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CENSORSHIP
MAY 1943;
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Urgent

Mun (41)

ACS

1. Araft purgare approval beneath.
2. There is no information officer.
3. Lakoue are not able to name an officer.

18. Sep.

ACB/Min
 Lt. Col.
 C. S. 4

JACS ^{See p 29/41} 5.
 To see 27A thing
 cap 5 line 20

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Min ②

KS. ① 4A has been dealt with by Group X
as well SA, 6A, 7A, & 8A.

No information officer exists

② Groups Y & C are due in to day.
Topic. recd. viz. 9.A.

③ Those reports are voluminous.

④ In Group X I see no overlapping.

⑤ I suggest therefore that copies of submitted
letters be forwarded in reply, when all are in.
Do you approve?

⑥ If you approve, I will convey to
Groups 'C' & Y.

7. I regret delay.

Id 17.

Mr. A. M. M.
H. H.
Group. X

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CS(X)

CS(C) should have dealt with this, but please
undertake it. I do not agree with fwd. copies
of letters - boil it down to a concise list
of points under the different Special Div.
Headings. Letter to be by Commander's A.R. &
do not forget list of officers asked for, at
4A. "AMG" by the way, is a mistake - should be sent
to USA to National H.A. Div.

17.9.63

Alfred H. H.
Colonel.

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Mia (3)

Group 4. ^{RA} Educ. } Please submit your requirements
 as required in 4. A.
 ✓ N.H. } 2. Treat as urgent
 P.S. } 3. As there is no help. officer with
 help. } A.I. return to me please.

Feb. 14. 1943.

RA
 11. Oct. 25 (x)

From Educ.

Requirements attached & file. Panned & P.C. ^{16 Sept. 43}
 From P.C. Requirements attached & file. Panned & P.C. ^{16 Sept. 43}

From P.H. ^{RA} P.H. ^{RA} Rev 48
 See attached file. File ~~Panned to P.H.~~

WENT 43
 15 Sept 43

A.C.S. (Car Rutherford)

Please see 4A.

1) before his meeting of committee for letter, under your filing by
 whether for type & kinds of Special ^{types} in correspondence
 direct with the Census Bureau AF 48
 If the letter of the HQ may be moved at my request it is
 suggested that in the letter of 1) being advised to all correspondence
 is not to

See attached file. File ~~Revised to 4A~~

Went 43
15 Sept '43

A.C.S. (C.A. Routhine)

Please see 4A.

1) before this matter is carried further, note for please say whether you agree to transfer of Special Operations Correspondence direct with the Census Bureau AF HQ

2) As far as this HQ may be moved at any moment it is suggested that in the event of 1) being agreed to, all correspondence should be addressed to "Head of S.O. ..."

individual officers.

12/20/43
16 SEP 43

Wm D Galt

to Co. Ord. unit.

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A.1 1. Please reply to 4A
2. The matter is urgent.

16. 4A.

R. R. H. 16. 4A. C.V. X

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
A.P.O. 512.

C/106

16 November, 1943.

SUBJECT : Routing Civilian Mail in Allied Occupied Territory.

TO : Lt. Colonel A. Prodigere
Major L.W. Hamilton
Major C.G. Omond
Major P.D. Walker
Captain F.A. Gillett
Captain W.R. May
Mr. H. Siegel (NO, JO)
Mr. J.M. Adkins
Mr. Edward T. Bailey.

Further to my C/106 of 4 Nov 43, herewith a further list appended to meet the requirements of Civil Censorships showing where external mails are to be routed.

1. To Cairo. All mail for countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, Russia, East of Suez Canal, East Africa, South Africa.
2. To Tripoli. All mails for Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.
3. To Tunis. All mails for North and West Africa except those shown in 1. and 2. and except mails for British territories in West Africa and for Tangier and Spanish Morocco which come under 6.
4. To New York. All mails for Western Hemisphere, North, Central and South America, including all islands such as Cuba, West Indies etc., except Canada (see 5.) and Bermuda and British West Indies (see 6.)
5. To Ottawa. All mails for Canada.
6. To London. All mails for the United Kingdom, Eire, Bermuda, British West Indies, Spain, Spanish Morocco, Tangier, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden and any other territories not covered in 1. to 5. above.

E. E. Scott Bailey
V. E. SCOTT BAILEY
Lt. Col., G.S., 5105
Chief, Censorship Branch.

Copy to: Mr. Wallace Boyd.

Notes: -

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Capt J.E. Gullett attended conference at Room 315 Maison Agricola
at 1600 hrs 28 OCT 43. Algeria

W Col Scott Bailey presided (Chief Consul)

Italian Government have requested re establishment
of mails including Air mail which they are willing
to ~~organise~~ ^{organise} between Italy & Lisbon (Portugal)

It was suggested that two POs be established
in Italy at NAPLES & BARI or BRINDISI
for the routing of civilian mail - from these POs
the sealed bags will go to CATANIA or
PALERMO for preference, etc and then
to NEW YORK or LONDON or CAIRO?

for censorship (100%) - only surface mail
will be entertained; no registration or parcels
The whole idea was considered premature.

? Who will pay the Transit charges -

Italian Government / AMG?

How will Diplomatic Mail be handled?

MG S to write London & Washington

requesting dissection etc.

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 (Staff Minute Sheet)
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JCH/BNR/JW

28 OCT 1943

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File No. 311.7

Date

Originated: 24 Oct 1943

SUBJECT Censorship of Attached Material

Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw 1 line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No.	Section of Origin	Pass To	Date	Has attached paper been coordinated with all concerned?
1	MGS	INC	24/10/43	Forwarded for censorship and return. 2 Incl Design & letter. Book Review & letter. } J.C.H.
2	JCS Military Planning Center			25A L. W. Taylor FIELD PRESS CENSOR No Military Objections
3	MGS	JCS Military Planning Center	28/10/43	Forwarded F. Williams, Design

No. Incls _____

No. App _____

AFHQ Form No. 3 (Revised)

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TO: M.C.S. A.F.H.Q.
FROM: J.C.S. Holding & Planning Center
SUBJECT: Censorship of attached material.
REFERENCE: AC/1170 (G-2)
DATE: 21 Oct. 1943

1. The attached material is submitted for censorship, *please*.
2. It is requested that the material be returned to this office.

J. H. ... Capt. S. L. D. G.
Brigadier,
E. GUTERBOCK

for
Colonel,
R. G. KIRKWOOD
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Holding & Planning Center

/sar

Enclosures :

- (a) Sketch of Xmas card, showing O.K. of Major Hinkel.
- (b) Attachment note showing Security approval of Capt. Gillett.
- (c) Book-review (in duplicate) by Arthur H. Reede.
- (d) Letter of Arthur H. Reede covering (c)

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

15 May 1943.

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 86)

- E X T R A C T S -

U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.I - GENERAL PROVISIONS.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this circular is to furnish a set of instructions establishing uniform procedure for the conduct of U. S. Military Censorship. It is intended that the provisions contained herein be applied with common sense and an appreciation of the fact that enemy intelligence gains much invaluable information from improperly censored mail. These regulations are much less restrictive than those which would be warranted for untrained and uninstructed troops and must therefore be applied in accordance with previous security training and an appreciation of the danger to which careless correspondence subjects writers and their associates.

6. Authorized Channels for Private Communications.

a. Private communications originating in, or destined for, this theater of operations will be transmitted only by means of authorized systems of communications, such as the Army Postal Service, approved telephone, telegraph, cable, or radio systems. They will not under any circumstances be dispatched from this theater of operations by any means other than those authorized by the Theater Commander. Persons guilty of using unauthorized means of communications, thus evading censorship, will be disciplined, as will those who act as unauthorized messengers conveying such communications to another.

b. All personnel governed by this circular, on leaving this theater, may be required to sign a certificate in duplicate as follows:

"I hereby certify that I am not carrying out of this theater any personal communications or documents which have not been passed by a Chief Base Censor. I further certify that all such matter carried bears the impression of the official Base Censorship Stamp."

The original of the certificate will be retained by the signer, and the duplicate will be filed with the Security Officer at the port or airport of departure.

c. It is forbidden to make use of the civil postal service as a means of sending personal mail. Only the facilities of the U. S. Army Post Office will be used for posting mail and buying money orders.

d. Personal telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms originating in, or destined for, this theater have not yet been approved, except as provided in Circulars No. 66 and 77, this headquarters, et. As soon as adequate transmission facilities are available, the necessary instructions will be issued.

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However, messages of an urgent nature may now be handled through the American Red Cross, in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 28, this headquarters, cs.

II - INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL.

1. General:

a. With few exceptions all private correspondence will be in plain English. Permission to write letters in a foreign language must be obtained from the Unit Commander. Such permission will be granted by him at his discretion. The Unit Commander will immediately notify the Chief Base Censor that permission has been granted, giving the name of the soldier and the language authorized. Personnel authorized to write in a foreign language will indicate in pencil the language of the communication on the face of the envelope.

b. The use of codes, ciphers and shorthand, or any other forms of secret writing in private correspondence is forbidden. Crosses, X's and other marking of a similar character in the text or at the end of a letter or on the envelope will not be permitted.

c. All articles and photographs, including those of a non-service nature which it is desired to dispatch for publication in the press will be forwarded, properly enveloped addressed in an outer cover to Censorship Branch (INC).

d. The press frequently publish information which is generally prohibited in personal correspondence. This is possible since all press material is censored before dispatch and it is practicable to exercise day to day control which is impossible in troop mail. An item concerning a certain unit or high ranking officer may be released one day while shortly afterwards secrecy may prevent any mention of this same unit or individual.

2. Guidance:

a. Conditional Statements: Under no circumstances will either open or hidden reference be made in private or unofficial correspondence, or in private records, to any matter which might be of value or comfort to the enemy, be detrimental to the war effort, or disparage the forces or prejudice the foreign relations of the United States or her Allies. The following list indicates some subjects, the mention of which should be made only after careful consideration of the above:

- (1) Information concerning military or naval forces of the U.S. or any Ally.
- (2) Military, naval or aircraft armament or equipment. (No new designs should be mentioned until publicity has been given in the press).

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(3) Description of billets, bivouacs or camps; location of groups of soldiers; troops or supply movements.

(4) Specific information as to names or numbers of casualties or desertions. (Numbers are of value to the enemy - names may distress relatives.)

(5) The military status of any person in transit, or the fact of his movement. (Possible future military operations might be revealed by identifying an individual known for a specialized activity.)

(6) Reference to the presence in this theater of any officer of the rank of full colonel or higher if such information links him with a unit or an assignment. Officers whose names have been released in the press may be mentioned. Care will be taken not to disclose their present location.

(7) Unauthenticated or false reports or misleading statements.

(8) Troops of units in actual combat may state in their private mail addressed to the continental United States or United Kingdom that their unit has been in action in a certain sector on a certain date. Such information must be at least two weeks old at the time of writing and must refer to sectors only, and not to well defined small localities. Unit Censors will be held responsible for adherence to the two week limitation and for an intelligent interpretation of the above.

b. Prohibited Statements: Under no circumstances will reference be made to the following:

(1) The exact geographical location of any unit, or the revelation of the geographical location of the Army Post Office number which is assigned to that particular base or force. Location at which a unit or individual is stationed may be disclosed only as "SOMEWHERE IN SICILY" in letters to the United States or the United Kingdom, to an address in this theater, or to other personnel under U. S. Military jurisdiction. Letters addressed to persons not in the U. S. Military Service in locations outside the continental limits of the United States (except to an address in this theater or the United Kingdom) will disclose no location whatever.

(2) The location, identity, movement or prospective movement of any U. S. or Allied naval or merchant vessel or of any U. S. or Allied naval, military or commercial aircraft.

(3) Distinguishing signs used for identity of organizations or their transportation or baggage.

(4) Plans and forecasts, or orders for future operations, whether known or merely surmised.

(5) The use, condition or probable extension of roads, air routes, railways, bridges, utilities or other transportation facilities.

