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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/OM/327.

1WD/AMG/ord
31 January 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Postal Officer (Vito Marchito)
TO : A.G.A.C., Region I

1. Reference conversation between Region I Postal Officer and Major Van Dusen in Palermo on January 22 and subsequent confirming cable, PARO 496.
2. Copy of self-explanatory letter from Capt. Stone, 1754, is enclosed.

CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.G.C.A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Earl Stafford 2061
LDD/drr

In reply
refer to: AG 210.3
CS/10/1/9

27 January 1944

Subject: Appointment of Postal Officer (Vito Marabito)

To: Headquarters Allied Military Government, Naples.

1. Reference is made to letter (AMG/327) Hq. AMG, to C/S, ACC, Brindisi, dated 24 Jan 44, relative to the transfer of Senior Vito Marabito from Bari to Catania as an Italian Postal Officer.

2. This matter was informally discussed with the office of the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications, Italian Government. We were informed that Senior Vito Marabito had made application to be sent to Catania as a Postal Officer. Apparently by mistake an official letter or instruction was issued effecting the assignment. We have been assured that such instruction and authorization has now been cancelled and that Senior Vito Marabito will not be sent to Catania as a Postal Officer.

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice - President
Communications Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

IVS/AMC/rd
30 January 1944

ref/AMG/327.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of mail to Northern Italy
TO : Messinger Carroll, Parco Hotel

1. Enclosed is a copy of the directive on the above subject this office proposes to send to the Regional Civil Affairs Officer (R.C.A.O.) of Region I and Region II, which cover those portions of Italy and Sicily administered through these Headquarters.

2. In Region I (Sicily) there are the following nine provincial capitals:

Palermo	Messina
Catania	Reggio
Torino	Trapani
Trapani	Palermo
	Palermo

In Region II there are the following provincial capitals:

Palermo	Catania
Catania	Reggio
Trapani	Palermo

There is a Senior Civil Affairs Officer (S.C.A.O.) located in each of the above mentioned provincial capitals.

CHARLES E. MONTAGNA
Colonel, U.S.A.
U.S.C.A.O., AMG, HQ

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

LVD/AMG/ard
24 January 1944

Ref/AMG/327.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Postal Officer

TO : Advance Headquarters, A.C.G., Brindisi (Attention Major Reed,
Postal Officer)

1. Enclosed is copy of letter written this day to Chief of Staff of Headquarters concerning Vito Marabito and his prospective establishment in Catania as a Postal Officer. Lieut. Alasia wishes you to make every effort to see that Senior Marabito does not come to Catania as a Postal Officer.

2. Lieut. Alasia has also reported from Region I the following items which may require attention from your office:

(a) He states that almost no mail is coming to Sicily from the mainland.

(b) He states that he needs further instructions regarding the procedures, if any, to be followed in connection with international mail.

(c) Aegrot postage stamps in Sicily are running very low. Of the 50 centesimal stamps, 300,000 are available whereas the post office has requested one million two hundred thousand. He desires to know whether further use is to be made of Aegrot postage stamps or whether they will be superseded by the Italian stamp on the turnover.

3. It is requested that you take these matters up with Lieut. Alasia, either directly or through these Headquarters, whichever is the most expeditious means.

CHARLES M. SPENCER
Colonel, U.S.C.
D.C.C.A.S., AMG, HQ.

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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27 JANUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CG FARGO, FATIMA REAR, FOR STONE AND FILPOT FOR AMG
(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 261754A

DATE TIME REC'D.: 270730A

REFERENCE NR. : 43350

CITE : FHMGs



5 copies

Not Received

MGS AND INC CONCUR YOUR PROPOSAL AS STATED PARAGRAPH 1 FATIMA 2142 OF 25TH JANUARY. THESE ARE CENSORSHIP, NOT POSTAL REGULATIONS. YOUR PARAGRAPH 2 NOT CONCERN MGS BEING AN INTERNAL POSTAL MATTER, HOWEVER WE CONCUR.

IF YOU DESIRE ISSUANCE POSTAL REGULATIONS COORDINATED WITH PRESENT CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS, SPECIFYING ACTUAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE, NO OBJECTION FROM MGS AND INC PROVIDED MILITARY SECURITY MAINTAINED.

AMG Dist 1

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MGS Adv
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(Action) DCCAO (2)
(Info) 6 copies
Postal Office
(100 Minutes)

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*Approved by Com
Sec Unit*

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in action copy
8/12/44*

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RE. AT PEN. BASE SECT. SIG. MES. CENT.

22 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

CG PBS FOR FARGO ATTENTION HEAD

NONE

SEARS FOR POLETTI

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RPO -3



MAIL SERVICE TO ITALY PROGRESSING VERY WELL TO DATE OUR 1000 KILOGRAMS OF MAIL DISPATCHED TO REGGIO FROM PALERMO AND MESSINA. LITTLE MAIL ARRIVING FROM ITALY.

PBS DIST.

INFO: AMG HQS

POSTAL OFFICER

SEC

C. G.

A. G. MISC. DIST.

COMMS SEC (2)

DCCAO (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/327.

LWD/AMG/mrd
24 January 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Postal Officer

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Control Commission, Brindisi

1. It has been reported by Region I that one Vito Marabito, formerly a Capt. in the Postal Militia has been given orders to proceed from Bari to Catania as an Italian Postal Officer. The A.M.G. Postal Officer in Region I is opposed to the installation of this gentleman as a postal officer in Catania as long as Allied Military Government exists there.
2. Accordingly it is requested that you endeavor to restrain the Italian Government from sending Senior Vito Marabito to Catania, if the facts appear to be as stated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, U.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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25 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

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COMMUNICATION SENT TWO FOUR JANUARY TO
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION REQUESTING TO RELEASE PRISONER FOR SPOTTED
PRISONER TO THE FOR POLSTEL PD CITE PARCO FOUR NINE SIX PD YOUR BUREAU
DASH SIX TWO THREE FIVE REFERS TO REQUESTING THAT NAVARITO BE RESTRAINED
FROM COMING TO CATANIA AT THIS TIME

J. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., AGO
Adjutant General

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO ATTN HEAD
(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 241321A

