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REMITTANCE CORRESPONDENCE IS SUBJECT.

REFERENCE OUR F52358 OF 29 MAY PROCEDURE THERE LAID DOWN WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN BASES OF SICILY AND NAPLES WITH ENGLAND WITH FOLLOWING VARIATIONS:

- (A) NO RETURN ADDRESS WILL BE SHOWN ON PAGE OF LETTERS.
- (B) ENGLISH STAMPS WILL BE USED.
- (C) ARMED GUNSHIP CONTROL OFFICER WILL DELIVER TORRITISH APO IN PALERMO AND NAPLES WHO ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY POSTAL DIRECTORATE BRITISH TO ACCEPT AND TRANSMIT.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 29th 1944 in
ROOM 28 POST OFFICE BUILDING, MALTA

DEVELOPMENT OF POST OFFICE FINANCIAL
AND MAIL SERVICES IN FORWARD AREAS.

PRESENT

Col. Henderson	- Communications Sub-Comm.
" Howell	" Region IV,
" Pennyquick	" Region VIII.
Lt. Col. Gibson	- Lt. I GSI (b)
" Bolton	- Lt. I GSI (a)
Major Dickson	- Lt. I GSI (b)
" Head	- Communications Sub-Comm.
" Timmons	- Finance Sub-Comm.
" Owen	" "
" Cummings	" Region V.
" Green	" Region III.
Capt. Leaby	" Region IV.
Representative	" Region IX.
Capt. Talbot	" Sub-Branch.

Colonel Henderson opened the meeting and explained that the purpose for which it had been called was to draw up an agreed line of action in relation to the aspects mentioned in the attached Conference Notes.

After discussion it was agreed as follows :

Financial Services.

1. Post Offices to be re-opened for the operation of financial services as soon as the conditions were suitable. The basis upon which the services would operate to be indicated in a revised version of Executive Memorandum No. 36 which is being drawn up by the Communications and Finance Sub-Commissions.
2. In connection with the provision of money to Post Offices and the conveyance of documents relating to the various transactions, it was agreed that the Finance Sub-Commission would hold itself responsible for supplying the necessary funds, and that the documents would be transmitted under the following conditions :

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To be enclosed in open letters and passed - via C.O.'s where necessary - to the Provincial Finance Officer. The latter to examine the contents of each such letter to ensure that no private correspondence was enclosed, and then to frank the outer cover with his office stamp and close it down. The letters then to be forwarded, by courier or other similar means in those areas where the normal civil mail service has not commenced.

P.O.W. Letters

3. P.O.W. correspondence came to hand for delivery prior to the opening of the normal civil mail services, and it is considered necessary to effect delivery, and afford collection facilities for letters posted to P.O.W., as early as possible after territory has been occupied. It was agreed that the most practicable means of carrying this out, in the absence of a normal mail service, was as follows:

(a) Incoming/.....

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(a) Incoming Letters.

After being released by Allied Censorship Control Officers at Naples and Bari, letters to be forwarded thence by the Italian Post Offices in bags addressed to the Provincial Commissioner at the Headquarters of the Province of destination. From there, after sub-division by the local Italian Post Office, the correspondence to be forwarded to the subordinate Post Offices for delivery to callers. Conveyance from Naples and Bari to be made by normal mail services transportation as far forward as possible, thence by courier or other such official means as may be available.

(b) Outgoing Letters.

P.O.W. letters posted at each Post Office to be made up into packages addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at the Provincial capital for onward conveyance to Naples or Bari. The conveyance of these packages also to be made by such civil or official transportation as is available from time to time.

NOTE: Inquiry will be made as to the possibility of utilizing the services of the American Red Cross transportation facilities.

Civil Mail Services.

4. It was agreed that before such services were opened up there should be the whole or part of a Province between the delivery area and the Rear Army boundary, and that on this basis postal services could be started without obtaining clearance from the Army authorities. Special exceptions might be made on reference to A.L.I. in cases of Provinces with large cities, or where there were other exceptional features. It was also agreed that the assumption indicated in para. 4 (f) of the Conference Notes was correct.

5. Arising from suggestions made by Lt. Col. Holton, A.I. GSI(c), it was agreed that the despatch of P.O.W. mails to Italy could commence automatically for additional Provinces as and when the capital town of those Provinces was occupied by the Allies.

30 May 1944

Post Office Financial & Mail Services

Conference Notes

INTRODUCTORY

1. When the question arose of actually re-starting Post Office mail and financial services in Sicily, the territory was clear of the enemy and there were no forward boundary complications. Mail services were set going first; Savings Bank etc followed, using the mails as necessary for the conveyance of cash and documents.

2. Up to date in Italy, there has been no completely co-ordinated or collaborated AMF-ACC-AAI plan of development, owing essentially to changes in the needs of the moment and to an initial extreme shortage of specialist Postal Officers. Now we have a fairly clear idea of what the actual conditions require and additional Postal Officers are available.

FINANCIAL SERVICES.

3. The Finance Sub-Commission takes the view - with which the Communications Sub-Commission is in full agreement - that Post Offices should be re-opened at the earliest moment for the payment, acceptance and transmission of monies related to social services; taxes, savings. This need arises well before an ordinary mail service can be given. To satisfy it there must be provision for maintaining supplies of cash, and for some interchange of documents. To a large extent the position is similar to that governing the maintenance of banking facilities. Movement of "Cashier services" in the forward areas is involved, bringing in Security interests and transportation problems.

The manner in which these considerations can all be tied up is the first main issue to be settled.

MAIL SERVICES.

4. The second matter is that of the ordinary mail services, and the following considerations arise:

(a) Advance facilities for letters to and from Prisoners of War (? and Red Cross forms).

(b) To meet Censorship and other requirements, each Province must function as a self contained delivery area, with all correspondence passing first through the capital, from which delivery services will radiate.

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(c) A delivery at the outset restricted to the capital town itself is ²⁰⁴ not worthwhile - except perhaps for psychological effect - in other than largest towns.

(d) Delivery from the capital to part of a province involves many complications and is undesirable. The issue arises only when military operations become static).

(e) It is desirable to have agreement to one or other of the following plans:

(i) Rear Army boundary line - or a fixed distance behind it - to be regarded as the forward limit for postal delivery. Communications Sub-Commission to be kept advised (? by A.A.I.) of changes in such boundary line, and they will then automatically set services going.

(ii) Someone (? A.A.I.) to advise Communications Sub-Commission, as each case arises, to the effect that "Province X is now clear for the introduction of postal deliveries".

(Note: Copy of notification, in either case, to go to AMC Army, and relative Regional Commissioner)

(2) It is/.....

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(f) It is assumed that when a new province has been opened up, its services may be linked as soon as possible with those already operating in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, and with the incoming and outgoing external services.

S. H. HEAD,
Major

29 May 1944

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SUBJECT IS REMITTANCE CORRESPONDENCE. PARA. MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF INDICATING THAT INSTEAD OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM BANK OF SICILY AND BANK OF NAPLES FOR CORRESPONDENT BANKS IN USA BEING SENT THROUGH THE HEADQUARTERS AND YOU FOR DELIVERY THAT IS NO LONGER AT US ARMY POST OFFICE IN CHARGE AFTER STAMPING WITH US POSTAGE AT INTERNATIONAL RATES AND AFTER CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT. PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (1) BANKS OF NAPLES AND SICILY WILL DELIVER TO YOU LETTERS INTENDED FOR THEIR CORRESPONDENT BANKS IN US. CASE OF BANK OF SICILY LETTERS MUST BE ADDRESSED AS BANKS IN SICILIA AND 4400 0/0 POSTMASTER NEW YORK. IN CASE OF BANK OF NAPLES RETURN ADDRESS TO BE SHOWN WILL BE BANKS IN NAPOLI AND 4150 0/0 POSTMASTER NEW YORK, NEW YORK. (2) YOU WILL CHECK THAT ADDRESSES GIVEN IN IN FACT ONLY AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT BANK (3) US STAMPS AT INTERNATIONAL RATES WILL BE APPLIED TO THE LETTERS AT POST OFFICE OF BANK OF SICILY OR NAPLES BEFORE LETTERS ARE FORWARDED FOR DELIVERY. STAMPS TO BE OBTAINED BY YOU FROM ARMY POST OFFICE (4) LETTERS WILL BE DELIVERED BY YOU TO ALLIED COUNTRIES CONTACT OFFICES WHO WILL PASSON IN NORMAL WAY BUT WILL ACCEPT PAYMENT THAT LETTERS DELIVERED BY YOU TO HIM ARE ADDRESSED TO BANK WITH FROM BANK OF NAPLES OR SICILY AND AUTHORIZED TO CORRESPOND.

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(5) ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS WILL DELIVER TO US APO IN PALERMO AND NAPLES WHO ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY AD POSTAL TO ACCEPT AND TRANSMIT. PARA. SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS ON SIMILAR LINES FOR TRAFFIC TO ENGLAND BE WORKED OUT AND WILL BE SENT YOU LATER. REQUEST YOU INFORM BARRER OF ABOVE PROCEEDINGS AND SECURE THEIR COMPLIANCE. THIS MESSAGE SUPERSEDES OUR P51859 OF 29 MAY

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - IN COMING MESSAGE

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COS NO INSTRUCTS AS FOLLOWS BY INSTANCE CORRESPONDENCE. BANK OF NAPLES AND BANK OF SICILY ARE NOW FORWARDING MAIL ADDRESSED TO CORRESPONDENT BANKS IN US UNDER OFFICIAL COVER THEN ARE TO GS, APPL FOR TRANSMITTAL THEN COS TO SUCH CORRESPONDENT BANKS. REFERENCE PARA 6 OF LETTER 15025/P OF 25 MAY. PARA. HEREFTER SUCH CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO CORRESPONDENT BANKS IN US AND MAILED IN US ARMY POS IN THEATER GIVING AS RETURN ADDRESS NAME OF THE ITALIAN BANK AND ITS SPECIALLY ASSIGNED APO NUMBER CASES OF POSTMASTER, NY, NY. PARA. ITALIAN BANKS SHOULD PURCHASE AND AFFIX US POSTAGE AT INTERNATIONAL RATES. PARA. CENSORSHIP CHANNELS SHOULD BE USED WHEN MAIL FROM US BANKS TO ITALIAN BANKS.

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R-R-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

Subject: Civil Postal Services

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29 MAY Recd C.A. B-2 98
Main H.Q., A.M.C.
Eighth Army.

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25 May, 1944.

R.C. & M.C. Section,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394

1. Reference your 127/31/CA dated 21 May, 44.
2. It is much regretted that owing to rapidity with which present operations are progressing, it will be impossible for a representative of this H.Q. to attend the Conference suggested for next Monday, May 29th.
3. The opinion of this H.Q. in regard to Postal Services in the areas behind the Army area remains the same, in that it is felt essential both for security and for practical enforcement of the restriction in the Army area, that there should be a buffer behind the Army area in which no postal services are permitted. In view of the operational position, the Army rear boundary will presumably be moved forward before long, and it is suggested that this will be an excellent opportunity to put buffer area into operation.

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for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army, Main

Copy to: H.Q., A.M.C. Fifth Army.
G.S.I(b) Main Eighth Army.



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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

Q.A. B.W.C. 9
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26 May 1944.

Ref. 127/64/CA.

P. 1/250.

SUBJECT : Civil Postal Services.
TO : RC and MGS.

Major W.H. Green, Postal Officer, will attend the meeting to be held on 29th May to discuss the coordination of Security, Postal and Financial interests.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel AUS
Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
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21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services

TO : HQ, AAI, GSH(b) (for Lt. Col. Wilson and
Captain Dixon)
Regional Commissioner, Region III (for Postal
Officer)
Regional Commissioner, Region V
S.C.A.O., 5th Army, AMG
S.C.A.O., 8th Army, AMG
Communications Subcommittee (for Col. Henderson
and Major Head)
Finance Subcommittee (for Col. Foley; ref.
13053/P of 16 May)

1. I consider it very desirable that a meeting should be held to discuss and coordinate security, postal and financial interests, with a view to arriving at a settled policy for the future (PS/16/16/8 of 11 May to this Section refers).

2. I suggest that Monday, 29 May, is a suitable date. This is the day before the Regional Commissioner's conference and is likely to be convenient for the majority of addressees. The time to be 1400 hrs. and the place the conference room at Provincia building, HQ., ACC, Naples.

3. Please let me know whether you can arrange to send a representative on that date.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Deputy Executive Commissioner

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To: R.C. & M.C. Section, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. ✓

From: Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Region VIII.

Subject: Civil Postal Services.

Reference: -22/23/2

Date 24 May 44.

1/. Reference 127/24/6A dated 21 May 44.

2/. Arrangements will be made for a representative of this Region to attend the meeting on Civil Postal Services to be held in the conference room at Provincia building on Monday 29 May 44, at 14:00 hours.

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JAC. PANGNICHOLD

J.A.C. PANGNICHOLD, COLONEL.
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
REGION VIII.

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TO : R.C. and M.G. Section ACC APO 394

FROM : HQ Region 5 AMG.

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services.

REF : RS/517/6

DATE : 24 May 44.

