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POSTAL SERVICES
OCT. 1944 - OCT. 1946

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Please see 21. Stencil for Executive Memorandum on Postal Services
Submitted for A/Executive Commissioner's Signature.

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Signed. & stencil retained to bonus S/C. ^{24.} see (2r) ²³/₄

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31 For info from AFHA to C.E.S. Communications
S/C have been sent a copy.

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You may be interested in 3 & 4.

Exhibit 124

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recommended
Draft at 16 is submitted for approval of A/Ex.Com.

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Min Hewalby

Approved as amended.

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Communications Sec.

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Draft Revised edition of Executive Memorandum No 35 (at 16)
is approved as amended. Please prepare & submit for signature.

D. Hewalby

14/3/45.

Tim Hlewally

Approved as amended.

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D. Hlewally
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14/3/45.

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Serial connected.

It has been considered desirable to
add a further paragraph (No 12) which
is the same as that in the existing
printed edition of E M 35

W H Green
mayor
19 April 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 794

Communications Sub-Commission

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OCT 3 1946

P.11.151/GS

1st October 1946

Subject: Allied Soldier's Assistance in Recovery
of Stolen Mail.

To : Chief of Staff ✓
Executive Commissioner's Office.

1. The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications has reported that on the afternoon of 30th August 1946, on the Via Casilina, some unknown thieves broke the rear sliding-window of a Postal motor vehicle, abstracted a sack of Postal packets containing valuables, and then absconded in a motor-car which was waiting nearby.

2. The Postal Agent of the motor vehicle, intent on recovering the sack of mail asked an Allied soldier who was passing in a "Truck 1/4 ton 4x4 C & R" to help him, and with this soldier they pursued the car containing the thieves. When it was noticeable that the car would easily be overtaken, the thieves fearing capture threw the sack of mail into the roadway. The car was not pursued further.

3. The items in the bag were checked with the relative advices and nothing was missing nor had any item been opened.

4. The Minister in expressing his thanks to the Allied Commission states that he is certain, that the successful recovery of the mail must be mainly attributed to the prompt help of the unknown Allied soldier, thereby saving the Postal Administration a large amount of money which would have been due to be paid in compensation had the letters been lost.

5. No further details are available locally to assist in tracing the soldier who gave such valuable and prompt assistance.

6. In the circumstances will you please say if the matter should now be regarded as closed or whether it would be the Chief Commissioner's decision to forward the details to A.F.H.Q. requesting that the particulars be inserted in such routine orders which would circulate to all Units in the theatre.

(y/c m.c.)
n/a action
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Cy. L. Maddock
351 Major
L.R. HUMBERT
for Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/142

9 January 1946

JAN 10 1946

SUBJECT: Personal Correspondence

TO : Headquarters Commandant

I have been under the impression that all censorship on mail between here and the United States had been lifted. The following developments in my own personal correspondence, however, indicate that such is not the case:

- a) On the envelope of a letter written by me, 22 November, to my wife at Chevy Chase, Maryland, is stamped "El Censur a Retero Transito Correspondencia Civilo."
- b) The above letter was received by the addressee on 29 December.
- c) The post-mark bears the number APO 794.

ELWOOD HOLSTEIN
Chief Staff Officer

cc Executive Commissioner ✓

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(MAH H) ^{Spoke}
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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 11715 Message Centre No: G/6988
Date Time of Origin: JAN 081638A Date Time Rec'd: JAN 090915
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM : AFHQ G-5
TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS
JAN 10 1946

INFO : ALCOM ROME CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS

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This is MAT 973.

Rear TAM 702.

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INFO

- CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
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CC BR EMB  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

P.23.224/CS

6th October 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel Service U.S.A.-Italy.

To : American Embassy Rome.

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 3rd October 1945 giving paraphrase of telegram received from ANPOLAD Caserta dated 2nd October 1945.

2. The position as stated by G-5 : AFHQ was correct but the difficulties listed have been largely overcome in the last few days.

3. The following points still remain to be settled before the gift parcel service from U.S.A. can be extended, not only to Italian Government Territory, but to all Italy (except Venezia Giulia) with an increased weight limit of 5 Kilogrammes, (11 lb):-

(a) Agreement by U.S. Postal Administration to divide parcels into Provincial Sections and to address the relative bags to the appropriate Provincial Capital. (Mat 923 dated 3rd October refers).

(b) Proposed transfer of Foreign Censorship Section from Post Office Sorting Office Naples Railway Station, to 61 Via Medina. (P.6.203/CS dated 3rd October 1945 addressed G-5 : AFHQ refers).

