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POSTAGE STAMPS
MAR. 1944 - AUG. 1946

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Executive Officer (A).

Refce minutes 50 - 53.

Draft letter is submitted for your approval please.

J. R. Starnes Lt. Col.
Director Commn S/C.

13 Aug 46

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S.O. C.C. Letter prepared in final form for signature
by C.C.

Boonin, Lt. Col.
C.O. 2675-10 Rgt.

50.

swiclor, Comm. S/C.

*will you please recommend the
action to be taken with regard to folio
4842.*

Alfred Hume
egat 18/8

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

- 51 -

Executive Commissioner.

From minutes numbered 36 - 37 it appears to have been agreed that Gen. Hume should be asked to pay the sum of 7219 Lire; but there is no record in the files that this has been done.

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L.R. Humbert
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Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director. Comms. S/C

9 August 1946

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9 August 1946

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c.s.o. so you approve of the action suggested
in para 2 of min 51, please. *Approved*
if so I think it is an L.O.A. matter.

53.

Capt R, *yes.* Director - Comm S/C should
consult with Ex O.(A) and put up
appropriate letter for signature of C.C.
H.S. 12/8

54

030/ By your 33 minute 35 explains what happened in the other 2 cases.

It is suggested that action in para 3 of 2 be authorized - namely that the Ministry of Post & Telecom communications authorize Verona PAB office to carry the amount as a suspended item & the money be obtained from Gen. Ruess.

85. 24/10.

Ex Comm.

(37)

Re see 31 and attached correspondence; implementation of para 2 of 30 would appear to be the only possible course.

25/5 26/11

(38)

Chief Commissioner.

Approval
Attached is submitted for your signature and information

F.C. Can the 2nd Conf. be proposed?
All obsolete stamps for - please
If not - much as I deplore this act - like 16 Dec 12 33
JWS cc

40

CD Scudder.

(39)

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~~Chief Commissioner.~~

~~approval
signature
information~~

Attached is submitted for your signature information

F. C. Can the State Conf. stamp the - Philadelphia -
 all double stamps for - Philadelphia -
 It not - much as I before ring act -
 over?

—

EN Seudder.

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Will you answer C.C.'s query?
H/V/35Dx1

144/38 x 1

147

E.C.,
The stamps are not yet on sale as the
Ministry has not fixed their price as a philatelic
issue. It is the intention eventually to sell them
through the Ministry's Philatelic Office in Rome.

A.S.V. Sordani

BB 3/12 ^{10/12} 1945. Col. 50.

54x 333

王 國棟

12/21

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31 & attachments to info. Suggested action at para 2 of 30 be carried out: the General must be an adult stamp collector.

B. 19/11.

33

Para 5. This is not the first time. What else we do on the previous occasion?

1-11/11
20/11Communications 31C.

314

you 31 What happened on the other occasions when Gen. Kuma was involved in "passport stamp" cases?

24/11

35

Executive Commission

Reference from 34

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27/11/11

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25. 24/11

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Executive Commission

Reference from 34

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Reference was reported
2. Requisition of postage stamps at Naples on this date you in our PS/16/7/118 dated 6 October 1944. On this occasion the stamps in question were recovered by the sub-commission and there is no record in our files of any further action in the matter.
3. For easy reference, copies of the above quoted letters are attached

Colin Thompson
For Director
Communications sub-commission

23/11/45

Have 444.

12
Los Please see minute 11 (on previous sheet)

Still 20/10.

WV 20/10

13
Dutch p. 7 - & remind the Sub Com in a week

or so. WV 20/10 14/11

No action necessary. I have discussed with Com Spc and Stamps are safely in Florence under CH 230 & LC Postal Office (radio minute 11) 15/11

18.
CSO are you a philatelist? If so 17 may interest.

6/12 Ye, keep you. 18/12

19/12 PH 1/12

20/12 20/12

with Com 5/1 and stamps and labels
in Florence under the eye of the
Porter Office (radio broadcasts 11)

5/11

18.

