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IRREGULARITIES, DESTROYED OR LOST MAIL
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Adjutant

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Ref. Attached.

It appears to be quite definite that we are not responsible for this.

In the first place very little mail goes direct to Catanzaro from this H.Q.

Secondly most of the mail for Bari Zone goes direct there and there is no question of its being routed "in a bag" through Southern Region as there is not enough to justify the use of a bag.

Dispatch clerks state that what little is addressed to Catanzaro goes through S. Region made up in a separate package and plainly marked.

The enclosure referred to in S8109 was not attached.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

R/3123

7 October 1944

SUBJECT: Misdirection of Mail.

TO : Headquarters, A.C.C.,
(Attn: Adjutant)

1. The Commissioner, Bari Zone, has reported to us that official and Italian mail for Catanzaro is forwarded to him. In checking through our Message Center records, it is believed that it is not the fault of this headquarters.

2. It may be that mail bags from Message Center, Headquarters A.C.C., sent through our Message Center for delivery to Bari contain the above-mentioned official and Italian mail for forwarding to A.C.C., Catanzaro Zone.

3. Attached hereto is a list of Zones and the provinces depending upon them. This headquarters maintains a Courier Service to each Zone. The Zones in turn are responsible for delivery to their own provinces.

4. Therefore, if this misdirecting of correspondence originates at your Message Center, it would be appreciated their attention be drawn to this fact.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

Incl.
List of Zones.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Files
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Adj: 311.13

13 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Use of Official Mails

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

1. The attached letter was received this date through official channels from Naples.
2. In accordance with previously expressed directives, it is returned herewith.
3. Request that this office be informed of action taken.

By command of Commodore STONE:

L. T. Montant, Jr.
L. T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt. AGD,
Adjutant.

Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

File
LTM/mrh

Adj: 311.13

26 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail Handling

TO : Adjutant, Region V

1. This morning, at approximately 0830 hours, the guard on the main entrance to Hq ACC brought to my attention an envelope of mail from Region V. This envelope was sealed, and on inspection appeared to have left your headquarters on the 21st. The guard had found it under a table, which is normally occupied by reception personnel (civilian).

2. Might steps be taken at your headquarters, please, to notify all couriers and drivers that mail, on reaching Hq ACC, Rome, should not be left with anyone other than regularly authorized Message Center personnel.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

File
LTM/mrh

5 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Postal Officer, APO #394

1. The problem has recently arisen of the handling of packages from personnel of the forward regions, i.e., the payment of postage therefor, insurance, etc.

2. The present arrangement is a loose and informal one and may quite conceivably lead to difficulties or abuses. At present packages are simply handed to the courier and the money in payment for the postage therefor sent through Message Center. On frequent occasions, they have arrived without the money to pay for the postage or vice versa. This throws an undue responsibility on the courier, message center personnel and the respective postal sections.

3. I should like to have a standard procedure set up whereby these matters can be handled securely.

4. Will you draw up a S.O.P. on this in cooperation with the British NCO and see me about it.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

Copy to: British Postal NCO,
British Mail Room.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

Adj: 311.13

30 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Official Mail - Dispatch Requirements

TO : Adjutant, Region I, ACC

1. Attached hereto are several letters received from your headquarters by official mail today.
2. The personal letter addressed to FAU, MEF, undoubtedly slipped into the envelope for this headquarters by mistake, and is, therefore, returned.
3. In the case of the mail from "Direzione Generale Della Sanita' Pubblica Della Sicilia", the position is somewhat different. It appears to be for consideration whether, in view of the existence of regular civilian mail facilities, military official mail routes and facilities should be employed for the transmission of material of this nature.
4. If it is desired, by reason of the importance of the activities of the civilian agency involved, to give certain of their communications ADIS service to Rome - such such communications should be sent under cover of a letter requesting onward transmission.

[Handwritten signature]
L. T. MONTANT, Jr,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

Incl
As above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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Adj: 311.13

26 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Use of Official Mails

TO : Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, ACC, APO #394, U. S. Army

1. The attached letter was received at this Headquarters through official mail channels from Headquarters Region III on 26 August 1944.

2. Inasmuch as recognized channels (Army Postal Service) exists for the transmission of personal mail, it is not considered advisable to encourage the practice of using official couriers, either those of this Headquarters or ELO or ADIS services to convey personal mail.

