This particular task would have ordinarily been done by an officer and a detail of enlisted men. Without military assistance he convoyed these trucks with valuable cargoes needed in Fifth Army operations to their destination despite motor trouble and minor accidents on the part of inexperienced Italian civilian drivers. This act materially aided combat operations in that the necessary supplies arrived on time and without mishap so that the Army could be properly equipped for their move into Rome. His outstanding leadership and attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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x-201-Piccione, Salvatore J. (Enl)  
 (21 August 45) 1st Ind. HPT/rme  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 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:  
 n/c

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x-201-Piccione, Salvatore J. (Enl)  
 (21 August 45) 2nd Ind. FMS/ran  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

ELIENY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Piccione, Salvatore J. (Enl)  
 (21 August 1945) 3rd Ind. GMP/ran  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry 218  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Second Lieutenant ACHILLE DI LORENZO, Royal Italian Army, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious services in support of combat operations.

2. Lieutenant DI LORENZO has been an important member of this headquarters, both as civilian and later as a second lieutenant in the Royal Italian Army, since October 1943, when he volunteered his services in Naples as interpreter and liaison assistant. He performed invaluable duties in both Naples and Rome while a civilian in perfecting a smooth-working cooperation with Italian municipal and military agencies, and in Florence was awarded a commission by the Italian Army in recognition for his unselfish and voluntary work in behalf of relations between the Allies and the Italian Government. Through his intricate knowledge of Italian political, social and military affairs, Lieutenant DI LORENZO was able to advise this headquarters on proper contacts to make in setting up Allied Military Government in various newly occupied towns, on the popular opinion concerning the success or shortcomings of AMG, on the political dangers to be avoided, on the degrees of importance of Italian political agencies, on the relations between Vatican City, the Italian Government and the Allies and on multiple affairs of vital importance to the efficient operation of Allied Military Government. Without his presence on the staff it is possible that errors might have been made due to a lack of knowledge possessed only by an Italian and Lieutenant DI LORENZO was able to so guide the officers of this headquarters as to facilitate the work of Allied Military Government and thus the military success of the Army Commander. It is to be stressed that Lieutenant DI LORENZO's personal devotion to the goals of the Allies and the rejuvenation of his own country led him to volunteer for dangerous assignments, to work uninterruptedly for AMG and to refuse salary in his former position as civilian interpreter. His present status as a second lieutenant in the Italian Army does not reward him to the extent of the time, energy and services he has dispensed to the Allied cause. Lieutenant DI LORENZO has maintained a careful and efficient liaison between AMG and the Italian military commands in each city where AMG Fifth Army has been operating and this coordination has been instrumental in the maintenance of public order and the proper functioning of Allied Military Government. It is believed that Lieutenant DI LORENZO's voluntary service, his length of time as an officer attached to this headquarters and his accomplishments qualify him for recognition by the Army he has

served so faithfully and so well.

3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth above.

4. Lieutenant DI LORENZO was, during the first part of the period above referred to, a civilian acting as a voluntary employee of Allied Military Government Section, Fifth Army, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Royal Italian Army on 7 January 1945 and assigned to Allied Military Government Section, Fifth Army.

5. The entire subsequent service of Lieutenant DI LORENZO since performance of the acts cited has been honorable.

6. Previous U. S. awards: None.

7. Proposed Citation:

ACHILLE DI LORENZO, Second Lieutenant, Royal Italian Army, for meritorious services in support of combat operations. Volunteering first as a civilian, Lieutenant DI LORENZO was commissioned in January 1945 as a second lieutenant in the Italian Army in recognition for the work he had already done for Allied Military Government. As liaison officer between Allied Military Government and the Italian Government, Army and various municipal and provincial agencies, Lieutenant DI LORENZO advised AMG officers and initiated suggestions on relations with the Italian people, public opinion reference to Allied Military Government, proper contacts in newly-liberated cities and work with Italian military headquarters. His invaluable advice and thorough knowledge of southern and northern Italy, plus his tact and initiative in dealing with diplomatic situations, smoothed the way for AMG officers in most of the large Italian cities from Naples to Milan. A volunteer who often performed duties beyond those normally required, Lieutenant DI LORENZO acted as an invaluable link between Allied Military Government authorities and the Italian civil and military persons with whom intimate and cooperative contact had to be maintained. This effective coordination and smooth operation between AMG Fifth Army and Italian agencies was often due to the work of Lieutenant DI LORENZO. Lieutenant DI LORENZO's unselfish actions on behalf of better relations between his country and the Allies, his devoted work for the Allied cause and his contribution to the success of AMG Fifth Army are a worthy demonstration of faith and good will and are a reflection of the best traditions of the Italian Army.

EDGAR ESKINE HUME  
Brigadier General, GSC  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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(Subject: Recommendation for Award to Second Lieutenant ACHILLE  
DI LORENZO, Royal Italian Army)

File 200.6 1st Ind EWS/dfe  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394,  
10 September 1945.

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

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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20 August 1945

File: 200.6

x-201-Gracis, Ido A. (Enl)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Ido A. Gracis, 32247082, Master Sergeant, Company "R" 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 October 1943 to 6 May 1945.
2. Master Sergeant Gracis has served in Campagna, Lazio-Umbria and Lombardia Regional Headquarters as Chief Clerk. He has supervised Message Center activities, central filing systems, duplication of documents and the care of filing of secret and confidential papers. He landed at Pontecagnaro on 13 September 1943 and entered Salerno on the first day of occupation.
3. While the staging in Salerno for the eventual move to Naples, he acted as a Supply and Rations Sergeant in addition to his normal duties, making daily trips to Paestum to draw food for officers and enlisted men of the Advance Military Government organization. He also arranged for the drawing of rations for numerous casualties, food for the major part, for paratroopers engaged in re-inforcing the beachhead. The ration run was made over roads subjected to constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. In performing these duties, it became necessary for him to work long and tiring hours so that his other accomplishments could be achieved in the daily administration of the Regional Headquarters.
4. The activities supervised by Master Sergeant Gracis with an intelligent and constant devotion to duty, oftentimes far into the night, are the unstung and forgotten task which supply the difference between an effective organization and an indifferently operated one. His noteworthy management of these headquarters nerve-centers contributed largely to the superior performance of this aspect of administration in the organizations in which he has served.
5. His efficiency and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, and his organization.

6. The enlisted man has been a Master Sergeant since his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has occupied the position of Chief Clerk for three regions of Allied Military Government during this period. He is presently assigned as Chief Clerk of Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.
7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Master Sergeant Gracis.
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).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, NMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Gracis, Ido A. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/ram

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

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

Approved. for the Bronze Star Medal only.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:

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x-201-Gracis, Ido A. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

2nd Ind.

EWS/ram

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

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

Approved. for the Bronze Star Medal only.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

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x-201-Gracis, Ido A. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

3rd Ind.

CMP/ram

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

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

Approved. for the Bronze Star Medal only.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:

n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Master Sergeant Ido A Gracis, 32247082, Company "R" 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of three Regional Headquarters of Allied Military Government, Master Sergeant Gracis has supervised headquarters administrative activities including Message Center, Central Filing systems, duplication of documents, the care and filing of secret and confidential papers and the normal administrative functions of a Military Government headquarters. Assuming other duties not normally required of him, it required this enlisted man's working far into the night in rendering his assistance to the successful completion of military government operations. The results of his leadership and foresightness have been a sparkling example to all whom he has supervised and he has contributed immeasurably to the efficiency and successful completion of Military Government operations. His indefatigable spirit, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Union City, New Jersey.

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

CP/FR/REM

30 August 1945

File: 200.6  
x-201-Lombard, Richard J. (C)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Richard J. Lombard, 03046378, Captain (then First Lieutenant), GAO, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Captain Lombard, as a First Lieutenant, was appointed the Company Commander of Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission in October 1944. The personnel of this company were the American personnel assigned to the Region of Allied Military Government having jurisdiction over Rome City and Rome Province. He assumed his command at a time when the company affairs were in rather poor condition. Taking over his position, Captain Lombard placed into immediate use new methods of administration, supply, and transportation, and worked in close conjunction with the Regional Commissioner so that his work could best benefit the operations of the Region. He revamped supply rooms, messing, transportation and normal paper administration to obtain best use of the personnel he had assigned to his organization with a minimum of waste of manpower and production. The results of his work were clearly reflected in the stepped-up success of operations in the entire Region and greatly contributed to the early turnover of this territory to the Italian Government.

3. When Company "D" was inactivated, Captain Lombard was assigned as the Commanding Officer, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the American unit for Lombardia Region. He again adopted his same method of command, supply and administration, and has to the present time, operated one of the most successful and outstanding organizations in the entire 2675th Regiment. In addition to his company responsibilities to over one hundred officers and one hundred enlisted men, Captain Lombard has performed the duties of Motor Requisitioning Officer, Motor Transport Officer and Motor Maintenance Officer for Lombardia Region which comprises a strength of over 250 Allied officers and an equal number of enlisted men and British other ranks. With a very limited number of enlisted men as his assistants, Captain Lombard has secured, organized, operated and maintained a fleet of two hundred

civilian motor vehicles and nearly seventy five War Department vehicles of all types. The responsibilities of the Headquarters Motor Pool alone involved the employment of one hundred and fifty Italian civilian chauffeurs and mechanics, the organization and operation of the civilian mess for the workers and the operation of complete maintenance facilities for the command's transport. His organizational ability, resourcefulness and constant work are reflected in the efficient operation of the Region's transportation, which has been rated as the finest in the Regiment. It is also reflected in the minimum of losses suffered by the Allied Government in attempted black market operations by workers who can only be lightly supervised for lack of Allied personnel. In all cases, only the barest minimum of vehicles have been dead-lined at any one time. His resourcefulness and tireless energy have contributed materially and directly to the successful completion of operations for this Region of Allied Military Government.

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

5. At the time of his assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a First Lieutenant. He served initially as Company Commander of Company "D". He was promoted to Captain on 7 February 1945. He is presently assigned as Commanding Officer of Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission.

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

7. All subsequent services of Captain Lombard have been honorable.
8. The officer has received no previous awards.
9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETHI  
Colonel, MIB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Richard J. Lombard, 02046378, CAC, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. As the Company Commander for the American units operating in Rome and Lombardia Regions, Allied Military Government, Captain Lombard has displayed a resourcefulness and foresightedness in the planning and execution of the administration of his organization in revamping the systems of messing, supply, transport and company administration. He has been able to obtain a maximum of production despite the shortage of personnel. Acting also in addition to his other duties as a Motor Requisitioning Officer, Motor Transport Officer and Maintenance Officer, he has secured, organized, operated and maintained a fleet of two hundred civilian and seventy five War Department vehicles of all types. He has interviewed and employed one hundred and fifty Italian chauffeurs and mechanics, organized and directed the operation of a civilian mess and planned the complete maintenance facilities for the command's transportation. His efforts have resulted in a minimum of losses despite attempted black market operations and the fact that workers could only be lightly supervised due to the lack of Allied Personnel. His planning and execution have contributed materially to an early and successful completion of Allied Military Government operations. Captain Lombard's zeal, 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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X-201-Lombard, Richard J. (O)  
 (20 August 45) 1st Ind. HPT/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 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.C.D.  
 Recorder

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Lombard, Richard J. (O)  
 (20 August 45) 2nd Ind. DMS/ny  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

ELBERT W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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X-201-Lombard, Richard J (O)  
 (20 August 45) 3rd Ind. CME/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 594

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20 August 1945

-x-201. Corvini, Rudolph (O)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Rudolph Corvini, 01308926, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry 2875th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 6 June 1944 to 30 March 1945.
2. Lieutenant Corvini was assigned to Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, as Headquarters Commandant. This position is one normally assigned to a Field Grade officer who is usually assisted by junior officers in the accomplishment of the myriad tasks assigned to this section. Without this assistance, Lieutenant Corvini performed a multitude of duties in a highly commendable manner. In his maintenance functions, he had complete charge of the Regional Headquarters building consisting of seven floors and one hundred fifteen offices. He was in charge of internal security, printing, purchasing and contracting, billeting, civilian messes and the supply of office and other equipment and machines.
3. As a Disbursing Officer, he paid all Regional bills, and twice a month, he directed the preparation of civilian payrolls and personally paid nearly nine hundred civilian employees. As a requisitioning officer he regularized the requisitioning of all property with the exception of motor vehicles used by the Region. As Purchasing and Contracting officer he made all local purchases and contracts for the Regional Headquarters. The civilian employees restaurant which he supervised fed an average of over five hundred civilians daily. In performing the duties which would normally be assigned to at least four officers, notwithstanding the lack of help, varied responsibilities and boundless amount of work, he has rendered an outstanding contribution to the success of his organization. He has applied himself with untiring energy and has materially contributed to the early success of military Government operations in the Region.
4. Lieutenant Corvini's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Military Government.

5. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment Allied Commission, he was a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on 27 April 1944. He has occupied positions as Supply Officer and Headquarters Commandant, Lazio-Umbria Region and is presently Headquarters Commandant of Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI,  
Colonel, RMC  
Regional Commissioner

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PROPOSED CITATION

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Rudolph Corvini, 01308926, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 6 June 1944 to 30 March 1945. As Headquarters Commandant of Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Corvini occupied a position normally held by a field grade officer with at least three junior officer assistants. He performed the duties of internal security and printing officer, disbursing officer, requisitioning officer and purchasing and contracting officer. In the performance of his duties he was in complete charge of a building housing one hundred and fifteen offices, supervised the issue of supplies, equipment and machinery, paid all Regional bills, twice monthly paid nearly nine hundred civilian employees, regularized the requisitioning of property used by the Region and made all local purchases and contracts for the Regional Headquarters. In addition to all these various tasks, he supervised the operation of a civilian employees restaurant which fed an average of five hundred people daily. This officer's outstanding contribution in assuming the tasks normally performed by at least five individuals aided materially in the successful conclusion of Military Government operations in the area which his Region supervised. His tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Yonkers, New York.

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x-201-Corvini, Rudolph (O)  
(20 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

1st Ind.

NPT/ram

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:  
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x-201-Corvini, Rudolph (O)  
(20 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

2nd Ind.

RWS/ram

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Corvini, Rudolph (O)  
(20 August 45)  
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 20 August 1945.

3rd Ind.

CMT/ram

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

GP/FRM/rm

File: 800.6

20 August 1945

X-201-Strignile, Vincent (Rml)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Vincent Strignile, 32592320, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 5 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Strignile occupied the position as Motor Sergeant for Companies "D" and "R", 2675th Regiment. In this capacity as Motor Sergeant he had the responsibilities and performed the duties of a Motor Transport Officer in a large organization, and in the performance of his daily tasks, faced far more and far greater difficulties. There was no Motor Transport Officer in the organization and it therefore evolved upon Technician Fifth Grade Strignile that he not only supervise drivers and maintenance men, but that he be responsible for all maintenance of records, requisitions for spare parts, the drawing of necessary funds and the maintenance of operation of the entire transportation organization.