DATE TIME REC'D: 241725A

REFERENCE NR. : S-6235

CITE : RPO-5



COPY OF LETTER SENT BY ITALIAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
TO POST OFFICE AT CATANIA RECEIVED WHICH STATES THAT MARABITO VITO
FORMER FASCIST MILITIA COMMANDER IS BEING SENT FROM BARI TO CATANIA
ON TEMPORARY MISSION. THIS OFFICE NOT CONSULTED OR NOTIFIED. IF YOU
HAVE APPROVED OF TRANSFER DESIRE DETAILS OF MISSION, OTHERWISE STOP
MARABITO FROM DEPARTING. THIS OFFICE HAS INSTRUCTED CATANIA TO
IGNORE MISSION UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

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TO.....ACTION.....CG PBS FOR FARGO ATTN HEAD

INFO.....NONE

FROM.....SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED.....241321A

DATE TIME RECEIVED...241725A

REFERENCE NR.....S-6235

CITE.....RPO-5



COPY OF LETTER SENT BY ITALIAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS TO POST OFFICE AT CATANIA RECEIVED WHICH STATES THAT MARABITO VITO FORMER FASCIST MILITIA COMMANDER IS BEING SENT FROM BARI TO CATANIA ON TEMPORARY MISSION. THIS OFFICE NOT CONSULTED OR NOTIFIED. IF YOU HAVE APPROVED OF TRANSFER DESIRE DETAILS OF MISSION, OTHERWISE STOP MARABITO FROM DEPARTING. THIS OFFICE HAS INSTRUCTED CATANIA TO IGNORE MISSION UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

PBS DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION...AMG HQS

INFO.....G-2

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C.G.

AMG DISTRIBUTION:

(ACTION) DCCAO (2)

(INFO) COMMS SEC(2)

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Col. Spofford

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Subject :- Regional Mail Services.
To :- H.Q. Salerno Province.
Matera " "
Potenza " "
Cosenza " "
Catanzaro " "
Reggio " "

Ref. Tptn 2/5
AMG. H.Q. REGION 2.
Dec. 13. 43.

(1) Mail services to and from this H.Q., and Provincial H.Q.'s, will be operated as hereunder :-

(a) SALERNO. TO BARI (H.Q. District 2 Signals Office)
AMG; D.R.L.S.
BARI TO NAPLES AIR LETTER SERVICE.
NAPLES TO SALERNO (94 Sub Area Signals Office)
D.R.L.S. (Sign)

DAILY EX MATERA 0900 hrs.

b) REGGIO MATERA TO BARI AMG., D.R.L.S.
BARI TO CATANIA AIR LETTER SERVICE.
CATANIA TO REGGIO (Signals Office) D.R.L.S. (Signals)

(c) POTENZA MATERA TO POTENZA. AMG., D.R.L.S., 0900 hrs Ex Region 2 H.Q. 1300 hrs. Ex Potenza.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

(d) MATERA. H.Q. REGION 2 TO MATERA, AMG., D.R.L.S. } DAILY
(Provincial HQ.) 1600 hrs; Ex Region 2 HQ. }
1630 hrs. Ex Provincia, H.Q. } SUNDAYS EXCEPTED

(e) COSENZA MATERA TO COSENZA. AMG. H.L.S.
0700 hrs.; Ex Region 2 HQ., Tuesday and Friday
0700 hrs.; Ex Cosenza, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY.

(f) CATANZARO All mail from this HQ., ~~XXXX~~ for Catanzaro, will be dispatched on the COSENZA., E.L.S.
S.C.A.O. Cosenza will dispatch and collect CATANZARO Mail.

(2) Large packages and mail bags for Salerno will be dispatched direct by road from this HQ., as and when required.
S.C.A.O. Salerno will make similar arrangements for reverse direction.

(3) Similarly, packages (as quoted in para 2) for Reggio, will be dispatched from this HQ., by E.L.S. TO COSENZA.
S.C.A.O. Cosenza will dispatch same to Reggio.

By Order of the K.O.A.O.
J.F.D. Halstead Lieut. S.C.

Regional Transportation Officer (Roads).

DRLS = DISPATCH Rider Letter Service
ELS = Express Letter Service

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MESSAGE IN.

TO: MMIA, INFO FLAMBO.

FROM: I5 ARMY GP.

SD1075-AMG.

II.

FOR BRIG DUCHESNE. REQUEST YOU EXAMINE ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF AND MECHANISM FOR PRODUCING DVRS IC EG (A) EXISTING MILITARY PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR ALLIES (B) COMB OUT EXISTING LABOUR AND GD PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY US (C) POSSIBILITY CALLUP SUITABLE CIVILIANS. WILL YOU VISIT HERE ON OR BEFORE 14 JAN.

SMC DISTRIBUTION:

~~TO~~ ACTION:
INFO:

AMG (HQ).
MGS (A).

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17 JAN 1954

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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FATIMA FOR STONE IBS FOR SEARS FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION
FOR HOOVER

REFERENCE TAM RPT TWA 120 OF 30TH DECEMBER WXD OUR MOT RPTMAT
85 OF BTH NOV. W 6144/5606 OF 25TH NOVEMBER, W 8416/18417 OF
23RD DECEMBER, AND INC W 5633 OF 49 19TH ~~22~~ NOVEMBER.

Following submitted relative resumption Italian External
Postal Service. External mails will commence earliest depen-
dent adequate operation internal mails. service, both inward
and outward, restricted surface letters and postcards. outward
mails will be addressed Post Offices concerned, with bags
enclosed addressed censors. Bari, Naples, and Palermo Offices
of Exchange, whose incoming mails will be scrutinized to verify
Allied Censorship before despatch by Italian Postal Service.
Incoming mails should be labeled Allied Censor Control Office
at one of above offices of Exchange. Postage rates and weight
restrictions those previously proposed and in reasonable conformity
provisions Universal Postal Union Convention. Press release
prepared here will give date resumption, areas affected, class
of mail, and other pertinent information. Same will be for-
warded LONDON and WASHINGTON for comment before release. Free
postage up to two ounces will be granted allied forces this
Theater on mail matter for Sicilian addresses Italy where such
correspondence permitted. Italian Postal Service will distribute
without charge.

