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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 150/A5/CA.

5. July 44

SUBJECT: Censorship Report.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C. M. F.

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I refer to your letter AAI/504Q/27/A(PB) dated 30.Jun and in reply would refer you to Major-General Browning's letter AQ/6 of 7.Jun to the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., who forwarded this letter together with his comments under Ref: CC/C/391 dated 12.Jun. This letter was acknowledged by General Robertson, Ref: 55022/QAO dated 12.Jun. I do not think that any further action is necessary in this matter.

Sgt. M. S. Lush

AJS/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Secretary General (with copy of AAI/504Q/27/A(PB) dated 30.Jun.44)

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SUBJECT:- Censorship report.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/5040/27/A(PS).

30 Jun 48.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

Ref CIP appreciation and censorship report No.46 Part G
page 2 para 4 third sub-para.

Will you please investigate the nature of the
instruction circulated by the Chief of the Italian General Staff
and if possible forward a copy and translation.

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C.M. Talia

Brigadier,
D.A.C.

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

Ref/150/43/CA.

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship Personnel.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII & VIII.
R.C. Rome Region.

1. It is thought that Regional Commissioners might not be quite clear as to the status of the Civil Censorship personnel stationed in their Regions.
2. These officers and men are not assigned to any Region but are centrally controlled by the Civil Censorship Group under the Communications Sub-Commission. They are, however, under the Regional Commissioner in whose Region they are stationed for local discipline and administration.

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to Shipp etc
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NORMAN E. FIEKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission - Reference conversation
Col. Henderson - Lt. Col. Shipp.

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2nd Lt. Allied Forces in Italy

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15 JUN 44

17 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

TO: OSI, No. 2 District
OSI, No. 3 District
G-2, Allied Garrison, NAPLES

1. Civil censorship in the territory administered by the Italian Government is shortly to be divorced from Allied supervision and handed over completely to the Italian Censura Superiore, with the exception of the provinces of RAVENNA, PARMA, REGGIO and GALLARATI which are to remain under Allied censorship control.

2. All existing watch-lists supplied to these stations pending out of Allied censorship control will be withdrawn. Fresh lists may be supplied, but in compiling these the changed circumstances must be borne in mind. Any such restricted lists or names should be submitted to S.I.M. G.S. for transmission to the appropriate Italian Department.

3. A full Allied watch list will continue to be operated as before in the provinces of RAVENNA, PARMA, REGGIO and GALLARATI. Names should be submitted to the Allied Censor Control Officers in the normal way, with an indication as to whether or not they may be handed to specially vetted Italian personnel who may be used to assist in the operation of the watch list.

4. In A.M.S. territory (i.e. North of the zone administered by the Italian Government) existing Allied censorship arrangements will continue in force, and watch list procedure as laid down in para 3 above will continue to apply.

W.D. Gibson H. 601
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Brigadier,
S.G.S.(1).

Copy to:
Communications Sub-Commission, Rome Sq. 100.
S.G.S.(1).

Copy sent
to C.A.B. 19/4/44

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Note: This copy received in
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FMHQ



REFERENCE IS MADE TO HQ AAI MESSAGE I/642 OF 3 MAY OF WHICH
JUDGING BY LAST PARAGRAPH YOU HAVE A COPY. ASSUME THIS CABLE SENT
WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CONCURRENCE BUT REQUEST CONFIRMATION.

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CONFIRMED THAT POLICY CONTROL OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP BY ALLIED FORCE
HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH YOUR HEADQUARTERS

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REF YOUR MEMO OF 1 APRIL AND OUR O 2462 OF 5 APRIL. OUR VIEW
IS THAT POLICY CONTROL OF CIVIL COMMERCE BY AFHQ SHOULD BE
EXERCISED THROUGH THE CHANNEL OF THIS HQ AS IN ALL OTHER MATTERS
AFFECTING HEADQUARTERS SUBORDINATE TO AAI. MATTER DISCUSSED WITH
COLONEL ROGER HERE WHO AGREES. REQUEST REVISION. AND NOTE
REFERENCE 736138 OF 1 APRIL REQUESTED YOU BY LETTER 40/0(OPS) OF
2 APRIL

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FATIMA RPTD TO PBS FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP FOR MCKEAN

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IN ACCORDANCE YOUR DESIRE COMPLETE TRANSFER CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
ITALY TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ORDERS TODAY REQUESTED FOR ATTACH-
MENT PERSONNEL TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION KHR 3554 DATED 20 APRIL.
DESPITE FACT CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS CENSORSHIP BRANCH UNABLE LEAVE ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL BRANCH CORE TO G2. THIS OFFICER WILL ASSIST
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION AFTER TRANSFER

ADD LIST

ACTION: SEC GEN

INFO: DEF G2

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PRESIDENT HOTO HQ AAI HOTO IRS FOR STUBBLING FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

REUR FOX THREE THREE SIX TWO SIX CONSIDER ANY INSTALLED ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD
BE MADE NOW DATE TO APRIL SIX FILING HOTO HQ AAI HOTO IRS FOR STUBBLING FOR
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP DATE ALL CONCERNS AVAILABLE TO MATTER CAN BE
SETTLED BEFORE THIRTY APRIL AND NO POSTPONEMENT REQUIRED

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FOR civil censorship group for Mexico.

