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UNITED STATES ARMY
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20 June 1946

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SUBJECT: Award of American Decorations to British Subjects

TO : Commanders of all Major Commands, Separate Units and Installations, MTOUSA

1. The War Department advises that it is contrary to British policy to approve the acceptance by British subjects of decorations for services rendered since the cessation of hostilities.

2. In view of this policy, no recommendations for the awarding of American decorations to British subjects for services in this theater will be submitted, unless the services covered were begun prior to 9 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JAYNES:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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26 February 1946

SUBJECT: Medal

TO : Col. A Bosco, Capo della Segreteria Particolare
Del Sottosegretario di Stato per le Poste e i
Telegrafi.

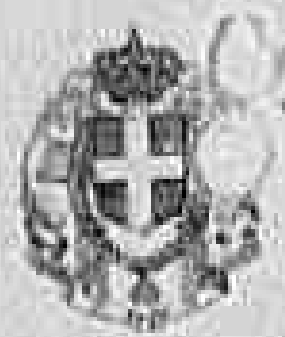
Dear Col. Bosco,

I have received your letter of 23 February
and it is a pleasure to forward the medal to Capt.
Alasia who I am sure will be greatly pleased and
honored by this recognition of his work in Italy.

Yours sincerely,

H.F. SCUDDER,
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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Roma, 23 Febbraio 1946

Ministro delle Comunicazioni

IL CAPO DELLA SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE
DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
PER LE POSTE E I TELEGRAFI

Egregio Col. Scudder;

il Sottosegretario Dr. Fano, mi dà incarico di affidare alla Sua cortesia l'unita lettera di concessione della Croce di Cavaliere della Corona d'Italia per il Capitano Guido ALASIA, nonchè le insegne stesse dell'Ordine, con viva preghiera di far recapitare il tutto all'interessato.

Il Cap. Alasia potrà a Suo mezzo far pervenire il modulo rosa che è allegato alla lettera di concessione.

Mi perdoni il disturbo, mentre Le porgo, anche a nome del Dott. Fano, i più vivi ringraziamenti e cordiali saluti.

(A; Bosco)

Col. Antonio Bosco

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C-1 (B)

31 December 1945

REFERENCE : C-1B/250/1/0

SUBJECT : Campaign Stars.

TO : See Distribution.

1. This letter deals only with the following medals:-

- (a) 1939/45 Star;
- (b) Italy Star.
- (c) France and Germany Star.

2. The Defence Medal will be the subject of separate instructions which will be issued later when the appropriate forms are printed.

3. Details of qualifications for award of the following Campaign Stars will be supplied to any personnel who consider themselves to be qualified:

- (a) Atlantic Star.
- (b) Air Crew Europe Star.
- (c) Pacific Star.
- (d) Burma Star.

4. Details of the Africa Star and Clasps thereto are not included as the majority of qualified personnel have already claimed - details may be obtained from ACI 829/45. Full details of all Campaign Stars are given in ACI 829/45. An extract of relevant paragraphs is enclosed as Appx 'A' to this letter

5. It is necessary to claim these awards on AF B 2070. Forms may be obtained by Officers of HQ from the HQ Comd, and by ORs from O.C. British Detachment when instructed to do so. HQs in the field will obtain Army Forms from local Stationary Depots in the normal manner and will ensure that copies are made available to all eligible personnel.

6. After completion of Parts I and II ONLY of AF B 2070 by individual claimants addressees will forward the forms together with nominal roll in duplicate to this HQ.

7. Only one copy of AF B 2070 is required from each individual.

8. United States personnel who served in the British Army prior to joining AF/AG may also claim these awards provided they are NOT eligible for any American award for the same operation. The same form will be used but names will be recorded on separate nominal rolls.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

E.g. General may

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SECTION I

General

1. This A.C.I. gives the details of the conditions of the award of the Campaign Stars and Clasp and Defence Medal promulgated in Army Order 108 of 1945.
2. Officers and other ranks of the following classes will be eligible for the Stars and Clasp and the Defence Medal:--
 - (a) All officers (including women officers) and other ranks of the British and Colonial Military Forces and those of Dominion and Indian Forces serving in the British Army.
 - (b) Nursing officers.
 - (c) Officers and auxiliaries of the A.F.S.
 - (d) V.A.D. officers and members.
 - (e) Specially approved categories of uniformed civilians.
 - (f) Allied nationals commissioned or enlisted into the British Forces.

3. The Stars and Defence Medal will be worn in the following order - the 1939-45 Star, the Atlantic Star, the Air Crew Europe Star, the Africa Star, the Pacific Star, the Burma Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star and the Defence Medal.

These awards will allow any personnel to wear five of the eight ribbons of the Campaign Stars, i.e.:-

- The 1939-45 Star.
- The Africa Star.
- The Pacific or Burma Star.
- The Italy Star.
- The France and Germany or Atlantic, or Air Crew Europe Star.

The ribbon of the Defence Medal may be worn by qualified recipients in addition to those granted for Campaign Stars.

SECTION II

General qualifications for Award of Campaign Stars and Clasp

4. Definition of "qualifying service".
 - (a) The service of personnel posted within a War Establishment or attached to a unit or formation for duty will be regarded as qualifying service.
 - (b) The service of personnel stationed during journeys, visits or inspections will normally be excluded if the attachment is for less than 30 days. Where special circumstances exist, however, or where the visit has lasted for more than 30 days application may be made to the War Office (A.G. 4(d)), for approval to reckon such service.
 - (c) Service in ships making occasional visits to the defined areas for fuelling and so forth will not necessarily be a qualification.