Based on UK comments contained in TAM 96 of 30th November
and US comments on TAM104 of 10th December, relative to trade

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letters and commercial correspondence, postal regulations were amended prohibiting initially commercial correspondence. Communication from TROOPERS (Reference MI 12), dated 20th December, to Censorship Branch, INC, AFHQ, stated Director General, Postal and Censorship Department has drawn attention certain problems relative communications from British Territory to areas occupied by British or Allied Forces. He desired point out (A) that persons in England dispatching letter today to NAPLES DOES nothing illegal since, so far as communications concerned, provisions of Trading with Enemy Act, ~~1939~~¹⁹³⁹, cannot apply to an area occupied by British or Allied Troops: (B) since it is tradition and duty of Post Office to establish postal communications any area where possible and to ensure correspondence reaches destination, it would be improper and impracticable for AGD Department attempt resist establishment postal channel with any area with which legal to communicate: and that (C) once postal communication established with such area Department could act only within limits its powers under Royal prerogative in regard such communications. "

From above, together comment by War Office, appears limitation communications to former enemy territory occupied Allied Forces is prerogative Allied Military Commander this Theater. Due regard has been given requirements official communications, military security, and effectiveness curtailment trade letters and commercial correspondence. Since ~~no~~ censorship outgoing mails will not be performed will be necessary such censorship be made incoming mails from Italy at countries of address in order effectively control. We do not believe such restriction warranted, wither from postal or censorship standpoint, and consider amount commercial correspondence of detrimental nature would be negligible. Since latest views TROOPERS conflict with previous comments UK, as stated TAM 96 and your comments

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MWM104, request direction relative prohibition commercial correspondence and trade letters. if same prohibited, INC request clarification relative mailing of documents, papers, statements relating private and personal affairs distinguished from those relating established trade or business. Would waiver on notice in estate matters, personal bank statements, proofs of death for purpose proving claim, and similar enclosures be prohibited.

MAIL

Stamps: Twenty Billion Italian stamps of 50 Centesimi denomination printed: one hundred million more available. Propose use this value, together current Italian and present ANG stamps, until such time Italian stamps other denominations available.

Reference to air mail rates noted and will be effected upon resumption such service. Sardinia-Brindisi air service due lack surface communication. Routing Tripoli mails NEA Carlo due censorship reasons and not to transportation. International Bureau at BERNE will be notified resumption service, rates of postage, and stamp specimens furnished.

Italian Postal Service has been advised will be responsible transportation charges outward mails. After being bagged and labeled, outward mails will for security reasons be delivered Army Postal Service for despatch & with military mails. Both British and US APO's will complete respective Post Office forms covering despatch such Italian foreign mails. Italian mails will be loaded on American vessels operated by Army Transport Service. Mails for British Ports will be loaded on British Vessels, controlled by Ministry War Transport, and also on British Army transport vessels. It will be necessary arrangements covering

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overall agreements between operators such vessels and Italian Postal Service be instituted in LONDON and WASHINGTON. QUESTION payment transportation charges mails carried by Army Transport vessels left to your decision. Records weight and destination all Italian foreign mails will be made irrespective of type of vessel carrying such mails.

inquiries submitted in TAM111 OF 16 th December not connected with resumption Italian external mails or under control this Headquarters, being questions of British and French Postal Administrations. Inquiry has been made and information will be forwarded on receipt. Reference to points raised will be included in press release.

Orig to Comm. Sect.

NOTE COPY SENT TO GCS.

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CONFIDENTIAL TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT

PBS SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

15 JAN 44

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ROUTINE

TO....ACTION.....CG PBS FOR FARGO, AGWAR FOR ULIO, TROOPERS FOR
PW, MIDEAST REPEATED USAFIME, FATIMA, FABLE,
FILPOT FOR AMG

INFO.....NONE

FROM.....SIGNED WILSON

DATE TIME SIGNED.....141600A

DATE TIME RECEIVED.....151032A

REFERENCE NR.....W178 /28667

CITE.....PHMGS (REFERENCE AGWAR 6861 OF 11 JANUARY)

1. PW MAILS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR SARDINIA, SICILY AND
PROVINCES ON ITALIAN MAINLAND OCCUPIED BY ALLIES. LABEL MAILS TO
ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS: SARDINIA TO BARI; SICILY
TO PALERMO; AND MAINLAND PROVINCES TO BARI. MAIL ARRIVING FOR
OCCUPIED PROVINCES WHERE POSTAL SERVICE NOT YET PRACTICABLE IN PARTS
WILL BE HELD FOR TIME BEING. NO POSTINGS THERE SIMILARLY.

ACTION..AMG HQ
INFO....POSTAL O

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

Copy to C of S

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14 January 1944

Subject: Post Office Financial Services.

To: Communications Section.

Reference your memo dated 7 December 43 and your letter dated 13 December 43.

1. Arrangements have been made and agreement reached with Italian Government for the resumption of servicing and sale of Postal Savings Bonds in Occupied Italy.
2. Inventory of Bonds on hand and estimated needs for six months in process of development now for all occupied Italy.
3. Agreement has been reached to resume this financial service for all of occupied Italy by simultaneous announcement for all Regions and other areas under AAG/AGC administration.
4. Your memo dated 7 December 1943 proposes an agreement between Finance Sub-Commission and Communications Section as to the jurisdiction of the financial services of the Post Office from an Administrative A.G. and Regional standpoint.
5. We agree that there should be consultation between the Postal and Finance Sub-Commissions. However, it is felt that the Finance Sub-Commission should assume primary responsibility for all banking and monetary services of the Post Office.
6. The Finance Sub-Commission wishes to define the Banking and Monetary services of the Post Office as follows:
 - (a) Postal Savings
 - (b) Postal Savings Bonds
 - (c) Current Accounts
 - (d) Money Orders.
7. The latter - "Money Orders" - is admittedly a "border-line" definition and it may or may not fall in the classification of Banking or Monetary services requiring advance from A.G.C. for resumption of the service.
8. There will be, of necessity, an overlapping of activities here and the Postal side may be called upon to provide the machinery to put into effect the operation of the above services. However, the Finance Sub-Commission feels strongly the necessity of direct control of the operations from a jurisdictional and accounting point of view.