(c) Additional allocation of petrol for LENDSI vehicles for use in transporting mails from Civil Port to Railway Station and Sorting Office on days immediately following arrival of parcel mails from U.S.A. (P.23.215/CS dated 29th September 1945 addressed Minister Posts and Telecommunications para 4 refers. Request for estimate of additional postal). (P.23.223/CS dated 5th October 1945 addressed G-5 : AFHQ refers. Without awaiting receipt of estimate request whether on a matter of policy an additional allocation would be granted for this purpose).

4. It is believed that settlement of these points does not present any great problem and anything you can do to assist expediting favourable action by the agencies involved will be appreciated.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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25 July 1945.

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 23  
July enclosing copy of the Note Verbale in con-  
nection with the extension of limited parcel post  
facilities to Italian prisoners of war and mem-  
bers of Italian Service Units now in the United  
States.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,  
American Embassy,  
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,  
Rome.

EXEC. COMM. /  
cc: COL. SCUDDER (COMMUNICATIONS S/C)

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(CAPT. ARNOLD)

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, July 23, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

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I am enclosing for your information copy of a Note Verbale in which the Minister of Foreign Affairs is informed that limited parcel post facilities have been extended by my Government to Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units now held in continental United States.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
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cc: EXEC. COMM.

COL. SCODDER (COMMUNICATIONS S/C)

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P.O. No. 164

NOTE VERBALE

THE AMBASSADOR of the United States of America has the honor to refer to the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated January 4, 1945, in which permission is requested for the shipment of relief parcels by Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units held in the continental United States to their families in Italy.

The Ambassador is happy to inform the Minister of Foreign Affairs that, according to instructions recently received from the Department of State, arrangements have now been completed whereby Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units, held in the continental United States, may request the International Committee of the Red Cross to send ordinary unregistered and uninsured gift packages by parcel post to civilians at Rome, Vatican City, Naples and Palermo. These gift packages will be limited to relief items, with a total value of not more than \$25.00. Only one package per calendar month may be transmitted at the request of the same sender.



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Rome, July 21, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

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14th June 1945

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Subject: Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates.

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| To | : R.C. Emilia Region | (attn Postal Officer) |
|    | R.C. Emilia "        | " Telecomms Officer)  |
|    | R.C. Liguria "       | " Postal Officer)     |
|    | R.C. Piemonte "      | " Telecomms Officer)  |
|    | R.C. Lombardia "     | " Postal Officer)     |
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|    | R.C. Venezia "       | " Postal Officer)     |
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1. The Decrees governing Postal and Telecommunication Rates in Italy were not amongst those listed in AC/4040/9/L "Economic Decrees" of 30 April 1945 and the relative Special Order published in the supplement to the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 51 of 28th April 1945. They would, therefore, normally be due for application in Military Government territory, except Venezia Giulia, on the dates on which the Gazzette Ufficiali including the relative implementation orders reached the Prefects of each Province concerned. As the services concerned are interprovincial it would, however, be impracticable to implement the Decrees on different dates and the 1st July 1945 will, therefore, be the date on which the rates laid down in the Decrees become effective, with the exception of the Decree covering Foreign Postage which is already being applied.

2. The Decrees are as follows:-

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| Subject: |                                                                                                            |
| (a)      | Internal Postage Rates<br>Decree IT No.94 22 March 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945                |
| (b)      | Internal Telegraph Rates<br>Decree IT No.95 22 March 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945              |
| (c)      | Telephone Rates (Urban)<br>Ministerial Decree 26 March 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945            |
| (d)      | Telephone Rates (Inter-Urban)<br>Ministerial Decree No.247, 5 April 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 30 May 1945 |
| (e)      | Foreign Postage Rates<br>Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 9 May 1945                 |

3. The Post Office publications in which the above Decrees are detailed are as follows:-



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| (e) Foreign Postage Rates         | Gazzetta Ufficiale 30 May 1945<br>Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945<br>Gazzetta Ufficiale 9 May 1945 |

3. The Post Office publications in which the above Decrees are detailed are as follows:-

- (a), (b) and (c) In Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 of 1945, a supply of which has already been sent to you for distribution to all Post Offices. 3507
- (d) Not yet published in a Bollettino.
- (e) In Bollettino No. 11 of 1945, copies of which have already been sent to you.