L. T. MONTANT, JR
2nd Lt, A.C.D.
Adjutant General

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ATTACHMENT OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACCORDANCE YOUR 2638 DATED 17 APRIL CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY. ~~REMO~~
SUCH ATTACHMENT BEING DEFERRED ACCORDANCE OUR F33526 DATED 17TH APRIL.
DETAILS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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HQ AAI RPTD TO PATINA RPTD TO IBS FOR STUBBLEHINE FOR CIVIL
CENSORSHIP GROUP RPTD TO PBS FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP FOR
KIRAN

ASSIGNMENT CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP ITALY TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TO BE DEFERRED PENDING TRANSFER OF COMMUNICATIONS CENSORSHIP BRANCH
TO 92 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND SUBSEQUENT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS
WITH ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TO BE MADE BY CHIEF OF BRANCH WHO
WILL VISIT SALERNO AFTER TRANSFER OF BRANCH TO ESTABLISHED CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING OF BASIS OF FUTURE OPERATIONS, HOUR 0230 DATED 13 APRIL
AND OUR 32162 DATED 14 APRIL. HEADQUARTERS AT SALERNO SCHEDULED OPEN
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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CLASS :	CONFIDENTIAL	DATE/TIME SENT:	APR 141933B
PREC :	PRIORITY	REFERENCE NO. :	F 32362
FROM :	FREEDOM SGD CINC	CITE :	PHINC
TO :	HQ AAI RPT TO FATIMA		

TRANSFER OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP TO BE TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACCORDANCE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT

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YOUR PHING F26138 OF 1 APRIL GAVE YOUR AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP TO AGE ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THESE CONDITIONS AGREED BY AGE AND YOU WERE INFORMED BY OUR 02462 OF 8 APRIL. YOUR F29931 OF 9 APRIL THEN REQUESTED OUR AGREEMENT ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP TO AAI. IN OUR 02486 WE CONCURRED IN ERROR AS WE DID NOT REALIZE YOU HAD CHANGED PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT. WE WANT YOU TO ASSIGN CIVIL CENSORSHIP TO AGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ORIGINAL SUGGESTION. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS WILL BE DONE

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Subject:- Civil Censorship.

11 April 44.

To:- P.C. & M.C. Section,
HQ. A.A.I.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. ACCL/133.

1. Confirming conversation 11 April 44 (Lt.Col.Shipp and Major Friend James speaking).
2. HQ. A.A.I. will signal A.F.H.Q. the concurrence of the proposed move of Civil Censorship Group from Palermo to Naples (AFHQ signal P 29931 of 9 Apr 44 refers). This move had previously been approved by HQ. A.A.I. but to avoid any misapprehension, such is being confirmed.
3. Will you please arrange accommodation required in Naples with P.B.S.
4. Please also inform HQ. A.A.I. particulars of personnel and vehicles to be called forward. If you will send a copy of your letter to this section, such will be discussed with S.D. Branch, who will allot the priority. Movement will be arranged by No.1 District when a directive is received from S.D.

Phunt James

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

Copy to:- C(Ops).

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: H.Q., A.A.I.

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TO : A.F.H.Q.
INFO: A.C.C.
IBS

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref your P 29931 dated 9 April (.) This HQ
concurs (.) ACC will be responsible for arranging soon in
Naples and any details for the move

(Signed) H. MAINWARING
Brig.

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A.C.C. Liaison

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REF YOUR F29931 DATED 9 APRIL. THIS HQ CONCURS. AGC WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING AGCN IN NAPLES AND ANY DETAILS FOR THE MOVE.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9.

11 APR Recd

10 April 1944.

Subject: Censorship.

To: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Reference your 150/22/CA dated 5 April 1944.

The attached directive (para 11) explains the procedure obtaining in ACC territory.

T.L. Bullock

T.L. BULLOCK,
Major, R 22e R Cdn Army,
Deputy Director of
Public Relations.

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4 PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9.

3 April 1944.

Subject: Public Relations Branch.

1. The reorganization of Public Relations Branch as a part of HQ ACC and the consequent abolition of Regional Public Relations Officers involve the following arrangements:
2. The present establishment of the Public Relations Branch is as follows:
 - Director of Public Relations -- Major Lionel Fielden (A)
 - Deputy Director of Public Relations -- Major Theodore L. Bullock (Sen)
 - Public Relations Officers -- Captain John F. Leachman (A)
 - Lieut Gen F. Caprio (A)

Changes or additions in Public Relations personnel will be announced when they occur.

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 5428 and Vapor (10387) 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples at 53607, Major Bullock at 52647 and Captain Leachman at 16441.

4. The Public Relations Branch is responsible for ensuring as far as possible that an accurate and comprehensive picture of the work of the ACC and HQ is supplied to the world press and radio, either through accredited correspondents, or by direct release of news. This necessarily entails, on the one hand, a measure of control over all news issued, and, on the other, the cooperation of all personnel in keeping PR Branch fully informed. PR Branch has of course the responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news, but its success must derive largely from the readiness of Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SOCs, SACs and Heads of Sub-Commissions to communicate to PR all developments in their areas or spheres of activities which may add usefully to the general picture of the work of the ACC.