CSO are you a philatelist? If so it may interest.

6/12

Yes, thank you.

6/12

[Signature]
P.H. 8/12

~~1/10/1954~~

23.

21 0 22 submitted for signature - 20 refers,
this action requested by ex. C. via his P.A.

4/27/11

COS

You said you would take up 2
with CO Montfort.

Li 8/10.
4.

1. Tell Commander 6 Com. to send page 1, without
comment, to ATRG V Army instructing them, if
defect be true, to send all the stamps to H.Q. A.C.C.

3. There is no evidence in support of page 4
of 2.

2. I will then take up with DECATO.
WJH

S.

Com. S/c.

Pl. act as above

Li 8/10

3. Then is no evidence in support of para 4 of p 2.

2. I will then take up with Deato, W/7/2.

S.

Com. S/c.

M. act as above

Explanatory

9/10.

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G.

C. of S.

Letter as > has been forwarded.

See summary
Com. S/c.

10 Dec.

2 10/10

10. See p 10

11.

C. of S.

The stamps have been handed back to the Post Office at Florence. No further action is proposed so far as this Sub. Comm. is concerned

14 Oct 1950

See summary
Com. S/c.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 311.1 GAP-0

23 August 1946

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps, Verona; Brigadier General E.E. Hume,
U.S. Army

TO : Commanding General
United States Forces, Austria
APO 777

Attached for comments of General Hume and information upon
which to base a reply to ALCOM is letter ALCOM, file P.7.599.08,
dated 17 August 1946, subject: "Postage Stamps, Verona; Brigadier
General E.E. Hume, U.S. Army".

FOR THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

JOHN R. HAYES

Major, AGD

Asst Adjutant General

JOHN R. HAYES

Major, AGD

Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:
a/s

copy sent to Comma s/c

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Date: 28 AGO 1946
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P.A. 26/8/46
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P.7.599.03

17 August 1946

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps, Verona; Brigadier General R.E. Hume, U.S. Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters - G5 Section.

1. On the 30 April 1945, Brigadier General R.E. Hume, while with the 5th Army, withdrew from the Post Office at Verona, stamps to the value of 7219 Lire, and since that date this amount has been carried in the Verona Provincial P.T.T. Director's account as a suspended item, pending payment of the sum due.

2. Up to the present the cost of the stamps has not been remitted and the General Director of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Rome, now asks for the matter to be settled.

3. It is requested that Brigadier General Hume should be reminded of the circumstances of the withdrawal of the stamps from the Verona Post Office on the 30 April 1945 and asked to remit the due amount at the earliest possible date. It is suggested that it should be explained to the General that the face value of the stamps viz 7219 Lire is due to the Provincial Director Verona to enable the accounts of his office to be balanced before submission of the complete accounts to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for audit.

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Copy sent to Comms 3/c

cc-Exc. Officer (A)
Comm. S)G.

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Q/S H.S. 19/8
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PA 19/8/46
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.7.598.08

6 August 1946

AUG 7 1946

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps Verona - Brigadier General Hume.

TO : Executive Commissioner. — 31

The attached letter from the Director General, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications refers to correspondence passed direct to the Executive Commissioner under local reference P.7.500.08 on 16 November 1945.

L.R. Humbert
L.R. HUMBERT
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director.

see M 50 951
52, 53
313 see M 54.559756

GP
(COPT R)

Translation

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I Prot. No. 686142.V.3/687604

5 Aug 46.

TO : Allied Commission,
Communications Sub-Commission,
R o m e.

SUBJECT: Stamps withdrawn by General Hume.

With reference to letter N.R. XII Com/311.14 dated
8 November 1945 from Major C.I. Turner (Communications Officer
Venezia Region), it is requested that you ascertain and inform us
whether the 7219 lire owing from General Hume for stamps for
the same face value consigned to him by the Postal Direction of
Verona on the 30 April 1945, has been received.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Roma - 5 AGOSTO 1946

Servizio IV Per. I Per. I
Prot. N. 686142. V. 3/687604

Al A.C.
Communications
Sub Commission - ROMA

Allegato

Rappresentante N.º

Oggetto: Francobolli ritirati dal Generale Hume.