3. Inasmuch as the inclosed letter may possibly constitute a breach of censorship regulations, it is passed to you for such action as you may deem desirable.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl:
Ltr.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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21 July 1944

SUBJECT: British Personal Mail

TO : Postal Officer, British Base APO

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from AMG 5th Army, also the envelope enclosed therewith.

2. It appears possible that some confusion may have occurred between Region V, ACC, and AMG 5th Army, in respect to the routing of mail for these units.

3. In this connection, might the attention of you people be drawn to Para 2 of the letter enclosed.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

Adj: 311.13

21 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Personal Mail

TO : Headquarters, AMG 5th Army

1. Reference your 55/1 of 16 July 1944.
2. Enquiry has been made at British APO, this Headquarters, and it appears that the envelope did not pass through this Headquarters, but was sent by the British Field Post Office to Region V, rather than 5 Army.
3. A copy of a letter to the British Base Post Office is enclosed for your information.
4. The procedure outlined in paragraph 2 of your letter, relative to the forwarding of your mail through APO 464, is being adhered to by this office.
5. If further difficulties occur in this connection, I should appreciate your letting me know, in order that prompt corrective action may be taken.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

16th July 1944.

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Subject: Readdressing of Private Mail.

To : Adjutant General, ✓
H.Q., A.C.C.



Reference this Headquarters letter's dated 28th June and 6th July of even reference.

1. Mail for personnel of AMG Fifth Army is being received at this Headquarters marked "Not Region 5", this is causing a delay of at least seven days in the receipt of mail by AMG Fifth Army personnel.
2. Mail so re-addressed can only come through H.Q., A.C.C. as arrangements have been made for all British mail to be transferred through the British Base A.P.O. to A.P.O. 464 U.S. Army; it would be appreciated if you could make arrangements with the British Post Corporal at your Headquarters to make sure that all mail for British personnel of AMG Fifth Army is forwarded through A.P.O. 464 U.S. Army (Forward) and not sent on to Region V. Official mail is also being received marked "Not Region V"; could these matters be attended to.
3. Attached is an envelope which was received on the 15th July which is forwarded as an example. *It contained a letter 8100 dated 24 June.*

For the Commanding General:

W.D. Hayne

W.D. HAYNE,
Major, RA,
Admin. Staff Officer.
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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Capt C. D. Mynors

Allied Military Government Fifth Army

Headquarters,

Allied Military Government

Fifth Army.

C.M.F.

D.O. Hyman

On Active Service

Piece of Hyman's handwriting book

MILITARY HOSPITAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394

15 July 1944

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TO: R. C. Region VIII

1. Attention invited to 1st Ind.
2. With the courier service outlined in your R-VIII/37/7 of 12 July, mail service to your Hq should prove satisfactory.
3. If any difficulties crop up, or if there is any further way in which this office can be of assistance, we should appreciate your informing us.

By order of Captain STONE (USMR):

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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311. 1st Indl
AFU, APO 304, 13 July, 1944

TO: Headquarter Allied Control Commission.

1. I have personally investigated the mail situation of Reg. VIII, and the British Postal Officer informs me that the British air mail is still arriving in this theater from England, not less than two days and not more than four days.

a. Furthermore, I was told that a British Lt. Blair had signed for Region VIII mail to come to a base in Rome without the knowledge of our British mail orderly in ACC, consequently, he did not call for Reg. VIII mail at the British in Rome APO in Rome.

2. We picked up a large number of Reg. VIII British air mail at the British APO this morning of which much of it was post marked back to 21 June, 1944.

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WILL FARRIS
2d Lt. AGO
Postal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

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From: Regional Commissioner - Region VIII

To : A C C (attention Col Clough)

Subject: British Mail

Date: 9 July 1944

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It would be of great assistance if attention could be directed to the delivery of British Mail. This Region has been established in the same town for over 14 days and a courier service is in being to ROME yet the British mail coming through is very small and quite erratic.

Air mail letters from England (which are on a paid basis) now appear to take 17 days or more to come through and arrive hap-hazard - they contain phrases which indicate that the paid air letters home, are also arriving uncertainly.

Figures released in the Press show there have been over 10,000 casualties, killed and injured, from flying bombs in the South of England in the last few weeks, there is therefore, cause for anxiety when the Post is delayed or very irregular.

Anything that can be done to eliminate postal delays and uncertainties, from and to, NAPLES via ROME would be much appreciated.

