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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Postal Addresses - Italian Army Units.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1001/G-1(BR)
13 Feb 45.

1. Recent instructions for the formation of Italian Army Units issued by AFHQ have stated that the postal address to be adopted by the Units will be "Title of Unit, C&F".

2. This is incorrect and gives rise to difficulties and delays in the transmission of mail.

3. Italian Army Units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

CG 15 Army Group	6	G.3.(Org.A.)
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HQ Eighth Army	6	Q.(A.E.)
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HQ No.2 District	2	Sigs.(Br.)
HQ No.3 District	2	Ord.(Br.)
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Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (MMIA).		D.D.A.P.S.
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SUBJECT:- Postal Addresses - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/1001/G-1(BR)

11 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (ACIA).

AG/16/16
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Receipt is acknowledged of two copies of Italian Military Postal Addresses. Your AG/16 of 5 Feb 45 refers.

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(R.A. MACFADYEN, MAJOR, D.A.A.G.)
for Major-General,
D.A.G.,
G-1(BR)

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SECRET

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/16

5 Feb 45.

Subject:- Italian Army
Postal Arrangements.

A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.
(for G1 Br)

Ref conversation Capts
Archer - Land.

1. Herewith 2 copies of Italian Military Postal Addressee, from which it will be seen that any Unit being formed to join a particular Formation will use the P.M. number of the Administrative H.Q. of that Formation.

2. Any further information you may required will be forwarded upon request.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

Lt Goliazo

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SUBJECT: Postal Service, Italian Army.

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/C/3.
25 Jan.45.

"A"Branch M.M.I.A.

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1. Reference your letter to the Ministry of War AQ/16 of 22 Dec.

2. The Ministry of War apparently still consider that the service suggested in their 304945 of 23 Nov/44 would be of 312-IV-1 great value, and the matter has been passed to Italian Welfare for further action. Attached is a copy of Italian Welfare letter CC82/B.S. of 24 Jan, a translation, and a copy of the proposed card.

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(i) The service to be available to all serving soldiers.

(ii) The service postcards only to be addressed to the soldier's family when the family is resident within a liberated area where authority has not yet been given for the reinstatement of the civil postal service.

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Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of War. Welfare Office.

No. 0082/B.S. P.M.3800. 24.Jan.45.

A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A. Rome.

Subject. Postal Service, Italian Army.

Ref. M.M.I.A. AQ/16. - 22 Dec'44.

1. The provisions relative to the institution of a civilian postal service in areas close to operational zones do not solve the problem confronting S.M.R.E. It is thought convenient to repeat and clarify the question.

2. Men of the army who are stationed in liberated territory, and whose homes lie immediately to the South of the operational zone in areas not yet handed over to the civil authority, complain that the rules at present in force prevent them from getting news of their families, - news which they have lacked for a long time.

With the object of eliminating this cause of discontent, and while awaiting the passing of the recently liberated areas to the control of the Italian authorities, when the civil postal system can be extended, it is proposed to introduce a postal service, by means of a special postcard with a printed text, solely for the use of serving soldiers who have families, possessions, or interests, in operational zones or in adjacent areas.

This service would have to be through the Military Post Office serving Italian units at the front, which would pass the cards to stations of the CC.RR. for delivery. The card itself (see enclosure), after being filled in with the required information, would be returned to the CC.RR. who would in their turn pass it to the Military Post Office for onward transmission to the enquirer.

This form of Welfare, which would be carried out with the means already at the disposal of the Combat Groups and Divisions (209,210,228) would certainly tend to minimise absence without leave and to reduce the numbers of soldiers appearing in operational zones without proper authority, naturally anxious to know what has happened to their friends and families during so long a time.

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G.C.TAMASSIA
Brigadier General.

P.C.C.
/S. A.Angeloni, Lt.Col.

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° 1051 /B.S. di prot. F.M. 3800, li 24 Gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Disposizioni postali -Esercito italiano.

A. D. A. W. S.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.) ROO M A

Rif. lettera L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
AG/16 - 22 dicembre 1944

1. I provvedimenti relativi alla istituzione del servizio postale civile in alcune zone attigue a quelle di operazione non risolvono il problema prospettato dallo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito. Reputo conveniente ripetere e chiarire il quesito.

2. I militari alle armi dislocati nel territorio liberato e che hanno le famiglie residenti nelle località immediatamente a Sud della zona di combattimento e non ancora restituite alle Autorità Civili, si lagnano che le vigenti disposizioni impediscono loro di aver notizie dei loro cari - notizie delle quali mancano da lungo tempo.

Allo scopo di eliminare tale causa di malcontento ed in attesa che i territori di recente liberazione passino sotto il controllo delle Autorità Italiane e possa estendersi ad essi il servizio di posta civile si propone di istituire a mezzo di speciali cartoline a testo fisso un servizio di corrispondenza per i soli militari alle armi aventi le famiglie, gli averi, gli interessi nelle zone di operazione od immediatamente a contatto con questa.

Tale servizio dovrebbe essere appoggiato agli Uffici della Posta Militare, esistenti presso i reparti italiani al fronte i quali a loro volta si servirebbero delle stazioni CC.RR. per il recapito a destinazione.

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OGGETTO: Disposizioni postali -Esercito Italiano.

A. D. A. W. S.

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La stessa cartolina (vedi allegato) verrebbe, dopo riempita delle notizie richieste, riconsegnata alle stazioni CC.RR. che a loro volta la restituirebbero agli Uffici della Posta Militare per il successivo inoltro al richiedente le notizie.

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Tale forma di Benessere che sarebbe svolta con i mezzi già a disposizione dei Gruppi di Combattimento e delle Divisioni (209 - 210 - 228)- certamente concorrerebbe a diminuire il fenomeno delle assenze arbitrarie e l'afflusso in zona di operazione di militari sprovvisti di regolare autorizzazione umanamente ansiosi di sapere cosa è accaduto dei loro cari durante così lungo periodo di tempo.-

IL GEN. DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

P. C. C.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO
(T. Col. Arrigoni)

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This P.M.(A.P.O.) is the address of the Delegation of the SIRE in Florence, from where the postcard will be sent to the P.M. of the nearest Combat Group or Division to the address. (e.g. Alfonsine).

The P.M. will deliver the postcard to the Carabinieri or Town Major for the consignment to the addressee, and it will then be returned to the original sender in Palermo, or P.M. 3800

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

SUBJECT:- PW Mail.

Ref: 32A4.