Con riferimento alla lettera N.R. XII Com/311.14
in data 8 novembre 1945 del Maggiore C.I. Turner
(Communications Officer Venezia Region), pregesi
di voler accertare e far conoscere se sia stato, o
sarà, recuperato dal Generale Hume l'importo di lire
7219 da lui dovuto per francobolli di pari valore
facile consegnatigli dalla Direzione delle Poste
di Verona il 30 aprile 1945.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

CHIESE REFS.	
FILE	B/Fwd.

Date - 6 AGO 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8755/25/EC

13 December 1945

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

MEMO TO: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Reference letter 16/27032/70 of 17 November 1945.

The matter has been taken up with AMG Bolzano who have investigated the report, with the assistance of the Prefect and the Director of Posts and Telegraph of Bolzano, and have assured this Headquarters that to the best of their knowledge the stamps referred to are not, and have never been, in circulation in Bolzano Province.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

*Copy
Lamarr. Sp.*

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BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. 394.

(46)

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps.

DATE: 7 Dec 45
SWM/le

TO: The Executive Commissioner,
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME,
(through HQ, Venezia Region).

DEC 11 1945

REF: R XII/BZ/ 129

1. Reference your letter No. 8755/22/EC
of 28th November, 1945.

2. I have interviewed the Director of the
Poste and Telegrafi (and the Prefect's Secretary)
and both assure me that to the best of their
knowledge the stamps referred to are not, and
have never been, in circulation in BOLZANO
Province.

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
BOLZANO Province.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8755/22/NO

28 November 1945

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

TO : Regional Commissioner
Venetia Region
(for Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano Province)

1. Enclosed please find copy of letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the circulation of some sets of postage stamps in Bolzano.

2. We would be grateful if you could take the necessary action to have these stamps withdrawn from circulation and report to this Headquarters.

inform

For the Chief Commissioner:

C. R. BRAYEROOKE

Capt

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
~~Commerce E/O~~
Commo S/C

see 246

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3755/33/50

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

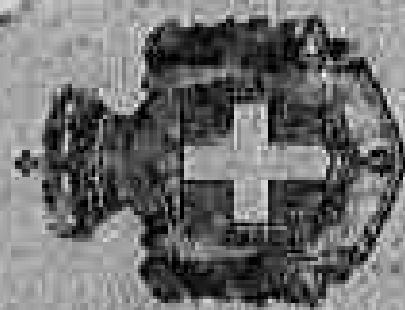
TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

With reference to letter No. 16/27050/70 of 17 November 1945 from Dr. Prunas, the information regarding the postage stamps has been passed to the appropriate authorities for necessary action. This Headquarters will communicate with you further on the subject.

CRB.

Copy to:
Communications S/O

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

rough translation

n° 16/27052/70

NOV 24 1945

Rome, November 17th, 1945

Dear General Lush,

information has reached this Ministry to the effect that in the city of Bolzano some sets of postage stamps of the Kingdom of Italy and the so-called Italian Social Republic bearing the overimpression "Sud Tirol zu Oesterreich" have been put in circulation.

Such overimpression would be applied in Innsbruck, wherefrom the stamps would be imported into Alto Adige mainly for propaganda purposes, in addition to commercial ones.

The set of stamps in question would be priced in Innsbruck 15 Marks and at Bolzano 150 Lire.

It is a question of a very deprecable abuse, having self evident propaganda aims: as such undoubtedly it does not help in bringing about the greatly desired relaxation of the people's minds in Alto Adige.

I shall be very grateful to you, dear General Lush, if you will take an interest in the matter and have the stamps in question withdrawn from circulation.

