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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
AFC 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 98/14/CA

29th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board - NAPLES.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
SOUTHERN Region.

1. As you probably know, the Allied Publications Board has a local Board in NAPLES which is still functioning under the original directive as it applies to AMG Regions.

2. There are at present great difficulties about the supply and distribution of newsprint and the NAPLES local board appears to find it difficult to persuade AMG to send a representative to their meetings and to help in their troubles, particularly as regards paper supply.

3. Will you please take action in this matter.

(Sgt) M. S. Lush

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: P.R.O.
Mr. G. W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. (Italy) (Lib),
PWB Unit No. 12, USA P.O. 542. — refer
your letter dated 23. Sep. 1944

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REPLY TO MR. EDMAN'S LETTER OF 23 SEP
TO CAPTAIN STONE :

SUBJECT : ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD - NAPLES

TO : Lieut. Colonel H.B. Simson, P.C. Naples.

P.C. Southern Region

As you probably know, the Allied Publications Board has a local Board at Naples which is still functioning under the original directive as it applies to AMG Regions.

There are at present great difficulties about the supply and distribution of newsprint and the Naples local board appears to find it difficult to persuade ~~AMG~~ AMG to send a representative to their meetings and to help in their troubles, particularly as regards paper supply.

Will you please take action in this matter.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P. W. B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

23 September 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Dear Captain Stone:

As Naples area does not come under Italian jurisdiction, the Local APB has to continue its operations and obligations in that area.

The Central Board therefore would be greatly obliged if you would have the necessary orders passed to the Regional Commissioner, instructing him to look after ACC interests and cooperate regularly in the work of the Board.

It would be helpful, in addition, if the Economics and Supply Office would continue to cooperate in implementing APB's obligations for the allocation and distribution of newsprint.

This request is prompted by a report from our Naples Press Officer that ACC in Naples has been unwilling to cooperate in the local APB job.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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25 March 1944.

PRB 14.

Subject: Allied Publications Board.

To: Regional Commissioners, Region I, II, VI.

1. In order to control the licensing of newspapers, books and publications of all kinds, and also the release and sale of paper stocks in Liberated Italy, an Allied Publications Board was established on 11 December 1943 by General Eisenhower (Enclosures 1).

2. Experience up to date has shown that a single central Board cannot function effectively. The work of the Board has therefore been decentralized as set forth in the plan attached (Enclosure 2).

3. You will appoint a representative to attend the meetings of the Regional Allied Publications Board at Palermo.

4. The procedure dealing with applications will be explained by the FWB Press Officers in each locality. (List attached - enclosure 3).

*Copy of letter to
Sgt. J. J. Sullivan
9/11/44*

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(Sgd) M.S. Lush
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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*1. This I got from P.R.O. It has been
through this office as far as I can check.*

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*2. Enclosure 1 is 4th in this file
" 2 is minutes of APB Special meeting
14 March (not in file)*

*3. is a list of APB Regional Board
representatives (not in file)*

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Subject: Union Jack

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

14 March 1944

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Requests for Air Travel I
 Allied Publication Board. II

I -- REQUESTS FOR AIR TRAVEL.

Paragraph 6, Administrative Memorandum Number 3, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"6. Air Travel for Personal Reasons.

a. Compassionate reasons, including compassionate leave or furlough, compassionate posting and emergency rotation. The Chairman, Air Priorities Board, is authorized to consider, on its own merits, each such case which has been personally approved in writing by an officer of the Allied Forces of the grade of Brigadier General or higher grade, or its equivalent in the other services.

b. Leave or furlough other than compassionate. Priority rating for air travel solely in connection with leave or furlough other than for compassionate reasons is not authorized and will not be assigned."

(AG 520-1 SCS-0)

II - ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD.

Paragraph 5, Administrative Memorandum Number 89, 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"5. It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to this Headquarters via Allied Control Commission."

(AG 000.76-1 INU-0)

By command of General WILSON:

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[Signature]
 H. V. ROBERTS,
 Colonel, AGD,
 Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.C. 46th U.S. Army

7th March 1944

Subject : Circulation of Newsprint - BANDIERA ROSSA. 203/1.
To : Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

1. The newspaper "Bandiera Rossa" has been in circulation in SESSA AURUNCA, and no information is available here that it has been approved by A.P.B., A.C.C.
2. The paper is purported to be printed in BARI, with an agency at Via Port'Alba 33, NAPLES.

By order of the Commanding General.

Copy to: A.C.C. ✓

J.M. Ashley
J.M. ASHLEY,
Colonel, Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. 5th. Army.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 10)

28 February 1944

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Paragraph 3. b., Administrative Memorandum Number 89, this headquarters, 1943 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

3. b. Control the flow into ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA of all newsprint and other forms of paper used for printing publications referred to in Section 3-a; to control and distribute all such paper found in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain adequate supply of such paper. (AG 000.76-1 INC-AM)

By command of General WILSON:

[Signature]
M. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGP,
Adjutant General.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/140/6/GA

24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board

TO : Commanding General, AFHQ

Reference AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 89.