4. It is important for full publicity to be given to the increases of Postal rates both in the newspapers and on the radio. Publicity should of course be given to increases in Telegraph and Telephone Rates, but need is not so great as for Postal Rates. Care will no doubt be taken to ensure that any notices prepared for exhibition to the public concerning the new rates do not contain references to any services which are suspended. The attention of the Post Office staff should be drawn to the fact that the Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 shows the authorised rates for all the normal services, but that this does not imply the resumption of any services not specifically authorised.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

Copies to:

Chief Commissioner  
CA Section (2)  
Economic Section (3)  
Executive Commissioner  
Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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H.H. SCUDLER  
Lt. Colonel, S.I.C.  
Director.

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Ref: P.22.91.05

19th April, 1945

APR 23 1945

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

NUMBER 35/1944

POSTAL SERVICES

Executive Memorandum No. 35 of 1st March, 1944 is hereby cancelled and the following is substituted therefor.

1. In order that Postal Services introduced in Allied Military Government (A.L.G.) territory shall be on a uniform basis, the following instructions will be observed.
2. All postal services are normally suspended when areas are liberated and correspondence in course of post must be held at the disposal of Censorship.
3. Post Office Provincial Directors will be instructed to "freeze" and record all postage stamps and other "carte valori" on hand at Post Offices. In particular postage stamps of the Republican Government will not be sold. A "Guide to the restoration of Postal Services", which contains instructions to Provincial Directors as to the work necessary prior to such restoration, is issued by the Communications Sub-Commission.
4. Post Office Financial Services.  
It is usually necessary to restore certain of these services on a local or provincial basis prior to the re-introduction of postal deliveries. Relative instructions are contained in Executive Memorandum No. 36 and the Guide referred to in para. 3 above.

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#### 6. Local Services.

Except in the case of the largest towns it is rarely worth while introducing a local postal delivery service, prior to the restoration of ordinary postal services. If such a service is proposed and the agreement of the Security and Censorship authorities has been obtained it should normally be confined to a collection and delivery of postcards within the Provincial

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Capital and possibly other large towns in the Province. Notices should be printed and exhibited in advance of the opening date. The rate of postage for a service of this kind is the current rate for local delivery in force in Italian Government territory and should be verified at the time.

7. Exceptional Post-card service to largest cities.  
In order to satisfy the natural desire for news of relatives and to remove excuses for the large amount of illicit travel and conveyance of communications which often follows the liberation of a large city, agreement in principle has been obtained to a 25 word postcard service with the rest of Liberated Italy (where postal services are in operation) being opened in the following places as soon as possible after their liberation:-  
Bologna, Genoa, Milan, Turin, Verona, Venice.  
15 Army Group will advise the Allied Commission and Army concerned when such services can commence. The Postal Officer of the Region concerned will visit the city as early as possible to make the technical arrangements relating to the service.
8. Restoration of Postal Service with other Provinces.  
The restoration of ordinary postal communications between the Province concerned and other parts of Italy where postal services are in operation requires the approval of 15 Army Group which must be sought through Communications Sub-Commission.
9. International Posts.  
No steps will be taken locally in connection with the introduction of foreign posts. All arrangements will be made and the relative instructions issued by AC. HQ. Normally the Foreign mail service is resumed at the same time as ordinary postal communication with the Italian system is restored.
10. Transport Contracts.  
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12. Delivery Agencies.

Prior to the war certain classes of correspondence could be delivered by authorised agencies other than the State Postal Monopoly, upon payment of appropriate fees. For censorship and security reasons steps must be taken to prevent the operation of such agencies for the collection and delivery of correspondence. They may, however, be permitted to act independently of the Post Office, as agents for publishers, and deliver daily newspapers and the like.

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WOLMAN E. FISKE

Colonel,

A/Executive Commissioner



MEMO -

P.47.95/CS

16th April 1945

APR 17 REC'D

Subject : Italian Civil Mail Services.

To : ~~The Adjutant.~~

The following notice is for insertion in the Daily Bulletin.

ITALIAN CIVIL FOREIGN MAIL SERVICES.

As from 29th April the external civil mail service from Italy will be extended to the following countries:-  
Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece (including Crete), Roumania.  
Private postcards and letters up to 40 grammes in weight will be admitted but -as in the case of existing services to other countries (except U.K. and U.S.A.)- commercial correspondence is not at present permitted. Any Italian civilians requiring further information on this subject should be referred to civil Post Offices where notices giving details of censorship regulations, postage rates, etc. are exhibited.