I shall greatly appreciate a reply on the subject and I beg to remain

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I shall greatly appreciate a reply on the subject and I beg to remain,

Very cordially yours,

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Brigadier M.S. LUSH
Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

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~~See 216~~

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma, 17 NOV 1945

16/27052/40

Caro Generale,

viene segnalato che nella città di Bolzano sono state messe in circolazione alcune serie di francobolli del Regno d'Italia e della sedicente Repubblica Sociale Italiana portanti la soprastampigliatura "Sud Tirol zu Osterreich".

Tale soprastampigliatura verrebbe applicata ad Innsbruck ed i francobolli sarebbero quindi importati in Alto Adige a scopo soprattutto propagandistico oltre che commerciale.

Le serie in questione sarebbero poste in vendita ad Innsbruck al prezzo di 15 marchi e a Bolzano a L. 150. Poichè trattasi di un deplorabile abuso avente per mira evidenti obiettivi propagandistici e che, come tale, non contribuisce certo all'auspicata distensione degli animi in Alto Adige, Le sarò vivamente grato se vorrà adoperarsi perchè i francobolli in questione siano ritirati dalla circolazione.

In attesa di un Suo cortese riscontro in merito, Le rinnovo, caro Generale, le espressioni della mia viva cordialità.

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Brigadier
M.S. LUSH
Executive Commissioner Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

CHST/ams

P.7.500/CS

16th November 1945

Subject: Postage Stamps.

To : Executive Commissioner.

1. The Executive Commissioner may wish to see the attached correspondence concerning the requisition of postage stamps by Brigadier General E.E. Hume at Verona on 30th April 1945.

2. Previous "postage stamp" cases in which Brig. Gen. Hume was involved were (a) overprinting of postage stamps at Naples (letter reference 127/35/CA dated 7th March 1944) and (b) requisition of postage stamps overprinted "R.S.I." at Florence on 4th September 1944 (our letter PS/16/118 dated 6th October 1944 refers).

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Enc. : Letter RXII/Com/311.14 dated 8th November and enclosures.

(MISS SANDPSON)

See 7-49

See no. 32-41.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

8 November 1945

TO: Communications Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, Rome

SUBJECT: Non-Payment for Postage Stamps

File No: RXII/Com/311.14

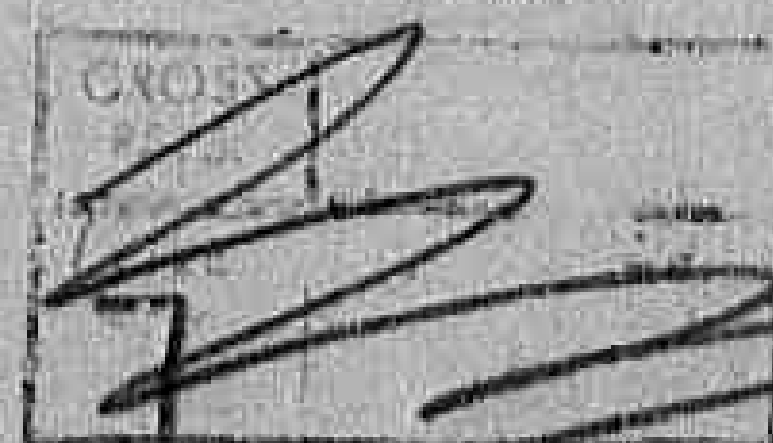
1. Attached correspondence and papers relate to postage stamps valued at 7219 lire, obtained from the Verona post office by Brig. Gen. E. E. Hume, U. S. Army, on 30 April 1945.

2. The stamps were not paid for and I have authorized the Verona Directorate to carry this amount (7219 lire) as a suspended item. However, it is suggested that the Ministry further authorize this procedure, direct to the Verona Directorate pending collection of the amount due from Brig. Gen. Hume.

3. Although on the requisition form it was indicated by Brig. Gen. Hume that the stamps were of no intrinsic value, the 2.50 lire (Express) and 50 lire (ordinary), both overprinted, have definite philatelic value.