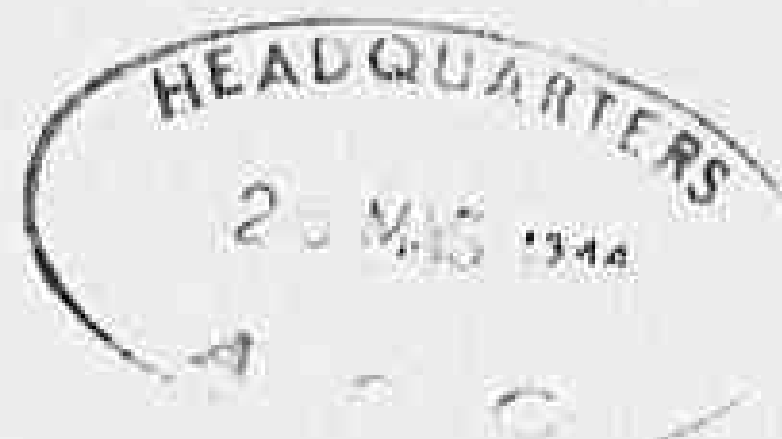
Reference 127/84/CA of 21 May 1944.

Major G. W. CUNNING will represent Region V at the conference on Monday 29 May 1944.

For Regional Commissioner

C.H.A. FRENCH
Lt. Colonel.
Executive Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to PS/16/7/68.

Subject: Postage Stamps.

To: R.C. and M.G. Section, A.C.C. Main Headquarters.

1. The following details have been received, from the Information Division, regarding postage stamps at present in use in German occupied Italy:-

"Stamps used are as pre-Armistice with an overprint "Repubblica Sociale Italiana"; a Fascio covers part of the King's face. Stamps printed by the R.S.I. also exist with anti-monarchical inscription."

2. Arising from this, a further enquiry has been sent to the Information Division as per copy attached.

3. As between the earlier anticipated alternatives of using either normal Italian stamps or those of the A.M. Postage issue, there now arises this new feature. The continued use after Allied occupation, of the "Repubblica" over print stamps has some obvious political objections, and from a philatelic point of view it would open up the way for the normal acquisition of rare letters bearing both Allied and enemy overprint issues. (This may of course happen in any event as it cannot be ensured that stamps of any particular issue are not sold by Postmasters either before or after "freezing" instructions reach them; neither could stoppage in course of transmission be fully effective - assuming such were constitutional).

4. The present intention is to continue the use of ordinary Italian stamps for so long as they may be available, and to follow that with the introduction, if and when necessary, of the A.M. Postage issue. An adequate initial supply of the latter is available, but the question of calling for replenishments of some denominations is being kept prominently in mind for attention as soon as further information is available.

5. In view of what has already happened at Naples it is thought well to bring these new aspects under notice.

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

1. Enclosure.

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REAR HQS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission

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25 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Intelligence Reports - Postal

TO:- Director, Information Divn., A.C.C. HQ. Main

1. The information given re. postage stamps in the second para of your 2162/INFC of May 23rd, is of particular importance in relation to future policy and provision.

2. It would be extremely helpful if some further information could be obtained as follows:-

(a) Specimens of the R.S.I. overprinted and anti-monarchically inscribed stamps.

(b) Were stocks of stamps which were held at the larger centres either called in for overprinting, or destroyed. (In other words, might we expect that there will still be some reasonable stocks of non-overmarked stamps available at Post Offices when we occupy them - last minute destruction excepted of course).

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S. H. HEAD
Major

for Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/23/54/CA

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Communications, other than
Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The procedure at Appendix "A" is forwarded for your information.
2. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions of these arrangements and in particular the Vatican representatives in Palermo, Naples and Cagliari should be contacted.
3. Reference is made to 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944 and 25/23/CA of 18 March 1944.

127/41/CA
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copies to:

G-5 Section, AFHQ
Political Section (Mr. Reber)
Admin. Section
Communications Sub-Commission.
Monsignor Carroll.

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Appendix "A" to Ref 725/54/GA

Standard 25 word written communications between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and civilians in enemy occupied territory - and between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Prisoners of War in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory)

- i. Forms to be handed by Vatican Representatives to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at either Naples or Palermo or Cagliari.
- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.
- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

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are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).

- i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.
- ii. Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) of (A) except that the bags to be labelled:

International Red Cross Committee,
Algiers.

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, via Algiers).

- i. Bags containing forms will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at these three places.

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ii. After censorship, the forms will be collected by the International Red Cross for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

iii. International Red Cross will then hand the forms back to the Civil Post Offices at the three places mentioned for forwarding and delivery.

Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy and the Islands.

Such services as have been available are now temporarily suspended.

26 May 1944.

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25 May 44
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IX
HEADQUARTERS.

To:- Deputy Executive Commissioner.

25 May 44.

From:- Acting Regional Commissioner.

Reference:- R.IX/32/HQ.

Reference your 127/84/CA dated 21 May 44.

It is agreed that a representative of this Region will attend the meeting at 1400hrs 29 May 44.

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Edgar O. Hobbs
EDGAR O. HOBBS,
Lt Col, M.I.,
Acting Regional Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:- Civil Postal Services

¹²⁷ HQ, ^{CAIB} ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/1401/12/GSI(b)

22 May 44

Deputy Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

Ref your 121/84/CA dated 21 May.

I shall be glad to attend ~~the~~ the conference at the time and date you mention.

W.D. Gibson

Lt. Col.
G.S.I.(b).
HQ, A.A.I.

JWF



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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

21 May, 1944

13055/P

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services.

TO : R.C. & R.P. Section.
(for Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Reference your 127/34/31 dated 21 May, 1944.
2. Major B.E.L. Timmons and Major J. Mason of this Sub-Commission will be available to attend the conference at time and on date suggested.
3. Please confirm in due course that the conference is in fact to take place.

for B.E.L. Timmons
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/127/84/CA

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21 May 1946

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services

TO : Maj. Asst. Gen. (P) (for Lt. Col. Wilson and
Captain Dixon)
Regional Commissioner, Region III (for Postal
Officer)
Regional Commissioner, Region V, IV, VIII, & IX.
S.C.A.O., 5th Army, APO
S.C.A.O., 8th Army, APO
Communications Subcommittee (for Col. Henderson
and Major Reed)
Finance Subcommittee (for Col. Foley; ref.
12053/P of 16 May)

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2. I suggest that Monday, 29 May, is a suitable date. This is the day before the Regional Commissioner's conference and is likely to be convenient for the majority of addressees. The time to be 1000 hrs. and the place the conference room at Provincia Building, Bldg. APO, Naples.

3. Please let me know whether you can arrange to send a representative on that date.

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Norman A. FIORI
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner
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BU 27 May
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

13053/F

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services

TO: RC & MG Section ✓

1. Reference letter PS/16/16/8 dated 11 May 1944, addressed to you by Director, Communications Sub-Commission.
2. The Finance Sub-Commission agrees that a meeting to coordinate Postal, finance, and security interests is necessary, and desires to be represented thereat.

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1.15. Foley
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref 127/82/Ch.

16 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Postal Delivery Area Limits Near Army Boundaries.

TO : A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

1. Reference proposed meeting to discuss the above subject (Capt. ODEW - Capt. TALBOT speaking).
2. This subject is a little thorny and it is thought that a discussion by the officers concerned would be beneficial. There is also another question which should be discussed - P.O.W. correspondence despatch and delivery in areas where regular postal facilities do not exist.
3. Can you ask Lt. Col. Gibson and Capt. Dixon whether they would attend a meeting to discuss these matters on any day that suits them next week not earlier than the 23rd in the Provincia Building in Naples. The following will also be asked to attend :

Major Head (Communications Sub-Commission).
Major Green (Postal Officer, Region III).
Finance Sub-Commission representative.
AM 8th Army representative.
AM 5th Army "
Region V "
Capt. Talbot (R.C. & M.C. Section, HQ. A.C.C.)

Capt. E. Talbot

NOELAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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*Ad Head
H. Green
F. Talbot
Finance Sub-Commission (H. Green)
AM 8th Army
AM 5th Army
Region V
Capt. Talbot
20/5
F. Talbot
4/6/44*

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La La Shipp.

M. See 79. I've been dealing with this
 in quite a time how and like
 the idea of a conference. But
 the question of postal service near
 the Army boundary & how much
 in Army area are questions which
 are pertinent at the moment
 but will flare up again. At
 the moment there is no real plan
 on either question. Shall I ask Maj.
 F. James to arrange a day? When
 the Tech Com Sec & Finance attend
 myself.

12/5-

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Capt Talbot

Yes - a very good idea. It is already
 but I presume S. & H. Haines points of view will be
 represented by H.M.

12/15-

HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/127/30/CA.

13 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

The attached copy of MMS: 091.6 of 10 May 1944 is forwarded for your information.


NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SHH/epc 79
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REAR HEADQUARTERS 13 MAY Recd
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply
refer to:

PS/16/16/3

11th May, 1944.

Subject : Civil Postal Services - Delivery Area Limits
Near Army Boundary.
To : R.C. and M.G. Section. ✓ 67.

1. Reference is made to your letter 127/67/CA of April 26th, and A.A.I. letter of May 6th. both addressed to the Eight Army.

2. The terms of the second of these communications will evidently mean much more of an "each case on its merits" approach to each future postal development proposal. Furthermore, the rate of progress of military operations will largely determine whether part of each newly freed province can be opened up as far forward as some mutually agreed line, or whether we should stay our hand until such a date as a clearance can be given for the whole of the province.

3. In considering collaboration on this prospect, it is necessary to keep in mind the two following points - the first of which was raised at the last meeting of Regional Commissioners:

a. Communication facilities for conducting Banking and Post Office financial Services in advance of the introduction of mail deliveries and collections;

b. The probability of having to provide special advance facilities for P.O.W. correspondence.

4. Item 3 (a.) has already been the cause of much security concern in Naples Province, and unless some general guiding policy is laid down, similar situations are likely to recur regularly.

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5. It is considered very desirable that an early meeting should be held to discuss and co-ordinate Security, Postal, and Financial interests, in the direction of standardising and simplifying the general position for the future. (The immediate question of Benevento could no doubt also be settled at the same time.) If, as is hoped, such a course commends itself to Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, a selected date can perhaps be notified to this Sub-Commission. It is thought that the Finance Sub-Commission would wish to be represented at the meeting.

J.L. Henderson

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
12 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

Copies to: Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy (Ref. AAI/1401/12/GSI(b) of 6.5.44.)
Finance Sub-Commission. (with copy of AAI ref.)
A.M.G. Fifth Army (Ref. AAI/1401/12/GSI(b) of 6.5.44.)
A.M.G. Eighth Army

127 *at A. Rev 78*
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

HQS: 091.6

TBJ/cgs
10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy

TO : The Inspector General of Posts
Telegraphs and Telephones,
Algiers.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 8
April Number 1074/EP.

2. This matter has received careful considera-
tion in consultation with Allied Control Commission
but it is considered that the restoration of civil
air mail facilities should wait until such a time as
a regular service can be provided on a basis within
the provisions of the Postal Union Convention.

3. In the circumstances, therefore, mail
should not be sent to Italy by the method you suggest.

For the Chief of Section:

Thurman
T. E. JACKMAN,
Major.

Copy to: HQ, ACC ref your 127/72/CA of 3 *EX. 1*



SUBJECT: Postal Facilities.

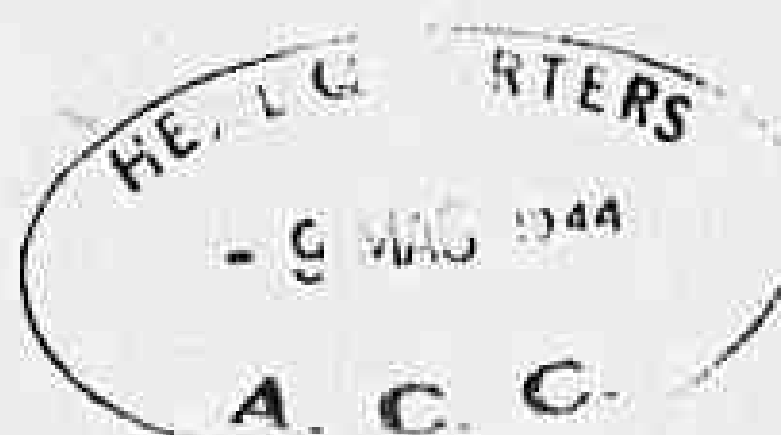
HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

OA/203

7 May 44.

TO: HQ Allied Control Commission.
(Executive Commissioners Branch).

Reference your I27/67/CA dated 26 Apr 44 and HQ 5 Army letter I02/I dated 22 Apr 44, herewith for your information is a copy of letter (M309 I (b) dated 3 May 44) from 8 Army to HQ A.A.I. on this subject.



P.E. Benta
Major, R.A.,
G.S.O.II.,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

P/A

SUBJECT: Postal Facilities near the Army Boundary. 76

3 O P Y.

Main HQ
Eighth Army, C.M.F.

M 309 I (b)

3 May 44.

HQ AAI.

1. The principle which has apparently been agreed by GSI (b) AAI of allowing civilian mail facilities to operate up to the level of the rear boundary of the Army presents no difficulties from a general security aspect.

2. It is felt however that this principle should only be accepted where the rear boundary is one which can be clearly defined and over which proper control and administration can be exercised. The definition of "rear army boundary", for purposes of civilian mail distribution should be for consideration of Army and cannot always adhere as a matter of course to the laid down operational boundary.

3. Certain correspondence has passed between the Army AMG authorities and ACC copies of which are attached. It is strongly felt that it should rest with the Army to decide each case as it arises.