Ade/16 22 Jan 45.

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To: MMIA

1. The Chief PW Censor reports that individual prisoners of war are with increasing frequency writing four or five letters on the same day.

2. Your attention is drawn to existing regulations limiting the quantity of PW Mail. Please take suitable measures to ensure that these regulations are complied with.

GPA NA

B. Wood Capt

[redacted],
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

AVM/EG. 27/1

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Translation

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FROM: S.M.R.E.
TO: M.M.I.A.

AG/16

REF: 9/1222/III
DATE: 20 JAN 1945

Subject: Closing of Military Post Office 217 of the 205 Division.

On the given locations of the units under command of the 205 Division who are going from Toscana to Puglia, the post office of the said Division (P.O. 217) is not in a position to ensure service for such units of the Division.

This S.M., therefore, has ordered its disbandment w.e.f. from 31st inst., laying down as follows:-

- the units located in the Naples area and to the North of that area will connect with the nearest Military Post Office existant in the area, even if ~~attached~~ assigned to other large units.

- the units located to the south of Naples will utilise civilian post offices, with a clear notification of their address, as is practised by other units in whose vicinity no Military Post Office exists.

The above is for your information

Sgd. SANTI.

Alessio.

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MN/cl.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
-Sezione Postale-

N/ 1222 112 prot/Serv. P. M. 3800 20 Gennaio 1945

Risposta al foglio N. ..... *del* ..... *Allegati* .....

OGGETTO: soppressione ufficio posta militare 217 della 205 Divisione.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
R O M A

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Data la dislocazione dei reparti dipendenti dalla 205ª Divisione, che vanno dalla Toscana alla Puglia, l'ufficio postale della predetta Divisione (P.M.217) non è in condizioni di poter assicurare il servizio per i reparti della Divisione stessa.-

Questo S.M. pertanto, ne ha disposto lo scioglimento sotto la data del 31 c.m. prescrivendo che:

- i reparti dislocati nella zona di Napoli ed a Nord di tale località si agganciano al più vicino ufficio di Posta Militare esistente in z.o.,anche se assegnato ad altra G.U.
- i reparti dislocati a Sud di Napoli si appoggino agli uffici postali civili, con l'indicazione dell'indirizzo in chiaro, come praticato per tutti gli altri reparti, non essendovi in tale territorio uffici di P.M.-

Quanto sopra per conoscenza di codesta MMIA.-

IL GENERALE PREPOSTO
(A. Gentili)

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Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROMA
AQ/16

11 Jan 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref your 3/11860 - 305/Serv. of 21 Nov/44.

1. As has already been notified in this H.Q. signal SD 1981 of 21 Dec/44, The increase in establishments of PM 179, PM 16 and PM 185, as proposed in para 3(b) of the above quoted letter, has been approved.

2. The proposal contained in para 3(a) of your above quoted letter is not approved, as H.Q. P.B.S. is of the opinion that it is not in the best interest of the Service to absorb the COLTANO Section, which is fulfilling an important role in the Postal Service.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

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Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/16

11 Jan 45.

Maj. Tungate
C.C. Br Cadre
Italian Rfts Depot
Orvieto - C.M.F.

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1. Herewith copy of Ministry of War letter 9/11875/305/Serv. of 25 Nov/44. Which sets out instructions in relation to postal arrangements for Italian Army.

2. GRO 16/45 also refers; copy herewith.

S.P. Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

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Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

11 Jan 45.

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SPA/ab

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G.R.O. 16 of 1945

Postal Arrangements - Italian Military Personnel Serving with Allied Formation or Units

1. Individual members of the Italian Forces, excluding POW or co-operators, serving with British Units will use the following postal address:-

Rank, Full Name,
Italian P.M. 900,
NAPLES, ITALY

This address will be written at the head of each letter and also on the back of the envelope.

2. Personnel using the P.M. 900 address must notify the

Censura Militare
7 Base Censor Group,
C.M.F.

of their full name, rank and name of the unit with which they are serving.

The Censura Militare will keep a record of these personnel and redirect any mail to the unit with which the man is serving.

3. All informations or units with which Italian personnel are serving will arrange for letters written by them to be enclosed in bags or sealed packages addressed to Censura Militare, 7 Base Censor Group, C.M.F., and handed to the Army Post Office by which they are served.

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(Applicable to all formations and units.)

5010/Q/(Maint)

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COPY FOR AQ

FROM PENBASE

TO MMIA

GR 106

311345A

CONFIDENTIAL

POSTAL SERVICE FOR 212 DIV (ITALIAN) IS SUBJECT (PENBASE - 33779 (*) CITE BPLNO (*) PENBASE TO MMIA) YOUR SD 1980 DATED 21 DEC REFERS (*) MIN OF WAR SUGGESTION THAT ABSORPTION OF DETACHED COLTANO SECTION BY HQ 212 WOULD IMPROVE SERVICE IS NOT RPT NOT CONCURRED IN (*) DETACHED COLTANO SECTION CONSISTS OF PBS CONTROLLED US-ITI AND WAS SET UP TO IMPROVE SERVICE IN FORWARD AREAS, WHICH WAS MUCH LESS SATISFACTORY PRIOR TO SUCH ACTION (*) RETENTION OF COLTANO SECTION IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL

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15 ARMY GROUP

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REFER MAIN AAI SIGNAL A962 OF 9 DEC (.) REQUEST
CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS IN OUR AQ/16 OF 29 NOVEMBER BE
DEFERRED

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Rundstedt

SHAEF Rpt

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Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.F.H.Q. (M.T.O.I.)
D.C.T.
19/16

22 Dec 44.

MIDDLE EAST WAR.

Ref. your 304945 of 23 Nov/44 — 187
312-IV-I

1. The Communications Sub Comm. A.F.H.Q., has informed this H.Q. that with effect from 18 Dec/44 the civilian postal services are to be extended to include the provinces of [illegible], PISTOIA, AREZZO, SIENA and LIVORNO. The Southern parts of PISA-FLORENCE Provinces, which lie to the South of the river ARNO and inclusive of the towns PISA and FLORENCE, will also be included in the new area where civilian postal services will operate.

2. Furthermore it is understood that as the Armies move Northward the civilian postal services will be extended to cover newly liberated areas as soon as possible, subject to the limitations of security policy.

3. It is considered that these new arrangements cover the proposals made in your above quoted letter and that it is not necessary to put these proposals in to effect.