(6) The effect of enemy operations to material suffered by the U. S. or any Ally previous to the official publication of such information.

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- (7) Statements criticizing or disparaging the effort of the Allies of the United States or causing a disunity between members of the Allied nations thereby retarding the successful prosecution of the war.
- (8) Reports of atrocities, unless released by appropriate authority.

3. Enclosures:

a. To send or to attempt to send to any person or agency, otherwise than in the course of official business, any of the following is forbidden:

- (1) Official documents, or classified documents.
- (2) Documents captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or containing information about the enemy.
- (3) Official documents belonging to civil authorities in allied or enemy territory.

b. In addition, none of the following will be enclosed in private communications unless specifically permitted below. Parenthetical explanations are included to clarify restrictions:

- (1) Local newspapers. This restriction does not apply to the publications "Yank", "Stars and Stripes" (weekly), and "Union Jack". Clippings from local newspapers may be sent if they do not indicate the location of a unit. (The daily "Stars and Stripes" contains many local announcements, hence discloses unit locations and may not be mailed.)
- (2) Organization publications or news bulletins. (These are not press censored.)
- (3) Postage stamps except in small numbers. (All stamps are examined for coded messages.)
- (4) Phonograph records. (These cannot be censored in the theater).
- (5) Blank sheets of paper, including envelope linings. (All have to be thoroughly examined for possible coded messages.)
- (6) Foreign currency or coins except in small numbers and denominations. (Export control of currency.)
- (7) Drawings, sketches, music manuscript and paintings, except when submitted directly to the Chief Base Censor for censorship. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

(8) Private Diaries and Memoranda.

(a) In general, the preparing of private diaries and memoranda will be discouraged.

(b) Private diaries kept by officers, enlisted men, or civilians may contain information of value to the enemy and their dispatch through the regular mail is forbidden while censorship is in effect.

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(g) The writers of such diaries frequently keep them in their pockets or in kits where they are liable to capture by the enemy, thus becoming a source of danger. To minimize such risks, private diaries and memoranda will be collected periodically by regiments, or separate battalions and similar organizations and sent to the Chief Base Censor, where they will be stored. Before being dispatched, diaries will be enclosed in sealed covers marked as follows: "Private Diary of _____ (giving name, grade and organization), date _____. Upon release to be mailed to _____ (Give exact address)". Diaries will be released when censorship is no longer in effect, or after censorship.

(2) Communications originating in and destined for this theater of operations and the communications between this theater of operations and the British Isles will be addressed as outlined in a and b above, except that the term "U. S. ARMY" will be substituted for "Postmaster, New York City, New York".

(3) A military return address will not be used anywhere on or in any communication intended for a neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied country. Such mail must be sent through a friend or relative residing in the continental United States. The friend or relative may forward such mail using a domestic civilian return address. It is cautioned that communications to Allied prisoners of war fall into this category.

d. Private addresses will not be used.

e. Official, hotel or other headed, printed or embossed stationery will not be used for private correspondence in such a manner as to disclose the exact geographical location of the writer, his unit or an APO number.

5. Picture Postcards.

a. Picture postcards will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. Particular care will be taken by senders and Unit Censors to insure that postcards do not disclose a unit location or link an APO with a geographical location.

b. Any reference in communications to postcards previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the postcard or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

7. Mail of Officers and Civilians under Military Jurisdictions.

a. The provisions of this circular apply to the mail of officers and civilians under military jurisdiction as well as to all other types of mail.

b. Mail of officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will not be unit censored nor stamped with the unit censorship stamp, but will be subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor. Officers and civilians

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under military jurisdiction will sign their name without rank on the lower left corner of the envelope. When using V-Mail, they will sign their name on the inside of the form in the space provided for the "Censor's Stamp" in addition to signing it on the lower left corner of the "envelope". The signature certifies that they have read, understood and complied with military censorship regulations. Violations of military censorship regulations by officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will subject them to disciplinary action, including trial by courts-martial.

9. Handling of Violations.

a. Mail and other communications which do not strictly conform to the instructions contained in this circular will not be forwarded and need not be returned to the writer, but are liable to such disposition as the Theater Censor or Chief Base Censor may direct.

b. Persons revealing information prohibited by this circular, other than in the course of official business, will be subject to disciplinary action.

III - UNIT CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.2. Responsibility:

a. The company or similar unit commander is responsible for the censorship of all mail (see exceptions, paragraph b below) of enlisted personnel of his command. The company or unit commander may designate officers of his command, such as platoon leaders, to examine the mail of the enlisted personnel of the unit.

b. The censorship of Officers' mail, blue envelope mail, registered and insured mail, mail to Allied prisoners of war, and mail to neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied countries, is the responsibility of the Chief Base Censor.

3. Duties of Censorship Officers.

a. All communications subject to Unit Censorship will be examined and censored by commissioned officers or warrant officers in the U. S. Army.

b. Censorship officers will respect and observe the confidential nature of information which comes into their possession. THEY WILL NEVER DISCUSS OR DIVULGE ANY SUCH MATTERS EITHER IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, EXCEPT WHEN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIRE A REPORT TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY. Any violation of this trust by a censorship officer will subject the officer to prompt disciplinary action.

c. An enlisted man who delivers his mail for Unit Censorship has performed his duty. The Unit Censor is responsible for seeing that violations are corrected before the communication is passed. Letters containing

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violations will normally be returned to the sender for rewriting. The censor is responsible for any violations contained in communications passed by him.

5. Instructions for Postal Censors.

a. Examination of Letters.

(1) Detection of the use of secret writing in correspondence is sometimes very difficult. Nevertheless, all censorship officers should be aware of the possibilities and should be alert to detect the use of such methods.

(2) A physical examination to detect the presence of secret writing will be made of the letter, the envelope and all enclosures. Any communications suspected of containing secret writing, codes, or ciphers, will be sent immediately to the Chief Base Censor for action.

b. Parcels: All parcels, including luggage, will be examined carefully to prevent the transmission of concealed messages. After examination, parcels must be securely packaged prior to dispatch, and they will be handled by censorship personnel only, until placed in the custody of postal authorities.

c. Communications from Unknown Persons.

(1) Communications to and from unknown persons, including "personal" letters, will be referred by unit censors to the Chief Base Censor, who will normally condemn the communication.

(2) Replies to advertisements or trade circulars or to letters of congratulation from unknown persons, or letters in acknowledgement of gifts from unknown persons, will be referred to the Chief Base Censor.

(3) Advertisements or letters for publication inviting correspondence with unknown persons are forbidden and will be condemned by censorship officers.

d. Official Mail: Official correspondence is not subject to censorship, but the address and return address will be checked to insure that no classified information is revealed. Censorship officers, however, must be alert to detect possible evasion of censorship by use of franked envelopes for personal correspondence.

6. Outgoing Mail:

a. Officers' mail and blue envelopes will be transmitted to the Army Post Office without being opened by unit censors.

b. The following types of mail will be forwarded in a covering envelope by the Unit Censor to the Chief Base Censor as official mail:

(1) Foreign language correspondence which cannot be translated by the unit censor.

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- (2) Mail enclosing communications to Allied prisoners of war.
- (3) Mail enclosing communications to persons in neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied countries.

c. All other mail, subject to Unit Censorship, including parcels, will be examined by Unit Censors and one of the following actions taken:

(1) Pass: If the letter or parcel does not violate any censorship regulations, it will be passed. The examiner will replace the contents in the cover, seal it and after sealing the cover, sign his name and rank on the lower left corner. Parcels will also be signed with the censor's name and rank on the lower left corner of the face of the package, and will show a list of contents on the outside of the package. Signed mail will then be forwarded to the officer holding the United States Army Examiner Stamp for the censorship impression. Censorship stamp impressions will appear only on the front left-hand side of an envelope. Sealed mail will also be forwarded to the Army Post Office. Unit censored persons will not be permitted to handle mail that has been sealed and signed. V-Mail letters of enlisted men will bear the censor's signature with rank and the United States Army Examiner's Stamp impression both on the lower left corner of the "envelope" and on the inside of the form in the space provided; therefore, they will be forwarded unsealed (after proper signing by the examiner) to the officer holding the United States Examiner Stamp who will seal them after executing the proper impressions.

(2) Condemn: If the letter or parcel contains a violation of censorship regulations, it will be returned to the sender or condemned by the examining officer without notice to the sender, depending upon the nature of the violation. Normally a letter or parcel will be condemned only when it is believed the original will be needed for evidence. When a unit censor believes that a letter or parcel should be condemned, he will prepare an informal recommendation indicating such action and stating the reason or reasons therefor. The recommendation, together with the letter or parcel concerned, will be forwarded direct to the Chief Unit Censor.

(3) Return to Sender: Letters and parcels containing minor violations of censorship regulations will normally be returned to the sender with a notation on an enclosed form (MC 3) indicating the nature of the violation. The censor, if practicable, will discuss personally with the offender the nature of the violation, instead of using Form (MC 3). It is expected that the number of letters to be returned to the sender will grow progressively smaller as the g.c.s. come to the fact that from this procedure individuals should learn what will and what will not be passed by the censor.

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(4) Excise: Excessive mutilation of mail by excisions is never warranted. If a letter contains a word or short phrase violating censorship regulations but is not otherwise objectionable, the examining officer will excise the objectionable word or phrase using a sharp knife or other cutting instrument. When necessary excisions are so extensive as to destroy the sense of the message, the letter will be returned to the sender for revision. Excisions will be sufficiently complete to prevent restoration of the original meaning of the excised portions by the addressee. Under no circumstances will Unit Censors delete information by lining out or covering words or phrases using a pencil, ink, paint, or similar material, except in the case of V-Mail. All V-Mail deletions will be made by completely obliterating censorable portions with black ink.

(5) Recommend Photograph or Photostat: If it appears desirable that a letter or parcel go forward but a record is needed for evidence or future reference, the letter or parcel should be forwarded to the Chief Base Censor with an informal recommendation that it be photographed or photostated before being passed. The Unit Censor will state the reason or reasons for his recommendations.

(6) Note Missing Enclosures: When reference is made in a letter to an enclosure which cannot be found, the omission will be called to the attention of the sender in person if feasible. If the sender cannot readily be reached for reference, the examining officer will prepare duplicate copies of Form (MC 2), "Notification of Missing Enclosure". Both the original and the duplicate will be initialed by the examiner. The original will be placed in the letter and the communication returned to the sender. If local conditions render such action impractical, the letter will be passed. The duplicate copy of Form MC 2 will be retained by the examining officer for his own protection, after noting on the reverse side thereof the following information:

- (a) Date of examination.
- (b) Name and address of addressee.
- (c) Name of sender.

IV - FILM CENSORSHIP.2. Photographic Information to be suppressed.

a. In addition to the information prohibited by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Section II of this circular, the following classes of information are not to be released for export from this theater, except in the course of official business or with the written approval of this headquarters.

- (1) All aerial photographs and films of friendly territory.

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- (2) High angle views showing military installations, possible military objectives, or landscape where prominent features would disclose location.
 - (3) All views of plant operations engaged in Allied war manufacture, assembly or repair of material used for furtherance of the Allied cause. Close-up views of machinery or technical equipment.
 - (4) Pictures which could be distorted by the enemy and used as propaganda against the war effort.
 - (5) Pictures which might focus attention on training, personnel, or equipment from which the character of future operations might be determined. Also pictures which show state of training or morale of troops.
 - (6) Pictures revealing general location of such equipment as planes, tanks, large guns, combat cars, etc.
 - (7) Pictures of all classified equipment.
 - (8) Pictures indicating a quantity or the presence of, a particular type of equipment in any general locality.
 - (9) Pictures indicating route, type of aircraft, nature of cargoes and installations of the Air Transport Command.
- b. Any reference in communications to photographs previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the photographs or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.
- c. Photographs or films furthering the objectives of enemy propaganda will not be imprinted into this theater.
- d. Particular attention will be given to backgrounds. Frequently the principal subject in the foreground of a picture is not objectionable while the background will reveal information to be suppressed.