4. In this particular case the Army view is that the "control line" for civilian mail service should be the rear boundaries of Benevento Province and Campobasso.

(Signed) ??? for
Lt. Gen.
G.O.C.,
Eighth army. 239

Copy to: AMG, Main HQ Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT: Postal Facilities Near
the Air Boundary

HC, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

REGISTERED

AAI/LACI/12/981(b)

6 May 44

Eighth Army

Ref your M 309 I(b) dated 3 May 44.

1. It is confirmed that this HQ has given security approval to communication facilities being made available to civilians in rear of the Army Areas.

2. We wish to allow civil life to resume as normal a state as is consistent with security, and we consider that, from the security point of view, there is no appreciable danger in permitting civilians in rear of the Army Areas to enjoy the advantages of postal facilities: there is, however, a definite security objection to such facilities being available to civilians in the Army Areas, and it is important that they should be denied them.

3. If it is found that these two principles are, in practice, slightly incompatible, owing to difficulties of implementation, then it is agreed that some modification of the first may be necessary in order to ensure the enforcement of the second. In other words, it is considered that postal facilities in rear of the Army Areas should be allowed as far North as practicable, consistent with the effective enforcement of the ban on such facilities for civilians in the Army Areas.

W.D. Liban. Lt. Col

Lieut. General,
Chief of General Staff.

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JVP

W.D. Gibson H-62

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Lieut. General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. (Your
127/67/CA dated 26 Apr 44 to SCIO
AC Eighth Army report).

G.S.L.(c), HQ, A.C.C.I.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/127/73/GA.

4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Facilities near the Army Boundary.

TO : AME Fifth Army (Field).

1. Reference your 55/2 of 1 May 1944.
2. Authority was obtained at the end of March from HQ. A.A.I. for the resumption of postal services up to the then existing Rear Army boundary line. No further extension of these services will therefore be made without further reference to HQ A.A.I. who no doubt will, as a matter of course, consult with Fifth and Eighth Armies. In any case the Communications Sub-Commission will be asked to inform you in advance of any proposed extension.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: AME Eighth Army.
Communications Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/127/12/GA

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mail Service from French North Africa.

TO : AFHQ, MGS.

Your reference: MGS 091.6 of 22 April 1944.

1. While it is unlikely that there would be any great physical difficulty in dealing with any civil mails sent from French North Africa to Italy by occasional French planes, such an arrangement is not viewed with favor. It would be difficult to control such a service effectively, particularly if it tended to develop on an informal basis, and the question of using trans-Mediterranean Italian planes, for Italian mail, would almost certainly arise, as would the complications of using the return journeys for mails, at present routed between Cairo, Tripoli, Tunis and Algiers.

2. In any event, it would appear from para 10 of MGS letter 091.6 of December 27 1943 that an air mail fee would be payable on any correspondence carried by the suggested service, but the irregularity of this service would make compliance impracticable. The para referred to read as follows:

"They (London) further state that mails for Sweden involves the payment, to the U.S. post office, of 14.58 gold francs per kilogram (Articles 14 and 15, Air Mail provision, Postal Union Convention) this charge to be reflected in the charge made to the Italian public. London mails, containing correspondence for Sweden, should be accompanied by (quotation from) AV 2. The above points are regarded as premature since air mail service has not been authorized and are submitted only for information. It was further stated that the air mail fee was chargeable for the Sardinia, Brindisi air service, unless such service was due to lack of surface communications." (Mails between Sardinia and the mainland are being conveyed by air, without additional charge, in the absence of regular surface transport.)

3. Altogether it is considered that the restoration of any external civil air mail facility should wait until such time as a regular service can be provided on a basis within the provisions of the Postal Union Convention.

Copy to:
Communications Sub-Commission.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

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21 MAY
HEADQUARTERS
AMC FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

1st May 1944.

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Subject: Postal Facilities near the Army Boundary.

To : H.Q., A.P.O.
Sd and MG Section.

HEADQ
- 1 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

Reference your letter 127/57/CA dated 26 April 1944.

1. This HQ is informed, contrary to your para 2, that the postal services in Naples Province are not operating up to the rear Army boundary, or north of Porticiaggione.
2. If this is the case, it is suggested, in view of the opinions expressed in my letter of 22 April, that the civilian postal facilities be not further extended in Naples Province without prior reference to the Army authorities through this H.Q.

For the Commanding General:

EB Mayne
E. B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff,
AMC FIFTH ARMY.

Copy to AMC 5 Army.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28th April 1944.

In reply refer
to: PS/16/14/2.

Subject: Conveyance of mails by air from French North Africa.

To: R.C. & L.G. Section.

1. The accompanying letter MGS 091.6 of 22nd April, 1944, from A.F.H.Q, MGS, raises a policy issue.
2. A draft reply is attached.

W. L. Henderson
major
for use the above of
J.L. Henderson,
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

2. Enclosures.



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TBJ/thh

Military Government Section

MGS 091.6

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Services

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. The Director of the French P. T. T. in North Africa has enquired whether there is objection to mail being taken over to Italy by such existing French planes as may fly there and thus save time in delivery of mail.

2. Censorship and C-2 here see no objection subject to the mail on reaching Italy being turned over to the civilian post office and to it having previously passed through Controles Techniques.

3. Have you any objection or comment to raise please?

For the Chief of Section:

T. B. Jackman

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

(Original with Communications Sub-Commission)

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DRAFT

Subject: Civil Air Mail Service from French North Africa.

To: A.F.H.Q. K.G.S.

Your reference: LGS 091.6 of 22nd April 1944.

1. Whilst it is unlikely that there would be any great physical difficulty in dealing with any civil mails sent from French North Africa to Italy by occasional French planes, such an arrangement is not viewed with favour. It would be difficult to control such a service effectively, particularly if it tended to develop on an informal basis, and the question of using ~~say~~ trans-Mediterranean Italian planes, for Italian mail, would almost certainly arise, together with the aspect of using the return journeys for mails, ~~which are~~ at present routed ~~via~~ between Cairo, Tripoli, Tunis and Algiers.

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(Mails between Sardinia and the mainland are ^{being} conveyed by air, without additional charge, in the absence of regular surface transport).

3. Altogether, it is considered that the restoration of any external civil air mail facility should wait until such time as a regular service can be provided on a basis within the provisions of the Postal Union Convention. *See para 2 above*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/127/67/CA.

26 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Postal Facilities near the Army Boundary.

TO : S.C.A.C. AME Eighth Army. *59*

1. Reference your CA/205 of 17 April 1944.
2. This Section has conferred with Communications Sub-Commission in this matter. As you are aware HQ. A.A.I. have given their authority to resume postal services up to the line of the rear Army boundary, and these services are already in operation in Naples Province (including Naples City) up to the line of the rear Army boundary and in the whole of Avellino Province.
3. In view of your paras. 2 and 3 of the letter under reference, it is suggested that you approach HQ Eighth Army and if they are not in agreement with HQ. A.A.I. policy, they can then represent their views to that HQ for a final review and decision.
4. In the meantime, it is not proposed to stop the services which are already in operation, but the starting of services in Benevento Province will be delayed pending the result of the action taken as suggested in para. 3 above.
5. As it is desired to reach finality on this matter as soon as possible it is requested that prompt action be taken.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.
AME Fifth Army - Ref your 102/1 of 22 April 44, *65*
for similar action with HQ Fifth
Army reference para.3 above.

See any further action L 26/4 HQ P/A 27/4

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Subject: Civil Ports ⁶⁶
near Army Boundary

WLA Shipp.

Pl see 59-63. A wrangle must be
 avoided at all costs. Draft reply
 to 59 in opposite in cover.

S. 24/4.

Since writing above 64 & 65 have
 come in. I have spoken with May
 Head. I will speak.

S. 24/4.

It is obvious that neither Army 5 or 8 Army
 have any control outside their Army boundary.
 If they want a certain line of action pursued, then
 they can make representations & recommendations to H.H.
 Long. He can also do this same and we
 should be sure to put our case in line with the H.H.

S. 25/4.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

22nd April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Opening Mail Communications.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C. (P.C. & M.G. Section). ✓

1. This H.Q. is in general agreement with the arguments advanced in the letter of H.Q., A.M.G. 8th Army to you - No OA/203 of 17th April 44 - on this subject.

2. Fifth Army rear boundary is at present a well defined and not a nebulous line. Even so, an illicit traffic in letters might well take place if the Post Offices were opened for civilian mail right up to the Army boundary.

3. Naples City is already 'open' for civilian mail and clearly this facility is necessary there. It is recommended, however, that it be not extended northwards in present circumstances.

4. It is further recommended that in fixing the line for civilian postal facilities in future, an appreciable gap be left behind Army Rear Boundaries.

5. The security branch of Fifth Army have been consulted and endorse these views.



E B Mayne

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F., 4228
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. 5 Army (Field).

Copy to:

A.M.G. 8th Army.

Telecommunications Sub-commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

21st April 1944.
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SUBJECT: Civilian Postal Services.

TO : All S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os.

The following instructions are issued as a guide to C.A.Os in dealing with the various problems which arise in connection with Civilian Post Offices and Postal Services.

1. Closing and Opening of Post Offices.

On entering a newly-captured commune the C.A.O., following the instructions in the Amgot manual, will close the Post Office, if it is not already closed or destroyed, explaining to the postal authorities that civilian mail services are suspended and that statement of accounts and a complete inventory of postage and revenue stamps must be prepared against the arrival of the Finance Officer.

In future a Finance Officer will visit the commune within 14 days, assuming that the civil population are not being evacuated from the commune, and will re-open the Post Office for the payment of Sussidi Militari, state pensions, savings bank business and similar transactions. If there is no existing Post Office Building or official, owing to the effects of war, he will appoint them.

2. Distribution of Mail.

At the same time he will re-open the Post Office for the distribution of the following types of mail only:

- a. Letters from POW in Allied hands.
 - b. Letters from International Red Cross relating to enquiries about persons in enemy-occupied territory.
- Messages from persons in enemy-occupied territory sent

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- c. Messages from persons in enemy-occupied territory sent through the International Red Cross Civil Message Service.

3. Administration by Italian Postal Authorities.

As soon as Post Offices are opened for the above purposes permission will be given for Italian Postal Vans to enter the Army area once a week for administrative purposes in connection with the various financial services outlined above, subject to the right of Commanders to prohibit their entry into any specific area for security reasons. These vans will be permitted to carry mail of the types enumerated in paragraph 2 for distribution to local Post Offices. They are liable to exhaustive search by security personnel to ensure that no unauthorized messages are being carried. For security reasons they will not be permitted to carry any mail of any sort on the return journey.

Blank International Red Cross Civil Message Forms (when available) will be distributed to local Post Offices by this same method for sale to the public at 15 lire each.

4. Collection of Mail.

Outgoing mail of the types enumerated in paragraph 2 will NOT be handled by civilian post offices but will be collected by C.A.O.s and forwarded unsealed to this H.Q. by the official courier service, for onward transmission.

5. Other Forms of Civilian Correspondence.

No form of civilian mail other than those enumerated in paragraph 2 above will be permitted within the Army area or within a considerable distance in rear of the Army Rear Boundary.

By Command of Brigadier General HUME:

E B Mayne

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. 5 Army (Field).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: PS/16/2/182

20 April, 1944

Subject: Civil Mail Services.

To: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C., Naples.
Section, HQS. A.C.C., Naples.



Reference the letter from Group Captain Benson, A.M.G. 8th Army, No. OA 203 dated 17th April, addressed to your office, copy to this Sub-Commission.

1. The ideas of Group Captain Benson conflict with the accepted routine for the resumption of civil mail services and cannot be accepted.
2. The Army boundary is presumably drawn with the purpose of defining an area within which the Army authority is paramount. If because the other side of the Boundary is near the Army area Army authority has to be obtained for action outside that boundary, we cannot tell where we stand at any time.
3. In this case, we have HQS. A.A.I., HQS No. 3 District and HQS PBS authority to resume postal services up to the line of the rear Army boundary. Acting on these authorities, postal services have been resumed in Naples City, in Naples province up to the rear Army boundary, and in the whole of Avellino province. The resumption of mail services in Benevento province up to the rear Army boundary was about to begin.
4. The views of Group Captain Benson on the postal services line are completely at variance with that of all the Security branches of the HQS concerned, and are not considered to be of any importance (particularly where they concern Naples City, with which A.M.G. 8th Army is not even remotely concerned), as the policy on the subject has nothing to do with ACC/A.M.G. at all; it is laid down by the Security branches of the Military headquarters controlling the areas. Actually of course the rear Army boundary is no more nebulous than a provincial boundary.
5. If you are in agreement with the views expressed above, it is requested that a letter be sent from

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your office to (our Captain Benson, of which a suggested draft is submitted herewith. It is considered inadvisable to open this postal service in Benevento Province if there is opposition from HQS 8th Army, but perhaps you might consider that to avoid further delay we should proceed with the establishment of the service, having full authority to do so from the Military headquarters concerned. There is in fact a considerable and valid demand for the service to be extended to Benevento town.

J.L. Henderson
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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D R A F T

In reply
refer to:

Subject : Civil Mail Services

To : Group Captain C.E. Benson, AMG 8th Army, HQS.

Reference your letter CA/203 dated 17 April, 1944.

1. ACC/AMG is not concerned with the policy in connection with the resumption of civil mail services, which is laid down by the Security branches of Military headquarters controlling the areas. In any case your views do not receive the concurrence of this head quarters.

