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POSTAL, BRITISH PERSONNEL
AUG.-NOV. 1943

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FOLIO	DATE	REF.	TO/FROM
1	27 Aug	AFHQ/2625/13/05	From: AFHQ
2	19 Sep.	Q 689	From: Fort base
3	20 "	POS/523	" SCAO Siracusa
4	24 "	S/1/10	" Camp
5	3 Oct	208/H.Q.	To: H.Q. Fort base
6	6 Oct	2046/Q	From: Col 1/c Adm, 1 st District
7	14 Oct	395/HQ	To: HQ, 4 th 1 st District
8	14 Oct	Amgot 406	To: Amgot Liaison 15 A.G.
9	22 Oct	IBS.2187	From: Amgot Liaison 15 A.G.
10	22 Oct	CAT/50	From: SCAO Catania.
11	23 "	—	" F.O., Catania.
12	1 Nov.	—	To ..

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

12
November 1, 1943

SUBJECT: Postal (British Personnel)

TO : F.O. Catania. 10

1. Ref. your letter No. GAF/50 dated 22 October. This matter has been investigated and in view of the fact that some officers are receiving their mail at this H.Q. as much as 8 weeks overdue it is not considered that in the present circumstances that any hardship is being placed upon the officers serving in Catania who are only 5 weeks overdue with their mail.

2. It is however, pointed out that steps are being made to have the whole system of delivery of mail revised to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Capt.

e/A

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To OTC Inward Mail
Amfor HQ.
Palermo.

There would appear to be a considerable delay in the delivery of air letters from the British Isles. I received yesterday Oct 22nd an air letter posted in London on September 30. This is not just an isolated case, eighteen to twenty one days is the average time taken for letters received during the last two or three weeks whereas previously fourteen days was the maximum.

Units stationed in this area are receiving their mail in fourteen days or less. I presume that our mail goes first to 15 Army Group & then to Palermo & is up to date.

would it not be possible to make
arrangements for 15 Army group
to forward any mail direct to
Catania for those officers & men
who are more or less permanently
stationed here?

Your attention to this matter
will be greatly appreciated
by all ranks.

J. K. R. R.

Major

F.C. Catania Province

Catania
23/10/43

Subject:- Personal Mail from U.K.

Ref:CAT/50.

To:- AMGOT H.Q.,
Palermo.

From:- S.C.A.O.,
Catania.

Several complaints have been received in this office from British Officers and O.Rs of Catania Province re the time taken for personal mail to reach them from the U.K. In some cases Air Mail Letters are taking as long as 3 weeks and more before they arrive in this office.

Numerous enquiries have been made with other units in Catania, who state that the average time taken for their Air Mail Letters from the U.K. is 10 days. This figure is confirmed by the local A.P.O. and obviously compares very unfavourably with the situation in this Province as outlined in first para. above.

It is suggested that the delay may be caused through letters being addressed to 15 Army Group, and it is requested, therefore, that if this is the case, the correct address be notified, please.

Catania.
22.10.43.
JFG/LJO.

for Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.

Copy to:- AMGOT Liaison Officer,
15 Army Group.

SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET AND SECRET

171700A

SECRET

IBS 2187

FROM: AMGOT, LIAISON 15TH ARMY GP

220800A

TO : CO IBS, FOR AMGOT

~~RECEIVED~~ Your Angot 406 of 15 October. One bag mail despatched
you 12 October. After that ~~1~~ mail despatched you daily in registered
envelope except yesterday. ~~1~~ mail for British Troops despatched
from here by air.

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AMGOT

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EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET AND SECRET

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SEARS FOR ANGOT-406

14. October 1945.

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ROUTINE.

ANGOT LIAISON FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP

NO PERSONAL MAIL FOR BRITISH TROOPS PASSED FROM SEARS FOR ANGOT TO ANGOT LIAISON
FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP WITH ANGOT FOUR ZERO SIX PASSED RECEIVED HERE FOR TWO WEEKS X
LAST DELIVERY ARRIVED ON FIRST OCTOBER X PLEASE INVESTIGATE DELAY X CAN YOU
ARRANGE BETTER SERVICE FOR FUTURE

395/HQ

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(COPY)

SUBJECT: O.A.A.F.I.

