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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishments Branch)

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: U. S. Military Censorship Regulations.

TO : All Directors of Sub-Commissions and Chiefs of Staff Sections

1. Herewith Circular No. 51, NATOUSA, dated 9 April 1944, subject as above.

2. It is requested that you explain this circular to all American officers and civilians under your jurisdiction. This in conformity with Para. 1b of the circular.

E. L. Clough
E. L. CLOUGH,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 51)

9 April 1944

US MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS -- CABLES AND RADIOGRAMS1. General Provisions

a. Foreword. -- This circular is based on Training Circular Number 15, War Department, 16 February 1943 (Military Censorship). All other existing regulations and instructions contrary to the provisions herein are rescinded. Censorship regulations governing the use of cable and radio services conform generally with those applicable to postal communications. Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, (US Military Censorship Regulations), referring primarily to postal censorship, remains in effect and will be applied in conjunction with these regulations.

b. Instructions. -- This circular furnishes regulations for the conduct of United States Military censorship of cable and radio messages and for instruction therein. Each organization and detachment commander will explain fully the provisions of this circular to all officers, civilians under military jurisdiction, and enlisted men of his unit within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt thereof. The personal responsibility and special security requirements involved in sender's composition messages (ordinary cables) will be emphasized. (See paragraphs 2 a (3) and 2 d (1).)

c. Responsibility and Jurisdiction. -- Responsibility and jurisdiction are, as for military censorship in general, defined in paragraphs 3 and 4, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs.

d. Definitions

- (1) Cable. In this circular, the word "cable" signifies a personal message transmitted from this theater to a point outside the theater by electrical means, whether by submarine cable or by wireless. Radiograms are specifically included. Telegrams from one point to another, both within this theater, are specifically excluded.
- (2) Ordinary cable. A cable written in the sender's own words.
- (3) Sender's Composition Message or SCM. The same as "ordinary cable".
- (4) Expeditionary Force Message or EFM. A cable written in fixed form with numerical designation of set phrases in a published list.

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2. Instructions, Ordinary Cables (SCN)a. General

- (1) Designation of personnel permitted to send ordinary cables, or sender's composition messages, and places to which these may be addressed will be as specified in instructions issued separately from this headquarters.
- (2) Ordinary cables in areas where these have been specifically authorized may be handed in at any local civilian telegraph or cable office. The sender will identify himself to the telegraph clerk and will enter on the form his regular army postal address, including serial number, with no additional information as to locality. The army postal address is for purposes of record and tracing only, and will not be incorporated in the text or signature sent.
- (3) Ordinary cables will not be unit censored, but will be subject to base censorship. Any message contravening these regulations will be stopped. Permission to send messages without unit censorship emphasizes personal responsibility and senders are warned to study these regulations carefully and to adhere to them strictly.

b. Form

- (1) Address. Cables will be directed to normal, clear addresses. Code or registered addresses will not be used. Abbreviated addresses or addresses not readily understood may subject the cable to delay. If the message is addressed to other than an individual, it may be held while the reliability of the firm or group addressed is established.
- (2) Signature. All messages must be signed. The signature will be the normal signature of the sender and must include last name and initials; last name, middle initial and first name; or full name. Nothing else may be shown. Rank, serial number, unit or organization, and APO number will not be included in the signature nor shown elsewhere in the message text.

c. Subject and Language

- (1) Ordinary cable service as covered by these regulations is authorized in order to facilitate the transaction of urgent personal business, family affairs, greetings not sufficiently covered by AFM texts, and other personal matters. The following special types of messages for which other facilities are provided are specifically excluded from this service:
 - (a) Official business
 - (b) Press dispatches or other matter intended for publication.

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- (c) Money transfers
- (d) Orders for flowers, candy, or other merchandise

- (2) Ordinary cables will be in English, unless specific authorization to use some other language is obtained from the Chief Base Censor of the Base Censorship Detachment through which the cable is cleared. They will be in plain language. Commercial, private, or other codes will not be used. Use of any phrasing, abbreviations or expressions, the meaning of which is not entirely clear, may subject the message to delay or suppression.

d. Prohibited Statements

- (1) The sender must assume that his cable will be intercepted by the enemy. Information transmitted in this manner becomes more quickly available to enemy agents than that sent in any other way. Valuable intelligence can sometimes be obtained by the study of large numbers of messages each of which is innocent in itself. For these reasons, the sender must be particularly alert to preserve security in personal cables and these are subject to restrictions in addition to those placed on postal communications.
- (2) Matter forbidden in ordinary letters is also forbidden in ordinary cables. (See paragraph 10b, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs).
- (3) "Conditional Statements" as listed in paragraph 10 a, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, are prohibited in ordinary cables.
- (4) The following are also prohibited in ordinary cables:
 - (a) Any reference to location of sender or other military personnel. (For example: the expression "I am in North Africa", although permitted in letters, is prohibited in cables. A statement such as, "I have seen Uncle Jean", may reveal location if addressee can be assumed to know location of persons mentioned.)
 - (b) Designation or location of a unit, branch, arm or service or any installation of the United States Armed Forces and related agencies or those of its Allies. This applies to units outside, as well as within, this theater except as may be required in addresses to military personnel.
 - (c) Notification of safe arrival in any form.
 - (d) Any reference to movement. (For example, such statements as: "Hope to see you soon", or "Am leaving this station" are prohibited.)
 - (e) Movement or prospective movement of any high government official.