2. In the case in question, authority has been given by HQ AAI, HQ No 3 District and HQ PBS for the resumption of civil mail services up to the rear Army boundary line, behind which it was not considered necessary to ask Army headquarters agreement.

3. It is recognised however that Army headquarters may be interested in such matters just behind the Army boundary, and it is therefore requested that you ask HQ 8 Army, if they are not in agreement with the policy of HQ AAI, to represent their views immediately to that HQ for a final review and decision.

4. Postal services are already in operation in Naples province (including Naples City) up to the line of the rear Army boundary and in the whole of Avellino province, and any withdrawal of these facilities would cause confusion and would be opposed. It is therefore requested that only the part of Benevento province concerned be brought into question.

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5. The opening of the mail service in Benevento province will be postponed until the result of your action is learned; in view of the delay that has already occurred, it is requested that prompt action be taken.

Executive Commissioner
R C & M G Section

Copy to: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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Subject: Opening mail communications.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

QA/203/
17 April, 44.

Executive Commissioner Branch,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

1. At the meeting held on Saturday, 15th April, 44, the question of opening mail facilities for civilians in certain areas behind the Army area was brought up and discussed. I stated that I did not feel that such facilities should be given in so far as the Eighth Army area was concerned up to the Rear boundary of the Army.
2. I based my opposition to this on the grounds that although A.A.I. had apparently agreed to it, it had not been submitted to Eighth Army. I promised to take this matter up with Eighth Army and give an answer as soon as possible.
3. I have now had an opportunity of discussing this matter with the appropriate branches of Eighth Army. I know it is generally felt that there is a necessity for opening up mail communications for civilians as soon as possible (with which I agree). It will be, however administratively impossible to put this into effect so far forward as the Rear Boundary of Eighth Army without incurring the risk of a considerable illegal traffic of letters from the Army area to the back.
4. The rear boundary of Eighth Army is in effect a nebulous line drawn through the Provinces of Naples, Benevento and Campobasso. It is not a line over which any proper supervision can be exercised for the prevention of the carrying of illicit mail. Such a nebulous line is difficult to enforce when the passage of bodies is involved. Practical enforcement is infinitely more difficult where the passage of mail across an imaginary line is concerned. I feel most strongly that the proper line to make, past which no mail should be allowed in the interests of enforcement, administration and so as to avoid the risk of illicit mail traffic should be the Southern Boundary of the Province in which the Army rear line is located. In this case that would mean the southern boundary of Naples and Benevento Provinces and the South-Eastern boundaries of Campobasso and Chieti Provinces.

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5. The position perhaps is more complicated in regard to Naples where facilities for mail must be allowed, and I believe are allowed in the town of Naples, and I, therefore, consider that Naples Town should justifiably be excluded.

6. I would, therefore, ask that mail facilities should not be allowed in any provinces where the Army is operating, either now or in any future period.

7. It is understood that A.M.G. Fifth Army are forwarding their views on this subject.

HEADQUARTERS

19 APR 1944

A. C. C.

Refer.
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

Copy to: Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.M.G. Fifth Army (Lt-Col. Mayne)

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15 APR 1944
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M/C/O: NONE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: NONE

FROM: STUBBLELINE FROM MCKEAN DEPUTY CIVIL CENSORSHIP OFFR

TO: PLAMBO FOR LT ROTRONI ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFR FOR LT
BOMASERA ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFR BUREVENTO

DATE/TIME RECD: NONE

DATE/TIME SENT: NONE

REF NR: S-9499

CITE: IBJAG-1059

MAIL SERVICE BUREVENTO PROVINCE WILL NOT COMMENCE APRIL 16

ACC DIST

INFO: TELECOMS & POSTS (REAR HQ)

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15 APR 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/127/57/CA

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission.

A copy of a letter from AMG 8th Army and a copy of our
reply is forwarded for your information.

N. E. Fiske
NORRIS E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & IG. Section
APO 394

22 March 1944

Ref/127/54/CA.

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : CC, Hq. AMG 8th Army Main.

1. Reference your OA/141/ of 17 March 1944, any mail posted to an address outside these areas where Civil Post Office services are functioning, as laid down in our 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944, will not be delivered and will be returned to the sender.

2. The sending out of instructions as requested in your letter under reference is therefore unnecessary.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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21 MAR recd
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Subject: Civil Post Office Services.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

CA/14/
17 March 44.

R.C. & H.Q. Section,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference is made to your 127/41/CA dated 11th March, 44, in connection with Civil Post Office Services available to the public.

2. It is observed that Eighth Army do not wish any Postal Services or civilian communications within the Eighth Army area, and it is accordingly requested that instructions to this effect may be issued to those areas where the Civil Post Office Services are functioning, to avoid mail being sent into the Army area.

Er/Bees
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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20 MAR Recd 12/12
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FROM FREEDOM ACTION FATIMA

SIGNED CINC CITE FRAGS REF NO 66898

ON 8 MARCH MIDDLE EAST AMONG OTHER ADDRESSEES WERE INFORMED THAT MAIL FOR ITALIAN MAINLAND AES COULD NOW BE LABELED NAPLES INSTEAD BARI THE REASON GIVEN BEING THAT OFFICE OF DEPLOY WILL BE NAPLES.

MIDDLE EAST HAVE NOW ASKED WHETHER IT IS DESIRED THAT MAIL DESPATCHED FROM TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR CONTROL FOR ALL ITALIAN MAINLAND AES BE ROUTED BRITISH ISLES TO NAPLES AND NOT BARI. IF THIS IS NOT DESIRED THEY REQUEST CLARIFICATION AS TO PROVINCES IN RESPECT OF WHAT MAIL SHOULD BE ROUTED NAPLES. REQUEST CLARIFICATION FOR BENEFIT MIDDLE EAST.



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ACTION TELECOMS POST (2)
INFO DEF OC
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20 MAR 1944
MAR. Reed

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
APO 394, U.S. ARMY.

19 MAR 1944

A. C. C.

19 March 1944.

22/12/12

SUBJECT : Request for Post Office Personnel to
be transferred from Naples to Italian
Ministry of Communications, Salerno.
TO : RC and MOC., AOC.

1. The attached correspondence was handed to
the Regional Postal Officer by Naples Provincial
Director, Posts and Telegraphs.

2. The Provincial Director has given an assurance
that he could release these officials without undue
difficulty and no objection could be raised to them
transfer so far as this region is concerned.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Col. AUS.
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to :

Telecoms and Postal Sub-Commission.

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Charles Poletti
 CHARLES POLETTI
 Lt. Col. AUS.
 Regional Commissioner.

Copy to :

Telecoms and Postal Sub-Commission.

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- Inc-1 Letter of 28/2/1944 from Under Secretary to Provincial Director.
- Inc-2 Translation of Inc-1.
- Inc-3 Letter of 19/2/1944 from Under Secretary to Brigadier Lush
- Inc-4 Translation of Inc-3.

20/3/44 Time 1445
 Telephone call with
 Telecons. P. Sub. Com.
 They advised that they
 have advised the Italian
 minister he may make the
 transfer of personnel
 requested, as soon as he
 indicates to do so. Jeff P

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP.TT.

Salerno 28/2/1944.

OGGETTO : Richiesta Personale.
AL : Com. Guerrieri, Direzione Provinciale PP.TT.
Napoli.

In data 9/2/ abbiamo inviato al Capo
dell'Ufficio Regionale degli Affari Civili di Napoli
la lettera che alleghiamo in copia.

Vi preghiamo di volervi interessare presso
detto Ufficio per la più sollecita possibile definizio-
ne della pratica, avendo questo Ministero assoluta
urgente necessità dei funzionari di cui al foglio
suddetto.--

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO.

Personale di cui si chiede il trasferimento da Napoli
a Salerno.

BRUNETTI	Cav. Dott.	Onofrio	Grado	VIII A
STRINO		Giuseppe	"	VIII B
CERTO		Giovanbattista	"	IX C
PARINELLI		Francesco	"	IX C
RAMAGLIA		Emilio	"	IX C
DE SANTIS		Giuseppe	"	IX C
MAZZACANE		Eugenio	"	IX C
SCHIATTARELLA		Giovanni	"	IX C
VAINO		Edgardo	"	XI C
LANDOLFI		Mario	"	X C
PUCCI		Teodoro	"	X C
CAPPUCCIO		Gabriele	"	X C
PARASCANDOLO		Michele	"	IX C
LA TESSA		Giuseppe	"	IX C
NAPPO		Ettore	"	X C

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL DIRECTORATE PP.TT.
N° 5/8.0/691.

Selerno 28/2/1944.

SUBJECT : Request for personnel.
TO : Com.Guerrieri- Provincial Directorate
PP.TT., Naples.

On 19/2 we sent, to Regional Commissioner of Civil Affairs, in Naples, the letter of which within a copy is attached.

We beg you to take interest with the said Office for the most prompt definition of the matter, because of the sringent need, by this Ministry, of the Officers of which to the above mentioned list.

The Under Secretary of State.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL DIRECTORATE PP.TT.
N° 5/8.0/691

Salerno 19/2/44.

SUBJECT : Request for personnel.
TO : Brigatier General N.S.LUSCH
at H.Q.A.M.G.15 Army Group
Chief of Regional Office for Civil Affairs,
Naples.

It is well known that when the Italian Government was transferred to Salerno, left all the staff of order in Bari and Brindisi intending to supply the Staff of each Service of the Ministry, with local personnel in the new location.

In order to assure the operating of this Directorate, it is now very urgent to obtain that personnel which is in the attached list, and this Office would like to have authority to transfer from Naples to Salerno.

In anticipation we thank you for the authorisation which we hope will be given speedily

The Under Secretary of State.

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP.TT.

Salerno 19/2/1944.

Oggetto : Richiesta personale
Al : BRIGATIER GENERAL W.S. LUSCH
Presso H.Q.A.M.G. 15 Army Group
Capo Ufficio Regionale Affari Civili.
Napoli.

E' noto a cotesto Ufficio che, trasferendosi a Salerno il Governo Italiano, ha lasciato a Bari e Brindisi tutto il personale d'ordine ripromettendosi di ricostruire i quadri dei vari servizi del Ministero nella nuova sede con personale locale.

Onde assicurare il funzionamento in questa Direzione sarebbe ora della massima urgenza poter disporre del personale di cui all'elenco accluso che, si pregherebbe vivamente cotesto Ufficio, voler autorizzare a trasferirsi da Napoli a Salerno.

Si ringrazia anticipatamente dell'autorizzazione che speriamo venga concessa e ancor più se detta autorizzazione potrà essere concessa con cortese sollecitudine.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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19 March 1944.

Ref/127/48/CA.

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services.

TO : Army Sub-Commission (Main H.Q.)

As requested by Rear H.Q. Army Sub-Commission, copy
of memorandum 127/43/CA dated 11 Mar 44 relating to Civil
Post Office Services is forwarded for your information.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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15 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner, Main HQ.,
A.C.C., Naples.

Will you kindly send a copy of your 127/41/CA
of 11 Mar., subject: "Civil Postal Services" to Main HQ.
Army Sub-Commission.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 384

Ref/127/46/CA

FLP/DAG
17 March 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Correspondence

TO : Displaced Persons Subcommittee

1. Communications Censorship Branch, IFC Section, AFH, and M.G. Section of AFH request that instructions be issued that all mail written by displaced persons in Italy, under your charge, shall be placed in the Italian civil post. Correspondence may not be addressed to the enemy or enemy occupied countries except thru the medium of the Red Cross.

2. You are requested to circularize this information in written form.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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H. QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & MG. Section
APO 394

Ref/127/45/OA.

16 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmission of Correspondence - Italian.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VI.

1. Reference your HQ/1042 of 12 Mar 44.
2. Since there are civilian postal facilities between your Region and the Mainland, these facilities must be used for all Italian correspondence.
3. Failure to use these facilities causes difficulties in regard to censorship.
4. The two packages carried by Capt. Bean have been sent to the addressees in this instance.

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

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Relay Day Head
(Relay Day Head)

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)
FROM: Headquarters, Region 6, A.C.C.
SUBJECT: Transmission of Correspondence - Italian
REFERENCE: HQ/1041
DATE: 12 March 1944

1. Captain BEAN of this Headquarters who is proceeding to NAPLES on Monday morning 13th inst. is carrying with him two envelopes forwarded at the request of the Manager of the Banca d'Italia.
2. The Manager of the Banca d'Italia has received instructions from his own Headquarters that the Allied Commission is prepared to assist in the carriage of special postal items and we are quite willing to assist the bank by sending such packages by the hand of Officers who may from time to time travel between this Headquarters and NAPLES.
3. We should, however, be glad to have your confirmation that our action is in order.

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[Signature]
J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Allied Commissioner.

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15 MAR Recd

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

DA/as 113

Military Government Section

MGS: 091.6

U-1678
11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Correspondence.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission - Attention MG and
RC Section.

1. Communication Censorship Branch, INC Section, AFHQ, has requested that instructions may be issued that all mail written by displaced persons in Italy under the charge of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission shall be posted in the ordinary Italian civilian post.

2. Such correspondence may not be addressed to enemy or enemy occupied countries, with which territories communications may only be passed through the medium of the International Red Cross.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

D. G. Walker

D. G. WALKER
Major

Copy to:

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
c/o HQ No. 2 District CMF.

INC - Your CCB/1051-10 of 9 March
refers.