Charles I. Turner
CHARLES I. TURNER
Major, AGD
Communications Officer

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Date

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
Telephone 439081 Ext. 444

6th October 1944

In reply :
refer to : PS/16/7/118

Subject : Postage Stamps.

To : Chief of Staff.

1. Submitted herewith is a copy of a Memorandum presented to the Postal Officer of Toscana Region by the Postal Provincial Director of Florence, and relating to an unusual withdrawal of postage stamp stocks held by the latter. It is understood that the General concerned is Brigadier General Hume, that the stamp in question are normal supplies but bearing a Republican Government overprint, and that their value is 500,545 lire.
2. In view of the fact that normal stamp supplies and materials became available on the occupation of Rome, and having regard to the obvious undesirability of continuing to use Republican overprint stamps, the latter are not being accepted for pre-payment of postage when mail services commence in the Provinces which had been supplied with them. As far as possible supplies are being frozen, but in view of the initial interruption of communication facilities, it is not practicable to get written word round to all Post Offices for some time.
3. Occurrences such as the one under notice were not visualised. Independently of any action which it may be decided to take regarding it, there should, it is felt, now be issued to the Armies and Regions, an instruction to regard all stocks of Republican stamps as frozen and forbidding the removal of any stamps from Post Office custody by members of the Allied Forces.
4. Apart from the question of postage stamps being the particular property involved in this case, it would appear that the action of appropriation by an Allied Officer of any property of value, whether stamps, pictures, cash or anything else, for private and personal use and not in the execution of his official duties, in a matter requiring your consideration.

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

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section
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Ref: 127/35/CA

7th March 1944

Subject: Issue of Overprinted Stamps.

To : S.C.A.O. A.M.G. 5 Army.

Reference your letter of 19th February 1944.

1. I am obliged for your full and careful reply to my letter. To deal with the Italian paragraph first, the matter was referred to you personally, not of course to A.M.G. 5 Army as such, as it was appreciated that the policy direction on the subject would have been given by you when you were in charge of A.M.G., Region III.

2. I am unable to agree with you over the correctness of the policy which was followed in the restoration of postal services in that Region. Postal services are clearly ones which require a unified policy within any territory served or shortly to be served by one postal directorate, and local authorisations of special kinds of stamps and ~~for~~ of different rates of postal charges must inevitably cause, and in fact are now causing, confusion when the time comes to widen the scope of the services.

3. Overprinting may be necessary in certain circumstances, and has been used in the past, but not normally on such a small scale as to limit the issue to one town. The effect has in fact been to create a "Black Market", the 35 centesimi stamp being on sale in dealers and even outside the Post Offices at 50 lire almost immediately after its production. The overprinting, being made within such a restricted area, would actually have had little effect on stopping the sale of stolen stamps as these are valid everywhere outside that area.

4. It is unfortunate that the efforts to obtain stamps from AMG Palermo, were unavailing. No request actually reached the postal officer there.

5. It was, of course, quite out of order for you to authorise a postage rate different from that previously in force without reference to higher authority.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission
(ref. your PS/16/7 dated 27th February 1944).

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MODULARIO
C-Dir. Pr. Poste - 430

Mod. 107-A - Ediz. 1943
(formato cm. 14,8 x 21)

AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Verona, add. 19.10.45 ==

Al CASSA PROVINCIALE P.T. = V E R O N A =

Direzione Prov. di Verona

Ufficio 1° REPERTO

Prot. N. 66748/2

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Fornitura Fran-
cobolli al Comando Alleato.

Con riferimento alla parte-
cipazione fatta il 2 giugno u.s. relati-
va al sospeso di cassa per fornitura di
francobolli al Comando Alleato, questo
informa che non ha alcuna notizia di tale
fornitura.

