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201-D'Aragona, Pietro 1st Ind.
Amorosa, (Ital civilian)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 31 January 47
TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Although Prince Pietro Amorosa D'Aragona is not personally known to the undersigned, the attached recommendations seem to indicate that the award of the Medal of Freedom would be appropriate.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl: Recons for Awards:
Amorosa, Pietro Prince
D'Aragona

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

28 January 1947

G-5: 200.6

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award and Decoration -
Medal of Freedom.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. It has been recommended that Prince Pietro Amorosa D'Aragona, Via Vittoria Veneto 5, Bari, Italy, be awarded the Medal of Freedom for his efforts in the prevention of Italian uprisings around Bari, Italy, during the period from 1 January 1945 to 31 October 1945.

2. The attached papers will give you some of the background. Your comments and recommendation would be appreciated.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: Recoms for Awards:
Arorosa, Pietro Prince
D'Aragona

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201-Giovanni Malfitano (Ital 9) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794.
31 January 1947.

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

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead),
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Recommend approval.

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
LEGAL DIVISION
APO 394

20 November, 1945

x 201 Lt Col Giovanni Malfitano (Italian)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Medal of Freedom.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.
(Through: 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of letter AG 200.6/880, A-O, MTOUSA, dated 21 September 1945, subject: "Medal of Freedom", it is recommended that Lt Col Giovanni Malfitano, a civilian, a citizen of Italy, whose legal residence is Naples and who is now currently employed by the Ministry of Grace and Justice and the Ministry of War, Kingdom of Italy, be awarded the Medal of Freedom with gold palm for the performance of outstanding services as said employee on duty therewith in the position of Sostituto Procuratore del Regno of the Italian Military Tribunal, Naples, which services were of direct benefit to the Army of the United States and aided the United States and similarly aided the United Kingdom engaged with the United States in the prosecution of the war against an enemy, in Italy from 1 Nov, 1943 to 15 November 1945.

2. Lt Col Malfitano prior to his entry into service of his country was a career magistrate to wit: Pretore of Maddaloni which position he still holds and will return to upon discharge from the Italian Army.

3. Shortly after the arrival of the Allies in Naples, Lt Col. Malfitano (then Major), was put in charge of the Prosecution Office of the Italian Military Tribunal for the District of Naples. It was his function to receive, investigate, prepare and personally prosecute all cases in which the crime alleged was of direct or indirect damage to the interests of the Allies. The cases which were referred to the Italian Military Tribunal were serious ones. They generally involved cases in which Italian military personnel and their civilian accomplices had stolen truckloads of sorely needed Allied property such as parachutes, machinery and other military equipment. Other cases involved sabotage and assaults and murder of Allied Military Personnel.

4. Lt Col Malfitano during all the period in question and until this date has devoted himself completely to the difficult task assigned to him. He has manifested a thorough knowledge and understanding of the

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problems confronted by the Allies during the hostilities in Italy and after the termination thereof. His keen appreciation and knowledge of the law, his searching investigative talent, his efficient and capable administration of his office, and his superb courtroom prosecution, have made it possible for thousands of Allied interest cases to be tried expeditiously and effectively. The sentences imposed have been exemplary and deterrent and have been commensurate with the Military necessity of the Allies.

5. It was only thru Lt Col MALFITANO's persistent self-sacrificing and efficient labors that the court calendar was kept on a current basis. This was of inestimable aid to the Allies for the Allied Military Courts were relieved of the necessity of providing legal officers and other personnel to try the cases in question. Such Allied officers and personnel were therefore made available for other important official Military tasks. In addition the efficient work of the Italian courts herein mentioned engendered a healthy respect for the law on the part of the civilians in the District covered by the Italian Military Tribunal of Naples; thereby rendering it possible for the Allied troops to engage in their Military activities without fear of civil disorder in the rear of their lines.

6. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the facts of the performance of exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services by Lt Col MALFITANO.

7. Lt Col MALFITANO deserves the Award of the Medal of Freedom with gold palm for meritorious achievement and service in a position of responsibility under most difficult conditions.

8. The entire subsequent service of Lt Col MALFITANO since the performance of the acts and service for which award is recommended had been honorable.

9. The Medal of Freedom with gold palm is considered an appropriate award for the indicated meritorious acts and service.

10. Lt Col MALFITANO has received no previous awards.

11. Proposed citation is attached as an inclosure.

CARL C. BANNON
Captain, A.C.
Senior Legal Officer.

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CITATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Lt Col Giovanni MALFITANO, Sostituto Procuratore del Regno, Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Napoli, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 1 November 1943 to 15 November 1945. As a Prosecutor for the Italian Military Tribunale of Naples, Lt Col. MALFITANO, performed outstanding services in connection with the trial of thousands of cases in which the interests of the Allies were affected by reason of thefts of Allied property and assaults and murder of Allied military personnel. By the meritorious and outstanding manner in which he performed his duties, he was largely responsible for deterring crimes against the Allied Forces, and, through his untiring efforts in the investigation, preparation and prosecution of Allied interests cases, made it possible to release valuable Allied Legal Officers for other essential activities whereas such Legal Officers might otherwise have been needed for the District of Naples.

Lt Col MALFITANO is a citizen and subject of the Kingdom of Italy.

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201-Hefner, Omeler W.W. Jr. USN, (Enl) 1st Ind.
Tylen, James E., USN, (Enl)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 31 January 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, AC, (Ovhd), APO 794, US Army

Approved.

/s/ Emory W. Stone

EMORY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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9 JANUARY, 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. The below named men are recommended for the occupation medal for duty in connection with the Navy Sub-Commission:

HEFNER, Omeler W.W., jr., 360 06 68, CY(SL), USN.
NYLEN, James R., 372 10 32, CSK, USN.

Respectfully,

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Navy S/C.

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24 January 1947

My dear Jonah:

As a result of your letter of 10 January in-^{EPH}quiries were made of the Awards and Decorations Section of Headquarters, STONSA and I was informed that, by mistake, the citation was forwarded to USFMT on 30 April of last year.

I attach an information copy of a letter written to USFMT requesting that the citation be returned to this Theater. Awards and Decorations Section advises me that when the citation arrives I will be notified and, if you can come down to Rome, there is nothing that would please me more than to make presentation of the medal personally.

I'll let you know if I hear of a Government Agency position which I think would interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Col. John L. Jones, O.B.E.
UNHQA Region Veneto
c/o 86 Area, S.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
U.S. ARMY
APO 512

File: AG 201-P-Jones, John L. (British O)

17 January 47

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding General, U.S. Forces, European Theatre,
APO 757, U.S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letter this Headquarters file AG 200.63-006, subject: Presentation of Award to British Personnel, dated 30 April 1946, forwarding official citation for presentation of award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Colonel John L. Jones, 112094, British Army.

2. Inasmuch as subject individual is presently located in this theatre, it is requested that the official citation be returned to this Headquarters for proper disposition.

For the Theatre Commander:

/s/ A. F. HUBBARD
/t/ A. F. HUBBARD
Lt Col, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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UNRRA REGION VENETO
PIAZZA S. MARCO
VENEZIA

90 86 Area

C.M.F.

10 Jan'y 47.

My dear Admiral

You will ever wish to goodness you had
never recommended me for this [region of Merit] but
there is so much talk of Peace Treaties being
signed & formations closing down that I am
becoming more anxious than ever - especially
as now I know the award has been published in
the British Gazette. Would you ask your G1(A)
to make another enquiry for me.

We were proceeding towards a launch,
closure round about the end of April but
someone has rattled the sword and, so far
as the Region are concerned, February or
early March now look much more probable.²⁸⁻²

I am quite sorry because I am not
nearly ready to move out of Europe
(M.F.) - shoves like to stay for some time

longer. If you know of any Govt
Agency here or in Austria or Germany
where you think I might fit in I wish
you would let me know. I haven't
written to Maurice just because Germany
is my last choice but I might do so
if you know of nothing. I wonder
what the answer would be.

All the best in the New Year

Yours v. sincerely

Paul

201-Gilbride, Leslie J. (O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 23 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, WFOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, AC, (Ovhd), APO 794, US Army

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLIERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL DIVISION

10 January 1947

SUBJECT : Oak Leaf Cluster to
Army Commendation Ribbon

TO : Commanding General, WTCUSA, APO #512, U.S. Army
(Through C.O., 7106 Regiment (Ovhd), Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular #377, dated 16 December 1945, subject: "Army Commendation Ribbon", recommendation is made that Leslie J. Gilbride, Major, TCD, 0204613, be awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Ribbon for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while assigned to and on duty with the Legal Division (formerly the Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission, from 1 July 1946 to date. In this behalf attention is invited to the following related circumstances.

2. Upon the invasion and occupation of territory of an enemy, a belligerent is bound by International law to take all measures in its power to restore and insure the continuance of public order and safety therein. In observance of this mandate and thus to keep civilian populations under necessary control, our Military Government appropriately includes a well-organized criminal court system. To best accomplish the objective thereof, it has been established that "the purpose of military courts is to impose sentences which will be a deterrent to others Imprisonment must not merely be regarded as a means of punishment and reformation of the offender".

3. In the discharge of our obligation in this connection, at all times during our occupation of Italy, deterrent sentences have been zealously imposed upon violators of the provisions of Allied Proclamation Law by Allied Military Government courts. It may not be exaggeration to say that, in the briskness of the fighting here, the maintenance of adequate control over civilian populations, accomplished largely through the expedient of imposition of deterrent sentences upon wrongdoers, became an immediately urgent as our success at arms, which, in no small degree, was dependent thereupon. Thus, of course, when hostilities had ceased there was poised the urgent problem of what action should be taken regarding large numbers of prisoners held in confinement in Italian jails under long term sentences, which soon became one of first priority. The vices of a proposed act of general amnesty in this connection so far overshadowed its virtues that the idea was promptly discarded.

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Therefore, at this juncture the Supreme Allied Commander, by a well considered decision, caused adoption of a system of review of such cases, with the object of revising sentences therein when appropriate, and thus substantially accomplishing the purpose of amnesty. Accordingly, there was organized a Board of Review, in the Legal Sub-Commission of Allied Commission, to undertake this formidable task of painstaking review of records of trial in many hundreds of cases tried before our Military Government courts, and of rendering new judgments therein regarding conviction of persons concerned and sentences meted out to them. In the performance of this duty it was not enough that members of this Board possess a broad understanding of the dignity of the human personality. It was also required that they have a balanced sense of justice, great patience and strong resolution. At stake in connection with their work there rested foreign appraisal of the fairness of the practical application of proudly professed Allied principles of jurisprudence, eventually soberly to be measured in the immutable pages of history.

4. From 1 July 1946, Major Gilbride has served with distinction as law member of this Board of Review. Possessed of an extensive background of experience in administration of the law in civil life, Major Gilbride has rendered stalwart service by his contribution of measured analysis and balanced judgment in the review of cases brought before it for consideration, and adjustment of the sentences imposed therein. That the achievements of this Board have been of noteworthy character finds ample support in the testimony appearing in an unsolicited letter received from the Italian Government, copy of which is enclosed (Incl. #1).

5. The painstaking application, commendable energy, determination, ability and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Maj. Gilbride in rendering this service have brought great credit upon his organization as well as himself, and has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service of the United States.

6. Maj. Gilbride has held the rank of Major throughout the period covered by this recommendation and continues to have the same assignment.

7. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the facts related regarding exceptionally meritorious conduct of Maj. Gilbride in the performance of outstanding service as mentioned.

8. The entire service of Maj. Gilbride subsequent to the performance of the acts and services for which this award is recommended has been honorable.

9. Maj. Gilbride was previously awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon by direction of the Secretary of War, per letter of The Inspector General of the Army, WDSIG 201.2, dated 15 April 1946, for meritorious achievements from 28 January 1943 to 31 January 1945.

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10. Proposed citation for award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Ribbon is attached as Inclosure #2.

John K. Weiner
JOHN K. WEINER
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Legal Adviser

- Incls:
#1. Ltr. of Minister of Pardon
and Justice
#2. Proposed Citation.

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LESLIE J. GILBRIDE, Major, IGD, #0204618, 7106th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious service in Italy from 1 July 1946 to 31 December 1946, as law member of the Review Board of the Legal Division (formerly Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission. When hostilities had ceased and return of peace conditions made it apparent that in due time control exercised over occupied territory by Allied Military Government would be restored to the Italian Government, the necessity of removal of the deterrent element from long term war sentences, imposed by Allied Military Government Courts for the purpose of keeping civilian populations under control, became one of much importance, in order that injustice in this connection might not be done and continued after Allied Military Government had left Italy. Major Gilbride, with commendable diligence and application, painstakingly undertook expert legal review and analysis of voluminous case files of the persons so imprisoned, to the end that equitable and just final disposition should be made of their cases. In carrying out the work of this assignment he has made impressive contribution of his time, energy and skill above the ordinary toward the objective that the utmost of fairness be shown in the administration of justice by Allied Military Government. His performance of duty in this connection has been in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service of the United States, and has brought great credit both to the Allied cause and to himself. Major Gilbride entered the service from his home at Boston, Massachusetts.

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The Keeper of Seals

Minister of Pardon and Justice

AC/4589/5

Roma, 16 September 1946

Dear Col. Weber:

The present position of persons sentenced by Allied Military Courts is almost the same as that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts, as has always been the constant desire of the Italian Government for obviously reasons of uniformity and justice.

This situation has been reached by overcoming notable difficulties because, as you are aware, it has never been possible to apply a provision of amnesty.

In the first place I must say that great merit in securing the above result is due to the Legal Sub-Commission, upon whose collaboration this Ministry has been always able to fully rely, and especially to your personal understanding of our problems and needs.

I am following with keen interest your judicial activity and greatly appreciate the sense of equity that you have constantly shown.

Due largely to your numerous revisions of Allied cases frequently resulting in a notable reduction of sentences, a situation has been reached very similar to that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts who enjoyed the amnesty of 5th April 1944 and the recent one.

Further, according to recent agreements proposed by you, the possibility of applying by means of a Ministerial Decree Conditional Liberty to those particularly deserving of it, allows me to declare that as far as the prison situation is concerned, a work of social pacification and real justice has been achieved.

However, in order to continue our work in this direction, I think it will be opportune to examine together a system that may mitigate also the legal disabilities of those sentences viz. the mention of the sentence in the criminal record (Penal Procedure Code Art. 308 No. 6), the accessory penalties (Penal Code Art. 28-38), security measures (Penal Code 199-240).

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In this way we can arrive at a situation analogous to that reached by Italian Government by granting amnesty which, with regard to crimes already tried, has brought about a full rehabilitation of the convicted persons.

This end, especially desirable as regards the partisans who have committed crimes solely for political reasons, could be achieved by means of a provision issuing either from the Allied Commission or the Italian Government.

In any event, if you agree to this necessity, we shall try to find a plan the more suitable to the matter.

I beg you to let me know your view on this problem.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Fausto GULLO

*A true copy
However
Colonel, Inf*



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201-Carnes, James J. (O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 23 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, AC, (Ovhd), APO 794, US Army

Recommend approval.

/s/ EMERY W. STONE

EMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL DIVISION

20 January 1947

SUBJECT : Army Commendation Ribbon
TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 5612, U.S. Army
(Through C.O., 7106 Regiment (Cvhd), Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular #377, dated 18 December 1945, subjects "Army Commendation Ribbon", recommendation is made that James J. Barnes, #018340, Col., Inf., be awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while assigned to and on duty with the Legal Division (formerly the Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission, from 14 April 1946 to date. In this behalf attention is invited to the following circumstances.

2. Upon the invasion and occupation of territory of an enemy, a belligerent is bound by international law to take all measures in its power to restore and insure the continuance of public order and safety therein. In observance of this mandate and thus to keep civilian populations under necessary control, our Military Government appropriately includes a well-organized criminal court system. To best accomplish the objective thereof, it has been established that "the purpose of military courts is to impose sentences which will be a deterrent to others Imprisonment must not merely be regarded as a means of punishment and reformation of the offender".

3. In the discharge of our obligation in this connection, at all times during our occupation of Italy, deterrent sentences have been zealously imposed upon violators of the provisions of Allied Proclamation law by Allied Military Government courts. It may not be exaggeration to say that, in the briskness of the fighting here, the maintenance of adequate control over civilian populations, accomplished largely through the expedient of imposition of deterrent sentences upon wrongdoers, became as immediately urgent as our success at arms, which, in no small degree, was dependent thereupon. Thus, of course, when hostilities had ceased there was poised the urgent problem of what action should be taken regarding large numbers of prisoners held in confinement in Italian jails under long term sentences, which soon became one of first priority. The vices of a proposed act of general amnesty in this connection so far overshadowed its virtues that the idea was promptly discarded. Therefore, at this juncture the Supreme Allied Commander, by a well considered decision, caused adoption of a system of review of such cases, with the object of revising sentences therein when appropriate, and

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4. From 14 April 1946 Col. James J. Carnes has served with distinction as a member of this Board of Review. Quietly and perseveringly, he has participated in the discharge of its impressive mission. Deliberate in thought, mature in judgment, and keen in his appreciation of the inalienable rights of mankind, he has contributed in large measure toward creation of its monument of achievement, the record of which is now secure. Eloquent testimony thereof may be found in an unsolicited letter received from the Italian Government, a copy of which is attached for reference. (Incl. #1).

5. Owing to his outstanding devotion to duty, commendable perseverance coupled with tireless energy, and ability, this service of Col. Carnes has brought great credit upon his organization as well as himself, and has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service of the United States.

6. Col. Carnes has held the rank of Colonel throughout the period covered by this recommendation and continues to have the same assignment.

7. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the facts related regarding exceptionally meritorious conduct of Col. Carnes in the performance of outstanding service as mentioned.

8. The entire service of Col. Carnes subsequent to the performance of the acts and services for which this award is recommended has been honorable.

9. Col. Carnes was previously awarded the Legion of Merit per Par. 11, G.O.#106, Hq. MCGUSA, dated 4 June 1946 for meritorious achievements from 6 March 1944 to 14 April 1946.

10. Proposed citation for award of the Army Commendation Ribbon

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is attached as Inclosure #2.

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JOHN F. WEBER
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Legal Adviser

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#2. Proposed Citation.

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JAMES J. CARNES, Colonel, Inf., 2016340, 7106th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious service in Italy from 14 April 1946 to 31 December 1946, as member of the Review Board of the Legal Division (formerly Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission. When the cessation of hostilities and return of peace conditions made it apparent that Allied Military Government in Italy would, in due course, relinquish control of occupied territory to the Italian Government, it became obvious that the long-term sentences of war, imposed by Allied Military Government Courts as an expedient for keeping civilian populations under control, should be adjusted by removal of the deterrent factor therefrom, to the end that injustice might not be done and perpetuated after the departure of the Allied Military Government. Col. Carnes, with commendable resolution and application, undertook the task of reviewing these cases, which, in each instance, required painstaking study and evaluation of masses of correspondence, records and legal documents, in order that decisions based thereupon, in each final review, would result in fair and just disposition of the individual cases of the persons concerned. In the performance of this duty he has given in full measure of his energy, time and skill, contributing beyond the mere ordinary toward the desired ultimate goal of achievement. His devotion to duty during this period has been in keeping with the best traditions of the military service, and has materially aided in realization of the aim that, to the greatest extent possible, justice be done in each Allied Military Government Court case. Col. Carnes entered the service from the United States Military Academy.