4. Will you please advise this H.Q. of your views in this matter.

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F.F. Noakes.

P.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.T.O.I.

Copy to:- H.Q. 15 Army Group. — 191
A.F.H.Q. (Main) Signal 1967 of
9 Dec refers.

Communications S/C - HQ-/G. Ref. AAI
ltr 1407/12/G-51(D) of
23 Nov/44.
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MEIA

MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1981

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject Italian Military Postal Service (.) Increase of ME to 4 offrs 3 Tps is authorised for (.) PM 185 209 Div (.) PM 170 210 Div (.) PM 16 228 Div

See folio 186
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Sec (30) To 196

CONFIDENTIAL

Min of War report delays occurring in Italian Military Postal Service with 212 Div (.) They suggest assignment of a second post office to 212 Div absorbing the detached COLTANO Section (.) Do you agree (*) AFHQ have requested WE/TO for 212 Adm Div HQ (*) Please supply direct attention G 3 Org copy this HQ

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MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1981

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HQ., ALLIED ARM 3 IN ITALY
Tel: FILPOT Ext. 226
3074/9/A(O)
12 Dec. 44.

Subject:- Civil Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA
HQ AC

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AQ/16

Reference your AQ 2355 of 11 Dec 44.

Attached is copy of this HQ 1401/12/GSI(b) of 23 Nov 44 as requested.

JSS/VRT

J B Stewart Capt
Brigadier,
DAG.

SUBJECT:- Restoration of Civil Postal Services

RESTRICTED

HQ ALLIED AR'MIES IN ITALY

Tel:- MILFOR AAv 79

1/A1/12/CSI(b)

23 Nov 44

Director, Communications Sub-Commission, ACC:

Copy to:- G-2 Fifth Army
CSI XI/XIII Army
G-2 P.B.S. Fwd Sch
CSI 1 District
CSI(c) AAI
Civil Affairs Section, AAI

Ref your 15/16.224/PS dated 17 Nov 44.

1. We have now given full consideration to your proposals for the extension of civil postal services and for the modification of the security restrictions hitherto imposed. We have also consulted Armies on the subject.

2. The value and importance of restoring civil mail facilities as soon as possible, consistent with security, is fully appreciated. Moreover, experience has by now shown that civil mail does not on the whole present a very serious danger to our security.

3. It is therefore agreed that:

(a) the standard security restrictions set out in our letter of even number dated 3 Oct 44 should be relaxed.

(b) civil mail services may now be extended to certain additional provinces. (see para 4 below):

(c) in future, each province should be treated on its merits, taking into consideration both the general military situation, the security situation, and the special needs of the Province concerned. (ALCOM should continue, as hitherto, to seek the security approvalof this HQ to any proposed extension).

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4. (a) Security approval is now given to the extension of civil postal services to the provinces of ANCONA, PERUGIA, AREZZO, SIENA, LIVORNO.

(b) If you are able to restore such services to only half a province, we are also prepared to agree to their restoration in the Southern half of PISA Province (i.e. PISA town and that part of the province which lies South of the River Arno)

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CSI(c) AAI
Civil Affairs Section, AAI

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(c) Outgoing mail should be restricted to business letters and private postcards in respect of the Provinces of LEGHORN, South PISA, South FLORENCE and AREZZO.

5. It is requested that arrangements be made for mail from all these forward Provinces to be subject to partial censorship under Allied Control.

6. It is further requested that mail vans should cross the rear Army Security Control line as few times per week as is compatible with a reasonably efficient service. All mail vans and drivers should, of course, carry proper ANC passes.

7. The extended mail services authorised above are intended to mean inter-provincial services, with house to house delivery.

8. The above references to postal extensions do NOT imply or include similar extensions of civil telephone and telegraph services.

(Sgd) W.D. GIBSON Lt Col
for Brigadier, A.A.

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Security.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/16

12 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 9/11014/361/Serv of 15 Nov 44.

It is considered that the omission of the name of the town of origin from P.M. addresses, as proposed in your above quoted letter, will increase postal security measures, and should be adopted as soon as possible.

F.J.NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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AQ 2355 191 RESTRICTED

YOUR A 962 OF DEC 9 (.) COMMUNICATIONS S.C. UNABLE TO TRACE RECEIPT OF YOUR 1401/12/051(4) OF 23 NOV (.) PLEASE SEND COPY

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Attorney Genl.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

3/04 (191) LAND FORCES

Originator's Reference: Bo A962
Date Time of Origin: DEC 091000A

Message Centre No: C/3341
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 091120A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AAI MAIN
TO: ALCOM

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Aa/16
9/12

RESTRICTED.

Your AQ/16 of 29 November subject postal arrangements. Confirm you still wish your proposals considered in view of relaxation of restrictions granted in our 1401/12/GSI(B) of 23 Nov addressed Communications SC.

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ACTION

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Action - Land Forces SC (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
Communications
File (2)
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HEADQUARTERS
9 DEC 1944
A. C.

No traffic in Communications S.C. authorised for copy.
BTA 11/12

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/16

6 Dec 44.

AFHQ, CMF for G-4 (B)

Ref your 6010/Q(Maint) of 25 Nov — 158

1. Copy of Ministry of War Instructions on Postal Arrangements for Italian soldiers serving with British units is forwarded in duplicate as requested in your above quoted letter.

F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

SPA/wk

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Translation

From: S.M.H.F. Ref: 9/11870-305/Serv.

To : Addressees Date: 25th Nov/44

Subject: Postal services for Italian soldiers employed in Allied Units.

Although instructions have been issued and more than once republished, delays still occur in the postal service to and from Italian soldiers employed by Allied Units.

With a view to elliminate these delays, this office again draws attention to this most important question, which, by giving a resume of the regulations relative to this service:

1) Mail from the front to the country.

Italian units or soldiers isolated employed by Allied Units and who cannot use any of the Italian Military Post Offices, must:-

(a) Inform directly 7 Base Censor Group of their rank, name, christian name and the Allied Unit in which serving.

(b) Write on the back of the envelope, only the rank, name, and christian name and P.M. 900.

(c) Hand over all out going mail to the command of the Allied Unit under whom they are serving.

2) Mail from the country to the front.

Mail addressed to the soldiers with the address P.M. 900 goes to:-

(a) From Civilian, Military Post Offices to Concentramento P.M. 3400 as instructed by the Postal Section of this office in Circular 88 dated 1st Oct/44 and by the General Direction of Posts in signal 60180 dated 5th Oct/44.