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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL, COMBATS ICH
APO 39

In reply refer
to: 13/16/4/15

10th March, 1945

Subject: Extension of Civil Mail Services.

To: The Headquarters, Algiers.

1. There are indications of a need for affording the public and Allied and Italian Government Departments, facilities for the registration of correspondence sent through the civil post. This applies particularly to the transmission of important documents, etc., than to valuables.

2. The position has to some extent been met in Sicily by the special arrangement there operating, under which postmen may present their letters, unsealed, to the civil censorship officer, who examines its contents and supervises its sealing and posting. This is in practice no doubt a somewhat cumbersome arrangement, both to the postman and to the censorship officer.

3. The views of ICG are accordingly sought as to whether, from the censorship standpoint, it would not be opportune to restore the normal registration service, in all those areas in which a postal delivery service is already operating, and also in those localities to which it comes to be extended as the liberated areas expand. Dependent upon the terms of your reply, the question of extending registration facilities to the foreign service will be taken up preliminarily with AFHQ, ICS.

4. Perhaps it can be indicated in your reply whether any strong views are held as to the inclusion or otherwise of currency notes and other valuables in registered letters.

5. Sooner or later the question of restoring a limited internal parcel service will arise. At the moment such a move would be inadvisable, on the score of limited transportation facilities, but your advance comments would be welcome.

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but your advance comments would be welcome.

J. L. HANCOCK

Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

Copies to: AFSA, AGS

Regional Control and Military Government Section
The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.
File PG/16/2

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R. C. & M. G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/127/41/CA

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : All Sub-Commissions
Regional Commissioners
SCAO's, 5th & 8th Armies.

The following has been prepared by Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission for the information of all concerned:

SUMMARY
OF
CIVIL POST OFFICE SERVICES
available to the Public (excluding military personnel)
as at 1st March, 1944

(a) Internal

1. MAILS.

Letters and postcards collection and delivery in and between liberated Italy*, Sicily and Sardinia (registered letters, packets and parcels NOT accepted).

Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

Postcards	For delivery in town of posting	For delivery outside town of posting
Letters (for each 15 gms)	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
	25 "	50 "

Letters and postcards collection and delivery in and between liberated Italy*, Sicily and Sardinia (registered letters, packets and parcels NOT accepted).

Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

	For delivery in town of posting	For delivery outside town of posting
Postcards	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
Letters (for each 15 gms)	25 "	50 "

Present Maximum Weight Limits for Posting

In Italy and Sardinia:	90 gms
In Sicily :	210 gms

Postage Stamps to be used.

Italy and Sardinia :	Italian only (AMG stamps may be used later if necessary)
Sicily :	AMG only (special print).

+ Region II and Salerno Province (Avellino, and part of Naples and Benevento Provinces to be added shortly).

(c) Foreign

(1) Civil. - Between all the territories in which the internal service operates and all Allied and neutral countries other than those occupied by the enemy.

Postage Rates.

Postcards	:	1.50 lire
Letters	:	Up to 20 gms : 2.50 lire
	:	20-40 gms (maximum weight) 4 lire

Postage Stamps. - As for internal mails.

DETAILED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING CENSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS, ARE ON
EXHIBITION IN ALL POST OFFICES.

(ii) Prisoners of War.

Letters and postcards, free of postage, for Prisoners of War in both Allied and Enemy hands.

(iii) International Red Cross Messages.

Agencies are established in Naples, Palermo and Cagliari. A limited service now operating will shortly be made available in all the liberated area. Details will be published by the International Red Cross Committee.

2. FINANCIAL SERVICES.

In the postal delivery area: - Post Office Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Postal Money Orders.

The Post Office Current Account banking service is in operation to a limited extent.

W. J. Aid (M. E.)
for NORMAN E. RISKE, *W. J.*
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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W.D. Field
NORMAN E. WISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:

Chief Commissioner
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Secretary General to Chief Commissioner
Administrative Section 10
Economic Section 12
PW & Displaced Persons Section
Italian Refugees Branch
Security Branch
Information Branch
Establishment Branch
Political Section
Navy
Land Forces
Air Forces
Telecommunications & Postal Administration 10
War Material Disposal
Public Relations Officer
Liaison Section HQ ACHF
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.
SCAO 5th Army
SCAO 8th Army

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
ATO 394

Ref/127/49/GA

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Service.

TO : R. C. Region III.

Copy of IS/16/2 of 4 March 1944 from Telecommunications & Posts
Sub-Commission is forwarded for comment.

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

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JOINT HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer
to: PG/10/2/

6th March, 1944.

Subject: Civil Post Office Services.

To: Regional Control and Military Government Section. ✓

1. It appears from various enquiries reaching this Sub-Commission that it would be helpful if information regarding the restored civilian Postal services were circulated throughout all sections of ACC, and it is recommended that such a course be followed.

2. A statement giving the relative particulars is accordingly furnished herewith.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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To: All Sub-Commission
Regional Commission
~~SC 903-628-0000~~

X The following has been prepared
by Telecommunication & Post Sub-Commission
for the information of all concerned.

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Following information

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FOR THE USE OF
ALLIED AIRMAIL SERVICES

AIR 200

POSTAGE SUBSIDIES AND POSTAGE SUBSIDIES FOR

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AIRMAIL

OF

CIVIL AERIAL CARRIER SERVICES

available to the public (excluding military personnel)
as of 1st March, 1944(a) Internal1. RATES.

Letters and postcards collection and delivery in and between liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia (regarding military personnel adopted).

Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

Postcard Letters (for each 100gms)	For delivery in town or post- office	For delivery outside town or post- office
	10 centesimi	20 centesimi
	25	50

Present Maximum Weight Limits for Postage.

In Italy and Sardinia:	75 gms
In Sicily:	210 gms

Postage Stamps to be used.

Italy and Sardinia:	Italian only (AIR stamps may be used later if necessary).
Sicily:	AIR only (special print).

* Higher if in Sardinia and Sardinia (Avalanche, and part of Naples and Benevento provinces to be used shortly).

Present maximum weight limits for baggage.

In Italy and Germany: 70 lbs
In Italy : 40 lbs

Passage stamps to be used.

Italy and Germany : Italian only (air stamps only to most lines in necessity)
Italy : air only (special permit).

* (Section II and III) no provision (available, and part of Naples and Donavento, provisions to be under strictly).

(b) POSTAGE

(1) Civil. - Between all the countries in which the international service operates and all Italian and neutral countries other than those excluded by the United States.

Postage Rates.

Postage : 1.50 lire
Up to 20 lbs : 1.00 lire
Up to 30 lbs (maximum weight) : 1.00 lire.

Passage stamps. - as for international mail.

DETAILED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING DETAILED REGULATIONS, ARE IN EFFECT IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

(11) ORIGIN OF MAIL.

Letters and postcards, free of postage, for delivery of mail in both Italian and German zones.

(12) INTERNATIONAL POST OFFICE REGULATIONS.

Regulations are established in Naples, Palermo and Capri.

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1. Limited service now operating will be available in all the liberated area. Details will be published by the International Red Cross Committee.

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

In the local military area: - Post Office Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Postal Money Orders.

The Post Office Savings Account Banking Service is in operation to a limited extent.

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FROM HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
420 374

MAR 8 1944

4th March, 1944.

In reply ref. to
to: 433/13/21

Subject: Civil Postal Services, Region III.

To: The Regional Control and Military Government Section.

See Attached
on Cont.

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1. It is desired to introduce the following extension of postal facilities in Region III:-

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| (a) Letter and postcard collection and delivery | as already |
| (b) Money order Service | operating in |
| (c) Savings Bank Service | Regions I, II |
| (d) Postal Bonus Service | and VI. |

Linking up with the existing internal and foreign mails.

2. The concurrence of Security and Censorship Sections has been obtained, so far as they are concerned, and in accordance with their ruling the services in the provinces of Naples and Benevento will be restricted to the area outside the rear Army boundary line. So far as Avellino is concerned the whole province will be served.

3. The Finance Sub-Commission is in agreement so far as the financial services are concerned.

4. It is requested that the project be passed to the Regional Control for attention. Major Grest, this Sub-Commission's Postal Officer now posted to Region III is fully acquainted with the position, and he is being furnished, for transmission to the Postal Provincial Directors, with copies of technical operational instructions prepared in collaboration with the Italian Under Secretary of State for Telecommunication and Posts. The preparation of the financial services instructions is bound up with modifications which are to be introduced in the remainder of occupied Italy, and with which it is desirable to keep in line. In order not to delay the postal developments, reference to the financial services has been omitted from the notice. Public notification will be made independently later through the medium of the Postal Provincial Directors.

See Cont.

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5. Attached is a copy of the postal notice recently issued in the Italian Government area, suitably adapted in draft form to meet requirements. ~~There are a number of other notices which are to be issued in the near future.~~ Major Green will advise as to the number of notices required.

6. Naples provinces can be passed on with as soon as the order is given. Avellino and Benevento, in that order, will be dealt with shortly afterwards, the public notices being exhibited at the appropriate stage.

7. Money Green services which were started in Naples province under AG conditions provide for a notice through the line defined in para. 2. As this service - together with the others - involves the transmission of cash and documents, the Chief Civil Censorship Officer does not agree to its operation in territory beyond the postal delivery line, which, under the arrangements envisaged (and so, the future) will be regarded as the forward limit for any of the ancillary postal services.

L. L. Henderson
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Region III

HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 127/35/CA

7th March 1944.

Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

To : R.S.A.B., AMG, 5 Army.

Reference your letter of 19th February 1944.

1. I am obliged for your full and careful study to my letter. To deal with the first paragraph first, the matter was referred to you personally, not of course to AMB 5th 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 AMG, 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 already ones which require a unified policy within any territory served or shortly to be served by one postal Directorate, and local authorizations of special kinds of stamps and 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 in 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 centesimal 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.

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

M. L. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission.
(Ref. your PS/16/7 dated 27th February 1964).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

27th February, 1944

In reply refer
to: 13/10/1

Subject: stamps.

✓ To: Executive Commissioner, Regional Control and Military
Government Section, HQ, ACC, Naples.

Reference attached correspondence. 27

I append a suggested draft on which a reply might
be based.

I should be grateful for a copy of the reply made.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

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21st February 1944.

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Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

To : Postal Sub-Commission. *From the Sub-Commission*

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to ask that you will read:

(a) his letter dated 10th February on the subject of the issue of overprinted stamps;

(b) the reply received from S.C.A.O., AMG, 5 Army.

2. Will you then please discuss this matter with him.

I. E. Carr
I. E. CARR,

Captain,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

IEC/JG.

Secy Col. H. *W.*
Col. P. *4154*
Maj. H.

Recd. 24 Feb. 44.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394

Ref:

10th. February, 1944.

Brigadier General Hume, A.M.G., 5th. Army.

Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

1. It has been reported to me that Italian postage stamps with the overprint 'Governo Militare Alleato' have recently been on sale for a limited period in Naples.

2. Since A.M.G. postage stamps are already provided to replace the Italian series when necessary and since, also, the effect of such a restricted issue is to create a scarcity value, please let me have a report upon this matter, to cover the following specific points:

- (a) Why was such overprinting considered necessary?
- (b) What denominations of stamps were so treated?
- (c) How many of each denomination were sold to the public?
- (d) When were they introduced?
- (e) When did such issues cease?
- (f) Why were they discontinued?
- (g) Who authorized such measures?

By command of Lieut General MACFARLANE.

M. LUSH
BRIGADIER.
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO-464, U. S. ARMY.

19 February 1944

SUBJECT: Overprinted Stamps.

TO : The Executive Commissioner, Main Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, APO-394, U.S. Army.

1. Reference is made to unnumbered letter dated 10 February 1944, beginning: "It has been reported to me that Italian postage stamps with the overprint 'Governo Militare Alleato' have recently been on sale for a limited period in Naples."

2. During the period that the writer was in charge of Region 3, certain Italian postage stamps were overprinted for local use, on account of a need for stamps that could be differentiated from the ordinary stamps. The entire available stock of ordinary stamps of the needed denominations was overprinted and placed on sale to the public in the Naples Post Office. Such stamps were available to the public for purchase when the writer turned over the administration of Region 3 to his successor. The overprinting was carried out because Headquarters, Allied Military Government did not comply with our requests for a supply of the Allied Military Government stamps that had been printed in Washington, and which are still used in Sicily.

3. The questions asked in paragraph 2 of the letter of inquiry are thus specifically answered:

a. "Why was overprinting considered necessary?"

Answer: Because the best information available at the time indicated that many post offices had been looted and the ordinary stamps stolen, thereby making them available for use by thieves or those who later obtained them. Thus stamps might have been purchased illegally for a fraction of their face value, and even the small purchase price thus obtained

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would not have reached the Italian Post Office. Moreover, these stamps were available to the Germans who might have made misuse of them to our detriment. The same reason existed for using special stamps in Naples as in Sicily or in any other occupied area. The use of overprinted stamps during periods of military occupation is a common and well recognized procedure, one that has been used by Britain, the United States and many other countries.

b. "What denominations of stamps were so treated?"

Answer: The current stamps of 20, 35 and 50 centesimi were overprinted. Only these three values were overprinted for the following reason: Postage for post cards and open envelopes (the only mail then permitted in Naples) was fixed at 50 centesimi, hence the stamp of that value was overprinted. The Post Office in Naples had on hand a large stock of stamped post cards of 15 and 30 centesimi value. The 20 and 35 centesimi stamps were for use on such cards, thus bringing up the total to the required 50 centesimi, and thereby making such cards available for use.

c. "How many of each denomination were sold to the public?"

