
Scholarship Report

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Chairman, Scholarship Committee

I have been corresponding by phone and mail with Umberto Albanese, the professor who screens all candidates for the Association's Scholarship Program. From the applicants he selects those who fit the high standards of academic achievement agreed upon between the Scholarship Committee and Professor Albanese. In addition he arranges for the ceremony, notifies the press and invites distinguished guests from various government functions such as: Rossella Rinaldi, the Vice Superintendent of schools, Guisepppe Tenor, Justice of the Supreme Court, Teodato Labia, Counselor, Raphael Tortora, attache from the University of Rome, all of whom were present this year as described in the newspaper translations following this report.

Professor Albanese carries a full workload as a working academician with all the duties therein. In addition to his teaching, and work related to the scholarship program, he finds time to write books and essays. He of course is an honorary member of the association, and gives his time freely to the Scholarship Program. We are most grateful for his service to the Association and to the Scholarship Program.

This year three full awards were given, and one award was shared by two students. Each student has written letters to the Association that accompany this report as well as two newspaper stories that appeared in central Italy. The newspaper story translations are mine.

"A Ceremony which is Repeated for 14 Years"

Study Scholarships Given by American Veterans

CERIGNOLA—For 14 years, the veterans of the 484th Bomb Group Association of Redondo Beach, California, an aviation bomb group stationed in the Cerignola area during World War II, has honored in a beautiful manner the memory of their comrades who died on combat missions.

The \$600.00 scholarships were awarded to students who achieved superior grades in their studies.

This was initiated by a group of former U.S. flyers who in appreciation of the hospitality and friendship accorded to thousands of them by the Cerignola population during the time the Americans were engaged in bombing German targets. The scholarships are a concrete example of gratitude and friendship. The annual meeting at which the scholarships are awarded has been organized each year by Professor Umberto Albanese. The presentations have often been witnessed by groups of former U.S. pilots and flyers visiting Cerignola.

This year's ceremonies took place in the council chambers of the city. Many distinguished guests were present, including: P.I. Rossella Rinaldi, the Vice Superintendent of schools, Guisepppe Tenor, Justice of the Supreme Court, Teodato Labia, Counselor, Raphael Tortora, attache from the University of Rome. A telegram congratulating the group was received from the U.S. Counsel General, Clarke N. Ellis.

The scholarship winners were: Loris Genovese and Elena Calice in classical studies; Dalila Frisani, science; Annarita Bancone and Monica Nigro, social studies.

"Newspaper article from Cerignola Journal"

Scholarship Awards by American Aviators

On March 16th, five scholastic scholarships were awarded to students in the presence of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. G. Tenore and other dignitaries.

The scholarships are given annually by the 484th Bomb Group Association of Los Angeles. The six hundred dollar scholarships were awarded to Elena Calice and Loris Genovese in classical studies; Dalila Frisani in science; and Annarita Bancone and Monica Nigro, social studies.

The scholarships are in memory of the many young American aviators who failed to return to their home base in Cerignola during bombing missions in World War II.

Professor Umberto Albanese well known Roman studies scholar thanked the 484th Bomb Group Association on behalf of the local board of education and those of adjoining communities.

Telegram from the American Counsel General

Prof. Umberto Albanese
Honorary President of Scholarship
Committee of the Cerignola School District

Please accept my most sincere good wishes on the 14th anniversary of the formation of the committee to supervise the scholarships awarded by members of the 484th Bomb Group who were stationed in Cerignola in 1943.

Clarke N. Ellis American General Counsel

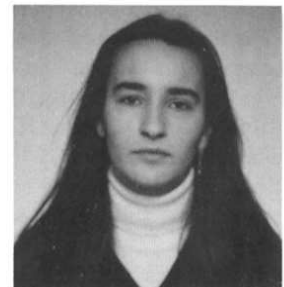
Students' Letters:

Stornara, Italy
Honored Sir:

We send you our sincerest thanks for giving us the opportunity to receive the scholastic awards (purse) sponsored by the 484th Bomb Group Association.



Monica Nigro



Annarita Bancone