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(b) From the Concentramento P.M. 3400 to 7 Base Censor Group which will readdress it according to information received from the soldiers concerned. See para I (a) above.

(c) From 7 Base Censor Group to Allied HQs or units who will arrange for its distribution to the soldiers they employ.

The simplicity of the procedure does not justify complainst made against Allied Authorities and it is borne in mind that regulations laid down are not complied with by people concerned.

It is requested that the addressees ensure that the soldiers under their administration and employed by Allied Units are made acquainted with the above regulations.

It is requested that the Liaison Mission with AAI HQ may please inform ed authorities concerned to forward similar instructions to Allied HQs or employing Italian soldiers.

(sgd) Gen. A. SANTI

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
AQ/16
24 Nov 44

TO : A.A.I.

Copy to: Communications Sub Commission A.C.

See folio 187

1. Attached is a translation of a letter from the Ministry of War setting out certain proposals for establishing Postal facilities for Italian Army personnel in order that troops may correspond with their relatives in recently liberated territory.

2. For this purpose a special card would be used (specimen attached) and distribution, delivery and despatch would be carried out through Italian Army channels. Italian Army H.Q's in forward areas, working in conjunction with C.C. R.R. stations would be responsible for the delivery, collection and transmission of these cards. Transport facilities would be provided by the Italian Army.

3. It is requested that this H.Q. be informed of any security or other objections to the above proposals as it is considered that the use of these cards would raise the morale of troops whose families cannot at present communicate with them and might put a stop to the illicit forwarding of civilian mail through Army channels.

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Copy to: I/113

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

See folio 191 & 199

See 191 re conversion of these into new field postcards
Next to use only
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TRANSLATION

From Ministry of War — Ref 304945/1/CA 31E - IV - 1

To MMIA

Date 23 Nov 1944

Subject: Correspondence for Military

As was already mentioned in a memo to Maj BALDARI, the SMRE believes it advisable to organize a special postal service for Italian Military who have families in recently liberated areas, and in those areas which will be gradually liberated.

The high morale value of this service is evident; it would give the Italian Military a chance to correspond with their relatives, after long months of forced seaparation.

This service would be carried out through specialized detachments with the Italian divisions nearest the front-line (209, 210, 228 and 231 Divs) and with the C.C. R.R. Stations.

The correspondence, carried on through special post-cards with established text (encl. 1), would be forwarded (from the Divisional detachments to SMRE and vice versa) with transport furnished once in a while by SMRE or by the above Divisions.

I would appreciate it if MMIA would enable this form of welfare to be authorized, as it would certainly help to decrease AWOL cases and the arrival of unauthorized military in the zone of operations.

/s/C.CXILIA, General

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Translation.

From - FMRE.
To - MINIM.

Ref:- 9/11875 - 105/Sem.
Date - 27th Nov 04.

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Subject:- Italian Army Postal Services.

Ref. 118/16 dated 17th Nov 04. 117/16

1) Instructions, relative to postal services in respect of Italian soldiers employed in allied units and who cannot be attached to Italian Mil. Post Offices, have once more been issued in a circular of which copy is attached.

2) The use of the address P.M. 135 for returning mail has never been included in instructions issued by this office.

3/ Letter A.B./16 dated 31st Oct. 04 has been answered with letter 9/11860 - 105/Sem. dated 21st Nov. 04.

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(Sgd) Gen. A. SANTI.

Lt. FAURE.

Lee Solio 201

Translation.

From :- S.M.R.E. Ref :- 4/11.5-305/Sov.
To :- Addressees Date - 25th Nov 44

Subject - Postal service for Italian soldiers employed in Allied units

Although instructions have been issued and more than once reminders sent, delays are still occurring in the postal service to and from Italian soldiers employed by Allied Units.

With a view to eliminate these delays, this office wishes to call attention to the question, which is most important, by giving a resume of the rules relative to this service.

I) Mail from the front to the country

Italian units or soldiers isolated employed by allied units and who cannot use any of the Italian M.C. Post Offices, must :-

a) Inform directly 7 Base Censor Group of their rank, name & Christian name and the allied unit in which serving.

b) Write on the back of the envelope, only the rank, name & Christian name and P.M. 400.

c) Hand over all out going mail to the Command of the allied unit under whom they are serving

II) Mail from the country to the front. 226

Mail addressed to the soldiers with the address P.M. 400 goes to :-

a) to Civilian & Military Post offices to Concentraments PM 3400 as instructed by the Postal Section of this office in Circular 58 dated 1st Oct 44 and by the General Direction of Posts in signal 50180 dated 5th Oct 44.

b) From the Concentraments P.M. 3400 to 7 Base

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

Translation.

From :- S.M.R.E.
To :- Addressees

Ref.- 4/11.5-305/Serv.
Date.- 25th Nov 44.

Subject- Postal services for Italian soldiers employed in Allied units

Although instructions have been issued and more than once ~~remembered sent~~ republished, delays ~~are~~ still ~~checked~~ occur in the postal service to and from Italian soldiers employed by Allied Units.

With a view to ~~eliminate these inconveniences~~ delays, this office ~~thinks necessary to return on the~~ question, which ~~is most important~~, by giving a resumé of the rules relative to this service.

I) Mail from the front to the country

Italian units or soldiers isolated employed by allied units and who cannot use any of the Italian M.L. Post Offices, must :-

a) Inform directly 7 Base Censor Group of their rank, name & Christian name and the allied unit in which serving.

b) Write on the back of the envelope, only the rank, name & Christian name and P.M. 400.

c) Hand over all out going mail to the Command of the allied unit under whom they are serving.

II) Mail from the country to the front. 226

Mail addressed to the soldiers with the address P.M. 400 goes to :-

a) from Civilian & Military Post offices to Concentrament PM 3400 as instructed by the Postal Section of this office in Circular 58 dated 1st Oct. 44 and by the General Director of Posts in signal 80180 dated 3rd Oct 44.

b) From the Concentrament to P.M. 3400 to 7 Base Censor Group which will readdress it according to information

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to this service.

I) Mail from the front to the country

Italian units or soldiers isolated employed by allied units and who cannot use any of the Italian Mil. Post Offices, must :—

a) Inform directly 7 Base Censor Group of their rank, name & ~~surname~~ Christian name and the allied unit in which serving.

b) Write on the back of the envelope, only the rank, name & ~~surname~~ Christian name and P.M. 400.

c) Hand over all out going mail to the Command of the allied unit under whom they are serving.