Copies to :

*W.H. Green*  
Major  
for J.L. HENDERSON, Col.  
Director

Executive Commissioner  
Liaison Division (for information foreign representatives concerned)

Communications Sub-Commission  
Extension 4/4 -

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*W.H. Green*  
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MEMO

P.22.90/CS

APR 12 1945

To : Executive Commissioner.

1. The draft of a revised edition of Executive Memorandum No 35 is connected for issue in substitution of the standing instruction dated 1st March 1944, which is largely out of date.
2. It would be appreciated if 100 additional copies of the new Memorandum could be made for inclusion in the "Guide to Restoration of Postal Services" which is at present being revised.

*W. H. Green*  
*major*  
for J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director  
Communications Sub-Commission

12 April 1945

Extension 444

*Copies obtained  
by Maj Green from  
Stencils. No action  
required.*  
*Yours. 28/4/45*

*see M 18 to 20.21.23*  
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*(MAG STEARNS)*  
*(MAG MORDEN)*

*28/4*



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Ref: Pr. 91 0

0 April 1945.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM )  
: (Revised)  
NUMBER 35/1944 )

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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER

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of April 1945 - Continued -

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Postal Services.

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Communications Sub-Commission reported that postal services to LUCCA and PISTORIA would be established on 9 April.



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In reply  
refer to: CS/16/15/247

3rd November, 1944

Subject : Postal Services.

To : Chief of Staff, A.C.

Attached copy of a policy ruling by C.C.S. on  
resumption of postal services is forwarded for your information.

*J.L. Henderson*  
J.L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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R O U T I N E

FROM : AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : WILSON, TO SHAFT MAIN INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR  
BCS COMMUNICATION ZONE AND CCAC/L

REF. N°. THIS MESSAGE : WX-43581, 08 October, 44.

For FHGEG, SHGE

Cite CCAC

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TAM 314.

Resumption of postal services.

1. You are authorized to permit the resumption of external postal services in your Theater:

- a. In occupied territory after securing CCS approval through CCAC;
- b. In liberated territory after securing CCS approval through CCAC, for the transmission of communications of a commercial or financial nature;
- c. In liberated territory, for other than communications of a commercial or financial nature, after submission of the proposal to the CCS, through CCAC, for information at least 10 days prior to the resumption date.

2. In all cases mentioned in paragraph 1 details concerning the resumption shall be submitted to the CCS, through CCAC, including the following:

- a. Provinces of liberated or occupied territory to be

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- b. Countries to and from which the services are to operate.
- c. Countries for which closed mails are to be made up.
- d. Services to be operated (for instance, type of correspondence, air mail, money order, parcel post etcetera).
- e. Restrictions as to class of correspondence.
- f. Restrictions as to weight of correspondence.
- g. Any other security restrictions imposed by censors.
- h. Proposed routing and method of transportation of mails.
- i. Office of exchange (that is, offices selected for handling International Mail).
- j. Stamps to be used.
- k. Postage rates.
- l. Proposed resumption date.
- m. Any separate arrangements for Prisoners of War etcetera mail.

3. You are authorized to extend a particular type of service to additional territory in a country once resumption of that type of service in a portion of the same country has been authorized. Notice of the details of such intended extension shall be reported to the CCS, through CCAC, at least 10 days prior to the extension date.

4. In all cases earliest possible steps consonant with Military security will be taken to permit resumption of normal postal relationships between the postal administration of the occupied or liberated territory of EUROPE, and the postal administrations of other countries.

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5. Effective date of resumptions and extensions will be

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communicated to CCS through CCAC:

ACTION : G-5

INFO : SGS  
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INC  
USPOLAD  
MR MACMILLAN  
CAO  
C/S NATO  
AG  
DDAPS

MC IN 6009 9 Oct. 44 1031A REF NO WX 43581 t/P/GB



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Telephone 489081  
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29th October, 1944

In reply  
refer to: BS.16/15/240

Subject: Civil Mails - Parcel Post

To: G-5, A.F.M.C.

Reference is made to your G-5: 311.16-b of Oct. 27th and  
our BS.16/15.334 of Oct. 26th, 1944.