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TRANSLATION

The Keeper of Seals

Minister of Pardon and Justice

AC/4589/5

Roma, 16 September 1946

Dear Col. Weber:

The present position of persons sentenced by Allied Military Courts is almost the same as that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts, as has always been the constant desire of the Italian Government for obviously reasons of uniformity and justice.

This situation has been reached by overcoming notable difficulties because, as you are aware, it has never been possible to apply a provision of amnesty.

In the first place I must say that great merit in securing the above result is due to the Legal Sub-Commission, upon whose collaboration this Ministry has been always able to fully rely, and especially to your personal understanding of our problems and needs.

I am following with keen interest your judicial activity and greatly appreciate the sense of equity that you have constantly shown.

Due largely to your numerous revisions of Allied cases frequently resulting in a notable reduction of sentences, a situation has been reached very similar to that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts who enjoyed the amnesty of 5th April 1944 and the recent one.

Further, according to recent agreements proposed by you, the possibility of applying by means of a Ministerial Decree Conditional Liberty to those particularly deserving of it, allows me to declare that as far as the prison situation is concerned, a work of social pacification and real justice has been achieved.

However, in order to continue our work in this direction, I think it will be opportune to examine together a system that may mitigate also the legal disabilities of those sentences viz. the mention of the sentence in the criminal record (Penal Procedure Code Art. 608 No. 5), the accessory penalties (Penal Code Art. 28-38), security measures (Penal Code 199-240).

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In this way we can arrive at a situation analogous to that reached by Italian Government by granting amnesty which, with regard to crimes already tried, has brought about a full rehabilitation of the convicted persons.

This end, especially desirable as regards the partisans who have committed crimes solely for political reasons, could be achieved by means of a provision issuing either from the Allied Commission or the Italian Government.

In any event, if you agree to this necessity, we shall try to find a plan the more suitable to the matter.

I beg you to let me know your view on this problem.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Fausto GULLO

*a true copy
H. H. H.
Colonel, Infantry*



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201-Dragneff, Nicholas (W) (O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 23 JANUARY 47

TO: Commanding General, HTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, AC, (Ochd), APO 794, US Army

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (HMAA)
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

6 January 1947

201-Dragneff, Nicholas W. (C)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit

THRU : Commanding Officer, 7106th Regiment, Allied Commission
(Overhead), APO 794, US Army

TO : Commanding General, HFOUSA, APO 512, US Army

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-145, it is recommended that NICHOLAS WILLIAM DRAGNEFF, O-379990, Lieutenant Colonel, AGD, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 May 1944 to 12 May 1945.

2. In May 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff, then Major, was assigned as a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with AMG, Fifth Army, in the communities of Marino, Grottaferrata and Rocca di Papa in the Anzio sector. In this capacity, he was charged with selecting and screening of Italian officials, issuing proclamations, arranging for the feeding and rehabilitation of the civil population, evacuation of refugees, establishment of military courts and restoration of traffic, a program which was carried out under most adverse conditions in view of combat operations by the Fifth Army in the Alban Hills and the terrific bombardment by the Air Forces. Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff displayed outstanding initiative and resourcefulness when he outlined and carried out these programs for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of these three communities and it was largely through his efforts that these many diversified functions were implemented so efficiently and effectively that the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG, Fifth Army was relieved of close supervision in this very important sector enabling him to devote his time to the overall task of Allied Military Government.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff, then Major, was ordered to the Orte District of Viterbo Province to organize local agriculture committees for the amassing of the coming crops. Because of the expeditious manner in which they functioned, he was highly commended for its success by the Provincial Commissioner.

4. His next assignment was with the Eighth Army as a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with the Second New Zealand Division. His tact, diplomacy, zeal and excellent background of practical experience enabled him to relieve the Commanding General of his responsibilities

of contact with the local populace in securing non-interference with the military operations in his area. An outstanding phase of this assignment occurred when a sudden change in the operational plan became necessary preceding the fall of Florence. Certain civilian and military plans had to be coordinated for the new medical dressing station for the Division. With untiring effort and ingenuity Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff supervised this movement and construction with the aid of newly appointed Italian Officials and successfully accomplished this mission far ahead of schedule.

5. In July 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff, then Major, was assigned as Personnel Officer and Adjutant, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission and Adjutant Allied Commission. By positive energetic action, coupled with sound judgment and wide administrative experience he set about to develop a highly efficient standard of army administration. After duty hours he planned, prepared and published an Army Administration Course covering all fundamental phases of army administration employing Army Regulations, War Department Circulars, MTOUSA Circulars and Directives. With the aid of this Course and close supervision he schooled the personnel in his section and soon developed them into a highly efficient staff. He was then ready to turn to the companies in the field in Sicily, Sardinia and on the Mainland of Italy. He conducted classes and detailed inspections in each unit and made on-the-spot corrections with the personnel. Upon his return to Headquarters, he published guides on the common errors found and at the end of four months, through his integrity and devotion to duty he standardized administration procedures throughout the Regiment resulting in smooth working, efficient administrative units.

6. In March 1945 Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff was given the additional duties of G-1 American, Allied Commission. In this dual capacity he immediately initiated procedures wherein duplicate records maintained in the S-1 and G-1 Sections were eliminated and personnel processing was directed through one channel resulting in higher efficiency with reduced personnel. During this period he displayed exceptional organizational ability when he planned the personnel program for the initial Venezia Giulia phase at a time when the officers and men had to come from the operating Regions. So carefully and exactly did he prepare this plan, that the selected officers and men left the Regions without interference or reduction of regional operations.

7. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. He distinguished himself by meritorious achievement and services in connection with military operations by a performance of duty marked by extraordinary fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above and beyond the usual.

8. At the time of the officer's assignment to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, he was a Major. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on 17 January 1945.

9. The recommending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the ability and services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff.

10. The Legion of Merit is considered to be the appropriate award for his meritorious achievement and services as a Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with AMG, Fifth Army, as organizer of Agriculture committees for amassing of crops in the Viterbo Province, as Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with the Second New Zealand Division, Eighth Army, as Adjutant and Personnel Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) and as Adjutant and G-1 American, Allied Commission.

11. The officer was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge per Letter Order No. 14, Paragraph 1, Hq. 15th Infantry, dated 3 June 1944. No other awards or decorations have been received or are pending.

12. All subsequent services of the officer has been honorable.

13. The delay in submitting this recommendation was caused by the redeployment of senior American Officers and it was the belief of the undersigned that this officer had been recommended for a decoration when I was Acting Executive Commissioner. However, it is felt that this delay should not prevent the awarding of a decoration to this very deserving AMG officer.

14. Proposed citation is attached as inclosure.

NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Commander

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR THE LEGION OF MERIT

NICHOLAS WILLIAM DRAGNEFF, O-379990, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) AGD, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead), for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service in Italy from 15 May 1944 to 12 May 1945. As Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with AMG, Fifth Army, in the Anzio sector he displayed outstanding initiative and resourcefulness in the performance of his many diversified functions so efficiently and effectively under most adverse conditions of combat operations in the Alban Hills and the terrific bombardment by the Air Forces, that the Senior Civil Affairs Officer was relieved of close supervision in this very important sector enabling him to devote his time to the overall task of Allied Military Government. As crop amassing officer in the Viterbo Province he was highly commended by his Provincial Commissioner for his admirable work. As Spearhead Civil Affairs Officer with the Second New Zealand Division, Eighth Army, he was able to so successfully direct and control the civil population that no interference with military operations in the area was experienced, and the Commanding General was relieved of all such responsibilities. As Adjutant and Personnel Officer of 2675th Regiment and Adjutant, Allied Commission he planned and prepared an Army Administration Course after duty hours employing all current directives and with the aid of this Course and close personal supervision schooled all administrative personnel in Headquarters and the Companies in the field. So carefully was this program planned that after only four months Lieutenant Colonel Dragneff standardized administrative procedure throughout the Regiment. In the dual capacity as S-1, 2675th Regiment and G-1 American, Allied Commission he eliminated duplicate personnel processing and excess personnel resulting in higher efficiency. He displayed exceptional organizational ability during the initial Venezia Giulia phase when he initiated and carried out a personnel program so smoothly that the selected officers and men left the Regions without interference or reduction of regional operations. He distinguished himself by meritorious achievement and services in connection with military operations by performance of duty marked by extraordinary fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above and beyond the usual. Entered the service from Vancouver, Washington.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
U.S. ARMY
APO 512

File: AG 201-P-Jones, John L. (British O) 17 January 47

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration

TO : Commanding General, U.S. Forces, European Theatre,
APO 757, U.S. Army

1. Attention is invited to letter this Headquarters file AG 200.63-006, subject: Presentation of Award to British Personnel, dated 30 April 1946, forwarding official citation for presentation of award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Colonel John L. Jones, 111094, British Army.

2. Inasmuch as subject individual is presently located in this theatre, it is requested that the official citation be returned to this Headquarters for proper disposition.

For the Theatre Commander:

/s/ A. F. HUBBARD
/t/ A. F. HUBBARD
Lt Col, AGO
Assistant Adjutant General

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My dear Jonah:

As a result of your letter of 10 January inquiries were made of the Awards and Decorations Section of Headquarters, USOUSA and I was informed that, by mistake, the citation was forwarded to USFET on 30 April of last year.

I attach an information copy of a letter written to USFET requesting that the citation be returned to this Theater. Awards and Decorations Section advises me that when the citation arrives I will be notified and, if you can come down to Rome, there is nothing that would please me more than to make presentation of the medal personally.

I'll let you know if I hear of a Government Agency position which I think would interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Col. John L. Jones, O.B.E.
UNRRA Region Veneto
c/o 86 Area, C.M.F.

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U.S. ARMY
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For the Theatre Commander:

/s/ A. F. HUBBARD
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Lt Col, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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201-Day, Morley R. (Enl) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 23 January 47

TO: Commanding General, HTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, AC (Ochd), APO 794, US Army

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (RMIA) CMT

6 January 1947.

Commanding General,
HTOUSA, APO 512, US ARMY.

Subject:- Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
Award.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended it is recommended that Staff Sergeant Morley R. DAY, 13075670, formerly assigned, Headquarters Company, 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead) be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as the senior non-commissioned officer in charge of the offices of the Rome Regional Commissioner and Deputive Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945.

2. Sergeant DAY was responsible for and assigned the task of opening up and starting the office of the Regional Commissioner of the Rome Region at the time Rome fell to 5th Army on 4th June 1944. At that time there was not sufficient trained officer personnel nor enlisted personnel to properly staff the office of the Regional Commissioner and as a result he was called upon to handle an assignment ordinarily performed by a trained officer of field grade. He was obliged to not only see that adequate and proper office space was provided but he had to procure typewriters, office equipment and supplies. He was obliged to not only be responsible for the proper functioning of the Regional Commissioner's Office but to contact and meet many important persons in the conduct of the affairs of the office and the city of Rome. He was called upon to deal personally with many prominent Italians, and through his industry, tact, patience and ability he was able to relieve the Regional Commissioner of a great many duties.

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which the Commissioner personally would have had to do, thus contributing to a great extent to the amount of work, which the Regional Commissioner was able to accomplish. Sergeant DAY's pleasant and business like manner impressed all with whom he came in contact and as a result friendly relations were established between the various Italian Ministries, Agencies and Departments of the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. This all contributed materially to the pleasant relationship which has at all times existed between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. Sergeant DAY was not only an expert stenographer and performed such duties in a superior manner but was an executive of rare ability. He was most willing to work long hours in order to accomplish the many tasks required of him. After the office of the Regional Commissioner was closed Sergeant DAY was transferred to the Office of the Executive Commissioner where he continued to serve as an office executive all of which was accomplished with his usual high degree of efficiency. He did at all times discharge his duties and responsibilities with great credit to himself and the Allied Commission.

3. Sergeant DAY used good judgement, tact, and common-sense in his dealings with not only the American and British Officers with whom he came in contact but also the Italian Officials and Officers. He occupied extremely important positions during all the time covered by this recommendation. His extreme devotion to duty and his important assistance was appreciated by all with whom he came in contact. All of which contributed substantially to the war effort in Italy and to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of the Allied Commission. It is worthy of recognition and in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service.

4. I have personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

5. Sergeant DAY was on the 17 May 1945 recommended by me for the Legion of Merit but this award was subsequently disapproved. It is requested that my recommendation for a Bronze Star Medal be now considered. The reason for the delay

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in making this recommendation is that only recently was it called to my attention that the original recommendation had not been favourably considered.

6. Grade and assignment was: Staff Sergeant, Regional and Executive Commissioners' Offices, Allied Commission, Rome.

7. The entire previous service of the Sergeant being recommended has been honorable. Previous Award, Good Conduct Medal.

Proposed citation see inclosure.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Commander, MMIA.

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Proposed Citation for Bronze Star Award.

Staff Sergeant Morley R. DAY, 13075670, Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 6 February 1944 to 15 March 1945. As senior non-commissioned Officer in the Office of the Regional Commissioner of Rome and the Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission he was largely responsible for the smooth operation of the office, rendering invaluable service to the Regional and the Executive Commissioners. He did at all times exercise force, tact and diplomacy in his dealing with Allied and Italian Officials to the end that he contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the directives and policies of the Allied Commission. He performed all his duties with ability and discretion, demonstrating a keen interest in his duties. Sergeant DAY by his unselfish performance of his duties of great responsibility, his untiring efforts and distinguished service contributed materially to the Allied War effort in Italy all of which reflects great credit on himself, is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service and worthy of recognition.

Entered the service from Washington D.C.

Rome

11 January 1947

Your reference at my house on New Year's Eve to the question of British awards for certain Italians has caused me to wonder if perhaps you are putting in a final list of recommendations on your departure. If so, I trust you will not mind if I take the liberty of suggesting Brigadier M. Carr, C.B.E., M.C., for an award.

He has had no British award for the entire period that he has served with either AMG or Allied Commission. I was happy to be able to get for him the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for the period from August 1943 to August 1944, but his C.B.E. was awarded long before he came to the Mediterranean Theater.

Since Maurice Lush received the C.B. for his service with AMG, I venture to suggest that Carr's work from September 1944 to the present might equally be recognized. A list of his appointments beginning that month follows:

September 1944 to March 1945	- Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region.
April 1945 to August 1945	- Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region.
September 1945 to September 1946	- Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, HQ. AC.
October 1946 to date	- Executive Commissioner, HQ. AC.

I don't know whether you feel that Sonny's work with me could be recognized but I know that it would make us both very happy if an O.B.E. or M.B.E. could come his way. As you know, he has done a lot more in helping me maintain good relations between the Allies and the Italians and between the Americans and British than his title of Aide would indicate. His full name is Lieutenant (junior grade) Edward John Behn, (D)1, U.S.N.R., #338960.

With all good wishes,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Sir William D. Morgan, KCB, DSO, MC,
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater,
C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 784
LEGAL DIVISION

4 January 1947

SUBJECT : Army Commendation Ribbon

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO #512, U.S. Army
(Through C.O., 7106 Regiment (Gvhd), Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular #377, dated 18 December 1945, subject: "Army Commendation Ribbon", recommendation is made that Lorenzo R. Holmes, 10108208, Lt. Col., G.M.C., be awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while assigned to and on duty with the Legal Division (formerly the Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission, from 18 January 1945 to date. In this behalf attention is invited to the following related circumstances.

2. Upon the invasion and occupation of territory of an enemy, a belligerent is bound by International law to take all measures in its power to restore and insure the continuance of public order and safety therein. In observance of this mandate and thus to keep civilian populations under necessary control, our Military Government appropriately includes a well-organized criminal court system. To best accomplish the objective thereof, it has been established that "the purpose of military courts is to impose sentences which will be a deterrent to others Imprisonment must not merely be regarded as a means of punishment and reformation of the offender".

3. In the discharge of our obligation in this connection, at all times during our occupation of Italy, deterrent sentences have been zealously imposed upon violators of the provisions of Allied Proclamation Law by Allied Military Government courts. It may not be exaggeration to say that, in the briskness of the fighting here, the maintenance of adequate control over civilian populations, accomplished largely through the expedient of imposition of deterrent sentences upon wrongdoers, became as immediately urgent as our success at arms, which, in no small degree, was dependent thereupon. Thus, of course, when hostilities had ceased there was poised the urgent problem of what action should be taken regarding large numbers of prisoners held in confinement in Italian jails under long term sentences, which soon became one of first priority. The vices of a proposed not general amnesty in this connection so far overshadowed its virtues that the idea was promptly discarded. Therefore, at this juncture the Supreme

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Allied Commander, by a well considered decision, caused adoption of a system of review of such cases, with the object of revising sentences therein when appropriate, and thus substantially accomplishing the purpose of amnesty. Accordingly, there was organized a Board of Review, in the Legal Sub-Commission of Allied Commission, to undertake this formidable task of painstaking review of records of trial in many hundreds of cases tried before our Military Government courts, and of rendering new judgments therein regarding conviction of persons concerned and sentences meted out to them. In the performance of this duty it was not enough that members of this Board possess a broad understanding of the dignity of the human personality. It was also required that they have a balanced sense of justice, great patience and strong resolution. At stake in connection with their work there rested foreign appraisal of the fairness of the practical application of proudly professed Allied principles of jurisprudence, eventually soberly to be measured in the immutable pages of history.

4. As a member of this Board of Review from 18 January 1946, Lt. Col. Holmes has rendered notably competent and faithful service. With understanding born of broad experience, justice tempered with mercy, and diligence in the performance of the task set before him, he has contributed in a substantial way toward success of its mission, to which tribute is paid in an unsolicited letter received from the Italian Government, copy of which is attached for reference, (Incl. #1).

5. In the conduct of this work the outstanding devotion to duty, commendable determination, ability and energy exhibited by Lt. Col. Holmes has brought great credit upon his organization as well as himself, and has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service of the United States.

6. Lt. Col. Holmes has held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel throughout the period covered by this recommendation and continues to have the same assignment.

7. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the facts related regarding exceptionally meritorious conduct of Lt. Col. Holmes in the performance of outstanding service as mentioned.

8. The entire service of Lt. Col. Holmes subsequent to the performance of the acts and services for which this award is recommended has been honorable.

9. Lt. Col. Holmes was previously awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Par. 1, G.O.#516, Hq. MTOUSA, dated 15 December 1945, for meritorious achievements from 7 March 1945 to 18 October 1945.

10. Proposed citation for award of the Army Commendation Ribbon is

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attached as Inclosure #2.

John K. Weber
JOHN K. WEBER
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Legal Advisor

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- #1. Ltr. of Minister of Pardon
and Justice
- #2. Proposed Citation.

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LORRENZO R. HOLMES, Lt. Col., QMC, #0108208, 7108th Regiment, Allied Commission, for meritorious service in Italy from 18 January 1946 to 31 December 1948, as member of the Review Board of the Legal Division (formerly Legal Sub-Commission), Allied Commission. After hostilities had ceased and it became apparent that in due time Allied Military Government control over occupied territory would be relinquished to the Italian Government, the question of adjustment of long term war sentences, imposed by Allied Military Government Courts for the purpose of keeping civilian populations under control, assumed considerable importance. Removal of the deterrent element from such sentences became advisable to insure that injustice might not be done and continued after the departure of Allied Military Government. Lt. Col. Holmes, with commendable patience and determination, applied himself to the task of careful examination and appraisal of factual information appearing in masses of correspondence, records and legal documents in the cases of individuals so concerned, to the end that fair and just final disposition thereof might be made. In the conduct of this assignment he gave unstintingly of his mental and physical energies and made a contribution above the ordinary to successful accomplishment of the desired result that greatest justice be done in the review of Allied Military Government Court cases. His service in this assignment have been in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service and have brought great credit to the Allied cause as well as to himself. Lt. Col. Holmes entered the service from his home at El Paso, Texas.