W. S. Clough
Colonel
Regional Commissioner
Region VIII

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 311.

10 July 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Officer, (Colonel Clough)

1. Attention is invited to the attached copy of a letter from Headquarters, Region VIII.

2. Investigation discloses the following:

a. Mail for Region VIII (American and British) is received from Naples.

b. This mail is picked up several times a week by a truck dispatched by Region VIII to this Headquarters for that purpose.

c. Outgoing mail from Region VIII goes down to Naples on the courier, together with the mail from this office.

d. Region VIII does not hold a British censor stamp which causes a small delay at the APO in Naples, inasmuch as all British mail must be censor-stamped.

3. It is suggested that, as soon as practicable, an alternate-day run of a truck be laid on from this office to Region VIII, so that daily service might be provided. This, it is believed, would eliminate a good part of the delay. May this be given early consideration.

4. The original letter from Colonel Kirkwood has been passed to the Postal Officer, for investigation, and report to this office.

5. A copy of reply to Colonel Kirkwood's letter is also attached.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

Incl-2

Ltr fr Hq Reg VIII

Copy of ltr to Col Kirkwood.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 311.

10 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail Service to Region VIII

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII

1. Acknowledgement is made of your letter of 9 July, subject, British Mail.

2. The position with respect to British mail is as follows, so far as handling by this Headquarters is concerned:

a. Mail for British personnel is received daily at this office.

b. British mail for Region VIII is passed from the British Mail Room here, to the American APO, who bag it with the mail for American personnel of Region VIII.

c. All mail for Region VIII is picked up by the Region VIII truck which calls at this Headquarters on alternate days.

d. Outgoing British mail from Region VIII is passed to the British APO at Naples by the next courier after receipt. (A courier which carries personal mail leaves this office daily at 0900 for Naples.) At the British APO it is censor-stamped, and put forthwith into British mail channels.

3. The following sources of delay, so far as this office is concerned, are indicated:

a. The fact that mail for Region VIII is picked up on alternate days, rather than daily.

b. The fact that Region VIII does not hold a British censor stamp, which necessitates stamping of all outgoing mail at the British APO in Naples.

4. The following remedial action has been taken:

a. Application has been made to the Executive Officers for the establishment of an alternate-day truck run from this office to Region VIII, which will insure daily mail service, combined with the existing facilities.

b. The letter from your office has been passed to the Postal Officer, APO 394, at Naples, with instructions to investigate and report any possible sources of delay at that end.

c. It is urged that Region VIII make application direct to the

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Chief Base Censor, GMP, for the issuance of a British Censor Stamp, which will obviate the necessity (and delay) for stamping outgoing mail at Waples.

5. Any further comments or suggestions from your office as to how this situation might further be improved would be very much appreciated.

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
1st Lt. AGD,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

Adj: 311.13

8 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Loss or Mistreatment of Postal Packets

TO : Commanding Officer, Co B, 133 Inf Regt, APO 34, U.S. Army

1. Attached letter, P/741/2559 dated 4 July 1944, from British Postal Directorate is forwarded for necessary action please.

2. It is felt attached letter has been inadvertently addressed to this Headquarters since S/Sgt VIPOND is not a member of this command.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.

Incl
Ltr P/741/2559 dtd 4 July 44.

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
B.N.A.F.

P/741/2559

4 July 44.

Subject: Postal Packets - Loss or
Mistreatment - Registered

To: Hq
Allied Control Commission
CMF

Reference your Adj 311.13 dated 4 June 44 concerning postal enquiries made by S/Sgt George R. Vipond, Co B, 133 Inf Reg APO 34 U.S. Army.

Would you be good enough to have Vipond complete one of the attached forms in respect of each item which has failed delivery or is alleged to have suffered mistreatment whilst in transit through British APO channels.

The complaint covering the receipt of a package minus a watch and the irregular Custom Charges raised thereon, is a matter which should be taken up by the addressee with the Surveyor of Customs for the town in which Mrs Vipond is resident and perhaps you will advise Sgt Vipond accordingly.

/s/ J. T. Beddoe
/t/
(J.T.BEDDOE)
Lieut.R.E.
for D.D.A.F.S.

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO U.S.A.
Ass't. Adjutant

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Subject: Misdirected correspondence.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (WHIS)
LHQ (WCCP).
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17 June 41.