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Service qualification for Campaign Stars.

6. 1939-45 Star.

to qualify for the 1939-45 Star individuals:-

 - (a) must complete six (or two months' service in the operational commands listed in para 15 or 17; or
 - (b) with less than six (or two) months' operational service as in (a) above -
 - (i) must have taken part in those operations which qualify in themselves for the award, as listed in para 21 (a);
 - or
 - (ii) who have -
 - (1) won an honour, decoration, mention in despatches, commendation for brave conduct or commendation for valuable service in the air, for service in operations; or

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- (2) died on service; or
 (3) been evacuated as a result of wounds or sickness arising out of service, the sickness not being due to misconduct; under para 21 (b).

7. (a) Pacific, Burma, Italy and France and Germany Stars.

To qualify for either the Pacific, Burma, Italy or France and Germany Star, individuals:-

- (i) must first qualify for the 1939-45 Star by six (or two) months' operational service as in para 6 (a) above, after which they qualify for the appropriate theatre Star by entry into operations, i.e., by service of one day or less: or
- (ii) If they have already qualified for the 1939-45 Star by less than six (or two) months' operational service under para 6 (b) (i) or (ii) they must first aggregate six (or two) months operational service as in para 6 (a), after which they become eligible for the appropriate theatre star by entry into operations.

or

- (iii) If they have not already qualified for the 1939-45 Star, but have either
- (1) won an honour, decoration, mention in despatches, commendation for brave conduct or commendation of valuable service in the air, for service in operation; or
- (2) died on service; or
- (3) been evacuated as a result of wounds or sickness arising out of service, the sickness not being due to misconduct:
- during operations for which the Pacific, Burma, Italy or France and Germany Star is granted, qualify for both the 1939-45 Star and the appropriate theatre Star immediately, without completing six (or two) months' operational service as in sub-para (i) above.

(c) Last six months of the war in Europe.

- (i) During the last six months of the war in Europe, i.e., from 8th November, 1944, to 8th May, 1945, both dates inclusive, qualification for the Atlantic, Italy or France and Germany Star will be by entry into a theatre of operations without the prior award of the 1939-45 Star under para 7 (a) (i) and (b) (i).
- (ii) Recipients of the Atlantic, Italy or France and Germany Star under sub-para (i) above will not be awarded the 1939-45 Star until they aggregate six (or two) months' operational service under para 6 (a) above.

8. Qualifying period - Those who have fulfilled the conditions of para 6 above and have been awarded one of the new Stars, will not be required to complete the six months' (or two months in the RAF) qualifying period referred to in para 6 (a) above a second time in order to qualify for a second new star.

- (iii) If they have not already qualified for the 1939-45 Star, but have
- (1) won an honour, decoration, mention in despatches, commendation for brave conduct or commendation for valuable service in the air, for service in operation; or
 - (2) died on service; or
 - (3) been evacuated as a result of wounds or sickness arising out of service, the sickness not being due to misconduct:
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(c) Last six months of the war in Europe.

- (i) During the last six months of the war in Europe, i.e., from 6th November, 1944, to 8th May, 1945, both dates inclusive, qualification for the Atlantic, Italy or France and Germany Star will be by entry into a theatre of operations without the prior award of the 1939-45 Star under para 7 (a) (i) and (b) (i).
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9. Prisoners of War.

- (a) The conditions stated in sub-para (b), (c) and (d) below are subject to the proviso that the circumstances of capture are free from blame.
- (b) Prisoners of War who, at the time of capture had qualified for the 1939-45 Star by six months' operational service, (or two months in air crew, R.A.F.) will count time spent as a prisoner of War towards the six or two months' qualifying service for the award of the Atlantic Star (para 25) or Air Crew Europe Star (para 33), if at the time of capture they were serving in operations which qualify for those awards.
- (c) Prisoners of War who, at the time of capture had qualified for the award of the 1939-45 Star by six or two months' operational service will have qualified for the Pacific, Burma, Italy or France and Germany Star, by entry into the appropriate operational service.
- (d) Prisoners of War who, at the time of capture had qualified for the 1939-45 Star by less than six or two months' operational service, or who had not qualified for the 1939-45 Star, will count time spent as a prisoner of War towards the six or two months' qualifying service required by para 6.

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Even though time spent in operations and as a prisoner of war may be in excess of six or two months, such service will not qualify these individuals for the Star appertaining to the campaign in which they were captured in addition to the 1939-45 Star. They may, however, qualify for other Stars after release or escape from captivity by performing operational service in the prescribed areas.

10. Honours, decorations, mention in despatches and commendations. - Where qualification for the grant of a Campaign Star or the Defence Medal is dependent upon the award of a honour, decoration, mention in despatches, commendation for brave conduct, or commendation for valuable service in the air, the Star or Medal will only be awarded to those whose grant of an honour, decoration, mention or commendation has been published in the London Gazette (see paras 21 (b) (i), 30, 37 and 91 (c)).

11. Classes. - No individual will be awarded more than one class to anyone of the Stars

A record is to be made in every instance of the alternative Class or Classes that would have been awarded but for the prior award of the Star first earned.

SECTION III

Qualifications for Individual Campaign Stars.

