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COMMUNICATIONS, SANTELLARIA, LAMPEDUSA
OCT. 1944 - JAN. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
Civil Affairs Section

Tel. 178108

Ref: 7/1.2/CA.

1 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Aeroplans Service to PANTELLERIA.

TO: AFHQ, 2-5 Section.

Reference is made to Signal 71369 of 19 Dec 44 from NAPIST concerning the aeroplans service to PANTELLERIA.

- 1 At present there is one CAO on the Island and another officer is arriving at an early date.
- 2 The matter has been taken up with SICILIA Region who now state that the aeroplans service is not essential and that supplies and mail can be handled by their Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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A. R. B. G. G.
G.R. HEDDEN, Brig.,
2-5 CA Section,
APO 396.

Copy to: SICILIA Region (Your Signal RB3/368 of 30 Dec 44 refers.)

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ROUTINE

ALOM SICILY REGION (CARR)

HQ ALOM FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

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Ref your signal 8616 of 23 December.

(A) Airplane service is not essential.

(B) 1 Civil Affairs Officer is now on PANTELLENIA and additional officer
arrives shortly.

(C) Supplies and mail can and be handled by ^{this} ~~your~~ headquarters.

W/C NOTE:

Reference above misquoted,
believe 8676 refers

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RC SICILIA REGION RPTD AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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23rd Dec. 44

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD AEROPLANE SERVICE PANTELLERIA IS SUBJECT PD

PARAEN TO RC SICILIA REGION RPTD AFHQ G-5 SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS
SECTION PD

PARA TWO PD AFHQ ENQUIRING BRACKET A BRACKET WHETHER SERVICE IS STILL REQUIRED
BRACKET B BRACKET ARE THERE AT PRESENT STATIONED ON PANTELLERIA CIVIL AFFAIRS
OFFICERS BRACKET C BRACKET IF AEROPLANE SERVICE IS WITHDRAWN IS IT CONFIRMED THAT
SUPPLIES AND MAIL TO CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS CAN BE HANDLED BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS

Copy for Info: to:

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Establishment Section.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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N.W. DRAGNEFF
MAJOR AGD
Adjutant

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CABLE RECEIVED AT AFHQ (G-5 Section) ON 21 DEC. 1944

ROUTINE

FROM: NADIST

TO : AFHQ Q(MAINT) INFORMATION OC TROOPS BOME NAKOF 3 AIR PRIORITIES
BOARD (ALGIERS) ST

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: Q295, 20 December 1944

Reference your F71343 of 19 December addad NADIST.

1. Paragraph 3 of our Q295 of 091736A is repeated.

"If aeroplane service is withdrawn and officer remains PANTELLARIA is it confirmed that supplies and mail to Civil Affairs Officer will be responsibility of Headquarters ACC PALEPMO and not this Headquarters?"

2. "In view of your confirmation Civil Affairs Officer has been withdrawn and no other British personnel remain on Island. Agreed further action not required to reestablish air communication unless officer is returned.

NOTE: F 71343 ORIG BY Q (MAINT) 19/12/44
Q295 NOT IDENTIFIED IN AFHQ MC FILES

ACTION: Q(MAINT)

INFORMATION: APB
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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26 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Lampedusa

To : Sicily Region.

The attached copy letter from Communications Sub-Commission to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms. is forwarded for your information.

You may wish to consider whether this service could be used for communications between Sicily and Lampedusa.

R.R.

R.R. CHIPPS Col.,
for VP CA Sec.
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ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : 16/36.25/20

16 November 1944

Subject : Lampedusa.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

We have received information that there is at present a fairly regular schooner service between Porto Empedocle and Lampedusa, functioning under the auspices of U.C. for the carriage of food supplies. You will perhaps wish to ascertain the practicability of using this service for sending mails direct instead of via Pantelleria. The owner of the vessel is stated to be a Sign. Michele Consiglio.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref:

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Tel: 489081
Ext: 358

10 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Lampedusa Communications.

TO: Regional Commissioner,
Sicilia Region.

Reference your RC/400.274 of 18 Oct 44.

1. There is forwarded for information a copy of a letter received from Communication Sub-Commission dated 25 Oct 44.
2. The matter was taken up with AFHQ who have no objections to No. 3 District being contacted by you direct. In the circumstances, will you please raise the matter with No. 3 District who are responsible for administration of this Island.

By Command of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

JLK
R.H. CHIPPS, Col,
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Civil Affairs Section

Ref:-

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28 Oct '44

SUBJECT:- Communications - Pantelleria
and Lampedusa.

TO:- Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region.