3. Instructions for Handling Photographic Material.

- a. Photographic material exposed by amateur photographers may be processed locally but only by firms approved by the respective Base Sections.
- b. Since local developing facilities are very limited, provisions have been made for developing negatives in the United States without cost to the photographer. To take advantage of these facilities, the following procedure will be followed:

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(1) The address of the sender plus the name and address of a person in the United States to whom the developed negatives are to be sent will be indicated on a slip of paper securely tied to each roll of undeveloped film.

(2) Such rolls will be classified "CONFIDENTIAL" and will be transmitted as official mail to the Chief Base Censor for handling and disposition.

(3) The negatives of such rolls cannot be mailed to this theater by the developing agency in the United States.

c. Anyone using unauthorized facilities will be subject to disciplinary action.

d. All negatives and prints not passed by the censor will become the property of the United States Government and will be disposed of as directed by the War Department, Washington, D. C., or by the Theater Commander.

By command of the Theater Commander:

E. L. FORD
Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. ROBERTS
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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CENSORSHIP CUTS ON COPY FILED BY ACCREDITED CORRESPONDENTS 14, OCTOBER 1943.

DYNAN, AP: The writer filed a despatch which was of aid to the enemy; " French undergrounds usually operate only two months- that is considered the maximum margin for safety- then they retire for four months before they start again. Persons traveling by way of the underground invariably reach Spain, but many Frenchmen attempt to cross on their own. Of these twenty per cent are usually apprehended. Underground guides if caught are shot immediately, and the would be fugitives are sent to Germany to work battalions."

GILLARD, BBC: The correspondent mentioned the waterproofing of tanks; " The condition of the riverbed also had to be inspected to attempt to find places where tanks might cross in reasonably shallow water on a firm bottom. Tanks of course can ford in quite considerable depths provided approaches are suitable and riverbed firm, but trouble here was that generally speaking where the water was shallow, banks were steep. Finally a considerable number of our tanks were waterproofed- that is they were specially treated so that they could travel short distances through deep water, without stopping the engines or injuring the equipment."

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13 OCTOBER 1943
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TO JACS

SUBJECT CENSORSHIP OF ARTICLES

REF LETTER OF 12 OCT REFERRING TO ARTICLES WRITTEN BY OFFICERS
ASSIGNED TO M G SCHOOL AND H C . REQUEST COPIES BE SUBMITTED HERE
FOR INFORMATION FORMWITH.

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TO: P.R.O., AFHQ.
FROM: Allied Commission
SUBJECT: Censorship of Attached Articles
REFERENCE: AC/¹¹⁷⁰~~1177~~(G-2)
DATE: 12 Oct. 1943

1. The attached articles, written by officers assigned to the Military Government School and Holding Center, are forwarded to you for censorship.

for

John V. Hinkel
Major, M.I.
Colonel,
R. B. RATHBONE,
Colonel,
J. J. ALBRIGHT,
Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff.

Copy to M.G.S., AFHQ

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8 October 1943

SUBJECT: Censorship in Italy

TO : Chief, Censorship Branch (IBC), AFHQ

1. There is returned herewith the revised proposal for Censorship in Italy, in which the concurrence of this Section was requested.

2. For the reasons pointed out in the letter of Major Howell, Advisor on Italian Affairs in this office, - of which a copy is inclosed, - it is regarded as important that the military censorship of the Allied Nations be kept free from any suggestion of suppressing domestic political debate. The Allied Governments have made clear their intention that the people of Italy shall have an opportunity for democratic discussion. It will be the duty of the agencies they set up for the control of the Italian Government to make sure that this intention is not defeated by domestic law or practice. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Censorship Directive for Italian Press open with an introductory statement as in the inclosed draft, clearly distinguishing between military censorship which we must have for our own protection, and political censorship for the benefit of a particular Italian party or group, which we do not intend to tolerate. Wherever the Censor's rules are published this preliminary statement should be included so that the position of the Allied Governments may be made clear.

3. In your letter to the Chief of Staff, Action Recommended, 1 f, "an Allied Signals Officer with whom" should be struck out and "the Communications Section of the Allied Commission, with which" should be substituted.

4. With the addition of a preliminary statement as suggested, the proposed Censorship Directive has the concurrence of this Section.

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Letter of Maj. Howell

Draft, Introductory Statement

J. S. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

6 October 1943

SUBJECT: Proposed Censorship in Italy
TO : Brig. Gen. J. G. Holmes

1. I have studied the revised proposal for Censorship in Italy sent to you for concurrence by Col. McChrystal.

2. The proposal in my opinion is reasonable and allows the Italians the greatest possible freedom of expression within the limits of military security.

3. I would suggest, however, that it be made quite clear to the Italian people that we are interested in the censorship of the Press only insofar as material affecting the war is concerned. The Badoglio Government has already censored the political opinions of some of the more liberal newspapers -- *La Stampa* of Turin, for example -- and I do not believe that we should run the risk of being accused, however falsely, of supporting the Italian Government in a program of political censorship. This does not mean that special circumstances may not make it advisable for the present government to continue to exercise political censorship. It does mean, however, that the allies will lose good will and active support if they become associated in the Italian mind with measures which are strongly reminiscent of the Fascist regime. We are dealing here with a matter of the greatest psychological importance which will influence the attitude and actions of a great many Italians towards us. They will understand the need of military censorship exercised by us directly or indirectly. Political censorship and its attendant ill will should be clearly established as a matter between the Italian Government and the Italian people.

HENRY T. ROWELL
Major, CMP

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(INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT)

CENSORSHIP DIRECTIVE FOR ITALIAN PRESS

The Allied Governments have two distinct interests in the manner in which the Italian press and radio are censored: (a) to prevent the dissemination of matter prejudicial to the United Nations and the successful prosecution of the war, and (b) subject to that overriding consideration, to make sure that the Italian people are not denied the means of carrying on the free orderly discussion of their government and politics. The Allied Governments have declared their intention to see to the destruction of Fascist institutions in Italy, of which political censorship has been a salient feature.

The former of these interests is a responsibility of the Censorship Branch (ISC). The latter will have the attention of such other agencies as the Allied Governments may see fit to establish to supervise press and broadcasting relations in Italy.

The following directive is issued by the Censorship Branch:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Censorship Branch (INC)
A.P.O. 612 U.S. Army

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6 October, 1943

SUBJECT: Censorship in Italy.

TO : Brig. Gen. J.C. Holmes

Attached is the revised proposal for Censorship in Italy passed to you for concurrence.

It will be appreciated if you will return this as soon as possible in order that the other signatures may be obtained.

V. E. SCOTT BAILEY,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Chief, Censorship Branch.

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4 October 43.

SUBJECT: Censorship in Italy

TO : The Chief of Staff.

I. Discussion.

1. In view of the acceptance by Britain and the U.S. of Italy as a co-belligerent the following proposals are submitted regarding the operation of all forms of censorship throughout Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia.

2. Information is very incomplete on the manner in which the Italian censorship operates. We have been advised that Post and Telephone censorship is handled by Military and Civil personnel who are under the control of the Ministry of the Interior. Telegraph (including cables and wireless) censorship is handled by Naval personnel under the control of the Admiralty.

II. Action Recommended.

1. P.T.T.

- a. Italian censorship will continue to function.
- b. An Allied Officer will be attached to selected Italian censorship centers.
- c. A directive will be issued to the Italian censorship outlining the information required by the Allies from the Italian censorship and the types of communications which must be referred to the Allied Censorship Liaison Officer.
- d. A directive will be issued through Italian authorities to the Italian people indicating the types of information forbidden in communications. (See Appendix "A").
- e. The various forms of communications will be handled as follows:

(1) Internal mail. No restrictions. Will be subject to a token censorship.

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(2) External mail. No restrictions. Will be subject to a token censorship after which it will be properly sorted into countries of destination and handed to either British or U.S. APOs for dispatch. This mail will be routed through British or U.S. Civil censorship units where it will undergo such censorship as is considered necessary.

(3) Telephone. There will be no restrictions on local calls. Long distance calls will be forbidden except for Allied or Italian official calls.

(4) Telegraph. Internal telegrams will be permitted and will be 100% censored by the Italian censorship. External cables will be censored if desired by the Italian censorship but will be 100% censored by Allied personnel stationed at cable gateways. No personal, commercial or semi-press messages will be dispatched by wireless.

f. It is understood that the use of telegraph, cables, radio and wireless will be under the control of an Allied Signals Officer with whom a close liaison will be maintained.

2. Press and Radio.

a. The distribution of all national news, world news, war news or allied inspired information will be through the network of the Stefani News Agency. Everything which goes out through Stefani will be censored by Allied officers stationed at the Agency.

b. Other material used by the Italian press such as editorials and local news will be censored by an Italian press censorship organisation. A directive (see Appendix "B") will be issued to the Italian censors indicating the subjects forbidden to be published.

c. A copy of all issues of newspapers will be sent to Allied censors at the Stefani News Agency for scrutiny. Breaches of directives discovered by scrutiny will be dealt with through the Italian censorship.

d. All material for broadcast other than that obtained through the Stefani Agency will be submitted to Allied censors.

3. The above plan applies to those areas in which operations have ceased. In areas near the lines (to be determined by the

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C in C) all communications and publications other than official will be forbidden.

III. Conferences.

1. Brig. Gen. Holmes
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3. Signals A.F.H.Q.
4. Mr. S. Reber
5. Mr. R. Haines

A. J. ROCHRYSTAL,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Acting Chief INC Section.

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APPENDIX "A"

The following regulations and restrictions will be applied regarding Civil communications:

1. There will be NO communication, direct or indirect, with enemy or enemy occupied countries, other than through the official International channels.
2. NO use will be made of codes, ciphers, symbols, shorthand, Braille, quotations, puzzles, manuscript music, or any other form of writing which may contain a hidden or secondary meaning.
3. There will be NO mention or discussion of or speculation on Allied or Italian land, air or sea movements, routes, training, strength, equipment, supplies, identification of units, losses, casualties, damages suffered, installations, defenses, fortifications, or any other matters of operational interest.
4. There will be NO mention of persons arrested or interned, movements of government or military officials or agents, rumors of aid or comfort to the enemy, current weather or weather forecasts.
5. There will be NO mention of matters detrimental to the prosecution of the Allied War effort.
6. There will be NO communications written or sent by civilians on behalf of Allied personnel.

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APPENDIX "B"

CENSORSHIP DIRECTIVE FOR ITALIAN PRESS

1. Unless contained in official Allied releases or communiques, nothing forbidden in the following paragraphs will be published or broadcast without reference to Allied Censorship.
2. MILITARY.
 - a. No reference will be made to strength, composition, disposition, location or movements of troops, military personnel or material.
 - b. No information concerning quantities, location or distribution of arms or ammunition.
3. NAVAL.
 - a. No technical information concerning Allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - b. No information of any loss or damage to, or attack upon, any ships of Allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - c. No mention will be made of the names or movements of any ships.
 - d. No reference will be made to mines or mine fields.
4. AIR.
 - a. No information concerning location, strength, composition or movements of air personnel or material, nor any detailed description of technical equipment.
 - b. No information concerning the methods of attack or defence of any Allied type of aircraft, nor details of the fighter patrol or reconnaissance system.
 - c. No information concerning signals, methods or device of identification of aircraft or surface vessels, means of passing information, or enemy air movements.
 - d. No information concerning casualties to aircraft or personnel.
 - e. No information concerning messages dropped by enemy planes.
5. AIR RAIDS.
 - a. There will be no mention of alerts.
 - b. Only a general indication of the locality of the raid is permitted.
 - c. No information concerning methods of defense.

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- d. Nothing will be published regarding casualties suffered in any air raid; but obituary or funeral notices of civilians killed in air raids may be published subject to the following rules:

- (1) Notices must not give a date which is more precise than the month, e.g. "In Aug." not "On Aug. 24th".
- (2) The person or persons killed may be described as living in, or near, a certain village or town, or in a section of a large city; but the exact address will not be published.
- (3) The death may be stated as having been caused by enemy action.