II) Mail from the country to the front 226

Mail addressed to the soldiers with the address P.M. 400 goes to :—

a) From Civilian & Military Post Offices to Concentrament P.M 3400 as instructed by the Postal Section of this office in circular 58 dated 1st Oct 44 and by the General Direction of Posts in signal 80180 dated 5th Oct 44.

b) From the Concentrament to P.M. 3400 to 7 Base Censor Group which will readdress it according to information received from the soldiers concerned. See para a) I (a) above

c) From 7 Base Censor Group to Allied HQs or units who will arrange for its distribution to the soldiers they employ ~~employ~~

The simplicity of the procedure does not justify complaints made against Allied Authorities and it is born in mind that regulation laid down are not complied with by people concerned. It is requested that

May please the addressees ensure that the soldiers under their administration and employed by allied units are made acquainted ~~the~~ with the above regulations.

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Sheet 2

It is requested that the Liaison Mission with AB1 HQ may please inform Allied Authorities concerned to forward similar instructions to Allied HQ in regard to employing Italian soldiers.

(Sgd) Gen A SANTI.

Gl FOOKE

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URGENTE T.PARCHE Capot

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N9/11875-305 di prot/Sev. P. M. 151, li 27 novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio N..... del..... Allegati.....

OGGETTO: Servizio postale Esercito Italiano.- AQ

Helen Corp Postal Corner

ALLA LAND SUB COMMISSIONE (M.M.I.A.) 29/4
(rif.f. n.A Q /16 del 17/11) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto- Uff. C.A. P.M.151
(rif.f.n.1736/OX/A del 20-11)

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1° -Con circolare pari numero, che si allega in copia, sono state nuovamente richiamate le norme relative al servizio postale per i militari italiani in servizio presso reparti alleati, che non possono essere agganciati ad Uffici P.M. Italiani.-

2° -L'uso dell'indirizzo P.M.135 per la corrispondenza di ritorno mai è stato compreso nelle disposizioni impartite da questo S.M..-

3° -Con foglio n.9/11860-305/Serv. del 21 novembre scorso è stato dato riscontro alla lettera A Q/16 del 31 ottobre 1944.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(A. Santi)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

- UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE POSTALE -

Prot.n. 9/11875-305/Serv. P.M.151, li 25 novembre 44

OGGETTO: Servizio postale per militari italiani in servizio isolato presso unità alleate.-

ALLA DELEGAZIONE "T" DELLO S.M.R.E. P.M.179
AL COMANDO ITALIANO AIR P.M.121
AI COMANDI GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO LORO SEDI
ALLA MISSIONE COLLEGAMENTO COL GEN AA. in I. P. M.151
AL CONCENTRAMENTO POSTA MILITARE P.M.1400
AL CONCENTRAMENTO POSTA MILITARE P.M.1800

e, per conoscenza:

AGLI UFFICI DI P.M.: 16-64-79-92-104-127-146-155-167-179-181-185-186-217

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Nonostante le disposizioni impartite e più volte richiamate si verificano tuttora considerevoli ritardi nel funzionamento del servizio postale da e per i militari italiani in servizio presso reparti alleati.-

Allo scopo di eliminare gli inconvenienti segnalati questo S.U. ritiene necessario ritornare sull'argomento, di cui è superfluo far rilevare l'importanza, riepilogando le norme che regolano tale servizio.-

I° - Corrispondenza dal fronte al paese.
I reparti o militari italiani ~~singolari~~ isolati dislocati presso unità o reparti alleati, che non possono essere serviti da uffici di Posta Militare italiani, devono:

a) - comunicare direttamente al 7 Base Censor Group: Grado, cognome e nome e reparto alleato presso il quale prestano servizio;

b) - indicare come proprio indirizzo a tergo della corrispondenza, soltanto grado, cognome, nome e l'indirizzo P.M.900;

c) - consegnare la corrispondenza in partenza al Comando del Reparto alleato alle cui dipendenze prestano servizio.-

II°- Corrispondenza dal paese al fronte.
La corrispondenza diretta a militari con indirizzo P.M.900 affluisce

a) - dagli uffici postali civili e militari, al Concentramento P. M.1400 come da disposizioni della Sezione Postale di questo S. Uff. Servizi (Circ.n. 98 del 1° Ottobre u.s.) e della Direzione Generale PP.TT. (Telegr.N.50180 del 5 ottobre u.s.);

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AL COMANDO I[illegible] A.M.M.S. — F.M.179
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212 — F.M.181
AI COMANDI GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO — F.M.900
ALLA MISSIONE COLLEGAMENTO COL SUO AA. in I. — F.M.151
AL CONCENTRAMENTO P.TA MILITARE — F.M.1400
AL CONCENTRAMENTO POSTA MILITARE — F.M.3800

e, per conoscenza:

AGLI UFFICI DI P.M.:16-64-79-92-104-127-146-152-167-179-181-185-196-217

Nonostante le disposizioni impartite e più volte richiamate si verificano tuttora considerevoli ritardi nel funzionamento del servizio postale da e per i militari italiani in servizio presso reparti alleati.-

Allo scopo di eliminare gli inconvenienti segnalati questo S.M. ritiene necessario ritornare sull'argomento, di cui è superfluo far rilevare l'importanza, riepilogando le norme che regolano tale servizio.-

I° - Corrispondenza dal fronte al paese.
I reparti o militari italiani [illegible] isolati dislocati presso unità o reparti alleati, che non possono essere serviti da uffici di Posta Militare italiani, devono:

a) - comunicare direttamente al 7 Base Censor Group: Grado, cognome nome e reparto alleato presso il quale prestano servizio;

b) - indicare come proprio indirizzo a tergo della corrispondenza, soltanto grado, cognome, nome e l'indirizzo F.M.900;

c) - consegnare la corrispondenza in partenza al Comando del Reparto alleato alle cui dipendenze prestano servizio.-

II°- Corrispondenza dal paese al fronte.
La corrispondenza diretta a militari con indirizzo F.M.900 affluisce

a) - dagli uffici postali civili e militari, al Concentramento F.M. 3400 come da disposizioni della Sezione Postale di questo S. Uff. Servizi (Circ.n. 58 del 1° Ottobre u.s.) e della Direzione Generale PP.TT. (Telegr.N.80180 del 5 ottobre u.s.);

b) - dal Concentramento F.M.3400 al 7 Base Censor Group che ne completa l'indirizzo sulla scorta delle segnalazioni fornite dagli interessati come da paragr.a) sopra 1°;

c) - dal 7 Base Censor Group ai Comandi o Rep.alleati che provvedono alla consegna ai destinatari.-

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La semplicità del procedimento non giustifica i numerosi rilievi delle Autorità Alleate e si ha quindi ragione di ritenere che le norme relative siano ignorate dalla maggior parte degli interessati.