To: E.C., A.C.C. (Main)

Enclosed is correspondence concerning "Rations for Italian Army" which should have been retained by your office. We have the signed first informant.

Tex L. Pinkley, Major
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Adjutant's Department

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4 June 1944.

Reference: Adj 311.13

OC, Field Post Office #500

1. Attention is invited to the attached letter of enquiry received from an American EM, regarding matter posted through British Postal Channels. The relevant portions of the letter have been marked.

2. Might enquiry be made, and reply made direct to the writer of the letter enclosed, with a copy to this office for information please.

1 Encl - letter

L. T. MONTANT, Jr,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C. M. F.
Adjutant's Department

ADJ/311.13

1 June 1944

File
(with duct slips)

Subject: Registered Mail

To : Camp Commandant, Hq AAI, CMF

1. Acknowledgment is made of your 5037/Camp of 26 May 1944, with enclosed P/741/1167 of 26 May 1944, addressed to you from Postal Directorate, Hq, AAI, CMF.

2. Apparently the position is substantially as follows:

a. The letter in question was received by 15th Army Group AGO, as per para 2 of basic letter.

b. AGO Liaison, at Hq AAI, at which the postal records of 15th Army Group AGO are now held, state that they received the letter, but "on instructions" forwarded it to Hq, AGO, Naples, for disposition, inasmuch as they had at that time no adequate address for the officer to whom the letter was directed. They state further that "a receipt slip was attached to the letter, but this has not been returned to this section."

c. The postal records of the British Mail Room/APO 394, Hq, AGO, do not disclose any record of receipt of this item.

3. It would appear that correct postal practice would involve the obtaining of a receipt from the Army Post Office by the then 15th Army Group Postal ECO, upon the forwarding of the letter to Hq, AGO, since the letter was registered. Accordingly, if not obtained, the responsibility would appear to lie with the 15th Army Group. Since the personnel appear to be the same, it is therefore suggested that direct contact be had with AGO Liaison, Hq, AAI, who are familiar with the situation.

4. I regret that this office has not been more helpful in the matter, but so far as can be ascertained, the letter never reached this Headquarters.

by
L. T. ~~8033~~ 8033.
1st Lt. AGO
Adjutant

Copy: Postal Officer

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To:- Lieut. Montant, Adj.
HQ. A.C.C.

30 May 44.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Reference Registered Letter No. 2380 addressed
to Lt. J.E. Hayes, R.A.

Our records show that we had no location of this Officer
at the time of receipt of this letter, and on instructions, it was
forwarded to HQ. A.C.C., Naples for redirection.

A receipt slip was attached to the letter, but this has
not been returned to this section.

R. Webb cpl.
A.C.C. Liaison.

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To: Lt. Montant:

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Sir, It is true that M.G. School, B.N.A.F., & 15 Army Gp., have closed down. The latter have personnel at A.C.C. Liaison that can deal with this matter - the Postal H.C.O. is still L/Cpl Webb - I'm sure L/Cpl Webb will be able to throw some light on the matter. This Department has no record of the Registered Item although we know Capt. J.E. Hayes very well and have catered for him in every way from a Postal angle. This letter is addressed A.C.C. Liaison - have they seen it yet, sir?

Postal HQ. R. J. [unclear]

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Subject:- Reqd. Letter Inq. y.

Headq. ^{ADJ (M)} ters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

A.C.C. Liaison.

5037/Camp.

26 May 44.

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The attached letter P/741/1167 of 26 May 44 is passed to you for investigation on the matter referred to, please.

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Lt. Col.,
Camp Commandant.

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Acc Liaison ? *[signature]*

Postal Director to,
H.Q., A.A.I., D.A.P.S.

P/711/1167

Subject: Pa. G. Letter Enquiry

26 May, 1944.

Camp Commandant,
50 AAI C.P.

1. Enquiry is being made concerning a registered letter, Richmond Street 1 - 2580, addressed to Mr. J. A. Hayes, P.O. 1115, Govt. School and Holding Centre, W.P. which was subsequently redirected to him at 15 AAI 15 Army Group in Dec 43.

2. According to Army Post Office records this letter was delivered on 27 Dec 43 to the signature of 1445,568 Driver E. Hodge who collected mail on that date for 15 AAI, 15 Army Group.

3. As this unit has since been disbanded and absorbed into HQ AAI it is thought that the unit postal records, such as the AS 426 may be on hand at this HQ. If this is so, perhaps you will be good enough to inform us as to the subsequent disposal of the reg. item after receipt by Driver Hodge, please.