6. TRADE AND SUPPLY.

- a. No information concerning location, storage or transportation of supplies or war materials.
- b. No information concerning erection of new factories or power plants, or extension of new power stations, buildings or power lines to new areas.

7. PRISONERS OF WAR.

- a. No information concerning prisoners of war.

8. SPIES.

- a. No information concerning enemy agents or fifth columnists.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. No mention will be made of high ranking officers or important civilians present at official ceremonies, etc.
- b. No information concerning interruption of traffic facilities.
- c. No information concerning exceptional road traffic or location of new or widened bridges or roads.
- d. Nothing will be published harmful to the Allied cause or affecting the relationship between the Allies and neutral countries.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 634

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15 May 1943

NUMBER 86)

EXTRACT
U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

II - INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL.

1. General:

a. With few exceptions all private correspondence will be in plain English. Permission to write letters in a foreign language must be obtained from the Unit Commander. Such permission will be granted by him at his discretion. The Unit Commander will immediately notify the Chief Base Censor that permission has been granted, giving the name of the soldier and the language authorized. Personnel authorized to write in a foreign language will indicate in pencil the language of the communication on the face of the envelope.

b. The use of codes, ciphers and shorthand, or any other forms of secret writing in private correspondence is forbidden. Crosses, X's and other marking of a similar character in the text or at the end of a letter or on the envelope will not be permitted.

c. All articles and photographs, including those of a non-service nature which it is desired to dispatch for publication in the press will be forwarded, properly enveloped addressed in an outer cover to Censorship Branch (INC).

d. The press frequently publish information which is generally prohibited in personal correspondence. This is possible since all press material is censored before dispatch and it is practicable to exercise day to day control which is impossible in troop mail. An item concerning a certain unit or high ranking officer may be released one day while shortly afterwards secrecy may prevent any mention of this same unit or individual.

2. Guidance:

a. Conditional Statements: Under no circumstances will either open or hidden reference be made in private or unofficial correspondence, or in private records, to any matter which might be of value or comfort to the enemy, be detrimental to the war effort, or disparage the forces or prejudice the foreign relations of the United States or her Allies. The following list indicates some subjects, the mention of which should be made only after careful consideration of the above:

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(3) Distinguishing signs used for identity of organizations or their transportation or baggage.

(4) Plans and forecasts, or orders for future operations, whether known or merely surmised.

(5) The use, condition or probable extension of roads, air routes, railways, bridges, utilities or other transportation facilities.

(6) The effect of enemy operations to material suffered by the U. S. or any Ally previous to the official publication of such information.

(7) Statements criticizing or disparaging the effort of the Allies of the United States or causing a disunity between members of the Allied nations thereby retarding the successful prosecution of the war.

(8) Reports of atrocities, unless released by appropriate authority.

3. Enclosures:

a. To send or to attempt to send to any person or agency, otherwise than in the course of official business, any of the following is forbidden:

(1) Official documents, or classified documents.

(2) Documents captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or containing information about the enemy.

(3) Official documents belonging to civil authorities in allied or enemy territory.

(4) Allied Government or captured material, including but not exclusive of helmets, gas masks, parachutes, cameras, field glasses, signal equipment, ordnance equipment, etc., except by express authority of the Theater Commander.

b. In addition, none of the following will be enclosed in private communications unless specifically permitted below. Parenthetical explanations are included to clarify restrictions:

(1) Local newspapers. This restriction does not apply to the publications "Yank", "Stars and Stripes" (weekly), and "Union Jack". Clippings from local newspapers may be sent if they do not indicate the location of a unit. (The daily "Stars and Stripes" contains many local announcements, hence discloses unit locations and may not be mailed.)

(2) Organization publications or news bulletins. (These are not press censored.)

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(3) Postage stamps except in small numbers. (All stamps are examined for coded messages.)

(4) Phonograph records. (These cannot be censored in the theater).

(5) Blank sheets of paper, including envelope linings. (All have to be thoroughly examined for possible coded messages.)

(6) Foreign currency or coins except in small numbers and denominations. (Export control of currency.)

(7) Drawings, sketches, music manuscript and paintings, except when submitted directly to the Chief Base Censor for censorship. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

(8) Private Diaries and Memoranda.

(a) In general, the preparing of private diaries and memoranda will be discouraged.

(b) Private diaries kept by officers, enlisted men, or civilians may contain information of value to the enemy and their dispatch through the regular mail is forbidden while censorship is in effect.

(c) The writers of such diaries frequently keep them in their pockets or in kits where they are liable to capture by the enemy, thus becoming a source of danger. To minimize such risks, private diaries and memoranda will be collected periodically by regiments, or separate battalions and similar organizations and sent to the Chief Base Censor, where they will be stored. Before being dispatched, diaries will be enclosed in sealed covers marked as follows: "Private Diary of _____ (giving name, grade and organization), date _____. Upon release to be mailed to _____ (Give exact address)". Diaries will be released when censorship is no longer in effect, or after censorship.

(d) Staff officers will dispose of notebooks containing notes and records of their duties as directed by their Chiefs of Sections.

4. Addresses.

a. Incoming: The correct address of all personnel governed by this circular to be used by their correspondents is as follows:

(1) Sender's name and address in upper left corner.

(2) Grade, first name in full, middle initial, and last name of person addressed, followed by his Army serial number.

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(3) Letter or number of the company or other similar organization to which the addressee is assigned or attached.

(4) Designation of the regiment or separate battalion, if any, to which the company is assigned or attached.

(5) The APO number, care of the postmaster of the city assigned by the Army Postal Service as a mail address.

(6) Example:

From: John R. Roe
205 W. State St.,
Boston, Mass.

Pvt. Willard S. Roe, 1024896
Company F, 167th Infantry
APO 304, Postmaster,
New York City, New York

b. Outgoing: Return address on personal mail from all personnel governed by this circular will appear in the upper left corner of the envelope and will conform to the form and conditions prescribed for addressing mail outlined above.

(1) One-half inch margin will be left blank along the left edge of envelopes to facilitate resealing after Base Censorship.

(2) Example:

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APO 304, Postmaster,
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John R. Roe
205 W. State St.,
Boston, Mass.

c. Exceptions:

(1) The initials "HATOUSA", "APHQ", "ABS", "EBS", "MBS", MAY be used as part of the addresses of personnel governed by this circular who are assigned or attached to such headquarters. The appropriate staff section will be used in lieu of paragraph a(3) above, and the appropriate initials in lieu of paragraph a(4) above.

(a) Example:

Sgt Harold V. Roberts, 1967835,
Ordnance Section, Hq. MES,
APO 866 Postmaster,
New York City, New York.

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(2) Communications originating in and destined for this theater of operations and the communications between this theater of operations and the British Isles will be addressed as outlined in a and b above, except that the term "U. S. ARMY" will be substituted for "Postmaster, New York City, New York".

(3) A military return address will not be used anywhere on or in any communication intended for a neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied country. Such mail must be sent through a friend or relative residing in the continental United States. The friend or relative may forward such mail using a domestic civilian return address. It is cautioned that communications to Allied prisoners of war fall into this category.

d. Private addresses will not be used.

e. Official, hotel or other headed, printed or embossed stationery will not be used for private correspondence in such a manner as to disclose the exact geographical location of the writer, his unit or an APO number.

f. All personnel governed by this circular will advise their correspondents to address mail to them in accordance with the applicable provisions outlined above.

5. Picture Postcards.

a. Picture postcards will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. Particular care will be taken by senders and Unit Censors to insure that postcards do not disclose a unit location or link an APO with a geographical location.

b. Any reference in communications to postcards previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the postcard or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

6. Blue Envelopes.

a. Enlisted Military personnel in this theater are authorized the use of blue envelopes for the transmission of letters relating to private or family matters only.

b. The purpose of the blue envelope is to offer more privacy to the sender and to protect him from possible embarrassment. Communications so sent are subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor only.

c. Each blue envelope will contain no inner cover, only one letter, and will be addressed directly to the addressee.

d. Enlisted men will not be induced or compelled to send their letters in blue envelopes. The rate of issue and use will not exceed two per man in any one month.

e. Blue envelopes will not be imitated without written approval from the Chief Base Censor for a specified number.

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f. Letters sent in blue envelopes and not justifying the use of blue envelopes will be returned to the senders.

7. Mail of Officers and Civilians under Military Jurisdictions.

a. The provisions of this circular apply to the mail of officers and civilians under military jurisdiction as well as to all other types of mail.

b. Mail of officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will not be unit censored nor stamped with the unit censorship stamp, but will be subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor. Officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will sign their name without rank on the lower left corner of the envelope. When using V-Mail, they will sign their name on the inside of the form in the space provided for the "Censor's Stamp" in addition to signing it on the lower left corner of the "Envelope". The signature certifies that they have read, understood and complied with military censorship regulations. Violations of military censorship regulations by officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will subject them to disciplinary action, including trial by courts-martial.

8. Method of Posting.

a. Enlisted Men.

(1) All mail of enlisted men will be deposited in mail boxes in company, battery or similar unit orderly rooms, unsealed and ready for mailing. Blue envelope mail will be deposited sealed.

(2) Registered and insured mail, not being subject to Unit Censorship, will be deposited direct with the Army Postal Service.

b. Officers and Civilians: All mail of officers and civilians under U. S. military jurisdiction will be deposited in Army Post Office channels sealed and ready for mailing.

9. Handling of Violations.

a. Mail and other communications which do not strictly conform to the instructions contained in this circular will not be forwarded and need not be returned to the writer, but are liable to such disposition as the Theater Censor or Chief Base Censor may direct.

b. Persons revealing information prohibited by this circular, other than in the course of official business, will be subject to disciplinary action.

By command of the Theater Commander:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. ROBERTS
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

E. L. FORD 5379
Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff

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1st Lt., Infantry.

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13 SEPTEMBER 1943
MESSAGE NO 5

TO: NO 7 PLANNING STAFF
SUB: CENSORSHIP IN ITALY

CENSORS REQUIRE DETAILS OF TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ALL
DIVISIONS OF AGM. ALSO REQUIRE LIST OF OFFICERS WHO COULD REPRESENT
SPECIAL DIVISION IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH CENSORSHIP BRANCH.
TREAT AS URGENT

LT COL DALRYMPLE

TO: CS (C)
CS (Y) ✓

The above teletype was received here duly upon
the 13th Sept and was referred by the Chief Clerk--whether
rightly or wrongly--only to CS (X). The action taken meanwhile
by CS (X) may be traced in the minutes on the file (ACA/1170),
now about to circulate among Divisions "X".

14 Sept 43

S/Sgt Bernard M. Peebles.
S/Sgt. Bernard M. Peebles
Acting Chief Clerk, C.R.

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TO: HQS, AFHQ
 FROM: Planning Staff, Armistice C.G.
 SUBJECT: Conscription in Italy
 REFERENCE: ACC/1170
 DATE: 17 Sept 43

In reply to your message 5 of 13 Sept 43, the information required is as follows:

1. Special Divisions.

- Legal. (a) Competence, reliability and political attitude members all Judicial Courts. Ministry of Justice and public officials connected with Judicial system.
 (b) Reliability and political attitude legal practitioners particularly Procuratori del Re.
 (c) Attitude people to Allied Military Courts and administration, e.g. are sentences thought fair.
 (d) Attitude people their own Courts and Judicial Administration.

Financial.

- (a) A.M. lire, Italian lire, yellow seal currency or M.M.A. currency.
 (b) Present or prospective banking situation, remaking deposits or withdrawals from banks and re handling of banks by Allied Military Government.
 (c) ANPA, what it is doing or what it may do.
 (d) The working and the future of the social insurance system and how it is being handled by ANP and the payment of social insurance contributions, and the non-payment of certain family allowances.
 (e) Handling of financial relief including rates of relief, persons given relief and administration of relief.
 (f) Payment of salaries and other expenditures by communes, provinces, the State, railways, P.T.F. including accounts spent and persons receiving payments.
 (g) Collection and administration of tax and other revenue raising systems, including effectiveness and integrity of esattori. Any comments re syndicate contributions.