Attende pertanto di conoscere
i completi dettagli della fornitura, non-
chè il nome e l'unità militare cui appar-
tiene la persona che ha fatto il prelie-
vo.

ED DIRETTORE PROVINCIALE

Refers to P.C. of
Verona!
G.I.T.

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MODULARIO
C - Dir. Pr. Poste - 439

Mod. 147-A - Ediz. 1941-XIX



AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Verona, Add. 19/10/1945

Al
la Direzione Poste Telegrafi
DI VERONA

Direzione Prov. di

Ufficio

Prot. N.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. 86788/3

del 19/10/1945

OGGETTO: Fornitura francobolli al Comando Alleato

Si informa che in data 28/4/1945 questa Cassa Prov. ha
trasmissione alla locale Direzione delle Poste e Telegrafi
francobolli di cui all'unità distinta per la consegna
all'Ufficiale Alleato che ne aveva fatta richiesta.
L'importo complessivo della fornitura ascende a lire 7.219
Questa Cassa Prov. detiene la distinta della consegna
effettuata debitamente firmata dall'Ufficiale che ha
ordinato l'estrazione

Il Cassiere Prov.

Il Controllore

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Parlo in

Amministrazione delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Direzione p. t. di

Il sottoscritto richiede al Magazzino Centrale C. V. le seguenti forniture:

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Specie e qualità	SPEDIZIONE			
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• 0.10	100	40		
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• 0.25	100	25		
• 0.30	110	27.50		
• 0.35		33		
• 0.50	110	105		
• 0.75	140	165		
• 1.00	110	110		
• 1.25	110	275		
• 1.75				

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FRANGOBOLLI PER CORRISPONDENZA									
1.75	2.-	2.55	3.00	5.-	10.-	20.-	25.-	50.-	0.10 R.A.
ESPRESSO									
da 1.25	da 0.15								
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In reply
refer to : P.7.151/OS.

4 December 1944

5 DEC 1944

Subject : Postage Stamps and Postcards - Overprinting.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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5. We should be glad to have two specimens of each

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J. L. HANERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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J.L. HENDERSON

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PS.16/7.122.

11 October 1944

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SUBJECT:- Postage Stamps.

TO: - Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Will you be good enough to let us have your views and/or information on the following aspects of the Postage Stamp question.

I. Republican overprinted stamps.

Under our present agreed policy, these stamps are not being accepted for prepayment of postage, and there is unlikely to be any development which will require a modification of this policy. It is probable that the stocks which are being acquired in liberated territory will eventually amount to a very considerable total, and sooner or later the question of their disposal will arise. On this particular point it is suggested that - except in any instance in which the supply of a particular denomination is disproportionately low - the general sale of the stamps to the public and philatelic dealers would afford an advantageous solution. It would assist the Departmental Exchequer, as in normal times, and would at the same time kill the international market for the sale of much enhanced prices of such stamps as will have found their way into enemy hands. It would not of course be opportune to proceed with such a step until, at the earliest, the whole of Italy is liberated and within the jurisdiction of your Government, but the question is being raised at this stage in order that you may give it ample advance consideration.

2. Supplies of stamps and stamped postcards for present requirements.

(a) It is understood that, owing chiefly to difficulty regarding supplies of suitable watermarked paper, the supply position for essential denominations may become critical within a few months, particularly when viewed in relation to providing later for Northern Italy. It seems that there are on hand in Rome over 200 million stamps of a special Republican Government issue (of the 20 and 25 centesimi denominations, and distinct from the overprints mentioned in para. 1). In view of the very large number of these new stamps available, and in order to provide an additional safeguard for the future, it is suggested that - if you are not already so proposing - consideration be given to

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overprinting these supplies for current use. Having regard also to the fact that a very high proportion of the present postings require stamps to the value of 1 lira, the value of each stamp could advantageously be raised to that figure as part of the overprint. A similar procedure could be applied to any further similar supplies which may be secured in the North (It is believed that more than the two denominations quoted have been printed in Verona). In your reply on this feature will you please indicate the proposed wording for the overprint.