[Signature]
Lieut. R.A.
For Lt-Col. P.O.
A.D.A.P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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30 May 1944

Adj/311.13

SUBJECT: Unauthorized use of official mail channels

TO : AMG Fifth Army (Field)

1. The attached letter was received in the courier pouch from your headquarters 29 May 44.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that this letter has not been unit censored, the geographical location is disclosed thereon and that official mail pouches are not the proper channels for the dispatch of personal communication.

3. May appropriate action be taken please?

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

I. T. MONTANT Jr.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C.M.F.

Adjutant's Department

21 May 1944

Reference: Adj 311.13

OC, Field Post Office #500

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for

Lieutenant,
Adjutant

1 Encl - letter

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Adj 311.13

21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Non-Delivery of Mail

TO : S/Sgt George I. Vipond, Co "B", 133rd Inf Regt, APO 34, U.S. Army

1. Acknowledgement is made of your letter of 9 May 1944, addressed to "Allied Military Government, Metropolitan Area, Naples, Italy".

2. This headquarters does not have anything to do with the functioning of the military postal services, either American or British. However, copies of your letter have been made and forwarded to the appropriate postal authorities with a covering letter from this headquarters, requesting investigation and report, per attached copies, and further requesting that reply be made direct to you.

For the Commanding General:

L. T. MONTANT, Jr,
1st Lt, AGD,
Adjutant

2 Incls - letter to CG, APO 34
CC, FPO 500

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj 311.13

File
21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Non-Delivery of Mail

TO : Commanding General, APO 34, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

1. Attention is invited to attached copy of letter received at this Headquarters, addressed to "Allied Military Government, Metropolitan Area, Naples, Italy."

2. Request inquiry into the irregularities mentioned therein, and reply made direct to writer of original communication, with a copy to this office, for information.

3. Appropriate representations have been made to FPO 500, CEF.

For the Commanding General:

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
1st Lt., A.C.D.,
Adjutant.

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REGIMENT 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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S/Sgt. George R. Vignand
20701719 Co B 133rd Inf. Reg.
A.P.O. 34. U.S. Army



allied Military Govt.
Metropolitan Area
Naples, Italy



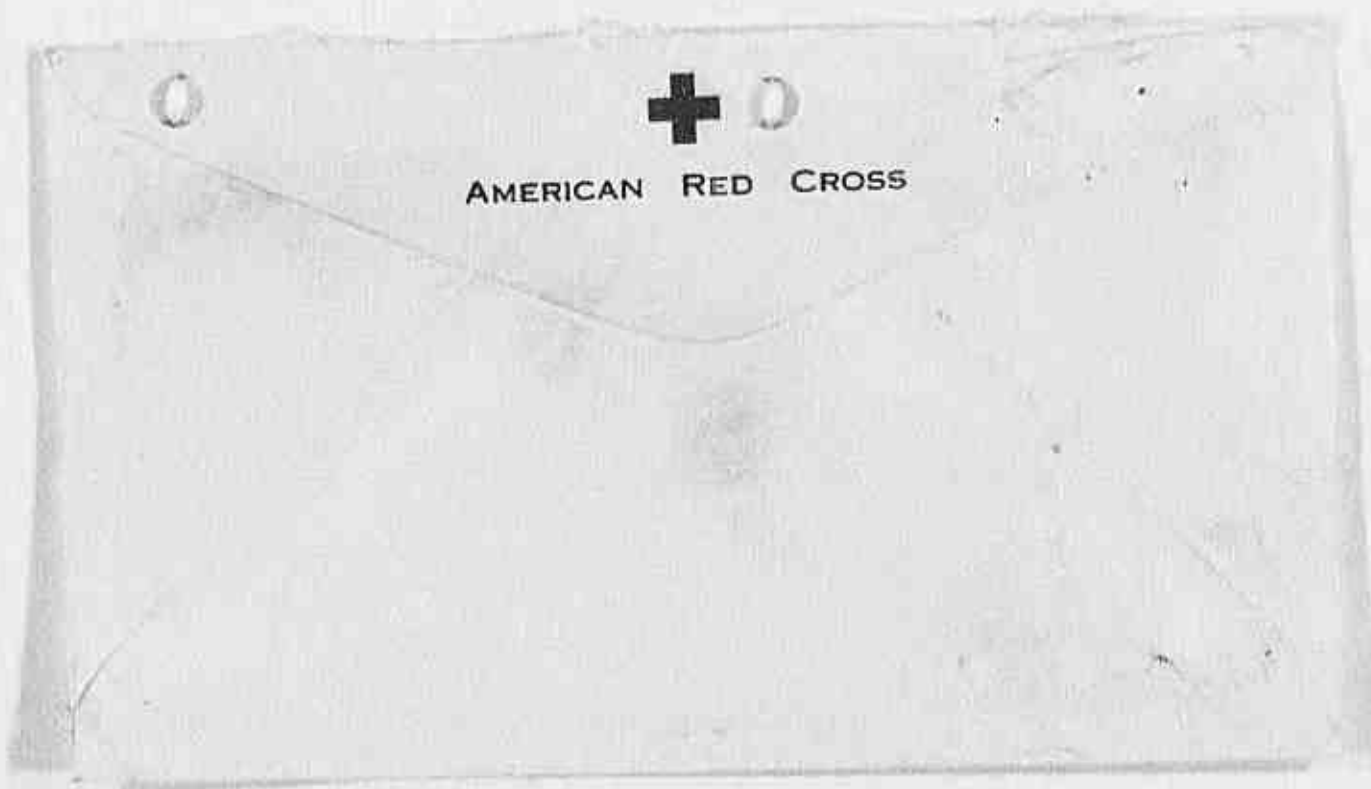
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Reg III