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all Judicial Courts. Ministry of Justice and public officials connected with Judicial system.
 Reliability and political attitude legal practitioners particularly Procuratori del Re.
 Attitude people to Allied Military Courts and administration, e.g. are sentences thought fair.
 Attitude people their own Courts and Judicial Administration.

Financial.

- (a) A.M. lire, Italian lire, yellow seal currency or R.M.A. currency.
- (b) Present or prospective banking situation, remarking deposits or withdrawals from banks and re handling of banks by Allied Military Government.
- (c) ANVA, what it is doing or what it may do.
- (d) The working and the future of the social insurance system and how it is being handled by AMG and the payment of social insurance contributions, and the non-payment of certain family allowances.
- (e) Handling of financial relief including rates of relief, persons given relief and administration of relief.
- (f) Payment of salaries and other expenditures by communes, provinces, the State, railways, S.T.F. including amounts spent and persons receiving payments.
- (g) Collection and administration of tax and other revenue raising systems, including effectiveness and integrity of essatori. Any comments re syndicate contributions.
- (h) Official and black market prices and the cost of living to local inhabitants, re purchases by Army personnel and its effect on cost of living.
- (i) Financial or property transactions by fascist officials or fascist institutions whose activities should be controlled or observed by A.M.G. or whose bank deposits etc. should be blocked.
- (j) Craft by local officials.
- (k) Italian Government bonds, postal savings or other governmental obligations.
- (l) Private insurance companies and their activities.
- (m) The subsidy on wheat and other products.
- (n) The handling of postal offices and postal savings deposits.
- (o) Any financial or commercial transactions with anyone outside of the occupied area.
- (p) Any foreign exchange assets or other property located abroad or held in a safe deposit box and belonging to a person in the occupied territory.
- (q) Remittances from abroad particularly from the U.S.
- (r) Stock exchanges and transactions in securities.
- (s) Any financial or economic intelligence as to persons

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or institutions or as to general financial or economic conditions in the occupied territory or Axis territory that may be of interest to the Finance Division of the Allied Military Government.

Public Health.

- (a) Destruction water sewage systems.
- (b) Disease prevalence, notably communicable causes.
- (c) Housing problems due migration.
- (d) Disruption social insurance programs.

Public Safety.

- (a) Subversive activity and espionage.
- (b) Fascist Militia and OVRA.
- (c) Fascist leaders.
- (d) Police personnel morale cooperation.
- (e) Maladministration prisons.
- (f) Complaints of P.S. services.

Agriculture.

- (a) Crop production, yield and disposal.
- (b) Shortages fertilizers, machinery, labour.
- (c) Manages and destruction crops, animals.
- (d) Availability seed.
- (e) Agriculture, forestry, fishery, agencies and officials morale and cooperation.

Utilities, Fuel and Power.

- (a) State gas plants, all electric power and distribution systems.
- (b) Sewage and Disposal plants.
- (c) Reservoirs, water mains.
- (d) Bridges, Roads.
- (e) Public buildings and institutions.

Transportation, Communications.

- (a) Damage railway yards, tracks, tunnels, locons, carriage and wagon works.
- (b) State electric installations supplying power Railways.
- (c) Condition ports.

Economics.

- (a) Condition factories and stocks.

Education.

- (a) Changes Fascist youth organizations; university staffs; educational systems.
- (b) Pillars works of art.

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- (b) Pillage works of art.

Property Control.

- (a) Particulars Italian requisiters and property custodians.
- (b) Action Sicily concerning Allied property taken by AMG.

Labour.

Particulars are not yet available.

Information.

- (a) Comment on methods of control - present compared with past.
- (b) Evidence of Evasion of Rules - method if known.
- (c) General attitude towards conditions and wages.

II. The names of the following officers who are authorized to correspond direct with censorship branch are as follows:

Legal: Col. G. H. UPPON

Financial: Brigadier R. A. HANLYN, Col. E. H. POLEY

Public Health: Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON, Lt. Col. W. C. WILLIAMS

Public Safety: Col. C. LACEY

Agriculture: Major R. A. BANTMAN

Utilities, Fuel and Power: Lt. Col. L. A. JENNY

Transportation, Communications: Lt. Col. L. E. VINING, Major F. R. GLANVILLE

Economics: Major L. M. W. HUMPHRIES

Education: Major P. E. BAILLIE-MEYSON, Major E. F. DONALD

Property Control: Lt. Col. H. E. GLENN

AM Colonel,
R. R. MATTHEWS

AM ~~Major~~ Colonel,
H. W. BROWN
Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff,
Armistice C. C.

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2. Evidence of evasion of rules - method if known

3. General attitude towards

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2. Present or prospective banking situation, remarking deposits or withdrawals from banks and re handling of banks by Allied Military Government.
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14. The handling of post offices and postal savings deposits. P.T.O.

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16. Any foreign exchange assets or other property located abroad or held in a safe deposit box and belonging to a person in the occupied territory.

17. Remittances from abroad particularly from the U.S.

18. Stock exchanges and transactions in securities.

19. Any financial or economic intelligence as to persons or institutions or as to general financial or economic conditions in the occupied territory or Axis territory that may be of interest to the Finance Division of the Allied Military Government.

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To CS(C)

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From Legal Division

Subject CENSORSHIP in ITALY

Information required on

- (1) Competence, reliability & political attitude of members of all Judicial Courts, Ministry of Justice & Public Officials connected with Judicial System.
- (2) Reliability & political attitude of legal practitioners particularly prosecutors de rei.
- (3) attitude of people to Allied military Courts & administrative eg. are sentences given thought to be fair, is there any complaint as to unfairness.
- (4) attitude of people to their own Courts & Judicial administration

AL hypothesis can be addressed by Rhyppert

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Coordinator - Section "X"

The Public Works and Power section is vitally interested in obtaining information on the following Subjects:

Magnitude of destruction and local facilities and supplies for repair of:

- A. Water: Reservoirs
Water mains
- B. Sewers: Sewer lines
Disposal plants
- C. Gas: Gas producing plants
Gas mains
- D. Electricity: Reservoirs used for hydro electric purposes
Hydro-electric power stations
Steam-electric power stations
Diesel-electric power stations
Electric transmission and distribution systems including those used for railroad traction
- E. Highways: Roads
Bridges
- F. Buildings: Mainly Public Buildings and necessary institutions

R. J. Ferry 11/3/47

10. A.

MSG 405 V 000-173
18 SEPTEMBER 1943
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TO: HQ 7 PLANNING STAFF
SUB: GERMANY IN ITALY

URGENT: REQUIRE DETAILS OF TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ALL
DIVISIONS OF ADM. ALSO REQUIRE LIST OF OFFICERS WHO COULD REPRESENT
SPECIAL DIVISION IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH GERMANY BRANCH.
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LT COL. BARTLEY

Economics

Ref above.

Condition of factories & stocks

Lines

Economics

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TO: SO 7 PLANNING STAFF
SUB: CONSPIRACY IN ITALY

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SPECIAL DIVISION IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSPIRACY BRANCH.
WHAT IS REQUEST

LT COL DANKS

Information re: State of the Railway

(a) Damage to yards, track, tunnels.
Locomotive, carriage & wagon works

(b) Electrical installations supplying
current for Railway operation.

(c) Condition of Ports.

Representative Lt. Van der Meer.

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TO: Co-ordinator Y

FROM: Agriculture Division X

SUBJECT: Agricultural Information from Censors.

REFERENCE: ACG/1022/ADAO

DATE: 15 Sep 43.

1. GENERAL TYPES OF INFORMATION

- 1 - Agricultural crop production, yield and disposal of same.
- 2 - Shortage of commercial fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, farm machinery, farm labor, etc., as related to planting, cultivating or harvesting crops.
- 3 - Crop or animal diseases.
- 4 - Loss or destruction of crops or animals thru disease, weather, armed forces, etc.
- 5 - Availability of seed for the next crop.
- 6 - Opinion regarding Provincial Inspectorates of Agriculture, ~~Latasa~~ Co. Armasel, Confederation of Agriculturists, Confederation of Agricultural Labor, Conselho de Benefica, Minister of Agriculture or other governmental agencies or officials concerned with agriculture.

2. SPECIFIC TYPES REQUIRED.

A. Agricultural.

- 1 - 1942 and 1943 acreage planted and harvested of each important agricultural crop by Provinces.
- 2 - Total amount of each crop harvested in 1942 and 1943 by Provinces.
- 3 - Total area of land classified as (a) arable (b) cultivated meadows (c) other meadow and pasture land in 1942 and 1943.
- 4 - Names of agencies and/or officials on Comune, Provincial and National levels responsible for promoting and controlling agricultural production. Description of function of each.
- 5 - Total amounts of different kinds of commercial fertilizer, insecticides, and fungicides used for crop production in 1942 and 1943. (b)

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- 5 - Total amounts of different kinds of (a) commercial fertilizer; insecticides, and fungicides, used for crop production in 1942 and 1943; (b) percentage of normal needs (c) manufactured in Italy (d) imported, and (e) name and location of manufacturing plants.
- 6 - Farm Machinery - (a) Normal needs by kinds of machines for each province or Compartimento.
(b) List of farm machinery manufacturing plants and location of same.
- 7 - Number of farms, by size, and tenure groups for each Province **3367**
- 8 - Government developed reclamation and land settlement or re-settlement projects. (a) Location, area, number and size of farms, crops produced and other pertinent production information; (b) Name and location of controlling and managing agencies and officials.
- 9 - List of names and addresses of public agricultural research and/or educational institutions.
- 10 - List of names and addresses of recognized agricultural experts or specialists.

Sheet Two.

B. Forestry.

- 1 - Location, area and approximate volume of commercial timber by major types (e.g. coniferous, deciduous) in (a) Private ownership (b) Public ownership.
- 2 - Names and location of (a) Commercial logging or timber harvest companies; (b) Commercial sawmills; (c) Lumber warehouses or yards.
- 3 - Names and location of public agencies and/or officials on Commune Provincial and National levels responsible for controlling forestry activities.

C. Fishing.

- (a) Location of government and private commercial fisheries with volume of catch for each in 1942 and 1943.
- (b) Names and location of government and private agencies and officials responsible for promoting, controlling and/or managing same.

3. Major Wm. A Hartman can represent Agricultural Division in direct correspondence with Censorship Branch.

W.A.H.

MAJOR W.A. HARTMAN.

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To Lt/Col RGS Lacey C.S. (X).
 From P.S. Div.
 Subject: Censors, information required from
 Ref. AOA. 1170.
 Date. 17 Sep. 1943.

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The P.S. Division will always be interested to hear from Censorship Branch any information on morale, security, and any matter affecting the particular responsibilities of the Division such as:-

1. Subversive activity and espionage.
2. Fascist Militia and OVRA Organisation.
3. Former Fascist and pro-Fascist Leaders.
4. Public morale, including reaction to occupying forces.
5. Information regarding P.S. personnel, such as disloyalty and similar matters affecting Constitution of Police Authority.
6. Mal administration of prisons, illicit correspondence by prisoners, etc.
7. Complaints and Criticisms of Public Safety Services.

The Liaison Section of P.S. Division for contact with all Censorship matters will be the C.I. Special Police Sub-Division, and will become the responsibility of the 538
 of this Sub-Division.

Spastell Capt
 A.S. Young
 for Colonel R.S.D.

To: Lt. Col. Epier (C.S.) X 7A
From: Public Health and Welfare Div.
Subject: ⁽¹⁾ Information from census and ⁽²⁾ list of
 officers for direct correspondence.

Reference: 4A , 15 Sept, 1943.

A. Public Health and Welfare Division discuss
all possible information regarding -

- (1). Destruction of water and sewerage systems
- (2). Disease prevalence - morbidity and
mortality by communicable causes.
- (3). Adequacy of food supply.
- (4). Housing problems due to migration
from all causes.
- (5). Disruption of social insurance programs.