(b) So far as stamped postcards are concerned it would be more than a logical step to utilise the overprinted supplies which are now, and may later become available. In this instance it would be considered preferable to blank out completely the existing overprinted stamp and Royal emblem, and to print new stamp impressions, in the space between, of the 30 or 60 centesimal values according to requirements.

3. We are advised that the United Kingdom have not yet received their specimen stamps from the supply which you sent to Berne in June. Have you received any acknowledgement of receipt from the Hqs. of the Postal Union? (This information is desired as soon as possible please).

4. It is stated that Berne now require 354 specimens of each stamp. Will you therefore please forward them a further nine specimens of those already furnished, together with 354 of the modified 1 lira stamp now being printed and issued.

5. For official record purposes in this office, we should be glad if you would furnish two specimens of each stamp and stamped postcard which has been put on sale since postal services re-commenced, and of the new and overprint Republican issues also. As and when further issues become or are made available, perhaps you will supply two specimens of those also, in order that our record may be kept up to date.

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S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:- Chief of Staff, A.C.C. HQ.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 : Extn. 400

10th October, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16.7.119

Subject: Withdrawal of Postage Stamps.

To: A.M.G. 5th Army.

1. The attached report from the civil Postal Provincial Director of Florence has been forwarded to this Sub-Commission.

2. If the report be accurate, would you be good enough to arrange to forward all the stamps to HQ, ACC.

By Order of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

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

Incl. #1 copy of report.

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Incl. #1 to letter PS/16.7.119 of 10th Oct. 44. 7A

MEMO TO CAPTAIN DRUMMOND.

On the morning of 23rd August, Major Reed withdrew the three keys of the safe, and the corresponding duplicates leaving a receipt to the Provincial Director.

On the afternoon of 2nd September Colonel Manapace and a General visited the office where the stamps are kept, and after having checked the stamps, they ordered that on the next Monday, 4th September, they would send Lt. HAWKINS to withdraw all stamps overprinted or issued by the Republican Government. In fact, on 4th September Lt. HAWKINS withdrew the stamps shown on the attached list.

In addition to the stamps belonging to this office, other stamps belonging to offices of the Province and lodged in this Direction for security reasons, have also been withdrawn. After the withdrawal the keys of the safe were returned to us, and the receipt, signed by Major REED, was surrendered.

Actually we are withdrawing the Republican stamps lying in the offices of the City.

The Provincial Director.
(Dr. G. FRANCOIS)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 444

6th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: PS/16/7/118

7 OCT Recd

Subject : Postage Stamps.

To : Chief of Staff.

1. Submitted herewith is a copy of a Memorandum presented to the Postal Officer of Toscana Region by the Postal Provincial Director of Florence, and relating to an unusual withdrawal of postage stamp stocks held by the latter. It is understood that the General concerned is Brigadier General Hume, that the stamps in question are normal supplies but bearing a Republican Government overprint, and that their value is 500,545 lire.

2. In view of the fact that normal stamp supplies and materials became available on the occupation of Rome, and having regard to the obvious undesirability of continuing to use Republican overprint stamps, the latter are not being accepted for pre-payment of postage when mail services commence in the Provinces which had been supplied with them. As far as possible supplies are being frozen, but in view of the initial interruption of communication facilities, it is not practicable to get written word round to all Post Offices for some time.

3. Occurrences such as the one under notice were not visualised. Independently of any action which it may be decided to take regarding it, there should, it is felt, now be issued to the Armies and Regions, an instruction to regard all stocks of Republican Stamps as frozen and forbidding the removal of any stamps from Post Office custody by members of the Allied Forces.

4. Apart from the question of postage stamps being the particular property involved in this case, it would appear that the action of appropriation by an Allied Officer of any property of value, whether stamps, pictures, cash or anything else, for private and personal use and not in the execution of his official duties, is a matter requiring your consideration.

J. L. Henderson
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