3. He has arranged for the operation and supervised the maintenance of approximately 200 civilian vehicles of various types of Italian manufacture, and in addition, the care of over fifty War Department vehicles. With less than five enlisted assistants at any one time the functions of his motor organization were carried out. He supervised the work of over 150 civilian employees, drivers and mechanics in addition to his responsibilities outlined above. Despite the differences in the language, the odd assortment of vehicles and the great difficulty in securing parts, by his untiring efforts and his ability to improvise, he has kept over ninety percent of these vehicles in constant road-worthy condition. Numerous other instances of serious handicap have confronted Technician Fifth Grade Strignile in the procurement of proper garage and vehicle space each time his organization has changed location; of securing the necessary replacements of parts for the varied makes of civilian requisitioned vehicles; of training drivers, mechanics and garage helpers; and of maintaining a close security over transportation property which was always in danger of thieves and black market racketeers. His successful efforts have materially contributed to the

immediate successful operations of his organizations in that he has been able to avoid a loss of man-hours in supplying the necessary transportation immediately at the time it was desired. His contribution is one of the immediate factors attributing to the success of his organization and the ultimate success of Military Government operations in Italy.

4. Technician Fifth Grade Strignile's resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.

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 20 November 1944. He has been Motor Sergeant of Companies "D" and "P" during this time. He is presently a Technician Fifth Grade assigned to Company "R", 2675th Regiment, as Motor Sergeant.

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

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).

CHARLES POINTZ  
Colonel, RM3  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Vincent Strigrilo, 32592320, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 3 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Motor Sergeant of two companies of Allied Military Government, Technician Fifth Grade Strigrilo has met and solved problems and has performed the multitudinous duties expected of a commissioned officer. He has obtained proper garage and maintenance accommodations each time his organization has changed location. He has operated and maintained nearly two hundred civilian and over fifty War Department vehicles, requisitioned and drawn fuels and necessary parts, and has directed the security of all motor equipment. Despite attendant difficulties resulting from the lack of necessary spare parts for civilian vehicles, the lack of experienced mechanic and driver personnel, and the danger of constant thievery and black market temptations, he has maintained a high degree of efficiency in keeping all transportation under his charge in the highest road-worthy condition. With very little aid, he has supervised the work of over one hundred and fifty civilian employees, drivers and mechanics. Despite the differences in language, the odd assortment of vehicles, and the great difficulty in securing spare parts for civilian vehicles, he has contributed materially to the immediate successful conclusion of military government operations by making available, without failure or delay, transportation as required for the movement of personnel of his organization in the fulfillment of their missions. His inspiring leadership, resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

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x-201-Strignale, Vincent (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 1st Ind. NPT/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 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

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Strignale, Vincent (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 2nd Ind. NPT/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

NILEY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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x-201-Strignale, Vincent (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 3rd Ind. OMT/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 ARMY, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
 LOMBARDIA REGION  
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
 APO 894

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-x-Regonini, Nelson E. (Enl)

30 August 1945

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

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 15<sup>1</sup>, AP 600-45, it is recommended that Nelson E. Regonini, 3118631, Sergeant, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 September 1943 to 3 May 1945.

2. Sergeant Regonini landed in Salerno on D-Day plus three and helped organize transportation for the advanced Allied Military Government mission which landed in Italy in conjunction with the Army. Under heavy enemy fire in the first days of the landings and despite lack of necessary facilities, this enlisted man arranged for transportation to accommodate the necessary requirements for immediate Allied Military Government functions. Shortly afterwards, this advance AMG team was renamed Region 3, Allied Military Government and established headquarters in Naples. Sergeant Regonini was assigned to Company "C", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), until 11 September 1944. During that time, he was in charge of transportation for the organization. Despite a poor class of both military and civilian requisitioned vehicles, the shortage of necessary parts for repair and other attendant difficulties, due to lack of communications, he set about to accomplish an outstanding feat of maintaining available transportation in roadworthy condition.

3. In early 1944, a large gasoline dump used for the storage of supplies furnished to 5th and 8th Armies exploded and left the surrounding area in a serious state. Sergeant Regonini evacuated the immediate vicinity and without regard for his own safety entered the caves where the dump was located to attempt the rescue of one officer who had been trapped and, as was later learned, killed by the explosion. His achievement to salvage important supplies needed by the combat forces and to evacuate countless civilians residing in the area is worthy of the highest emulation.

4. In late 1944, Sergeant Regonini was assigned as Chief Clerk of the Regional Transportation Division of Lombardina Region. During the rapid move into North Italy in April and May of 1945, he was always available, rendering his services to successfully supply the entire region with transportation necessary to enter into newly liberated

territory and to carry out initial missions of military government. Had it not been for the outstanding energy and resourcefulness of this enlisted man, severe difficulties would have been encountered which would have been detrimental to the successful completion of the military government mission. He has applied himself with a diligence and tireless devotion to duty in the accomplishment of tasks far beyond the normal call of duty.

5. The skillful completion of his assigned tasks, of those tasks in which he offered aid, his keen analysis of maintenance and repair methods, aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.
6. The enlisted man has been a Sergeant during the entire period of service with the 2375th Regiment, Allied Commission. He has occupied the positions of a transportation non-commissioned officer in Region 3 and Lombardia Region as Chief Clerk of the Regional Transportation Division, Lombardia Region.
7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Sergeant Regonini.
8. All subsequent services of this enlisted man have been honorable.
9. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.
10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel MIB  
Regional Commissioner

I Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Sergeant Nelson E. Regonini, 31183051, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 12 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. As a transportation non-commissioned officer, Sergeant Regonini landed in Salerno on D-Day plus 3 and from that time until the occupation of Northern Italy, he has devoted his efforts unselfishly and wholeheartedly to furnish necessary transportation for the military operations of Allied Military Government. Despite the lack of vehicles, poorly conditioned civilian requisitioned vehicles, lack of necessary parts for repair and the attendant difficulties resulting from poor communications, Sergeant Regonini has employed a high degree of skill and resourcefulness in maintaining available transportation in road-worthy condition to meet the needs of AMG personnel in the fulfillment of their assigned missions. In the rapid advance to the North of Italy early in 1945, his contribution to the success of initial missions of occupation by AMG personnel met with success as a result of this enlisted man's individual efforts. His keen analysis of maintenance and repair methods under trying conditions contributed immeasurably to the efficiency of the command and to the successful completion of the military government mission. His outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Lancaster, Massachusetts.

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x-Regonini, Nelson E. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

1st Ind.

HPT/ram

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 20 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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x-Regonini, Nelson E. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

2nd Ind.

EAS/ram

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

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

Approved.

MILERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-Regonini, Nelson E. (Enl)  
(20 August 45)

3rd Ind.

CMF/ram

HEADQUARTERS, 2675 TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 20 August 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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MEMORANDUM  
 IGMENTA REGION  
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
 AGO 394

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20 August 1945

File: 200.6

2-201-Schiff, Nathan (Enl)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO: Commanding General, MHWGA, AGO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 15, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Nathan Schiff, 32884542, Private First Class, Company "H", 2475th Regiment, Allied Convalescent, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 July 1944 to 20 March 1945.

2. Private First Class Schiff was assigned to the Black Market Control Division in Rome where he was given the difficult and responsible position of Chief Prosecutor of the Black Market Court in the Palazzo Giustiniani. Here he tried over three hundred black market criminals in a period of two months. Over two billion lire in fines and sentences ranging from a week to three years were imposed. Upon Private First Class Schiff's suggestion and with the approval of the Regional Commissioner of Rome Region, shops in Rome were placed off limits for overcharging. He carried on a one man campaign throughout Rome in closing over one hundred twenty five shops for specified periods. This curtailment of operations resulted in a forty percent reduction in the prices of souvenirs and other articles within one month after the first action had been taken. Letters of gratitude and commendation from military authorities and individual soldiers testified to the value of his efforts. He was known to every shopkeeper in Rome on sight within two weeks after he commenced these operations. His mere presence was sufficient to bring about an immediate reduction in prices. He made a comparative study of prices in Rome and Naples and discovered that they were even lower in Rome although the merchandise was manufactured in the Naples area. His efforts in connection with the control of high prices in the Naples area led to a similar system of action being adopted in that locality.

3. His suggestion brought about the formation of "G-I" restaurants. Together with his division chief, Private First Class Schiff conferred with the Commanding General of the Rome Area Allied Command on the feasibility of placing all civilian restaurants off limits and opening restaurants catering solely to the military. By so doing, Private First Class Schiff looked to the future in the conservation of the civilian food supply and in the protection of the interests of American military personnel. This move resulted in a decided lessening of black market food operations. Without an immediate open market for the sale of food procured through illegal sources, a serious bottleneck was caused in the functions of black market personnel.

4. Aside from the accomplishments enumerated above, he has conducted investigations in tracking down losses and thefts of all types of supply. As a result of raids and confiscations which he has conducted, countless thousands of dollars worth of clothing, food, transportation and even medical supplies have been returned to government dumps and depots. He has displayed outstanding initiative and a keen sense of responsibility in performing these numerous tasks and in materially aiding the operations of the combat armies.

5. His forceful action, exceptional technical skill, high sense of responsibility, self sacrificing endeavor and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces.

6. The enlisted man, as a Private First Class, has occupied the duty of Chief Prosecutor of Black Market Courts in the Rome area. He is presently a Private First Class and acts as Chief Clerk of the Food Division, Varese Province, Lombardio Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel MMB  
Regional Commissioner

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Proposed Citation - Schiff, Nathan (Enl)

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PROPOSED CITATION

Private First Class Nathan Schiff, 32334343, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 20 July 1944 to 30 March 1945. In the difficult and responsible position of Chief Prosecutor of the Black Market Court in Rome, Private First Class Schiff tried and secured convictions for over three hundred criminals involved in black market and other illegal operations in a period of two months. Over two billion lire in fines and prison sentences ranging from a week to three years were imposed. He suggested the system of placing all shops in the Rome area off limits for overcharging for souvenirs and other articles. In closing one hundred twenty five shops for a specified period, a forty percent reduction in souvenir prices occurred within one month. Making comparative studies of prices in Rome and Naples he discovered that articles which were manufactured in the Naples area brought lower prices in Rome. Finding this situation, the system he had adopted in Rome was used in the Naples area in closing of shops and in the slashing of prices on high priced commodities. His suggestion in the opening of "G-I" restaurants resulted in the conservation of civilian food supplies and in protecting the interests of the American military personnel. In conducting investigations, raids and confiscations, Private First Class Schiff has materially contributed to the success of military operations by returning to military channels countless thousands of dollars worth of all types of supplies and equipment stolen and carried away by black market criminals. His diligence, initiative, sound judgment, exceptional technical skill and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

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X-201-Schiff, Nathan (Enl) 1st Ind. HPT/rm  
 (21 August 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DEORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2678th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),  
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:  
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X-201-Schiff, Nathan (Enl) 2nd Ind. EWS/rm  
 (21 August 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2678th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovnd),  
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

Approved.

ELBERT W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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X-201-Schiff, Nathan (Enl) 3rd Ind. CMP/rm  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2678TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVND), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 21 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIAN REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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20 August 1945

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x-201 Croce, Louis B. (Enl).

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

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 1b2, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Louis B. Croce, 39005056, Technical Sergeant, Company "A", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 October 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. In October 1943, Sergeant Croce was assigned to the important job of organizing the Employment and Purchasing and Contracting Office of Region Four, Allied Military Government. It was necessary for the region to employ several hundred civilians and to interview, assign to tasks, and finally, to supervise them in their work. This made this assignment one of the most important in the entire regional organization. Civilian employees were exceedingly timid and unaccustomed to working under American and British direction. Their services were important to the proper operation of the region and the conditions under which they worked were not conducive to the highest efficiency. Throughout all of this period Sergeant Croce displayed unlimited patience, tact and skill. By the exercise of good judgment, he was able to assemble the best efforts of the civilian employees to harmonize their positions in what was to them a strange organization, to satisfy the demands of the officers in charge of the various divisions of the region under whom these civilians worked and to make a contribution to the final accomplishments of the Allied organization that was both outstanding and distinguished. He worked day and night to bring about the final successful results, displayed continuous loyalty to his superior officers and toiled ceaselessly to contribute his share to the attainment of Allied objectives. Later when the region became active in Rome, there was no officer assigned to this position. Sergeant Croce, unassisted, performed outstanding work in completing the duties assigned to him.

3. When the work of Region Four was completed, Sergeant Croce moved with his unit to a staging site then located at Chianciano. While the organization waited to move into the region assigned to it for operations, his fellow soldiers were more or less free to enjoy the comforts of relaxation while waiting for deployment. His job in the field of employment, purchasing and contracting continued however. After the crossing of the River Po on 5 May 1945, his unit entered Venetian Region, an area extending from the Po to the Austrian frontier and boasting a populace of six million people. It necessitated the establishment of an organization for the employment of a large number of civilian workers, the

purchase of supplies and the coordination of contracting functions. Sergeant Croce applied his wide experience and the results proved to be of inestimable value to the immediate functioning of the regional organization. In addition to his regular duties, he took it upon himself to develop and direct the programs for the entertainment of troops. He organized dances, concerts and other entertainment for the men and displayed a boundless amount of tact and skill in meeting the many problems and difficulties which such a troop welfare program always encountered. Because of his outstanding ability, Sergeant Croce has often been called upon as a "trouble-shooter" in many fields of operation not directly connected with his normally assigned duties. He has been called upon for liaison work between the Regional Headquarters and representatives of the Italian Government and his contacts have resulted in the wholehearted cooperation of Italian Civil Officials.

4. Technical Sergeant Croce's resourcefulness, tact and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the finest traditions of the United States Army and bring great credit upon himself and his organization.

5. During this period of service, the enlisted man was a Technical Sergeant. He has been assigned to both Region Four and Venezia Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Technical Sergeant assigned to Company "M", 2675th Regiment, for duty with the Purchasing and Contracting Office of Venezia Region.

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

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

8. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed Citation (see Inclosure 1).

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Proposed Citation

THOMAS N. PAGE  
Colonel MC  
Deputy Regional Commissioner

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technical Sergeant Louis E. Croce, 39005056, Company "M", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 10 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. In his performance of duties as Chief Clerk for the Purchasing and Contracting Section of two regions of Allied Military Government, Technical Sergeant Croce frequently assumed and promulgated the assignments and responsibilities of a commissioned officer. He performed his duties with distinction and marked ability in connection with the employment of Italian civilians and the purchasing and contracting activities of Allied Military Government. Both in Naples and in Rome the responsibilities of interviewing, assigning to tasks and finally supervising Italian civilians in the performance of their duties rested squarely upon this enlisted man's shoulders. He further performed his distinguished services in the vast and densely populated Venetian Region. By the exercise of tact, skill and energy he synchronized the services of the necessary civilian employees of Allied Military Government. In addition to his other duties he contributed materially to the morale of troops in acting as a promoter and director of general troop entertainment in the area. Despite the usual problems and difficulties encountered in troop welfare operations, Technical Sergeant Croce's resourcefulness allowed for a successful completion of an entertainment program. This enlisted man's tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Santa Cruz, California.