B The following officers are to represent
PH&W in direct correspondence

X G. F. Parker Brig
X H. C. Williams Lt Col

Orison C. Williams
Lt. Col. Deputy Dir PH&W

15 Sept. 1943

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TO: LT COL SPICER C.S. (X)

FROM: PROPERTY CONTROL DIV

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM CENSORS
AND LIST OF OFFICERS FOR
DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE

REFERENCE: 4A

DATE: 15 SEPT 1913

1. Property Control Division desires all available information as to name, title, address and positions of the Italian Property Sequestrator and the Italian Enemy Property Custodian
2. Also desire all available information as to quantity, location, nature and value of properties in custody of Italian Property Sequestrator and Italian Enemy Property Custodian
3. Also desire all available information as to actions by AMGOT in Sicily with respect to acquisition, recording, custody, management, disposition and accounting for enemy and allied properties
4. The undersigned can represent Property Control Division in direct correspondence

Walter R. Glenn
LT Col. J.A.G.D.
Chief, Prop Cont Div

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TO: R.G.S. SPICER, Lt. COL.
FROM: Education and Fine Arts Division
SUBJECT: Censors, Information Required therefrom,
and list of Officers for Direct Correspondence
REFERENCE: 4A
DATE: 14 September 1943

a) Education. 1/ The extent to which report from Italy indicate that changes have been effected following the suppression of Fascism, especially as to curricula, textbooks, and reaction of teachers thereto.

11/ Whether Fascist youth organizations have been discontinued and what substitutions therefor are taking shape.

111/ What news there is of changes -- especially of University staffs, and of the reactions thereto.

iv/ What disposition there is on the part of the new regime to take advantage of the situation to effect changes of the traditional educational system.

b) Fine Arts. What news there may be of the pillage of works of art from Italian Museums and galleries by the Germans.

c) The names of Major P.K. Baillie Reynolds and Major E.T. DeWald are submitted.


Thomas V. Smith, Lt. Col.
Head Education and Fine Arts
Division

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MOS ALG V MOS TIZ
13 SEPTEMBER 1943
MOS SAGE NO 5

TO : NO 7 PLANNING STAFF
SUB : CENSORSHIP IN ITALY

CENSORS REQUIRE DETAILS OF TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ALL DIVISIONS OF AGM.
ALSO REQUIRE LIST OF OFFICERS WHO COULD REPRESENT SPECIAL DIVISION IN DIRECT CORRESPOND-
ENCE WITH CENSORSHIP BRANCH. TREAT AS URGENT.

LT. COL. DALRYMPLE

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TO: CS (C)
CS (Y)

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The above teletype was received here duly upon the 13th Sept and was referred by the Chief Clerk - whether rightly or wrongly - only to CS (Y). The action taken meanwhile by CS (Y) may be traced in the minutes on the file (ACA/1170), now about to circulate among Division "Y"

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S/Sgt B.M.P.

S/Sgt. Bernard M. Peebles.
Acting Chief Clerk, C.R.

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

Allied Force Headquarters

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File # _____

September 5, 1943.
(Date)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Papers.

TO : No. 7 Planning Staff, Military Government School,
Tizi, Ouzou.

1. Herewith are 6 copy(ies) of Letter, Subject: "Censorship

Directive for Italian Press"

2. Receipt is to be acknowledged on the form below, which should be returned immediately to Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters, A. P. O. #512.

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T. B. JACKMAN, Jr.
Major,
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UNITED STATES ARMY
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

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Censorship regis. cont.

I - GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. Foreword: This circular is based on Training Circular No. 15, War Department, 16 February 1913 (Military Censorship). All other existing regulations and instructions contrary to the provisions herein, are rescinded and the following substituted therefore. (Specifically, Section III, Circular No. 23; Circular No. 39; Section II, Circular No. 52; Section II, Circular No. 55; and Section II, Circular No. 64, all this headquarters, as are rescinded). No subordinate commander will issue orders at variance with, or more restrictive than the instructions contained herein.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this circular is to furnish a set of instructions establishing uniform procedure for the conduct of U.S. Military Censorship. It is intended that the provisions contained herein be applied with common sense and an appreciation of the fact that enemy intelligence gains much invaluable information from improperly censored mail. These regulations are much less restrictive than those which would be warranted for untrained and un instructed troops and must therefore be applied in accordance with previous security training and an appreciation of the danger to which careless correspondence subjects weapons and their accessories.

3. Responsibility: Military censorship is a function of command and is direct responsibility of the Theater Commander, exercised through the Information and Censorship Section (INC), AFIC, except that U.S. Army mail censorship and Prisoner of War mail censorship is exercised through this headquarters. Military censorship will be conducted in accordance with the provisions herein and any supplementary instructions promulgated by the War Department and the Theater Commander.

4. Jurisdiction: Military censorship will be effected over all private communications to and from all personnel in this theater under U.S. Military jurisdiction, to include all civilians (War Correspondents, Red Cross Representatives, etc.,) accompanying or serving with this command in this theater.

5. Definitions.

- a. Base Censorship: Censorship as effected by a detachment specifically organized and responsible for the censorship and supervision of the censorship of all private communications to and from troops served by the nearest Army Base Post Office and all civilians controlled by these troops.
- b. Base Censorship Detachment: A detachment of military personnel organized to effect Base Censorship.
- c. Unit Censorship: Censorship as effected by commanders of small units such as companies, batteries and similar detachments.
- d. Unit Censor: An officer of a company or similar unit designated to effect Unit Censorship.

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d. Unit Censor: An officer of a company or similar unit designated to effect Unit Censorship.

e. Theater Censor: An officer responsible for censorship where two or more Base Censorship Detachments operate under one command.

f. Chief Base Censor: An officer designated by this headquarters, for the censorship of all private communications to and from troops served by the nearest Army Base Post Office and all civilians controlled by these troops, and for the supervision and administration of such personnel required for the execution of these functions.

g. U.S. Army Examiner Stamp: The authorized stamp used by a Unit Censor.

h. Blue Envelope: WD AGO Form 911, used by soldiers as the cover for a letter relating to private or family matters, to be censored by the Chief Base Censor, and not by a Unit Censor.

i. Comment Sheets: WD AGO Form 916, used by the Chief Base Censor for quoting extracts from, making comments on, and indicating disposition of a particular communication.

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C. Authorized channels for Private Communications.

a. Private communications originating in, or destined for, this theater of operations will be transmitted only by means of authorized systems of communications, such as the Army Postal Service, approved telephone, telegraph, cable, or radio systems. They will not under any circumstances be dispatched from this theater of operations by any means other than those authorized by the Theater Commander. Persons guilty of using unauthorized means of communications, thus evading censorship, will be disciplined, as will those who act as unauthorized messengers conveying such communications to another.

b. All personnel governed by this circular, on leaving this theater, may be required to sign a certificate in duplicate as follows:

"I hereby certify that I am not carrying out of this theater any personal communications or documents or documents which have not been passed a Chief Base Censor. I further certify that all such matter carried has the impression of the official Base Censorship Stamp."

The original of the certificate will be retained by the signer, and the duplicate will be filed with the Security Officer at the port or airport of departure.

c. It is forbidden to make use of the civil postal service as a means of sending personal mail. Only the facilities of the U.S. Army Post Office will be used for posting mail and buying money orders.

d. Personal telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms originating in, or destined for, this theater have not yet been approved, except as provided in Circulars No. 66 and 77, this headquarters, cs. As soon as adequate transmission facilities are available, the necessary instructions will be issued. However, messages of an urgent nature may now be handled through the American Red Cross, in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 28, this headquarters, cs.

7. Explanation of Regulations: Each organization and detachment commander will fully explain the provisions of this circular to all officers, civilians under military jurisdiction and enlisted men of his unit within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt thereof. Regimental and similar commanders will be responsible that this explanation is made to all units and personnel newly arrived in this theater.

II. - INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL.

1. General:

a. With few exceptions all private correspondence will be in plain English. Letters in a foreign language must be

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c. It is forbidden to make use of the civil postal service as a means of sending personal mail. Only the facilities of the U.S. Army Post Office will be used for posting mail and buying money orders.

d. Personal telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms originating in, or destined for, this theater have not yet been approved, except as provided in Circulars No. 66 and 77, this headquarters, cs. As soon as adequate transmission facilities are available, the necessary instructions will be issued. However, messages of an urgent nature may now be handled through the American Red Cross, in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 28, this headquarters, cs.

7. Explanation of Regulations: Each organization and detachment commander will fully explain the provisions of this circular to all officers, civilians under military jurisdiction and enlisted men of his unit within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt thereof. Regimental and similar commanders will be responsible that this explanation is made to all units and personnel newly arrived in this theater.

II. - INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL.

1. General:

a. With few exceptions all private correspondence will be in plain English. Permission to write letters in a foreign language must be obtained from the Unit Commander. Such permission will be granted by him at his discretion. The Unit Commander will immediately notify the Chief Base Censor that permission has been granted, giving the name of the soldier and the language authorized. Personnel authorized to write in a foreign language will indicate in pencil the language of the communication on the face of the envelope.

b. The use of codes, ciphers and shorthand, or any other forms of secret writing in private correspondence is forbidden. Crosses, X's and other marking of a similar character in the text or at the end of a letter or on the envelope will not be permitted.

c. All articles and photographs, including those of a non-service nature which it is desired to dispatch for publication in the press will be forwarded, properly enveloped addressed in an outer cover to Censorship Branch (INC).

d. The press frequently publish information which is generally prohibited in personal correspondence. This is possible since all press material is censored before dispatch and it is practicable to exercise day to day control which is impossible in troop mail. An item concern-

in a certain unit or high ranking officer may be released one day while shortly afterwards secrecy may prevent any mention of this same unit or individual.

2. Guidance:

A. Conditional Statements: Under no circumstances will either open or hidden reference be made in private or unofficial correspondence, or in private records, to any matter which might be of value or comfort to the enemy, be detrimental to the war effort, or disadvantage the forces or prejudice the foreign relations of the United States or her allies. The following list indicates some subjects, the mention of which should be made only after careful consideration of the above:

- (1) Information concerning military or naval forces of the U.S. or any Ally.
- (2) Military, naval or aircraft armament or equipment. (No new designs should be mentioned until publicity has been given in the press).
- (3) Description of billets, bivouacs or camps; location of groups of soldiers, troops or supply movements.
- (4) Specific information as to names or numbers of casualties or desertions. (Numbers are of value to the enemy - names may disclose relatives.)
- (5) The military status of any person in transit, or the fact of his movement. (Possible future military operations might be revealed by identifying an individual known for a specialized activity.)
- (6) Reference to the presence in this theater of any officer of the rank of full colonel or higher if such information links him with a unit or an assignment. Officers whose names have been released in the press may be mentioned. Care will be taken not to disclose their present location.
- (7) Unauthenticated or false reports or misleading statements.
- (8) Troops of units in actual combat any state in their private mail addressed to the continental United States or United Kingdom that their unit has been in action in a certain sector on a certain date. Such information must be at least two weeks old at the time of writing and must refer to sectors only, and not to well defined small localities. Unit Commanders will be held responsible for adherence to the two week limitation and for an intelligent interpretation of the above.

B. Prohibited Statements: Under no circumstances will references be made to the following:

- (1) The exact geographical location of any unit, or the revelation of the geographical location of the Army Post Office number which is assigned to that particular base or sector.

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b. Prohibited Statements: Under no circumstances will reference be made to the following:

- (1) The exact geographical location of any unit, or the revelation of the geographical location of the Army Post Office number which is assigned to that particular base or force. Location which a unit or individual is stationed may be disclosed only as "SOMWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA" in letters to the United States or the United Kingdom, to an address in this theater, or to other personnel under U.S. Military jurisdiction. Letters addressed to personnel in the U.S. Military Service in locations outside the continental limits of the United States (except to an address in this theater or the United Kingdom) will disclose no location whatever.
- (2) The location, identity, movement or prospective movement of any U.S. or Allied naval or merchant vessel or of any U.S. or Allied naval, military or commercial aircraft.
- (3) Distinguishing signs used for identity of organizations or their transportation or use.
- (4) Plans and forecasts, or orders for future operations, whether known or merely surmised.
- (5) The use, condition or probable extension of roads, air routes, railways, bridges, utilities or other transportation facilities.