Answer: The entire stock of overprinted stamps was sold to the public. The number of 20 centesimi stamps overprinted was 360,000; that of the 35 stamps was 70,000; and that of the 50 centesimi stamps was 700,000. The number of stamps overprinted was approximately the number on hand in the Post Office. The quantities of stamps remaining in the Post Office after the overprinting was 20 centesimi, 5729; 35 centesimi, 2558; and 50 centesimi, 10,890. In other words, all available 20, 35 and 50 centesimi stamps were overprinted. The writer has no direct knowledge of this, the data being supplied by the officer in charge of the Post Office at the time (Major Rogers, Region 3).

d. "When were they introduced?"

Answer: The stamps were placed on sale in the Post Office of Naples on 10 December 1943, having been prepared some days prior thereto.

e. "When were they discontinued?"

Answer: The writer has no knowledge that they were ever "discontinued." They were still on sale when the writer turned over Region 3 to his successor. Major Rogers states that the stamps were maintained on sale to the public until the supply was exhausted.

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f. "Why were they discontinued?" Answer: See last paragraph.

g. "Who authorized such measures?" Answer: The overprinting of stamps for local use in Naples was authorized by the writer as Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region 3. It was, and is, considered a matter of regional administration.

4. The letter to which this is a reply states that A.M.G. postage stamps are already provided to replace the Italian series when necessary. They were seemingly not available for use in Naples, since every effort by the Finance Division of Region 3 to obtain them was fruitless. The writer also asked the officer in charge of Headquarters, Allied Military Government, as well as the Chief of the Finance Division thereof, to have a supply of the desired stamps sent to Naples. No such stamps were ever forthcoming, so that when the date for the opening of the Naples Post Office drew nigh, the overprinting was authorized as a substitute. On visits to Headquarters, Allied Military Government, the Finance Officer, Region 3 and the Chief of Staff were, on separate occasions, told that no such stamps would be sent to Naples; and they so reported to the Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

5. The statement is made that "the effect of such a restricted issue is to create a scarcity of value." Any scarcity in the stamps is due to the whole stock having been sold - a fate that must ultimately await every issue of postage stamps.

6. If not out of keeping with existing policy, the writer would appreciate being told why this matter is thus referred to him. The sale of stamps in Naples is obviously the concern of Region 3 and not of AMG, Fifth Army. The letter of enquiry states that the stamps in question had recently been on sale in Naples. The writer has given such information as he has of his own knowledge, and has had to make inquiries of a Region 3 officer (Major Rogers) for the additional data.

Edgar Erskine Hume
EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Brigadier General, G. S. C.,
S.C.A.O., AMG, Fifth Army.

DRAFT

Subject: Postal services in Angles.

To: Brigadier General Hume, AIG, 5th Army.

1. Reference your letter of the 19th February, 1944. I am obliged for your full and careful reply to my letter. To deal with the final paragraph first, the matter was referred to you personally, not of course to AIG 5th 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 AIG, Region 3.

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 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 in 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 Office at 50 lire almost immediately

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when the scope of the services.

4. Overprinting may be necessary in certain circumstances,
and has been used in the past, but not normally in such a small scale
as to limit the issue to one town. The effect has in fact been to
create a "black market", the 29 cent stamp being on sale in
cafes and even outside the Post Office at 30 lire almost immediately
after its introduction. A factor in creating this who has been
stated to be due to the officers themselves who correctly appreciated
the curio value certain to result. 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.

5. It is unfortunate that the efforts to obtain stamps from AIR
Polarno were unavailing. No request actually reached the postal officer
there, ~~as the stamps were not in the hands of the postal officer~~.

6. In regard to the rate of postage authorized by you, it
cannot be admitted to be reasonable that a local authorization of an
arbitrary rate should have been made, differing from that previously in
force, without any advice from a co-ordinating authority.

*It was of course quite out of order for you
to authorize a postage rate different from that
previously in force, without reference to
higher authority. ^{Brigade} ~~with~~ ML*

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	Col. N. E. Fiske	✓
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Driffield-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	✓
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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION.....INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO.....FATIMA

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HEADQUARTERS

1 MAR 1944

A. C. C.

PARA 1. LOAD INTERNATIONAL AND POW MAILS FOR SARDINIA, SICILY, AND ITALY ON UGS CONVOYS ONLY. (TO AGWAR FOR ULIO REPEATED FATIMA FOR HENDERSON AND IES FOR AMG AND FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION FOR HOOVER SIGNED WILSON CITE FHMG8 REF AGWAR 882, SPZAT-M, OF 27 FEBRUARY) LABEL AS FOLLOWS: 1. INTERNATIONAL MAILS. DOUBLE BAG WITH INNER LABELS ADDRESSED QUOTE ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL MAILS UNQUOTE. (A) FOR ITALIAN MAINLAND PROVINCES ADD(ITALY) BARI. (B) FOR SICILY ADD (SICILY) PALERMO. (C) FOR SARDINIA ADD (SARDINIA) BARI. TWO. POW MAILS. DOUBLE BAG AND LABEL INNER BAGS SAME AS FOR INTERNATIONAL MAILS EXCEPT CHANCE LABEL TO READ QUOTE POW MAILS UNQUOTE.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/127/17/GA.

24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Postal Service - Benevento City.

TO : H.Q. A.C.S. (Rear),
Telecommunication Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter of 2 Feb 44 on above subject.
2. This matter was taken up with H.Q. A.C.S., copy of their reply is attached.
3. In the circumstances, there is no objection to this postal service being installed and approval is hereby given for it to be put into effect as soon as possible.

By Command of Lieut.General HAZON MacFARLANE.

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

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer
 to: TG/11/1

21st February, 1944

Subject: Draft Directive.

To: Major Van Dusen, DCCAG's Office, ACC HQs, Naples.

1. Herewith draft returned.
 2. Your suggested amendment to para 1 is agreed with.

3. Inclusion of your suggested para 12 is not agreed with. The original instructions are not clear in certain respects, and these points have been raised by Colonel Spafford with AFHQ, and a reply is expected shortly. When this is received the matter can be dealt with as a directive in detail, which is more appropriate than in a general policy directive which does not give any detail on the handling of mail.

4. An amended draft per your suggested para 13 (which will become para 12 by deletion of above) is appended. The point is that when agencies operate for the delivery of newspapers they are not acting as Post Office agents, as the transmission of newspapers by post is prohibited. The draft is therefore:-

- " 12. 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.

5. It is noted that my draft has received the approval of a Warrant Officer of P.B.S.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson
 Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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12. Mails permitted to be ^{sent} ~~channeled~~ to Northern Italy through Vatican channels will be handled in accordance with memorandum dated 22 January 1944, Ref/NSG/327 entitled "Communications through Vatican Channels" as amended by letter of 11 February 1944, Ref/25/6/CA.

13. Prior to the war certain classes of correspondence could be delivered by authorized agencies, other than the State Postal Monopoly, upon payment of appropriate fees. For censorship and security reasons appropriate steps must be taken to prevent the operation of such agencies except for the delivery of daily newspapers and the like.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/327.

22 January 1944

SUBJECT: Communication through Vatican Channels

TO : R.C.A.Os, Regions I and II

1. Under arrangements made by AFHQ, certain types of mail can now be sent from persons living in those portions of Italy occupied by the Allies and in Sicily through channels.

2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:

- (a) Official church mail.
- (b) Private communications.
- (c) Prisoner of War Mail.

Such mail will be delivered by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in each province to the S.C.A.O. of that province. It will be transmitted to the office of the proper R.C.A.O. as and when received.

3. The R.C.A.O. of Region I will send all such mail directly to M.G.S., AFHQ, appropriately marked, as and when it is received by him from the provinces. The R.C.A.O., Region II, will send such mail to these Headquarters as and when it is received by him for retransmittal to M.G.S., AFHQ. Censorship, where applicable, will be the responsibility of AFHQ. Accordingly, no local censorship is required.

4. It is requested that this directive be transmitted to all S.C.A.Os as quickly as possible.

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Charles M. Spofford 4183
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ.

It is necessary, therefore, to amend para.3 of the memorandum under reference to read :

"R.C.A.Os. will send all such mail to Censorship Branch, ITC, A.F.H.Q. for transmittal to M.G.S. routing it through the Civil Censorship Section at I.B.S. or P.B.S. "

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- (1) A.F.H. 2. has been described as a device for the transmission of correspondence referred to in para. 2 (a) and (c).

It is not clear either if correspondence of this type will be included in mail or if it is to be transmitted by other means if it will be enclosed in an official cover by the R.C.A.O. and forwarded to A.F.H. 2. as official mail.

- (2) When the agencies operate for the delivery of newspapers they are not subject to P.O. restrictions on transmission of newspapers by post is prohibited. Subject;
For security and security reasons appropriate 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 P.O. as agents for the publishers and deliver their newspapers and the like.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer
to: TFC/11/1

15th February, 1944

Subject: Postal Services.

To: The Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

In order to ensure that the development of Postal Services shall be on a uniform basis throughout the Italian theatre, it is requested that a directive be issued to all Regions and to AMG 5th and 8th Armies instructing them that any resumption of postal services will be on the lines indicated.

A draft for approval and circulation is attached.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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Subject: - Postal Services.

In order that Post services introduced in any territory shall be on a uniform basis, attention is drawn to the following instructions, which will be followed from the outset whenever Postal Services are reestablished or extended.

1. Introduction.

Postal services will not be introduced without the prior concurrence of Military Security and IHC (Censorship); the Allied Control Commission will be advised whenever a service is introduced or extended. *No postal services will be permitted to operate except in a co-ordination with*

2. Local Services.

allotted to the Censorship and Security Control.
When introduced, the service should normally be confined, in the first instance, to a collection and delivery of postcards within the provincial capital and possibly other large towns. Notices on the lines of the attached specimen should be printed and exhibited in advance of the opening date.

3. Type of Stamps.

Italian stamps will normally be used, but AMG stamps may be used if Italian stamps are not available. Supplies of the AMG type are being sent over from America and under no circumstances should any printing or over-printing be undertaken locally. It will be necessary to ensure that adequate supplies of stamps are available before any service is introduced.

if Italian stamps will normally be used, but INC stamps may be used if Italian stamps are not available. Supplies of the AMG type are being sent over from America and under no circumstances should any printing or over-printing be undertaken locally. It will be necessary to ensure that adequate supplies of stamps are available before any service is

introduced.

4. Postage Rates.

The rate of postage for the service indicated in para 2 will be that formally in force i.e. 15 centesimi.

5. Internal Service.

As soon as possible, and subject again to Security and INC, the local service may be extended within the province. Ordinary letters up to a weight of 90 gms may be included if Security and INC concur. In such an event it will be necessary to amend and amplify the notice relating to the local service.

6. Rates of Postage.

For a service within the province, the rates of postage will be as follows:-

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	for local delivery	for delivery outside the town for posting
Postcards	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
Letters	25 " for each 50 15 gms	" for each 15 gms

(limit in each case 90 gms)

7. Inter-Provincial Service.

If at any time in a forward area it appears that the time is opportune to link up a service within a province with an inter-provincial service, or to afford a service for prisoners of war correspondence, the matter should be brought to the notice of ACC HQ (Telecommunications and Posts Subcommission) before any action is taken.

8. 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 ACC HQ.

9. Transport Contracts.

If, in connection with the introduction of internal mail, it is necessary to fix new contracts with private firms for the conveyance of mails, such contracts should only be placed after full discussion with the Provincial Directorate and should be on short-term basis (say three months), with Post Office option to cancel or renew.

If, in connection with the introduction of internal mail, it is necessary to fix new contracts with private firms for the conveyance of mails, such contracts should only be placed after full discussion with the Provincial Directorate and should be on short-term basis (say three months), with Post Office option to cancel or renew.

10. Restrictions.

As previously stated, postal service introduced solely under local authority will be confined to the collection and delivery of letters and postcards within the province. Any extension of the service beyond the province, and any proposal to establish additional services such as parcels, insurance, registration and financial transactions (e.g. money orders, savings bank postal bonds, etc.) must be submitted to ACC HQ.

11. Assistance.

In any case of doubt or uncertainty on Postal matters, the question should be referred to the Allied Control Commission (Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission) who will render all assistance possible, and if desired, will lend a postal officer for consultation.

A V V I S ORIUNISTITA' DEL SERVIZIO POSTALE

A partire da.....verra' ripreso il servizio postale per la popolazione civile.

- (1) Possono essere spedite solo cartoline.
- (2) La corrispondenza dovra' essere scritta in lingua inglese od italiana e dovra' portare il nome a l'indirizzo del mittente.
- (3) Tutta la corrispondenza sara' soggetta a censura.
- (4) Il servizio sara' limitato per ora alla sola citta' di.....sara' distrutta.
- (5) La corrispondenza indirizzata a localita' fuori.....sara' distrutta.
- (6) La corrispondenza dovra' essere imbucata in tutte le cassette per lettere della citta'.
- (7) La corrispondenza indirizzata a casa, uffici, negozi, ecc. disabitata, dovra' essere trattata per 15 giorni presso l'Ufficio Centrale delle Poste, al termine di detto periodo sara' restituita al mittente, qualora nessuno abbia provveduto a ritirarla.

~~S.G.A.O.~~

Provincial Commissioner

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Lila Carr
L.C. & M.B.S.