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x-201-Croce, Louis B. (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 1st Ind. NPT/FTW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 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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x-201-Croce, Louis B. (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 2nd Ind. EWS/FTW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

ELERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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x-201-Croce, Louis B. (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/FTW/et  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 20 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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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIAN REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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20 August 1945

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X-201-Granewald, Manfred (Enl).

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 600-43, it is recommended that Manfred Granewald, 32543732, Technician 4th Grade (then Corporal), Co. B, 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 8 May 1945.

2. When the first contingent of AMG moved from North Africa to Italy in November 1943, Sergeant Granewald took over the operations of the Company Orderly Room from five soldiers who were inexperienced in any administration. In the face of great difficulties he initiated a complete plan of Company administration, and within a very short time he had placed an efficient Orderly Room in complete operation. Because two hundred Enlisted Men had come from various branches of the Army and from different camps and stations, their personal records were in a complete state of confusion and lack of necessary entries. It was necessary for this Enlisted Man to perform an outstanding job in completing these entries and in making out the first payroll for many who had not been paid for several months, and in some cases, for nearly a year.

3. At that time Regimental Headquarters was still located in North Africa and Company "D" to which Sergeant Granewald had been assigned was activated in Italy. A Company within AMG required quite different handling of records as compared to a Company in a regular line organization. While most of the personnel work of an organization for both officers and enlisted men is performed in a Personnel Section of a Battalion or Regimental Headquarters, the weight of this work and responsibility rested upon the Company clerk because of the diverse locations and the distance of personnel from an administrative headquarters. The job of maintaining Morning Reports, Sick Reports and other records in a Company of this type comprising more than one hundred officers and two hundred enlisted men who were constantly being transferred and placed on detached service with other Regions within AMG was a very intricate one that required a high type of training, energy and resourcefulness. All of these characteristics were displayed by Sergeant Granewald in the successful completion of his duties. He solved almost insurmountable problems with great efficiency and skill.

4. Subsequently his Company was moved to Rome and during the time he was still there the Company Commanders were changed three different times. Working under the jurisdiction of these new officers, he

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displayed great efficiency and tact in preserving a continuity of successful Company administration. With untiring and unswerving devotion he performed duties that extended far beyond those required of him.

5. Sergeant Grunewald's attention and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization.

6. At the time the enlisted man was assigned to the 2675th Regiment Allied Commission, he was a Corporal. He has successively performed duties as Company and Personnel Clerk for Companies D, I and M, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Technician 4th Grade on 23 June 1944. He is presently assigned to Company M, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission as its personnel clerk.

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

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

9. The enlisted man has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed Citation (See enclosure 1).

THOMAS N. PAGE  
Colonel, M.C.  
Senior Public Health Officer

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Technician 4th Grade (then Corporal) Manfred Grunewald, 32543732, Co. H., 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 November 1943 to 8 May 1948. Sergeant Grunewald was largely instrumental in organizing a Personnel Headquarters to maintain the administration of over one hundred officers and two hundred enlisted men, while the main body of his Regimental Headquarters was still located in North Africa. His devotion to duty and the technical skills which he employed, while working under exceedingly great handicaps, resulted in the establishment of an efficient organization which contributed in no small measure to the successful attainment of AMG objectives. Performing duties as a Sergeant Major and Personnel Clerk in three of the advanced companies of AMG, he has performed duties far beyond those required of an enlisted man of like grade, and in so doing, has materially contributed to the successful completion of the mission of AMG in Italy. His outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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~~x~~-201-Grunewald, Manfred (Enl)  
(20 Aug '45)

1st Ind

TWT/FTW/et

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

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE  
1st Lt. AGD  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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~~x~~-201-Grunewald, Manfred (Enl)  
(20 Aug '45)

2nd Ind

EWS/FTW/et

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

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

Approved.

ELLEN W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
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~~x~~-201-Grunewald, Manfred (Enl)  
(20 Aug '45)

3rd Ind

CMP/FTW/et

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD), APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

20 August 1945.

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x-201-ZIROLI, Humbert William (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, KTOUSA, A.P.O. 512, U.S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-43, it is recommended that Humbert William ZIROLI, Commodore, U.S. Navy (then Captain), 9565, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally distinguished service and outstanding accomplishment from 26 September 1943 to 8 May 1945.

2. Commodore Ziroli was assigned to duty with the Allied Military Mission to Italy on 26 September 1943 as senior U.S. Navy member for matters in connection with the Italian Navy. When the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., was formed, he was appointed on 30 December 1943 as Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., in which capacity he is serving at the present time. During the majority of this time up to 7 March 1944 the Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., was also the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, and responsible for the operation of the Italian Fleet. For this reason the responsibility for the active duties and work of the Sub-Commission devolved upon Commodore Ziroli. He has performed these duties with extraordinary zeal and skill. The Sub-Commission is responsible for administration of the Italian Navy of 75,000 officers and men, involving matters of supply, logistics, personnel and relations with Allied Nations and military organizations. By his fluent knowledge of the Italian language and Italian Navy organization, and tact in dealing with complex situations, the Sub-Commission has achieved a high degree of success.

3. A crisis was precipitated in the Italian Navy in March 1944 when press and radio reports stated that units of the Italian Fleet would be transferred to other Allied Nations. Italian Navy personnel was apprehensive that these units would not be manned by Italian crews and continue to fly the Italian flag. There was grave danger that Italian ships might be sabotaged or scuttled by their crews. Commodore Ziroli was indefatigable in his efforts to convince Italian authorities that they should remain calm and await a clarification of the reports, which he assured them in his opinion would not materialize, in which judgment he was later substantiated. By his superb handling of the situation disastrous consequences were averted.

4. Commodore Ziroli has a complete understanding of the complex organization of the Italian Navy and the Italian mentality. By his untiring efforts and devotion to duty many otherwise insurmountable difficulties have been overcome. His resourceful initiative, excellent administrative ability, keen foresight and sound judgment have been important factors in utilizing and directing the Italian Navy toward making a material contribution to the Allied war effort. His leadership throughout this period has inspired his subordinates and reflects credit upon himself and the Allied Commission. In ad-

Ltr. Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit, 299th.

dition he is in a high degree responsible for the close co-ordination and co-operation between British and American naval and military authorities in working with the Italian authorities to insure the maximum utilization of the Italian Navy as co-belligerents in the interest of the Allied war effort. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Navy and the United States.

5. The officer recommending this award has had personal knowledge of the services performed by Commodore Zirolì during the entire period covered.

6. Commodore Zirolì was a Captain for part of the period during which these services were rendered. He was promoted to Commodore, U.S. Navy, on 9 December 1943. His principal assignment has been Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., in which capacity he is still serving.

7. The entire subsequent services of Commodore Zirolì have been honorable.

8. Commodore Zirolì has received the following decorations to date:

(a) Legion of Merit, U.S. Navy.

9. A proposed citation is attached hereto as Enclosure 1.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Enclosure 1:  
Proposed Citation.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Commodore Humbert W. Zirolì, U.S. Navy, 9565, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, Italy (overhead), for exceptionally distinguished service and outstanding accomplishment from 26 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. Commodore Zirolì was appointed to the Allied Military Mission to Italy on 26 September 1943, and as Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC, on 30 December 1943, in which capacity he is still serving. During the majority of this time up to 7 March 1944, the primary responsibility for the work of the Sub-Commission was delegated to him by Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC, who was concerned with Allied and Italian Naval operational matters. He performed these duties in an outstanding manner and through his efforts a high degree of co-operation was obtained from the Italian Navy, which enabled it to render valuable services to the Allies. He has an exceptional understanding of the Italian mentality and the organization of the Italian Navy. By this ability he was able to reconcile many conflicting viewpoints which would have otherwise resulted in serious consequences. On more than one occasion, by his tact in dealing with complex situations, he averted serious crises, which would have endangered the ability of the Italian Navy to continue to participate in the Allied war effort. By his untiring efforts and devotion to duty many otherwise insurmountable difficulties have been overcome. His resourceful initiative, excellent administrative ability, keen foresight and sound judgment have been important factors in utilizing and directing the Italian Navy toward making a material contribution to the Allied war effort. He is responsible to a high degree for the close co-ordination and co-operation between British and American naval and military authorities in matters relating to the Italian Navy. His leadership has inspired his subordinates and is a credit to himself and the Allied Commission. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy and the United States.

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x-201-Zirola, Humbert William (O)  
(20 Aug 45) 1st Ind. HPT/FRW/mv  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 22 August 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THRODGE  
1st Lt. AGD  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Zirola, Humbert William (O)  
(20 Aug 45) 2nd Ind. CME/FRW/mv  
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
Army, 22 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

CF/FRW/rm

20 August 1945

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x-201-McCormick, James I. (Enl)

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

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 812, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 600-48, it is recommended that James I. McCormick, 35585449, Private First Class (then Private), Company "A", 2673th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 7 October 1944 to 30 March 1945.

2. Private First Class McCormick was assigned to Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government as Special Investigator for the Black Market Control Division in Rome. By his brilliant and untiring efforts in this assignment, he has saved the United States Government millions of dollars and has visibly curtailed thefts of essential army supplies and materials. His devotion to duty went far beyond that normally required and his undercover and surveillance work under most adverse circumstances were performed with a reckless disregard for his own personal health and safety. His uncanny skill in ferreting out black market groups, his diligent efforts in tracking them down and in accomplishing arrests earned for him the fear and respect of all those criminals attempting to disrupt Allied Government work in the field of supply.

3. During the time of his services, black market operations in Rome and vicinity reached unbelievable proportions. Food, clothing, motor transport equipment and even medical supplies were stolen and placed in black market channels. Working with the barest of information, Private First Class McCormick started his cases from the smallest leads and in the completion of an individual investigation, he not only rounded up criminals, but in many cases was able to recapture thousands of dollars of loot at one time. His work took him among dangerous groups of Italian civilians who disregarded the lives of individuals in their daily operations. The information he has obtained and compiled in the course of his investigations has resulted in numerous convictions and long prison terms for both civilian and AWOL soldier criminals. Information resulting from his investigation of certain cases was a material contribution in obtaining the conviction of members of the notorious "Lone Gang" which operated in Rome through this period. Military Government and Italian court cases have been materially aided in the successful prosecution of criminals as a result of the information this enlisted

man has turned over to prosecuting officials. At a time when every item of supply and equipment was necessary to successfully prosecute the victory in Italy, this enlisted man gave his efforts to not only the safeguarding of equipment in depots and dumps, but in returning thousands of dollars worth of supplies. He made a high contribution to the success of the military operations.

4. His tireless energy, fearlessness and outstanding attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces in Italy.

5. At the time of the enlisted man's assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Private. He was promoted to Private First Class on 23 March 1945. His first assignment was that of Special Investigator for the Black Market Control Division, Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government. He is presently a Private First Class and is performing duty as Chief Clerk of the Food Division, Bergamo Province, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government.

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

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).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel, WMB  
Regional Commissioner

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Private First Class (then Private) James I. McCormick, 33595448, Company "E", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 7 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. As Special Investigator for the Black Market Control Division in Rome, Private First Class McCormick has lent brilliant and never-tiring efforts in saving for the United States Government millions of dollars and has visibly curtailed thefts of essential army supplies and materials. His devotion to duty went far beyond that normally required and his undercover and surveillance work, conducted under the most adverse circumstances, was performed with a reckless disregard for his safety. His uncanny skill in ferreting out and taking into custody the leaders of black market groups and his diligent work in obtaining the necessary information for their convictions have earned for him the fear and respect of all individuals attempting to disrupt the military field of supply. He has contributed materially to several hundred convictions of Italian civilian criminals and military deserters involved in black market operations and as a result of his investigations has returned countless thousands of dollars worth of food, clothing and equipment to army control. His resourcefulness, fearlessness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Armed Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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X-201-McCormick, James I. (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 1st Ind. NPT/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394  
 U. S. Army, 20 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:  
 n/c

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X-201-McCormick, James I. (Enl)  
 (20 August 1945) 2nd Ind. LWS/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

ELERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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X-201-McCormick, James I. (Enl)  
 (20 August 45) 3rd Ind. CMP/ram  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.  
 Army, 20 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN 173  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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August 1945

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-x-201-Alasia, Guido A. (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 15<sup>1</sup>, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Guido A. Alasia, 01000204, Captain (then First Lieutenant), AGD, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Sicily and Italy from 2 July 1943 to 31 March 1945.

2. Captain Alasia was assigned to Allied Military Government, Seventh Army in July 1943. He has been highly commended by both military and Italian officials on several occasions for outstanding services performed in Sicily between July and September 1943. He acted as Regional Postal Officer for Sicily Region and in this capacity was responsible for the resumption of all Postal services in Sicily. Without the use of railroads, motor transportation or other means of communication which were destroyed or were totally non-existent, he was able, through his initiative and expert handling of the trying situation, to resume postal communications throughout the entire island. His services not only aided the civilian agencies, but was also a great boon to military units operating in this area. All this he accomplished without available postal records and when there was no Italian Ministry or higher Italian authority to furnish the necessary information.

3. As the Regional Postal Officer for Lazio-Umbria Region, Captain Alasia was responsible for the resumption of postal services in Rome and Rome Region. At the time of the German retreat following the Rome campaign, they did their best to disrupt Italian communications systems as they fled, removing or destroying all transport on which they could lay their hands. Despite all this, Captain Alasia broke all records for efficiency and outstanding action and had a local civilian mail service in operation in less than ten days. In less than a month, he had arranged for the resumption of an international mail service.

4. His resourcefulness and outstanding energy and attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization.

5. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, the officer was a First Lieutenant. He was promoted

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to Captain on 27 April 1944. He has occupied the position of Regional Postal Officer for Sicily, Lazio-Umbria Regions. The officer is presently a Captain and is assigned to Lombardia Region as Postal Officer.

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

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

8. The officer has received no previous awards.

9. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

CHARLES POLETTI  
Colonel NMB  
Regional Commissioner

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Proposed citation - Alasia, Guido A. (Off).
- Incl 2 - Letter of Commendation, Italian Postal Minister.
- Incl 3 - Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit, Headquarters, Seventh Army.
- Incl 4 - Affidavit of Lieutenant Colonel Story and Major Deutsch.
- Incl 5 - Letter of Commendation, Colonel Head (AC for Austria).

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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Guido A. Alasia, 01000204, AGD, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Sicily and Italy from 2 July 1943 to 31 March 1945. As Regional Postal Officer for Sicily, Lazio-Umbria and Lombardia Regions, Allied Military Government, Captain Alasia has rendered outstanding services in resuming all postal services in the Regions to which he has been assigned. Without the use of railroads, motor transport or other communication facilities and at a time when there was no Italian Ministry or higher Italian authority, he was able, through his initiative and expert direction, to resume postal communications in an exceedingly short period of time. His services not only directly aided the Italian Government but also were a great boon to military units in Rome. Captain Alasia established a record for outstanding achievement in reactivating local civilian mail services in less than ten days and in resuming the operations of an international mail service in less than one month. His resourcefulness, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

C O P Y

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI - SOTTOSEGRETARIATO  
DI STATO - SEGRETERIA

Roma, 22 Giugno 1945

Hon. Frank WALKER  
Postmaster General  
United States of America  
WASHINGTON D.C. (U.S.A.)