(6) The effect of enemy operations to material suffered by the U.S. or any Ally previous to the official publication of such information.

(7) Statements criticizing or disparaging the effort of the Allies of the United States or causing a disunity between members of the Allied nations thereby retarding the successful prosecution of the war.

(8) Reports of atrocities, unless released by appropriate authority.

3. Enclosures:

a. To send or to attempt to send to any person or agency, otherwise than in the course of official business, any of the following is forbidden:

(1) Local newspapers. This restriction does not apply to the publications "Yank", "Stars and Stripes" (weekly) and "Union Jack". Clippings from local newspapers may be sent if they do not indicate the location of a unit. (The daily "Stars and Stripes" contains many local announcements, hence discloses unit locations and may not be mailed.)

(2) Organization publications or news bulletins. (These are not press censored.)

(3) Postage stamps except in small numbers. (All stamps are examined for coded messages.)

(4) Phonograph records. (These cannot be censored in the theater).

(5) Blank sheets of paper, including envelope linings. (All have to be thoroughly examined for possible coded messages).

(6) Foreign currency or coins except in small numbers and denominations. (Export control of currency.)

(7) Drawings, sketches, music manuscript and paintings, except when submitted directly to the Chief Base Censor for censorship. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

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(8) Private Diaries and Memoranda.

- (a) In general, the keeping of private diaries and memoranda will be discouraged.
- (b) Private diaries kept by officers, enlisted men, or civilians may contain information of value to the enemy and their dispatch through the regular mail is forbidden while censorship is in effect.
- (c) The writers of such diaries frequently keep them in their pockets or in kits where they are liable to capture by the enemy, thus becoming a source of danger. To minimize such risks, private diaries and memoranda will be collected periodically by registration, or submitted to the Chief of Base Censor, where they will be stored. Before being dispatched, diaries will be enclosed in sealed covers marked as follows: "Private Diary of _____ (Give name, grade and organization), date _____ Upon release to be mailed to _____ (Give exact address)". Diaries will be released when censorship is no longer in effect, or after censorship.

- (d) Staff officers will dispose of notebooks containing notes and records of their duties as directed by their Chiefs of Sections.

4. Addressees.

a. Incoming: The correct address of all personnel governed by this circular to be used by their correspondents is as follows:

- (1) Sender's name and address in upper left corner.
- (2) Grade, first name in full, middle initial, and last name of person addressed, followed by his Army serial number.
- (3) Letter or number of the company or other similar organization to which the addressee is assigned or attached.
- (4) Designation of the regiment or separate battalion, if any, to which the company is assigned or attached.
- (5) The APO number, care of the postmaster of the city handled by the Army Postal Service, as a mail address.

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- (4) Designation of the regiment or separate battalion, if any, to which the company is assigned or attached.
- (5) The APO number, care of the postmaster of the city assigned by the Army Postal Service as a mail address.

(6) Example:

From: John E. Roe
205 N. State St.,
Boston, Mass.

Pvt. Willard S. Roe, 1024896
Company F, 187th Infantry
APO 304, c/o Postmaster,
New York City, New York.

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b. Outgoing: Return address on personal mail from all personnel governed by this circular will appear in the upper left corner of the envelope and will conform to the form and conditions prescribed for addressing mail outlined above.

- (1) One-half inch margin will be left blank along the left edge of envelopes to facilitate resealing after Base Censorship.

(2) Example:

From: Pvt Willard J. Doe, 1024096
Company F, 1st Infantry
APO 304, c/o Postmaster,
New York City, New York

John R. Roe
205 W. State St.,
Boston, Mass.

c. Exceptions:

- (1) The initials "NATOUSA", "AFHQ", "ABS", "TH S", "MBS", MAY be used as part of the addresses of personnel governed by this circular who are assigned or attached to such headquarters. The appropriate staff section will be used in lieu of paragraph a (3) above, and the appropriate initials in lieu of paragraph e (4) above.

(a) Example:

Sgt. Harold V. Roberts, 1907535,
Ordnance Section, Hq. MBS,
APO 666 c/o Postmaster,
New York City, New York.

- (2) Communications originating in and destined for this theater of operations and the communications between this theater of operations and the British Isles will be addressed as outlined in a and b above, except that the term "U. S. ARMY" will be substituted for "W. C. Postmaster".

John R. Eco
206 W. State St.,
Boston, Mass.

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(3) A military return address will not be used anywhere on or in any communication intended for a neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied country. Such mail must be sent through a friend or relative residing in the continental United States. The friend or relative may forward such mail using a domestic civilian return address. It is cautioned that communications to Allied prisoners of war fall into this category.

d. Private addresses will not be used.

e. Official, hotel or other headed, printed or embossed stationery will not be used for private correspondence in such a manner as to disclose the exact geographical location of the writer, his unit or and APO number.

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f. All personnel governed by this circular will advise their correspondents to address mail to them in accordance with the applicable provisions outlined above.

5. Picture Postcards.

a. Picture postcards will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. Particular care will be taken by senders and Unit Censors to insure that postcards do not disclose a unit location or link an APO with a geographical location.

b. Any reference in communications to postcards previously sent, or to be sent which, when considered with the postcard or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

6. Blue Envelopes.

a. Enlisted Military personnel in this theater are authorized the use of blue envelopes for the transmission of letters relating to private or family matters only.

b. The purpose of the blue envelope is to offer more privacy to the sender and to protect him from possible embarrassment. Communications so sent are subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor only.

c. Each blue envelope will contain no inner cover, only one letter, and will be addressed directly to the addressee.

d. Enlisted men will not be induced or compelled to send their letters in blue envelopes. The rate of issue and use will not exceed two per man in any one month.

e. Blue envelopes will not be initiated without written approval from the Chief Base Censor for a specified number.

f. Letters sent in blue envelopes and not justifying the use of blue envelopes will be returned to the senders.

7. Mail of Officers and Civilians under Military Jurisdiction.

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b. Mail of officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will not be unit censored nor stamped with the unit censorship stamp, but will be subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor. Officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will sign their name without rank on the lower left corner of the envelope. When using V-Mail, they will sign their name on the inside of the form in the space provided for the "Censor's Stamp" in addition to signing it on the lower left corner of the "envelope". The signature certifies that they have read, understood and complied with military censorship regulations. Violations of military censorship regulation by officers and civilians under military jurisdiction will subject them to disciplinary action, including trial by courts-martial.

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8. Method of Posting.

a. Enlisted Men.

(1) All mail of enlisted men will be deposited in mail boxes in company, battery or similar unit orderly rooms, unsealed and ready for mailing. Blue envelope mail will be deposited in Army Post Office Channels sealed.

(2) Registered and insured mail, not being subject to Unit Censorship, will be deposited direct with the Army Postal Service.

b. Officers and Civilians: All mail of officers and civilians under U.S. military jurisdiction will be deposited in Army Post Office Channels sealed and ready for mailing.

9. Handling of Violations.

a. Mail and other communications which do not strictly conform to the instructions contained in this circular will not be forwarded and need not be returned to the writer, but are liable to such disposition as the Theater Censor or Chief Base Censor may direct.

b. Persons revealing information prohibited by this circular, other than in the course of official business, will be subject to disciplinary action.

III - UNIT CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

1. General: Unit Censorship will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections I and II of this circular supplemented by the following regulations:

2. Responsibility:

a. The company or similar unit commander is responsible for the censorship of all mail (see exceptions, paragraph b below) of enlisted personnel of his command. The company or unit commander may designate officers of his command, such as platoon leaders, to examine the mail of the enlisted personnel of the unit.

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- a. All communications subject to Unit Censorship will be examined and censored by commissioned officers or warrant officers in the U.S. Army.
- b. Censorship officers will respect and observe the confidential nature of information which comes into their possession. THEY WILL NEVER DISCUSS OR DIVULGE ANY SUCH MATTERS EITHER IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EXCEPT WHEN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIRE A REPORT TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY. Any violation of this trust by a censorship officer will subject that officer to prompt disciplinary action.
- c. An enlisted man who delivers his mail for Unit Censorship has performed his duty. The Unit Censor is responsible for seeing that violations are corrected before the communication is passed. Letters containing violations will normally be returned to the sender for rewriting. The censor is responsible for any violations contained in communications passed by him.

4. Censorship Stamps.

- a. All censorship stamps will be issued and registered by the Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D.C. The Chief Post Censor will re-issue and assign U.S. Army Examiner censorship stamps to the commanding officers of companies, similar organizations and detachments for use by Unit Censors in any cases where such stamps have not been previously issued.
- b. One authorized U. S. Army Examiner Stamp will be issued to each company or similar detachment and written receipt therefor filed by the Unit Censor. U. S. Army Examiner Stamps are recorded as CONFIDENTIAL material and will be safeguarded in accordance with the provisions of AR 380-5.
- c. Organizations not regularly issued censorship stamps are authorized to request them from the Chief Post Censor, having jurisdiction over the territory in which they are stationed. Such requests will include the following information: Organization, strength, name of nearest organization holding a censorship stamp and distance therefrom, distance to nearest Army Post Office; if dated, probable duration of detachment and any other pertinent information.
- d. A censorship stamp will be used only by duly appointed censors. The impression of the censorship stamp will be placed on the left-hand side of the cover and clear of the address. When V-Mail is used, the impression will, in addition, be placed on the inside of the flap in the space provided. Impressions of the censorship stamp on reply, undressed envelopes or other unaddressed material and on unenclosed items will not be made.
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d. A censorship stamp will be used only by duly appointed censors. The impression of the censorship stamp will be placed on the left-hand side of the cover and clear of the address. When V-Mail is used, the impression will, in addition, be placed on the inside of the form in the space provided. Impressions of the censorship stamp on empty, unaddressed envelopes or other unaddressed material and on unsealed files will not be made.

e. Upon relinquishing duties as a censorship officer, an officer holding a censorship stamp will transfer it to his successor. A written receipt showing the transfer will be forwarded to the Chief Base Censor for file.

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c. Every precaution will be taken to prevent a censorship stamp from falling into improper hands or being lost. If it should be lost, an immediate report will be made to the Chief Base Censor. Any information obtained concerning the use of an unauthorized censorship stamp will be reported immediately to the Chief Base Censor who will cause an investigation to be made and any necessary disciplinary action to be taken.

5. Instructions for Postal Censors.

a. Examination of Letters.

(1) Detection of the use of secret writing in correspondence is sometimes very difficult. Nevertheless, all censorship officers should be aware of the possibilities and should be alert to detect the use of such methods.

(2) A physical examination to detect the presence of a secret writing will be made of the letter, the envelope and all enclosures. Any communications suspected of containing secret writing, codes, or ciphers, will be sent immediately to the Chief Base Censor for action.

b. Parcels: All parcels, including luggage, will be examined carefully to prevent the transmission of concealed messages. After examination, parcels must be securely packaged prior to dispatch, and they will be handled by censorship personnel only, until placed in the custody of postal authorities.

c. Communications from Unknown Persons.

(1) Communications to and from unknown persons, including "penial" letters, will be referred by unit censors to the Chief Base Censor, who will normally condemn the communication.

(2) Replies to advertisements or trade circulars or to letters of congratulation from unknown persons, or letters in acknowledgment of gifts from unknown persons, will be referred to the Chief Base Censor.

(3) Advertisements or letters for publication inviting correspondence with unknown persons are forbidden and will be condemned by censorship officers.

d. Official Mail: Official correspondence is not subject to censorship, but the address and return address will be checked to insure that no classified information is revealed. Censorship officers, however, must be alert to detect

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d. Official Mail: Official correspondence is not subject to censorship, but the address and return address will be checked to insure that no classified information is revealed. Censorship officers, however, must be alert to detect possible evasion of censorship by use of franked envelopes for personal correspondence.