The 1939-45 Star.

12. The currency of the 1939-45 Star has been extended and will be granted for service in operations from 3rd September, 1939, to 31st May, 1945, and possibly to a later date as regards the Far East. It is temporarily re-designated the "1939-45 Star". This Star and the Africa Star may now both be awarded to the same individual.

14. Qualifications for award.

- (a) To qualify for an award of the 1939-45 Star an individual must have qualifying service with a unit or formation as defined in para 4 (a) in one or more of the qualifying commands listed in para 15 below, for at least six months (18 days) Army, or two months (61 days) Air or R.N.; or
- (b) the Star may be awarded for less than six or two months' operational service under the conditions of para 21.

15. Six months' operational service qualification. - The 1939-45 Star will be granted to any personnel of the classes detailed in para 2 who, from 3rd September, 1939, aggregate six months' service on the strength of a unit or formation in one or more of the qualifying commands given below:-

Qualifying Commands	From	To
(1) Aegean	11.6.43.	8.5.45.
(2) Africa:- North Africa (troops under Allied Force Headquarters, and Middle East Command excluding formations not West of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea). Mediterranean (including attacks on Novorossiysk and Rostov).	10.6.40.	12.5.43.
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Qualifying Commands		From	To
(1) Foreign	...	11.6.45.	8.5.45.
(2) Africa:-			
North Africa (troops under Allied Force Headquarters, and Middle East Command excluding formations not West of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea).	...	10.6.40.	12.5.43.
Italy (including attacks on Rome, Black and Cassino).	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
Malaya	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
The Somaliland	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
Kenya (excluding Kenya territory and Uganda, except to troops when G.O.C.-in-C, East Africa is satisfied were called forward from Uganda for operations in Lake Rudolf area).	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
Belgium	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
(3)	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
(4) British Archipelago	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
(5) Borneo and Sarawak	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
(6) Boulogne-lo-fouquet	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.
(7) Bruneval	...	10.6.40.	27.11.41.

No.	Country	Year	Value	Percentage	Remarks
(8)	Barbados	1911	11.12.41.	...	Date to be notified.
(9)	Colombia	1911	10.1.42.	...	26.2.42.
(10)	China	1911	11.12.41.	...	Date to be notified.
(11)	Hong Kong	1911	5.12.41.	...	25.12.41.
(12)	Guatemala	1911	11.6.41.	...	1.10.43.
(13)	Dominican Republic	1911	19.1.42.	...	...
(14)	Guatemala	1911	11.6.43.	...	3.5.45.
(15)	Germany	1911	3.9.39.	...	19.6.40.
(16)	Gilbert and Ellice Islands	1911	6.6.44.	...	8.5.45.
(17)	Greece and Crete	1911	6.6.44.	...	8.5.45.
(18)	Greece	1911	10.12.41.	...	Date to be notified.
(19)	Holland	1911	10.3.41.	...	31.5.41.
(20)	India North-West Frontier (see p. 4).	1911	11.6.43.	...	8.5.45.
(21)	Iran	1911	21.4.42.	...	22.4.42.
(22)	Italy (including Elbe)	1911	12.5.40.	...	13.5.40.
(23)	Japan	1911	6.6.44.	...	8.5.45.
(24)	Lofoten Islands	1911	3.2.40.	...	24.5.40.
(25)	Madagascar	1911	13.5.41.	...	26.8.41.
(26)	Malaya	1911	23.7.42.	...	13.6.42.
(27)	Malta	1911	10.4.41.	...	31.5.41.
(28)	Molucca Island	1911	1.5.43.	...	8.5.45.
(29)	Morocco	1911	10.2.41.	...	...
(30)	New Guinea	1911	11.6.43.	...	...
(31)	Norway	1911	27.2.42.	...	9.5.42.
(32)	Ocean Island	1911	1.5.41.	...	...
(33)	Persia	1911	26.12.41.	...	...
(34)	St. Maurice	1911	5.5.42.	...	5.11.42.
(35)	Sardinia	1911	8.12.41.	...	15.2.42.
(36)	Sart	1911	1.11.43.	...	Date to be notified.
(37)	Sicily	1911	10.5.40.	...	12.5.43.
(38)	Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and British New Hebrides Territory).	1911	30.1.42.	...	23.2.42.
(39)	Spitzbergen	1911	8.12.41.	...	1.5.42.
(40)	Sweden	1911	7.3.42.	...	Date to be notified.
(41)	Switzerland	1911	14.4.40.	...	8.6.40.
(42)	Taiwan	1911	3.12.41.	...	26.1.42.
(43)	Turkey	1911	25.3.41.	...	23.8.41.
(44)	Ukraine	1911	27.3.42.	...	23.3.42.
(45)	United States	1911	11.6.43.	...	19.9.43.
(46)	Venezuela	1911	3.10.42.	...	4.10.42.
(47)	Yugoslavia	1911	11.6.43.	...	17.9.43.
(48)	Zanzibar	1911	1.2.42.	...	Date to be notified.
(49)	...	1911	25.10.41.	...	3.9.41.
(50)	...	1911	16.5.42.	...	3.9.41.
(51)	...	1911	14.2.42.	...	Date to be notified.