1. It is suggested that the following amendments to the above memorandum would be appropriate.

Para 1 (b). Delete "Allied Military Government (15th Army Group)."

Para 5, line 5. Delete "Allied Military Government or". For comma after Commission, substitute full stop and delete rest of sentence.

For the Commanding General:

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
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29 December 1943.

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Allied Publications Board I
Coordination of Military Requirements of Forage III -- ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Paragraph 3 c., Administrative Memorandum No. 89, this headquarters, cs,
is rescinded and the following substituted therefore.

"3 c. Control the allocation to specific publications and news organiza-
tions of all such communications facilities as are made available by the Chief
Signal Officer, this headquarters, for collecting and disseminating news and
press matter within ITALY." (AG 000.76-7 INC-AGH)

II -- COORDINATION OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OF FORAGE

Paragraph 4, Administrative Memorandum No. 84, this headquarters, cs,
is amended to read as follows:

"Responsibility for furnishing forage for animals of the French Army,
and delivery to ports of shipment, will rest with the French Army. Shipments
of French Army forage from NORTH AFRICAN ports will follow normal procedure
as bid tonnage. Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, will be responsible for
informing the Director of Supplies and Transport as to the arrangements made
by the French Army, and providing such reports as may be required from time
to time. In the event of such arrangements being inadequate, the Director
of Supplies and Transport will arrange for forage supplies to meet French Army
requirements in ITALY and inform the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, of
action taken." (AG 164-1 GDS-AGH)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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[Signature]
W. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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11 December 1943

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

1. There is herewith created the Allied Publications Board comprised of five members, one representing each of the following:

- a. Psychological Warfare Branch (INC)-(Chairman)
- b. Allied Military Government (15th Army Group)
- c. Censorship Branch (INC)
- d. G-2 Section
- e. Allied Control Commission

2. G-1, NATOUSA, in conjunction with G-1 (British), will designate a representative who will sit as a member of the Board whenever a question involving any of the officially designated troop morale newspapers (e.g. Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Eighth Army News and Yank) is before the Board.

3. The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following:

- a. Grant and revoke licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products.
- b. Control the flow into ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA of all newsprint, and to control and distribute all newsprint found in ITALY; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain an adequate supply of newsprint,
- c. Control the construction, rehabilitation and allotment of line and radio services necessary for news; i.e., all existing news wire and radio services necessary to maintain a steady-flow service to publications.
- d. Direct the consolidation, movement or rehabilitation of all equipment necessary for publication production.
- e. Enforce the directives of the various sections concerned with publication problems, and to issue censorship and policy directives as are necessary to the proper carrying out of this authority.

4. Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Yank, and other officially designated troop morale newspapers are specifically exempt from Allied Publications Board control and supervision except for paper stocks, materials, and facilities acquired in or derived from ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, which shall be allotted by Allied Publications Board based upon need and availability, it being understood that in the event of acute facility shortages, officially designated troop

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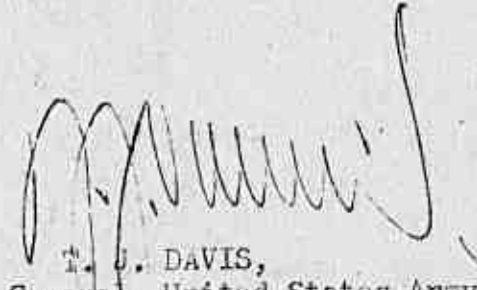
morale publications will be permitted to participate in the use of available facilities on a "share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The Allied Publications Board will not exercise any control or supervision over Army Expeditionary Radio Stations, British or American.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to this headquarters via Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission, depending upon which of these organizations has territorial jurisdiction.

6. The place for this Board to sit will be determined by said Board, and its initial session shall be called by the Chairman at a mutually convenient location.

(AG 000.76-7 INC-AGM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:


T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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SECRET - ROUTINE