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2. We submit the foregoing for an early meeting on this subject for the purpose of reaching a well-defined agreement. This is urgent for the reasons that:-

- (a) Postal Savings Bonds will soon be serviced and sold as they are explained.
- (b) Your communications to the Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts signed Captain Willy G. Stone indicates in its para 5 thereof the resumption of "money orders" within certain areas detailed in para 2 thereof.

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WILLIAM A. WILSON,
Lieut-Colonel,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy/rd

BUCK SLIP

15 DEC.

From

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To

Gen Dir

for Finance

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Any comments please

(Diffide White)
Majr.

John

Finance

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

CS/EDD/sem
PSC/19

13 December 1943

TO: The Economic & Administration Section.

SUBJECT: Post Office Financial Services.

1. Attached is a Memorandum on the above subject, which was discussed by Lt. Col. MILLER & Major HEAD recently.

2. Perhaps it will be stated if the basis of collaboration is agreed to. If so, the arrangement could, it is thought, come into force forthwith, so far as both existing & future operations are concerned.

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., Sig. C.
Acting Chief of Comms. Sect.

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CS/SHH/sem
PSC/19

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
POSTAL SUB-COMMISSION

7 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Post Office financial services.

1. The restoration of the Savings Bank & Current Account services in Sicily was arranged directly between the C.F.I. and the Post Office authorities, after some preliminary discussions with the (then) Postal Services Branch of the Finance Section of AMGOT. Under ACC conditions, Postal Services are under the direction of the Communications Section, and it is understood to be the intention that the Italian Postal authorities will receive direction and/or advice on Post Office matters only from the Communications Section.

2. There arises therefore the need for having some working arrangement between the Economic and the Communications Section with regard to the interest of the former in those operations of the latter which are akin to banking.

3. The first move towards re-starting a suspended service such as the Post Office Savings Bank may come from either the Postal or the Financial side. The actual development of the service would be viewed from the aspects of:-

a. The need of justification for it.

b. The availability of facilities in relation to ability to operate.

c. The need for any financial backing, the application of any restrictions as to withdrawals, and rates of interest.

4. In relation to the foregoing consideration it is suggested that the following procedure should be followed:-

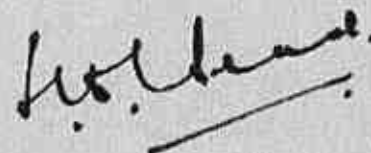
Firstly: There should be consultation between the Postal and Finance Sub-Commissions in the first stages of any move towards restoring any Post Office service which involves Banking activities.

Reference: PSC/19, 7 December 1943 (cont'd)

Secondly: Each side will furnish the other with any information required and obtainable.

Thirdly: If it is mutually agreed that the service should be restored, and if the Postal side is in a position to operate it, the Finance side will indicate any restrictions to be applied, and the basis on which the scheme will be financed.

Lastly: The Postal side will then proceed to put the necessary operational machinery in motion.



S.H. HEAD
Major
Acting Chief Postal Subcomm.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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10 JANUARY 1944

ROUTINE

FREEDOM (FOR MGS) IBS (FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR HOOVER ACC AND POLETTI AMG)
CG PBS (FOR FANGO FOR RODGERS)

NONE

FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE

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NONE



1. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH HEADQUARTERS AMG POSTAL REPRESENTATIVE.
- 2/ SICILY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE MAIL SERVICE WITH ITALY AND SARDINIA FORTHWITH. RECIPROCAL SERVICE FROM ITALY EXPECTED TO START THIS WEEK (YOUR 20246 REFERS TO FOREGOING) NEW SUBJECT :
3. NOW THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED CCS VIEWS ON OUTSTANDING POINTS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED TOWARDS COMMENCING PW AND FOREIGN MAIL SERVICES FROM REGIONS 1 AND 2 AND KINGS ITALY WITHIN PROBABLY NEXT 10 DAYS. CONSIDER JANUARY 15 EARLIEST TO BY PROPERLY REGARDS AS EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESUMPTION SO FAR AS PRESS RELEASE CONCERNED AND FOR 1ST DISPATCH OF PW AND ORDINARY MAIL FROM AFRICA TO ITALY WHICH WILL BE RECEIVING ABOUT 70 BAGS OF ACCUMULATED PO MAIL FROM SICILY IN NEXT FEW DAYS. FULL ORDINARY AND PW SERVICE CAN BE COMMENCED WITH SICILY AND FROM USA AND UK TO ITALY FORTHWITH. ASSUME YOU WILL ADVISE ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING SARDINIA FOR BOTH INTERNAL AND FOREIGN MAILS. IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE THAT CAPTAIN TURNER SHOULD VISIT SARDINIA.

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4. POSTAGE RATES OF 3 LIRE FOR POSTCARDS AND 5 AND 7 LIRE FOR LETTERS CONSIDERED REASONABLE AND WILL APPLIED ACCORDINGLY . (YOUR 21905 AND LETTER MGS 0916 REFER).

5. EXISTING AMG STAMPS WILL BE USED IN SICILY AND ITALIAN STAMPS IN ITALY. CONSIDER ADVISABLE APPLY SAME WEIGHT LIMIT FOR INWARD AS FOR OUTWARD FOREIGN MAILED AT OUTSET, BOTH CAN BE INCREASED LATER IF EXPEDIENT. FURTHER COMMENTS ON STAMPS POSITION AND OTHER POINTS IN YOUR LETTER QUOTED WILL FOLLOW BY AIR.

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6 JAN 44

10050 TALBOT

PRIORITY

FATIMA

SHORT REPORTS ON WORK OF POSTAL SUB COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
ONE NINE FOUR THREE URGENTLY WANTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO AFHQ PD FENCE PAREN FARGO FOR HAY
PAREN TO FATIMA FOR STONE FOR HEAD PD CITE FARGO ONE THREE ZERO PD FORWARD BY AIR COURIER
SOONEST POSSIBLE PD URGENT

J.F. NICHOL
Lt. Col., AGP.
Adjutant General 5048

FARGO 130

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FARGO

6 JAN 44

10050 TALBOT

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FATIMA FOR STONE FOR HEAD

_____ Short reports on work of Postal Sub Commission for November and December 1943 urgently wanted for transmission to AFHQ. Forward by air courier soonest possible. Urgent

J.F. NICHOLS
Lt. Col., A.D.
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 354

In reply
refer to. x/6/1

Subject. Postal Services.