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envelope address
United Military Govt.
Metropolitan Area
Naples, Italy

Anzio Beachhead
May 9, 1944

Dear Sir,

In writing to you I wish to request the investigation of articles totaling to the amount of \$250. in value, which I have mailed in the conformity of all postal laws.

Receiving word today from my Irish wife has called these things to my attention again.

Ladies 21 Jewel Movement wrist watch
Make - Bulova
Case - Solid gold
Rose-colored Illuminous Dial
Value \$60. Price \$60.
(Watch number on way from jeweler in United States)

Mailed within ~~the~~ postal regulations and laws on December 9th 1943 at 133rd Inf. Reg., Post office APO 34. Arrived at customs office in British Isles sometime during first two weeks of April. Amount of Br. customs tax £ 4-4-0., paid before package was received. Package did not contain watch after money was paid to Postal authorities. This package was not and could not be sent from the theater here in Italy, without describing the articles within the package, on Customs Declaration Cards, which were placed on the outside of package showing what the package contained. The package was signed or rather censored by an officer of this Reg. (who is still here) who can definitely say that the watch was in the package at time of mailing. Knowing that the package couldn't be registered through Am. post offices because it was being sent to Br. Isles, I naturally took the chance on its getting there. I believe that the watch was taken from the package either by U.S. postal men or by British postal men after the transfer of Am. mail to Br. for further transportation to the Br. Isles. This no doubt was in the Naples area or city, in Italy. The Br. Customs Officer charged £ 4-4-0 to the receiver of the watch when the package did not contain the watch after it was opened. This leads me to believe that the Br. Customs is at fault because they charged receiver of package £ 4-4-0 for something which had either been taken out before it reached their offices or after it reached them; which goes to show they failed to investigate the package as to its contents before pricing their Customs tax. There is a law on such articles coming from one country to another which is under postal regulations. How could they charge an individual for a package which contained nothing, £ 4-4-0 when the package was empty when £ 4-4-0 was paid?

If they claim to have investigated the package and then put the customs tax upon the article, then they failed to put the watch back in the package. In either case they are at fault, one, for not investigating package and, two, for charging customs on an article that was not received. I know that the Declaration tags of Customs are taken off a package when it reaches Customs office and

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is stamped to the effect that it's been there and payment received before delivery. So the watch was not taken from the time it left Customs office until it reached receiver but was taken by Br. Customs or Br. postal men in Naples. Can you help the matter any for me? Do you need the number of said watch before anything can be traced on its disappearance? Or shall I just add it on my profit and Loss list?

Registered Numbers on articles sent to Br. Isles July 1943. Failure to reach receiver.

Registered No. 95 - July 14, 1943, Field Post Office No. 500 (at that time in Tunis, N. Africa.) Package never received.

Registered No. 877 - July 28, 1943, Field Post Office No. 500 - Tunis, N. Africa.

These articles valued at \$190. Priced at \$190. Never were received by the person.