OGGETTO: Encomio.  
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Prima di effettuare le consegne al nuovo Ministero in conseguenza delle dimissioni presentate dall'attuale Ministero BOSCHI, ritengo doveroso di esprimere alla S.V. il più vivo compiacimento di questa Amministrazione per l'attiva intelligenza e per la volitiva perquisizione, con cui il Capitano ALABIA Guido (impiegato delle Poste di San Francisco) ha saputo riorganizzare i servizi postali del nostro paese con rara competenza, non vivace interessamento e con non comune buon senso.

Ho personalmente seguito l'attività del Capitano ALABIA dall'ottobre 1943 ad oggi e devo, con sincera franchezza affermare che detto funzionario deve a mio avviso ritenersi ottimo su tutti gli aspetti.

Sarò grato alla S.V. se di tale nostro compiacimento Ella vorrà darne atto ufficiale all'interessato.

Official Stamp

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*Joseph Saluzzo*  
JOSEPH SALUZZO  
USCJ USA

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
APO 758 US ARMY

2 October 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Legion of Merit.

TO : Commanding General, NATCUSA, APO 534.

1. Under the provision of Paragraph 16, Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that 1st Lt. Guido A. Alasia, ASN O-1000304, AGD, A.M.C.O.T., Seventh Army, be awarded the Legion of Merit.

2. Citation:

Guido A. Alasia, ASN O-1000304, 1st Lt., AGD, A.M.C.O.T., Seventh Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from July 28th to September 30, 1943. As C.A.O. with the 49th Division later with the 3rd Division, he displayed outstanding qualities of leadership at a critical period during the Sicilian Campaign. His hours were too long - no job too difficult. His linguistic ability, quick thinking and cool judgment of an unusual degree was responsible for the maintenance of civilian discipline, at one time stopping a serious riot among 2000 people which threatened to spread to serious proportions. Due to his efforts among the civilians he contributed greatly in aiding the movement of advancing combat troops and to the success of the operation as a whole. Entered military service from California.

3. The entire service of 1st Lt. Guido A. Alasia has since the rendition of the service upon which recommendation is based, been honorable.

4. I do not have personal knowledge of the above stated facts but affidavits from personnel having knowledge are attached hereto.

s: J. C. GAULT, 113  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

Joseph Galluzzo  
JOSEPH GALLUZZO  
WOJG USA

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## A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES ARMY  
POST OFFICE NO. 777

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority,

LT. COL. STEPHEN B. STORY, GMP, ASN C-511,072

and

MAJ. EBERHARD P. DEUTSCH, GMP, ASN C-489,525

who, being by me first duly sworn on their respective oaths, depose and say:

1. That, from June 12 to August 8, 1943, affiant Story was Civil Affairs Officer of the 45th Division; thereafter, until August 21, 1943, Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Seventh Army; and thereafter to date, has been Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT, Province of Messina, Sicily;

2. That, from July 29 to August 3, 1943, affiant Deutsch was a Civil Affairs Officer attached to the 45th Division; thereafter, until August 21, 1943 was Civil Affairs Officer of the 3rd Division; and thereafter, to date, has been Executive Officer of AMGOT for the Province of Messina, Sicily;

3. That, from July 29 to August 3, 1943, 1st Lt. Guido A. Alasia, A.C.D., ASN 1,000,304, was attached as a Civil Affairs Officer to the 45th Division, and from August 3 to 10, 1943, as a Civil Affairs Officer to the 3rd Division;

4. That, from July 29 to August 10, 1943, Lt. Alasia served under command of affiants; that, on August 10, 1943, Lt. Alasia was transferred to AMGOT HEADQUARTERS, Palermo.

5. That, during Lt. Alasia's service as a Civil Affairs Officer, from July 29 to August 10, 1943, he worked assiduously and intelligently, displayed excellent judgment, and maintained civilian discipline in the towns of Gerania and Acquedolci, unquestionably doing his full share, with his fellow AMGOT officers in adjacent areas, in aiding the movement of advancing combat troops, and contributing greatly to the success of the Sicilian Campaign as a whole.

S/ STEPHEN B. STORY

S/ EBERHARD P. DEUTSCH

Subscribed and sworn to before me at United States Army Post Office No. 777, this 7th day of October, 1943.

S/ E. K. MATTHEW

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Joseph Galluzzo  
JOSEPH GALLUZZO  
WOJG USA

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Post Office Branch,  
Allied Commission for Austria (BR)  
C.M.F.

11 May 1945

Dear ALASIA,

Before proceeding to my new zone of operations I should like to express my appreciation of the excellent services which you have been rendering with the postal Branch, from the early days with AMGET in Sicily to the more recent days with the Allied Commission on the mainland.

I feel certain that the variation and complexity of the many unusual problems with which you have had to deal will have afforded you an experience and outlook which should serve you in very good stead when you come to resume your normal activities after the war. You will be well able to claim to have taken a very effective part in the restoration of the Italian civil postal services.

My best wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely,

s/ E.H. WEAD,  
Colonel.

Capt. G. ALASIA,  
Allied Commission for Italy,  
A.P.O. 394.

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*Joseph Galluccio*  
JOSEPH GALLUCCIO  
WOSC USA

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x-201-Alasia, Guido A. (Off)  
(21 Aug '45)

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

N. P. THEODORE  
1st Lt. AGD  
Recorder5 Incls:  
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x-201-Alasia, Guido A. (Off)  
(21 Aug '45)

2nd Ind

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

Approved.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD), APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 21 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.

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C. M. PARKIN  
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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

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19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendations 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. Wernuth, Assistant Adjutant, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), the attached commendations for the following named officers and enlisted men are forwarded:

|       |                      |          |        |
|-------|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Capt  | Neil C. Baker        | 01566416 | QMC    |
| Capt  | James F. Keim        | 0522710  | Sp Res |
| Lt    | Perry B. Gott        | 151047   | USNR   |
| S/Sgt | William Segal        | 32619463 |        |
| S/Sgt | Ernest Toscano       | 39030636 |        |
| Tec 3 | Robert F. Reggiani   | 19031100 |        |
| Tec 3 | Domenic F. Storrino  | 36604714 |        |
| Sgt   | William Amorino      | 32209464 |        |
| Sgt   | Cincinto G. Mancusi  | 12082561 |        |
| Tec 4 | Ernest J. Marchi     | 36419089 |        |
| Cpl   | Frank M. Solina      | 19092563 |        |
| Tec 5 | John P. Kachner      | 35061442 |        |
| Tec 5 | Paul Moriconi        | 32734630 |        |
| Tec 5 | Richard V. Rosenblum | 32060093 |        |
| Tec 5 | Ralph M. San Filippo | 32144833 |        |
| Pfc   | Walter V. Rulsi      | 11079744 |        |
| Pfc   | Eric B. Shearer      | 32522942 |        |
| Pfc   | Paolino Silvestri    | 31243555 |        |
| Pfc   | Lee E. Tradewell     | 31015946 |        |

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:

*FRW*  
F. R. WERNUTH  
CWO USA  
Asst Adjutant

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Proposed General Order Commendations.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. ARMY, 18 August 1945.

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

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FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

H. P. THEODORE  
1st Lt. AGO  
Recorder

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(18 Aug 1945)

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

2nd Ind

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

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELDERLY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD), APO 394,  
U. S. ARMY, 18 August 1945.

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TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Captain Neil C. Baker, 01506126, GIC, Company "R", 2673rd Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from September 1943 to August 1944. Captain Baker was one of the first officers to be assigned to Allied Military Government. He performed valuable work in the forming of the foundation of Military Government. He landed at Salerno on D-Day plus 1, and assumed the duties as Assistant Adjutant for Region III, Allied Military Government. Since this was the first Military Government organization to operate on the mainland of Italy, Captain Baker was confronted with numerous duties. He set about to organize an office to handle all orders and publications, personnel records for both British and American Officers, cables, files, message center, courier operation, typing and translator pools, messing and billeting accommodations and the training of inexperienced clerical personnel; hiring of Italian civilians and the coordination of efforts of both American and British Military Government personnel. In the performance of all these tasks, Captain Baker conducted himself in an outstanding manner and his accomplishments are worthy of the highest emulation. His resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cloquet, Minnesota.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Captain James F. Kein, 0522710, Specialist Reserve, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptional performance of duty from September 1944 to March 1945. As a Deputy Regional Agricultural Officer, Captain Kein personally supervised transportation and distribution of livestock for the purpose of restocking and for the production of serum required in the prevention and controlling of human and animal diseases. He arranged for sale or loan of large numbers of horses and mules to aid Italian farmers for use in restoring agriculture in Italy to its normal level. The success of the important agricultural program was directly contributed to by the vigorous efforts of Captain Kein. His resourcefulness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from State College, Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER CELEBRATION

Lieutenant Perry B. Cott, USN, attached to Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from October 1943 to March 1945. As Regional Monuments and Fine Arts Officer for Lazio-Umbria and Lombardia Regions, Allied Military Government, Lieutenant Cott has performed outstanding work in the preservation and restoration and exhibition of priceless monumental and art treasures. In both Sicily and Italy, Lieutenant Cott supervised the uncovering of anti-air attack protection from priceless monuments and directed numerous repair projects. He arranged the exhibitions held in the museums throughout Sicily and Italy and as a result of fees charged for admission, he acquired a net proceed of over two million lire. These funds were turned over to the Italian Government by him to be used in repairing Italian National Monuments damaged by the war. In several instances, Italian catalogues explaining the monuments themselves were translated by Lieutenant Cott into the English language. His resourcefulness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and the United States Navy. Entered the naval service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Staff Sergeant William Segal, 32619463, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 12 October 1943 to 9 September 1944. As Chief Clerk of Naples Province, Allied Military Government, Staff Sergeant Segal rendered outstanding services during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in March, 1944. In addition to his difficult duties in the direction of administration in one of the heaviest war-torn provinces, he took it upon himself to direct the evacuation and housing of Italian civilians whose homes were being threatened by the eruption. His untiring efforts were instrumental in transporting the greater part of the civilian population of San Giuseppe Vesuviano. He worked continuously for two days and nights directing traffic, giving encouragement to the civilians, evacuating sick from their homes and demonstrated courage and stamina far beyond the normal call of duty. In his accomplishments as Chief Clerk in the administration and successful completion of Military Government activities in Naples Province, Staff Sergeant Segal's outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Military Service from New York, New York.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Staff Sergeant Ernest Toscano, 39080636, Company "R", 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 10 October 1943 to 30 March 1945. As Chief Clerk of Viterbo Province, Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Military Government, Staff Sergeant Toscano has been dependable, willing and faithful to duty and has assumed the responsibility for numerous tasks. In so doing, he has materially contributed to the success of Military Government operations in this area. He has earned the respect and good will of Italian citizens and government officials. He proved himself to be a real leader in the administration of enlisted men and civilian employees and has contributed greatly to increase the usefulness of Allied Military Government to the Armed Forces. His tact and diplomacy have helped to develop and maintain unity of purpose among British and American officers and enlisted men. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fresno, California.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Third Grade Robert F. Reggiani, 19081100, Company "E", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from November 1943 to May 1945. Technician Third Grade Reggiani, in charge of Company Supply, performed outstanding services in the face of many difficulties. Frequently in the absence of Supply Officers, he established supply service for the regions of Allied Military Government to which he was assigned. He was in charge of the first movement of regimental supplies from North Africa to Italy for advanced Allied Military Government forces. Through the exercise of good judgment, initiative and skill, he contributed in great measure to the successful completion of the operations of Military Government in Italy. His resourcefulness and exceptional services are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Third Grade Domenico F. Storino, 3604712, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 3 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Clerk of the Food Division of Lazio-Romagna Region, Allied Military Government, Technician Third Grade Storino played an important part in the planning of the methods to be used in the distribution of food to the people of Rome. Upon the occupation of Rome, Technician Third Grade Storino was among the first Allied troops to enter the city and immediately set about getting this program into operation. In November 1944, he was transferred to the Adjutant's Office and was placed in charge of the Cable and Classified Material Section. Despite the large load of traffic and shortage of personnel, he directed his services so that immediate action was taken on all messages without loss of time, thereby, directly contributing to the successful operations of his organization. In the early stages of Lombard Region, he voluntarily worked long hours in order to prevent a bottleneck in his section. He has been dependable and efficient in the performance of his duties and has rendered valuable assistance to his superior officers in completing tasks far above the call of duty. His tireless energy and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Sergeant William Amorino, 32209464, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 12 October 1943 to 2 May 1945. Assigned to Lazio-Umbria Region, Sergeant Amorino supervised the initial hiring of all civilian employees required for the proper functioning of the billets, motor pool and garages for Regional Headquarters. In September 1944, he was assigned to duty as Sergeant Major in Regional Headquarters, which position was previously occupied by a Master Sergeant. He successfully performed these duties until this region was inactivated. He was then assigned to Lombardia Region as Chief Clerk of the Message Center. During the move of this region north from Rome to Milan, Sergeant Amorino was, by diligent and incessant effort, able to keep the Message Center functioning at all times. Upon arrival in Milan, he worked long hours to organize an efficient communications system for this headquarters to the provinces and neighboring regions. Although overburdened with his normal duties, Sergeant Amorino was always willing to accept all additional responsibilities delegated to him by his superior officers. His zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Sergeant Giacinto G. Mancusi, 12082561, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 12 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. On his assignments as Chief Clerk of Litoria and Rome Provinces and as Chief Clerk of the Public Health Division for Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government, Sergeant Mancusi has performed his duties with an administrative intelligence so necessary in the prosecution of his assignment in an efficient and efficacious manner. His vigorous action and his ability to appraise all situations made him outstanding. He has worked diligently over long hours to ensure effective administration of his office. His background of medical knowledge combined with his tenacious and conscientious sense of duty have resulted in the accurate and rapid distribution of medical supplies in Lombardia Region. He has always handled the general public with tact and diplomacy and has always given to them his expert advice for the solution of their problems. His exceptional ability and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Fourth Grade Bruno J. Mardi, 36419089, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 16 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. As Chief Dispatcher for Regional Headquarters Motor Pool, he has performed his duties with intelligence and great devotion to duty and at all times has exercised remarkable control of all vehicles under his jurisdiction. In the interest of efficiency, Technician Fourth Grade Mardi has unselfishly devoted his time to the supervision of enlisted men and Italian mechanics and drivers, so that transport demands far in excess of the available vehicles, could be met. Through his efforts, personnel have been moved immediately as required, and he has thereby contributed much to the success of the Regional operations. His tact and common sense in dealing with the complex problems for operating foreign vehicles with Italian civilians and intelligence for accomplishing repairs with an acute shortage of the necessary parts, indicates a high degree of resourcefulness and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Caspene, Minnesota.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Corporal Frank H. Solina, 19092563, Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from November 1943 to May 1945. As a non-commissioned officer in charge of motor transportation at a time when Allied Military Government was largely dependent upon requisitioned civilian vehicles, Corporal Solina displayed great initiative and outstanding mechanical skills in the reconstruction of vehicles and in the supervision of the work of Italian civilian mechanics, drivers and garage helpers. Without proper garage facilities or accessories, he succeeded in getting the vehicles assigned to his care in proper operating order. Without these vehicles, the operations of Allied Military Government in the regions to which he had been assigned would have been seriously hampered. His faithfulness and tireless performance of duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization and the Allied Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Stockton, California.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMEMORATION

Technician Fifth Grade John P. Wachner, 35061441, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from August 1944 to May 1945. Acting as de facto Provincial "Officer" in Rieti Province of Lazio-Umbria Region, he carried out the duties and responsibilities of this assignment conscientiously and efficiently performing tasks normally assigned to an officer. The results of his judgment have been outstanding and merit the highest commendation. His zeal and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Fifth Grade Paul Moriconi, 32754660, Company "F", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptional performance of duty from June 1943 to May 1945. As Personal Secretary to the Executive Officer of Sicilia Region and as Personal Secretary to the Regional Commissioner of Lazio-Umbria Region and Lombardia Region, Technician Fifth Grade Moriconi performed his duties with exceptional fidelity and intelligence. He devoted his time solely to the interest of his superior officers. Handling correspondence and acting in several instances as a liaison with Italian civilians for the Regional Commissioner, he arranged for the necessary administration of the office. In performing these strenuous tasks, he enabled his superior officers to concentrate more fully on the more important problems which faced them. In some of the tasks for which he has been called upon, he has performed his duties in a painstaking and most remarkable manner. His attention and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Technician Fifth Grade Richard V. Rosenblum, 32860098, Company "E", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 3 August 1944 to 13 March 1945. As Company Clerk for Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, Technician Fifth Grade Rosenblum has rendered zealous and untiring services in maintaining the records of his organization and has earned for himself high commendation from his superior officers. With personnel stationed over wide areas and with poor means of communications at his disposal, he has always kept abreast with the fluctuating situation maintaining accounts and up-to-date records of officers and enlisted personnel, and rendering the maximum of outstanding services to his commanding officer and to the organization. His zeal, energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, N. Y.

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GENERAL ORDER COMENDATION

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph M. San Filippo, 32134833, Company "R", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 23 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. He landed at the Salerno beachhead in charge of a group of military vehicles serving as a driver as well as "Enlisted Man in Charge" of this small vehicle pool. He carried out his assignment advancing these vehicles to the first Allied Military Government Headquarters to be organized on the mainland of Italy. His driving assignment constantly exposed him to heavy enemy fire and aerial bombardment. Throughout his service, he has performed his duties faithfully, intelligently and with a high sense of responsibility. Serving as a driver for the Regional Commissioner of two regions, Allied Military Government, he has been called upon on several occasions to work long hours far and above the time expected of him. He has worked tirelessly and willingly and has rendered his aid in instances other than in the capacity of a driver to the Regional Commissioner and has thereby lightened the task of his superior officers. His attention and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

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GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Private First Class Walter V. Ruisi, 1107748, Company "B", 267th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 12 October 1945 to 30 March 1946. Private First Class Ruisi was assigned the task of establishing and staffing the Labor Supply Office of Rome Region at the time of the liberation of Rome in June, 1944. This office was primarily responsible for the supply of civilian labor to the Allied Forces as well as for the actual functions of civilian labor exchange. He worked entirely without any officer supervision and as a result of his own initiative and skill, over fifty thousand applications were processed. This enlisted man hired and supplied labor to Allied units; interviewed, classified and assigned registrants to duties befitting their qualifications. His contribution to the success of the Allied Operations in Italy have been outstanding. His resourcefulness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Westerly, Rhode Island.

GENERAL ORDER COMMENDATION

Private First Class Eric B. Shearer, 32522942, Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 30 March 1944 to May 1945. In the absence of agricultural officers, Private First Class Shearer acted as a de facto Provincial Agricultural Officer in the Province of Pavia in Lombardia Region. He has successfully performed the duties of a commissioned officer, a master of the Italian language, a gentleman who understands the Italian people and their customs, an agricultural enthusiast and a soldier who recognizes the basic military interest in agriculture, he has been depended upon to interpret the Allied Agricultural Program for the benefit of all concerned. In his everyday tasks, he has earned the respect and good will of the Italian Prefect and of all the officials and employees of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the Province. His performance of duty and outstanding resourcefulness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

CENTRAL ORDER CONSIDERATION

Private First Class Raffilo Silvestri, 31213555, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 10 December 1943 to 6 October 1944. As Chief Clerk of the Regional Postal Division of Sicily Region, Allied Military Government, he displayed outstanding qualities of good judgment, quick thinking and loyalty. He aided greatly in reorganizing the normal civilian postal services at a time when communications were completely destroyed and postal services had not existed for a long period. His tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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GENERAL OVER CONSIDERATION

Private First Class Lee E. Tradewell, 31015946, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, is commended for exceptional performance of duty from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Private First Class Tradewell was acted as Mess Sergeant for two companies of this regiment, an organization comprising over one-hundred assigned and attached enlisted men. Through constant hard work and with an unselfish devotion to duty, he has always produced excellent meals for his fellow soldiers. In addition to operating the enlisted men's mess, he has supervised a ration breakdown and distribution for approximately ten Provincial messes. Each time his organization changed stations he never failed to provide hot food for the men of his company while the organization was in transit. His contribution to the morale of the troops despite adverse weather and poor rolling equipment aided materially in the successful completion of the mission of this organization. His tireless energy and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

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Prepare TO NTOUSA*

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Rome, 17 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

referring to your letter of the 7th, n. CC 511, I hasten to forward to you a first list of the American Officers proposed for the granting of an Italian decoration, whose cases had remained in suspense, while we waited for them to be allowed to receive the orders.

Col. W. DOHERTY - Deputy Director of P.S. - A.C. is not included in the list, for His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom, wishing to express to the said officer his satisfaction for his highly appreciated work during his stay in Italy, has already granted him a decoration during an audience granted to him before he left.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

s. A. Infante

(General Adolfo Infante)

Admiral Elery W. Stone  
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# AMERICAN OFFICERS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION PROPOSED FOR A DECORATION

| RANK       | NAME AND SURNAME       | FUNCTION                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colonel    | CHAPMAN John William   | - Director of the P.S. Sub-Commission                                         |
| "          | MEANEY Martin H.       | - Chief of the Police of the Allied Commission                                |
| "          | KIRK Paul G.           | - Director of P.S. of the Allied Commission                                   |
| "          | CARNES James J.        | - Commandant of the Special Motortransport Brigade of the A.C.                |
| "          | DENSMORE Leonard D.    | - Chief of Staff and Acting Vice President, Economic Section, A.C.            |
| Lt. Col.   | SCUDDER Henry H.       | - Director of the Communications Sub-Commission                               |
| Major      | KILE Barry Barnaby     | - M.M.I.A.                                                                    |
| Captain    | BENATTI Charles P.     | - M.M.I.A.                                                                    |
| "          | MASTROLIANNI Orizzonte | - Attached to the P.S. Sub-Commission                                         |
| "          | SWISHER Thomas R.      | - Attached to the supplies of the Special Motor-transport Brigade of the A.C. |
| Major      | RIVELY J. C.           | - Of the Economic Section                                                     |
| Lieutenant | LANNIN J.              | - Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Stone                                            |
| Lt. Col.   | MARTINO Robert A.      | - Economic Section of the A.C.                                                |

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AUG 18 RECD  
Roma, 17 agosto 1945IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO*Care Ammiraglio,*

Con riferimento alla Sua lettera del 7 corr. N° C.C.511, mi faccio premura di trasmetterLe un primo elenco di Ufficiali Americani proposti per la concessione di onorificenze italiane, le cui pratiche erano rimaste in sospeso, in attesa che essi fossero autorizzati a ricevere le distinzioni cavalleresche.

Non è incluso nell'elenco il Col. W. DOHERTY - Vice Direttore P.S. - A.G., perchè S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, volendo esternare al suddetto ufficiale il Proprio compiacimento per l'opera altamente benemerita svolta durante la sua permanenza in Italia, lo ha già insignito di una onorificenza nel corso di una udienza concessagli prima della sua partenza.

Le porgo, con la circostanza, i migliori saluti.

  
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Ammiraglio Ellery STONE

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UFFICIALI AMERICANI DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA PROPOSTI  
PER LA CONCESSIONE DI ONORIFICENZE

| GRADO      | COGNOME E NOME        | INCARICO                                                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colonnello | CHAPMAN John William  | - Direttore della Sottocommissione P.S. Alleata                                              |
| "          | MEANEY Martin H.      | - Capo della Polizia della Sottocommissione Alleata                                          |
| "          | KIRK Paul G.          | - Direttore della P.S/ della Sottocommissione Alleata                                        |
| "          | CARNES James J.       | - Comandante della Brigata Speciale Autotrasporti A.C.                                       |
| "          | DESMORE Leonard D.    | - Capo di S.M. e facente funzioni di Vice Presidente, Sezione Economica, Commissione Alleata |
| Ten.Col.   | SCUDDER Henry H.      | - Direttore Sottocommissione per le Comunicazioni                                            |
| Maggiore   | KILE Barry Burnaby    | - M.M.I.A.                                                                                   |
| Capitano   | BENATTI Charles P.    | - M.M.I.A.                                                                                   |
| "          | MASTROIANNI Orizzonte | - Addetto alla S. Comm. P.S. Alleata                                                         |
| "          | SWISHER Thomas R.     | - Addetto ai rifornimenti della Brigata Speciale Autotrasporti A.C.                          |
| Maggiore   | RIVELY J.C.           | - della Sezione Economica. -                                                                 |
| Tenente    | LANNIN J.             | - Ufficiale d'Ordinanza dell'Ammiraglio STONE. -                                             |
| Ten.Col.   | MARTINO Robert A.     | - Sezione Economica A.C.                                                                     |

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

File: 200.6

15 August 1945

x-201 Butler, Harry St.J. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of 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 ST. JOHN BUTLER, Captain U. S. Navy (Ret.) (then Commander) 57477, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and outstanding achievement from 15 March 1944 to 31 July 1945.

2. Captain Butler reported in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations in January 1944, for duties in connection with shipping. By reason of his long naval service, professional and legal qualifications, it was determined that he could perform more useful service as a member of the Navy Sub-Commission, ACC, with additional duties for naval matters in the Shipping Sub-Commission, ACC. He immediately proceeded to organize the Navy Sub-Commission, which had been formed but had not been activated, and reported to the Rear Headquarters, Allied Central Commission, Salerno, on 15 March 1945. The task was exceedingly difficult as members of the Sub-Commission were assigned to additional duties in Naples, Salerno and Taranto where the operation of the Italian Fleet was controlled. The burden of the duties involving the administrative control of the Italian Navy devolved on Captain Butler. By his persistent efforts the Sub-Commission was reorganized in May 1944 and transferred to Taranto where it remained with Rear Headquarters at Salerno and later in Rome, until the Italian Ministry of Marine offices were transferred from Taranto to Rome on 6 August 1944. His ability and competence are of such a high degree that the work of the Sub-Commission was recognized and the functions and duties enlarged by an Allied Force Headquarters directive in March 1945, which appointed Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, as Head of the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, and Commodore H. E. Zirotti, U. S. Navy, as his Deputy. The working staff of the Sub-Commission under Captain Butler, consisting of four officers, is exceedingly small considering that it is responsible for the administration of the Italian Navy of 75,000 officers and men. Only by the extraordinary devotion to duty and ability of Captain Butler has this task been accomplished in a highly creditable manner.

3. The Navy Sub-Commission, AC, is responsible for the enforcement of naval provisions of the Armistice Terms with Italy and the administrative control of the Italian Navy. The functions range

from highly technical professional matters, to legal, financial, diplomatic problems involving Italian Navy relations with foreign nations, salvage and matters of supply and logistics. Due to the limited staff Captain Butler has assumed and carried out numerous important and detailed duties and studies personally, to expedite immediate and correct action, motivated by urgency and necessity for seeking adequate solutions. He has participated in many important conferences with Allied and Italian Authorities among which have been the formation of shipbuilding policies for Italy and directives for the control of Italian munition production. He was the Senior Allied Commission representative on a board appointed in February 1945, of American, British and Italian representatives, to make studies and recommendations for the operation of ports which are returned to Italian Government control for administration by the Ministry of Marine. The report and recommendations were submitted in May 1945 and have been approved by the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean. The Italian Ministry of Marine has been directed by the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, to take necessary action to implement the report, which will form the basic policy for Italian port organization and operation for many years in the future. In all of these activities Captain Butler has demonstrated sound judgment, tact, ability and resourcefulness in dealing with the problems presented. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by him is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service and the United States, and reflects credit upon himself and the Allied Commission, and is an inspiration to all those who have served with him.

4. During the period 8 May 1945 to 31 July 1945 Captain Butler has devoted every energy toward increasing the Italian Navy participation in the control and administration of port areas and installations in Northern Italy in order to reduce demands on Allied facilities and personnel and permit their employment elsewhere. His ability and efforts in this connection have expedited action in numerous instances and are deserving of special commendation.

5. The officer recommending this award has had personal knowledge of the services performed by Captain Butler during the entire period covered.

6. Captain Butler was a Commander for part of the period during which these services were rendered. He was promoted to Captain, U. S. Navy, on 26 October 1944. His principal assignment has been Chief Staff Officer, Navy Sub-Commission, AC, in which capacity he is still serving. The Navy Department has recently indicated that he will be ordered to a new assignment in the immediate future.

7. The entire subsequent services of Captain Butler have been honorable.
8. Captain Butler has received no decorations to date.
9. A proposed citation is attached hereto as Enclosure 1.

MILBY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Enclosure 1:  
Proposed Citation

Copy to:  
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PROPOSED CITATION

Captain Harry St. John Butler, U. S. Navy (Retired), 57477, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Italy (Overhead), for distinguished service and meritorious achievement while serving in the Allied Control Commission, and later the Allied Commission, Italy, as a member of and Chief Staff Officer for the Navy Sub-Commission during the period from March 1944 to August 1945. Captain Butler was a dominant influence in the initial and present organization of the Navy Sub-Commission which controls the administration of the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms with Italy, in the interest of the immediate Allied War effort, and is the agency through which the policy of the Allied Nations is communicated to the Italian Government on professional naval matters. In addition he has acted as the U. S. Navy representative to the Allied Commission for matters relating to shipping and port organization. By his outstanding perseverance, professional ability, resourcefulness, and tact in dealing with Allied and Italian Naval and Military Authorities, the Navy Sub-Commission has achieved recognition throughout the Mediterranean Theater of Operations as the agency responsible for the efficient administration of matters relating to the Italian Navy and the control of Italian port operations, which have contributed to the Allied successes in Italy. His excellent administrative ability, sound judgment, initiative, and devotion to duty have been a credit to the U. S. representation on the Allied Commission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service and the United States.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

14 August 1945

CC 511

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

TO : See Distribution.