Si pregano pertanto i Comandi in indirizzo di assicurarsi che le norme prescritte siano a conoscenza di tutti i militari amministrati dai reparti dipendenti, che sono in servizio presso reparti alleati.

Si prega altresì la Missione di Collegamento col Comando A.A.I., far presente alle Autorità Alleate competenti la necessità di far pervenire analoghe disposizioni ai Comandi Alleati che hanno alle dipendenze militari italiani.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
F.to A. Banti

p. c. c.
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(Col. A. Guercia)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G(Maint) Section

6010/G(Maint)

SUBJECT:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

25 Nov 44

TO :- Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (AMLA).

AG/16
28/11

Reference your AG/16 dated 17 Nov 44. — 185

1. A GRO on the subject of postal arrangements for the Italian army is in preparation at the moment.

2. In order to avoid confusion, it would be appreciated if a copy of the instructions to be issued by the Ministry of War could be forwarded to this Headquarters.

A.T. MacGregor Mc

J. MACGREGOR, J/Comd.,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

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Forwarded
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Translation

AG/16 189

From: M&W
To : MMIA

Ref: 304945/2/CA
312-IV-1
Date: 23 Nov. 1944

Subject: Correspondence for military.

As was already mentioned in a memo to Maj. BAUMANN, the S.M.R.E. believes it advisable to organize a special postal service for the military who have family in the recently liberated areas, and in those which will be gradually liberated.

The high morale-value of this service is evident; it would give the Italian military a chance to give to and receive from news from their relatives, after long months of forced separation. 229

This service would be carried out through specialized detachments with the Italian divisions nearest the front-line (209, 210, 228) & with the C.R.R. Stations.

The correspondence, carried on through special post-cards with established text (encl. I), would be guarded (from the Division all detachments to S.M.R.E. and vice-versa) with transport furnished once in a while by S.M.R.E. or by the above Divisions.

I would appreciate it if MMIA would enable this form of welfare to be authorized, as it would certainly help to decrease AWOL cases and the arrival of unauthorized military in the zone of operations.

See folio 190 Ellis. See folio 179+205

s/ OXILIA

BU/ps

MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 304802/I/C. Allegati

Risposta al foglio

Roma, 23 novembre 1944

Div. Sez. Fasc.

OGGETTO corrispondenza militari.

Military Correspondence

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Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Come già accennato con promemoria al magg.Baumann, lo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito ritiene opportuno organizzare uno speciale servizio postale a favore dei militari che hanno congiunti nelle zone recentemente liberate, ed in quelle che saranno man mano liberate.

E' evidente l'alto valore assistenziale di questo servizio,che darebbe la possibilità ai militari italiani di dare e ricevere notizie dai loro parenti, dopo lunghi mesi di forzata separazione.

Detto servizio verrebbe appoggiato, con dei nuclei specializzati, alle divisioni italiane più vicine alla linea del fronte (209° - 210° - 228°), e presso le Stazioni CC.RR.

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La corrispondenza - effettuata a mezzo cartoline speciali a testo fisso (allegato n.1) - verrebbe smistata (dai nuclei presso le divisioni, allo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito e viceversa) con automezzi forniti di volta in volta dallo S.M.R.E. o dalle divisioni predette.

Sarò grato a codesta Missione se vorrà interporre i suoi buoni uffici, perchè sia autorizzata tale particolare forma assistenziale, che certamente concorrerebbe a

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OGGETTO: corrispondenza militari.

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Military Correspondence

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Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Come già accennato con promemoria al magg.Baumann, lo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito ritiene opportuno organizzare uno speciale servizio postale a favore dei militari che hanno congiunti nelle zone recentemente liberate, ed in quelle che saranno man mano liberate.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(generale G.B.Oxilia)

G. B. Oxilia

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Subject: - Postal Service

9/11868 - 305 Sig.
21 Nov.

M.P.I.A.

Ref. your AG/16 dated 3 Nov — 181

1. Para III. (c) Italian Military Postal Service makes use of Civilian Postal Organization for transporting, correspondence from addresses to Military Post offices not in operational areas like those of Combat Cps.

(b) Military Postal regulations do not differ from Civilian postal regulations.

(c) Delays are caused by communication difficulties and not by the forwarding and exchanging operations.

2. Delays are mainly caused by:-

(a) Deficiency in lines of comm.

(b) Lack of tpt for liaison between units in operational areas and their respective Post offices.

(c) necessity of concentrating all correspondence to and from operational areas in Naples.

(d) a 100% censoring of mail by units in addition to Allied censorship.

(e) Allied transport used exclusively between HQCs which, as discovered recently in 10 Div, has caused delays up to 10 days in the Naples-Florence liaison.

3. In order to overcome part of these difficulties S.S. will, subject to MMIA approval, put the following suggestions into effect:-

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(a) Assign a second post office to H.Q. 10 Div. which would absord the detached COLUMBO Section. This is taking into consideration the large number of tps (50,000) that come under command that H.Q. and their extended locations from Pisa to Naples.

(b) Increase the WE to 4 officers and 3 agents for PM 179 (10 Div.), PM 16 (88 Div) and PM 185 (209 Div.)

See Addo/97

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In order that the offices can form detached sections and speedy service for tps located at long distances from the HQs.

Gen. A. SANTI.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
-Sezione Postale-

N. 91/1860-305 di prot./Serv. P. M. 151, li 21 novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio N. ... del ... Allegati ...