To. The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. This is in further reference to our letter of 15 December 1943 with regard to the resumption of certain postal services.

2. Authority has been given for the commencement on 20 December 1943, of the internal mail service in and between "Four Provinces" of Apuglia, the Province of Salerno, and Provinces contained in the Regions of Calabria and Lucania.

3. Authority hereby is given for the commencement forthwith of the internal mail service in and between "Four Provinces" of Apuglia, the Province of Salerno, the Provinces contained in the Regions of Calabria and Lucania and Sicily and Sardinia.

4. The mail service will be limited to postcards and letters, and for the time being, no single letter other than those on official business, should exceed 90 grams, in weight. The previously existing postal rates will apply, including the reduced rates for certain classes of departmental correspondence.

5. There is no objection to the resumption of the money order within the area detailed in paragraph two above, (the extension to Sicily and Sardinia can follow at a suitable later date). It is considered desirable that the public should be warned that, until the letter delivery service can more fully developed, there may be delay in effecting the service in outlying localities.

6. Information regarding the resumption of foreign mail service will be communicated later.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

cc.
The Ministry of the Interior
HQ AMG.
HQ AMG Region I.
HQ AMG Region II.
Regional Allied Commissioner (Sardinia).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512



1 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail Service.

TO : Commanding Officer, Region II, Allied Military Government,
Matera. (ATTENTION: Adjutant General).

1. For the purpose of determining reason for any delay in mail service it is requested acknowledgment upon receipt of this letter showing date and time received.
2. This headquarters also desires to know what procedure is followed on Air Dispatch Letter service pickup at Bari.

By order of Colonel SPOTFORD:

LEOYD W. STEARNS,
Capt., A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HQ AMG REGION TWO, 4 Jan 44. 1st Ind.

To: Hq, AMG, Naples (Attention: Adjutant General) APO 512

1. This letter was received at Region II Hq, Matera at approx. 1530 hours on 4th Jan 1944.
2. The procedure followed is that our D.R. takes Air Dispatch Letter mail into Bari where he delivers it at approx. 1030 hours daily at No 2 District R.L.O. He collects incoming packets and returns to this Hq at approx. 1530 hours daily.

For the R.C.A.O.

W. Drummond Young
W. DRUMMOND-YOUNG
Major, R.A.,
Asst C of S

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The Chief of Staff,

*A.F.H.Q. has agreed
to reduced rates of postage,
following representations by
the Italian Govt. The
introduction is now held
up pending confirmation of
the governing date and
a final decision regarding
the inclusion, or otherwise,
of commercial papers.*

*It should be noted
emphasizing that no delay
has been caused at this
and that the necessary
arrangements have been
prepared for the past month.*

A. J. [Signature]
Telecom. Sec. Gen.
9. 1. 43

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REMARKS: Any developments yet
please.
The B. Duffell White
Maple

Deputy Chief of Staff (OSM)

To see please.

*Copies have been
forwarded to Capt STONE,
Lt Col RODGERS & Maj HEAD
for necessary action.*

W. H. H.
Capt
Commons Sect.

31 Dec 42

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS 0916

27 December 1943

Recd. 1 JAN

SUBJECT: Resumption of Italian External Mails

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
Headquarters, Allied Military Government, C.M.F.

Attention: Capt Stone
Lt Col Rodgers
Major Head

1. In reply to our cables, Nos. W-4675/8302 and W-6144/5606, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved the resumption of Italian external mails, subject to the restrictions as herein stated. These restrictions are repeated for your information and for such action by your headquarters as is necessary.

2. All countries and agencies affected are in favor of the reopening of service and are anxious for it to begin.

3. The surface letter mail, as proposed, is believed sufficient to handle such business and commercial correspondence as is permitted by current laws, regulations, and executive orders.

4. Communications to and from the United States are subject to "Trading with the Enemy Act" and related Executive orders. Since "trade" letters are not permitted by the United Kingdom, it is desirable that no "trade" letters be allowed outward to Allied or neutral territories. London feels that it would be undesirable for commercial or financial correspondence to be permitted for neutral countries, while British nationals are denied these rights.

5. To control the above mentioned correspondence, paragraph 6 was added to the Postal Regulations under "Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but Forward Areas". Such amendment was included in MGS letter 000.73-2 of 17 December 1943.

6. It was stated that postage rates and weights should be within reasonable conformity with the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention. It is felt that the rates and weight restrictions, as proposed in paragraph 6 of cable No. W 6144/5606 of 25 November, are reasonable. Comment is desired relative to this feature. Do you consider it advisable to limit inward surface letter and post card mail, to the same weight restriction as on outward mail?

7. Concerning the question of stamps, raised in paragraph 7 of the above mentioned cable, it was indicated that no obstacle was seen, by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, to the continued use of AMG stamps, either with or without overprint. This will be a temporary expedient until the new Italian Government can issue regular postage stamps. (It is noted that twenty million of the fifty centimi denomination stamps are available and that one hundred million more can be printed.) The Italian Government will receive the revenue from the sale

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of the present AMG stamps and it was further stated that Italy and its currency are now sufficiently identified on such stamps to meet International postal requirements.

X 8. There are approximately fifty million AMG stamps of assorted denominations up to ten lire value on hand, including seven million of the fifty centesimal denomination. These stamps are all boxed and ready for shipment by the Treasury Department. It was stated that there would be a delay in delivering same if an overprint is desired. In view of the existing facts, it is requested that a recommendation regarding the above be submitted.

9. London has suggested that outward mails be addressed to the post offices concerned, with bags enclosed addressed to censors. Mail for London should be addressed "London, For AUJ Section".

10. They further state that mails for Sweden involves the payment, to the UK post office, of 14.58 gold francs per kilogram (Articles 14 and 15, Air Mail Provision, Postal Union Convention); this charge to be reflected in the charge made to the Italian public. London mails, containing correspondence for Sweden, should be accompanied by (question form) AV 2. The above points are regarded as premature since air mail service has not been authorized and are submitted only for information. It was further stated that the air mail fee was chargeable for the Sardinia-Brindisi air service, unless such service was due to lack of surface communication.