5. To illustrate this point, a memorandum issued by the Head of the Legal Sub-Commission is attached. Instructions of this kind are of the utmost value to the work of PR Branch and of the greatest assistance in combating oriolism and

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- Public Relations Officers
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5. Administrative Memorandum No 12 dated 12 March 1944 contains general guidance for Press interviews. It follows from this that, except in special cases, interviews to Press correspondents are not to be associated with the name of an officer, and are for "background information" only. Correspondents accredited by PR Branch can however be trusted not to divulge information given "off the record" and such information may sometimes be essential in order to give adequate background.

6. No interviews to Press Correspondents will be given by members of Headquarters staff of Naples or Salerno without first clearing with PR Branch. In Regions the procedure followed will be, as far as possible, to have correspondents accredited by PR Branch and to warn Regions in advance of their visits.

/ Occasions

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Occasions may arise, however, when correspondents visit Regions without having been to HQ, or when correspondents not generally accredited to ACC (e.g. war correspondents in operational areas) desire to obtain information of ACC or AMG activities. In such cases information should not be withheld by any red-tape considerations: Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SCAGs and CAGs must, however, ensure that the correspondent holds proper credentials, and they are asked in all such cases to inform PR Branch briefly but immediately of the interview and information given. This ensures (a) that the source of information is known (b) that the correspondent's release can be properly checked if censorship questions arise and (c) that no one correspondent is favoured to the exclusion of others.

5. Since it is highly desirable to change the somewhat critical picture of ACC which has characterized some parts of the Allied Press, it follows that all possible courtesy and consideration should be extended to correspondents. PR Branch will, as far as is within its power, arrange for the transport of correspondents from HQ to Regions, but the responsibility for collecting and transport in Regional areas will necessarily fall on Regional staffs, who are asked to give their fullest cooperation in this connection.

6. A special situation exists as regards news intended for publication or broadcasting by the organs of psychological warfare branch (PWB) in Italy. PWB personnel are authorized to seek information of Allied Control Commission or military government activities for publication in their controlled Italian organs without the necessity of constant reference to the Public Relations Branch. It is suggested that Regional Commissioners in Regions where PWB newspapers are operating maintain liaison with them. In the event of a major difference of opinion concerning the handling of any news that may affect the operations of the Allied Control Commission in any area, PR Branch should be consulted.

10. It is intended that members of the PR Branch shall visit Regions as frequently as possible in order to keep themselves fully acquainted with Regional problems and developments, and to carry out as far as possible the wishes of Regional Commissioners and their staffs in regard to publicity. Members of the PR Branch will also attend Regional Conferences whenever possible. It is emphasized in this connection that Regional Commissioners should unhesitatingly call on the services of PR Branch for any advice or information they may require on matters of publicity. This Branch will gladly despatch or assist an officer to Regions within limitations of available

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11. The control of newspapers, newsprint, applications for, or withdrawals of, publishing licenses, and all correlated matters in the Italian theatre of operations, fall under the Central and Regional Allied Publications Boards (the Central Board meets fortnightly on Mondays in Naples; the Regional Boards meet weekly on Mondays in Naples, Palermo, Cagliari, Bari and Cosenza). All questions concerning newspapers and other publications in Italy will normally be referred to these Boards. The Director of Public Relations is a member of the Central Board; current enquiries or complaints may therefore be channelled through PR Branch if required and requests for ACC action by the APB will normally be made through PR Branch.

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12. It will be generally agreed that it is essential to maintain the confidence, as well as the interest, of the Allied Nations in the work of the AEC, whose example is bound to be of great value in future operations of a similar kind. The Branch will use every endeavour to ensure that the news issued and the record kept, are comprehensive, accurate, and well presented. In this endeavour it invites the cooperation of all concerned.

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Director of Public Relations.

Distribution:

Chief Commissioner
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Economic Section
Regional Commissioners
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Heads of Sub-Commissions
Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions

For information: Mr George W. Edman, PWB, Naples (5)

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CYBERNETICS

FROM: STURMIDEN FROM WAXMAN, DEPUTY CIVIL. OVERSIGHT OFFICER.

TO: AERO FOR THE FBI BUREAU, HQ AAI.

DIR. NO: 2-3857 DATE 10/24/10

10 APRIL 10
TO: 16/08/10
TO: 22/08/10

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ONLINE REPORTED TO IN 1984 FOR EACH WEEK FOR THE MONTH. REPORTS REACHED FROM BUREAU OF PROBABLE DATE FOR TO RETURN. DATE REPORTS OF 1984 RE 1984 FOR AAI, BUREAU AND REPORT FOR THE FBI BUREAU. REPORTS FOR MONTH IN ANSWER FOR ATTENTION FOR THE FBI BUREAU FOR MONTH AND MONTH.

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11 APR 1944
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Major Duffield White.

Sir,

Major Stuart James phoned at 0900 hrs this AM & said he had been instructed by G (ops) HQ. AAI. to request ACC to take necessary action called for in Sudan cable of F. 29731 of 94 (folio 25) cable 29801. at folio 8X24. also refos.

L. Worn 100!
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Local Ship

Will you get Exec. Comm. view

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Spoke with J. who said G. has now changed his mind and will reply direct. I said we had no objection from Acc.

Telecom

to Worn

Will you get clear with

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Sir, I phoned Major Head who informed 5335 that Capt. Stone & Col. Henderson were dealing with this & accommodation is being arranged.