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The Keeper of Seals

Minister of Pardon and Justice

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Roma, 16 September 1946

Dear Col. Heber:

The present position of persons sentenced by Allied Military Courts is almost the same as that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts, as has always been the constant desire of the Italian Government for obviously reasons of uniformity and justice.

This situation has been reached by overcoming notable difficulties because, as you are aware, it has never been possible to apply a provision of amnesty.

In the first place I must say that great merit in securing the above result is due to the Legal Sub-Commission, upon whose collaboration this Ministry has been always able to fully rely, and especially to your personal understanding of our problems and needs.

I am following with keen interest your judicial activity and greatly appreciate the sense of equity that you have constantly shown.

Due largely to your numerous revisions of Allied cases frequently resulting in a notable reduction of sentences, a situation has been reached very similar to that of persons found guilty by Italian Courts who enjoyed the amnesty of 5th April 1944 and the recent one.

Further, according to recent agreements proposed by you, the possibility of applying by means of a Ministerial Decree Conditional Liberty to those particularly deserving of it, allows me to declare that as far as the prison situation is concerned, a work of social pacification and real justice has been achieved.

However, in order to continue our work in this direction, I think it will be opportune to examine together a system that may mitigate also the legal disabilities of those sentences viz. the mention of the sentence in the criminal record (Penal Procedure Code Art. 608 No. 8), the accessory penalties (Penal Code Art. 23-38), security measures (Penal Code 193-240).

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In this way we can arrive at a situation analogous to that reached by Italian Government by granting amnesty which, with regard to crimes already tried, has brought about a full rehabilitation of the convicted persons.

This end, especially desirable as regards the partisans who have committed crimes solely for political reasons, could be achieved by means of a provision issuing either from the Allied Commission or the Italian Government.

In any event, if you agree to this necessity, we shall try to find a plan the more suitable to the matter.

I beg you to let me know your view on this problem.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Fausto GULLO

*a true copy
Shawcross
Colonel, Infantry*



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201-Holmes, Lorenzo R. (U) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 23 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THRU: Commanding Officer, 7106th Pgt, AC, APO 794, US Army

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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27 December 1946

Dear Colonel Smith:

in 5201/cc

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 7 December and its inclosures which I read with interest.

Headquarters HFCUSA Awards and Decorations Section informs me that your recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star was forwarded to The Adjutant General on 31 October recommending approval. No further information has been forthcoming from Washington but since you are returning to the United States for treatment, I suggest that you might make inquiries at the War Department.

I wish you a speedy convalescence following your operation and extend my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

MELBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Junius R. Smith
Chief Social Administration Division,
Headquarters, US Forces in Austria,
APO 777, U.S. Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 200.6

17 December 1946

SUBJECT: U.S. Decoration for Commander Apostolo.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. The Theater Commander has approved the award of the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm to Lt. Commander Peter Apostolo, IRNS, and is forwarding his recommendation to the War Department.

Upon approval by the War Department and the Italian Government you will be further advised. Upon receiving official notification of the award, it is desired that you make the presentation. The Theater Commander desires that the award shall be made without publicity either in the press or in the AC Weekly Bulletin.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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A. L. HAMBLER
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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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10 December 46

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

1. Attention invited to attached recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Colonel Edward H. Foley, 0911946, QMC, formerly Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission for services performed from 11 November 1943 to 10 October 1944.

2. Paragraph 9 of the recommendation contains a statement of the facts of the case and the recommendation that the award of the Bronze Star Medal made by MTOUSA General Order 270, dated 22 October 1945, be up-graded to the Legion of Merit. Colonel Foley has signified his willingness to accept the higher award in the event that MTOUSA General Order 270 can be rescinded to permit the publication of an order awarding him the Legion of Merit.

3. This office recommends strongly that the Bronze Star Medal award to Colonel Foley be changed to that of the Legion of Merit. In this way only can a just recognition be made of this officer's valuable contribution to rehabilitation of Italian finances during the critical periods of late 1943 and 1944 of the Italian campaign.

13/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Recommendation for
Legion of Merit.

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10 December 1946

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-x-201-Foley, Edward H. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit

TO : Commanding General, MTCUSA, APO 512, US Army

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that Edward H. Foley, Colonel, 0911946, QMG, formerly on duty with the Allied Commission in Italy, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 November 1943 to 10 October 1944.

2. As Deputy Chief Finance Officer, and later as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Colonel Foley was responsible for the supervision of all financial operations of Allied Military Government, including the providing of funds for the payment of troops and for payment of supplies and services. He was also charged with the responsibility of enforcing the economic and financial terms of the Armistice between Italy and the Allies.

3. Colonel Foley was confronted by tremendous obstacles in the fulfillment of his assignment. Not only was there a complete breakdown in the Italian financial system, but also the supply of personnel and equipment with which to operate was pitifully inadequate and failing to function in remote sections of the country with poor communication facilities.

4. This officer's unusual ability and tact in handling people, his tireless energy and outstanding resourcefulness greatly stimulated the resumption of financial operations by the Italian Government. His invaluable assistance in the coordination of Italian and Allied efforts made a vital contribution to the work of the Allied Commission and Allied Military Government.

5. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Foley is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. 9-3

6. The officer was a Colonel at the time these services were rendered and was assigned first as Deputy Chief Finance Officer and later as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied

Commission. He served in the United States, on temporary duty with the War Department, from 15 August 1944 to 23 December 1944 on which date his release from active duty was effected.

7. I have personal knowledge of the ability and services rendered by Colonel Foley.

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

9. The officer has received the Bronze Star (MTOUSA GO 270, 22 October 1945) for services performed as described above and for the same period of time. The Bronze Star Award, however, resulted from a downgrading by Headquarters, MTOUSA, of a recommendation for the Legion of Merit submitted on 29 August 1945. Since all subsequent Directors of the Finance Subcommittee (both American and British) were awarded the Legion of Merit for their services in the Allied Commission, the award of the Bronze Star to Colonel Foley gives an erroneous impression of the value of the work done by this officer during the particularly important period which preceded the resumption of normal financial operations by the Italian Government. The fact that Colonel Foley, after his discharge from the service, was appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury gives further proof of the esteem in which his professional abilities are already held by the United States Government.

It is recommended that General Order 270, Headquarters, MTOUSA, dated 22 October 1945, which awarded this officer the Bronze Star be rescinded and that this decoration be superseded by the Legion of Merit which award most closely corresponds to the extremely valuable and faithful service rendered by Colonel Foley during his assignment to the Allied Commission.

10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Proposed citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

Edward H. Foley, Colonel, 0911946, GME, formerly assigned to Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 November 1943 to 10 October 1944. As Deputy Chief Finance Officer, and later as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Colonel Foley was responsible for the supervision of all financial operations of Allied Military Government, including the providing of funds for the payment of troops and for payment of supplies and services. Colonel Foley was confronted by tremendous obstacles in the fulfillment of his assignment. With unusual ability and tact, tireless energy and outstanding resourcefulness, this officer greatly stimulated the resumption of normal financial operations by the Italian Government. His valuable assistance in the coordination of Italian and Allied efforts has made a vital contribution to the work of the Allied Commission. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Foley is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from New York, New York.

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10. Proposed citation (see Inclosure 1).

1 Incl: Proposed citation

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FROM COMNAVMD 300747Z
TO COMNAVMD ADMIN CG MTOUSA
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201-De Luca, Joseph M. (O) 3rd Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 14 November 46

TO: CO, Hq Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army
(Thru: CO, 7106th Regt, AC, (Ovhd), APO 794, US Army)

It is believed that the Bronze Star for the period 19 February 44 to 2 May 45 would be a more appropriate award for the services rendered by Captain De Luca.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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1. At 1200 hrs 28 October 1946, the Supreme Allied Commander will hold an investiture at which the under dash mentioned United States Officer will be awarded British decorations colon -
Major General L C JAYNES (10540) , Colonel C M PARKIN (05206) G-5 ,
Colonel C F MOCK, Junior (0406352-) HQ P S , Lieutenant Colonel T G BERGIN (0528710) 2675 Regt A C , Lieutenant Colonel P V HOLDER (0901582) J Jac Mto, Lieutenant Colonel B L Camp (0311205) 34 Station Hospital, Major W W DICKEY (0405699) American Embassy, Rome, Colonel C M WALTON (06715) HQ PBS replacement depot, First Lieutenant T TESAU-RO (01118287) 2675 Regt A C.
2. Request any of these officers under your command be informed earliest in order that they may make necessary travel arrangements. On arrival Caserta they should report to S A C Secretariat.
3. Please signal soonest names of officers whose duty will prevent them from attending.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 260/EC

21 October 1946

SUBJECT: Awards.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior.

1. Notification has been received from the American Military Authorities that the following Italian civilians are to be presented with American Awards:

Alice FABBRI	Medal of Freedom
Ottino CARACCIOLO	Medal of Freedom
Bovio GACCIAGRANO	Medal of Freedom

2. As it is necessary to have the concurrence of the Italian Government before these awards are presented, your early approval would be appreciated.

3. The citations which are attached for your information should be returned with your reply.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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201-Cornetta, Giuseppe (Ital O) ^{1st Ind}
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794,
18 October 1946

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army
(Thru: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd),
APO 794, U.S. Army)

Approval recommended.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Subject : Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
for Captain CONETTO Giuseppe.

Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

APC 724 Oct. 1946.

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To : The Commanding General,
WFOUSA, APO 512 U.S. Army
(Through the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission)

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600 45 as amended it is recommended that Captain CONETTO Giuseppe, Italian Army, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as a Commanding Officer of a band of patriots from 8 Sep. 1943 to 4 June 1944 in Italy.

2. Captain CONETTO Giuseppe was a reserve officer in the Italian Army for a number of years but had never been called to active duty by the Fascist Regime because of his known anti-fascist views.

3. Immediately subsequent to Italy's capitulation to the Allies on 8 September 1943, Captain CONETTO organized and assumed command of a band of patriots which was assigned a sector north of Rome in the regions of Abruzzo, Umbria and Toscana. While operating from 8 Sep. 1943 to 4 June 1944 in this area which was under German occupation, Captain CONETTO's band had numerous skirmishes with the Germans, constructed and road blocks, wrecked 3 German supply trains, cut the German telephone and telegraph lines and disrupted their lines of communication whenever possible. Captain CONETTO's band operated at a great disadvantage, under great difficulties, and was always handicapped because of a lack of supplies and equipment. This band carried on against almost unsurmountable odds but the determination and the indomitable will of its commander kept the band fighting the Germans to the end that many of them were captured or killed and large quantities of enemy material was either destroyed or captured by the patriots and used for their own supply purposes. Captain CONETTO's life was constantly in danger, a large reward having been posted by the Germans for his capture dead or alive. But notwithstanding all of this he continued to carry out his directives to sabotage the German War effort whenever possible. Captain CONETTO was in constant touch with the underground forces who were planning to assist in the capture of Rome by the American Fifth Army. He came to Rome a few days before its fall and actively participated in the liberation of the city from the Germans on the fourth of June 1944.

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4. On the 5th of June, subsequent to the capture of Rome, Captain CORNETTO was decorated by the then existing Italian Government with the Italian Silver Star Medal for bravery on the field of battle. He was immediately called to active duty as an officer in the Italian Army and ordered to report to the Italian troops in the British 8th Army where he continued to demonstrate his devotion to duty and his loyalty to the Allied cause.

5. Captain CORNETTO exercised at all times great force, courage, initiative and energy. He was devoted and loyal to duty as he saw it and to the Allied cause to the end that he has made a substantial contribution to the War effort and the liberation of Italy from the enemy all of which is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best traditions of military service.

6. The reason for the delay in making this recommendation is that the services upon which this is based have just been certified to me by General Cadorna, Chief of Staff, Italian War Ministry and former Commander of all Partisan Units in Italy.

7. Grade and assignment of the officer recommended at the present time is :-
Captain, Italian Army.

8. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

9. Previous awards :- No American.

10. Proposed citation :- See inclosure.

Norman E. FISKE,
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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Proposed Citation for Bronze Star Medal.

Captain CORNETTO Giuseppe, Italian Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from September 1943 to June 1944. He was the commanding officer of a band of patriots which he organized in the area north of Rome. This band operating behind the German lines, made numerous attacks on German positions, constructed road blocks, wrecked German supply trains, cut telephone and telegraph lines, disrupted communications and destroyed or captured German stores and equipment. Captain CORNETTO was in constant touch with the underground forces who were to assist the American Fifth Army in its capture of Rome. His exemplary conduct and heroic efforts characterized by his daring qualities, tireless efforts and constant attention to duty contributed materially to the successful liberation of Rome and its environs from the German Army thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Military Service.

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16 October 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, Allied Commission,
(Ovhd), APO 794, U.S. Army

1. The following is information required for preparation of recommendation for the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Lieutenant E. J. Behn:

- a. Name, rank, and serial number:
Lt(jg) Edward John Behn, USAR, 338960.
- b. Period of service for which award is recommended:
From 15 August 45 to 15 October 46.
- c. Assigned to Admiral Stone as Aide following combat sea duty in the Pacific.
- d. Previous awards:
Navy Commendation Ribbon for service in the Pacific prior to August 45.
No other American awards.
Italian awards: Knight of Crown of Italy.

2. I am enclosing also a letter from Admiral Stone to the Chief of Naval Personnel which may aid you in the preparation of the recommendation. However, since this letter has been extracted from the CC's personal file, I should appreciate its return at your earliest convenience.

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as above

EDWARD D.S. SULLIVAN
Major, Air Corps
CSO to Chief Commissioner

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201-Pidsley, W.G. (Br O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 15 Oct 46

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 794,
U.S. Army

Approval recommended.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Basic communication of this 1st Ind. is letter recommendation for Legion
of merit award to Col W. G. Pidsley, dated 14 Oct 46, submitted under
signature of Colonel Fiske, Land Forces S/C, to CG MTOUSA.

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HEADQUARTERS
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

14 October 1946.

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Legion of Merit Award.

TO : The Commanding General, MTOUSA,
APO 542, U.S. Army.
(Through Chief Commissioner Allied Commission).

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, it is recommended that Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, British Army, A.R.C., be awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services as Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.), from the 1st of March 1944 up to and including the 12th of October 1946.

2. Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, having taken part in the planning for the North African campaign with the U.S. Headquarters in LONDON and who was with A.F.H.Q. and 15 Army Group from 1943 to 1944 as Deputy Chief G.1 British, was during the month of February 1944, especially selected by A.F.H.Q. for assignment to M.M.I.A. because of his former experience and training with the U.S. Army and his knowledge of staff procedure in the British Army. His mission was to organize, coordinate and standardize the method of supply and accounting for the rations, equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Reporting to M.M.I.A. in March 1944, he immediately wrote and caused to be published the manual described as "Standard Operating Procedure", which has constantly been in use since that date in the Accounting Section of M.M.I.A. During this period of time, ration supplies and equipment valued at millions of dollars, have been delivered by the U.S. to the Italian Army and charged to the Italian Government. Col. PIDSLEY's task was particularly complicated and difficult because it was necessary to establish a complete accounting system which could be used by the American, British and Italian Armies which were all concerned.

3. Through Col. PIDSLEY's unfailing devotion to duty, willing cooperation and sense of justice, he secured complete cooperation from the British and American Armies to the end that great quantities of supplies were delivered to the Italian Army thereby improving the morale of the Italian Army to such an extent that its members made an important contribution to the Allied War effort in ITALY.

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4. On the 6th of June 1944, Col. PIDSLEY headed the advance party of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, which was sent to ROME to establish the Headquarters and coordinate arrangements with the 5th Army and ROME Area Command. As a result of his efforts, the present Headquarters was established in its present location.

5. Approval having been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Col. PIDSLEY implemented and was most active from the month of June 1944 to September in the organization and equipping, from British sources, of five Italian Army Combat Groups, two of which later fought with 5th Army in the final drive for the liberation of Italy from the Germans. These groups or divisions, now constitute an important part of the interim Italian Army. During the month of September 1945, Col. PIDSLEY was instrumental in the making and coordinating of the plans for the new Italian Army, now under consideration at the PARIS Conference.

6. Col. PIDSLEY has at all times exercised great force, initiative, energy and organizing ability in the assignments which he has held. The efforts which he has made in carrying out the directives of this Mission for the formation, organization and administration of the Italian Army are of the highest type. His extreme devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and Allied Armed Forces. Col. PIDSLEY's important assistance has been especially appreciated by the American Officers in this Mission. All of his efforts contributed substantially to the War effort in ITALY, are worthy of recognition and are in keeping with the best traditions of the Military Service.

7. I have personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is made.

8. Grade and assignment at the present time is Colonel, A.E.C.
H.Q., M.M.I.A., ROME.

9. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

10. Previous awards : No American. British : DSO, OBE, MC.
Foreign decoration : Croix de guerre 1914-1918 World War I.

11. Proposed citation, see inclosure.

Norman E. FISKE,
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Col. W.G. PIDSLEY, British Army A.E.C. for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from the 1st March 1944 to and including the 12th of October 1946. As Colonel, Branch of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) he was responsible for the organization, coordination and standardization of the method for the supply and accounting of the rations equipment and supplies delivered to the Italian Army from Allied sources. Exercising great force, tact and diplomacy he has contributed materially to the successful termination of the Allied campaign in Italy. Col. PIDSLEY implemented the organization and equipping of five Italian Combat Groups or divisions which were subsequently used in the Italian campaign for the liberation of Italy from the Germans. They now form an integral part of the present Italian Army.

Col. PIDSLEY has performed all of his duties with outstanding ability and initiative exercising at all times sound judgment and common sense all of which reflects great credit on himself and the Allied Cause.

Entered service from Sandhurst, England.

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201-Pideley, W.G. (Br O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 15 Oct 46

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 794,
U.S. Army

Approval recommended.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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October 15, 1946

My dear Admiral:

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This will acknowledge your letter of September 30, 1946 in which you ask me to inquire concerning the award of the Army of Occupation Medal to your AMG and AC personnel.

I have made inquiry in the War Department concerning such awards, and have been advised that the War Department is presently acting upon recommendations of General Lee concerning the award of the Medal to specified units in Italy situated in areas other than Venezia Giulia and Udine. I understand also that a War Department general order will shortly issue specifying those units for award which have been recommended by General Lee. As you undoubtedly know, the Army of Occupation Medal is intended to recognize service in hostile countries where the civilian population is under Allied Military Government. Italy has been recognized as a co-belligerent. The War Department has also in the past approved acceptance of Italian decorations both by units and individuals of the US Army. Therefore, the award of the Army of Occupation Medal, in the view of the War Department, to all units in Italy would appear to be inconsistent with the basic intent of the Army of Occupation Medal award. I would suggest that you may wish to make formal recommendations to General Lee regarding the award of the Medal to such organizations under your command as were actually engaged in Military Government prior to December 31, 1945. General Lee would in turn present his recommendations for action to the War Department.

