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from: 94 Sub-Area

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Censorship of Air Letters

*Censorship (Mails)*

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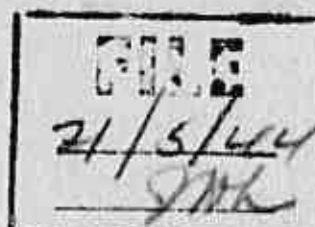
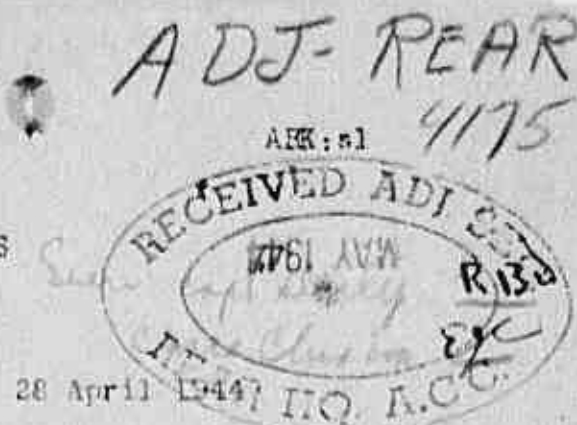
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HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534

AG 311.7/547 -0

SUBJECT: Mailing of Explosives and Firearms

TO : All Concerned



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1. Immediate and drastic action will be taken to prevent the mailing of explosives and firearms in violation of War Department Circular Number 243, 1943, and paragraph 11, NATOUSA Circular Number 32, ca.

2. This matter has been repeatedly called to the attention of all commands. Violations continue and mail-handling employees continue to be injured by explosions. The principal violators are officers.

3. Courts martial action will be taken against violators of the above quoted directives.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

H. V. ROBERTS  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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7 May, 44

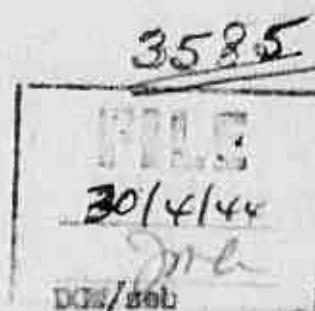
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section



MGS: 311.13

25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship of communication

TO : Hq. Allied Control Commission.

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Reference is made to our MGS: 311.7 of 5 April, in particular to para. 1 g, thereof.

1. Mail addressed to the Italian Military Mission at A.F.H.Q. is still being received in this Section. It is requested that, in future, the provisions of our letter under reference may be complied with and that all mail shall be addressed as previously indicated.

2. Enclosed is an envelope which contained a communication received in this Section from the Ministero Delle Comunicazioni, which is returned in order that arrangements may be made for the correct routing of mail from this Ministry in future.

*DK*  
G. G. WALKER, Major  
for CHARLES H. SPOTFORD  
Colonel, GSC.  
Chief of Section.

Incl.  
(as above)

Copy to:- INC (Communications Censorship Branch).

*311.7 - Censorship (mail)*  
*X D.F.H.Q.*

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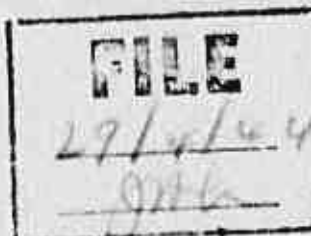
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Military Government Section

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TBJ/mit  
5 April 1944

MGS-311.7

SUBJECT: Censorship and Communications

TO : Hq ACC



1. I.N.C. (Communications Censorship Branch) have issued directions to their Civil Censorship Group in Italy as to the procedure to be adopted for mail and communications that travel other than by military or ordinary civilian post, and the following points are extracted which call for appropriate action on your part.

- a. Italian Government Mail for destinations outside Italy and incoming mail for the Italian Government from outside Italy
- (1) From Italy. This will pass through ACC and is to be sent to Communications Censorship Branch INC AFHQ from where, after censorship, it will be passed to the office of the American and British Minister for onward transmission.
  - (2) To Italy. The mail will come to you through Communications Censorship Branch by whom it will have been censored.
- b. Red Cross Messages - Services in cases of urgency.
- (1) "Rapid". In the past "Rapid" messages have been delivered to you or to this Section for transmission without censorship via A.D.L.S. As, however, Allied Civil Censorship Officers are stationed in the three towns in which C.I.C.R. representatives operate, it is practicable to exercise censorship and this will be done in the future by the local Allied Civil Censorship officer, who will give priority to the censoring so that there may be as little delay as possible. After censorship, such messages will be delivered to your local Hq for onward transmission by A.D.L.S.
  - (2) "Emergency". This type of message is sent by cable and in order to ensure censorship those originated in Italy should be sent to the local Allied Censor Control Office. After censoring the messages would be forwarded to you for onward transmission.