3. Expeditionary Force Messages (EFM)

a. General. -- Basic instructions for dispatch and censorship are given in Circular Number 2, this headquarters, cs, (EFM Service) as amended.

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Instructions are summarized in part and in brief in the present circular from the point of view of censorship, only, as it affects senders and unit EFM censors. This summary is not to be construed as rescinding any existing regulations.

b. Form and Contents

- (1) Addresses to which EFM's are directed will be normal and clear and will conform generally to the requirements in paragraph 2 b (1) above.
- (2) The normal signature will be used, without grade, unit, arm or service or army serial number and will consist of the last name and two initials; last name, middle initial and first name; or full name.
- (3) Any reference to the country or place of origin, APO number, or military organization will be omitted from the message form. Unit designation will be entered by the unit EFM censor on form NAP 1001, but will not be entered on the message form. The sender's code cable address, the six letter code word equivalent to the APO number, will be entered in the space provided on the message form. (If the sender does not know his code cable address, this will be supplied by the unit EFM censor).
- (4) The code word, name of sender, and name and address of addressee must be completely printed in block letters. All entries on the message form must be clear and legible.
- (5) The message will consist of one, two or three of the numbers corresponding to the texts appearing on the reverse side of the message forms approved for use by United States Forces. Text numbers in use by British Forces or others, but not appearing on the US message form will not be used.

c. Channels and Unit EFM Censorship

- (1) EFM's will be filed with designated unit EFM censors. They will not be filed by senders or by unit censors at local civil post or telegraph offices. (Note difference in sending an EFM and in sending an SCM. See paragraph 2 a (2).)
- (2) Unit EFM censors will scrutinize message forms for compliance with the provisions of paragraph 3 b above. Messages found to be improperly prepared will be corrected or returned to sender. Messages found to be in proper form will be listed on Form NAP 1001, and forwarded, with Form NAP 1001, to a designated Central EFM Station, as official mail.
- (3) Other duties that are, or may be, required of unit EFM censors by existing regulations or by order of EFM officers include collection of charges, affixing of EFM stamps to forms, making of EFM allotments, and similar duties. Such duties are necessary for the operations of the service but are not censorship. They are in addition to, not a part of, censorship policy and regulations.

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- (4) Unit EFM censors will provide information on SCM services and censorship and may assist personnel in their units to prepare SCM's but will not accept them for filing or dispatch.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
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Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Information and Censorship Section
 Communications Censorship Branch
 CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY
 APO 550, U. S. Army

7 April 1944

SUBJECT : Allocation of information derived from Censorship.

TO : Censorship Liaison Officer - Rear Hq. A.C.C. APO 304.

1. Reference your letter 0/5/2 of 31 March on above subject.
2. At the present time our Submission Slips and reports are typed and because of the volume of work we attempt to limit distribution to that which can be covered by one typing. As we allocate to better than thirty agencies we feel that it would be physically impracticable to duplicate the allocation to an agency that receives as much data from us as the Allied Control Commission does.
3. The problem of internal distribution of information within its own organization is essentially one for the Allied Control Commission.
4. We will be glad to review this question after our move to Italy has been completed.

GORDON W. MCKEAD
 Major Cavalry
 Deputy Civil Censorship Officer
 Italy

C.C. Chief-Communications Censorship Br. INC, AFHQ.
 Lt. Col. Gripps, Admin. Sec., AGC (Salerno)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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31 March 1944

Ref. C/6/2

SUBJECT: Allocation of information derived from Censorship

TO : Deputy Communications Censorship Officer APO 550 U S Army

1. Comment sheets- or censorship intercepts addressed to Hq ACC are at present filed for inspection in the Information Room at the Naples Hq and Sub-Commissions at both Headquarters are notified of information at their disposal.

2. As however it is not possible for Sub-Commissions at this Headquarters to visit the Information Room at Naples at frequent intervals it is suggested that all information of interest to ACC should be duplicated for transmission both to Main Hq (Naples) and Rear Hq (Salerno). Copies for Rear Hq (Salerno) should be addressed to the Administrative Section which will undertake to notify all Sub-Commissions concerned at that Hq.

J. J. Colville
J. J. COLVILLE
Major G. S.

cc To Chief Communications Censorship Branch, INC AFHQ
Lt. Colonel Cripps, Administrative Section, ACC (Salerno) ✓

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