1. As notified yesterday by telephone:

a. The view of the Italian Postal authorities - which we support - is that conditions make it entirely impracticable to consider opening a parcel service at the outset to more than Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican State.

b. Present accommodation for storage of transit parcel mails, and sorting of parcels for delivery, is practically non-existent at Naples, due to requisitioning of and damage to normally used premises.

c. Present road and rail facilities for carrying parcel mails from Naples (the disembarkation point) to Rome are inadequate.

d. Adequate road transportation from Naples docks to a transit store, sorting office, and rail loading point (for Rome), or for making deliveries of parcels in the three cities concerned, is not available.

e. The Italian postal authorities however, generally agree that if the accommodation and main transportation deficiencies can be made good, and if actual delivery of the parcels is, if necessary, made only to callers, (who would be notified postcard) a restricted service could be operated.

2. The very short time which has been available to consider this question has not of course enabled any details to be collected. It is proposed to send an Officer of this Sub-Commission to Naples to make the necessary enquiries, and then to discuss with you the special steps which will undoubtedly have to be taken to meet the accommodation and/or transportation position.

3. It is understood that in cabling Washington 309 will cover this general position, and indicate:

1. That separate despatches will be required for each of

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the four destinations.

ii. That unless quite impracticable, the PALERMO mail should be shipped there direct

iii. That bags should be labelled direct to the civil post Office (i.e.: - Civil mail; New York to \_\_\_\_\_).

iv. That the U.S. Post Office should impose all such safeguards as are possible to ensure that the restriction on postings which they have suggested, and which is regarded as essential, is not side-stepped.

4. The matters of Italian customs charges, which would normally arise, and postage credits, are being enquired into and will be reported upon later.

5. The attitude of the British Post Office towards the territorial restriction on postings is fully recognised, but the Italian Government are reluctantly apprehensive of any extension of the internal or external operating areas until the outcome of an initial restricted service can be seen.

6. The introduction of even a restricted internal parcel post service is not intended by the Italian Government at the present time.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*H. L. Henderson*  
J. L. HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: Chief of Staff, A.C.Hq. ✓

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In reply  
refer to: GS/6/9/42

25th October, 1944.  
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Subject: Civil Communications.

To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Reference GS/6/9/39 dated 20th October, 1944.

The references to civil telegraph and telephone communications with SARDINIA in paras 3 and 4 are now cancelled. SARDINIA is now included in the area in which internal telegraph and inter-provincial telephone services are permitted.

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

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In reply  
refer to: GS/6/9/40

23rd October, 1944.

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Subject: Civil Communications.

To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Reference GS/6/9/39 dated 20th October, 1944.

In para 4(b) please substitute the name of  
the province of TERAMO in place of ASCOLI.

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

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In reply  
refer to: GS/6/9/39

20th October, 1944.

22 OCT Recd

Subject: Civil Communications.

To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. Permission has been received for the resumption of civil communication services in further areas; it is thought best to re-state the present situation in full.

2. Postal. Internal and foreign mail services are authorised within Italy and the metropolitan island possessions up to and including the provinces of GROSSETO, VITERBO, TERNI, RIETI, ASCOLI and MACERATA.

3. Telegraphs. As for the postal area, ~~except that~~ See 8 civil-telegraph service to SARDINIA is still awaiting permission.

4. Telephones. a. Provincial. As for the postal area.  
b. Inter-provincial. Up to and including the provinces of VITERBO, RIETI, and ~~PERUGIA~~ except to FOGGIA See 7 Province which is specifically excluded, ~~and to SARDINIA which is awaiting permission. See 8.~~

5. You will note that this now gives full release as far as the military authorities are concerned on long-distance telephone service from Rome; the previous restriction to defined essential subscribers is therefore removed and any limitations required to be enforced by lack of adequate facilities are now at your discretion.

*J. L. Henderson*

J. L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,

Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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All Regional Commissioners.

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16th October, 1944

In reply  
refer to: PS/16/16/181

17 OCT Recd

Subject: Civil Mails - Special Postcard Service.

To: A.M.S., Fifth Army.  
A.M.S., Eighth Army.

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of A.A.I. letter 1401/12/431.(b) of Oct. 10th, concerning in proposals for the establishment of a special advance postcard service for civilians in certain of the larger cities not yet liberated.
2. The necessary arrangements will be the responsibility of the Regional Postal Officer. This officer will need to visit the places concerned at the earliest possible moment after Allied occupation.
3. An early visit by the Regional Postal Officer to these and other Provincial capitals has also been shown to be desirable to ensure that Civil Post Office and Sorting Office accommodation is not taken over for other purposes without due regard to future civil requirements and that Postal operating supplies and equipment are not unnecessarily disturbed. This is particularly necessary as these officers are not represented in Army A.M.S., as are most A.C.C. interests.
4. Taking these circumstances into account it is therefore requested that you arrange for Regional Postal Officers to be afforded early visiting authority, in particular for the places mentioned in the A.A.I. letter.
5. Regional Commissioners and Postal Officers concerned will be advised from this headquarters of these arrangements.