(19) Holland ...	...	...	...	...	6.6.44.	6.5.45.
(20) Indi North-West Province (see para 1).						
(21) Iraq ...	...	...	...	...	5.2.40.	24.5.40.
(22) Italy (including Elba)	...	...	...	...	10.6.41.	26.8.41.
Lancaster	...	...	...	...	23.7.42.	18.8.42.
Pantelleria	...	...	...	...	10.4.41.	31.5.41.
(23) Java ...	...	...	...	...	1.6.43.	8.5.45.
(24) Lofoten Islands	...	...	...	...	10.2.41.	---
	...	...	...	...	11.6.43.	---
(25) Madagascar	...	...	...	...	27.2.42.	9.3.42.
	...	...	...	...	5.4.41.	---
(26) Malaya	...	...	...	...	26.12.41.	---
	...	...	...	...	5.5.42.	5.11.42.
(27) Malta	...	...	...	...	8.12.41.	15.2.42.
(28) Molucca Island	...	...	...	...	1.11.43.	Date to be notified.
(29) Mauritius	...	...	...	...	10.6.40.	12.8.43.
(30) New Guinea	...	...	...	...	20.1.42.	23.2.42.
	...	...	...	...	8.12.41.	1.3.42.
(31) Norway	...	...	...	...	7.3.42.	Date to be notified.
(32) Ocean Island	...	...	...	...	14.4.40.	8.6.40.
(33) Persia	...	...	...	...	8.12.41.	26.7.42.
(34) St. Maurice	...	...	...	...	25.3.41.	28.8.41.
(35) Sardinia	...	...	...	...	27.3.42.	28.3.42.
(36) Sark	...	...	...	...	11.6.43.	19.9.43.
(37) Sicily	...	...	...	...	3.10.42.	4.10.42.
(38) Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and British New Hebrides Territory).	...	...	...	...	11.6.43.	17.1.43.
	...	...	...	...	1.2.42.	Date to be notified.
(39) Spitzbergen	...	...	...	...	25.8.41.	3.9.41.
	...	...	...	...	16.5.42.	8.9.43.
(40) Sumatra	...	...	...	...	14.2.42.	Date to be notified.
	...	...	...	...	1.11.43.	---
(41) Tarie	...	...	...	...	8.6.41.	11.7.41.
(42) Tabor	...	...	...	...	20.2.42.	31.5.42.
(43) Vukobrevia	...	...	...	...	11.6.43.	8.5.45.
(44) Vukovo	...	...	...	...	27.12.41.	---
(45) Service qualifying for the award of the Atlantic Star (see paras 25 to 32)	...	...	...	...	3.9.39.	2.5.43.
(46) Service qualifying for the award of Air Cross Europe Star (see paras 33 to 41)	...	...	...	...	5.9.39.	5.6.44.

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India will not be regarded as an operational command except for the purpose of actions in Burma and the North-West Frontier (see para 15 (8) and 20)).

Individuals enrolled in the Maritime R.A. or while serving with the A.A. Defence Merchant Shipyard or A.A. L.F.C. Troops for the Defence of Ships in Government service as permanent staff of troopships and hospital ships (carriers) will qualify on completion of six months' sea-going duty in dangerous waters (see para 20).

Journeys by air personnel through dangerous waters (see para 20) to an Army National Command mentioned in para 15 will count towards the qualifying period of the 1939-45 Star, provided that the journey was completed. The journey will count if the date of arrival falls within the dates set out in para 15, against each nation. It will then count from the date of embarkation.

Those who did not complete the journey owing to death, wounds or injury resulting in enemy action will qualify under para 21 (b) (ii) or (iii).

Journey by air personnel through dangerous waters to non-operational areas will count towards the qualifying period.

The expression "dangerous waters" shall include the following areas:-

(a) From 3rd September 1939.- the Atlantic Ocean including Howe waters and the North Sea; the Baltic, the Arctic Ocean between Greenland and latitude 70 degrees East; and that part of the Indian Ocean lying south of 45 degrees South and west of 55 degrees East.

(b) From 1st June, 1940.- as in sub-para (a) with the addition of the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the Indian Ocean.

(c) From 10th June, 1940.- Anywhere at sea.

Less than six months' service qualification.- Personnel qualify for the award the 1939-45 Star before the completion of six or five months' operational service:-

(a) Who have taken part in any of the following operations:-

Operations	From	To
Belgian ...	10.5.40.	19.6.40.
Boulogne-le-Thénard ...	3.6.42.	---
Brussels ...	27.2.42.	28.2.42.
Burma ...	22.2.42.	15.5.42.
Burma (Dirigible Force)	7.2.43.	15.7.43.
Dienpie ...	19.3.42.	---
France ...	10.5.40.	19.6.40.
Greece and Crete ...	10.3.41.	31.5.41.
Italy ...	21.4.42.	22.4.42.
Holland ...	12.5.40.	15.5.40.
Hong Kong ...	8.12.41.	25.12.41.
India, North-West Frontier (see para A);	3.2.40.	24.5.40.
Iran ...	10.5.41.	26.8.41.
...	28.7.42.	10.8.42.
...	10.4.41.	31.3.41.
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- (ii) died on service; or
 (iii) been evacuated as a result of wounds, or sickness arising out of service, the sickness not being due to misconduct. The term "evacuated" means evacuated beyond R.A.P. or to hospital in the case of base troops.

22. Class. - A Clasp to the 1939-45 Star has been instituted for air crew or pilot aircraft engaged in the Battle of Britain between 10th July and 31st October, 1940.