1. Your letter RG/400.274 dated 18 Oct has been forwarded by communications sub-commission to this Section. Communications sub-commission in their reply state that the present position is as follows:-

"In normal times, Pantelleria was served by sailings from TRAPANI, and Lampedusa and Linosa from AGRIGENTO. Civil mails for the three islands are now normally sent between Palermo and Tunis by surface transport; and between Tunis and Pantelleria by air. When this arrangement was set up, the SCAG of Pantelleria had a motor boat in which he visited the two other islands, and which was to carry the mail. So far as it known this arrangement still operates. There are probably still occasional sailings to the islands from Trapani and Agrigento. The telegraph censorship arrangements from Sicily to Pantelleria are ready to start and, if, as is thought, the cable is now in good order, the service should be in operation. This has been pointed out to the Italian Govt. It is understood that the Pantelleria-Lampedusa cable is not yet repaired but enquiries will be made".

2. The matter has been raised with the Shipping sub-commission who state that while they cannot lay on a regular service by sea it might be possible to establish communications by the use of fishing boats. These boats sail regularly from ports in Sicily to Lampedusa, etc. Mr. McDonnell of the Shipping sub-commission is visiting you next week and will raise the matter with you. Before taking further action in the matter and writing to AFHQ, we shall await his report on his return.

3. No copy of any AFHQ instruction can be traced in our files.

R.R. CRIPPS. Col.
C20 CA Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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File : RC/400.274

18 October 1944

SUBJECT : Pantelleria and Lampedusa - Communications

TO : HQ. A.C.C. ROME

1. No official information is available at this HQ as regards communications with the islands of PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA which are under A.M.G. and are controlled by this Headquarters.

2. As regards telegraphic communication, there is an American Air Corps Depot Signal Detachment on PANTELLERIA and it is understood that the cable connections to LAMPEDUSA are being repaired.

3. As regards official mail or courier service for these two islands, the mail service for PANTELLERIA is by plane which operates from time to time between PANTELLERIA-TUNIS-PALE MO and so far this means of communication has proved satisfactory. It is also understood that there is a surface vessel which operates regularly between North Africa and Pantelleria.

As regards official mail communications with LAMPEDUSA no arrangements appear to exist. Plane no longer land on the island and it is not included in any ship courier service from North Africa. No arrangements exist for the delivery of rations to the C.A.O. on the island. Up to the present he has had to live mainly on the country.

Difficulties of mail communication have caused definite complications especially in connection with financial matters.

4. It is understood that these islands are under North Africa District or Sub-Area for administration and presumably the matter of communications with these islands is a matter for that Headquarters. It is believed that this is laid down in an A.F.H.Q. instruction but no copy of this can be traced in this Headquarters.

5. Can this matter please be taken up with the Military Authorities and this Headquarters be informed as to what the existing arrangements are.

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 EXT 555

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In reply refer
to: C3/4/18

26th October 1944

SUBJECT : Communications - Pantelleria - Lampedusa

TO : Civil Affairs Branch

Reference attached No. RC/400.274 of 18th October 1944.

1. The attached letter is proper to your branch as the question of general communications to the islands is concerned e.g. shipping.
2. As regards the particular Cases of Mails and telecommunications, the following is a statement of the present position.
3. In normal times, Pantelleria was served by sailings from TRAPANI, and Lampedusa and Linosa from AGRIGENTO. Civil mails for the three islands are now normally sent between Palermo and Tunis by surface transport, and between Tunis and Pantelleria by air. When this arrangement was set up, the SCAO of Pantelleria had a motor boat in which he visited the two other islands, and which was to carry the mail. So far as it is known this arrangement still operates. There are probably still occasional sailings to the islands from Trapani and Agrigento.
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J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director Communications Sub-Committee

Copy to : Lt. Colonel Head.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 EXT 555.

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W. 3 District

In reply refer
to: CS/4/18/

25th October 1944.

Subject: Communications - Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

To: Civil Affairs Branch.

Reference attached No. RC/400.274 of 18th October 1944.

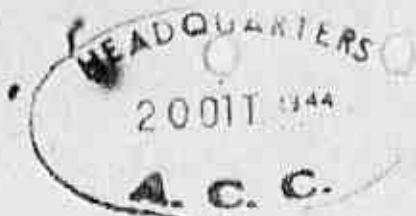
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J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director Communications Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Lt.Colonel Head.

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ARMED CORPS COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEAD QUARTERS
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18 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: PANTOLLERIA and LIPARONA - communications
TO : W.A. A.C.C. 20011

1. No official ~~communications~~ ^{information is available at this HQ as regards} communications with the islands of PANTOLLERIA and LIPARONA which are under A.C.C. and are controlled by this Headquarters.

2. As regards telegraphic communication, there is an American Air Corps Depot signal detachment on PANTOLLERIA and it is understood that the cable connections to LIPARONA are being repaired.

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5. Can this matter please be taken up with the Military Authorities and this Headquarters be informed as to what the existing arrangements are.

McCarr Brigadier

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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C.A.C. 20011
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Date 20/10/44

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