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CONCURRENCE REQUESTED IN ASSIGNMENT CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP, ITALY, TO ALLIED ARMIES ITALY. GROUP NOW CONSISTS OF MAJOR GORDON MCKEAN (UNITED STATES) OFFICER COMMANDING AND FOLLOWING: 37 US ARMY OFFICERS, 10 US NAVY OFFICERS, 8 BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS, 48 ENLISTED MEN, 8 US NAVY YEWEN AND 1 SEAMAN AND 1 OTHER RANKS. NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED IN ATTACHMENTS OF PERSONNEL NOW ON MAINLAND OR OF BRANCH COMPLEMENT OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN REMAINING SICILY AND SARDINIA REUR O-3462 DATED 8 APRIL. ONLY SHIFT OF PERSONNEL IS MOVEMENT OF GROUP HEAD QUARTERS FROM PALERMO TO NAPLES AREA. ON RECEIPT CONCURRENCE WILL REQUEST ORDERS FOR ABOVE ASSIGNMENT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS AS OF 30 APRIL, PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER.

HEADQUARTERS
10 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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ROUTINE

FRANCO SPANISH CING

ING FOR CING FOR MERRAN REQUESTED TO HQ AAI REQUESTED TO JATINA

ARRANGEMENTS EARLY TRANSFER CIVIL COMINGSHIP GROUP ITALY TO ALLIED ARMIES ITALY BRANCH
 MADE HERE FOLLOWING ALLIED ARMIES ITALY AND ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION AGREEMENT ON TERMS
 OF TRANSFER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED YOU. INFORM THIS BRANCH WHETHER NAILED AREA HEADQUARTERS
 OBTAINED AND PROBABLE DATE MOVE TO MAINLAND. ORDERED ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRING
 MERRAN TO NAILED TO BE FOLLOWED FOURTH. MERRAN TO CONFER WITH ^{3PM} (1) AT ARMY GROUP
 AND STOP AT LATEST EARLIEST. DISCUSS ARRIVING GALLERIA MONDAY AFTERNOON. OUTLINE
 ARRANGEMENTS ON MOVING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO MAINLAND.



Case Comm. & D. Ex. Comm.
 Should be.
 In Refers.

10/4/44

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INFO SECT GEN

INFO SC

TELEPHONE & POST

CA HQ (FOR HQ GEN)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: C/6/2/4.

7th April 1944.

Subject: Censorship.

To: The Executive Commission, RC & MG Section, HQ. ACC.

Reference your 150/21/CA of 6th April 1944.

The official ruling is that Italian Government messages to and from places in Italian controlled territory (such as Lecce), ~~is~~ not subject to censorship. Accordingly messages can be sent in code or clear. All other traffic is subject to censorship and must be sent in clear.

Messages from the Prefect and the CC.RR to places in Italian controlled territory may thus be sent in code.

J.L. Henderson

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

BD 11/4 5332
if message is 22
is recd. before then
[Signature]

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

Ref/150/22/CA.

6 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : Public Relations Officer.

1. A request has been received from R.C. Region II for a ruling on the following :

"The PWB have no representative near Lecce who can censor the local press. The Provincial Civil Censorship Officer states that he has no authority to censor local publications, but is prepared to do so if he receives proper authority from his superior officers. Who is responsible for such censorship in AOC territory ?"

2. Please submit your reply to this Section to enable us to answer Region II.

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NORMAN E. FINK
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

Ref/150/23/CA.

6 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission.

1. A request has been received from R.C. Region II for a ruling on the following :

"The Prefect and the CC.ER in the Province of Lecce are reported by the Civilian Censorship Officer to be sending telegram messages in code. Are such messages violations of the censorship regulations in territory under the control of the Italian Government."

2. Please submit your reply to this Section to enable us to answer Region II.

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NORMAN E. FINE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

U-2975

Ref. / /

23 Mar 44

Subj. Censorship

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. A ruling on the following two points is respectfully requested:-

1. The Prefect and the CC.RR. in the Province of Lecce are reported by the Civilian Censorship Officer to be sending telegram messages in code. Are such messages violations of the censorship regulations in territory under the control of the Italian Government?

2. The PNB have no representative near Lecce who can censor the local press. The Provincial Civil Censorship Officer states that he has no authority to censor local publications, but is prepared to do so if he receives proper authority from his superior officers. Who is responsible for such censorship in ACC territory?

see 21922.

G.H. McCaffrey 5329
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

Ch.C.

GHM/pjh

Send para 1 to Telecommunications for ruling
to enable us to reply. See 21

Send para 2 to P.R.O. for advice to
enable us to reply. See 22

See 23
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Ex Comm.

Civilian Censorship.

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You may wish to see 18 in which civilian
censorship operation is proposed to be run
by Acc. subject to certain conditions.

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U 31/3.

P.A. 86

cc.

A 58 Telegram to find in copy of time copy
B 18

U 11/5

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SECRET

31 MAR Recd 150

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CABR.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

SECRET
ROUTINE
HQ AAI
FATIMA

From
ID

RECEIVED
31 MAR 1944
A.C.C.