11. London has assumed that the routing of Tripoli mails via Cairo is due to transportation reasons, as such routing was not necessary for censorship purposes. This assumption is incorrect since such mails are to be routed via Cairo for reasons of censorship. Mails from Ireland, and possibly Sweden, will pass through UK censorship channels.

12. Gibraltar has been requested to return to London all mail from Spain, Spanish Morocco, Tangiers, Portugal, and possibly Sweden, which reaches Gibraltar without passing through Allied Censorship. The return of such mails for censorship cannot be reconciled as being good postal service. This matter was discussed with IHC, with the suggestion that such mails be censored at Gibraltar. They were in agreement with such view, but advised that this suggestion had previously been rejected by the British authorities concerned.

13. It is pointed out that it will be necessary to advise the International Bureau, Universal Postal Union, at Berne, Switzerland, when external service has been restored, and the rates of postage. In due course, it will be necessary to forward stamp specimens to other administrations of the Postal Union. London has indicated that assistance will be given for the distribution of such stamps.

14. Outward mails will be accepted deconvect by the British post office for those destinations named in paragraph 1(f), our MAT 85. Article 75 of the Postal Union Convention will govern rates for closed mails to Cairo which are subject to transit charges.

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15. Relative to the question of free postage on mail posted by the Forces, and referred to in our MAT 85, UK has pointed out that letters for civilian addresses at British Empire and Egyptian destinations from British Forces overseas have free postage up to two ounces only. It is their opinion that the free postage concession to UK military personnel on letters for civilian addresses in Italy would lead to a demand for the extension of this privilege to letters for civilian addresses in other countries, for which no justification can be seen. DMC has prepared a directive, which if approved and adopted, will prohibit Allied Troops in this theater from using postal facilities for communicating with civilians on the Italian mainland.

16. The advisability of a press release by this Headquarters, to be made public in London, Washington, and in this theater simultaneously, is being considered. The announcement would include the class of mail to be handled, the areas concerned, and the effective date of resumption.

D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to: HQ. AMG 15th Army Group
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

EWS/drr

In reply
refer to: 311.1
10/6/1

16 December 1943

Subject: Postal Services King's Italy and Region II

To: Headquarters Region II A&D

1. Resumption of internal postal service limited to post-cards and letters in and between Provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Lecce and Provinces contained in the Regions of Calabria and Lucania and the Province of Salerno, has been approved, effective 20 December 1943.

2. For your information attached are, (1) copy of instructions dated 16 Dec. 43 issued by the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government to the Post and Telegraph Provincial Direction of Bari, Brindisi, Lecce and Taranto; (2) copy of notice to the Press and Broadcasting.

3. It is understood that Censor Control officers have been provided, one for Reggio and Catanzaro, one for Matera, one for Potenza and one for Salerno. Censor Control officer will be sent to Cosanzza as soon as available.

4. It is assumed that required action has been taken in Region II with respect to instructions which were issued by Hq A&D relative "Censorship of Italian Civil Communications", in all but forward areas.

5. External mail between Italian mainland and Sicily, Sardinia, and foreign mail is expected to be introduced on 1 January 1944.

6. The subject matter of this letter with respect to A&D Region II should have been transmitted to you by Hq A&D but at the moment that headquarters is being moved and in order to avoid delay it is being handled from here with copies to Hq A&D.

H. C. L. A. Venzura
C.S.O. for
WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, U.S.A.R.
Communications Section

2 Incls: Cy Instr 16 Dec 43
Cy Instr Notice to Press

cc: Hq A&D ✓
Major Colville

Info: Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission
(1) Col. Sprofford
(2) Telecom + Posts Subcom

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M.P.O. 151 16 Dec. 1943

No. /Gbr.

To the Post and Telegraph Provincial Directions of Bari
Brindisi
Lecce
Taranto

and for information:

To the Ministry of Interior.

Subject: Reestablishment of postal service

Following multiaddressed note No. 118/Gbr dated 15th inst., we inform you that new censorship service will commence on 20th inst.

On same date ordinary mail service to and from Apulia provinces (excluding Moggia), Lucania, Calabria and Salerno provinces is reestablished.

Such service is limited to:

- letters under 90 grams weight
- post cards and private cards with 30 centes. stamps.

Postal financial service is at present limited to ordinary money orders.

Further instructions concerning reestablishment of service to and from Sicily and foreign countries will be communicated later.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

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N° /Gbr

P.M. 151, 16 dicembre
1943

ALLE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI PP.TT. DI

BARI
BRINDISI
LECCE
TARANTO

e per conoscenza,

P.M. 151

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

OGGETTO: Riattivazione servizio postale

A seguito della lettera circolare n. 118/Gbr del 15 corrente, si partecipa che il nuovo servizio di censura avrà inizio dal giorno 20 p.v.

Dalla stessa data è ripristinato il servizio delle corrispondenze ordinarie, da e per le provincie delle Puglie (Foggia esclusa), Lucania; Calabria e per la provincia di Salerno.

Le corrispondenze ammesse sono le seguenti:

- lettere fino al peso di gr. 90;
- cartoline postali o dell'industria privata con affrancatura di 30 centesimi.

Dei servizi a denaro è per ora consentita la riattivazione dei soli vaglia ordinari a tassa.

Riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni circa il ripristino del servizio da e per la Sicilia e l'estero.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO.

17 DEC 1948-3

NOTICE TO THE PRESS AND BROADCASTING

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COMUNICATO PER LA STAMPA
E LA RADIODIFFUSIONE

RIATTIVAZIONE DEL SERVIZIO POSTALE

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Saranno ulteriormente date comunicazioni circa il ripristino da e per la Sicilia e l'estero.-

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BUCK SLIP

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29 Nov '43
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Necessary Action

Investigation & Report

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Dispatch

REMARKS: *for Major Head.*

May we have comments if any.

*D/C. of S. (O.S.I.) This is alright.
No action till AGWAR reply.*

H. J. Lee

AC. of S (0-51)

Inwarded
Please see reverse

In Chief of Sect
M. M.

1540 hrs.
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Capt
So. Comm. Sect

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This is probably the result of
Major HEAD's recent visit to
ADHQ. Yes. sure.