By Command of Commodore Stone:

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: B.C.C.A.C., A.A.I.  
Chief of Staff  
A.C.C.M.



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SUBJECT: Civil Mail: Special Post Card Service

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: WILPOF ADV. 79

1401/12/OSI(b)

10 Oct. 1944

Director, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: G-2 Fifth Army  
OSI, Eighth Army  
OSI (c), AAI

Reference your 18/16/16/160 dated 4th Oct. 44.

1. It is agreed that the 25 - word Special Post-card Service, with 100% censorship, should be made available for BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, VERONA and VENICE.

2. It is further agreed that notices should be exhibited five days after occupation, (or earlier if you wish), to the effect that the service will be made available as soon as possible. Such notices should be displayed not only in the town concerned, but also in the national newspapers in that part of ITALY where normal postal services are operative. This should certainly help to reduce illicit travel and unauthorized communications.

3. It is considered undesirable, however, to announce, immediately after the capture of the town concerned, that the Special Service will start "at the latest within a fortnight of the advance notification". We cannot foretell to-day what will be the circumstances attending the fall of, say, VERONA, and we deem it essential that each town should be treated on its merits as regards the lapse of time necessary from the security point of view between the capture of the town and the opening of the post-card service.



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4. It is thought that the difficulties and uncertainties which arose in the case of FORLÌ can be overcome quite simply in future. When we signal to ACC authorizing the opening of the post-card Service on a particular date, we will send a copy of the signal to the Army concerned. In this way all concerned can be informed of the decision without delay. I

5. It is hoped that the above will meet your requirements.

/s/ W.D. Gibson Lt. Col.  
For Brigadier  
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PS.16/16.168.

7 October 1944

7805 Head

SUBJECT:- Extension of civil mail services.

TO: \* Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region  
Piemonte & Liguria Region  
Lombardia Region  
Venetia Region (Through Postal Officer)

1. Headquarters A.A.I. have agreed that civil Postal Services may now be restored as Provinces, in turn, fall behind the REAR ARMY (SECURITY) CONTROL LINE, instead of the Army Administrative Rear Boundary. There must in each case exist at least part of another province as a "buffer" between the province to be opened up and the Security line.

2. This new basis should speed up the restoration of Services. Postal Officers will continue to be advised from this H.Q. as the appropriate conditions come to be met. The present limit of services will now be the Provinces of Grosseto, Viterbo, Terni, Rieti, and Macerata.

*[Signature]*  
S. H. HEAD  
Lt. Col.

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to- Chief Staff Officer, A.C.C. HQ. *[Signature]*  
(Re. A.A.I. letter No. 1401/12/CSI(b) of 3 Oct. 44)

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## HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission, HQ AOC

Copy to:

- GSI Eighth Army
- G-2 Fifth Army
- GSI 1 District
- G-2 FBS
- Executive Commissioner AOC
- GSI(c) AAI

Reference your PS-16/30.6 dated 29 Sep 44.

1. It is agreed that it would be more logical and satisfactory for the limit of civil postal services to be set in relation to the Rear Army (Security) Control Line rather than to the Army administrative Rear Boundaries.
2. Furthermore, it is considered that the security situation will permit of our adopting the same principle in respect of the new Line, as we have hitherto followed in respect of the old; viz, there should be a "buffer" province or part of a province between the Rear Army Control Line and the territory in which civil mail services are permitted.
3. The Rear Army Control Line runs at present as follows:  
FIUMESINO S 4951 - LEBI F. BRILNO S 1217 - FOSSATO R 9912 - PARUGLA-  
MAGGIONE W 5396 thence north of Lake TRASIMENO to STALLONE R 1605.  
SILVA - VOLTERRA - CECINA.
4. Thus there is now no security objection to civil postal services being restored in the following Provinces:



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3. The Rear Army Control Line runs at present as follows:

TRUDESIMO S 4951 - LUZI FARRINO S 1217 - FOSSATO R 9912 - PARUGLIA-  
MAGGIONE E 5396 thence north of Lake TRASIMENO to SILLUNZA R 4605-  
SIENA - VOLTERRA - CASCINA.

4. Thus there is now no security objection to civil postal services being restored in the following Provinces:

ASCOLI, LERNI, VITERBO, GROSSETO and MONTECATINI.

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