W/C NO 51/30
R/S NO 679
FILED 301045
RUC'D 302295

(ACTION AFTER INFO FATIMA FROM HQ AAI SITE C-2401)

replied by

FURTHER TO MY C-2388 OF 26 MARCH. ACC AGREE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY CIVILIAN CENSORSHIP OPERATION SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH PLEASE CONFIRM. (A) THAT THE UNIT IS A SELF CONTAINED OPERATING UNIT WITH NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES AND IS ESTABLISHED IN NAPLES AND NOT AS AT PRESENT IN SICILY. (B) THAT PERSONNEL WHO ARE ADDED TO STRENGTHEN MY DEPARTMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO MY DIRECTION AND NOT ATTACHED TO ANY OTHER UNIT AND THAT NO WITHDRAWALS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT MY AGREEMENT. (C) THAT BEFORE GIVING FINAL APPROVAL I BE FURNISHED COPIES OF ALL CIVIL CENSORSHIP DIRECTIVES NOW IN FORCE AND CHART ORGANIZATION. POLICY FOR SUCH CENSORSHIP WILL EMANATE FROM THIS HQ. FATIMA PLEASE NOTE.

Col Henderson has not yet agreed to this. 28/11/44 A & C DIST

Col Blupper:
1. Is this distribution correct?
2. Brng. Shd see 31/3

Action - Telecom + Post
Info - Secy Gen
- D. C. C.
- C. A. Br
- FILE
- FLOAT

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25 MAR Recd

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FROM: HQ AAI 241830A
TO: A C C
GR28



02362 AFHQ HAVE SUGGESTED TH T YOU SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS IN ITALY. DO YOU AGREE TO THIS TRANSFER. WE ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR BASE CENSORSHIP THH 1848A

SENT NR91 1000
RECD NR91 1000

Ex Comm Fleet Rome
discussed - no byline branch
26/3

ACC DISTRIBUTION

- ACTION- Telecoms & Posts (confirmation)
INFO - Secy Gen
- Dep C.C.
- C.A.Br
- File
- Float

To see if would be
interesting to know.
On Henderson's reaction
I will ask him
Super B.V. 3
day 5828
25/3

Capt Talbot.

A sec security branch

Get a copy. Then ring Henderson

I make sure no reply is sent direct

By air post 27/3 at 0900.

25/3
26/3

28/3 GA

28/3

Many for Henderson's point

28/3

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25 MAR Recd

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213/25

FROM: HQ AAI 241830A

TO: A C C

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SENT NR91 1000

RECD NR91 1000

Ex Comm Fleet Rome
discussed - no by the branch
26/3

Ca Shipp
To see if would be
interested in the
on Henderson
a little work
Super B.V. 3
day 5326/3
25/3

ACC DISTRIBUTION

ACTION- Telecoms & Posts (confirmation)

INFO - Secy Gen

- Dep C.C.

- G.A.Br

- File

- Float

II

Capt Talbot.

Done 25/3

A see Security branch

Yes. 25/3

Get a copy. Then bring Henderson
I make him no reply is sent direct
By the Cont 27/3 at 0900.

III

Ca Shipp

Bring on Henderson. He will
take the letter under to Shipp

25/3 GA

26/3

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

Ref/150/16/CA

FLP/mta
17 March 1944

SUBJECT: Allied Censorship Control Officers
TO : Telecommunications & Posts
(for attention Major Head)

1. Reference MGS, AFH 000.73-2 of 8 March 1944.
2. You are requested to issue appropriate instructions as asked for.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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

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Ref/150/15/Ga.

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT: P.W. - Mail and Censorship.

TO : S.C.A.O. Pantalleria.
(Through R.C. Region I)

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1. This office is advised by the Censor that one ZUCCORINO GIUSEPPE, P.W., Pantalleria, has been communicating by letter with individuals on the mainland, these letters not being by post but through individuals.

2. You are directed to take proper action on the breach of censorship mentioned.

RFB
for
ROBERT E. FISKE.
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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with 16

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

THJ/jjr

U-1564

7 March 1944.

MCS: 311.7

SUBJECT: PW - Mail and Censorship.

TO : HQ. ACC.

Attached is a copy of G1/B/2119/A2 of 6 March and of the comment sheet referred to for action as necessary.

Incl:
As above.

Wachman
T. E. JACKMAN
Major.

HEADQUARTERS
5322
10 MAR 1944
C. G.

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C O P Y

C O P Y

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: PW - Mail and Censorship.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

01/B/2119/A2.

6 Mar 44.

M.G.S.

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of PW Mail Comment Sheet.
2. Please arrange for the A.M.G. representative in PANTELLARIA to take action on the breach of censorship revealed.

WRM/AIC.

/s/A.S. Bersdorf,
/t/A.S. BARS DORF.
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major-General,
D.A.G.,
G-1.(B).



Copy to: Headquarters, No. 2 District. (for action in respect of Mrs. BERNARDO)

C O P Y

C O P Y

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM

ZUCCORINO, Giuseppe,
Prisoner of War
Pantelleria.

TO

ZUCCARINO, Sig.ra Nina,
Via Cesare Battista 21
Mola di Bari
Bari, Italy

Comment

P.O.W AVOIDS CENSORSHIP WITH BASE

The writer (prisoner of war) says that he has received mail through Mrs BERNARDO, mother of the 2nd head attached to the port authority of Mola.

The writer has also given a letter to Private Giannola who was on his way to Monpoli.