To avoid any misunderstanding, paragraph 2 of the Chief Commissioner's letter, subject and file as above, dated 8 August 1945, which begins "Because the status of the relationship" is amended so that this paragraph will read: "because the status of the diplomatic relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations."

*Ellery W. Stone*

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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14 August 1945.

Memorandum for: Major General A. P. Kislenko:

In accordance with the conversation which took place this morning (14th August) between Major Leonidov, of your staff, and Major Stearns, the following list is submitted:

1. Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USN  
Chief Commissioner.
2. Brigadier Maurice S. Lush,  
Executive Commissioner.
3. Colonel Norman E. Fiske, 04741, Cavalry.  
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Vice President Civil Affairs Section.
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6. Colonel Leonard D. Danmore, 01 81447, Field Artillery,  
Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section.
7. Lt Colonel Henry H. Scudder, O 205 393, Signal Corps,  
Director Communication S/C
8. Major General L. Browning,  
Director Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA)
9. Rear Admiral G. L. Warren, RN  
Chief Naval Sub-Commission
10. AVM I. E. Brodie, RAF  
Director Air Forces Sub-Commission.

L. W. STEARNS,  
Major, AGD  
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

CMP/pf

File: 200.6

13 August 1945

x-201-Wermuth, Florian R. (off)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Florian R. Wermuth, W-2127041, CWO (then WOJG), AUS, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 May 1944 to 31 May 1945.

2. CWO Wermuth joined the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), as a Warrant Officer Junior Grade at a time when this organization was critically short of qualified administrative personnel. In his capacity of Assistant Adjutant and Personnel Officer, he was charged with the responsibility of efficient personnel administration throughout the regiment. By positive energetic action, coupled with sound judgment and wide administrative experience, he set about to develop a highly efficient standard of army administration. CWO Wermuth, after duty hours, devoted eighty-seven (87) hours in preparation of an Army Administration Course covering all fundamental phases of army administration employing Army Regulations, War Department Circulars, MTCUSA Circulars and Directives for the final compilation and proofing of this course. The course was finally published for the guidance of all administrative officers and enlisted men of the regiment and of the sub-commissions of the Allied Commission.

3. CWO Wermuth's broad administrative experience, initiative and exceptional pride in his organization took him to units in the field in Africa, Sicily, Sardinia and on the Mainland of Italy where he conducted detailed inspections of records. In the evening, he conducted classes for unit administrative personnel and all errors noted in records were corrected and proper methods were explained by him. Upon return to this headquarters, classes were conducted by him for headquarters clerks in order that uniformity between headquarters and field units would be maintained. He published guides on several different occasions on Morning Reports, Service Records, Forms 20, Filing, Message Center Procedure, and other administrative records, basing his guides on the information and evidence of errors found by him in the field. His indefatigable and tireless efforts were aimed at organizational uniformity of administration in order that Army Regulations and Theater Directives be fully complied with. At the end of four months, his untiring efforts, devotion to duty and loyalty to his organization had transformed inexperienced personnel into a highly efficient staff. When many of these personnel were transferred from the regiment for reconversion to infantryman,

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Ltr, Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Contd)

and when others were withdrawn to form the nucleus for AMG personnel entering units for military government duty in France, Germany, Austria and other countries of Europe, CWO Wermuth assumed the responsibility of training replacements in order that the same standard of accomplishment would be maintained. That such was accomplished is a tribute to his efficiency, tireless energy and tact.

4. The tremendous administrative problems of the discontinuing of some, and the activation of other units of the regiment as the Allied Armies moved forward in Italy, were met without loss of effort and man-hours due to the planning and standard operating procedures conceived, planned and placed into effect by CWO Wermuth.

5. CWO Wermuth's resourcefulness, exceptional ability, efficiency, outstanding devotion to duty and loyalty to his organization are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

6. At the time of his assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Warrant Officer Junior Grade. He has occupied the joint positions of Assistant Adjutant and Personnel Officer, 2675th Regiment, and Assistant Adjutant, Headquarters, Allied Commission. He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer on 24 November 1944. He is presently a Chief Warrant Officer and occupies the same positions as stated above.

7. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by CWO Wermuth.

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

9. The officer has received no previous awards.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
Citation - Wermuth, Florian R. (Off).

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x-201-Vermonth, Florian R. (WO)

(13 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

HPT/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DELEGATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US Army, 13 August 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

W. P. THOMPSON,  
1st Lt., A.C.D.,  
Recorder1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Vermonth, Florian R. (WO)

(13 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

ELB/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/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Chief Commissioner1 Incl:  
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x-201-Vermonth, Florian R. (WO)

(13 Aug 45)

3d Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (Ovhd), APO 394, US Army, 13 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding1 Incl:  
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PROPOSED CITATION

CWO (then WOJG) Florian R. Wernath, AUS, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the distinguished discharge of his duties from 9 May 1944 to 31 May 1945. As Assistant Adjutant and Personnel Officer of the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, CWO Wernath was charged with the responsibility of efficient personnel administration throughout the regiment. By positive, energetic action, coupled with sound judgment and wise direction, CWO Wernath developed an inexperienced administrative personnel into a highly efficient staff. He prepared courses covering all phases of Army Administration, made personal tours of inspection throughout the command, holding classes in the evening hours for administrative clerks. He published guides and a Standard Operating Procedure in order that a high standard of Army Administration could be achieved throughout the organization. CWO Wernath's resourcefulness, exceptional ability, efficiency, outstanding devotion to duty and loyalty to his organization are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces. Entered the military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

File No. CC 511

11 August 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner.  
To : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.  
Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations. *165*  
Enclosure: (A) 3 copies Hq Alcom ltr CC 511 of 8 Aug 45.

1. Enclosure (A) was promulgated as a result of MTOUSA's modified policy permitting U.S. Army personnel to accept Italian decorations while still attached to this Commission, and is forwarded herewith for your information.

2. Any proposals to award Italian decorations to U.S. Naval personnel attached to the Allied Commission that are received from the Italian Government will be forwarded with recommendations, to you for appropriate action.

*W. Henry W. Stone*

WILFRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR

*Also CC's personal file**See 204**5-11/45**112**169*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

IDD/cc

11 August 1945

AC 201 - Denmore, Leonard B. (OFF)

SUBJECT: Award of Foreign Decoration

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission  
U. S. Army APO 394

1. It is requested that permission be granted in the acceptance by me of the following award from the Italian Government:  
"Comandatore della Corona d'Italia"
2. Attached is copy of letter dated 25 June 1945 from Professore Giovanni Gronchi, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Italian Government, informing me of the granting of the award.
3. This request is made in accordance with letter CC 511 HQ AC Office of Chief Commissioner, dated 8 August 1945, subject: "Acceptance of Italian Decorations".

LEONARD B. DENSMORE

L. B. DENSMORE  
Colonel, FA O-181147

Incl: Copy Letter  
Minister Industry and Commerce  
25/6-45

*Award: Crown of Italy*

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Il Ministro per l'Industria,  
il Commercio e il Lavoro

Rome, 25 June 1945

TO Col. I.B. DENSMORE  
H.Q. A.C.

Dear Colonel,

I take the pleasure to inform you that, upon my proposal, H.B.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom, in consideration of the special merits which you have acquired in your work with the Allied Commission in behalf of our Country, has bestowed upon you the honour of "Commendatore della Corona d'Italia".

I shall forward to you the certificate, as soon as I receive it from the Chancellery.

I beg you to accept my warmest congratulations and my personal appreciation for the work you have accomplished.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Giovanni Gronchi  
GIOVANNI GRONCHI  
Minister of Industry & Commerce

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Howard E. Lee  
HOWARD E. LEE  
Capt Inf

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X-201-Denamore, Leonard D. (OFF)

(11 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, BHS/sc  
U. S. ARMY, 11 August 1945.TO: Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U. S. Army  
APO 512 (Through GO 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd)).Recommend approval of request in basic letter and concurrence in the  
acceptance of sword of Commandatore della Corona d'Italia from the Italian  
Government by Colonel Leonard D. Denamore.1 Incl:  
n/cALEXANDER W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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X-201-Denamore, Leonard D. (OFF)

(11 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION (OVHD), APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 11 August 1945. AAP/sc

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

Approved.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ANGELO A. PASCARIELLA  
CWO USA  
Assistant Adjutant1 Incl:  
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c.i.

CC 511

11 August 1945

My dear General:

In reference to your letter 4892/A.G. of 6 August 1945 concerning a proposed decoration for Colonel R. P. MARSHALL, I shall be grateful if you will include his name in the list of officers whom you propose to decorate. I should like to review this complete list before any final list is submitted to MTOUSA for approval.

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  
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## DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD

## ALLIED COMMISSION

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10 August 1945

MINUTESOF THEDECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD

1. The Decorations and Awards Board of the Allied Commission was called to order by Colonel Parkin at 1500 hrs, 10 August 1945. The following members were present:

|        |                   |      |          |
|--------|-------------------|------|----------|
| Col    | CHARLES M. PARKIN | Inf  | 05206    |
| Col    | JOHN W. CHAPMAN   | JAGD | 0204184  |
| Lt Col | LESLIE S. MOORE   | AGD  | 0216697  |
| CWO    | F. R. Wermuth     | AUS  | W2127041 |

2. The following were recommended for approval:

LEGION OF MERIT

|        |                     |       |                    |
|--------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Col    | CLARENCE P. BOLICK  | CAPT  | RICHARD J. LOMBARD |
| Lt Col | HARRY G. HERSHENSON | Tec 4 | Manfred Grunewald  |
| CWO    | FLORIAN R. WERMUTH  | Pfc   | Stig G. Wornholm   |

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|        |                       |        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Lt Col | JOHN S. ARNOLD        | 1st Lt | JOHN J. LYNCH         |
| Lt Col | CRISTUS J. BIZZOCZERO | M/Sgt  | Ido A. Gracis         |
| Major  | FRANK BRANNIGAN       | T/Sgt  | Louis B. Croce        |
| Major  | BERNARD A. CULLOTON   | S/Sgt  | Raymond A. Bracci     |
| MAJOR  | FRANCIS A. PAILOTTI   | Sgt    | Nelson E. Regionini   |
| Major  | WENDELL E. PHILLIPS   | Cpl    | Vasco Ciardella       |
| Capt   | GUIDO A. ALASIA       | Tec 5  | Vincent Strignile     |
| Capt   | MAURICE S. NEUFELD    | Pfc    | James I. McCormick    |
| Capt   | ALVA A. SIMPSON, Jr.  | Pfc    | Salvatore J. Piccione |
| 1st Lt | RUDOLPH CORVINI       | Pfc    | Nathan Schiff         |

CITATION IN GENERAL ORDERS

|       |                    |       |                      |
|-------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Capt  | NEIL C. BAKER      | Cpl   | Frank N. Solina      |
| Capt  | JAMES F. KEIM      | Tec 5 | John P. Kachmer      |
| Lt    | PERRY B. COTT      | Tec 5 | Paul Moriconi        |
| S/Sgt | William Segal      | Tec 5 | Richard V. Rosenblum |
| S/Sgt | Ernest Toscano     | Tec 5 | Ralph M. San Filippo |
| Tec 3 | Robert E. Reggiani | Pfc   | Walter B. Ruisi      |
| Tec 3 | Domenic Storino    | Pfc   | Panfilo Silvester    |
| Sgt   | William Amorino    | Pfc   | Lee E. Tradewell     |
| Sgt   | Jacinto C. Mancusi | Pfc   | Eric B. Shearer      |
| Tec 4 | Bruno J. Nardi     |       |                      |

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3. No further business was at hand and the meeting adjourned at 1630 hrs, and would reconvene at the call of the President.

*F. R. Wermuth*

F. R. WERMUTH  
CWO USA  
Asst Recorder

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

Maj. Strarus

9 August 1945

AG 200.6/028 A-0

SUBJECT: Awards and Decorations

TO: All Concerned

I. United States Awards.

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 12 May 1945.

2. Provided the instructions contained in the letter, referred to above have been carried out properly, action should have been completed and all deserving cases forwarded by major commands to this headquarters.

3. Action will be completed immediately on any cases outstanding and all will be forwarded to reach this headquarters by 1 September 1945.

4. Recommendations initiated subsequent to 1 June 1945 or received at this headquarters subsequent to 1 September 1945 will not receive favorable consideration unless it can be shown clearly that there were unusual and exceptional circumstances causing the delay.

5. Citations of service awards to individuals who are still serving in this theater, whether or not in the same position in which the original services were performed, are being revised at this headquarters insofar as regulations permit to include services up to 1 August 1945 and when this is done immediate presentation of approved awards will be authorized.

6. Attention is invited to the fact that the Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for services performed subsequent to 12 May 1945 only by the Theater Commander.

7. The action contemplated herein should enable this headquarters to take final action on all pending decoration cases and to release all approved cases for presentation.

8. In many cases the award will recognize services to include 31 July 1945. Where the citation covers this period and presentation is made it is contemplated that further awards for services in MTOUSA will be made only under very exceptional circumstances.

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Ltr, this hq, AG 200.6/028 A-0,  
dtd 9 August 1945 (Cont'd)

II. Foreign Awards.

1. Foreign awards and presentations thereof will not be accepted unless prior approval by the Theater Commander has been obtained.
2. Individual offers of foreign awards will be forwarded to the Theater Commander with a statement as required in paragraph 11, Circular Number 73, this headquarters, 1945.
3. Requests from Allied or co-belligerent governments for submission of names of US personnel deserving foreign decorations will be forwarded to the Theater Commander.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

*C. W. Christenberry*  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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CC 511

8 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Commanding General, MTOUSA has just informed me that he has approved certain modifications of policy which now permit American personnel of AC/AMC to accept Italian Government decorations provided they are previously cleared by Headquarters, MTOUSA.

I am issuing instructions to all personnel of AC/AMC that requests for acceptance of Italian decorations will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Commissioner for my action prior to forwarding to MTOUSA.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri  
President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
Rome

CC: Executive Commissioner  
Establishment Section  
Chief Commissioner

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

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File: 200.6

8 August 1945

x-201-Heassler, Earl A. (off)

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

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Earl A. Heassler, 0461882, Major (then Captain), CMP, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. Arriving in Italy in January 1944, Major Heassler was assigned to duty as the Adjutant and Administrative Officer of Region 3, Allied Military Government. In this position he worked unceasingly in organizing the regional staff and headquarters encountering therein many difficulties. There was a continual shift of personnel and spheres of activity because of the static line then located just north of the City of Naples. At the same time the headquarters was transferred from Taranto to Campobasso creating additional problems concerning the number of personnel, transportation and the administration of newly assigned provinces. Through his exercise of tact, good judgment and an instinct for organization, he overcame these difficulties and succeeded in setting up a competent and orderly functioning organization.