OGGETTO: Servizio Postale.-

ALLA M.M.I.A. ROMA
(Rif.f.n.AQ/16 del 31/X)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Uff.C.A. P.M.151
(Rif.f.n.1266/OX/A del 3/XI)
ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE DI COLLEGAMENTO CON IL COMANDO ARMATE ALLEATE IN ITALIA P. M. 151

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- per il trasporto dai dispacci dai Concentramenti ad alcuni uffici di P.M. non dislocati in z.o. come, in atto, per gli uffici dei Gruppi di Com.to

b) - le disposizioni impartite dalle Autorità Militari competenti non sono in contrasto con quelle che regolano il servizio civile;

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Postal Censor

ALLA M.M.I.A. ROMA
(Rif.f.n.AQ/16 del 31/X)

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2°) - Le cause dei ritardi devono piuttosto ricercarsi:

a) - nella grave deficienza dei mezzi di comunicazione pel servizio della posta civile (molte località sono collacciate postalmente al capiluogo di provincia con servizi decadali);

b) - nella mancanza di mezzi giornalieri di collegamento fra molti reparti in z.o. e l'ufficio di P.M. cui sono aggregati (sovente si tratta di distanza di 100 Km. ed oltre)

c) - nell'obbligo di accentrare a Napoli tutta la corrispondenza da e per la zona di operazioni;

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d) - nella censura al 100% cui è sottoposta la corrispondenza presso i reparti e successiva supercensura totale da parte degli Alleati;

e) - nel trasporto eseguito unicamente tramite gli A.P.O. e con mezzi Alleati che, come si è rilevato anche in questi giorni per la 210^ Divisione, (P.M.179) ha dato luogo a ritardi, ammontanti sino a dieci giorni, per il collegamento Napoli Firenze.-

3°) - Allo scopo di eliminare parte degli inconvenienti lamentati, per quanto riguarda il servizio di posta militare, questo S.M., salvo disposizioni incontrario di codesta M.M.I.A. provvederà:

a) - ad assegnare al Comando Italiano 212 un secondo ufficio postale, che assorbirà la Sezione staccata di Coltano, e ciò in considerazione del numero considerevole dei reparti (50.000 circa) che fanno capo a tale Comando e della loro dislocazione che si estende da Pisa a Napoli.-

-ad aumentare l'organico a 4 ufficiali e tre agenti negli uffici P.M.179 (210^ Divisione), P.M.16 (228^ Divisione) P.M.185 (209^ Divisione) in modo da consentire agli uffici stessi la costituzione di Sezioni staccate e attuare servizi volanti per servire le truppe dislocate a notevoli distanze dalla sede.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(A. Santi)

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.
AQ/16
17 November 1944

TO: A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

185

Ref. 6021/Q (Maint.) of 7 November.

1. The Ministry of War has been asked to re-issue instructions to all concerned, giving the correct procedure to be adopted, to ensure that delay in the delivery of private correspondence of the Italian Army is reduced to the minimum. (See copy letter attached)

2. The Ministry was requested by this H.Q. on 21 Oct. 44 to investigate and report on the present postal arrangements in order that improvements could be made where possible. The Report has not yet been received.

3. This H.Q is of the opinion that it would be advantageous if a C.R.O. on this Subject were to be published. This would help the Allied Officer, who generally takes more interest in the welfare of the men under his Comd; and who, it is felt, is at present doubtful as to the correct advice to give on this subject to Italian Soldiers under his command.

F.J. Noakes.
F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
(MAINT) SECTION

6021/2(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 208

7 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Mails delay - Italian Officers and ORs attached British Forces

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. A complaint has been received through British Postal Directorate regarding the long delay in delivery of mail for Italian officers and ORs attached to British Forces.

2. This matter has been carefully investigated by both British Postal Directorate and G-2 Communications Censorship and it has been established that the delay does not occur when the correspondence is under their control.

3. It would appear that the delay arises owing to confusion regarding the correct method of address to be used and the treatment of correspondence while in the hands of the Italian civil and military Postal Services.

4. The question as regards Civil Postal Services is being investigated by G-5 and it would be helpful if you could ensure that all Italian military personnel concerned are informed of the correct procedure to be adopted. In particular it should be stressed that PM 900 is the correct accomodation address and NOT PM 135 as formerly.

5. It is considered that if this matter is pursued through Italian Military channels, that will be sufficient, but if you feel it would be of assistance, a GRO could be published, thus bringing the correct procedure to the notice of all British formations and units.

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W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt-Col.,
for Major-General,
G-4 (B).

JM/VRS.

Copy to:-
G-5
G-3 (Foreign).
Postal.

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/16
17 November 1944

TO: Ministry of War

1. In view of further complaints received, concerning long delays in the delivery of the private correspondence of Italian Military Personnel, it is considered that the correct procedure is not being adopted in all cases.

2. You will please arrange to advise all concerned of the correct procedure to be adopted, drawing particular attention to the correct form of return address, which is P.M. 900, and not P.M. 135 which has been superceded.

3. A.F.H.Q. has been requested to publish a G.R.C. on the Subject, which will ensure that both the Allied and Italian Commanders will issue instructions on the same lines.

4. It is requested that the report, called for in this H.Q. letter AQ/16 of 21 Oct. 1944, may be expidited.

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F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

SPA/r1
Copy to: AFHQ for information.

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Translation . . .

AG/16 183/1

From. SHAPE
to C.I.N.C.S.

Ref No 9/11 014/261/ ops
Date. 15 th Nov. 44

Telegram from A.F.H.Q. X.

The Commands and Italian troops recently
assumed by the A.F.H.Q are using for their telegrams the
civilian P.O. of the area where and when it was then
re-installed.

This means that the telegrams show clearly
their origin causing evident breach of military secrets
about the location of units

to avoid such inconveniences this SHAPE has
approached the General Directorate Post and Telegram
so as to show on their telegram the letter P.M only
instead of the name of the locality after the P.O. number

The above mentioned Directorate has no opposition
of their is not any from the allied authorities.

We thanks for the decision to make
and beg them to let us know if there is any
objections to the scheme from the allied authorities.

SANTI.

R Manafredi

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Look at file ops. 1 for earlier telegrams.

See folio 193

PL/or

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N9/11014-361/ di prot. Serv.
Risposta al foglio N. ..... del .....
P. M. 151, li 15 novembre 1944
Allegati .....

OGGETTO: telegrammi con provenienza di Posta Militare X.-

AQ

ALLA M. M. I. A. ROMA 22/11

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I Comandi ed i militari italiani, serviti da uffici di P.M., si appoggiano per i telegrammi agli Uffici postali telegrafici civili nelle località in cui detto servizio é già stato riattivato.

Ciò comporta che nella trasmissione dei telegrammi viene indicata in chiaro la località di provenienza, con evidente danno del segreto militare circa la dislocazione dei reparti.

Per ovviare a tale inconveniente questo S.M. ha interessato la Direzione Generale PP.TT. perché i telegrammi suddetti portino, al posto della località di provenienza, soltanto l'indicazione P.M. seguita dal numero dell'ufficio di P.M..