*Copied from Telegrams*

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c. Mail for the Italian Military Mission

It is requested that you arrange for all mail for the Mission to be forwarded to Communications Censorship Branch INC, AFHQ. That Branch will censor and then pass the mail to Liaison Section, AFHQ, for disposal. In the reverse direction mail from the Mission to Italy will reach you from Communications Censorship Branch, who will have carried out censorship.

2. Discussions are proceeding here with regard to the permanent policy to be adopted in respect of consular mail, but until a firm directive can be given such mail will not be subject to censorship. In the same way until a decision can be reached, correspondence from the Chiefs of the Missions attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission -to their governments will not be subject to censorship. 323

3. For your information there are attached notes on the handling of Vatican P.O.W. messages and the radio message service between the Vatican and Bishops in specified ports of Italy as prepared by INC (C.C. Branch)

s/s/  
t/ T.B. JACKMAN  
Major

Incl. (2)  
as above

Copy to:  
Communications Censorship Branch,  
INC, AFHQ

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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In reply  
refer to : AG-311.7

14 March 1944

SUBJECT : Violation of Censorship Regulations

TO : Base Censor, 2nd Base Post Office APO 790 U S Army

1. Enclosed herewith is uncensored V-Mail from Pfc Dom S. Pappalardo, 32458539, APO 7411 Local c/o PM New York N Y, addressed to T/Sgt. Joseph G. Trigony, APO 394, a member of this Headquarters, which was found loose in the Official Mail Pouch- delivered by the 0900 Courier from Naples to Salerno.

2. Since this is a direct violation of Censorship Regulations it is requested that appropriate action be taken and this Headquarters be so informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*E. J. Chiocca*  
E. J. CHIOCCA  
CWO USA  
Asst Adj

1 Incl - as above

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Office of the Chief Base Censor, Base Censorship Detachment No. 8,  
APO 782, U.S. Army, 31 March 1944.

TO: ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

Your attention is invited to attached copy of letter to Commanding officer, 29th Repl Bn, APO 776.

For the Theater CENSOR:

*Charles T. Hensford*  
CHARLES T. HENSFORD,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Chief Base Censor.

1 Incl:

Cpy ltr. to CO 29th Bn  
APO 776.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF BASE CENSOR  
BASE CENSORSHIP DETACHMENT NO. 6  
APO 782, U.S. ARMY

CTH/wah

29 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship

TO : Commanding Officer, 29th Repl. Bn., APO 776, U.S. Army.

1. Enclosed letter, evidently written by a member of your command, was found loose in an official mail pouch and forwarded to this office.

2. Violation of censorship regulations, MATOUSA, Circular 32, dated 13 March, 1944, include:- unauthorized channel of communication, incorrect return and forwarding addresses, and failure to submit letter for unit censorship.

For the Theater CENSOR:

Incl: 1 letter

CHARLES T. HERFORD  
Captain, Infantry  
Chief Base Censor

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*Handwritten signature*

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To 2 WO Chioaca

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY  
(U.S. Contingent)(Prov) APO 777

21 MAR 1944

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AG 00.73

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12 March 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Release.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 164, U.S. Army.  
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U.S. Army.  
Censorship Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. In order that troops who have taken part in certain major operations, which have been given wide publicity at home, may inform their families and friends of their participation in such operations, it has been decided to relax censorship regulations to the extent of allowing in specific instances, the fact to be mentioned in private mail.

2. All troops who took part in the following operations may now mention the fact of their individual and personal participation in their letters home.

- (a) SALERNO landing.
- (b) Crossing of VOLTURNO.
- (c) Crossing of SANGRO.
- (d) ANZIO bridgehead operation. (Up till 2 Mar 44 only).
- (e) CASSINO battle. (Up till 2 Mar 44 only).

3. In connection with any mention of individual and personal participation in such operations, the following censorship rules will be observed by all ranks, and unit censors will be held responsible for an intelligent interpretation thereof.

