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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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4 April 1945

G-5: 387.4-5

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Allied Commission personnel from Italian Government territory - correspondence with Italian agencies.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 12 of the Minutes of the meeting on the above matter held 23 March at this Section.

2. MTOUSA Circular 6 of 1945 makes it clear that the general prohibition on U.S. Troops communicating by post with Italian civilians does not extend to official correspondence and confirmation has been obtained that the prohibitions contained in GROs 99/44 as amended by GRO 387/44 are intended only to apply to private correspondence.

3. It can be taken, therefore, that there is no objection to Allied military authorities communicating with Italian civilians by post on official matters.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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10 November 1944

Subject: Communications between US Military Personnel and Italian civilians

To : Hq, 2675th Regiment, AG, (OVHD), APO 394, US Army (Att: Mr. Wernath)

1. Under the provisions of existing regulations on the subject, US troops stationed on the mainland of Italy may not correspond with Italian civilians also located on the mainland. The applicable regulations are:

Par 5a & b, Matousa Circular 55, 1944.
Par 100(5), Matousa Circular 32, 1944, as amended by
Section 1, Matousa Circular 81, 1944.

2. No provision for exceptions for the benefit of American personnel married or engaged to Italian civilians located on the mainland of Italy is made in the directives cited above.

3. N/Sgt George O Schanzer, 37139851, of Co M, is married to such an Italian civilian, who is currently employed by AMG Urbino. At the present time, Sergeant Schanzer is able to correspond with his wife by means of what appears to be an informal arrangement with the message center of Abruzzi-Marche Region. It is entirely possible, however, that in the not-too-distant future Sergeant Schanzer may not be able to make use of the existing arrangement, due to restrictions on the carriage of personal correspondence through official channels.

4. It appears to be for consideration, therefore, whether representations should not be made to MATOUSA, with an view to having the regulations relaxed, either generally, or in the specific case of this enlisted man. To this end, a copy of GRG 715, AFM (a British instruction) covering this very point is inclosed, for your information, and to implement any correspondence with higher authority.

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Office of the Deputy Chief
of Staff, Establishment Section

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GRO 715. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN ALLIED TROOPS ON THE ITALIAN MAINLAND AND LOCAL INHABITANTS ON THE ITALIAN MAINLAND

1. GRO 387/44 is amended so as to permit correspondence between Allied personnel and local inhabitants on the Italian mainland to whom they are married or engaged.
2. Writers coming within this category will obtain the endorsement of the CG unit on the back of the envelope. This will be worded as follows and signed by CG unit with name and rank only: -
"Certified official sanction obtained."
3. The writer's return address will be given as "C/o Chief Base Censor, NAPLES."
4. Such correspondence will not bear the unit censor stamp and will be sent under official cover to Chief Base Censor, CBF. A slip of paper giving writer's military address should be enclosed inside the envelope containing the letters.

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