He also gave a letter to a customs guard who was going to San Severo.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET 1

18 23 1945

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FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
Economic Section	
Reg. Control & H.O. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub-Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Public Health Sub-Commission	
Property Control Sub-Comm.	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives	
Navy Sub-Commission	
Land Forces Sub-Commission	
Air	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.	
PFO	
Liaison Section	
Finance Sub-Commission	
G-1	
G-2	
Adjutant General	
Files	
Personnel	
Publications	
Message Centre	
Miscellaneous	
Pool of Interpreters	
Archives & Reference Library	
Cables	
H.Q. Commandant	
Sub-Commission:	

FOR:

Signature
Remarks/Recommendation
Information only
Approval/Disapproval
Appropriate Action

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
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 Reg. Control & M.G. Section
 Political Section
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 Public Health Sub-Commission
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 Legal Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives
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 Sub-Commission -

FOR:

Signature
 Remarks/Recommendation
 Information only
 Approval/Disapproval
 Appropriate action
 Investigation and Report
 Dispatch
 Return to Admin. Section

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
 This has been a reasonable
 summary of 90 minutes to go
 by. Please to my office
 Security Unit.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 396

Administrative Section

AC/AL.2/AS.

12 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Censorship comment sheets.

TO: CG. A.P.S.C. APO 550 (Attention Deputy Chief Censor)

1. Reference your letter dated 29 Jan 44 no reference, signed Donald D. Hoover, Lt. Col. Dep. Chief Censorship Branch, and addressed to MR. HENRY F. GRANT, which has been passed to me as Vice President, Admin. Section for information.

2. It would be appreciated if comment sheets covering the following categories could be supplied to this Section.

Opinions on:

- (a) Food Situation & Rationing System.
- (b) Wages and Prices.
- (c) Health.
- (d) Public Order whether from its political or police aspect.
- (e) Movement of party opinions (political).
- (f) Fascist activity and effectiveness of fascist purge.

3. It will of course be realized that the more recent the information the greater the value to this office.

(Sgt) S
STANDANTZ,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Incl: Letter of Chief Censor.

Copy to: RC. and MD. Section, (for information)
V.P. Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CENTRAL COMMISSION
APO 394

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1 February 1944

TO
PA
HQ. A.C.C.
HEINDISI

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Refor. AFHQ, SEC letter 103.000.73-2 of 12 Jan 44, refec. Censorship of mail from Italian Units in 13 A.C. Area. Will you please say what action has been taken with the Italian Authorities concerned to pass on the Censorship Regulations to Italian troops.

1 FEB 1944

For Chief of Communications Section

Chief of Communications Section

Copy to:

HQ. A.C.C., SALerno
Major BRIDGEMAN-WHITE

P/18310

Capo Hay
Comm. Sec

Please report for
info, what action
has been taken by
BRINDISI to get this
to the Italian Mil.
Authorities.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

2 JAN 1942

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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	
Agrio., Forests-Fisheries Sub Com	
Legal Sub-Commission	
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Hq. Commandant	

Dep Chief, SEC (DPS) ✓

FOR:

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

REMARKS:

Action plan. It
has four direct & indirect

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U.S. RESTRICTED
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

Commons Sec.
1524
J. J. J.

REF: 000.73-2

19 January 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship of Mail from Italian Units in 15 Army Group Area.
TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission.

1. It is the opinion of the responsible authorities at this Headquarters, in which H. 15 Army Group concurs, that the regulations issued by the Italian Command for the control of censorship in the Italian Army are not adequate to safeguard security.

2. You are requested, therefore, to forward the attached Unit Censorship Regulations, prepared by INC Section at this Headquarters, to the Italian Government, with instructions that they shall be promulgated to all Italian troops, and to all civilians accompanying or serving with the Allied Forces, in 15 Army Group Area. The regulations, of which three copies are forwarded herewith, have been agreed by H. 15 Army Group.

Inc: as above.

Copy to:

HQ AFM, Allied Central Mediterranean Force
(with one copy of regulations)

HQ, AFM, JSP
(with one copy of regulations) ✓

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INC

E. E. JACKLIN
Lt. Colonel

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MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE
FOR ITALIAN TROOPS IN 15th ARMY GROUP AREA

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I General Provisions.

1. Military Censorship will be effected over all private communications from all personnel in 15 Army Group Area and under Allied military jurisdiction, to include civilians accompanying or serving with the forces in that area.
2. To render censorship effective, the full and loyal co-operation of all troops is necessary. All ranks should be made to realize that even apparently minor breaches of censorship regulations may be dangerous.

II Authorized Channels for Private Communications.

3. Private communications originating in, or destined for, 15 Army Group Area will be transmitted only by means of authorized systems of communications, such as the Army Postal Service. They will not under any circumstances be dispatched from that area by any means other than those authorized by the Theatre Commander.
4. It is forbidden to cause to be used or to use civilian postal facilities for private correspondence. Only the facilities of the Allied Army Post Offices will be used for posting mail and buying money orders.
5. Personal telegrams, cablegrams and radiograms originating in, or destined for, this area have not been approved.

III Instructions to Personnel.

6. With few exceptions all private correspondence will be in plain Italian. Permission to write letters in a foreign language must be obtained from the Base Censors. Personnel authorized to write in a foreign language will indicate in pencil the language of the communication on the face of the envelope.

7. The use of codes, ciphers and shorthand, or any other form of secret writing is forbidden. Crosses (x's) representing kisses are permitted providing they do not appear to be used as a code, i.e. in irregular groups etc.

8. All articles and photographs, including those of a non-service nature, which it is desired to dispatch for publication in the press will be forwarded, properly enveloped, addressed in an outer cover to Allied Force Headquarters, IBC Section, Censorship Branch, APO 512, U.S. Army.