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Send to Major HEAD for info. &
Any necessary comments. W

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The question was discussed at AFHQ when the message from PRTIMA arrived, & a reply sent by the effect that the proposals were considered to be premature.

Meanwhile the Finance Section were consulted here, with papers attached, which can perhaps be returned.

The matter will ^{then} be followed up.

J. J. Keane
Comm. Sec.

D/C. of S. (O.S.I.).

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In Ch. of Sec.

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Comm. Sect.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT**URGENT**BUCK SLIP21 Nov '43.
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☐ Approval or Disapproval
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☐ Investigation & Report
☐ To note and return
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REMARKS:

Consult Amenci on X
 & submit remarks early,
 please.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MSG NR 1045

Receipt 21 Nov. 1740
H: AMG-22 November

TO : Island Base Section, AMG, Sicily.

Your letter MGS 00075-2, November 13 re Censorship.
(To AMHQ for MGS for action repeated to Hq AMG, Sicily from
Hq Allied Military Mission, Italy from Stone, signed Joyce)

Major Chamtek of INC now here and states he understands from
Captain Turner, Postal Officer of MGS that December 1st has been
approved as date for resumption of internal mail in and between
AMG Regions I and II and four provinces; also for external mail in
accordance your mat 85. 5032

He states December 1st is satisfactory to INC.

Do you confirm December 1st for resumption of both internal
and foreign mails, letter to be handled accordance mat 85.7

On assumption that December 1st is approved for internal mail,
Italian Government would like to resume

- a. Money orders.
- b. Current accounts.
- c. Savings accounts.
- d. Sale of postal bonds.

within and between four Provinces and Regions I and II.

Your letter 13 November only authorized surface letters and
postcards so far as censorship rules are concerned, but does not
specifically authorize resumption of service.

Major Chamtek states INC has no objection to resumption of
these four postal financial services, effective December 1st.

We therefore recommend that money orders, current accounts,
savings accounts and sale of postal bonds in and between four

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provinces and AMG Regions I and II be authorized, coincident with resumption of internal mails. Foley concurs.

Will internal telegraphs be permitted where facilities are available?

Early Reply is Requested.

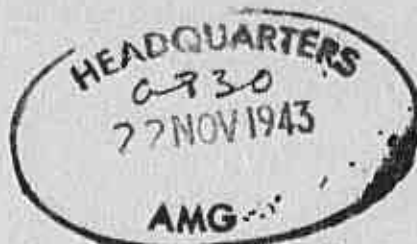
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OUR LETTER MGS ZERO ZERO ZERO SEVEN THREE DASH TWO NOVEMBER ONE THREE
RE CENSORSHIP. (PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FOR ACTION RPTD TO FARGO
FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE PAREN) MAJOR CHAN^{IER}TER OF INC NOW
HERE AND STATES HE UNDERSTANDS FROM CAPTAIN TURNER, POSTAL OFFICER OF 5039
MGS THAT DECEMBER FIRST HAS BEEN APPROVED AS DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF
INTERNAL MAIL IN AND BETWEEN AMG REGIONS ONE AND TWO AND FOUR PROVIDOES.
ALSO FOR EXTERNAL MAIL IN ACCORDANCE YOUR MAT EIGHT FIVE. HE STATES
DECEMBER FIRST (~~RPT FIRST~~) IS SATISFACTORY TO INC. DO YOU CONFIRM
DECEMBER FIRST FOR RESUMPTION OF BOTH INTERNAL AND FOREIGN MAIL,
LETTER TO BE HANDLED ACCORDANCE MAT EIGHT FIVE ¹¹ ~~POWER~~ OF ASSUMPTION THAT
DECEMBER FIRST IS APPROVED FOR INTERNAL MAIL, ~~THE~~ ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
WOULD LIKE RESUME (PAREN ABLE PAREN) ¹⁴ MONEY ORDERS (PAREN BAKER PAREN)
(PAREN) ¹⁰ CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PAREN CHARLIE PAREN) SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND (PAREN DOG
PAREN) ¹² SALE OF POSTAL BONDS WITHIN AND BETWEEN FOUR PROVINCES AND REGIONS
ONE AND TWO. YOUR LETTER ONE THREE NOVEMBER ONLY AUTHORIZED SURFACE
LETTERS AND POSTCARDS SO FAR AS CENSORSHIP RULES ARE CONCERNED BUT DOES
NOT (~~RPT NOT~~) ¹¹ SPECIFICATE ^{IER} AUTHORIZE RESUMPTION OF SERVICE. MAJOR CHAN^{IER}TER
STATES INC HAS NO OBJECTION TO RESUMPTION OF THESE FOUR POSTAL FINANCIAL
SERVICES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER FIRST. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT MONEY
ORDERS, CURRENT ACCOUNTS, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND SALE OF POSTAL BONDS IN
AND BETWEEN FOUR PROVINCES AND AMG REGIONS ONE AND TWO BE AUTHORIZED
COINCIDING WITH RESUMPTION OF INTERNAL MAIL. FOLEY CONCURS. WILL IN-
TERNAL TELEGRAPHS BE PERMITTED WHERE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. ¹¹ ~~QUERY~~ YOUR
EARLY REPLY IS REQUESTED.

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*For Postal
Sub-Comm. file*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

HQ/AMG/CS/20

23 November, 1943

SUBJECT : Resumption of Internal Mail, Etc.

TO : Acting Director, Finance Sub-Commission.

: 5029

1. Reference, attached copy of Msg NR 1045 (Secret) from Hq. Allied Military Mission.

2. D.S. of S. (O & SI) this headquarters has directed this section to consult Finance and submit remarks, early as to :-

"On assumption that December 1st is approved for internal mail, Italian government would like to resume

- a. Money Orders
- b. Current Accounts
- c. Savings Accounts
- d. Sale of Postal Bonds

within and between 4 Provinces and Regions I & II "

3. Major Read, present Acting Director, Postal Services, has been handling postal matters since early August for Region I and is now at AFHQ. He is expected to return in a few days, and will be available for conference if desired.

4. Chief Finance Officer, Hq. Region I is somewhat familiar with Postal Finance Services and related matters.

5. May views and recommendations of Finance Sub-Commission be obtained in order that complete comments can be submitted to D.S. of S. (O & SI) ?

