

**These are an extract from the regulations relating to all campaign stars and medals for World War Two.**

## **The Italy Star**

### **43. General**

The Italy Star is granted for operational service in the Sicily or in Italy from the capture of Pantellaria on 11th June, 1943, until 8th May, 1945, inclusive. This star is also granted for certain operations in Sardinia, Greece, Corsica, Elba, Yugoslavia, the Aegean and Dodecanese.

#### Land Service

The qualification for army personnel for service on land is entry as part of the establishment into operational service in the areas defined in para. 44.

Note. - The conditions for a special award of the Italy Star for 30 days' service in the qualifying area on visits, journeys and inspections, are stated in Section I.

### **44. Qualifying Land Areas**

The qualifying areas for the Italy Star are:-

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Aegean	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Corsica	11. 6.43	4.10.43
Dodecanese	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Greece	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Italy (including Elba)	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Pantellaria	11. 6.43	-
Sardinia	11. 6.43	19. 9.43
Sicily	11. 6.43	17. 8.43
Yugoslavia	11. 6.43	8. 5.45

Note. —Army personnel who entered Austrian Territory during the closing stages of hostilities in Europe are eligible for the Italy Star, but not for the France and Germany Star.

### **45. Airborne Service**

- i. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations in a qualifying army area will qualify by "entry into operational services".
- ii. Aircrew who flew on operations against the enemy in the Mediterranean theatre of war or over Europe from bases in the Mediterranean area will qualify by an operational sortie. The Italy Star may not be awarded to aircrew based elsewhere than in the Mediterranean area.
- iii. Non-aircrew service on land qualifies under para. 43.
- iv. The qualification for flying personnel posted or employed on air transport or ferrying duties will be at least three landings in any of the qualifying areas shown in para. 44 during the stipulated dates.

Flights to Europe from bases in the Mediterranean area during the period from 11th July, 1943, to 8th May, 1945, will be a qualification for the Italy Star and not for the France and Germany Star.

### **46. Sea going Services**

- i. The qualification for army personnel posted for duty in sea-going vessels (para. 7) in direct or close support (i.e., within visual contact) of land operations is "entry into operational service" as for service on land, e.g., service in vessels landing troops, stores, etc., at ports in or on the shores of an operational area in the Mediterranean, including Cretan and Albanian waters, or in naval operations during the invasion of the South of France.

- a. For other service afloat, "entry into operational service" is subject to the qualification that the 1939-45 Star has previously been qualified for by the 180 days' operational service.
- b. "Casual entry" into the qualifying sea areas, for instance, in ships on passage through or working up, in the Mediterranean, or service in ships based on Gibraltar, North African, Palestinian and Cypriot ports not directly connected with actual operations; or service in Merchant Navy vessels landing troops, stores, etc., at ports in North Africa, Palestine, Syria and in Cyprus, or service in vessels at ports in Spain, the Balearic Islands and Turkey (East of 30° East) will not be regarded as service qualifying for the Italy Star.

*Note.*---The qualifying conditions for the "special award" of this star are stated in Section I.

- ii. Last six months. - Personnel who entered operational service in the qualifying area on or after the 10th November, 1944, and did not thereafter serve in any area of active operations (subject to the rule as to casual entry) may qualify for the Italy Star, by "entry into operational service," and the necessity for the prior award of the 1939-45 Star is waived. In such cases, except for a special award under paragraph 10 (i), the 1939-45 Star may not be awarded for service of less than 180 days.

#### **47. Qualifying Sea Areas**

The qualifying sea areas for the award of the Italy Star are the Mediterranean Command, the Aegean, and Albanian and Cretan Waters.

*Note.*---Service in Naval operations during the invasion of the South of France is *not* a qualification for the France and Germany Star.