Enclosed herewith is War Department circular No. 102 which governs the award of the Army of Occupation Medal; I have attached a copy of this circular with the thought that you may not perhaps have one readily available.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Hilldring
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:
Circular No. 102.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
APO 394,
New York, New York.

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CIRCULAR
No. 102WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 5 April 1946

Effective until 5 October 1947 unless sooner rescinded or superseded

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I. ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL. 1. **AUTHORIZATION.** The Army of Occupation Medal is authorized for award, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, to members of the active military service of the United States who serve for 30 consecutive days subsequent to 8 May 1945 with the Army of Occupation of Germany, Austria, or Italy (compartment of Venezia Giulia E Zara and Province of Udine), or subsequent to 2 September 1945 with the Army of Occupation of Japan or Korea and prior to a terminal date to be announced later.

2. Availability of the medal and corresponding service ribbon for the Army of Occupation Medal will be announced later.

3. **ELIGIBILITY.** a. Eligibility for award of the Army of Occupation Medal is hereby established as follows:

- (1) Individuals assigned, or permanently attached to and present for duty with the Army of Occupation in Germany, Austria, and/or Italy for a period of 30 consecutive days between 9 May 1945 and a terminal date to be fixed hereafter. Credit will be given for service in Italy only in the compartment of Venezia Giulia E Zara and the province of Udine (compartment of Veneto).
- (2) Individuals assigned, or permanently attached to and present for duty with the Army of Occupation in Japan and/or Korea for a period of 30 consecutive days between 3 September 1945 and a terminal date to be fixed hereafter. Credit will be given for service in Japan in the following islands only: The four main islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, and surrounding small islands of the Japanese homeland; the Ryukyu Islands; and the Bonin Islands.
- (3) Individuals assigned, or permanently attached to and present for duty with units which, although not physically present within the areas prescribed in (1) and (2) above, have been designated in War Department General Orders as a part of the Army of Occupation of Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan, or Korea provided the requirements of (1) or (2) above and (4) or (5) below are otherwise satisfied. Theater commanders will forward to The Adjutant General the designations, locations, and inclusive dates of service of units not physically present for duty within the above areas but which, nevertheless, are a part of the Army of Occupation.
- (4) Service performed between 9 May 1945 and 8 November 1945, both dates inclusive, with the Army of Occupation of Germany, Austria, and/or Italy as provided in (1) and/or (3) above will be counted only if the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal has been awarded for service prior to 9 May 1945.
- (5) Service performed between 3 September 1945 and 2 March 1946, both dates inclusive, with the Army of Occupation of

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and/or Korea as provided in (2) and/or (3) above will be counted only if the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal has been awarded for service prior to 3 September 1945.

- (6) Service on temporary duty, in a passenger status, or as an observer, visitor, courier, escort, or inspector will not be counted. Individuals must serve at a normal post of duty in order to be eligible.

b. Appropriate clasps marked "Germany" and "Japan" are hereby authorized to be attached to the ribbon of the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service in Europe and the Far East respectively. No distinctive device to denote possession of the above clasps is authorized for wear on the service ribbon.

c. Not more than one medal will be awarded to any individual regardless of whether service has been performed with more than one Army of Occupation.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL. A medal of bronze, design to be approved. The medal is suspended by a silk ribbon 1-3/8 inches in length and 1-3/8 inches in width of a stripe of white (3/16 inch), a band of black (1/8 inch) a band of red (1/8 inch), and a stripe of white (3/16 inch).

5. RECORD. Authority to wear the Army of Occupation Medal, corresponding service ribbon, and appropriate clasps will be noted in service records (WD AGO Form 24 or WD AGO Form 24A) of enlisted men, and on Officer's, Warrant Officer's, and Flight Officer's Qualification Cards (WD AGO Forms 56-1, 56-2, or 56-3, as the case may be).

6. The provisions of this circular will be incorporated in AR 600-65 when revised.

(AG 200.6 (2 Apr 46))

II. CLASSIFICATION. The classification RESTRICTED is removed from the following publications:

1. FM 21-8, 14 February 1944, Military Training Aids, including Changes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

(AG 300.7 (3 Apr 46))

2. Combat Lessons, prepared by Operations Division, WDGS, all issues.

(AG 312.1 (25 Mar 46))

III. RESCISSION. T/O & E 1-4375(8), 24 March 1944, Army Air Forces Mobile Communications Squadron, Special, including C 1, 14 July 1944, is rescinded.

(AG 320.3 (26 Mar 46))

IV. SEPARATION CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES. Paragraph 19, section IV, WD Circular 188, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

19. The final payment of enlisted personnel at separation centers will be made by check except that the sum of \$100, if due, will be paid in cash at time of separation. If the amount to be paid by check would be less than \$25, the full payment will be made in cash. The checks will be delivered to the payee at the time of separation or will be mailed to the address designated by him, as desired by the individual. This action is prescribed in order to assure maximum protection to the separatee against loss of funds.

(AG 242.6 (22 Mar 46))

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

OFFICIAL:
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
Chief of Staff

201-Verdun, Paolo (Ital O) 1st Ind.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794, 15 Oct 46

TO: Commanding Officer, 7106th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 794,
US Army

Approval recommended.

73/ ELIZABETH W. STONE
ELIZABETH W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Subject : Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal
for Captain Paolo VERDUN

Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission.

AFM 794 14 Oct. 1946.

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To : The Commanding General,
MFOUSA APO 512 U.S. Army

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600 45 as amended, it is recommended that Captain Paolo Verdun of Valle San Nicolao and Cantogno, Italian Army, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for rendering outstanding services in support of the American Fifth Army from March 1944 to May 1945 in Italy.
2. Captain Paolo Verdun Di Cantogno was a Reserve Officer in the Italian Army for a number of years, but had never been called to active duty by the Fascist Regime because of his anti-fascist leanings.
3. At the time of Italy's capitulation to the Allies on 8 September, 1943, Captain Verdun who was located at Gaeta joined other patriots in resisting the destruction of an Italian Naval radio-station. From that time on the Germans attempted to capture him but without success for he escaped through the German lines and joined the Corps for Italian Liberation. Captain Verdun was then assigned to the 184th "Nembo" Artillery Regiment as a Liaison Officer with the American Fifth Army.
4. On the 19th of March 1944 Captain Verdun volunteered to cross into German territory for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the German positions. Operating at night, alone, and at great personal risk, Capt. Verdun passed through the German lines and located the enemy's artillery positions. He determined the location of their troops and their minefields extending along the line of Monte Christo, Gaeta and Formia. Again crossing the German and American lines this vital and correct information was submitted by Verdun to the Headquarters of an American Fifth Army Unit where a British Captain by the name of "Butt" and an American Lieutenant thanked him for his efforts and congratulated him upon the success of his mission. This important information assisted materially in the subsequent destruction of the German installation in that area and facilitated the liberation of that area from the Germans and the subsequent advance of the Fifth Army.

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5. Subsequently Captain Verdun serving with the Italian "Nembo" Regiment continued to demonstrate his devotion to duty, his continued loyalty to the Allied cause exercising at all times great force, initiative and energy. Captain Verdun displayed outstanding tact and understanding in all his dealings with American Units.

6. Captain Verdun's courage, devotion to the Allied cause and to duty as he saw it, reflects great credit upon himself and the Allied Armed Forces, all of which contributed substantially to the War effort in Italy, is worthy of recognition and is in keeping with the best traditions of military service.

7. The reason for delay in making this recommendation is that the services upon which this is based have just been certified to me by General Cadorna, Chief of Staff, Italian War Ministry and former Commander of all Partisan Units in Italy.

8. Grade and assignment at the present time is:
Captain, Italian Army.

9. The entire previous service of the officer being recommended has been honorable.

10. Previous Awards, no American.

11. Proposed Citation : See enclosure.

Norman E. FIERCE
Col. Cav.
Deputy Commander.

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PROPOSED CITATION

Paolo VERDUN, Captain, Italian Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from March 1944 to May 1945.

On 19th March 1944, while serving as liaison officer from the Italian "Nembo" regiment with the American Fifth Army Captain Verdun volunteered to cross into German territory for the purpose of obtaining information concerning their positions. As a result he secured vital and important information concerning the enemy's installations extending along a line, Monte Christo, Gaeta and Formia. This important information contributed materially to the subsequent elimination of the Germans from that area and facilitated the advance of the Fifth Army. Captain Verdun's heroic efforts, his loyalty and devotion to the Allied cause reflect great credit upon himself and the Italian Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION
SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

4 October 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 794, U.S. Army

My dear Admiral:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your action in recommending award of the Bronze Star Medal. This is a decoration which, when received, I would be more than proud to wear.

Labor has made tremendous strides in Austria since the date of occupation some 16 months ago. Fortunately, the majority of the labor leaders are from the old school, and they have exercised a tremendous influence in preventing undue demands on the economy. Of course, workers in Austria are far better disciplined than those further south and are probably better orientated in national matters, both economic and political.

I trust I may have the early opportunity of talking with you again.

With kindest personal regards,

Junius R. Smith
JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel QMC
Chief, Social Administration Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

OCT 15 1946

CONFIDENTIALRef: 3617/81/EG12 October 1946

SUBJECT: Arms - Alleged Illegal Movement

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. UDINE PROVINCE.

1. Reference is made to your PG/OSO/SEP dated 27 September 1946, the contents of which are noted.

2. By arrangement between this Commission and the Italian War Ministry, the enquiry is being re-opened and in due course a fresh report will be drawn up and submitted to this Headquarters by the Italian authorities.

3. It is suggested that you should confine your *future* activities in the matter of this particular enquiry to giving all concerned every facility in carrying out their investigations.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE.

*M Carr Brigadier*M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.Copy to: C.C. _____
Land Forces S/C.

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Rome 3rd October 1946

ING. ANTONINO ASTA

Rear Admiral
Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

R O M E

Dear Admiral,

I wish to express you my most sincere thanks
for the medal of freedom and for your congratulations.

I was very glad indeed to collaborate with
the Allied Commission Electrical Division, as I hoped that my
work would be of good help, not only for the rehabilitation
of our electric plants, but also to make stronger and warmer
the good friendship which always existed between Italy and the
United States.

Yours very truly



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30 September 1946

My dear General Hildring:

Because you have been helpful in the past in assisting me to secure recognition for the personnel serving under my command, I am writing you in connection with the War Department's policy with respect to the award of the Occupation Medal to my AMG and AC personnel. When the Medal was authorized, for some reason unknown to the Theatre personnel here, but it is rumored to be due to a State Department ruling, it was limited to those troops (including AMG) actually stationed in Udine and Venezia Giulia.

It seems to me that all personnel who performed military government duties anywhere in Italy after V-E Day were certainly performing exactly the same type of duties now being performed in Udine and Venezia Giulia. You will recall that until December 31, 1945, although I had recommended September first as the transfer date, all of the northern provinces of Italy remained under Allied Military Government until December 31, 1945. Until that date, the northern provinces were occupied territory within the meaning of the Long Terms Armistice which is still in existence.

My own title, in addition to being Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, is still Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory in Italy under Allied Military Government.

Moreover, the Allied Commission, through its Navy, Army, and Air Force Subcommissions, still enforces the Long Terms Armistice so far as the control of the Italian Navy, Army and Air Force is concerned. Even the revised armistice, if signed, which would abolish the Allied Commission, would not alter this occupational role of the members of the military subcommissions of the Allied Commission.

I understand that the Commanding General of MTOUSA, Lieutenant General C. H. Lee, is asking for a modification of the present War Department ruling -- not only to secure it for my personnel but for the various Army units in Italy engaged in support of the present occupational forces.

Major General John H. Hildring, U.S. Army
Assistant Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C.

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I need not point out that many of us who are Reserve officers, or who have otherwise come into the Army and Navy from civil life, have made and are making substantial financial and other sacrifices in not seeking to be released immediately after hostilities ended in order that we can see the job through. The services of those who are performing such post-hostility services in Germany at least are recognized by the issuance of the Occupational Medal. We see no reason why the services of personnel in Italy not actually stationed in Udine or Venezia Giulia should not be similarly recognized.

I know you will help us if you can.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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17 September 46

My dear Colonel Smith:

In connection with your letter of 27 323 a
August, I wish to advise you that your recom- 327
mendation for award of the Bronze Star Medal
was forwarded yesterday to the Commanding
General, MTOUSA, through the Commanding Officer
of Rome Area, MTOUSA.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. RIVELY
Major, Inf.
Staff Officer to CG

Colonel Junius R. Smith,
Social Administration Division,
USACA Section, Headquarters
United States Forces in Austria,
APO 777, US Army

*enclosed copy of AFHQ Admin Memo on Wage rates
for his info.*

Copy of Recommendation and Award Certificate

See also 310 311
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Robert E. L. Timmons, III - Washington D. C.

September 16, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone:

I was delighted to receive a few days ago from a friend in G-5 section, AFHQ, a copy of MTOUSA General Orders No. 151 of August 8, informing me that the Theater Commander had awarded me the Legion of Merit for the period from June 1, 1945 to April 30, 1946. Needless to say, I am very proud of this decoration and I wish to thank you warmly for the recommendation that you were kind enough to make on my behalf.

As I thought back over the decorations which have been awarded to various officers, both American and British, who served as Joint Directors and Directors of the Finance Subcommittee, I realized that all have now received the Legion of Merit with the exception of Ed Foley. It seems to me that this is clearly a situation which it is desirable to correct and it is for this reason that I am bringing the matter to your attention, for no one knows better than you the very great and valuable services which Ed rendered to the Allied Commission and to the cause of Military Government in Italy.

As you will recall, Ed was originally recommended for the Legion of Merit. We in the Finance Subcommittee prepared in his case, as in others, a factual statement of his record of service and the justification for the award, and it was forwarded in the usual manner to the headquarters of the 2675th Regiment for preparation in the final prescribed form. His award was reduced by MTOUSA from the recommended Legion of Merit to the award of the Bronze Star, which he received in MTOUSA General Orders No. 270, dated October 22, 1945. The Order covers only the period from November 18, 1943 to October 10, 1944, and I feel that the accompanying citation, which I think you can obtain from the Regimental HQ, is a hopelessly inadequate statement of the services he rendered to the Allied Commission. I would strongly urge that at this time a recommendation be made to MTOUSA for an award of the Legion of Merit.

If you could discuss the matter with Major General Jaynes you might stress to him the peculiarly valuable nature of Ed's service to the Finance Subcommittee and consequently to all Allied Military Government in Italy. As you already know, Ed was wholly responsible for bringing to Italy the group of American officers who were so instrumental in making the Finance Subcommittee such a technically

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Brasor E. L. Timmons, III - Washington - D. C.

efficient and valuable body. I hope I shall not lack modesty if I say that it was generally recognized that the Finance Subcommittee was the best of the various subcommittees and this reputation was in large part gained by the group of officers which Ed headed and which he requested to have assigned to the Allied Commission, including John Lawler, Bernie Bernstein, Frank Southard, Ernie Fiedler, Paul Banning, Andy Kamarck, Earl Hicks, George Willis, and a number of other competent specialists. In addition, Ed personally supervised the assignment of other officers, both American and British, to the Allied Commission while he was at Tizi-Ouzou in North Africa, and his judgment of which officers would make good Finance officers was amply sustained by the records made by Ed Howell, Jim Penick, Dave Mathias, Audley Stephan, and the many others. The point that I am stressing is that Ed, more than any other officer in the Finance Subcommittee, laid the foundation for both the personnel and policies which enabled the Finance Subcommittee to function so effectively from 1943 to 1946. I think that his contribution is generally recognized, and particularly by Grafftey-Smith, John Lawler, and Bob Menapace, with all of whom I have discussed the matter, and they join me in suggesting to you that it would be a very good thing indeed if the question of the Legion of Merit for Ed could be reopened with MTOUSA. Ed brought to the Finance Subcommittee the most stimulating leadership that I experienced during my service — and he gave to the Subcommittee a momentum and tone it never lost.

In addition to Ed's work in organizing the Finance Subcommittee, which was accomplished at a very difficult time with several separated centers of authority, you are familiar, I believe, with his work in Brindisi. His constant insistence upon the need for a strong Ministry of Finance, and a sound revenue and budgetary policy were, I believe, the determining factors which led the Italian Government to move as rapidly as they did in these fields. Ed's whole participation in the anti-inflation program, including his work on the Allied Anti-Inflation Committee, is even better known to you than to me, and I am convinced that through his discussions with the various Ministers of Finance and Treasury, and officers of the Banca d'Italia, that the Italians were induced to take the steps they did, always within the limitations of the general Italian political and economic situation, to curb inflation. Although they had a degree of inflation, caused almost entirely by low production and scarcities of consumer goods, the fact that we were able to avoid in Italy the extremes of hyperinflation, experienced by Greece and more lately by Hungary, is sufficient proof that our policies were wise and effective.

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Eaton E. L. Timmons, III - Washington D. C.

I can think of no one who deserves the Legion of Merit more than Ed does and it would be an excellent recognition of his services if this award could now be made. I would suggest that the award be made to cover the period from September 1, 1943, until November 18, 1943, which was the date on which Ed and I arrived in Brindisi. As I have already mentioned, his previous award of the Bronze Star, which covers a period beginning November 18, 1943, excludes a period during which Ed rendered one of his greatest contributions to the Finance Subcommittee, namely the period of organization and personnel assignment at Tizi-Ouzou during September, October, and the first half of November. Incidentally, Ed remained on the strength of the Allied Commission until November 6, 1944, although the period for which his Bronze Star was awarded ended on October 1, 1944. A further consideration is that Ed was a full Colonel when he arrived in Italy and he received no promotion during the period of his entire service there. All of the other Joint Directors and Directors of the Finance Subcommittee were promoted at least once, in addition to receiving the Legion of Merit, so that I believe recognition for Ed in the form of a Legion of Merit is even more called for since he did not get a promotion. I hope that you will be able to have a word with the people in MTOUSA regarding this matter. Ed's remarkable service during the war, both in Washington and overseas, was recognized in part when he received his nomination and confirmation as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and I feel that the fact that he was not awarded the Legion of Merit was an unfortunate oversight. I shall be most grateful if you can let me know what action can be taken.

I saw John Lawler recently upon his return from Italy and he told me how much he enjoyed seeing you when he was in Rome. Grafftey is, as you know, in Washington as British Alternate on the International Monetary Fund, and Bob Menapace is back with the Guaranty Trust Company. I dined with Grafftey and Bob the other night and they send you their warmest regards and best wishes. I am busily engaged in readjusting myself to the life of a civilian, which is much more complicated than I had imagined when I was in Rome.

I would like to express to you again my pleasure in having served on your staff and to thank you for the many kindnesses you showed me.

With my very best wishes for the future,

Sincerely,

Eaton E. L. Timmons, III

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 794
New York, New York

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS. IN
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

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File: 884.6

14 September 1946

X-221-Smith, James R. (3)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Rome Area, WFOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army.

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-25, it is recommended that JAMES R. SMITH, Colonel, G-137364, Quartermaster Corps, Staff Section, Social Administration Division, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 December 1943 to 15 March 1945.