If you could, would you please check this matter for me? At the present I'm in a position where I can't look after it. I'm so sorry I can't get away from here, and I'd take care of it myself with an M-1 rifle.

Thanking you for your trouble, I remain

Sincerely yours

S/Sgt George R. Vipond
Co B 133rd Inf Reg
APO 34, U.S. Army

P.S. Would you reply to this letter, so I'll know whether to drop the matter or not.

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HQ. REGION 3 ACC.

18 MAG 1944

Time In 1530

Dispatched

Amos, Buchard
May 9, 1944

MAY 19 1944
RECEIVED
MAY 19 1944

Dear Sir,

In writing to you I wish to request the investigation of articles totaling to the amount of \$250. in value, which I have mailed in conformity of all postal laws.

Receiving word to-day from my Irish wife has called these things to my attention again.

Ladies 21 Jewel Movement wrist watch

Make - Bulova

Case - Solid gold

Rose colored luminous dial

Net Value \$60. Price \$160.

(Watch purchased on way from Ireland in United States).

Mailed within all postal regulations + laws on December 9th - 1943 at 133rd Inf Reg.

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 Customs office + is stamped to the effect that it
 has been there + payment received before delivery. So
 the watch was not taken ~~by~~ from the time
 it left Customs office till it reached receiver but
 was taken by Br. Customs or Br. postal man in
 Tripoli. Can you help the matter any for me? As
 you had the number of said watch before anything
 can be traced on its disappearance? Or shall I just
 add it on my profit + Loss list?

Registered number on article sent to Br. Tripoli
~~June~~ + July 1943. Failure to reach receiver.

Registered No 95 - July 14, 1943 Field
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Registered No 877 July 28, 1943 Field post
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These articles valued at \$190. Priced at
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I can't get away from here or I'd take care
of it my - self with an M-1 rifle.

Thanking you for your trouble I remain

Sincerely Yours

S/Sgt. George R. Vigor
Co B 133 ~~rd~~ th Inf Reg.
P. O. 34. U.S. Army.

P.S. Would you reply to
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know whether to drop
the matter or not etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

6 May 1944

SUBJECT: Claim Number 90982-M.

TO : Postmaster, New York, New York.

Records of this unit do not indicate that forms in question were ever received.

For the Postal Officer:

L. T. Montant, Jr.
L. T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant

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Subject: Claim No. 90982-M

To: Postmaster, New York, U.S.

Records of this unit do not indicate
that forms in question were ever received.

For the Postal Officer:

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Form 3812
Rev. 8-10-67

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

FILE NO. OF OFFICE
SENDING FOR

At WASHINGTON, D. C. JAN 24 1944 90882-12

(CHECK THE ITEM NUMBER WHICH IS APPLICABLE AND RETURN THIS CARD
UNDER COVER APPROPRIATELY ENDORSED)

1 ☐ Please complete page of the Form 3812, herewith. (See current July Guide.) If the Form is FORWARDED to another office or to the Department, please so state below. REPLY: Form 3812 forwarded on _____ to _____ (Postmaster)	2 ☒ No advice has been received relative to Form 3812 or letter sent you on <u>11-24-43</u> concerning claim described on the face of this card. (See current July Guide.) REPLY: _____ <u>V. C. BURKE, P. M.</u> (Postmaster)	3 ☐ The claim covering parcel described on the face of this card was approved in favor of _____ in the sum of \$ _____ on _____ (Date) (Postmaster)
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Post Office Department	
OFFICIAL BUSINESS	
The communication on the reverse hereof relates to the disposition of Form 3912 (application for indemnity) covering alleged loss, rifling, or damage involving:	
Your Claim No.	90782M
Fill in file or claim number only of office to which this form is sent—but if file or claim number is not known fill in particulars of parcel below.	
Insured C. O. D.	Parcel No. 1658
Mailed at	A.P.O. 777 P.M. 4 Y.C.
On	Trickell, Lt. Col. Allan R.
By	Trickell, Mrs. Allan R.
Addressed to	Cherry Chase, Ind.
At	

POSTMASTER,

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

TO AVOID

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INDEXED No. C-39100

INQUIRY SECTION

United States Post Office

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 1

April 7th, 1944.

Postal Officer, Through Commanding Officer,
A.P.O. 394, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Card 3819 herewith.