THE ITALY STAR

71. The Italy Star has been instituted for entry into operational service on land in Italy or Sicily at any time during the campaign there and in certain areas of the Mediterranean Theatre of War, from the capture of Bastia on 11th June, 1943, until 8th May, 1945, both dates inclusive.

72. Ribbon. - The ribbon is in the Italian colours, green, white and red. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

73. Qualifications for award. - The Italy Star will be awarded to those who have earned it whatever other Campaign Stars may be granted in addition for service in the present war.

74. Provided that the requirements of para 6 are fulfilled, the Star will be awarded for operational service on land under the conditions of para 4 (a) as follows:-

	Operation	Front	Back
(1) Moroccan	...	...	11.6.43.
(2) Corsica	...	...	11.6.43.
(3) Dodecanese	...	...	11.6.43.
(4) Greece	...	...	11.6.43.
(5) Italy (including Ilva)	...	...	11.6.43.
(6) Sardinia	...	...	11.6.43.
(7) Sicily	...	...	11.6.43.
(8) Yugoslav	...	...	11.6.43.

75. Army personnel with former service in the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy or R.A.F. during the qualifying periods will be conditioned to the regulations for those Services.

THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR

76. The France and Germany Star has been instituted for service in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany between 6th June 1944, and 8th May 1945, both dates inclusive.

77. Ribbon. - The ribbon is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag, and these colours are also used as a symbol of France and the Netherlands. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in blue at either edge and one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

78. Qualification for award. - No qualification for the France and Germany Star on individual must have entered either France, Belgium, Holland or Germany on operational service under the conditions of para 4 (a) between 6th June, 1944, and 8th May, 1945, and fulfilled the condition of para 6.

73. Qualifications for award. - The 15th Star will be awarded to those who have earned it without other Campaign Stars may be granted in addition for service in the present war.

74. Provided that the requirements of para 6 are fulfilled, the Star will be awarded for operational service on land under the conditions of para 4 (a) as follows:-

	Operation	From	To
(1)	Aegean ...	...	...
(2)	Corfu ...	...	...
(3)	Dodecanese ...	...	...
(4)	Greece ...	...	...
(5)	Italy (including Elba)	...	...
(6)	Sardinia ...	...	...
(7)	Sicily ...	...	...
(8)	Yugoslavia ...	...	...

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78. Qualification for award. - To qualify for the France and Germany Star an individual must have entered either France, Belgium, Holland or Germany on operational service under the conditions of para 4 (a) between 6th June, 1944, and 8th May, 1945, and fulfilled the condition of para 6 +.

79. Individual enrolled in the British R.A., or who served with R.A. Defence of Merchant Shipping, or R.A. L.S.C. troops for the Defence of Ships in Government Service, or as permanent staff of transport or hospital ships (carriers) will be eligible for the France and Germany Star.

80. Any personnel with qualifying service in the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy or R.A.F., will be conditioned to the regulations of those services, which are as follows:

- (a) Royal Navy and Merchant Navy - Naval and Merchant Navy Service at least in the North Sea south of the line from the Firth of Forth to Kristiansund (South) in the English Channel or the Bay of Biscay, east of longitude 6 degrees West will be a qualification provided such service was directly in support

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of land operations in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, etc. Naval and Merchant Navy service afloat in the Mediterranean in support of operations in the South of France will not be a qualification. Such service will qualify for the Italy Star.

(b) R.A.N. - 1/12 Crew serving in operations in support of qualifying land operations, and operational service, from 6th June 1944 to 31st May 1945, over Europe, will qualify. Air crew service qualifying for the Atlantic Star will not qualify for this Star. Sorties from the Mediterranean over Europe, will not be a qualification as such service will be a qualification for the Italy Star.

(c) General. - For Naval personnel on duty ashore and non-air crew personnel of the R.A.N. serving from the French Red areas of land operations will be a qualification.

31. Class. - The France and Germany Star will not be awarded in addition to the Atlantic Star or the 12 Green Arrow Star. Personnel who qualified for these Stars or two of them will be awarded the Star first earned. If the France and Germany Star is awarded under these conditions a Clasp will be awarded for service which would qualify for the Atlantic Star.

32. Emblem. - A silver rose emblem to denote the award of the Clasp will be worn on the ribbon when the Star itself is not worn.
+ (See para 7(c) for conditions of award for service in operations during the last six months of war in Europe.

Dominion personnel serving with the British Army.

Personnel of the Dominion Forces who served with the British Army under the special loan scheme (C.O. Quilon), or exchange schemes may qualify for British Campaign Stars and Medals under the same conditions as for personnel of the British Army.

101. Civilians.

(a) Members of the civilian organisations listed in Appendix 'D' are eligible for Campaign Stars and Medals.

(b) It is a condition without any exception that members were full-time workers, were in uniform and completed the conditions appropriate to military personnel.

(c) Applications for awards by civilians will be made to the Secretary at the Headquarters of the organisation to which the individual belonged during the period of service in an operational area.

(d) Claims by serving officers and other ranks in respect of civilian service

or two of them will be awarded the Star first earned. If the France and Germany Star is awarded under these conditions a Clasp will be awarded for service which would qualify for the Atlantic Star.

62. Ensign. - A silver rose ribbon to denote the award of the Clasp will be worn on the ribbon when the Star itself is not worn.