NR 1675

TO: CG SEVENTH ARMY

REFERENCE CONDUCT OF INFORMATION PRESS AND CENSORSHIP ACTIVITIES OF
 ACC FOR WHICH DIRECTIVE NOW LACKING APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION OUR
 UNDERSTANDING FUNCTIONS AND SET UP AS FOLLOWS: INFORMATION SUB
 COMMISSION; FUNCTIONS: IN LIAISON WITH PWB WHICH HAS CHARGE OF ALL
 PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN ITALY (SEE AG 321 OCTOBER 7 AND PARAGRAPH 15
 OF INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL JOYCE) TO BE THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH
 NEWS OF ACC ACTIVITIES AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN TO THE
 ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO; KEEPING STAFF OF ACC ADVISED OF PUBLIC
 OPINION IN ALLIED AND OCCUPIED COUNTRIES; STRENGTH: 2 OFFICERS.
 PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE ATTACHED TO CHIEF OF STAFF; FUNCTIONS:
 SERVICING PRESS AND RADIO CORRESPONDENTS WITH CREDENTIALS, TRANSPORT,
 HOUSING, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ETC; DISSEMINATION OF NEWS OF ACC
 ACTIVITIES TO PRESS AND RADIO OUTSIDE ITALY; DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
 REGIONAL INFORMATION OFFICERS ~~XXXXXX~~; LIAISON PRO OFFICERS ON GROUND;
 STRENGTH: 4 OFFICERS. CENSORSHIP OFFICE IN GEORGE - TWO OF HEAD-
 QUARTERS SECTION; FUNCTIONS: INTERNAL CENSORSHIP AND SECURITY OF ACC;
 LIAISON WITH INC CENSORSHIP; STRENGTH UNDETERMINED. NECESSITY FOR
 CLOSE COORDINATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF ARMY PRO, PWB AND
 INC CENSORSHIP WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE ALL SETS OF FUNCTIONS OUTLINED
 ABOVE BE PERFORMED BY UNIFIED ACC STAFF ALTHOUGH FOR ORGANIZATIONAL
 OR OTHER REASON MAY BE NECESSARY DIVIDE THEM AS INDICATED ON ORGAN-
 IZATION CHART ACCOMPANYING YOUR DIRECTIVE.

SIGNED: EISENHOWER
 TIME SIGNED: 161630A

(TO FATIMA FOR JOYCE REPEATED FARGO SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512
Information Sub-Commission

4 December 1943

SUBJECT: Formation of Allied Publications Board

TO: CS HQ AMG

1. In reference to communication 27 Nov 1943 from MGS of AFHQ, it would appear, on the basis of para 2, read in conjunction with para 4-b and App.A, para 7-b, that an immediate conference should be called between representatives of PWB, INC (censorship), G-2, the PRO, and the Information Sub-Commission, AMG/ACC.
2. This conference should consider (a) clarification of the rules to govern granting of licenses to newspapers, (b) means by which they are to be censored, (c) degree of responsibility and accountability to be placed on the local management of the newspapers, (d) availability of newsprint and other supplies for newspapers, (e) availability of PWB editorial direction, (f) degree of supervision to be exercised over the business direction of the papers.
3. The date of publication of official notice concerning application for authority to publish (as in App.A, para 6a and 6b) should be made known so that existing publishers and would-be publishers may meet the requirements.
4. It should be recognized that local newspapers are necessary and desirable by way of enabling CAOs, SCAOs and RCOs to make known to the local populace information concerning local government, and to acquaint them with Allied war activities, so combatting enemy propaganda. The existing regulations call for authorization to publish newspapers, to be granted by PWB, but most applications for authorization have been rejected because of lack of newsprint, and because of lack of editorial and censorship supervision.
5. The following newspapers have been authorized:
 - Sicilia Liberata, Palermo (daily) (Dr. Salvatore Spinello, editor; Mr. Eugenio Warner, PWB supervisor; Lt. Joseph B. Costanza, censor.)
 - Corriere di Sicilia, Catania (daily) (Carlo Ardizzone, editor; Captain Ohrbach, censor; Lt. Livingstone Hartley, ESMR, of PWB, formerly editorial supervisor, but now on mainland.)
 - Notiziario di Messina, Messina (semi-weekly) (Silvio Longo, director; censor and PWB supervisor, if any, undetermined.)
 - Risorgimento, Naples.
 - Giornale del Mezzogiorno, Bari.
 - Liberator, Naples (weekly). Produced by PWB for distribution in enemy-occupied Italy.
6. In mid-November censorship reported five newspapers authorized for publication in Bari, but AFHQ recommended that approval be withheld pending formation of the Allied Publications Board. The Information Sub-Commission forwarded an inquiry to Bari for further information about these reported newspapers, but no reply has yet been received.

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Formation of Allied Publications Board - page 2

7. Despite the regulations requiring PWB authorization for the publication of newspapers, several unauthorized newspapers have appeared, using paper supplies already present in the communities. On October 27, 1943 the RCAF for Region I issued Order #3 ordering the following newspapers to suspend publication until arrangements had been approved by PWB and the Censorship Branch (INC), AFHQ:

Enna - Il Dieci Luglio '43 (daily)
Unita'

Caltanissetta - La Forbice (daily)
Il Solco
Sicilia Centro (alternating with Il Solco)

Ragusa - newspaper name unknown.

On Nov. 23 the Ragusa paper was still being published, however, and so was at least one of the Caltanissetta papers. Lt. Joseph B. Costanza, press censor in Palermo, was threatening to go to Caltanissetta himself to close the paper, since it had ignored several warning orders, and it is our belief that it now has been closed.

Robert W. Desmond

ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major, Spec. Res. AUS
Acting Director
Information Sub-Commission, MGS

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