2. Colonel Smith was assigned as Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, from the time of the initial organization in Tizi-Ouzou and the performance of his duties was at all times carried out with extraordinary skill and zeal far beyond what requirements directed and without concern for personal health. He devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-Commission with such accuracy as to require no changes as varying conditions required reorganization of plans. He carried on at all times with superior competence and ability. At the time when the dire question of wage adjustment was slated for negative action by others in the Allied Military Government, which action would have unquestionably led to serious labor disputes and probable bloodshed, he was the prime mover in the fight which led to the ultimate approval of the wage increase in the face of terrific opposition. This action became the basis for wage determinations in all parts of Italy and was instrumental in setting up the Armed Forces' wage scale along proper lines. He made outstanding contributions and took a leading part in the study of the entire labor structure in Italy.

3. With a mere handful of men, in a situation which would clearly call for a large and competent staff, he had a large hand in the successful direction of the Sub-Commission, and carried out the various programs outlined, always motivated by his deep concern for the proper solution of labor matters in Italy. His firm resolution and sound judgment proved of inestimable value at all times in furthering the mission of the Allied Forces in the labor field. In recognition of his high standards and experience, he was appointed Chairman of the Important Labor and Wage Control Committee of AWH and performed duties in this position with extraordinary success for over seven months.

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4. The outstanding services rendered by Colonel Smith and the high devotion to duty displayed by him are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, reflects great credit on himself and his organization and served as an inspiration and guide to all who worked with him in this Headquarters and in the Field.

5. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the outstanding services rendered by Colonel Smith.

6. All subsequent services of the officer recommended have been honorable.

7. Officer received the Legion of Merit per General Orders Number 37, Section III, Headquarters STORSA, dated 4 March 1946. This award was for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy and Austria from 23 March 1945 to 7 January 1946.

8. Reasons for the delay in submitting this recommendation are the changes in personnel due to redeployment and the administrative difficulties encountered by officers in the Field and this Headquarters in the submission of recommendations. Further, it is the opinion of this Headquarters that any officer or enlisted man deserving an award should not be denied such because of any delay.

LEWIS T. STINE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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PROPOSED CITATION

JUNIUS R. SMITH, G-137944, Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, USAAC Section, Social Administration Division, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Deputy Director of the Labor Sub-Commission from 15 December 1943 to 15 March 1945. Colonel Smith not only carried out his duties and activities with exceptional ability, but he made notable contributions in the field of Labor of such a nature as to make possible the successful carrying out of the program of the Allied Control Commission in Italy.

By reason of extraordinary application to his duties far beyond requirements, in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties, Colonel Smith handled and brought to successful accomplishment important problems in the field of Labor which, if left unsolved, would have resulted in serious impediment to the success of the military mission. The efforts of Colonel Smith have in every respect constituted a real credit to the service and elicited the unstinted praise and thanks of all his colleagues.

Entered the service from Alexandria, Virginia.

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4th September, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

You are indeed a friend. Many, many thanks for sending me a copy of the citation of the Legion of Merit for even if I am never the proud possessor of it I shall always appreciate the fact that the U.S.A. Government considered me worthy of it.

As a matter of fact I have referred my case to Sir Frank Mason-Macfarlane, who I see from time to time, and he is unable to understand the attitude the War Office have taken. He is far from well and while he has a very active brain and mind he suffers a great deal though he displays the greatest fortitude and is always cheerful.

Of the old brigade the only other members I have seen are Upjohn, French, and Caccia is lunching with me next week.

Once again thanking you and with kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

G. S. Parkinson
G. S. PARKINSON

3236 Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR.,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794, Rome, Italy.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
WASHINGTON 6. D. C.

CABLE ADDRESS
INTERFUND

13th September 1946

Personal.

My dear Ellery,

As you probably know, I have been in Washington since the Spring as the Alternate Executive Director for the U.K. of the International Monetary Fund. For most of that time I have served as the Executive Director and have found the work most interesting. You are probably aware that the application of Italy to become a member is now before us and is most likely to be accepted.

I have been lucky enough to have my wife join me out here and we live in a pleasant apartment uptown. The Summer has been extremely mild and not at all according to schedule. I should think that I have seen practically all those Officers of the Allied Commission who live on the Eastern seaboard and a great many others besides.

I understand from Lane Timmons that he is writing to you on the question of a decoration for Ed Foley. All that I would add to what he will undoubtedly say is that those of us who were lucky enough to receive the Legion of Merit feel that the position is somewhat anomalous where he is the only former Chief Finance Officer who has not received that decoration. John Lawler, Bob Menapace, Lane Timmons and I have all been blessed and it would appear to be fitting that Ed should be added to this select company.

It may be that there are reasons of which I am not aware for this omission, or indeed that it is now too late to do anything. But I would wish to add a word on this subject.

I am sorry that I missed you in Washington as I believe that you were here shortly before my arrival.

With kindest regards to the Old Guard that remains, and particularly my love to Maurice and Diana.

Yours most sincerely,

Gravely

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission for Italy,
Rome, Italy.

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Guaranty Trust Company of New York
One Hundred Forty Broadway
New York 15, N.Y.

September 12, 1946.

Dear Admiral:

On a trip to Washington a few days ago, I saw Lane Timmons. He told me that he is writing you regarding a recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Ed. Foley, (former Col. Edward H. Foley, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury).

I hope you won't mind my taking the liberty of writing you on this, but I do feel that I ought to give testimony as one who served under Foley for a considerable period, and as one who succeeded him and is familiar with his performance. I believe that Col. Foley's work, as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission, was particularly efficacious in setting up an organization and in covering a great variety of problems over a wide area with despatch and effectiveness. The Finance Sub-Commission, under the direction of Col. Foley and Brigadier Grafftey-Smith, was called upon to perform tasks in which they had to do a great deal of pioneering and the excellent results obtained were the product of untiring and zealous work and of a particularly fine devotion to the jobs in hand. In this work Col. Foley contributed greatly and in my opinion he is clearly deserving of recognition in the form of the decoration of the Legion of Merit.

May I take this occasion to extend to you my very best wishes and best remembrances of our long association together, which is one of the happy memories of my life.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Corbridge
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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome, Italy. 32601

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Major General John H. Hildring, U.S. Army
Assistant Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C.

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ELLERY W. STONE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

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14 September 1946

File: 200.6

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army.

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

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that JUNIUS R. SMITH, Colonel, O-137364, Quartermaster Corps, ISACA Section, Social Administration Division, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 19 December 1943 to 15 March 1945.

2. Colonel Smith was assigned as Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, from the time of its initial organization in Tizi-Ouzou and the performance of his duties was at all times carried out with extraordinary skill and zeal far beyond what requirements directed and without concern for personal health. He devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-Commission with such accuracy as to require no changes as varying conditions required reorganization of plans. He carried on at all times with superior competence and ability. At the time when the dire question of wage adjustment was slated for negative action by others in the Allied Military Government, which action would have unquestionably led to serious labor disputes and probable bloodshed, he was the prime mover in the fight which led to the ultimate approval of the wage increase in the face of terrific opposition. This action became the basis for wage determinations in all parts of Italy and was instrumental in setting up the Armed Forces' wage scale along proper lines. He made outstanding contributions and took a leading part in the study of the entire labor structure in Italy.

3. With a mere handful of men, in a situation which would clearly call for a large and competent staff, he had a large hand in the successful direction of the Sub-Commission, and carried out the various programs outlined, always motivated by his deep concern for the proper solutions of labor matters in Italy. His firm resolution and sound judgment proved of inestimable value at all times in furthering the mission of the Allied Forces in the labor field. In recognition of his high standards and experience, he was appointed Chairman of the Important Labor and Control Committee of ANHQ and performed duties in this position with extraordinary success for over seven months.

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4. The outstanding services rendered by Colonel Smith and the high devotion to duty displayed by him are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, reflects great credit on himself and his organization and served as an inspiration and guide to all who worked with him in this Headquarters and in the Field.

5. The recommending officer has personal knowledge of the outstanding services rendered by Colonel Smith.

6. All subsequent services of the officer recommended have been honorable.

7. Officer received the Legion of Merit per General Orders Number 37, Section III, Headquarters AFMFA, dated 4 March 1946. This award was for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy and Austria from 23 March 1945 to 7 January 1946.

8. Reasons for the delay in submitting this recommendation are the changes in personnel due to redeployment and the administrative difficulties encountered by officers in the Field and this Headquarters in the submission of recommendations. Further, it is the opinion of this Headquarters that any officer or enlisted man deserving an award should not be denied such because of any delay.

HARRY STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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6 September 1946.

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SUBJECT: Awards.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5,
Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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10 September 1946

TO: The Ministry of War

The attached letter and medal, which were received by this office, are returned to you, as the awarding authority, for such action as you may deem necessary.

E. J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt to Chief Commr

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TRANSLATION

To Admiral STONE
Rome.

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/s/ C. Aronica
Capt, Artillery

Milan, 14 July 1946.
Via Elba 6.

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Allied Commission
Rome.

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W. Ellery W. Stone
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 17 settembre 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

in relazione alla Sua lettera del 21 agosto u.s. al Presidente del Consiglio, desidero informarla che sono state diramate le opportune istruzioni perchè non vengano concesse onorificenze ai militari delle Forze Armate degli Stati Uniti d'America senza il preventivo gradimento del competente comando militare.

A questo scopo, è stato stabilito che le eventuali proposte vengano dirette a questa Presidenza, che ne curerà la comunicazione al Comando del teatro di operazioni americano attraverso codesta Commissione.

Con viva cordialità, mi creda

(Avv. Paolo Cappa)
 Sottosegretario Stato Presidenza
 Consiglio Ministri

Avv. Cappa

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
 Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

ROMA

6 September 1946.

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You did a wonderful job for me and I can't tell you how happy I am to see you finally get this recognition which you so richly deserve.

With all good wishes to you and Ed,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant Colonel Benson E. L. Timmons, Cav., AUS,
c/o Hon. E. H. Foley, Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

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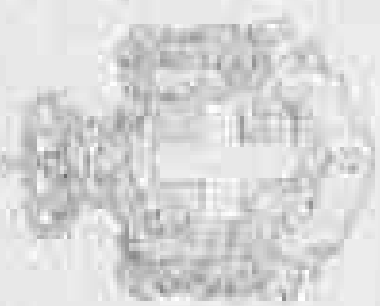
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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APPUNTO PER IL DR. ROMBAGNOLI DE VETTOR

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Roma, li 4 Settembre, 1948.

*Ally Aguirre*

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Milan, 14 July 1946.  
Via Elba 6.

21 August 1946.

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It has come to the attention of this office that the present Italian Government is making awards to American military personnel without obtaining the concurrence of the United States Theater Commander.

When it is desired to make an award to American personnel, a letter should be written to the United States Theater Commander giving the full name, rank and organization of the recipient, together with a brief description of the service rendered on which the award is to be based.

If desired, such letters to the United States Theater Commander could be forwarded via my office.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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21 August 1946.

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If desired, such letters to the United States Theater Commander could be forwarded via my office.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION  
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

27 August 1946

Major J. C. Rively  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 794, Rome, Italy

My dear Major Rively:

Replying to your kind letter of 12 August 1946 with reference to proposed recommendation for award of the Bronz Star Medal, the following information is supplied:

- a. Period covered by award of Legion of Merit is from 23 March 1945 to 7 January 1946. Award issued by Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, General Orders No. 37, dated 4 March 1946.
- b. No outstanding recommendations for other awards.

Yours very truly,

JUNIUS R. SMITH  
Colonel QMC  
Chief, Social Administration Div.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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See also

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21 August 1946.

Some time ago I promised to send you, if possible, the citation for your Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, as approved by the War Department. This has just come to hand and I have pleasure in sending you herewith two copies.

I am terribly sorry that all efforts on our part to get your Government to permit you to accept it have so far been unsuccessful. There is no question that the War Office has made exceptions for others, including British officers with this Commission, and I fail to understand why an exception cannot be made in your case.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, DSO, MBE,  
The Junior United Service Club,  
London, S.W.1.

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CITATION FOR MERIT OF MERIT

Degree of Officer

Brigadier George Singleton Parkinson, Royal Army Medical Corps, British Army, as Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission from November 1943 to May 1945, was responsible for all Allied activities in connection with civilian health and public welfare in Italy. In addition, he was responsible for the making and execution of plans for the proper operation of civilian hospitals, the prevention and control of communicable diseases, the housing and feeding of the indigent, and the securing and distribution of medical supplies. In a far-reaching program, he reorganized the Public Health Department of the Italian Government to place it on an efficient operating basis, saved thousands of livestock for the civilian populace, and made available to the people adequate quantities of medical supplies. By his timely solution of very difficult problems, communicable diseases were so effectively controlled that the efficiency of Allied forces was not impaired and no public health or welfare problems were allowed to arise which would have impeded our efforts. Through his superior guidance and devotion, Brigadier Parkinson materially aided the welfare of Allied forces in Italy.

APPROVED BY WAR DEPARTMENT:

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21 August 1946.

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Rome.

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cc Col Ross

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21 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Awards to American Military Personnel.  
TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, MTOUSA, APO 512.

Your letter G-5: 200.6 of 15 August refers. (320)

1. The Italian Government advises that the only awards made by the present Italian Government have been military awards and not orders. The military awards were cleared by the Minister of War with the Royal Household and it had been assumed that General Infante had cleared them with MTOUSA. It appears, however, that in the events following the King's departure for Portugal, such clearances may not have been secured.

2. I have advised the Minister as to the desired procedure and am writing the Prime Minister to that effect.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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cc Col Ross

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 200.6

20 August 1946

SUBJECT: Awards.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

It is requested that you contact the Italian Government and secure their answer on these two points:

(a) Is the "Imperial Order of Constantine Nemagno of St. Stephen" in good standing with the Italian Government and might it be classified in the category similar to the Imperial Order of Saint George of Corinthia and the Order of the Knights of Malta?

(b) Does the Italian Government recognize this award and do they permit their military personnel to accept an award from this Order?

C.M. Parkin C.G.S.P.  
R.A.

A. L. HAMBLIN,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to: G-1(MTO)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

15 August 1946

G-5: 200.6

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TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

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2. When it is desired to make an award to American personnel, a letter should be written to the U.S. Theater Commander giving the full name, rank and organization of the recipient, together with a brief description of the service rendered on which the award is to be based.

3. You are requested to approach the Italian Government and point out the necessity for obtaining the concurrence of the U.S. Theater Commander before presenting any award to American Military Personnel.

*C.M. Parker, Col. G.S.C.*  
*for.*

A. L. HAMLEN,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: G-1  
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British Government will not concur in the acceptance of awards for  
 services rendered after 5 May 1945. Recommendations for awards to  
 British officers for services after 8 May 1945 will not be submit-  
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13 August 1946

Memorandum for : Major Rively.

The following individuals have been notified to be present at the office of the Chief Commissioner at 1100 on 14 August 1946 to receive awards:

|        |                            |
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| Lt Col | James E Regis              |
| Major  | Rolla C. Van Kirk          |
| 1st Lt | Michael Tor                |
| Lt Col | Walter G Adrower (Italian) |

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| Enrico Reggiani    | (Italian Civilian) |
| Antonio Asta       | (Italian civilian) |
| Francesco Barluzzi | (Italian civilian) |

Legion of Merit  
Oak Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star)  
Bronze Star  
Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm

Medal of Freedom  
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Medal of Freedom

*William F. Judkins, Jr.*  
WILLIAM F. JUDKINS, Jr.  
Captain, Signal Corps,  
Awards & Decorations Officer.

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12 August 1946.

My dear Colonel Smith:

With further reference to my letter of 24 June, the proposed recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal has been received, but the following additional information is required:

- a. Period covered by award of Legion of Merit, including designation of the headquarters and general orders number announcing the award.
- b. Any outstanding recommendations for other awards.

Very truly yours,

*J. C. Rively*  
J. C. RIVELY  
Major, Inf.  
Staff Officer to CC

Colonel Junius R. Smith,  
Chief, Labor Division, USACA Section,  
Hq., United States Forces in Austria,  
APO 777 - U.S. Army.

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Returned letter on Col  
Smith to office of Admiral. He  
received Legion of merit which  
he mentions but does not  
mention period covered by Legion  
of merit announcing headquarters  
and general order number.

C. C. Smith

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION  
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

19 July 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
APO 794, U. S. ARMY

Dear Admiral Stone:

I keenly appreciate your letter of 24 June, in which you state that you will approve recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star as a result of my work in connection with the Labor Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

Please find attached proposed recommendation and citation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Junius R. Smith*  
JUNIUS R. SMITH  
Colonel QMC  
Chief, Social Administration Div.

Note: Our Labor Division has recently been expanded to include Public Health and Public Welfare and is now known as the Social Administration Division.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
APO 794

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO :

1. a. It is recommended that Colonel JUNIUS R. SMITH, QMC, O-137364, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Colonel SMITH is at present Chief of the Labor Division, USACA Section, Headquarters United States Forces in Austria.

b. Colonel SMITH was serving as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Italy, at the time of the service for which this award is recommended.

c. Mrs. Marie L. Smith, wife of Colonel SMITH, resides at 2205 Russell Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

d. Colonel SMITH entered military service from Alexandria, Virginia.

e. Colonel SMITH has received the Legion of Merit for service rendered in Austria. *(Denial Granted by Board, including designation of the award, and several other honors including the award)*

f. The entire service of Colonel SMITH has been honorable since the rendition by him of the service upon which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual has not been submitted.

2. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the service upon which this recommendation is based.

3. Colonel SMITH, while serving with the Army of the United States from 15 December 1943 to 15 March 1945, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

4. Colonel SMITH had been uninterruptedly Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission from the time of its initial organization in Tizi-Ouzou and the performance of his duties has at all times carried out with extraordinary skill and zeal far beyond what requirements

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dictated, and without concern for personal health. He devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-Commission with such accuracy as to require no changes as varying conditions required reorganization of plans. He carried on at all times with superior competence and ability. At a time when the dire question of wage adjustment was slated for negative action by others in the Allied Military Government and which action would unquestionably have led to serious labor disputes and bloodshed, he was the prime mover in the fight which led to the ultimate approval of the wage increase, in the face of terrific opposition. This action became the basis for wage determinations in all parts of Italy and was influential in setting up the Armed Forces wage scale along proper lines. He made outstanding contributions, took a leading part in the study of the entire labor structure in Italy. With a mere handful of men, in a situation which would clearly call for a large and competent staff, he had a large hand in the successful direction of the Sub-Commission, and carried out the various programs outlined, always motivated by his deep concern for the proper solutions of labor matters in Italy. His firm resolution and sound judgement proved of inestimable value at all times in furthering the mission of the Allied Forces in the labor field. In recognition of his high standards and experience, he was appointed chairman of the important Labor and Wage Control Committee of AFHQ and performed duties in this position with extraordinary success for over seven months.

→ 2 5. The outstanding services rendered by Colonel SMITH and high devotion to duty displayed by him in keeping with the finest traditions of the U. S. Army, reflects great credit on himself and his organization, and served as an inspiration and guide to all who worked with him both in this Headquarters and in the Field.

6. The entire subsequent service of Colonel SMITH has been honorable.

7. Proposed Citation: For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 December 1943 to 15 March 1945. Colonel SMITH as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Italy, devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-Commission, made outstanding contributions and took a leading part in the solution of many diverse labor problems in Italy in such excellent manner as to definitely further the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Allied Forces in the labor field. The service of Colonel SMITH reflects great credit on himself and the military service. He entered military service from Alexandria, Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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13 September 1946

File: 250.6  
X-201-P-Smith, Junius R. (D.)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army

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

1. Under the provisions of <sup>Paragraph 12,</sup> AR 600-45 it is recommended that

JUNIUS R. SMITH, Colonel, O-137364, Quartermaster Corps, USACA Section, Social Administration Division, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy during the period 15 DEC 1943 TO 15 MARCH 1945.