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(d) Claims by serving officers and other ranks in respect of war or civilian service in any of the above organizations, will be submitted to the War Office for investigation. If the service is approved the claim form will be returned to the C.I.O. or C.C. unit concerned for publication in Part II/III Orders and will thereafter be *5263* of in the normal manner.

(e) The Secretary of the organization will be informed by the War Office of any claim approved.

102. Allied Nationals. - Claim forms received from Allied Nationals who are serving or have served in the British Army, and who claim to have qualified for the award during such service will be dealt with under the normal procedure. A separate roll of such individuals will be prepared for despatch to the War Office when requested.

Applications received in record offices which relate to service not in H.M. Armed Forces will be forwarded to the War Office. (M.G. 4 medals) for necessary action. In every instance, the request is made on the understanding that by the acceptance of a British Campaign Star or Medal, an Allied national will not be entitled to a similar award from his own Government, or any other Allied Government. This is to say

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a similar award is to be interpreted as a Campaign Star or Medal instituted for the period and the service for which a British Star or Medal has been granted. The continued wearing of the ribbon will be invalidated by the acceptance of any other award as above defined.

APPENDIX D

List of Civilian Organisations (referred to in para 101)

- (a) Philanthropic Bodies.
 - Army Scripture Readers Association.
 - B.R.C.S. and O of St. J. War Organisation.
 - Catholic Women's League
 - Church Army
 - Church of Scotland
 - Christian Scientists (Official Ministers)
 - Friends Ambulance Unit.
 - Hibbert Houses.
 - Methodist and United Board Churches.
 - Mission to Redemptarian Caribbians.
 - Salvation Army.
 - Tec. H.
 - Y.H.C.A.
 - Y.W.C.A.

- (c) Other Civilians.
 - War Correspondents.
 - American Field Service.
 - American War Correspondents (prior to 31st December 1941).
 - Masses, (B.R.C.S.).

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Y.W.C.A.

(c) Other Civilians.
War Correspondent.
American Field Service.
American War Correspondents (prior to 31st December 1941).
Massachusetts, (B.R.C.S.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

14 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

TO : See Distribution.

To avoid any misunderstanding, paragraph 3 of the Chief Commissioner's letter, subject and file as above, dated 8 August 1945, which begins "Because the status of the relationship" is amended so that this paragraph will read: "Because the status of the diplomatic relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations."

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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File: 200.6

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards for Italian Campaigns.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Interpretations shown in this letter will be used to determine the eligibility of all officer and enlisted personnel, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead), for the award of bronze service stars for the Italian campaigns. Application has been made by this Headquarters to the Commanding General, MTOUSA, to include this Regiment in the letter announcing such awards for the NORTH APPENNINES and PO VALLEY CAMPAIGNS. It is anticipated that this letter will be published by Hq MTOUSA in the very near future. Using the interpretations contained herein and upon receipt of such awarding letter, proper entries will be made in the records of all personnel entitled thereto. Necessary changes will also be made in the Adjusted Service Rating Cards by inserting to the left of the original entry, in the blank space at the left, the change, as now made, with the date of change and initials of the certifying officer. Any changes resulting in reductions or increases of Adjusted Service Rating Card scores will be reported on organization Morning Reports as outlined in main paragraph 4 of this letter. These interpretations are based on information received from higher headquarters and are to be used as the Final medium for determining proper awards.

2. Letter, file: AG 200.6/040-P, subject: "Battle Participation Awards (Italian Campaigns)", Hq MTOUSA, dated 9 May 1945, places the following limitations on the awards for campaigns in Italy:

a. NAPLES - FOGGIA CAMPAIGN - Time Limitations, 9 Sept 43 to 21 Jan 44.

Boundaries - Italian Mainland (not including Sicily or Sardinia) and Corsica and adjacent waters.

INTERPRETATION:

All personnel of this Regiment in any part of Italy or Corsica during the specified dates are entitled to this award.

b. ROME - ARNO CAMPAIGN - Time limitations, 22 Jan 44 to 9 Sept 44.

Boundaries - Italian Mainland (not Sicily or Sardinia) and Corsica and adjacent waters.

INTERPRETATION:

(1) All personnel who were located in Italy and Corsica subsequent to 21 January 1944 (termination date of Naples - Foggia Campaign) and prior to 15 August 44, are entitled

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to the award for the Rome - Arno Campaign, providing such personnel were physically present for duty as outlined in (3) and (4) below.

- (2) All personnel arriving in Italy subsequent to 15 August 1944 and prior to 10 September 1944, must have been physically present for duty on that portion of the Italian Mainland and adjacent waters North of 42 Degrees North Latitude, or on any part of Corsica, to be entitled to the award for the Rome - Arno Campaign. (North of 42 degrees North Latitude would be approximately any location North of Furbara on the Tyrrhenian Sea due East to Termoli on the ADRIATIC. Rome is SOUTH of this line.)
- (3) Personnel ASSIGNED to the Companies actually located within the boundaries for which the award is made and who performed duty within those boundaries are entitled to the service star, regardless of the length of time such duty was performed. The location of the company within the boundaries, plus the fact that the Officers or Enlisted Men were assigned to the company, is the primary basis. Added to this, the fact that such personnel actually performed duty in the area, regardless of how short the time, establishes final basis for the award.
- (4) Physically Present for Duty is defined as follows:

"The fact that an officer or enlisted man was assigned to a company whose headquarters was established North of 42 Degrees North Latitude is not basis for entitlement. These personnel may have been ASSIGNED to such company, but were performing duty south of the boundary line established. These personnel are therefore not entitled to the award. Likewise, an officer or enlisted man assigned to a company South of the boundary line and performing temporary duty in the specified area, or attached to a company located in the specified area, is not entitled to such award unless the temporary duty or attachment required the physical presence of the officer or enlisted man for more than 50% of the time (i.e. Between 21 January 44 and 15 August 44, fifteen (15) weeks or more on the Italian Mainland or in Corsica; between 15 August 44 and 9 September 44, fourteen (14) days or more on the Italian Mainland North of 42 degrees North Latitude, or anywhere in Corsica.)"