2046/Q

6 Oct 43

AMGOT Liaison
15 Army Group

1. Ref your letter AI/4/246 dated 2 October 43. Air mail letter cards and green envelopes may be obtained from 15 D.I.D. for the use of British Troops stationed at AMGOT H.Q., PALERMO.
2. Authority for the special issue of tea to these troops cannot be granted.

Col i/c Adm.,
No. 1 District

CMF
CMF/LJG

Copy to: HQ 55 Area
S.T.

original on file 394/112



601K

Air Mail Letter Cards, Green
Envelopes, etc.
H.Q. No. 1 District

395/HQ

14 October 3

Reference your letter 2046/Q dated 6 October 1943
addressed to AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group.

1. It was agreed here yesterday with your British Liaison
officer (Capt. R. L. Webb) at Island Base Section that this
H.Q. should in future obtain Air Mail Letter Cards and Green
Envelopes from that office starting with the issue to be drawn
on 23 October 1943.

2. From that date, therefore, supplies for AMGOT British
personnel in Sicily will be drawn as follows:

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weekly from respective DIDs now issuing rations.
- (b) AMGOT HQ and Provinces of Agrigento, Caltanissetta,
Enna, Messina, Palermo, and Trapani -
fortnightly from DID at Catania through Capt.
Webb who will issue to this HQ in bulk.

3. The same procedure is being adopted to obtain free
issues from DIDs of cigarettes and matches.

Copy to S.C.A.O. Syracuse:
After 16 October 1943,
please discontinue all
drawings for this HQ of the
supplies referred to in this
letter.

HQ Island Base Section.
(British Liaison Officer)
British Camp Commandant
British Quartermaster

Whitney 6015
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs
Officer.

Confirmation
In confirmation of verbal
arrangements made on
13 October 1943.

File 394/HQ

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File 395/HQ

Mr Mail Letter Cards and Green Envelopes.

H.Q. PORTSMOUTH.

AMCOT/208/121

3rd October 3

1. Your Signal Message 669 dated 19th September 1943 addressed to your S & T Branch, with a copy to AMCOT PORTSMOUTH, has been forwarded from STRATHMORE to this H.Q., with a copy of A.F.I.Q. letter 2525/13/05 MANT dated 27th August 1943.

2. This letter is written to advise you of the facts so far as they are known at this H.Q., and it is hoped that the following information will assist you in your enquiries.

3. The 5,000 Green Envelopes referred to have not at any time been received here. If, as is implied in the A.F.I.Q. letter, they were despatched from 9 Publications Depot this H.Q. has received no advice of this and they have gone astray en route. The only Green Envelopes received in SICILY have been those issued by D.I.D.s on the Island.

4. As regards the 4,000 Air Mail Letter Cards, two parcels containing 760 and 3,500 Cards respectively were delivered here by air about 23rd August 1943. At the time it was not known where these parcels had come from, nor was there any marking or enclosure to indicate this. It would now appear that they are the Cards mentioned in the A.F.I.Q. letter.

5. These 4,260 Cards have been disposed of as follows:-

(a) To approximately 400 British AMCOT personnel not drawing British ration - 4 weeks 20 August, 10 September, 17 September and 1 October.	6011	1,600
(b) To 50 British AMCOT personnel drawing British ration who were refused Cards by D.I.D. 2 weeks 10 September and 17 September		100
(c) Stock remaining at co-day's date		2,560
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6. It will be seen from sub-para 5(c) above that the stock of Cards remaining on hand constitutes about a 6 weeks supply for British AMB personnel not drawing British rations. These men are dispersed throughout the Western and Central Provinces of SICILY and it takes about a fortnight from the time the cards are drawn at SYRACUSE before they reach all the individuals concerned. It is therefore requested that you give approval to this H.Q.'s holding a stock of 1,000 Cards at all times out of which issues will be made on the due date and replenished by drawings from D.I.D. SYRACUSE.

7. The remaining surplus of 1,560 Cards will be disposed of by withdrawing 400 Cards from D.I.D. SYRACUSE in each of the next four weeks. After that you are asked to supply in full again for all British AMB personnel in SICILY as this method would ensure all ranks of a regular weekly issue and avoid the complication and uncertainty of obtaining part of the issue from D.I.D.s and part from A.F.H.Q. (para (c) of A.F.H.Q. Routine Order 441 dated 17th September 1943 ref. 103).