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Subject: Postal Services.

Executive Commissioner,
A. C. C.

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Headquarters,
Allied Central Mediterranean Force,
C.M.F.

ACMF/1402/3/GSI(b).

18th February 1944.

Reference your letter No.127/16/CA of 13 Feb 44.

This HQ has no objection from the security angle to the inauguration of a postal service within the city limits of BENEVENTO, for the handling of post-cards, accounts, and invoices in unsealed envelopes.

Major Young
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

Copy to:-
3 District (Ref telephone conversation
Major Young-Major Harari of 18 Feb 44).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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In reply refer
to: PS/16/2

12th February, 1944

Subject: Delivery of Correspondence through other than Post Office Channels.

To:- The Regional Control and Military Government Section.

1. Although the delivery of letters in Italy is normally a State monopoly, there is, in normal times, an arrangement whereby certain classes of correspondence may be delivered by authorised agents who pay the Post Office an annual fee for the right to perform this class of work. Such agencies operate only in the larger cities, but it is obvious that such agencies, possessing as they assuredly would, their own machinery for the receipt and distribution of correspondence would cause a serious loophole in the efficiency of whatever censorship restrictions were imposed in any particular area. A case in point occurred in Naples where, following the introduction of the local town postal service, it was found that certain of these agencies commenced operations and were distributing correspondence which had not passed through censorship channels.

2. The matter was raised and a ruling was obtained from AFHQ that it was illegal for such agencies to deal with ordinary correspondence, although they were allowed to continue the delivery of daily newspapers, etc.

3. As it is probable that similar conditions will be experienced when the larger cities in the North of Italy are liberated, it is requested that an instruction be issued to all Regions warning them of the existence of this method of carriage of mails and forbidding it to be utilised unless satisfactory censorship control can be arranged.

C. Henderson
J. L. Henderson
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
N.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/127/16/CA

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Postal Service, Benevento City

TO : G.S.I. (b), HQ., A.C.M.F.

1. Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a postal service in Benevento City for the handling of post cards, accounts and invoices in unsealed envelopes; the service to operate within the city limits of Benevento City.

2. Before inaugurating this service, would you please inform these Headquarters if there is any objection from a security angle.

✓
M. S. LUSE
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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We can set the
boundary as "city

limits of Benevento."
and authorize the
service initially for
the city only.

If all young groups
ask ACME for
concession -

~~Mr. Warren~~

~~Put up letter~~

asking ACME if agree.

for "Benevento City" only.

Letter sent copy of (X)

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REFERENCES

Figure 1 is a line graph showing the percentage of respondents who believe that the use of force is justified in various circumstances. The x-axis represents the percentage of respondents who believe that the use of force is justified in the circumstances. The y-axis represents the percentage of respondents who believe that the use of force is justified in the circumstances. The graph shows a positive correlation between the two variables.

FROM	TO
Deputy President	
Chief of Staff	
Vice Chief of Staff	
Public Relations Officer	
Liaison Section	
Military Section	
Political Section	
Econ. & Admin. Section	
Communications Section	
Administrative Directorate	
Economic Directorate	
Finance Sub-Commission	
Public Works-Mines Sub-Commission	
Agric., Forests-Fisheries Sub-Com	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Executive Officers	
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Pool of Interpreters	
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Hq. Commandant	

FOR:

Signature
Remarks / Recommendation
Information only
Approval / Disapproval
Appropriate Action
Investigation & Report
Dispatch

REMARKS:

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Col Drake

1. This is much too nebulous a proposition in its present form. "BENEVENTO City" needs to be defined by boundaries.

2. We also require to know whether it is intended that p.c's etc may come south into the other areas where postal facilities have been granted.

3. Hq ACF will have to agree this from the security angle.

Action

- a) Get definition of boundaries
- b) Ruling on point in 2 above
- c) Agreement of Hq ACF 174 in above order

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

10 FEB

Suspense _____

Date _____

FROM	TO
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✓ Col. J. J. -	
✓ Lt. Col. Young	✓

FOR:

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REMARKS:

Any Comments
please

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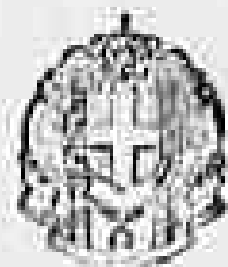
Col. Lisle

This should be cleared
with 15th Army group, since
military operational security may
be affected, before final approval.

Alg.

10. Feb. 44.

Col. L. L.



**Amministrazione
delle Poste e dei Telegrafi**

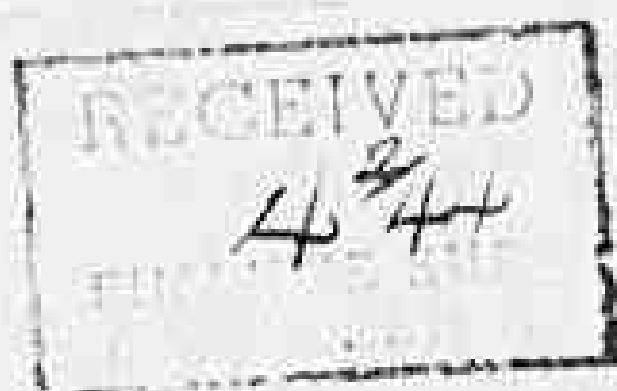
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Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO

2 Febby 1944.

A.C.C. SALERNO.

Subject; Postal Service;;; Benevento City.

To; D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. HORS.

Unless there is any objection from a Security standpoint, it is recommended that the request be approved.

Notices on the lines of the attached specimen used in Salerno will require to be printed and exhibited throughout Benevento. The rates of postage should, however, be 15c for postcards and 25c for unsealed envelopes, not 50c as stated in the Salerno notice. It will be necessary to indicate whether ordinary Italian stamps may be used.

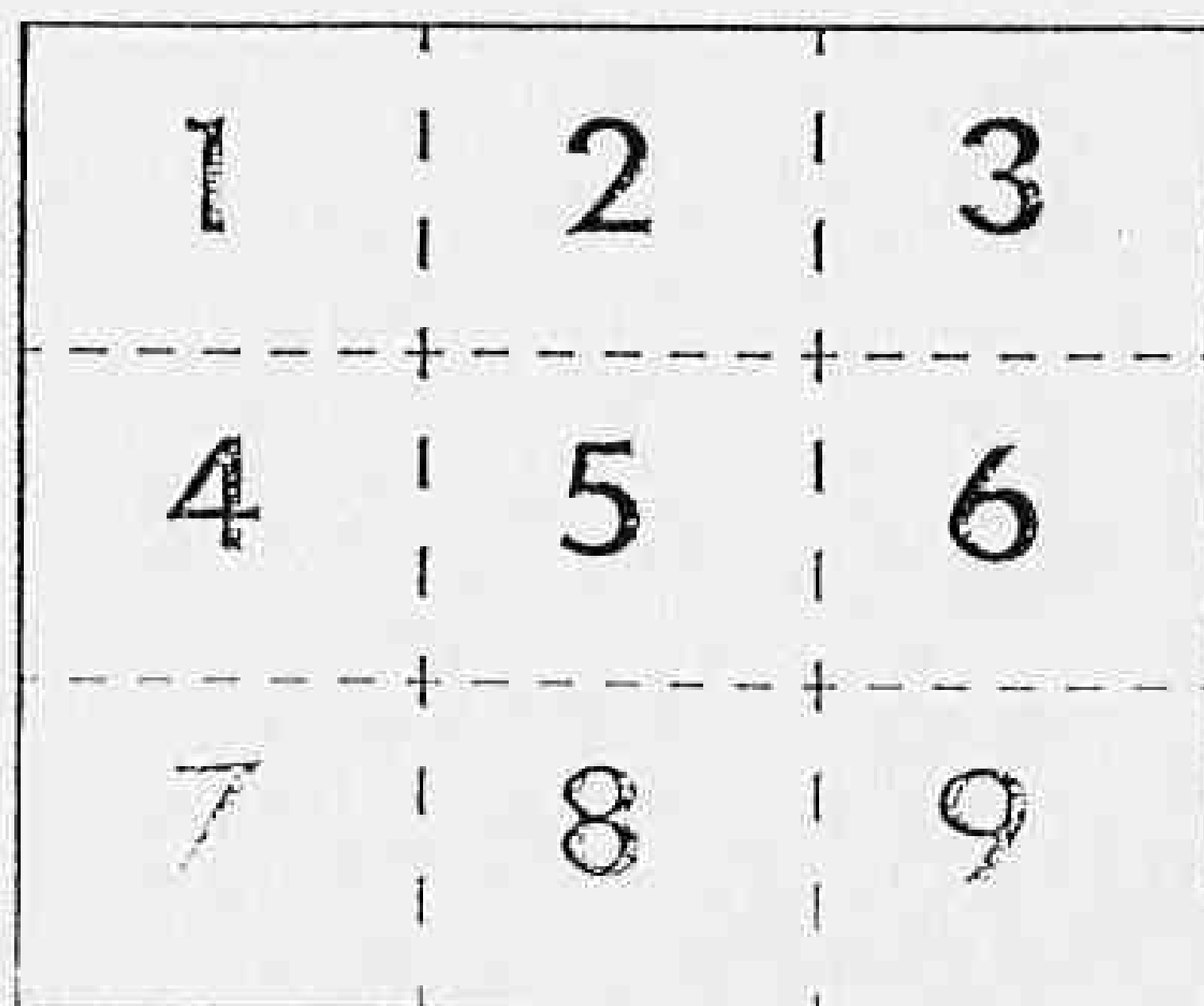
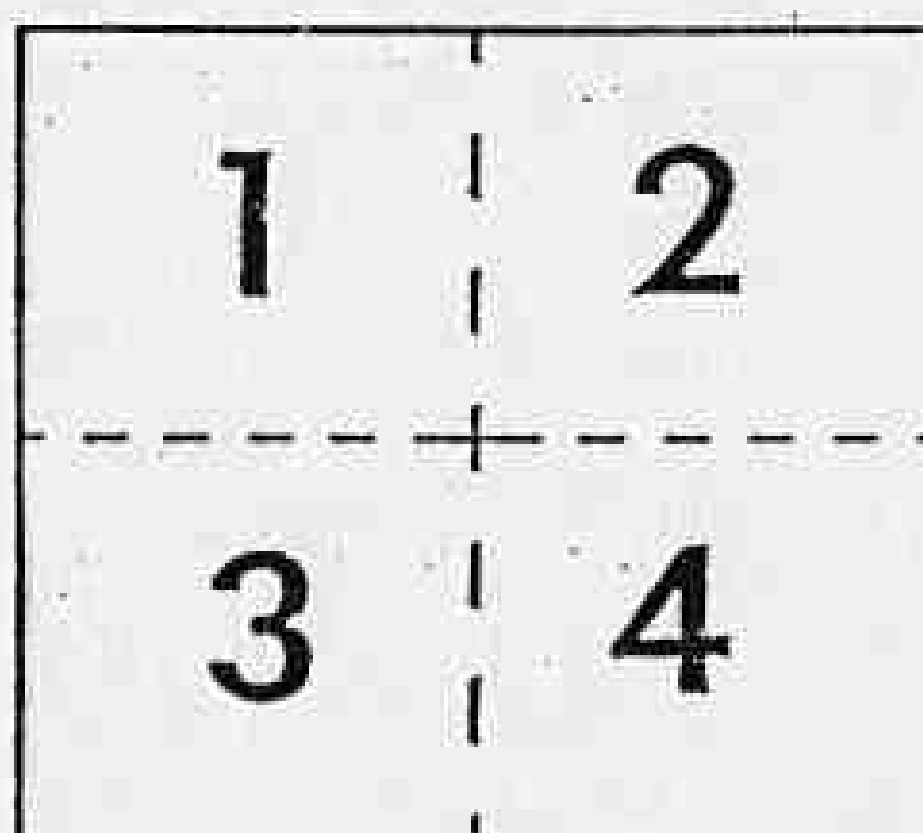
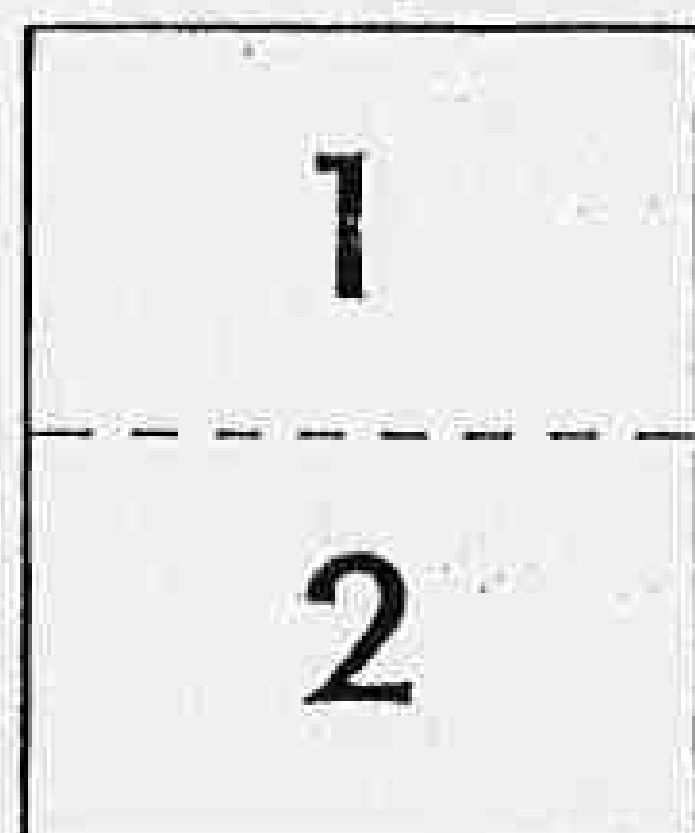
Arrangements will perhaps be made for this Office to be notified of the date of commencement of the service.