9. Censorship Guidance.

- a. Prohibited statements. Under no circumstances will reference be made to the following whether relating to Allied or Italian naval military or air forces or operations.

As the Army Postal Service, they will not inter any mail or parcels dispatched from that area by any means other than those authorized by the Theatre Commander.

4. It is forbidden to cease to be used or to use civilian postal facilities for private correspondence. Only the facilities of the Allied Army Post Offices will be used for posting mail and buying money orders.

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(1) Strength, moral or physical state or organization of Allied or Italian forces, including any comment on the absence or presence in the Area of a unit or formation or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit belongs or is attached.

(2) Location, movement or prospective movement of any naval, military or air force units or detachments whether Allied or Italian, arrival or lack of reinforcements.

(3) Armament or equipment of any kind unless publicity has been given in the press.

(4) Distinguishing signs used for identification of formations, units or their transport.

(5) Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumored or surmised.

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- (6) Communications - such as the use, condition, probable extension of ~~lines~~, railways, or other transportation facilities, bridging operations etc.
- (7) State of the maintenance services, including any reference to reserves.
- (8) Position or description of buildings, bivouacs or camps.
- (9) Consider before official publication.
- (10) Effect of any action on the enemy's provisions to the official publication of such action, and remark which might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause alarm and despondency in Italian forces or people or to invite a feeling of hostility among the people in Italy.
- (11) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our Allies.
- (12) Reports of atrocities unless released by the appropriate authority.

b. Conditional Statements. Under no circumstances will reference be made to any matter which might be of value or comfort to the enemy, be detrimental to the war effort, or discredit the forces or prejudice the foreign relations of the Allies. The following list indicates some subjects, the mention of which should be made only after careful consideration of the above:-

- (1) Information concerning military, naval or air forces of the Allies and Italians.
- (2) Military, naval or aircraft armament or equipment (NO new designs may be mentioned until publicity has been given in the press).
- (3) Quality or quantity of rations.
- (4) Specific information as to names or numbers of casualties or desertions (numbers are of value to the enemy - names may distress relatives). Mention of casualties or desertions in private correspondence before the lapse of 60 days after the date of the casualty or desertion is prohibited.
- (5) The military status of any person in transit, or the fact of his movement. (possible future military operations might be revealed by identifying an individual known for a specialized activity).
- (6) Reference to the presence in this area of any officer of the rank of full colonel or higher if such information links him with a unit or assignment. Officers whose names have been released in the press may be mentioned. Care will be taken not to disclose their present location.

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- (7) Unauthenticated or false reports or misleading statements.
- (8) Troops of units in actual combat may state in their private mail addressed Italy, Sicily and Berlin descriptions of purely personal combat experiences providing that no reference is made to geographical locations or military units. Unit censors will be held responsible for an intelligent interpretation of the above. Information of this nature is not permitted in any privileged mail.

c. Prohibited Correspondence.

(1) Communications to the press except as provided in paragraph 11 under Section III.

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(2) Communications intended to insert items in publications inviting acquaintance with strangers; communications with any strangers in response to such advertisements or invitations. The greatest caution and reserve are necessary in acknowledging presents from unknown donors or in replying to trade circulars from unknown merchants and dealers.

10. Enclosures. The following are prohibited enclosures:-

- a. Official documents, military or civil, including orders, reports, maps, etc., and every document of any kind.
- b. Local newspapers. Clippings from local newspapers may be sent if they do not indicate the location of a unit.
- c. Organization publications or news bulletins. (These are not press censored).
- d. Postage stamps except in small numbers.
- e. Gramophone records.
- f. Foreign currency or coins except in small numbers and denominations.
- g. Drawings, sketches, music manuscripts and paintings except when submitted directly to the Chief Base Censor for censorship. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.
- h. Private diaries and memoranda.
- i. Studio type portraits unless studio trademark, address, designation etc. has been excised.
- j. Any other enclosures of a military nature.

11. Addresses.

- a. The correct postal address of his unit will be made known to every soldier. NO addition to this address will be permitted. In case of doubt regarding the correct military postal address of any unit the local army postal authorities should be consulted. The use of a civil address is forbidden.
- b. In no case will the writer's unit be disclosed on the outside of envelopes, wrappers or postcards. (The correct use of field service postcards is the only exception to this rule). It is not permitted either in the address on the text of correspondence to correct the name of a place with that of a unit, or the name of a unit with the designation of an Army Postoffice.
- c. The use of stationery which is headed, embossed, or printed with any matter calculated to disclose the location of the writer or any of his unit is prohibited.

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- c. The use of stationery which is headed, embossed, or printed with any matter calculated to disclose the location of the writer or any of his unit is prohibited.

- d. Writers will not indicate their unit's address anywhere on or in communications addressed to Italian prisoners of war. Instead, writers of such letters will indicate the address of a relative or friend in allied occupied Italy to whose care a reply can be sent for reforwarding. Privilege letters will not be used for such mail nor will photographs, sketches or pictorial matter of any kind, regardless of source, be enclosed.

12. Picture Postcards.

- a. Picture postcards will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. They will be suppressed by franking officers if they may in any way disclose the writer's present or past location, or the route by which movements of the writer's unit have taken place. Picture postcards showing an identifiable place or view in Italy will not be mailed.

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- b. Any reference in communications to postcards or to be sent which are then considered with the postcard or separately violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

13. Films.

- a. No exposed or unexposed film or photographic print will be sent out of this area in personal mail.
- b. No photographic material will be mailed which in any way contravenes the above or other censorship regulations contained in these instructions.