2. Colonel Smith was assigned as Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the Labor Sub-commission from the time of its initial organization in Tizi-Ouzou <sup>Algeria</sup> and the performance of his duties was at all times carried out with extraordinary skill and zeal far beyond what requirements directed and without concern for personal health. He devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-commission with such accuracy as to require no changes as varying conditions required reorganization of plans. He carried on at all times with superior competence and ability. At the time when the dire question of wage adjustment was slated for negative action by others in the Allied Military Government, ~~and~~ which action would have unquestionably led to serious labor disputes and bloodshed, he was the prime mover in the fight which led to the ultimate approval of the wage increase in the face of terrific opposition. This action became the basis for wage determinations in all parts of Italy and was <sup>instrumental</sup> in setting up the Armed Forces' wage scale along proper lines. He made out-

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FROM. Naval Liaison Officer with SACRED, A.F.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
DATE. 14th. July 1946. No. NLO.75/46.  
TO. Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission Rome.

Concurrences on Award of the Legion of  
Merit to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren.

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With reference to your letter dated  
5th. July information has been received that  
this application has been forwarded to the  
Admiralty and that hastening action to obtain  
a decision was taken on 5th. July.

2. Should any further information be  
received by N.L.O. it will be passed to you.

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CAPTAIN R.M.  
Naval Liaison Officer.

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Further our C50042 of 22 June. New years honours 1947. Allocations all awards now reverted to peace time scales. GHQ CMF will submit to war office a maximum of 4 OBE'S and 8 MBE'S and corresponding proportions of BEM'S. Only strongest recommendations will be submitted to GHQ and will be countersigned by officer of rank of Major General or above where more than one name submitted list in order of merit.

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12 July 1946

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Civilian Award

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 2875th Regiment  
Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 794, US ArmyCommanding Officer, Rome Area, AFMUSA,  
APO 794, US Army

TO : Commanding General, AFMUSA, APO 512, US Army

1. Under the provisions of Civilian Personnel Regulations No. 104, 12 April 1944, as amended, it is recommended that Dr. Giorgio Bombassei Prascand de Vettor, a civilian whose legal residence is Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome, Italy, now currently Italian Liaison Officer at the Allied Commission and the Representative of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the President of the Council of Ministers, be awarded the Medal of Freedom (with gold palm) for outstanding services from 2 October 1943 to 10 June 1946.

2. In support of the proposed award, the additional personnel data for this individual is outlined below:

- a. Country of birth: Italy
- b. Country of citizenship: Italy
- c. The services performed by Giorgio Bombassei which are considered by the undersigned to merit the award indicated in paragraph 1 are outlined below.

At the moment of the Italian Armistice in September 1943 Dr. Bombassei was Second Secretary at the Italian Legation in Bern, Switzerland, and remained loyal to the legal Italian Government. Because of his firm attitude and definite convictions he was in late 1943 cancelled from the ranks of the diplomatic staff by the Fascist republican government.

He was the first Italian officer in Switzerland to contact the American and British Legations there to coordinate in the war effort against the common enemy.

Since then and until February 1945 he was in charge of the liaison between the anti-Fascist Italian authorities in Switzerland and the Anglo-American agencies there.

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He was particularly active in the field of economic warfare and -- as representative of the Italian Legation -- was in constant contact with the British and American officials who directed this important activity in Switzerland.

He also helped in every possible way the resistance movement in Northern Italy and regularly cooperated with the Allied services in Switzerland that dealt with such activity.

During the German occupation of Northern Italy he especially worked in favor of the partisan movement of Piedmont and, when he was recalled to Rome, the representatives of the Committee of National Liberation of that Region stated that he had earned the gratitude of the Piedmontese partisans who were losing with his departure a very strong help. In fact, Dr. Bombassei had been keeping the liaison between partisan forces and the Allied organizations in Switzerland, so contributing to the coordination of the efforts of said forces with the Allied war plans.

In September 1944, when the military situation of the partisans in the Aosta Valley was growing critical because of the increased activity of the Germans and the Fascists against them he went personally to Italy, through the mountains, crossing the German and the Fascist lines, in order to carry out a very delicate and dangerous mission. He succeeded in getting in touch with the heads of the partisan movement of Piedmont and in establishing a very useful system of communication between the legal Italian government then in Brindisi, and the Piedmontese resistance. He also brought back to Switzerland very valuable information about the situation in Occupied Italy that was subsequently very useful in the organization of the assistance to the partisan formations. He was the only Italian Foreign Service officer in Switzerland to go into German-occupied Italian territory. This episode was reported to the Italian Foreign Office by the Italian Minister in Bern.

Mr. G. H. Meyer, Special Assistant to the American Minister in Bern, wrote on March 30th, 1945 to the Office of War Information in Rome the attached letter regarding Dr. Bombassei.

He came back to Italy in April 1945 and, on his own request, was assigned to the Liaison Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the Allied authorities. He served there until October 1945, when he was appointed Italian liaison officer at the Allied Commission for Italy and thus attached to the Office of the Chief Commissioner. He still holds this position. In this capacity he is the Representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Allied Commission and is performing liaison duties between the Chief Commissioner and the various agencies of the Italian Government, chiefly the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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d. His devotion to duty and unswerving loyalty to the Allied cause have been outstanding.

3. Recommendation for award was not previously made as it was considered advisable to withhold submission until after completion of Dr. Bombassei's most critical liaison work during the period of the national elections. It is desired that recognition be now given for his outstanding achievement.

4. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the above-mentioned services. To the best of my knowledge and belief this individual's services have been honorable and his loyal cooperation with the Government of the United States and the Army of the United States is above question.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Cy ltr 30 Marh 45 on Mr. Bombassei  
sgd Gerald M. Meyer

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AMERICAN LEGATION

Berne, 30 March 1945

Mr. James Linen  
Special Assistant to the Ambassador  
Office of War Information  
Via Veneto  
Rome, Italy

Dear Jim,

This will introduce to you Mr. Giorgio Bombassei-Frascani de Vettor about whom I spoke to you during my recent visit in Rome.

Giorgio Bombassei has been a faithful servant of his Government for many years. He is a member of the Italian Foreign Service and has been stationed in Berne since his return from Moscow in 1941. As all those men in his service who were at heart anti-Fascist, he found it most difficult to serve his Country, and at the same time, a regime which he did not approve. Consequently, as soon as Mussolini fell, he could and did come over to our side, the earliest possible moment he could do so without losing his self-respect. Ever since then, he has served various departments connected with this Legation and the British Legation to the best of his ability and thus contributed to our war effort. He has been the most helpful member in the Italian Legation, an opinion which I believe is shared by all of us. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you would take Mr. Bombassei to see Ambassador Kirk at your convenience.

Very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*J. C. RIVERA*  
J. C. RIVERA  
Major, Inf.

*5844*  
/s/ Gerald M. Mayer  
Special Assistant to the Minister

GMM: GGL

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5 July 1946

**SUBJECT:** Concurrences on Award of the Legion of Merit to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren

**TO :** Captain R. M. G. Gambier  
Naval Liaison Officer to SACMED, AFHQ

304 1. This office was advised some time ago that the award of the Legion of Merit (degree of Commander) to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, had been approved by the War Department.

307 2. HQ MTOUSA has requested of CINCPAC the necessary concurrences in the acceptance of this award by Admiral Warren (see copies of correspondence attached).

3. The Chief Commissioner desires that you trace this matter and expedite it, if possible, so that upon receipt of such concurrences the necessary arrangements for proper presentation can be made.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. C. RIVELY  
Major, Inf.  
Staff Officer to CC

2 Incls:  
Cy ltr 28 May 46, MTOUSA,  
sub: Award of Decoration.  
Cy ltr 29 May 46, MTOUSA,  
sub: Award of Legion of Merit

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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Major, Inf.  
Staff Officer to CG

2 Incls:  
Cy ltr 28 May 46, MTOUSA,  
sub: Award of Decoration.  
Cy ltr 29 May 46, MTOUSA,  
sub: Award of Legion of Merit

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29 June 1946

File: 200.6

x-201-Regis, James E. (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Legion of Merit

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Rome Area MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that James E. Regis, O-228539, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from 27 October 1943 to 26 July 1944.

2. While serving as Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Tunisia and Executive officer for the North Africa Economic Board, Lieutenant Colonel Regis was called on 27 October 1943 by Mr. Robert Murphy, Special Representative of the President of the United States with the rank of Ambassador, and Chief Political Advisor to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and given the task of establishing and administering the Advisory Council for Italy.

3. Colonel Regis was selected for this task because of his expert knowledge of Italian, French and other languages, as well as his close personal acquaintance with the Chiefs of the six Allied delegations that comprised the Advisory Council for Italy - British, French, Greek, Russian, United States and Yugoslav - and many members of their staffs.

4. At that time few persons had heard of the Advisory Council for Italy, and the Allied Control Commission was just being activated. Starting from scratch, Colonel Regis set up a War Establishment and a Table of Organization for A.C.I., as well as staff study for supplies, transportation, accommodations for offices and billets, finances, personnel, Post Exchange privileges, and, in fact, every detail connected with this precedent-lacking enterprise.

5. Colonel Regis was given "carte blanche" by the chiefs of the various delegations of A.C.I., and he was made Treasurer of the Council, often handling sums that ran into millions of dollars.

6. In addition to this work in setting up and administering the Advisory Council for Italy - a task that required great tact and diplomacy as well as brilliant initiative, Colonel Regis also acted in a liaison capacity between the A.C.I. and the Army. He was responsible for the movements of all of the personnel of the Council, and personally made 23 air trips between Algiers, Sicily, Naples, Brindisi and Salerno in order to make all arrangements for the proper functioning of this organization.

7. At Salerno, where the Advisory Council for Italy's Headquarters was first established on the peninsula, Colonel Regis personally selected and requisitioned the villas required as billets for the staffs of the various delegations, as well as all office accommodations. He personally selected the personnel to operate the billets and offices, and purchased all necessary equipment, including furniture, linen, silverware, office supplies, and whatever else was needed.

8. As the military front moved northward in Italy, so did the Advisory Council for Italy, and every move was supervised personally by Colonel Regis - from Salerno to Quindici (Castellammare di Stabia), thence to Naples and finally to Rome, present Headquarters of the Council. Having terminated the task to which he was assigned, Colonel Regis was assigned to other duties on 26 July 1944.

9. Throughout this difficult assignment, Colonel Regis displayed the highest degree of efficiency and thoroughness of methods. His tactful and diplomatic persuasive ability enabled him to obtain the maximum degree of cooperation from everyone with whom he came into contact.

10. His devotion to duty was untiring, and during all of the nine months he was connected with the Advisory Council for Italy he showed an absolute disregard of hours of work and even of personal safety. He used great judgment and force wherever necessary in order to accomplish his objectives; he inspired all those who worked under him, and won the admiration and respect of his superiors as well as of all the individual members of the A.C.I. delegations.

11. Colonel Regis' resourcefulness, his tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States, and reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

12. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Regis.

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

14. The officer has received no previous awards.

15. Proposed citation (see inclosure).

16. Reasons for the delay in submitting this recommendation are the changes in personnel due to redeployment and the administrative difficulties encountered by officers in the field and this Headquarters in the submission of recommendations. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Regis, although officially relieved of his duties in connection with the Advisory Council for Italy on 26 July 1944, has continued, throughout his assignments to other duties since that date and up to the present time, to act in an advisory capacity to those officers who succeeded him with the A.C.I. Further, it is the opinion of the Headquarters that any officer or enlisted man deserving an award should not be denied such because of any delay.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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PROPOSED CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Lieutenant Colonel James E. Regis, O-228539, Coast Artillery Corps, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 27 October 1943 to 26 July 1944. As Chief Civil Affairs Officer for Tunisia, Colonel Regis was assigned to the task of organizing and administering the Advisory Council for Italy. His expert knowledge of Italian, French and other foreign languages, as well as his close acquaintance with the Chiefs of the six Allied Delegations and staffs that comprised the A.C.I., made him the logical choice for this most important task. Lacking precedent, Colonel Regis set up a War Establishment and Table of Organization for A.C.I., and drafted a staff study for supplies, transportation, accommodations for both billets and offices, finances, personnel and, in fact, every detail connected with this enterprise.

As Treasurer of A.C.I., he handled sums that ran into the millions of dollars. In order to set up Headquarters for A.C.I. in Italy, Colonel Regis made 23 air trips between Algiers, Sicily, Naples, Brindisi and Salerno. He personally requisitioned all accommodations, selected all personnel, purchased all supplies, and supervised all moves, as the front moved north, from Salerno to Quindici, to Naples and Rome.

Throughout this assignment, Colonel Regis' tact, diplomacy, high efficiency, resourcefulness, and untiring energy and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflected great credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Forces in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Regis entered upon active duty on 6 October 1940 from his home in Old Town, Maine.

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25 June 1946.

I thank you for your letter DDCA(MG)/EM/279 dated 4th June and for enclosing minutes between yourself and the Military Secretary. I have shown the correspondence to the Chief Commissioner and, at his instance, very willingly must ask you to have the case of Brigadier PAINTESS reconsidered. There may have been many cases where the policy of the War Office has been applied but there are equally cases where officers have received US awards and a British award for roughly the same period, that is to say, from the inception of the Allied Commission up to the time of the recommendation.

Brigadier A.P. GRAFFREY-SMITH, for instance, was awarded a Legion of Merit for services up to February 1944, and the CBE for services up to December 1943. Colonel A.H. HANCOCK was awarded a Legion of Merit for services up to August 1944 and an OBE for services up to April 1944. Colonel HENDERSON received a Legion of Merit for services up to May 1945 and a CBE for services up to May 1945. Colonel J. LONG received a Legion of Merit for services up to June 1944 and a MID for services up to April 1944. I myself was awarded a Legion of Merit for services up to September 1944 and a CB for services up to June 1944.

The inconsistency in the application of the War Office policy naturally puzzles the US authorities, particularly Admiral STONE, who has given a great deal of sympathetic attention to ensuring that American appreciation of the services of British officers is shown.

I would also ask you whether this War Office policy is made known to Allied authorities responsible for making the recommendations.

Brigadier F.G. Drew, CBE,  
D.D.C.A. (M.G.),  
The War Office,  
Hotel Victoria,  
Northumberland Avenue,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

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24 June 46

My dear Colonel Smith:

The Admiral wishes me to convey to you his best wishes and to state that he will personally sign any recommendation submitted for the award of the Bronze Star for your work in connection with the Labor Division of the Allied Commission.

I may point out to you that in preparing the recommendation and citation, periods of time for which an award has already been made cannot be included in a subsequent recommendation.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ J. C. Rively*  
J. C. RIVELY  
Major, Inf.  
Staff Officer to CC

Colonel Junius R. Smith  
Chief, Labor Division  
USACA Section  
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United States Forces in Austria  
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20 June 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Ross  
Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, AC

The Chief Commissioner is especially interested in this individual's recommendation for civilian award and has caused the recommendation to be put through as a special case.

It will be appreciated if this recommendation can be processed and forwarded to higher headquarters immediately.

/s/ J. C. RIVELY

J. C. RIVELY  
Major, Inf.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)  
APO 794

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File: 200.6

18 June 1946.

SUBJECT : Recommendation for the Army Commendation Ribbon.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead).  
APO 794, U.S. Army.

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

1. Under the provisions of WD Circular No. 377, dated 18 December 1945, subject: "Army Commendation Ribbon", it is recommended that JOHN K. WEBER, Colonel, O-102751, Infantry, Director of the Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, be authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service during the period from 27 June 1945 to 15 June 1946.

2. Colonel Weber, as Director and Chief Legal Advisor of the Legal Sub-Commission, and as Chief Judicial Officer for Occupied Italy, performed both of his highly important functions with a deep sense of responsibility.

3. As Chief Judicial Officer, Colonel Weber had the task of reviewing and passing judgment on all cases wherein sentence on the accused exceeded two years imprisonment, any case tried under Italian law, and any case which, because of its importance, a Regional Commissioner or Army Senior Civil Affairs Officer desired to submit to Headquarters for review. Colonel Weber's unselfish application of his talents and excellent judgment, superimposed upon a personal knowledge of the character of criminal type involved - gained through his previous vast experiences in the field - was a guarantee of exacting justice tempered by fairness and understanding in the highest degree.

4. As Director and Chief Legal Advisor of the Legal Sub-Commission Colonel Weber had, among many others, the duty of advising the Chief Commissioner and his staff on questions of law, including the interpretation of the Terms of Surrender; the drafting of formal documents required by the Commission, including AMG legislation; the responsibility for coordination

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of AMG and Italian legislation; and, the supervision, control and functioning of all Courts. When redeployment began taking its toll among the ranks of his officers, it often became necessary for Colonel Weber to go forth into the field to try the more important cases- despite the fact that he was already overburdened with his duties in Headquarters.

5. In this - the first occupational government of its kind - many novel and complex problems were constantly arising. There were no precedents to serve as a guide, and the task of Colonel Weber was not the mere interpretation of established rules. He was acting in the role of a draftsman, writing new pages in the Book of International Law - not only for the present occupation, but also for any that might follow in the years to come.

6. Recommending officer has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Weber.

7. The entire service of Colonel Weber has been honorable.

8. Colonel Weber has held the rank of colonel during the period of this proposed commendation and presently holds that rank.

9. Colonel Weber was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services rendered during the period 15 January 1944 to 26 June 1945.

10. Proposed commendation:

JOHN K. WEBER, Colonel, Infantry, O-402751, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (Overhead), for meritorious service in Italy from 27 June 45 to 15 June 1946 as Director of the Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Commission and as Chief Judicial Officer for Occupied Italy. Colonel Weber not only performed the duties of his two vitally important positions with distinction, but the unselfish application of his talents and the zealous employment of his excellent judgment helped to establish new precedents in the field of military government. Colonel Weber often had to surmount the problems of redeployment and reassignment of his staff by leaving his headquarters and going out into the field to try the more important cases, despite the fact that he was already overburdened with work. He was acting in the role of draftsman, writing new pages in the Book of International Law, not only for the present occupation, but for any that might follow in years to come. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

/s/ ELMERY W. STONE  
ELMERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR,  
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

13 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Civilian Award.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 2679th Regiment,  
Allied Commission, (Ovhd), APO 794,  
U.S. Army.

Commanding Officer, Rome Area, STOUA,  
APO 794, U.S. Army.

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

1. Under provisions of Civilian Personnel Regulations No. 104, 12 April 1944 as amended, it is recommended that Mario Fano, a civilian whose legal residence is Via delle Tre Madonne 12, Rome, Italy now currently Undersecretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications be awarded the Medal of Freedom (with gold palm) for outstanding services from October 2, 1943 to December 31, 1945.

2. In support of the proposed award, the additional personnel data for this individual outlined below is submitted:

- a. Country of birth: Italy
- b. Country of citizenship: Italy
- c. The services performed by Mario Fano, which are considered by the undersigned to merit the award indicated in paragraph 1, are outlined below:

Soon after the signing of the Armistice in September, 1943, Mario Fano left his home and ~~801~~ly in Turin and worked his way to Brindisi. The last 300 kilometers of the journey were made on foot.