Colonel.

Telegrams. Sub-Commission.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



AVVISO

RIPRISTINO DEL SERVIZIO POSTALE

A partire da lunedì, 13 Dicembre 1943, verrà ripreso a S
servizio postale per la popolazione civile.

1) Può essere spedita solo la corrispondenza sottoelencata:

a) cartoline;

b) buste aperte contenenti conti e fatture, **ma non lettere
comunicazioni di carattere privato;**

c) lettere e cartoline per prigionieri di guerra.

2) La corrispondenza dovrà essere scritta in lingua inglese o

e dovrà portare il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente

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Permetterà solo la corrispondenza sottoelencata:

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Cartoline per prigionieri di guerra.

La corrispondenza dovrà essere scritta in lingua inglese od italiana.

Il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente.

munificazioni di carattere privato;

- c) lettere e cartoline per prigionieri di guerra.
- 2) La corrispondenza dovrà essere scritta in lingua inglese o in italiano e dovrà portare il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente.
 - 3) Tutta la corrispondenza sarà soggetta a censura. Le buste aperte non conterranno solamente conti e fatture saranno distrutte.
 - 4) Il servizio sarà limitato, per ora, alla sola città di Salerno. La corrispondenza (esclusa quella per i prigionieri di guerra) indirizzata a località fuori Salerno, sarà distrutta.
 - 5) La tassa per la corrispondenza di cui alle lettere a) e b) è di lire 100 ed i francobolli potranno essere acquistati in tutti gli Uffici Postali dalle ore 8,30 alle 15,30. La corrispondenza per i prigionieri di guerra non dovrà essere affrancata.
 - 6) La corrispondenza potrà essere imbucata in tutte le cassette delle lettere della città.
 - 7) La corrispondenza indirizzata a case, uffici, negozi ecc. o a persone non verrà trattenuta per 15 giorni presso l'Ufficio Centrale del Post Office al termine di detto periodo sarà restituita al mittente, qualora lo stesso non abbia provveduto a ritirarla.

H. P. P. ROBERTSON. Lt
S. C. A. O.

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H. P. P. ROBERTSON. Lt. Col.

S. C. A. O.

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REC'D 26 GEN 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF BENEVENTO

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C/I47/BF.

SUBJECT: - Postal Service - Benevento City.

TO : Headquarters AMG., Region 3.

The necessary arrangements have now been completed for the opening of a postal service in Benevento City, for the handling of post cards, and accounts and invoices in unsealed envelopes.

I request, therefore, that an application be made to A.M.G., Allied Central Admin. Area, for authority to inaugurate postal service in the City.

26 Jan 44
Benevento

For: Major.
P.J. ARMSTRONG.
SECTOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

W. J. Bulato
1st Lt. Aug
11 *DJN/AM*

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1st. Ind.

From : P.O., Region 3 - AMG - 28 January 1944

TO : C.F.O., - AMG. - HQ. A.C.M.F.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval of request made in basic communication. The writer contacted the censorship division A.P.HQ., and they advise that they have a Lt. Bonacerra available for censorship duty.

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25/1
David J. Nielson
David J. Nielson
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Postal Service - Civilian.

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A.M.G.,
H.Q.,
A.C.M.F.

TO: Communications Section,
H.Q. A.C.C.

AMG/313/87.
30 Jan 44.

The attached correspondence on the above subject
is passed to you for your information and action.

A.P. Erabbey Smith

Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

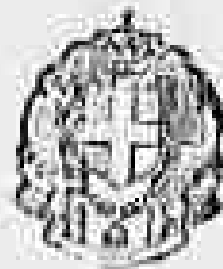
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31 JAN 1944

M. HAY
Staff Officer Communications Sect.



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delle Poste e dei Telegrafi**

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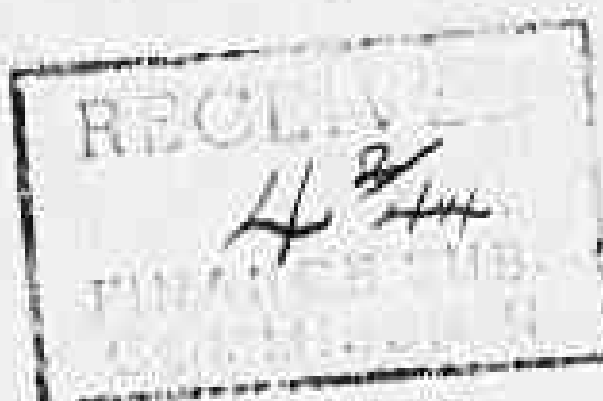
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Disposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO

A.C.C. SALERNO.

2 Febby 1944.

Subject; Mail for persons in North Italy.

To; D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. HQRS.

Ref. AMO/327 of 20 Jan.

*should be
AMO/313 of 30 Jan
, and 24 in file here with*

With reference to the attached correspondence, the postal service at present operating in Naples is confined to the collection and delivery of postcards in the city of Naples only, but it is understood that it will be extended to that portion of the province south of a line from Nola to Naples and from 5th Febby.

Except from a Security standpoint, there seems to be no reason why the service referred to should not operate in the same area as the postal service, especially as correspondence for Italian prisoners of war in Allied hands is already accepted in that area.

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HEADQUARTERS ^{26 JAN Recd}
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

APO 394, U. S. Army

CAK/jjf

25 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mail Service for Civilians in Occupied Italy

TO : M.G.S., A.C.M.F.

1. Reference is made to the attached letter of 20 January distribution to the R.C.A.O.'s of Region II by the D.C.C.A.O., A.M.G., HQ.

2. It is not believed that new civilian mail service as yet should be established for security reasons. However, in view of the fact that mail service is started in Region I and II this office requests a directive as to whether it should start in Region III.

Carl A. Kraege
CARL A. KRAEGE
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps. Res.
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

Incl.
as above

B/U
30/1 Noted
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/327.

20 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mail for persons in North Italy

TO : R.C.A.Os, Regions I and II

1. Subject to military censorship regulations, certain types of mail can now be sent from persons living in those portions of Italy occupied by the Allies and in Sicily to addresses in northern Italy through the Vatican.

2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:-

- (a) Official church mail.
- (b) Private communications.
- (c) Prisoner of War mail.

Such mail will be delivered by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in each Province to the S.C.A.O. of that province. It will then be transmitted to the office of the proper R.C.A.O. as and when received.

3. The R.C.A.O. of Region I will send all such mail directly to M.G.S., A.F.H.Q., appropriately marked, as and when it is received by him from the provinces. The R.C.A.O., Region II will send such mail to these Headquarters as and when it is received by him for re-transmittal to M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.

4. Each piece of mail will be so marked to show to which of the three categories mentioned in paragraph 2 hereof it belongs.

5. It is requested that this directive be transmitted to all S.C.A.Os as quickly as possible.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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13 FEBRUARY 1944

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CG FRS FOR FARGO FOR STONE AND HEAD, FATIMA FOR
HENDERSON AND PROCKERS
FABLE FOR DUNLOP, IRS FOR ANG FOR POLETTI AND FOR
CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION, MIDEAST FOR POSTAL FOR
SIGNED CINC PICKERING

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FIMGS (REFERENCE OUR 50165 OF FEBRUARY 11)

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE ADVISED THAT UK AND USA HAVE
REACHED AGREEMENT RELATIVE RESUMPTION ITALIAN EXTERNAL POSTAL SERVICE.
SERVICE SHOULD BE RESUMED 16 FEBRUARY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ALL ALLIED AND NON-ENEMY
COUNTRIES. UNTIL ADDITIONAL SHIPPING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE SERVICE WILL BE
LIMITED TO PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS ONLY.

NOT NECESSARY TO ADVISE BERNE BEFORE RESUMPTION OF SERVICE. SUFFICIENT IF
(A) SIMPLE NOTIFICATION OF OPENING OF SERVICE IS SENT IN FIRST MAIL DESPATCHED TO
SUCH COUNTRIES FOR WHICH DIRECT OUTWARD MAILS ARE MADE UP AND (B) POSTAL ADMINIS-
TRATION HEADQUARTERS, SUCH COUNTRIES, ARE INFORMED THAT INWARD MAILS CAN BE ACCEPTED
BY THOSE ROUTES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRICTIONS AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY ORDERS
ISSUED BY CINC.

POSTMASTER GENERALS OF UK AND USA WILL PREPARE RESPECTIVE PRESS NOTICES WHICH
WILL BE RELEASED 16 FEBRUARY IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON.

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PRESS NOTICES SUITABLE FOR ITALIAN PUBLIC WILL BE PREPARED AND ISSUED BY ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 16. PWB AT AFHQ REQUEST THAT SUCH RELEASE BE COORDINATED WITH PWB REPRESENTATIVE AT NAPLES BEFORE ISSUANCE.

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH PRESS RELEASE BE RESTRICTED TO SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE IS BEING RESTORED TO SARDINIA, SICILY, AND 10 MAINLAND PROVINCES. ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD STATE THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SERVICE IS RESTRICTED TO UNREGISTERED LETTERS AND POST CARDS, NOT EXCEEDING 40 GRAMS IN WEIGHT, OF A PURELY PERSONAL NATURE; FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE BEING PROHIBITED.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION WILL ENSURE THAT ITALIAN POSTAL SERVICE DISSEMINATES NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED, DATE OF RESUMPTION, COUNTRIES WITH WHICH SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED, AND THAT ALL INWARD MAILED MUST BE ROUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AS DISTRIBUTED BY UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONVENTION TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OR AS MAY BE PROCURED BY APPLICATION TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OR AS MAY BE PROCURED BY APPLICATION TO THE UK OR USA POST OFFICE DEPARTMENTS.

SINCE NO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CGS REFERENCE RATES, SUGGEST ADOPTION RATES OF 1.5; 2.5; AND 4 LIRE AS RECOMMENDED YOUR 2ND COURSE ACTION IN FATIMA 2141 OF JANUARY 25.

INC REQUEST ALL CENSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVES BE ADVISED.

FBS DIST:

(Action) Hq ACC
(Info) Postal Off
" AG
" 2nd Base PO
" G-2
" PWB
" Sec CG

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ACC DIST:

(Action) Telecoms & Posts
(PO Bldg)
(Info) Secy General
" RG & MG Sec
" Political Sec
" PRO.

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CIRCULATION SLIP
Please pass file QUICKLY

FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig.M.S.Lush	
	Col.N.E.Piske	
	Lt.Col.T.Parley Smith	
	Major Driffield-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
	Registry	

REMARKS

Initial HERE and VOLIO referred.

For memo

Draft memo

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Please see 3.3.3

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LWS/hjp

(Rear) HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394. 10 February 1944.

To: Regional Control and Military Government Section, Main Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. The requests in basic communication are concurred in and it is requested that the recommended action be taken.

2. As to paragraph 2, it is suggested that other military organizations, in addition to ACC/AMG, be included.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Col. Duke

1. Placing Civilian Post Office out of bounds. (or off limits) will not stop the traffic in stamps.
2. While personnel are not by any means the only persons collecting "philatelic curiosities" the dealers are the chief offenders.
3. It would be simpler if actual stamps were affixed in the 4202 Office after the stamps had been paid for over the counter.

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The whole matter
arises from the
short supply of
stamps. insufficient
numbers having
been made available.

WJ
11/15/7

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Forward Echelon)
APO 374

In reply refer to
PS/16/7/24

8th February, 1944

Subject:- Postage Stamps.

To:- Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. It is requested that agreement be made with the appropriate military authorities to publish an order placing all the public and functioning portions of civil Post Offices out of bounds to all Allied personnel.

2. It is also requested that a notice be published within the ACC/AMB organisations, pointing out that the collection by Allied personnel of the philatelic curiosities resulting from the occupation of Italy is appreciably contributing to a shortage of stamps and to the creation of a "Black Market" and reflects discredit on the Allied administration, and that this practice will cease forthwith.

3. There is no civil Post Office service available to Allied personnel, and the above regulation will not restrict any legitimate activity.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson,
Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission. 4131

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BULAR VASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

1 FEBRUARY 1944

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CG PES FORFARGO, FATIMA REAR FOR STONE, FILFOT FOR AMG, FABLE FOR DUNLOP, IBS FOR AMG FOR
HOGERS FOR POLETTI AND FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION FORHOOVER REPEATED MIDEAST FOR POSTAL,
FATIMA FORWARD SIGNED CINC

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE ADVISED IMPOSSIBLE REACH AGREEMENT RESUMPTION ITALIAN
EXTERNAL MAILS BY 1 FEBRUARY. THEY ANTICIPATE SERVICE CAN BE RESUME FEBRUARY 15. INC
REQUESTS CENSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVES BE ADVISED.

PBS DIST

INFO AMB HQ
POSTAL OFFICER
2ND BASE FO
SEC
CG

ACC DIST

(ACTION) COMM SEC (2)
(INFO) COL SPOFFORD

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For. Dept. 1001

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