3. In May 1944, Major Heassler was appointed Provincial Commissioner for the Province of Macerata and immediately set up the organization of the unit for that area. He was later attached to AFM 8th Army and on the first of July 1944 moved his spearhead team and stores into Macerata. Upon his arrival, he found the provincial government totally disorganized and nearly fifty percent of the province still under enemy control. Administration was extremely difficult since his headquarters was located exceedingly close to the front lines and was subject to continuous enemy bombing for a period of over three weeks. The officer administered his duties with an outstanding ability under most difficult conditions and performed outstanding services in support of the combat forces. After having later organized a provincial team for ultimate service with Venetia Region and having been designated Provincial Commissioner for Padova when that province was taken, he moved with the team to Arezzo under the jurisdiction of 10th Corps. From there he directed the activities of his unit as it moved forward with the army and spearheaded through Bibbiena, San Piero, Civitella, San Sofia and Predappio. He worked in conjunction with Polish 2nd Corps and displayed outstanding diplomacy and good judgment in all his relations with the officers, not only of this Corps, but with the Commands of Allied Forces of various nationalities. Early in 1945 he moved forward with the 8th Army through the attack on Castel Bolognese and with the Polish Troops into Dola. He was then appointed Civil Affairs Officer for Ferrara.

Ltr. Recommendation for the Award of the Legion of Merit, Contd

4. On 28 April 1945 Major Heassler entered Padova with advanced 8th Army Troops. He immediately set up his headquarters as the Allied Military Government Provincial Commissioner and has continued to function as such up to the present time. His administration in Padova has been outstanding and marked with orderliness, efficiency and great accomplishment. At the time of his arrival, the city of Padova was in exceedingly poor condition. The entire government was either disrupted or non-existent. There was no police force, communications were no longer functioning and fighting was still taking place in the city streets. Padova had been a center of Fascist activity and large numbers of Germans were circulating without supervision or control. He gave the restoration of public order first priority. Under the exceedingly trying conditions which he encountered, Major Heassler acted promptly and with immediate and excellent results. Order was restored; looting was reduced to a minimum; jails and prisons, which were crowded with two thousand political prisoners, were reorganized and a new prison camp for the detention of nine hundred prisoners was established. All Fascist public officers had either fled with the German troops or had been placed under arrest and the entire provincial government was paralyzed. At the beginning of his tour of duty in this province, he began the reconstruction of a stable and competent government, not only on the provincial level, but in the one hundred and five communes of the province. Within a short time he had succeeded in creating a provincial government that has up to the present time operated smoothly and adequately. Through his individual efforts, peace and order have been restored to the province. To accomplish such reconstruction within a short period of time required patience, ability and untiring service. With the fundamentals of government installed and peace prevailing in the province, this officer turned his attention toward the long range program through which it will be possible to leave in Padova Province an orderly economy that will stand as a monument to his work as an AMG officer. He devoted much time to the reestablishment of the welfare agencies of the province so that the needy, poor, sick and infirm could be cared for. He played an important part in the organization of a Department of Social Welfare for the coordination and control of all social welfare agencies coming under the supervision of the Prefect. His individual services in this province have added prestige to the Allied position and his objectives have been accomplished with a minimum of local friction and misunderstanding. His administrative ability was so outstanding that with a smoothly operating staff, both in the province and communes, he has enabled a normal restoration of living conditions in Padova without the least bit of public agitation.

5. Major Heassler's resourcefulness, 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.

6. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), he was a Captain. He has alternately occupied the positions as Adjutant, Region 5, AMG Civil Affairs Officer and Provincial Commissioner. The officer was promoted to Major on 17 June 1944. He is presently assigned to Venezia Region, Allied Military Government, as Provincial Commissioner, Padova Province.

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7. The commending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Major Heassler.
8. All subsequent services of Major Heassler have been honorable.
9. The officer has received no previous awards.
10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

THOMAS N. PAGE  
Colonel, MC  
Regional Public Health  
Officer

1 Incl:  
Proposed citation.

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x-201-Heassler, Earl A. (Off)

(6 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

HPT/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 6 August 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

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x-201-Heassler, Earl A. (Off)

(6 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

EWS/ral

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 6 August 1945.

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

Approved.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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x-201-Heassler, Earl A. (Off)

(6 Aug 45)

3d Ind.

CMP/ral

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U. S. ARMY, 6 August 1945.

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

Approved.

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

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Earl A. Heassler, O461882, CMP, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945. As an Administrative Officer, Civil Affairs Officer and Provincial Commissioner for Allied Military Government, Major Heassler has devoted his entire efforts to the restoration of normal living conditions, orderly government and law and order in several of the provinces in Italy. He has devoted his time and efforts in organizing competent AMG provincial teams which spearheaded with 8th Army Troops into Northeastern Italy. His efforts were devoted to re-establishing normal governmental operations, competent police personnel, proper communication systems and the reconstruction of departments of social welfare to administer to the needs of the poor, sick, aged and infirm. Through his untiring efforts, the province and city of Padova has been administered to such a successful extent that an orderly economy which has now been established will be a monument to the work of Allied Military Government in Italy. Major Heassler's resourcefulness, 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 Indianapolis, Indiana.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

8 August 1945.

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Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

To: See Distribution.

1. Commanding General MTOUSA has approved certain modifications of policy which now permit American personnel of AC/AMG to accept Italian Government decorations provided they are previously cleared by Headquarters, MTOUSA.

2. All requests for acceptance of Italian decorations by American personnel will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Commissioner for his action before forwarding to MTOUSA, or, in the case of Naval personnel, to COMNAVNAW. The Italian Government has been so notified.

3. Because the status of the relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations.

*Ellery W. Stone*  
ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS  
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File: 200.6  
X-201-Hoelscher, Francis F. (Off)

7 August 1945

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

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Francis F. Hoelscher, 0524825, Major (then Captain), Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1944 to 30 April 1945.

2. From 1 May to 15 September 1944 Major Hoelscher performed all services of a Provincial Public Safety Officer for Littoria Province without assistants covering the battle-ravaged area from the Corigliano River to Rome Province. Without precedent or directives he initiated the plan of using mobile detachments of Italian Carabinieri as police units for newly liberated areas. As a result of his own initiative, he procured rations and supplies for his Carabinieri when no plan for this supply existed, thereby increasing the morale and loyalty of his police so that through their attention to duty the "crimes of violence" rate was reduced from the highest to the lowest in Italy in the area which he controlled. Through his untiring efforts, and in driving a Weapons Carrier over two thousand miles in two weeks, he kept his Carabinieri detachments effectively distributed, supplied and redeployed as requirements of the advancing armies demanded. He personally removed mines, booby traps, bombs and shells from buildings necessary for military use in the absence of trained personnel to perform these duties.

3. In addition to his regular duties Major Hoelscher directed the evacuation of over twelve thousand civilians from the Seuri, Formia and Gaeta areas in less than twelve hours in order to meet requirements of the "Shamrock" exercise of the Third Infantry Division held on 30 and 31 July 1944. Over six hundred sick and aged persons were included in the above figure. He secured transportation from various military groups stationed in the area to move these civilians. Nine army installations not otherwise informed were temporarily moved at his request. By a thoroughly planned and executed control and with a constant perimeter patrol, no casualties or property losses were reported during the 48 hour evacuation and resettlement period.

4. Major Hoelscher displayed his resourcefulness in further planning and directing security for a British Tank Maintenance Group at the only plant facility available for their use. The operations for this group were most secret involving the preparation for field trials of the then unknown amphibious tanks. In the plant and surrounding area were army employees, the engineers and owners of the plant, and in addition,

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Ltr, Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit (Contd)

other military units. Sufficient guard personnel for such an operation in a normal manner were not available. By feigning an ordinary repair operation but by routing the work so that all secret developments were screened by natural objects in no way indicating a secret operation, the project was completed over a two-week period without its objectives or real product becoming known to anyone except as authorized.

5. Major Hoelscher personally organized and directed the Public Safety Campaign against renegade deserters in the Highway 7 area South of Rome capturing the first two bands personally. He obtained the cooperation of military police in clearing the Anzio-Cisterna area of deserters and ANOL soldiers. At a later date, when Major Hoelscher was still a Captain, he was assigned to Venezia Region. He filled the post and performed the duties of an officer of exceedingly higher grade. He prepared the plans, ordered supplies, assigned personnel and displayed a high degree of foresightedness in ordering forward over one thousand two hundred fifty Carabinieri for use as a police force in that Region. By placing these police in a forward area prior to the entry of Allied Forces, the heavy burden of taking over the entire Region was made much simpler. Major Hoelscher's prior planning is now reflected in the present system of order all over Venezia Region.

6. Major Hoelscher's courage, ingenuity, tact and attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy.

7. At the time of the officer's assignment to the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), he was a Captain. He was immediately assigned as a Public Safety Officer and had performed such duties until 1 May 1945 when he was transferred to Headquarters, Allied Commission, as Executive Officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission. The officer was promoted to Major on 7 January 1945 and is still performing duty with the Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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

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

10. The officer was awarded the Soldier's Medal per Section 1, General Order 66, Headquarters, MTOUSA, dated 8 April 1945. He has received no other awards.

11. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

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

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Hoelscher, Francis F. (Off) 1st Ind. NPT/pf  
 (7 Aug 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 8 August 1945.

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

Approved.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

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

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Hoelscher, Francis F. (Off) 2d Ind. EWS/pf  
 (7 Aug 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
 U. S. Army, 8 August 1945.

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

Approved.

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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x-201-Hoelscher, Francis F. (Off) 3d Ind. CMP/pf  
 (7 Aug 45)  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U.S.  
 Army, 8 August 1945.

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

Approved.

C. M. PARKIN  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding

1 Incl:  
 n/c

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PROPOSED CITATION

Major (then Captain) Francis F. Hoelscher, 0524825, Specialist Reserve, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1944 to 30 April 1945. Major Hoelscher initiated the plan of using mobile detachments of Italian Carabinieri as police units for newly liberated areas. By his personal efforts in obtaining supplies and rations for his police troops, and by his tactful and friendly handling of his men, their morale and loyalty reflected in their outstanding attention to duty so that the crimes of violence rate in the area controlled by him was reduced from the highest to the lowest in Italy. He distributed, supplied and redeployed his Carabinieri Detachments as the requirements of the advancing armies demanded. He personally removed mines, traps and bombs from buildings necessary for military use. The evacuation of twelve thousand civilians from the area used by the Third Infantry Division for its exercises in July 1944 indicated his outstanding resourcefulness. He obtained transportation from several military groups in the area and moved as part of the twelve thousand civilians some six hundred sick and aged persons. Several army installations not otherwise informed were moved at his request. By this thorough planning and strongly executed control no casualties or property loss were reported during a 48 hour evacuation and resettlement period. His contribution to the security of operations of a British Tank Maintenance Group, preparing for field trials new amphibious tanks, resulted in the entire project appearing as an ordinary repair operation and the top secret operation was not revealed except to authorized persons. He personally organized and conducted a campaign against renegade deserters on Highway 7 South of Rome and personally captured the first two bands. As a result of his foresightedness in planning, ordering of supplies and moving over one thousand two hundred fifty Carabinieri to the North of Italy, he made a direct contribution to the restoration of law and order in Northeastern Italy. His courage, ingenuity, tact and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his organization and Allied Military Government in Italy. Entered the military service from Santa Barbara, California.

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7 August 1945

My dear Admiral,

Reference is made to your letter of 27 July regarding the acceptance of Italian decorations by American officers of the Allied Commission. In accordance with your request this question has been re-examined. As a result thereof the Commanding General MTOUSA has approved certain modifications of policy which will now permit your American officers to accept decorations from the Italian Government provided previous clearance to such acceptance is given by Headquarters MTOUSA. I suggest, therefore, that you now refer to Headquarters MTOUSA your recommendations for any such awards as may be pending.

In view of the above you should now feel free to accept the award of the Order of Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurizio and St. Lazzaro, which the Italian Government has indicated that it desires to present to you and which has been duly cleared by the U.S. Navy Department as indicated by the correspondence which accompanied the above-mentioned letter. This correspondence is being retained at Headquarters MTOUSA for purposes of record.

My heartiest congratulations to you on this well-earned and richly-deserved award.

Sincerely,

L. L. LEMNITZER,  
Major General, G.S.C.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394.

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CHIEF COMMR.

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7 August 1945

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My dear General:

As already explained to you the other day, the American Officers of the Commission are now permitted to accept Italian decorations subject to the approval of MTOUSA. I would appreciate, at your earliest convenience, a complete list of the officers whom you propose to decorate. I should like to review them before any final list is submitted.

In reference to your letter 4815/AG of 4 August concerning a proposed decoration for Lieutenant Colonel Henry R. Scudder, I wish to point out that he is now the Director of Communications Subcommittee. It is understood that his name will be included in the above referred list, as well as those American officers referred to in your letters, 4799/AG of 2 August and 4856/AG of 6 August. Under current U.K. regulations, British officers cannot accept Italian awards.

Very truly yours,

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16/ Ellery W. StoneELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief CommissionerGeneral Adolfo Infante  
Aide-de-Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant  
General of the Realm  
Italian Government  
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

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File: 200.6

6 August 1945

x-201-Vito, Edward (Enl)

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 Edward (Enl) Vito, 31000621, Technician 4th Grade, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 October 1943 to 31 May 1945.

2. Technician 4th Grade Vito has served with the Allied Financial Agency since its activation in the autumn of 1943. With the establishment of the Allied Financial Agency Branch at Palermo, Sicily, Sergeant Vito assumed the position of Chief Clerk of the Branch, having under his supervision two other enlisted men and two Italian civilian clerks. Since only one officer had been assigned to this branch, Sergeant Vito was often called upon to assume and carry out highly responsible tasks. He conducted Allied Military Lira shipments amounting to thousands of dollars about the island of Sicily and issued Allied Military Lira from AFA's vaults to finance officers when the presence of the officer managing this branch was not available. Since it was one of the primary missions of the Finance Sub-Commission and the Allied Financial Agency to re-establish the Banca di Italia and the Banca di Sicilia on a firm and substantial basis for maintaining the economy in Italy, it became necessary to confer with the officials of these banks in formulating plans and programs for carrying out their operations. Sergeant Vito's knowledge of the Italian language and his tact and diplomacy enabled him to perform valuable liaison work with the officials of these banking organizations. His contacts resulted in the establishment of sound systems of banking and financial procedure which have contributed materially to the return of sound banking economy in Sicily and Italy.

3. Upon closing of the Palermo Branch in August 1944, Sergeant Vito was transferred to Florence where a new branch of the Allied Financial Agency was opening. Due to the lack of available personnel, Sergeant Vito was the only enlisted man assigned to this office. Here he not only took it upon himself to accomplish the normal office routine; i.e., filing, correspondence and other normal tasks, but he rendered his valuable services in performing much of the required accounting. Many of the ships bringing Allied Military Lira from the States unloaded at Leghorn and again Sergeant Vito was called upon to conduct several truckloads of currency from the Leghorn port to AFA's vaults in Florence without officer assistance. Such duty evolved upon Sergeant Vito a grave responsibility. His knowledge of the detailed work, in addition to his normal clerical duties, his liaison work with the Florence Branch of the Banca di Italia, the issuing of currency to finance officers in the field and his compilation of various detailed financial reports have

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been an invaluable contribution to the successful completion of the work of the Florence Branch.