1 Encl-
Copy Msg #1045
Copy to File CS/202

L.D.
L.D. DANENORE
Lt Col S.C. Acting
Chief Communications Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

Noted 26 Nov
E. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., Signal Corps,

26 November 1943.

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CS/20

Subject : Resumption of Internal Mail etc.
To : Chief, Communications Section, A.C.C.

5028

1. Reference your HQ/AML/CS/20 dated 23 Nov 43.

2. This Sub-Commission is very much in favour of within and between Provincial working of Postal :-

- (a) Savings Accounts.
- (b) Current Accounts.
- (c) Money Orders.
- (d) Sale of Postal Bonds.

3. Before putting Para 2, above, into effect, however, we believe it to be essential that the following conditions prevail :-

- (a) A good mail service.
- (b) Full service on existing and future postal bonds.
- (c) A central bookkeeping office for all the territory involved, to replace the office previously in Rome.

4. Steps are now being taken in Sicily to establish a central bookkeeping office for postal banking services for the whole island. If an inter-Regional service is initiated and a central bookkeeping office is established as suggested above, no central office need be organized for Sicily. Will you therefore kindly keep us informed as to final action taken.

R.A. Hamlyn

R.A. HAMLYN,
Brigadier,
Chief Finance Officer.

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As directed in para 5b.

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A. This is matter for Italian authorities ^{prefer}
as it concerned Army Navy & Air Force personnel.

B. ^{Free} treatment of St. Gort mail is ^{also} in question.
has been suggested that they go through Regional channels.

1. Office of Postal sub. commission to make touch
at Brindisi.

Is Col. Prolegno is already there.

Is another required?

Message is addressed FATIMA.
They want another man?

Shall we ask of

Is action also expected of

AMG Hqrs. Sicily

15 AGP AMB.

Brig Bolzano in Sardinia

YES.

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MAIL
CENSORSHIP ITALIAN NAVAL CMA MILITARY CMA AND AIRFORCE MAIL X
REQUEST YOU SUPPLEMENT FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO INSURE SECURITY
IN ITALIAN SERVICE MADE CMA AND ALSO ARRANGE TO PUT IN A REPRESENTATIVE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES X PARA X PAREN
TO FATIMA REPEATED FARGO CMA ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR AMGOT CMA
AND FABLE FOR BOULNOIS SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMS PAREN X PARA
ONE X UNIT CENSORSHIP TO BE ENFORCED X UNIT CENSORSHIP NOT AT
PRESENT IMPOSED AND ENFORCED BUT WILL BRING ITALIANS SERVICES INTO
LINE WITH BRITISH AND US X PARA TWO X MAIL FROM MILITARY AND AIR
FORCE UNITS IN REAR AREAS CMA AND FROM NAVAL SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS
X TO BE ROUTED AS AT PRESENT THROUGH ITALIAN PROVINCIAL CENSORSHIP
SHIP X PARA THREE X MAIL FROM MILITARY AND AIR FORCE UNITS IN FORWARD
AREAS X ITALIANS TO PROVIDE BASE CENSORSHIP SECTIONS TO COVER
TEN PERCENT OF MAIL ALREADY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT UNIT CENSORED X
ALL SUCH MAIL TO BE CARRIED BY ITALIAN MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE
FROM UNITS TO ITALIAN BASE CENSORSHIP SECTIONS CMA AND FROM THENCE
TO OFFICES OF EXCHANGE WITH ITALIAN CIVIL POSTAL SERVICES X IT
SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ITALIAN BASE CENSORED MAIL IS
LIABLE TO RE-CENSORSHIP BY MOBILE ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL SECTION
SET UP FOR THAT PURPOSE X LOCATIONS OF ALL ITALIAN BASE CENSOR
SECTIONS TO BE NOTIFIED TOO FORWARD MILITARY AUTHORITY TO BE
AGREED LATER X PARA FOUR X MAIL FROM ITALIAN NAVAL UNITS AFLOAT X
ITALIANS TO PROVIDE NAVAL BASE CENSORSHIP SECTION TO BASE CENSOR

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TEN PERCENT OF THIS MAIL CMA ALREADY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT UNIT
CENSORED CMA AT ONE BASE WHERE ALL SUCH MAIL IS TO BE CENTRAL 5025
IZED X SMALL ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL SECTION TO RESENSOR A PERCENTAGE

Colonel Spofford

I have asked Foley to clear up at Brindisi.
We cannot allow Italian govt to send official
correspondence outside the four provinces without AMG
censorship. We must be certain they are not trying
to usurp the functions of govt. in AMG territory. We do
NOT want to stop them corresponding altogether. They
may wish to invite certain individuals to form a
government, for example.

Therefore I have proposed that we send an AMG
officer to Brindisi to censor Italian govt. official mail
going outside the 4 provinces. Col Foley will try
to persuade Brindisi that this is a good course.
As you know, no private mails are yet allowed.

Carl Bag 9/1

12 Nov

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~~HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION~~
~~and~~
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

16 November 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Government Communications.

5023

TO : CCAOs of Regions and ~~to CCAO 15th Army Group.~~

1. The Italian Government will be unable to function without adequate means of communication. In the present state of disrupted communications, the only channels through which that government can communicate are Military Government channels.
2. Regional and Provincial CCAOs, therefore, will expedite the transmission of official correspondence only between Italian Government Officials, subject to the following provisions:
 - a. All messages will be ⁱⁿ clear. Under no circumstances will code be used.
 - b. No priority will be granted. So long as such messages do not interfere with military or ACC-AMG requirements, however, they should be transmitted as soon as practicable.
 - c. Before transmission, headquarters concerned will ^{be} assure that such communications are official.
 - d. Official communications will ordinarily not be censored. The right to do so is, however, reserved to INC.
 - e. Unofficial communications will not be transmitted through military government channels, and will continue to be censored by INC.
 - f. No such facilities must be allowed to interfere with the efficiency of the transmission of military government communications.

By ^{Commanding Officer} ~~order~~ of Major General ^{McSherry} ~~Joyce~~

^{J. J. Albright}
J. J. Albright,
Col., Inf. AGD
Executive Officer.
^{Acting Adjutant}

Copy to AMG 15 Army Group
for information

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