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Arriving in Brindisi October 2, 1943, he immediately offered his services to Marshal Badoglio. Having served as a Line Officer of the Italian Army in World War I, he expressed preference for a combat assignment but due to his many years experience in the communications field was charged by Marshal Badoglio with the organization of Italian communications.

Named Undersecretary of State for Communications in the Badoglio Government, he continued to serve in that capacity or as Undersecretary for Posts and Telecommunications in all succeeding Governments to date.

Working in close collaboration with the Allied Commission, civilian communication facilities were, under his direction, made available to the Allied Armed Forces to such a degree as to contribute materially to the Allied military effort and effect marked savings in the employment of Allied troops and materials.

By reason of his resourcefulness, initiative and technical ability the full resources of his Ministry were always applied with the maximum benefit to the Allied war effort in Italy. The civilian facilities rehabilitated proved not only of inestimable value to the Allied troops, but also to the successful operation of Allied Military Government.

C His devotion to duty and unswerving loyalty to the Allied cause have been outstanding.

2. Recommendation for award was not previously made as it was considered advisable to postpone any action while the individual still held his post as Undersecretary. He has now submitted his resignation to the Prime Minister and it

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is desired that recognition be now given for his outstanding achievement.

4. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the above mentioned services. To the best of my knowledge and belief this individual's services have been honorable and his loyal co-operation with the Government of the United States and the Army of the United States is above question.

/s/ Harry W. Stone

HARRY W. STONE

Rear Admiral USNR

Chief Commissioner.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

31 May 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

My dear Admiral Stone:

I have been advised by the Adjutant General of the War Department in regard to your letter of 21 May concerning an award of the Legion of Merit to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, that the Mediterranean Theater of Operations was directed by letter of 15 May to present the Legion of Merit in the degree of Commander to Admiral Warren.

I trust that this action will soon be completed and will relieve your anxiety on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

*O P Echols*

O. P. ECHOLS  
Major General, USA  
Director, Civil Affairs Division

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This order includes Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Brigadier Carr.

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**I. GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.**—By direction of the President, the commanding officer, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, is empowered, pursuant to the eighth article of war, to appoint general courts martial.

(AG 250.4 (1 Apr 46))

**II. GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.**—By direction of the President, the authority empowering the commanding officer, Eastern Signal Corps Training Center, to appoint general courts martial, granted in section I, WD General Orders 59, 1942, is rescinded.

(AG 250.4 (1 Apr 46))

**III. LEGION OF MERIT.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following named officers and enlisted man:

Technician Third Grade *Geraldine S. Buchanan* (Army Serial No. A315575), Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. May 1944 to September 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Bradford Cannon*, 0518181 (then major), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. March to December 1945.

Brigadier General *Philip S. Gage*, 02623, United States Army. March 1944 to January 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *Sterling L. Larrabee*, 0410351, General Staff Corps, Army of United States. December 1943 to November 1945.

**IV. LEGION OF MERIT.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942), and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following named officer:

Brigadier General *Jacques Delmas*, French Army. January to September 1944.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following named officers:

General de Brigade *Michel Albert Berges*, French Army. September 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *A. L. Besant*, British Royal Navy. February 1944 to May 1945.

Commandant (Chef d'Escadron) *Pierre Jean Michel Bouchez*, French Army. September 1944 to January 1945.

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Brigadier *Geoffrey K. Bourne*, British Army. January to May 1945.

Colonel *Ralph E. Brook*, British Army. December 1943 to June 1945.

Brigadier *M. Carr*, British Army. August 1943 to August 1944.

Wing Commander *John W. Davies*, Royal Air Force. 20 July 1942 to April 1945.

Commandant *Pesson Didon*, French Air Force. 20 July 1942 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *John N. V. Dorian*, British Army. 25 February 1943 to 15 January 1944.

Brigadier *W. C. A. Hannay*, British Army. September 1944 to June 1945.

Colonel *Charles E. M. Hardie*, British Army. August 1944 to July 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Henry Lucy-Scott*, British Army. November 1943 to August 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *André Manuel*, French Army. November 1942 to September 1944.

Colonel *Henri Zeller*, French Army. August 1943 to September 1944.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942), and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated, was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers:

Captain *Jean C. Aron*, French Army. August 1944 to February 1945.

Lieutenant *Cesar Cliais*, French Army. 1 March to 9 May 1945.

Captain *Jean M. Dupertuis*, French Army. August 1944 to February 1945.

Colonel *Jacques Longuetot*, French Army. January to April 1945.

**V. BATTLE HONORS.**—As authorized by Executive Order 9330 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943) superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following unit is cited by the War Department under the provisions of section IV, WD Circular 333, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced), consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Cavalry Group, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron; 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron; Company B, 293d Engineer (C) Battalion; Company G, 662d Tank Destroyer Battalion, and Battery C, 253d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action from 3 to 13 January 1945 in the reduction of an enemy pocket in Belgium and Luxembourg, southeast of Bastogne. After having performed an exacting mission under difficult conditions for a period of nearly 2 weeks, the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced) was committed the night of 8-9 January 1945 on a 5,000-yard front along the general line Villers-la-Bonne-Eau—Bethange—Farm Furlman with the mission of aggressive patrolling to follow up any enemy attempts to withdraw. When it became apparent on the morning of 9 January that the Germans had so organized the ground that it was impossible for the infantry on both flanks to advance, the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced) attacked on its own initiative and over and above the requirements of its own mission, but in furtherance of the corps mission. In order to make this attack successful against a numerically superior and well-dug-in enemy, a special task force was constituted, composed of elements of the various components of the group. This task force spearheaded the attack, and the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced), making full use of its mobility and fire power, captured the towns of Bethange and Harlange. The

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attack continuing through the night, despite bitter cold and deep snow, was delayed only by serious obstacles, including mines and blown bridges in the vicinity of Watrange. At daylight, 10 January, these obstacles were quickly bypassed and the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced) drove on. Taking finely calculated risks, all leaders made maximum use of mobility and fire power in relentlessly seeking out and destroying the enemy. Open flanks were ignored by small units in the interest of speed. This speed, plus the aggressive fighting spirit of all personnel, made possible the capture of the towns of Lutremange, Watrange, and Tarchamps, and the zone assigned to the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced) was cleared quickly. Having completed its mission, and by doing so, making possible the advance of the units on its flanks, the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced), in furtherance of the corps plan, requested and was granted permission to advance far beyond its original objective. The group drove on and assisted in the capture of Sonlez. The outstanding action of the 6th Cavalry Group (Mechanized) (Reinforced) broke the back of the German resistance in the Harlange pocket, which had held up the corps advance for a period of 11 days. The determination and indomitable fighting spirit of these courageous officers and men exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

**VI. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TYPHUS COMMISSION MEDAL.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9285, 24 December 1942 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1943) and AR 600-45, the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal for exceptionally meritorious services in connection with the work of the Commission during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Third Grade *Robert O. Belcher* (Army serial No. 34899871), Medical Department, Army of the United States, rendered meritorious services in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission in the investigation of scrub typhus fever in Assam and Burma from June to November 1945. After assisting in the organization of the botanical section of the field headquarters of the Commission at Myitkyia, he was in charge of that section from September to November 1945. Technician *Belcher* developed techniques of study and made large collections of botanical specimens. His work contributed to increasing the understanding of the epidemiology of scrub typhus and to botanical science.

Technician Fourth Grade *Lyndahl E. Hughes* (Army serial No. 39027486), Medical Department, Army of the United States, rendered meritorious services in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission in the investigation of scrub typhus fever in Assam and Burma from April to November 1945. Technician *Hughes* contributed with skill and ability to the isolation of rickettsiae from mites and rodents and to the securing of scientific information on the extent and spread of the disease in Assam and Burma.

Lieutenant Commander *Hollis S. Ingraham*, Medical Corps, United States Naval Reserve, rendered exceptionally meritorious services in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission from December 1944 to August 1945. In villages in Egypt, in Saudi Arabia, and in French Morocco, he made extensive surveys of the typhus situation and participated in the application of control measures to prevent the spread of the disease. By scientific studies, he added to the knowledge of delousing by the use of DDT and of protection by

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vaccination. As an epidemiologist, Lieutenant Commander *Ingraham* contributed direct to the control of typhus fever.

Technician Fourth Grade *Edgar W. Sundermeyer*, (Army serial No. 87615195), Medical Department, Army of the United States, rendered meritorious services in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission in the investigation of scrub typhus in Assam and Burma from November 1944 to November 1945. His identification and classification of mites made it possible to determine the vector of the disease in the area examined. Technician *Sundermeyer* participated in the development of a method for the assessment of the risk of contraction of scrub typhus by troops entering a particular area. His contributions were of value to scientific knowledge and the practical control of scrub typhus.

Technician Fifth Grade *Paul J. Weber* (Army serial No. 37562024), Medical Department, Army of the United States, rendered exceptionally meritorious services in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission in the investigation of scrub typhus fever in Assam and Burma from November 1944 to November 1945. He demonstrated outstanding ability in the rearing of mites in the laboratory. Technician *Weber* contributed direct to the final identification of the mite which transmits the infection and to the first experimental proof that the infectious agent is transmitted from one generation of mites to the next. This demonstration of transovarial transmission of the agent of scrub typhus constitutes one of the most important stages in the advancement of new knowledge of the disease.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

In reply  
refer to

29 May 1946

AG 201-P-Warren, Guy L. (Br O)

SUBJECT: Award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. The recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, submitted 20 March 1946 by Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR, has been approved by the War Department.

2. Request for British clearance in the acceptance of this decoration by Rear Admiral Warren has been submitted to the Commander-in-chief, Mediterranean Station, British Royal Navy, by letter, this headquarters, dated 28 May 1946, file AG 201-P-Warren, Guy L. (Br O), Subject: "Award of Decoration". (copy inclosed herewith for information) Upon receipt of clearance, the necessary arrangements for appropriate presentation will be made.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

*Robert O. Bender*  
ROBERT O. BENDER  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

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copy ltr 28 May 46

*Note*

*Lieut. Grose, Secretary to Adm Warren has been informed of the present status as per par. 2 above. jef 4/6/46*

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

In reply  
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28 May 1946

AG 201-E-Warren, Guy L. (Br O)

SUBJECT: Award of Decoration

TO : Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean  
Station, British Royal Navy

1. Attention is invited to informal routing slip, this headquarters, file AG 201-E-Warren, Guy L. (Br O), subject: award of Bronze Star Medal, dated 19 October 1945, requesting appropriate British clearance be obtained in the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, and letter, your headquarters, file Med. 45/171/4/2., subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal to Rear Admiral G. L. Warren (Retired), stating concurrence.

2. Inasmuch as more evidence has been received, this headquarters and the War Department, Washington, D. C., desire to award Rear Admiral Warren the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, in lieu of the Bronze Star Medal.

3. It is requested, in view of the information above, that your headquarters obtain necessary concurrence in the acceptance of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander.

4. War Department approved citation is inclosed for your information in obtaining necessary clearance.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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Citation

ROBERT O. BENDER 5825  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

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Ltr HQ MTOUSA, Subj: Award of Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, Real Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, dtd 29 May 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 31 May 46.

TO: Chief Commissioner, 2675th Regiment Allied Commission,  
APO 394, U.S. Army.

In compliance with basic letter.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DASHER:



C. B. MURPHY  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
LABOR DIVISION  
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

28 May 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission  
Rome, Italy

Dear Admiral Stone:

I am taking the liberty of addressing you with respect to a matter which is of considerable importance to a reserve officer. As you well know, the only tokens of war service that such an officer can carry with him into civilian life as marks of recognition are the rank he attained through promotion and decorations.

You may be interested to learn that I received the Legion of Merit from General Clark recently for the work I have done in connection with Allied Commission activities in Austria. I have been Chief of its Labor Division ever since the group was finally formed at Caserta more than a year ago.

I know that the request I make is completely unmilitary but I know of no other way in which to ascertain, except by direct query, whether some such similar mark of recognition, such as the Bronze Star, might be recommended by you in my behalf for the work done in connection with the Labor Division under your guidance.

I was assigned to the Labor Division, Allied Commission for Italy, in North Africa in September 1943, and continued with this Division until my transfer to Austria in April 1945. You are personally cognizant of my activities, particularly in the role of Chairman of the Labor and Wages Control Committee, Allied Forces Headquarters. Attached herewith are copies of recommendations made in my behalf to your headquarters on 4 October 1944.

Trusting you will understand my temerity in broaching this subject, and with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours

*Junius R. Smith*  
JUNIUS R. SMITH  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Labor Division

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Citation

COLONEL JUNIUS R. SMITH QMC O-137364, 2675 REGIMENT ACC. for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Deputy Director of the Labor Sub-Commission from 25 September 1943 to 30 September 1944, he has not only carried out his duty and activities with exceptional ability, but he has made notable contributions in the field of labor of such a nature as to make possible the successful carrying out of the program of the Allied Control Commission in Italy.

By reason of extraordinary application to his duties far beyond requirements, in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties, he has handled and brought to successful accomplishment important problems in the labor field which, if left unsolved, would have resulted in serious impediment in the success of the military mission. The efforts of this Officer have in every respect constituted a real credit to the Service and elicited the unstinted praise and thanks of all his colleagues.

Colonel Smith entered the Service from Alexandria, Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Legion of Merit.

TO : HEADQUARTERS, 2675 REGIMENT ACC  
(OVERHEAD) APO 394

1. Under the provisions of para 12, AR 600-45, it is recommended that COLONEL JUNIUS R. SMITH, QMC O-137364, now on duty with the Labor Sub-Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 September 1943 to September 1944.

2. Colonel Smith has uninterruptedly been Deputy Director of the Labor Sub-Commission from the time of its initial organization in Tizi-Ouzou and the performance of his duties has been at all times carried out with extraordinary skill and zeal far beyond what requirements dictated, and without any concern for personal health. He devised the initial organization plans for the Sub-Commission with such accuracy as to require no changes as varying conditions required reorganization of plans. He has carried on at all times as my American opposite number with superior competence and ability.

At a time when the dire question of wage adjustment was slated for negative action by others in the Allied Military Government and which action would unquestionably have led to serious labor disputes and bloodshed, he was the prime mover in the fight which led to the ultimate approval of the wage increase, in the face of terrific opposition. This action became the basis for wage determinations in all parts of Italy and was influential in setting up the Armed Forces wage scale along proper lines.

He has made outstanding contributions and taken a leading part in the study of the entire labor structure in Italy and formulating for final promulgation a labor law which in principle will give, if accepted by the Italian Government, the Magna Charta for Labor in Italy, free of Fascist fundamentals and embodying the best experience of free democratic processes in other countries.

With a mere handful of men, in a situation which would clearly call for a large and competent staff, he has had a large hand in the successful direction of the Sub-Commission, and has carried out the various programs outlined, always motivated by his deep concern for the proper solutions of labor matters in Italy. His firm resolution and sound judgment have proven of inestimable value at all times in furthering the mission of the Allied Forces in the labor field. Recently, recognition of his high standards and experience, he now being in his fifth consecutive year on active duty and uninterruptedly in the labor field, was made by his appointment as chairman of the Labor and Wage Control Committee of AFHQ.

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3. The outstanding services rendered by Colonel Smith and high devotion to duty displayed by him is in keeping with the finest traditions of the U. S. Army, reflects greatest credit on himself and his organization, and has served as an inspiration and guide to all who have worked with him both in this Headquarters and in the Field.

4. The recommending Officer of this award has personal knowledge of the deeds performed by Colonel Smith.

5. The entire subsequent service of Colonel Smith has been honorable.

6. Colonel Smith has received no decorations to date.

7. Colonel Smith entered the Armed Forces from Alexandria, Virginia.

/s/ J. T. R. Bain  
Colonel,  
Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

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INFORMAL ROUTINGHEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File: 200.6

Date 22 May 1946

SUBJECT: Decorations

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| No. | From      | To                 | Date   |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| 1   | Asst Adjt | Chief Commissioner | 22 May |

1. The following is the list of persons instructed to appear at 1045 hours this morning for a ceremony at 1100 hours in the office of the Chief Commissioner:

LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel ARTHUR NEVILLE MANCOCK (Br)  
Colonel HARRY M. WALKER

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Lt Col LEIF NEPRUD  
Lt Col WALTER P. SCOGGINS  
Major DANIEL J. MAHONEY  
Capt CHARLES E. PERRY  
Capt ROSARIO A. CASILLO  
CWO SEASON E. HUTHBERTS  
Mr (formerly 1st Sgt) Louis J. Rada

2. Major Mahoney and Capt Perry were both in Trieste when notification was given. They have not yet arrived at this station, and it is probable that they will not be present for the ceremony.

*Season E. Huthberts*  
SEASON E. HUTHBERTS  
CWO USA  
Assistant Adjutant

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Mr. Behn - Pls see me  
**ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION**  
**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Personal

FILE No.

22 May

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TO : Chief Commissioner

1. You were most kind to interest yourself in the Cavaliere Ufficiali of SS. Maurizio and Lazarus on my behalf.
2. Tom got his about 8 February 1946 and approval by MTOUSA on 18 March 1946.
3. Since I intend to continue in the reserve, following your own advice, it would be nice if the MTOUSA o.k. could also be obtained. I believe the attached account of my activities, drawn up some time ago, would suffice as evidence in the event the Italians, as reports have it, are diffident about presenting the case to MTOUSA.
4. In any event, the main thing is your own benevolent thought, for which I again thank you.

*J. P. Leacoc*  
 JOHN P. LEACOC  
 Major, MIB  
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Major Leacacos was responsible in December 1943 for initiating the first plan for the liberation of the press in Rome at the time of the imminent Anzio landing when he was Deputy Public Relations Director of Region IV AMG in Naples.

At Naples, in April 1944, Major Leacacos was instrumental in organizing the first post-Fascist Italian Government Press Bureau and personally arranged the first transmission of the first communiqués of the Badoglio Government from Salerno for distribution to Allied correspondents and world-wide Allied news service.

Major Leacacos was the first U.S. Army Public Relations Officer to issue official communiqués from the battlefield during the May 1944 campaign of AMG operations concerning the reception given to the Allied armed forces by the Italian population.

Major Leacacos issued the first communiqués of the Bonomi Government after the liberation of Rome, being personally responsible for the procurement, preparation and distribution to the world press of the news of the first Italian Government created after Fascism in the national capital.

Major Leacacos obtained the information, wrote and issued personally more than 500 general press releases about Italian activities to the world and Italian press, especially giving out the first detailed description of economic conditions in Italy, which articles aided materially in creating favorable public opinion in the United States toward the substantial aid which has since materialized for Italy.

Major Leacacos personally investigated, itemized and wrote the first report for the world press of the atrocities committed by the German Gestapo in Italy, particularly concerning the crimes of Via Tasso, which report was one the first to be filed by Allied authorities for use against Nazi war criminals.

As a member of the Fifth Army AMG, Major Leacacos was the first U.S. Army Public Relations ~~officer~~ to enter Rome, doing so with units of the Canadian-American Army Special Force and establishing under Brigadier General Hume's direction the first Italian press office which established the freedom of the press which newspapers in Rome have enjoyed from the first day of liberation.