NOTE: Entries made on records awarding the Rome - Arno Service Stars to personnel who were not performing duty within the boundaries listed above prior to 9 September 44 will be deleted, since such personnel are not entitled thereto.

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c. NORTH APPENNINES CAMPAIGN - Time Limitations, 10 Sept 44 to 4 April 45. This campaign is divided into two (2) parts as indicated below for the purpose of determining eligibility. However, only ONE bronze service star is authorized for the campaign.

- (1) From 10 September 1944 to 27 October 1944 inclusive.

Boundaries - To include that portion of the Italian Mainland North of the Line CECINA - SIENA - MONTE S. SAVINO - FAERIANO - ANCONA.

- (2) From 28 October 1944 to 4 April 1945 inclusive. Boundaries - to include that part of the Italian Mainland North of the Line ARNO RIVER - PONTA S. SIEVE - SAN SEPOLCO - UREANIA - URBINO - PESARO.

INTERPRETATION:

- (3) For personnel attached to, or on Temporary Duty with, the companies entitled thereto, entitlement to this award will be based on physical presence of the officer or enlisted man within the boundaries and during the time limitations as set forth in paragraphs c(1) and c(2) above for 50% or more of the time specified (i.e. twenty-five (25) or more days actually performing duty North of the line as stated in c(1) above; thirteen (13) or more weeks North of the Line as stated in c(2) above. For personnel ASSIGNED to the companies entitled thereto, see paragraph b(3) above.
- (4) The following companies were located within the boundaries during the times specified:

Company "G" - Florence - 14 September 1944
 Company "H" - Siena - 10 September 1944
 Company "I" - Riccione - 2 December 1944
 Company "K" - Pesaro - 2 October 1944

Mere attachment to, or Temporary Duty with, these companies does not entitle an officer or enlisted man to the award. The officers or enlisted men physically present in excess of the time limitations specified in c(3) above will be the determining factor. Certain personnel of Company "T" and the 2696th Technical Supervision Company, with Headquarters in Rome, will be entitled to this award by virtue of the fact that such personnel were physically performing duty for more than 50% of the time within the boundaries and during the time limitations as set forth in c(1) and c(2) above.

- d. PO VALLEY CAMPAIGN - Time Limitations, from 5 April 1945 to 8 May 1945.

Boundaries - That part of the Italian Mainland North of the line PIETRASANTA - SAN MARCELLO - IMOLA - CASTIGLIONE - RAVENNA.

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- (1) For personnel attached to or on Temporary Duty with the companies entitled to this award, entitlement will be based on the physical presence as outlined in paragraph c(3) of the interpretation for the North Apennines Campaign (i.e. seven-teen (17) days or more of physical presence of the officer or enlisted man in the area specified will entitle such personnel to this award.)

- (2) The following companies were located within the boundaries during the times specified:

Company "G" - Modena - 1 May 1945
 Company "I" - Bologna - 2 May 1945
 Company "K" - Padova - 6 May 1945
 Company "N" - Genoa - 1 May 1945
 Company "O" - Porretta-Termo - 23 April 1945
 Company "R" - Mantova - 29 April 1945
 Company "S" - Parma - 5 May 1945

- (3) Mere attachment to, or Temporary Duty with, these companies is not entitlement for the award to officers and enlisted men. Physical presence in the performance of duty, as defined in paragraph 2(b)(4) above, is mandatory for entitlement. Certain officer and enlisted personnel of Companies "H" and "T" and 2696th Technical Supervision Company, may be entitled to this award subject to physical presence and to requirements as specified above. For personnel ASSIGNED to the companies entitled thereto, see paragraph b(3) above.

3. ROSTERS OF OFFICERS - All officers qualified for either or both of the awards for the North Apennines and Po Valley Campaigns in accordance with instructions shown above will be reported on rosters indicating such entitlement. These rosters will be forwarded so as to reach this headquarters not later than 15 June 1945. Each individual case will be scrutinized so that improper awards will not be made, nor will an individual entitled to an award be denied such recognition through error on the part of personnel responsible for making determination.

4. ADJUSTED SERVICE RATING CARD AND MORNING REPORT CHANGES - All changes resulting in an increase or decrease of Adjusted Service Rating Card Scores will be shown on the Adjusted Service Rating Card in accordance with existing directives (see also paragraph 1) and will be reported on Organization Morning Reports in accordance with previous instructions. Sample Morning Report remarks follow:

a. When R-Day Roster information was not available, and has now been entered on Adjusted Service Rating Cards, viz:

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(R-Day Roster Correction)
 Johns, John 32323232 T/Sgt
 Information omitted
SHOULD BE
 MOS-055 (1)--55 (2)-25, (3)-4 (5)-67 (6)-M (7)-None
 (8)-Blank

b. When R-Day Rosters indicated higher or lower scores than the scores to which personnel are now entitled, viz:

(R-Day Roster Correction)
 Smith, Frank (SR) 01010101 1st Lt
 Combat credit (3)-10, total credits (5)-60
SHOULD BE
 Combat credit (3)-15, total credits (5)-65

NOTE: Figures in parentheses indicate the columns on the R-Day Rosters in which this information should appear.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARKIN:

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200.6
 (1 Jun 45) 1st Ind. HEL/jtg
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVID), APO 394, U.S. Army,
 2 June 1945.