As the Postal Officer at 777 has advised that claim was sent to your office on December 26th, 1943 and as the addressee is pressing for adjustment, it is requested that you advise this office what action has been taken and what disposition was made of the papers.

Please give this matter special attention.

Respectfully yours,

PE/EKJ
Enclosure

Albert Goldman
Postmaster.

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IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER
TO INDEX NUMBER, INITIALS, AND DATE

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TEL. PENN 6-7700

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.
April 1, 1944.

CLAIM No. 90982-M

INQUIRY SECTION
MI-MU

Mrs. A. B. Michell,
Norfolk Manor, 316 St.,
Phila., 41, Pa.



The following information is furnished in response to your inquiry concerning the complaint or indemnity claim described below. Please refer to the claim number given above when writing further in regard to this case.

DESCRIPTION

~~Your case No.~~
Your letter of 3/28/44
Insured ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ No. 1658

Mailed by Lt. Col. A. B. Michell,
At A.P.O., N.Y.C.
On ????
Addressed to you
At Chevy Chase, Maryland.

STATUS OF CASE

The above described claim was sent the Postal Officer, Through the Commanding Officer, A.P.O. 777, c/o Postmaster, New York City, November 24, 1943 by this office. The papers have not been received back from that A. P. O. The postmaster at New York City must adjust this case, and your letter of March 28th is being referred to him for further investigation of your case. *claim*

Respectfully yours,

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CC: FM, N.Y.C.

J.C. Burke

Postmaster.

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

April 1, 1944.

CLAIM NO. 90982-M

Mrs. A. B. Mitchell,
Norfolk Manor, 316 St.,
Phila., 41, Pa.

INQUIRY SECTION
MI-MU

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~~YOUR INFORMATION.~~

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On 7777

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T.C. Burke

Postmaster.

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Atorio 4/23/43 Mar 28

U.S. Post Office
Chevy Chase Branch
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir

Could you give me
any information on a
claim I have there on
an insured package
which I rec'd on Oct 30
it was damaged the
Insurance Receipt no
1658 mailed from an

Army Post office on
Sept 5-43.

You advised me to
have contents of package
fixed and present the
bill which I did. The
amount of the bill was
\$25.

The package came under
the name.

Mrs A. B. Mitchell
4203 Leland St
Cherry Chase
Wash 115 D.C.

From.

Lt. Col. Allen B. Mitchell
C.M.P. 0-2. 102
15th Army Group
A.M. H.O.T.

A.P.O. 777.
Postmaster N.Y.

Thank you.

Mrs A. B. Mitchell
Dorset Manor
316 St. Phila 41 Pa.



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ARMY POST OFFICE 777
NEW YORK NEW YORK

11 March 1944

Inquiry Section,
Postmaster,
Washington 13, D.C.

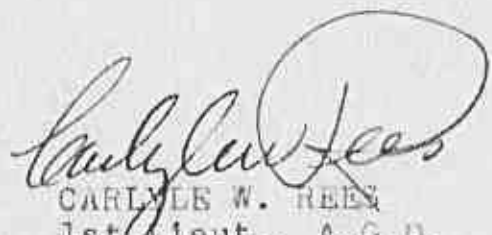
Dear Sir :

Relative to attached Form 3819, the Form 3812 in question was forwarded for completion, on 26 December 1943 to the Postal Officer APO 394 which is the office currently serving the sender of insured article # 1658, Lt. Col. Allan B. Michell.

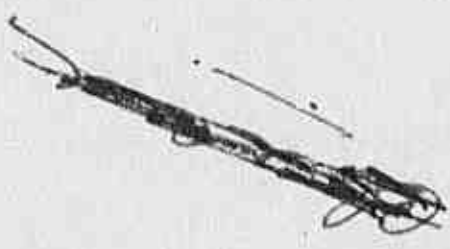
Although the sender's address at the time of mailing was APO 777 he did not insure the article in this office as attached Form 3819 states.

Due to a comparatively short period of operation this office has not, as yet, insured an article bearing a number as high as 1653.

Respectfully,



CARLYLE W. REES
1st Lieut., A.G.D.
Postal Officer APO 777



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6586) Partore Pietro

87) Mansulli Giuseppe.

88) Camburrelli Michele.

89) Alfente Francesco

90) Ranite Leonardo.

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IRREGULARITIES, DESTROYED OR LOST MAIL

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM MARCH 44
TO OCT 44
CATALOGUE.

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