14. Privileged Mail.

- a. Enlisted military personnel in this area are authorized the use of Privileged Mail for the transmission of letters relating to private and family matters only.
- b. The purpose of the privilege mail is to offer more privacy to the sender and to protect him from possible embarrassment. Communications so sent are subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor only.
- c. As many as three letters may be sent in one privilege envelope provided they are all from the same writer. When enclosing more than one letter, the covers of the enclosed letters will be left open and the privilege envelope will be addressed to the Italian Chief Base Censor.

- d. The certificate on the privilege envelope must be signed by the writer.

- e. Privilege envelopes cannot be registered and should not be used for the transmission of money or valuables.

- f. Any misuse of the envelope or infraction of the regulations for its use will be regarded as a serious offense.

- g. The existence of these envelopes will not be used as a means to absolve officers from the duties of regimental censorship or to induce or compel men to send all their letters by them. Their provision will be regarded as a privilege liable to be withdrawn at any time.

15. Posting.

- a. Other Ranks. All mail of other ranks will be deposited in mail boxes in unit orderly rooms, unsealed and ready for mailing. Privilege envelope mail will be deposited sealed.
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16. Censorship of correspondence is carried out within units, staff and service by the "franking" of all private correspondence.

17. The franking of all outgoing correspondence including parcels will be carried out by officers of the unit or formation to which the writers belong or are attached. Every communication will be franked by an officer before the unit's censor stamp is impressed with the exceptions detailed below and in paras 20 and 21.

a. Field Service postcards.

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IV Unit Censorship.

19. The following types of mail will not be unit censored and must not bear the impression of the unit censorship stamp. They will be forwarded under separate cover as official mail to the Chief Base Censor.

- a. Correspondence to Italian prisoners of war.
- b. Foreign language communications which cannot be translated by unit censors.
- c. Drawings, sketches, music manuscripts and paintings. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

20. The following types of mail will not be unit censored but will bear the impression of the unit censorship stamp.

- a. Officers and Warrant Officers mail. The writers will sign their names without rank at the end of the text and on the lower left corner of the envelope as a certification that they have read, understood and complied with censorship regulations. "Warrant officers are not authorized to censor mail of other ranks."
- b. Privilege envelope mail. Unit censors will not frank privilege envelopes.

21. Communications to be registered or insured will be censored, sealed and franked in the presence of the sender and then handed to the Post Orderly for despatch through the Army Post Office.

22. Field service postcards will not be unit censored, franked nor impressed with the unit censorship stamp but their correct use will be strictly enforced. Any cards irregularly used will be destroyed.

23. Incoming mail will not be censored by unit censors but unit censors will notify the Chief Base Censor of cases where it is desirable or necessary to censor an individual's incoming mail.

24. All other private communications, including parcels, will be censored, closed and franked by unit censors and impressed with the unit censorship stamp. Any cover that has had to be opened will be closed with labels provided for that purpose. Office stamps of units will not be impressed on the covers either of official or private correspondence.

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25. It is the duty of officers who frank correspondence to open, delay, and if necessary, destroy and private communication which contravenes the censorship regulations or to suppress any statement therein without informing the sender. Any matter contravening censorship regulations must be made completely illegible or the letter returned to the writer for re-writing. The most effective method is excision by scissors or razor blade, but where excision is likely to destroy harmless matter on the other side of the page, the unit censor may obliterate by overwriting with close coils in ink or indelible pencil. Unit censors will bear in mind that ineffective deletion defeats its own end by directing particular attention to the censorable matter. No comments of any description will be written on letters by unit officers.

26. A unit censor will frank the private communications of his men by signing his name without rank at the end of the text and on the lower left hand corner of the cover; initials are not sufficient; rubber signature stamps are not permitted.

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27. The unit censors' stamp impression will be placed in the upper left corner of the cover (upper right corner on airgraph) after franking. The stamping of empty or unaddressed covers is strictly forbidden. Small units holding no stamp will either pass their franked mail for stamping and posting to the nearest unit holding a stamp or tie it in a bundle marked "From _____ Unit. No Censor Stamp Available." and post it unstamped for transmission to the Italian Chief Base Censor.

28. Officers are strictly forbidden to discuss or divulge the contents of letters which they censor except when in the course of their duty they have to report to a senior authority.

29. Each censor stamp is distinguished by a number and stamps are not transferable. They will be used only by the Commander of the Unit, area, garrison, or post to whom they are issued or by an officer appointed by him. Before imprinting the Unit's censor stamp on any communication, the officer responsible for the stamp will assure himself that it is franked by a person authorized to do so.

30. The Allied Army Post Service is authorized to refuse to accept for transmission, communications which do not comply with the regulations on franking and stamping except in the case of the unstamped bundles of correspondence mentioned in para 28 above. When communications are not accepted for this reason, the postal service will return them to the sender's unit.

31. Every precaution will be taken to prevent a censor stamp from falling into improper hands or being lost. If in danger of capture by the enemy, it will be destroyed. The loss of a stamp will be reported by telegram immediately direct to the Italian Chief Base Censor who is responsible for notifying the Allied Command. A report will be forwarded as soon as possible explaining the circumstances. If a unit which holds a censor stamp is disbanded or leaves the area, the Censor stamp will be returned to the Italian Chief Base Censor.

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