TO: All Concerned.

1. In accordance with instructions received from Hq Comd, AF, this date, awards to personnel, excepting personnel of Co "C", will be made citing letter referred to in Par 2, basic letter, viz: "Atzd Bronze Service Star for (North Apennines) (Po Valley) Campaign per ltr, file: AG 200.6/040-P, Subj: "Battle Participation Awards (Italian Campaigns)", Hq MTOUSA, 9 May 1945."

2. For personnel of Co "C", viz: "Atzd Bronze Service Star for North Apennines Campaign per ltr, file: AG 200.6/040 P-O, subj: "Battle Participation Awards", Hq MTOUSA, 26 May 1945." This authority will be used for the North Apennines Campaign ONLY. The letter cited in par 1 above will be used for awards for the Po Valley Campaign.

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1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is requested that Colonel J.L.Henderson be awarded the Legion of Merit of degree of officer for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19th September, 1943 to May 26th, 1945.
2. Colonel Henderson as Deputy Director and later Director of the Communications Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission has been confronted with the dual problem of insuring that Allied Military Forces were afforded the maximum communications facilities from civilian sources and at the same time restoring communications for essential civilian needs. Colonel Henderson by his tireless energy, unceasing application and outstanding technical ability was at all times able to satisfy the Communications requirements of military authorities and make available to civilians the maximum possible amount of facilities.
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit.

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

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 600-45, it is requested that Charles Poletti, Colonel, 0923774, AUS, now on duty with the Allied Commission of Italy, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 16 June 1943 to 20 June 1944.

2. Colonel Poletti aided in planning for military government of liberated areas as Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hq 7th Army for the Sicilian Campaign from 16 June to 15 August 1943. As Senior Civil Affairs Officer of Palermo Province between 10 June and 24 October 1943, he was responsible for distributing, directing and supervising Civil Affairs Officers advancing with the Allied troops in Sicily. Later, as Regional Commissioner in Sicily and Campania from 24 October 1943 to 22 June 1944, he was responsible for organizing and directing the administration of military government in each area.

3. With each position and in each Region there were many problems requiring a tremendous amount of work and ability by a capable director. In Sicily, the first AMG region, the AMG officers and the entire system were operating under the critical eyes of the whole world. With the collapse of the entire governmental structure, administrative machinery had to be established on a local, provincial, and regional basis. Most of this was later adopted as a standard administrative procedure by the Italian Government.

4. In Naples, an industrial area, unsettled conditions brought about numerous strikes. Colonel Poletti, as Regional Commissioner, devoted many long hours to aid in negotiations with the representatives of employers and employees. Since wage increases were not allowed, wage demands could not be met, long and patient negotiations were necessary for a successful settlement. When a general strike involving the entire city was threatened, settlement was made only through a long and difficult series of personal conferences. Colonel Poletti granted the would-be strikers the first large mass meeting where complete freedom of speech was permitted. Extensive, well-organized Black Market activities which resulted in much criticism by the press and produced a serious economic situation, were finally smashed after a Black Market Section was established and arrangements were made for an adequate supply of foodstuffs and material to be brought into the city.

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5. In each region under his control, Colonel Poletti initiated a series of weekly radio talks to the people in Italian, explaining the activities of Allied Military Government and discussing and clarifying the problems facing the people and AMG. These talks greatly helped in bringing AMG to the people and emphasizing the need for a sense of responsibility on the part of the Italian people themselves.

6. By a keen conception of his responsibilities, he organized his Regions into smoothly operating, integrated organizations. Through his expert planning, keen judgment, executive ability, efficiency, devotion to duty, and his dynamic and forceful leadership, he rendered a vital contribution to the successful accomplishment of the mission of Allied Military Government. The close coordination between the AMG, tactical and administrative formations in his area, and the Italian Government, brought about by the untiring efforts and personal supervision of Colonel Poletti contributed immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the war on this front.

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

8. The recommending officer of this award has personal knowledge of the services rendered by Colonel Poletti.

9. Officer was a Lt Colonel during part of the time that his services were rendered. He was promoted to Colonel on 17 May 1944. During the period from 16 June 1943 to 20 June 1944, he was assigned as Senior Civil Affairs Officer of Palermo Province and Regional Commissioner of Sicily and Campania, of the Allied Control Commission. On 21 June 1944, the above assignment was terminated. He is at present a Colonel and is on Temporary Duty with the Civil Affairs Division, War Department.

10. The entire subsequent service of Colonel Poletti has been honorable.

11. This officer has received no decorations to date.

12. Inclosed herewith proposed citation.

13. This recommendation is re-submitted per information contained in 3d Indorsement, Hq MPOUSA, dated 6 December 1944, file: AG 201-P-Poletti, Charles (O), to letter, Hq Allied Control Commission, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, dated 28 October 1944, Subject: "Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit".

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