6. Outgoing Mail:

a. Officers' mail and blue envelopes will be transmitted to the Army Post Office without being opened by unit censors.

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b. The following types of mail will be forwarded in a covering envelope by the Unit Censor to the Chief Base Censor as official mail:

- (1) Foreign language communications which cannot be translated by the unit censor.
- (2) Mail enclosing communications to Allied prisoners of war.
- (3) Mail enclosing communications to persons in neutral, enemy or enemy-occupied countries.

c. All other mail, subject to Unit Censorship, including parcels, will be examined by Unit Censors and one of the following actions taken:

- (1) Pass If the letter or parcel does not violate any censorship regulations, it will be passed. The examiner will replace the contents in the cover, seal it and after sealing the cover, sign his name and rank on the lower left corner. Parcels will also be signed with the censor's name and rank on the lower left corner of the face of the package, and will show a list of contents on the outside of the package. Signed mail will then be forwarded to the officer holding the United States Army Examiner Stamp for the censorship inspection. Censorship stamp impressions will appear only on the front left-hand side of an envelope. Signed mail will then be forwarded to the Army Post Office. Unauthenticated parcels will not be admitted to handle mail that has been sealed and signed. V-mail letters of enlisted men will bear the censor's signature with rank and the United States Army Examiner's Stamp impression both in the lower left corner of the "envelope" and on the inside of the form in the space provided; therefore, they will be forwarded unsealed (after inspection by the examiner) to the officer holding the United States Examiner Stamp who will seal them after executing the proper instructions.

- (2) Condemn If the letter or parcel contains a violation of censorship regulations, it will be returned to the sender of condemned by the examining officer without notice to the sender. Condemning upon the nature of the violation. Normally a letter or parcel will be condemned only when it is believed the original will be needed for evidence. When a unit censor believes that a letter or parcel should be condemned, he will prepare an informal recommendation indicating such action and stating the reason or reasons therefor. The recommendation is, together with the letter or parcel

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(2) Quarantine: If the letter or parcel contains a violation of censorship regulations, it will be returned to the censor of origin by the examining officer without notice to the sender, depending upon the nature of the violation. Normally a letter or parcel will be condemned only when it is believed the original will be needed for evidence. When a unit censor believes that a letter or parcel should be condemned, he will prepare an informal recommendation indicating such action and stating the reason or reasons therefor. The recommendation, together with the letter or parcel concerned, will be forwarded direct to the Chief Base Censor.

(3) Return to Sender: Letters and parcels containing minor violations of censorship regulations will normally be returned to the sender with a notation on an enclosed Form (123) indicating the nature of the violation. The censor, if practicable, will discuss personally with the offender the nature of the violation, instead of using Form (MC 3). It is expected that the number of letters to be returned to the sender will grow progressively smaller as time goes on owing to the fact that from this procedure individuals should learn what will and what will not be passed by the censor.

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(4) Excise: Excessive mutilation of mail by excisions is never warranted, if a letter contains a word or short phrase violating censorship regulations but is not otherwise objectionable, the examining officer will excise the objectionable word or phrase using a sharp knife or other cutting instrument. When necessary excisions are so extensive as to destroy the sense of the message, the letter will be returned to the sender for revision. Excisions will be sufficiently complete to prevent restoration of the original meaning of the excised portions by the addressee. Under no circumstances will Unit Censors delete information by lining out or covering words or phrases using a pencil, ink, paint, or similar material, except in the case of V-Mail. All V-Mail deletions will be made by completely obliterating censored portions with black ink.

(5) Recommend Photograph or Photostat: If it appears desirable that a letter or parcel go forward but a record is needed for evidence, or future reference, the letter or parcel should be forwarded to the Chief Base Censor with an internal recommendation that it be photographed or photostated before being passed. The Unit Censor will state the reason or reasons for his recommendations.

(6) Note Missing Enclosures: When reference is made in a letter to an enclosure which cannot be found, the omission will be called to the attention of the sender in person if feasible. If the sender cannot readily be reached for reference, the examining officer will prepare duplicate copies of Form (MC 2), "Notification of Missing Enclosures". Both the original and the duplicate will be initialed by the examiner. The original will be placed in the letter and the communication returned to the sender. If local conditions render such action impractical, the letter will be passed. The duplicate copy of Form MC 2 will be retained by the examining officer for his own protection, after noting on the reverse side thereof the following information: 5352

(A) Date of examination.

(1) Name and address of addressee.

(3) Name of sender.

7. Incoming Mail: Incoming mail will be spot-checked by the Chief Base Censor and not normally examined by the Unit Censor. However, the Unit Censor will furnish a Chief Base Censor with the names of individuals under his jurisdiction in cases where it is desirable or necessary that their incoming mail be examined.

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8. Forms: The following are samples of MC 2 and MC 3 and will be produced only by the Unit Censor when needed:

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MC FORM 2

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING ENCLOSURE

The enclosure mentioned in this correspondence

was found to be missing when the letter was opened by the sender.

(RMR)

MC 2

MC FORM 3

RETURN OF LETTER TO SENDER

This letter is returned to sender because

MC 3

(RMR)

IV - FILM CENSORSHIP.

1. General.

a. In this theater, the use of privately owned cameras has been authorized for all personnel, except those in contact with the enemy.

b. Photographers will familiarize themselves with film censorship regulations. No picture will be taken that contains information of aid or comfort to the enemy.

2. Photographic Information to be Suppressed.

a. In addition to the information prohibited by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Section II of this circular, the following classes of information are not to be released for export from this theater, except in the course of official business or with the written approval of this headquarters.

- (1) All aerial photographs and films of enemy territory.

This letter is returned to sender because _____

MC 3

(RMR)

IV - FILM CENSORSHIP.

1. General.

a. In this theater, the use of privately owned cameras has been authorized for all personnel, except those in combat zones.

b. Photographers will familiarize themselves with film censorship regulations. No picture will be taken that contains information of value or comfort to the enemy.

2. Photograph information to be suppressed.

a. In addition to the information prohibited by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Section II of this circular, the following classes of information are not to be released for report from this theater, except in the course of official business or with the written approval of this headquarters.

- (1) All aerial photographs and films of friendly territory.
- (2) High angle views of enemy military installations, possible military objectives, or locations where enemy features could disclose location.

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(3) All views of plant operations engaged in Allied war manufacture, assembly or repair of material used for furtherance of the Allied cause. Close-up views of machinery or technical equipment.

(4) Pictures which could be distorted by the enemy and used as propaganda against the war effort.

(5) Pictures which might focus attention on training, personnel, or equipment from which the character of future operations might be determined. Also pictures which show state of training or morale of troops.

(6) Pictures revealing general location of such equipment as planes, tanks, large guns, combat cars, etc.

(7) Pictures of all classified equipment.

(8) Pictures indicating a quantity or the presence of, a particular type of equipment in any general locality.

(9) Pictures indicating route, type of aircraft, nature of carriers and installations of the Air Transport Command.

b. Any reference in communications to photographs previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the photographs or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

c. Photographs or films furthering the objectives of enemy propaganda will not be inserted into this theater.

d. Particular attention will be given to backdrops. Frequently the principal subject in the foreground of a picture is not objectionable while the background will reveal information to be suppressed.

3. Instructions for Handling Photographic Material.

a. Photographic material exposed by amateur photographers may be processed locally but only by firms approved by the respective Base Sections.

b. Since local developing facilities are very limited, provisions have been made for developing negatives in the United States without cost to the photographer. To take advantage of these facilities, the following procedure will be followed:

(1) The address of the sender plus the name and address of a person in the United States to whom the developer negatives are to be sent will be

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 - (1) The address of the sender plus the name and address of a person in the United States to whom the developed negatives are to be sent will be inclosed on a slip of paper securely tied to each roll of undeveloped film.
 - (2) Such rolls will be classified "CONFIDENTIAL" and will be transmitted as official mail to the Chief Base Center for handling and disposition.

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(3) The negatives of such rolls cannot be mailed to this theater by the delivering agency in the United States.

c. Any unauthorized facilities will be subject to disciplinary action.

d. All negatives and prints not passed by the censor will become the property of the United States Government and will be disposed of as directed by the War Department, Washington, D.C., or by the Theater Commander.

By command of the Theater Commander:

E. L. FORD
Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff

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H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGO,
Adjutant General.

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL
APO 512

30 August 1943

SUBJECT : Circular 86-NATOUA.

TO : Chief Planner.

1. NATOUA Circular 86 regarding censorship will be read by all officers of the Planning Staff and report rendered this Headquarters not later than noon ~~Wednesday~~ September 4, 1943.

2. The attached sheet will be signed by each officer personally upon completion of the reading.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

Lawrence E. Kearin.
LAWRENCE E. KEARIN,
1st Lieut., Infantry,
Adjutant.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Censorship Branch (INC)
A.P.C. 512 U.S. Army

c/106.

27 August 1943.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CENSORSHIP LIAISON UNITS IN ITALIAN TERRITORY

1. A Censorship Liaison Unit is composed of three officers, two enlisted men, and one car.
2. It will be the responsibility of each Unit to take all possible measures:
 - a. To protect captured enemy mail from loss or destruction.
 - b. To collect and sort such mail into the following categories for disposal as follows:

(1) Italian Civil Internal Mail.

This will not be dispatched without authority of A.F.H.Q. Censorship Branch will be advised as to amount of this mail awaiting disposal.

(2) Italian Military Internal Mail.

This will be bagged and dispatched to Censorship Branch, INC Section A.F.H.Q., at Algiers, clearly marked as to contents.

(3) Italian Civil or Military External Mail.

To be dispatched to Censorship Branch, INC Section, A.F.H.Q., at Algiers, after sorting into separate bags as follows:

- (a) To or from the American continent and adjacent Islands.
- (b) To or from the Balkans and Middle East.

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- (b) To or from the Balkans and Middle East.
- (c) To or from all other European countries.
- (d) To or from the rest of the world.

(4) German Military Mail.

To be dispatched to this Branch, at Algiers, as above.

- c. It is suggested that Italian Post Office personnel should be used, under suitable supervision, for above purposes or sorting.
- d. G-2 (British C.S.I.) of the Force concerned will be advised before the dispatch of captured mail.
- e. Should H.Q. 15th Army Group require any special category of captured mail, this Branch will cable necessary instructions to the Censorship Liaison Unit concerned.

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f. In the event of insufficient transport facilities, the three following categories of mail will be given the precedence indicated below:

- (1) German Military Mail.
- (2) Italian Military Internal Mail.
- (3) Italian Civil or Military Mail to or from the Balkans and Middle East.

3. No mail will be permitted to be posted in civil post offices while operations are in progress. After fighting ceases, AMGOT may permit postcards only to be written. It will be the duty of the Censorship Liaison Unit to arrange for all such postcards to be routed through focal points where a token censorship of them will be made before passing. If considered desirable in the interests of security by the Commanding General, an additional delay in the delivery of these postcards may be imposed.

4. It will, furthermore, be the duty of the Censorship Liaison Section:

- a. To censor, if requested by G-2 C.I. (British G.S.I.b) such essential telegrams as may be permitted.
- b. To censor, if requested by G-2 C.I. (British G.S.Ib) any essential long-distance telephone calls as may be permitted.

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5. Permission to send telegrams or to make long-distance telephone calls may only be granted by G-2 (British G.S.I.) or by AMGOT.

6. The Censorship Liaison Section may apply to G-2 (British G.S.I.) for suitable and trustworthy Italian civilian assistants.

7. Any documents received by a Censorship Liaison Unit will be handed over immediately to the nearest G-2 (Intelligence) officer.

8. Further facilities of communication may be extended to the civilian population at the discretion of AMGOT. It will be the duty of officers i/c Censorship Liaison Units to inform this Branch or any such intended extensions in order that suitable instructions may be issued.

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 Censor Liaison Officers.

V.E. SCOTT BAILEY.
 Lt. Col., G.S.,
 Chief, Censorship Branch.
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