4. Technician 4th Grade Vito's resourcefulness, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Armed Forces 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 (Ovhd), he was a Technician 4th Grade. Despite the excellent services rendered by this enlisted man it has been impossible to promote him due to the lack of promotion vacancies in this organization. He has performed duties throughout the entire period as a Chief Clerk with the Allied Financial Agency, Allied Commission. He is presently assigned to Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, and is performing duties as Chief Clerk of the AFA Branch in Florence.

6. The commanding officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Technician 4th Grade Vito.

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).

*James H. Penick*  
JAMES H. PENICK  
Lt Colonel SR  
Chief of AFA

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation.

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x-201-Vito, Edward (Enl)  
(6 Aug 45)

1st Ind.

NPT/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 7 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.C.D.,  
Recorder1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Vito, Edward (Enl)  
(6 Aug 45)

2d Ind.

EWS/pf

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 7 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 Commissioner1 Incl:  
n/c

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x-201-Vito, Edward (Enl)  
(6 Aug 45)

3d Ind.

CMP/pf

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U.S.  
Army, 7 August 1945.TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, APO 512, U. S.  
Army.

Approved.

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

PROPOSED CITATION

Technician 4th Grade Edward (NMI) Vito, 31008621, Headquarters Company, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 October 1943 to 31 May 1945. As Chief Clerk since the establishment of the Allied Financial Agency Branch in Palermo, Sicily, Sergeant Vito rendered invaluable services in not only performing the duties of the Chief Clerk in the office but rendered valuable assistance in the movement, distribution to finance officers, and the safeguarding of Allied Military lire currency which had been shipped in large amounts from the continental United States. His invaluable liaison work with the Banca di Sicilia and the Banca di Italia have resulted in aiding these banking organizations in establishing systems of procedure to return the banking in Italy to a sound economic status. When the branch at Palermo closed, Sergeant Vito was transferred as Chief Clerk to the AFA Branch at Florence. Since he was the only enlisted man serving with this branch it became necessary for him to conduct, without officer assistance, large shipments of Allied Military lire currency from the port at Leghorn to the AFA's vaults in Florence, to render assistance in the maintenance of accounting records and to compile the many financial reports necessary for transmittal to higher headquarters. His resourcefulness, tact, diplomacy 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 Providence, Rhode Island.

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Translation

n. 4892/ A.G.

Rome, 6 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom thought of conferring, Motu Proprio, an Italian decoration to Colonel R. S. MARSHALL, A.M.G. Governor of Turin.

I shall be most grateful if you let me have your opinion on the matter, and tell me, according to the rules which have been observed, if and when this decoration may be granted.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. A. Infante

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Admiral Ellery Stone  
Chief Commissioner

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N° 4892/A.G.

AUG 9 RECD  
Roma, 6 Agosto 1945UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
DI S. A. R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO*2 ans Ammiraglio Stone,*

Sua Altezza Reale il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di conferire, Motu Proprio, una onorificenza cavalleresca italiana al Colonnello R.P. MARSHALL, Governatore A.M.G. di Torino.

Le sarei grato se volesse cortesemente favorirmi il Suo parere al riguardo e di indicarmi, in base alla prassi finora seguita, se e quando potrà avvenire la concessione dell'onorifica distinzione.

Mi è gradita l'occasione per rinnovarLe i migliori miei saluti.

*Adolfo Infante*  
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

All'Ammiraglio Ellery STONE  
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

L. 876/A.G.

Rome, 6 August 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom  
thought of granting, Motu Proprio, and Italian decoration to the  
following Officers of the American Army Forces:

- 1) Colonel Martin H. MEANEY  
former Chief of the Police of the Allied Sub-Commission;
- 2) Colonel Paul G. KIRK  
former Director of the P.S. of the Allied Sub-Commission
- 3) Captain Grizzonte MASTROLANI  
formerly attached to the Allied Sub-Commission

I shall be most grateful if you kindly give me your opinion on  
this matter, and let me know, according to the criterion up to now  
followed, the Officers who can be immediately decorated and those  
who must wait because they are still doing service for the A.C.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

s. Gen. A. Infante

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
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AUG 7 RECD



Roma, li 6 Agosto 1945

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

*Loro Eminenza*

S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di conferire, Motu Proprio, una onorificenza cavalleresca italiana ai sottoelencati Ufficiali delle Forze Armate Americane:

- 1) - Colonnello Martin H. MEANEY  
già Capo della Polizia della Sottocommissione Alleata;
- 2) - Colonnello Paul G. KIRK  
già Direttore del P.S. della Sottocommissione Alleata;
- 3) - Capitano Orizzonte MASTROIANNI  
già addetto alla Sottocommissione Alleata.

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 C.A.-

Mi è gradita l'occasione per inviarLe i miei migliori saluti.

( Generale Adolfo Infante )

*Adolfo Infante*

All'Ammiraglio Ellery STONE  
Chief Commissioner  
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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

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5 August 1945

File: 200.6

X-201-Ulmer, Romayne T. (D)

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 Romayne T. Ulmer, Lt Colonel, O-176495, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 September 1943 to 20 May 1945.

2. As Administrative Executive for the School of Military Government, AFHQ, later designated as the 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (U. S. Contingent), Lt Colonel Ulmer was confronted with the initial establishment and organization of the administrative personnel systems of the various companies of this Regiment. These companies were stationed throughout Sicily, the mainland of Italy, and the adjacent islands of Sardinia, and Sicily. This necessitated long range planning for the efficient control of administrative functions of this command.

3. To carry out these functions presented many difficulties for this Command. This organization as the administrative component for U. S. Army personnel of the Allied Control Commission has been one of complexity. Many of the officers of the Commission are specialist reserve men who were selected for their particular qualifications in industry, agriculture, engineering, public health, education, public works, etc. They are for the most part unfamiliar with general Army procedure and because of this unique situation, the administrative burden upon this headquarters was vast.

4. Confronted by seemingly overwhelming difficulties, Lt Colonel Ulmer, by his untiring efforts, marked ability, keen foresight, and able grasp of the problems at hand, formulated plans and continuing policy guidance for the personnel administrative procedures of the Regiment in such a manner as to warrant commendation.

5. Through his astute direction and clear sighted coordination, numerous letters were initiated for correction and instructions. In executing these letters many hours of consultation and study were needed. The results of his unswerving efforts were recognized by those who benefited by his efficient performance of duty.

6. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lt Colonel Ulmer is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization.

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

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

8. Officer was a Major and Lt Colonel, AGD, at the time these services were rendered, and was assigned as Administrative Executive, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead). Lt Colonel Uhler was transferred to the Continental United States on 20 May 1945. Immediately prior to this transfer he was assigned as Executive Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead).

9. The entire subsequent service of Lt Colonel Uhler has been honorable.

10. This officer has received no decorations to date.

11. Proposed Citation (See Inclosure #1).

G. M. PANAIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
Proposed Citation (Lt Col Uhler).

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201-Whiter, Romayne T. (O)  
(26 May 45)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BOARD, APO 394, US  
Army, 14 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.C.D.,  
Recorder

1 Incl:  
n/c

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201-Whiter, Romayne T. (O)  
(26 May 45)

2d Ind.

EWS/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394,  
U. S. Army, 14 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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201-Whiter, Romayne T. (O)  
(26 May 45)

3d Ind.

CMP/jtg

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, US  
Army, 14 August 1945.

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

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry 1  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
n/c

PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Romayne T. Uhler, O-176496, Adjutant General's Department, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 September 1943 to 20 May 1945. As Administrative Executive for the School of Military Government, AFHQ, later designated as the 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission (U. S. Contingent), Lieutenant Colonel Uhler was confronted with the initial establishment and organization of the administrative personnel systems for this command. Units of the organization were stationed throughout Africa, the Mainland of Italy and the adjacent islands of Sicily and Sardinia. Location of companies necessitated long range planning for the efficient control of administrative functions of this organization. Confronted by seemingly overwhelming difficulties, Lieutenant Colonel Uhler, by his untiring efforts, marked ability, keen foresight and shrewd grasp of the problems at hand, formulated plans and continued policy for the personnel administrative procedures in such a manner as to warrant the highest emulation. Through his astute direction and clear-sighted coordination, numerous instructions were promulgated and the efficient administration of the organization resulted in material aid to the operations of the Allied Armed Forces in Italy. His resourcefulness and attention to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Frederick, Maryland.

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Rome, 4 August 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom would like to grant, *Mtu Proprio*, an Italian decoration to Lt. Colonel Henry H. SCUDDER, Deputy Director of the Communication Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, Rome, Italy.

I shall greatly appreciate your opinion on this subject, and would like you to tell me, according to the procedure used up to now, if and when it is possible to grant this decoration.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. A. Infante

Admiral Ellery Stone  
Chief Commissioner

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Roma, - 4 AGO. 1945

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

*Caro Ammiraglio Stone,*

Sua Altezza Reale il Luogotenente Generale del Regno avrebbe in animo di conferire, Motu Proprio, una onorificenza cavalleresca italiana al Tenente Colonnello Henry H. SCUDDER, Deputy Director of the Communication Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission Rome, Italy. -

Le sarei grato se volesse cortesemente favorirmi il Suo parere al riguardo e di indicarmi, in base alla prassi finora seguita, se e quando potrà avvenire la concessione dell'onorifica distinzione.

Mi è gradita l'occasione per rinnovarle i miei migliori saluti.

*off. A. Infante*  
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

All'Ammiraglio Ellery STONE  
Chief Commissioner

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3 August 1945

Monfort, Nelson W. (Off)  
AC 201-P-  
Subject: Presentation of Decoration.  
Commanding General, USFA  
To :

1. The recommendation for the award indicated and to the individual named below has been approved: Nelson W. Monfort, 0501537, Col., GSC,

a. ~~And for individual:~~

Legion of Merit

b. Award:

2. Attached are copies of the official citation.  
Request your headquarters take action to present award at the earliest practicable date and that entries be made in the appropriate personnel records.

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FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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Encl: (amp)  
2. COT 1127, HQ MTOUSA  
dtd 24 July 45. (amp)  
cc to: Chief Commissioner, AG

C. J. SMITH  
Lt. Col., AGC  
Asst Adjutant General

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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## CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

NELSON W. MONFORT, 0901537, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters Fifteenth Army Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 10 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. As Special Assistant to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and in addition from 10 September to 16 December 1944 as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, and subsequently from 14 February to 8 May 1945 as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, Headquarters Fifteenth Army Group, Colonel Monfort made a distinguished contribution to the successful operation of Allied Military Government in Italy. Bringing with him from civilian life a wealth of knowledge of Italy and its people of the highest political and economic levels, he held the unique and extremely responsible task of advising the Commission and its Chief Commissioners on all major problems encountered. As Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer at Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy he exercised complete supervision and control over the Civil Affairs Section and was additionally engaged in advising the Commander in Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, and the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, on all phases of operational planning involving the use of military government. His counsel and sound judgment were of inestimable value in the accomplishment of the Military Government mission, thereby directly and greatly forwarding the military effort in the Mediterranean Theater. Entered service from New York, New York.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 127 )

24 July 1945

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| Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque . . . . .     | V   |

I--AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 124, 1945

So much of Section II, MTOUSA General Orders Number 124, 1945, as pertains to JOHN S. WRIGHT, 01641082, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, 3200th Signal Intelligence Service Detachment, is revoked.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded by the Theater Commander to the following named personnel:

RINO C. STEFANI, 36625031, Technician Fourth Grade, 2671st Special Reconnaissance Battalion Separate, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 27 December 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered service from Chicago, Ill.

STUART C. HENRICH, 37181108, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, Allied Force, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in North Africa and Italy from 15 February 1943 to 1 February 1945. Entered service from St. Louis, Missouri.

LUCIUS H. FOWLER, 0408103, Colonel, Medical Corps, 26th General Hospital, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 January 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

III--AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Legion of Merit was awarded posthumously by the Theater Commander to the following named officer for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

JOSEPH A. MILLER, JR., 020752, Colonel, Air Corps, 12th Cavalry Squadron, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from December 1942 to 21 October 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Louise Miller, (wife), 209 Rigby Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

IV--AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Legion of Merit was awarded by the Theater Commander to the following named personnel for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

GEORGE E. DRESHER, 37009881, Technician Fourth Grade, 815th Engineer Aviation Battalion, for services in Italy from 1 January 1943 to 1 March 1945. Entered service from Chetopa, Kansas.

EARL O. WASCHER, 36044552, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy and Southern France from 9 September 1943 to 1 December 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

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EVERETT C. BURGESS, 01693293, Captain, Medical Corps, 15th Field Hospital, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 1 June 1943 to 8 May 1945. Entered service from Wooster, Ohio.

BERNARD J. FENTON, 0441407, Captain, Chaplains Corps, 141st Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy and France from 9 September 1943 to 29 March 1945. Entered service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

JOHN B. HUNLEY III, 01286844, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, 142d Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy and France from 9 September 1943 to 1 December 1944. Entered service from Evanston, Illinois.

CADER C. TERRELL, 0411087, Captain, Infantry, 142d Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy and France from 9 September 1943 to 1 December 1944. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

VERNON E. WOODARD, 0337462, Captain, Corps of Engineers, 66th Engineer Topographic Company for services in Italy from 4 June 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

WILLIAM K. ROGERS, 0255247, Major, Medical Corps, 32d Field Hospital, for services in Italy from 15 October 1943 to 8 May 1945. Entered service from Bayside, NY.

PAUL C. SAMSON, 0389380, Major, Medical Corps, 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group, for services in North Africa, Italy and France from 9 March 1943 to 8 May 1945. Entered service from Oakland, California.

STEPHEN S. FURSE, 0256086, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, Signal Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 10 May 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

RAYMOND C. BARLOW, 012379, Colonel, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment, for services in Italy from 15 July 1943 to 3 January 1945. Entered service from Tennessee.

JAMES E. GUILFOYLE, 0218758, Colonel, Transportation Corps, 701st Railway Grand Division, for services in Italy from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered service from Buffalo, New York.

DORR E. NEWTON, JR., 023396, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, XII Tactical Air Command, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 17 July to 15 September 1944. Entered service from Malvern, Pennsylvania.

NELSON W. MONFORT, 0501537, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters Fifteenth Army Group, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 10 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. Entered service from New York, New York.

HILTON B. PARSONS, 0184896, Colonel, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters 20th Port, Mobile, for services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from 27 April 1943 to 20 July 1945. Entered service from Winnetka, Illinois.

V--- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Theater Commander has awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the following unit:

3924th SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY (PCRT), for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations for the period 12 February 1945 to 8 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

O. L. NELSON  
Major General, USA  
Dep Thtr Cmdr and C of S

*C. W. Christenberry*  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY  
Colonel, AGO  
Adjutant General

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