(a) No geographical location other than the Sector authorized will be identified, e.g. in the case of 2(c) above the SANGRO may be mentioned, but not the names of the villages, etc. on or near the river.

(b) When there is a limiting date as in 2(d) and (e) above, troops whose participation in the operation commenced after the limiting date, may NOT mention participation.

(c) No Military formation or unit (even the writer's own) will be

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identified except by correct return address.

(d) No mention of participation in the above operations is permitted:

- (1) In Blue envelope mail.
- (2) In letters addressed to countries other than the United Kingdom, Eire, British Empire, Continental United States of America.
- (3) In telegrams.

4. Further releases of this nature will be notified from time to time.

5. It is desired that U.S. troops of your command be informed of these changes.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Frank W. Roberts

FRANK W. ROBERTS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

Reproduced, Hq. Peninsular Base Section,  
APO 782, 16 March 1944 *Olh.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

JWC/drr

5 February 1944

TO: Chief of Communications Section,  
HQ, ACC, APO 394

Reference your memo of 1 Feb. The Censorship Regulations for Italian troops in forward areas were amended by your section to conform with existing postal regulations with concurrence of INC, AFHQ. Meanwhile, the Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito had a number of comments to make which were referred to me through the Comando Supremo. It is obvious that further amendments and clarification are necessary in order that these instructions be made applicable and intelligible to the Italians.

As I am leaving here tomorrow for Palermo and thence to Algiers by 10 Feb., I am taking a proposed Italian version of these instructions to AFHQ for approval. Meanwhile, it is suggested that General Basso's censorship instructions, dated 10 Jan, should prove adequate.

*J. W. Colville*  
J. W. COLVILLE  
Major, G.S.

cc, ACC Salerno  
Major Driffield-White

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**CONFIDENTIAL**PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT  
HEADQUARTERS, A.B.S.  
APO 759*Admin Dir*  
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19 January 1944

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO : Allied Military Government, Region Headquarters, APO 394,  
U. S. Army.

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Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2)  
Comment Sheets on Italian Prisoner of War Mail.X 3117 - Censorship (mail)  
383.6 - Prisoners (mail)*Rome L. Melton*  
ROME L. MELTON  
Major, Infantry,  
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Comment Sheets No. IPW 2278 and 2282.*file*  
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP  
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit  
APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 2278

FROM:		TO:	
DI GREGORIO, Concetta Via Passilla Corleone (Palermo) Sicilia.		DI GREGORIO, Melchior Cap. Magg. 81-I-89266 PW Camp 101.	
DATE/POSTMARK of Letter	TYPE OF MAIL	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
21 November 1943	Incoming	Passed (P) (P) Condemned (C) Returned (R) Held (H) Deleted (D) (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment to:	
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LANGUAGE: Italian			
Examiner	D.A.C.	Date of Submission	
Wikander	N.A.R.	14 January 1944	

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## COMMENT

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS GIVE RISE TO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENTS

Sicilian woman writes to husband, Italian PW:

"We had decided to go to Palermo, but - if you could see what is happening between the Americans and the Italian people because of hunger - we would be risking our lives. So we'll stay here until this cursed war is over. For seven months they haven't given us any macaroni products - which now costs 80 lire a kilo. Bread is 40 lire. You can see to what we have been reduced by these...."

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## U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP

Prisoner of War Censorship Unit

Serial No. IPW 2292

APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

## FROM:

PASTORE, Teresa  
Casal Mori (Salerno)  
Italia.

## TO:

PASTORE, Gastano fu Nicolo  
Operato Ufficina Tratta  
Via Laghi Ascaughi  
Camp 586, Tripoli.

## DATE/POSTMARK of Letter

8 December 1943

## TYPE OF MAIL

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## ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION

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## Examiner

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## Date of Submission

Anselmo

J.W.H.

11 January 1944

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## COMMENT

CIVILIANS UNDERGO HARDSHIPS IN SALERNO

Wife writes to Civilian Internee in Tripoli:

"I don't know how I can keep on living without any subsidy, which I haven't received for six months. I placed in the bank the 1000 lire that you sent me and I can't withdraw any of it by any means; work is no to be found anywhere because we are at war....I am really fed up with living here in this misery. If you could see how Italy has changed - it is enough to make one die of wretchedness and hunger. I advise you not to come here, if you do, you will certainly be sorry. Everybody wants to go to Tripoli, and all are waiting for the time when they can leave."

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