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Major Leacacos organized the first post-Fascist epuration machinery for the screening and accreditation of Italian journalistic in Italy, setting up the process in Rome in July 1944.

Major Leacacos was responsible for founding, writing and publishing the original Allied Commission-UNRRA ECONOMIC NOTES (taken over by UNRRA after the first four issues) as the first attempt to give concrete official information on pressing economic matters to the Italian public and businessmen.

Major Leacacos, <sup>a major portion</sup> for more than two years, has been the managing editor (and writer of ~~most of~~) of the Allied Commission Weekly Bulletin, and official publication of the Allied Commission which gives and informal, quick synopsis of current events in Italy of interest in civil affairs. It has acted not only as a coordinating medium of information for our liaison officers in the field but has been read with great interest and approval at AFHQ, the British and American Embassies, the United States War and State Departments, the British War and Foreign Offices and the United States Foreign Economic Administration, all of whom are on record as to its utility in presenting a picture of Italian needs and conditions. In recent weeks, the Bulletin has also been made available to Allied and Italian correspondents. ~~It is the only one under which the administrative section have been kept.~~

Major Leacacos established the <sup>teletype</sup> system whereby news from Venezia Giulia is transmitted by ~~wire~~ to the Italian press, thereby providing an outlet for the reports of AMG authorities in that area to maintain peace, impartiality of administration and a proper protection of national claims to the area.

Major Leacacos was asked to assist the Ministry of War with advice and counsel as to establishing an efficient Public Relations Office for the Italian and on how best to advertise the national aims and achievements of the Italian Army.

Lastly, Major Leacacos in the summer of 1945 performed the research, wrote and published the Review of the Allied Commission and Allied Military Government in Italy, which was distributed widely in Italy and in the world to the extent of 75,000 Italian copies and 75,000 English copies and thus placed

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on record the achievements of the Allied Commission in fulfilling its mission on behalf both of Italy and the United Nations and also listed the achievements of the Italian people in contributing to the Allied war effort. As a consequence, the British Foreign Office has considered re-issuing the Review as a White Paper while the dispatch of the Review to every important university, library, newspaper and periodical in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom influenced favorably public opinion towards Italy.

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21 May 1946.

My dear General Echols:

Thank you for your letter of 26 March with regard to reconsideration of the award made to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, R.N., who is Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

The Awards and Decorations Office, MTUSA, advises that on 23 March a new recommendation was forwarded to the Adjutant General, Washington, recommending that Admiral Warren be awarded the Legion of Merit in place of the previous award of the Bronze Star Medal.

However, nothing has since been heard of this new proposal and I should be grateful if you could expedite its favorable action by the Decorations and Awards Board of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Major General O. P. Echols, U.S. Army,  
Director, Civil Affairs Division,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

AG 201-P-STEARNES Lloyd W. (O)  
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17 May 1946

SUBJECT: Award of Foreign Decoration.

TO : CO, Rome Area, MTOUSA.

1. The Theater Commander has concurred in the acceptance of the award of the Cross Knight Order St. Maurice & Lazrus, Italian decoration, to Lt. Col. Lloyd W. STEARNES. Records indicate that this individual is at present a member of Hq. 2675th Regt. A.C.

2. This award is authorized by letter of presentation from General Adolfo Infante, The First Aide-de-Camp General to His Royal Highness The Lieutenant General of The Realm, serial number 2037, dated 25 March 1946.

3. Request that this information be furnished to the individual concerned. Notification has been forwarded to the War Department in accordance with paragraph 35, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

/s/ Robert O. Bender  
ROBERT O. BENDER  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:

Trans of ltr fr Gen. Infante  
2037 dtd 25 March 1946

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Sylvan E. Humphreys*  
SYLVAN E. HUMPHREYS  
CWO USA

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Ltr HQ Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Subj: Recommendation for Award, Brigadier George Singleton Parkinson, dtd 14 May 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 17 May 46.

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

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Commanding General  
U. S. Forces, Mediterranean Theater  
APO 512, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

3-15 August 1946

15 May 1946

1. Reference is made to your 1st Indorsement dated 23 March 1946, forwarding recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, for meritorious service from January 1945 to March 1946.
2. This award has been approved and replaces the award of the Bronze Star Medal previously approved for the period January to August 1945. Letter of 20 November 1945 is therefore amended to direct presentation of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, instead of the Bronze Star Medal. A copy of the citation pertaining to the award is inclosed. Signed citation and certificate pertaining to the award will be forwarded at a later date.
3. It is requested that this office be informed when presentation is accomplished.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

SA J. Valentine

Adjutant General

1 Incl  
Copy of citation

Copy For: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, WDGS

✓ Chief Commissioner, Ha. Allied Commission  
APO 394, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

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HEADQUARTERS  
MTOUSA  
APO 512

14 May 1946

AG 201-Parkinson, George S. (Br Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. Reference is made to the recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Brigadier George Singleton Parkinson, Royal Army Medical Corps, British Army, submitted by Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, 29 October 1944.

2. This award was not favorably considered by the British War Office, inasmuch as the previous British decoration, C.B.E., was awarded to Brigadier Parkinson for the same period of service for which the Legion of Merit was recommended.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

/s/ Robert O. Bender  
/t/ ROBERT O. BENDER  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

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*Chief Doran:*  
Capt. Jenkins (A) will get a copy of citation from MTOUSA as soon as possible.

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 260/EC

6. May 1946.

Thank you for your letter of 25th April 1946. I am very pleased to hear that you have been honoured with the U.S.A. Medal of Freedom and would like to take this opportunity of offering you my congratulations.

The medal will be received by R.A.A.C., and will no doubt be presented to you by the Commanding General in the near future. There is no official document issued, but the order that you have quoted will be sufficient information on which to apply for His Majesty's approval.

Your present address is known to the United States Authorities.

M S. LUSH

W. H. Braine Esq.,  
Labour Attache,  
British Embassy,  
ROME.

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21 May 1946.

My dear General Echols:

Thank you for your letter of 26 March with regard to reconsideration of the award made to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, R.N., who is Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

The Awards and Decorations Office, MTOUSA, advises that on 23 March a new recommendation was forwarded to the Adjutant General, Washington, recommending that Admiral Warren be awarded the Legion of Merit in place of the previous award of the Bronze Star Medal.

However, nothing has since been heard of this new proposal and I should be grateful if you could expedite its favorable action by the Decorations and Awards Board of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Major General O. P. Echols, U.S. Army,  
Director, Civil Affairs Division,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

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31 May 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

My dear Admiral Stone:

I have been advised by the Adjutant General of the War Department in regard to your letter of 21 May concerning an award of the Legion of Merit to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, that the Mediterranean Theater of Operations was directed by letter of 15 May to present the Legion of Merit in the degree of Commander to Admiral Warren.

I trust that this action will soon be completed and will relieve your anxiety on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

(S)  
O. P. ECHOLS  
Major General, USA  
Director, Civil Affairs Division

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

In reply  
refer to

14 May 1946

AG 201-P-Parkinson, George S. (Br Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Decoration

THRU : Commanding Officer, Rome Area MTOUSA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

15/ Robert O. Bender (SVN)  
ROBERT O. BENDER  
CWC, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

ROBERT O. BENDER  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant General

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21 May 1946.

My dear General Echols:

Thank you for your letter of 26 March with regard to reconsideration of the award made to Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, R.N., who is Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

The Awards and Decorations Office, MTOUSA, advises that on 23 March a new recommendation was forwarded to the Adjutant General, Washington, recommending that Admiral Warren be awarded the Legion of Merit in place of the previous award of the Bronze Star Medal.

However, nothing has since been heard of this new proposal and I should be grateful if you could expedite its favorable action by the Decorations and Awards Board of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

*Elmer W. Stone*

ELMER W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Major General O. P. Echols, U.S. Army,  
Director, Civil Affairs Division,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

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4 May 1946

## Legion of Merit Recommendation for Brigadier PARKINSON.

1 G-1(A) Lt Col  
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1. Telephone conversation with Awards and Decorations Section of G-1 MTOUSA reveals that the recommendation for the Legion of Merit for Brigadier Parkinson was forwarded to the War Department where it was approved and sent to the British War Office where it was disapproved. I have asked the Awards and Decorations Section to confirm this in writing since it seems so unusual.

EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
G-1 American.

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Ltr HQ Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Subj: Recommendation for Award, Brigadier George Singleton Parkinson, dtd 14 May 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MEVOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army, 17 May 46.

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

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Translation

No. 2734

Rome, 18 April 1946

HEADQUARTERS

M.T.O.U.S.A. - G-1 Division, APO 512

Attention A.C. of S;G-1

Following the proposal of the Ministry of the Royal House, H.M.S. the Lieutenant General of the Real would confer the "Croce di Cavaliere" dell'Ordine della Corona d'Italia on Capt. Harold A. COOLEY, Commander of the 281 Company of Military Police and to Lieut. John H. SMITH, of the 281 Company of Military Police, for their sympathy with Italy.

We would appreciate your opinion on the matter, before further action is taken.

IL TRINO AUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
Generale II Divisione  
/a/ (Adolfo Infante)

FO : Admiral Elery W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner, A.C.

R O M E

..... for information : IL COLONNELLO CAPO SEZ. AFFARI GENERALI  
/a/ (Cesare Ruggeri Laderchi) 582

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No. 2784

Rome, 18 April 1946

HEADQUARTERS

M.I.O.U.S.A. - G-1 Division, AFG 312

Attention A.C. of 3:G-1

Following the proposal of the Ministry of the Royal House, R. M. the Lieutenant General of the Regi would confer the "Croce di Cavaliere" on 1'Orlino della Corona d'Italia on Capt. Harold A. COOLEY, Commander of the 281 Company of Military Police and to Lieut. John H. WHITE, of the 281 Company of Military Police, for their sympathy with Italy.

We would appreciate your opinion on the matter, before further action is taken.

IL PRIMO AIDANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
Generale di Divisione  
/s/ (Adolfo Infante)

TO : Admiral Ellery W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner, A.C.

R O M E

..... for information : IL COLONNELLO CAPO SEZ. AFFARI GENERALI  
/s/ (Cesare Raggeri Lederer)

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No. 2784

Rome, 10 April 1946

HEADQUARTERS

M.T.G.S.C.A. - G-1 Division, APO 512

Attention A.C. of 3:G-1

Following the proposal of the Ministry of the Royal House, M.H.R. the Lieutenant General of the Real would confer the "Croce di Cavalliera" dell'Ordine della Corona d'Italia on Capt. Harold A. GODLEY, Commander of the 184 Company of Military Police and to Lieut. John E. WHITE, of the 184 Company of Military Police, for their sympathy with Italy.

We would appreciate your opinion on the matter, how far further action is taken.

IL REALE AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
Generale di Divisione  
/s/ (Adolfo Infante)

TO : Admiral Eilery W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner, A.C.

R O M E

..... for information : IL COLONNELLO CAPO DEPT. AFFARI GENERALI  
/s/ (Cesare Ruggeri Laderchi) 5861

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5 April 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq Co, 2675th Regt, AC

Acting on instructions of the Chief Commissioner it is requested that Sgt Carlos A. Mena and Pfc Arthur Knipp report for regular duty at the Chief Commissioner's Office tomorrow Army Day. They will be given appropriate compensating time off at a later date.

L. W. STEARNS  
Lt Col, AGD  
Staff Officer to CC

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7 April 1948

## Legion of Merit Award for Brigadier PARKINSON.

1 G-1(A) Staff Officer  
Office of the  
Chief Commissioner.

1. Since the promised written confirmation of the fact that the British War Office had disapproved the award of the Legion of Merit to Brigadier Parkinson had not arrived at this headquarters, I called G-1 Awards and Decorations Section at MTOUSA and was informed that they were re-checking with the War Office through the British side of Awards and Decorations and would inform us as soon as a reply was received.

2. This has been placed in my suspense file for 14 May in the event that they have not answered my query.

EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
G-1 American.

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

In reply  
refer to

4 April 1946

My dear Admiral:

Reference is made to your letter of 22 March, requesting that the question of official concurrence in the award of Italian Red Cross decorations to United States military personnel be reconsidered.

Members of our Armed Forces are authorized to accept from the governments of cobelligerent nations such decorations as are conferred by those governments upon their own military personnel. The decorations in question, while authorized by the Italian Ministry of War, are awards conferred by the Italian Red Cross and not the Government.

There is no comparable award nor method of award authorized by our Government, and the official acceptance of these decorations is not believed to be in conformance to established policy.

Yours sincerely,

*L. C. Jaynes*  
L. C. JAYNES  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of Staff

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

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Ltr file 201 - Carnes, James J. (O) 1st Ind.  
Recom. Award Legion of Merit - 16 Apr 46

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IRO, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394, 25 April 1946

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

Recommend approval.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File:

16 April 1946

X - 201 - CARNES, James, J. (Q)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERITTO : COMMANDING GENERAL, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. ARMY

1. Under the provisions of Par. 12, AR 600 - 45, it is recommended that James J. CARNES, O-15340, Col. Inf., 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 March 1944 to 14 April 1946.

2. As Chief of the Road Section, Transportation Sub-Commission, for the period of one year, from 12 March 1944 to 1 March 1945, he was in charge of the organizing of all civilian truck pools for the entire mainland of Italy as far north as the PISA - RIMINI line. This organization also included the establishment of maintenance units in various points in Italy, and the movements of all civilian supplies throughout Italy. This was of vital importance to the Allied Armies, because most of the railroad transportation was used exclusively for the movement of military supplies, and at that time the Army was in need of trucks. Col. CARNES with the assistance of some of the members of his staff and the Italian Government was responsible for the establishment of ENAC which organization eventually took over the responsibility of movement of civilian supplies by truck. In addition to organizing all available civilian transport, Col. CARNES submitted to A.C. Headquarters the requisitions on the combined Chiefs of Staff for the necessary trucks and truck supplies to supplement the motor transportation in Italy. When these trucks and supplies arrived in Italy Col. CARNES, with the assistance of A.F.H.Q., used this equipment in the formation of an Italian Truck Brigade consisting of about 10,000 officers and men. This organization which operated about 3000 trucks was used to move the civilian supplies in the army area where ENAC and civilian truck pools could not operate. As Commanding Officer of the Truck Brigade from 1 March 1945 to October 16, 1945 (first known as the Motor Transport Group) Col. CARNES organized a driver training school at CIVITAVECCHIA where 3,300 Italian drivers were trained. A Motor Maintenance School was set up in Rome where approximately 1000 Italian students were trained in 3rd and 4th Echelon maintenance. In addition and in order to service these trucks, he established maintenance shops in all the principal cities in Italy. He also set up a base supply depot in Rome and sub-depots in other principal cities where 331 tons of motor spare parts were warehoused and distributed. As most of the trucks arrived from America in boxes completely disassembled, Col. CARNES established a truck assembly plant in Rome where 3451 trucks were assembled, serviced, and distributed. This was done by contract using civilian personnel under Army supervision. Col. CARNES arranged to have Italian Government officials attached to his organization for training, thus making it possible to transfer the operating responsibility and the property accountability over to the Italian Government as of 29 Sept. 1945.

In view of the assistance given to the Italian Government in connection with the above mentioned activities, the Italian Government decorated Col. CARNES with the COMENDATORE DELLA CORONA DEL REGNO D'ITALIA.

3. On or about 16 October 1945 Col. CARNES was attached to the Legal Sub-Commission with which he is serving at the present time. During this period Col. CARNES was charged with the duties of Chief Legal Investigator for the prosecution of the COGEMA Case which dealt with irregularities and frauds in connection with coastwise shipping. This investigation necessitated the collection of volumes of technical shipping data, and also the interrogation of hundreds of witnesses. Col. CARNES was successful in recruiting a numerous and most competent staff of legal and criminal investigators in order to comb all the vital ports and cities of Italy. This investigation necessitated travel to the United States, Naples, Palermo, Leghorn, Genoa, Turin, Milan and to a number of other small seaport towns. After the collection of this great mass of information, it was then incumbent upon him to screen it and to prepare it for the prosecution. This investigation was continued for a period of approximately four months, at the end of which time the COGEMA Case was tried before an Allied Military General Court. As a result of this trial two persons were convicted of bribery and fraud and the success of this case had great effect in eliminating shipping irregularities and frauds. Shipping costs were thus greatly reduced and thus benefitting the entire Italian population. This case could not have been properly prepared and presented to the Court without the invaluable and able services of Col. CARNES.

4. On or about 1 March 1946, Col. CARNES was assigned as a Member of the Legal Review Board which had the task of reviewing all cases involving serious crimes and long sentences. He has performed this duty in a most skillful, careful and able manner, and has written a most complete and accurate opinion of all cases reviewed by him. His reviews have stood the test of the best legal critics of the Allied Commission, and they are considered as a precedent to be followed in the review of cases.

5. Col. CARNES' keenly intelligent work, his skill, initiative, ingenuity and wisdom have brought about a great advancement in the field of transportation in Italy. His untiring devotion to duty, his utter loyalty and his great efforts are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army. The results of his work and accomplishments both in the transportation and legal field reflect the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Allied Forces.

6. The officer was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time of his assignment to duty with the Allied Military Government and was promoted to the rank of a Colonel on 7th July 1944. He has performed duty in the assignment of Chief of Road Section, Transportation Sub-Commission, Commanding Officer of the Motor Transport Group, and attached to the Legal Sub-Commission at Headquarters A.C. The officer is at present attached to the Legal Sub-Commission and is a member of the Legal Review Board.

7. The Chief Legal officer, A.C., has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Col. James J. CARNES.

8. All subsequent services of Col. CARNES have been honorable.

9. The officer has received no previous American awards.

10. Proposed citation (see enclosure 1).

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PROPOSED CITATION

Col. James J. CARNES, O-15340, Infantry, R.A., 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 12 March 1944 to 14 April 1946. As Chief of the Road Section of the Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Col. CARNES was faced with the responsibility of organizing, operating, equipping, training, and maintaining all the civilian Truck Pools and the Motor Transport Group for the transport of all civilian supplies to all parts of liberated Italy. The Motor Transport Truck Group consisted of 24 GM truck companies and 10 General Transport companies totalling about 10,000 officers and men and was operated by Italian personnel supervised by Allied personnel. Col. CARNES also organized and set up a driver's training school in CIVITA-VECCHIA where more than three thousand civilians were trained. He was also responsible for the establishment of maintenance and repair depots in all large centres of Italy. A motor mechanic's school was also organized in Rome where more than 1000 mechanics were trained. These motor transport organizations were of vital importance to the Army in that they relieved it of the civilian supply responsibility. The organization was so efficiently planned and operated that it became possible to turn the same over to the Italian Government to operate, without change, transferring with it the responsibility of the transport of civilian supplies. In October 1945, Col. CARNES having completed his duties with the Transportation Sub-Commission became attached to the Legal Sub-Commission. In this branch he served as chief investigator and was successful in the collection, screening and preparation of information for the prosecution of the COGENA Case which dealt with shipping irregularities and frauds. As of March 1, 1946 he has been on the Legal Review Board reviewing cases involving serious crimes and long sentences. To this task he has given a great deal of time and energy and his opinions have demonstrated skill, accuracy and a high sense of justice. Col. CARNES' resourcefulness, ingenuity, dynamic energy, vision, and high efficiency are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect greatest credit on himself, his organization and the Allied Forces in Italy. Entered the military service from West Point June 12, 1923.

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