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Chief Civil Affairs Officer,
Major General,

/over ...

Only to
S.C.A.O. of
SYDNEY.

British Corp. Consultant.
British Quartermaster.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the City of New York, for the year 1901.

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Subject: - Air Letter Cards.

To: S.A.T. (Major H.W. Peary),
AMGOT H.Q.

Ref. att. correspondence and T.P. from H.Q. Fortbase.
Herewith particulars as asked for in T.P. Q689 dated 19 Sept.

43.

- (a)(b) 5,000 Green Envelopes have not yet been received.
760 Air Letter Cards received by Q.M. from Staff Capt on
26/8/43.
* 3,900 (approx) received by Camp Commandant from Staff Capt.
on 28/8/43.

- (c) AMGOT Personnel throughout the Island (less Messina Province,
Catania, H.Q. 8th Army and AMGOT Island. 15 Army Group)
2,195 Letter Cards.

- (a) 2,465.

- (e) Approx. 524 Officers & O.Rs. throughout the Island are on
American Rations.
(Vide personnel shown bracketed in sub-para C.) approx. 110
Officers & O.Rs. are on British Rations.
These figures change weekly, as shown in returns as received
from Province H.Qs.

A. L. L. L. L.
A/Camp Commandant. AMGOT. 15 Army Group. C.M.P. Lieut.

Field.
24 Sept. 43.

* 3500 + 300 drawn by OTI from GAO Syracuse.

See GKO re 12th by AFH8 No 481 (Send 54) 6013
15M 3/10

SUBJECT:- Air Mail Letter Cards.

H.Q.
Amgot.
Palermo.



The attached correspondence reference the above is forwarded to you for information.

The Air Mail Letter Cards and Green envelopes mentioned therein have not been received at this Headquarters.

If the stationery in question has been received at Palermo, will you please forward the information direct to Fortbase, as requested by them.

Siracusa.
20 Sep 43.
JRG.

H. K. ...
Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

copy to: HQ, Fortbase

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SECRET MESSAGE OUT

To: - ST FORTBASE RPTD AMGOT SIRACUSA. AMGOT CATANIA.
FROM: FORTBASE Q689 19

ONE (.) ISSUE AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS AND GREEN ENVELOPES TO AMGOT PERSONNEL
THROUGH DIDS. (.)

TWO (.) FOR AMGOT (.) AFHQ ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT A STOP BE PLACED ON
ISSUE OF THESE TO AMGOT COPY OF THEIR LETTER ATTACHED (.) PLEASE INFORM
THIS HQ (A) WHO COLLECTED 5,000 GREEN ENVELOPES AND 4,000 AIR MAIL LETTER
CARDS REFERR/ED TO (I) DATE COLLECTED (C) TO WHOM ISSUED (D) STOCKS
REMAINING (E) TOTAL W.D. FEEDING STRENGTH.

IN CIPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION.

ORIGINATORS INSTRUCTIONS.

DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

IMPORTANT.

AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 9/6
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Copy.

SUBJECT:- AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS AND GREEN ENVELOPES.

AFHQ/2625/13/05MAINT.

27th Aug 43.

MIL GOVT SEC.

It is understood from O.C. 9 Publications Depot that a supply of 5,000 green envelopes and 4000 Air Mail Letter Cards were drawn recently from him for the use of AMGOT Sicily. It is requested therefore, that you issue instructions to AMGOT, Sicily that no Air Mail Letter Cards and Green envelopes are to be drawn until this supply is exhausted.

Arrangements are now in force in Sicily for the issue of Air Mail letter cards and Green envelopes through H.Q. Fortbase, to whom all such applications should be addressed. It is appreciated that difficulties have been experienced in the supply of Air Mail letter cards and Green envelopes - apparently from 9 Publications Depot memo on the subject due to the fact that certain AMGOT units did not take over seas with them the Air Mail letter cards as ordered in the preparatory order for Units preparing for Operation HUSKY.

Copy of this letter is being sent to H.Q. FORTBASE, in order they may be aware of the issue which has been made.

Sd. A.W.H. John. Major.
for Brig.
D.Q.M.G.

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