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La predetta Direzione Generale non ha nulla in contrario purché nulla si opponga da parte dell'Autorità militare Alleata.

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Si sottopone pertanto la questione a codesta M.M.I. A. con preghiera di far conoscere se nulla-osta da parte alleata all'attuazione di quanto sopra.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(A. Santi)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G(MAINT) SECTION

6021/G(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 208

7 Nov 44

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TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMTA)

AG 16 1111

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3. It would appear that the delay arises owing to confusion regarding the correct method of address to be used and the treatment of correspondence while in the hands of the Italian civil and military Postal Services.

4. The question as regards Civil Postal Services is being investigated by G-5 and it would be helpful if you could ensure that all Italian military personnel concerned are informed of the correct procedure to be adopted. In particular it should be stressed that PM 900 is the correct accommodation address and NOT PM 135 as formerly.

5. It is considered that if this matter is pursued through Italian Military channels, that will be sufficient, but if you feel it would be of assistance, a GRO could be published, thus bringing the correct procedure to the notice of all British formations and units.

a) Is it worth the while
b) Be Officer IC Rome on behalf of these Italians for proper procedure
c) Call attention of the Officer that a great deal of delay should be saved

L A Sheldon

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5. It is considered that if this matter is pursued through Italian Military channels, that will be sufficient, but if you feel it would be of assistance, a GRO could be published, thus bringing the correct procedure to the notice of all British formations and units.

I think it would be advisable
a) To effect the [illegible] of the
[illegible] and avoid [illegible]
[illegible] procedure
b) Col: Townsend is of the opinion
that a great deal of delay
occurs because correct return
address is not used by all
the Italians

PM 2/4

W.B.S. Sheldon

W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt-Col.,
for Major-General,
G-4 (B).

JM/VRS.

Copy to:-
G-5.
G-3 (Foreign).
Postal.

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Green Envelopes.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/16

31 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 1442/D of 27 Oct 44. 180

1. There is no objection to "Green Envelopes" being manufactured from the blue coloured paper as per sample returned herewith.

2. It will be necessary, of course, for the wording previously laid down, to be printed thereon.

F.J.NORRIS Lt.Col.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/hh

Copy to: 'I'Branch.

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
AQ/16
1 October 1944.

Ministry of War.

1. MMIA LO to HQ No. 1 District has reported that many complaints are made in respect of the postal arrangements for Italian Military Personnel.

2. Troops in that District who write regularly to their families in Southern Italy, Sardinia, or Sicily get few replies, many of which are months old.

3. There appears to be a breakdown between the Military arrangements and the Civilian Service.

4. It is, therefore, considered, because of the important morale value to troops, that the postal arrangements should be investigated by the appropriate branch of the War Ministry, with a view to improving this valuable service for the troops.

5. This Hq will be informed of the result of the investigations mentioned in para. 4 above.

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F.J. HOARE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
MMIA.

SPA/ag

Copy to:
Lt. Col. Howard (your LO/62 of 20 Oct. refers) —— 177
MMIA LO Hq 1 Dist.

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+ 197

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19/16

Translation

From M of W Ref No 1444 R. /O.
to M M I A. Date 27 oct 44

"Green envelopes"

As regards the manufacture of "Green envelopes" to be distributed to combat troops we inform you that there is no availability of green paper from which the envelopes are to be made following instructions.

Since it is possible to manufacture envelopes of blue paper as the specimen herewith attached - we beg you to let us know if you have any objections to the privilege envelopes for the Italian troops to be made of blue paper instead of green.

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R Memo 5 - No objections

PICCIRILLI.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione 1ª A.C. Sez. 3 Roma. 27 OTT. 944

Prot. N.° 1442/D Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO: Buste privilegiate.

Alla M. M. I. A.

R O M A

Per l'approntamento delle buste privilegiate da distribuire alle truppe operanti, si comunica che non vi è alcuna disponibilità di carta verde, dato che di tale colore devono essere fatte le buste in questione secondo la prescrizione.

Poichè invece è possibile fabbricare buste di colore celeste, come dal campione che si allega, si gradirà conoscere se nulla si ha in contrario a che le buste privilegiate da distribuire alle truppe operanti dello Esercito italiano siano fabbricate con carta di colore celeste, anzichè di colore verde.

p. IL MINISTRO
(Tito Piccirilli)

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Tito Piccirilli

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Subject:-Mail - Italian Army.

Liaison Officer,
Military Mission
Italian Army.
c/o HQ., I District.
LO/32.
20 Oct 44.

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To:-Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E.

Infm:-HQ., I District.
55 Area.
61 Area.
71 Sub Area.
HQ., 209 Division.

A22/16

2310

It has been apparent for some time that Italian Army Mail in the forward areas does not function. Soldiers who write to their families regularly in Southern Italy, Sardinia or Sicily sometimes get no reply. If letters arrive they are often months old. Furthermore, soldiers who are not more than a hundred miles from their own homes (also in the forward areas) can get no news of their families through the postal ~~service~~ because the civilian service is slow to begin functioning.

1. In view of the widespread nature of the complaints that I have received on this subject I suggest that a speedy investigation into the matter might be carried out by the Ministry of War and recommendations made as to how the Army mail service could be improved.

Any improvement in the Italian soldiers mail ~~service~~ would result in a considerable heightening of morale.

H-AC. forward 206

Lt.Col., G.S.O.I. (1).,
Mil., LO., I District.

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AF FORM C2130 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. AOG

Call | Ser. No. | Precedence | Transmission Instructions

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Intsum Dist

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA LO 60 SUB AREA | Date-Time Filed Office: 28

For Action

TO HQ MMIA (ROME)

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA LO DISTONE MMIA LO 8 ARMY MMIA LO DISTWO

Message Instructions: CP

COPIES TO:- G
AR
ST.
AE
Sigs
MOV
Med.

Originator's No.

JB/85 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO MMIA LO 67 GARRISON

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS

SIGNED:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED:

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Subject: Postal Services - Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/16

1 Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref SMRE9/5077-301 of 4 Aug. — 165

1. The restrictions limiting postal communication between Italian Tps in Forward Areas and Rome have now been withdrawn.

2. Normal correspondence, letters and cards, is now authorised between Italian Tps in forward areas and all areas where postal facilities are at present available, including Rome City and Province.

3. It must be clearly understood that the above in no way reduces the existing censorship Regulations, and all ranks will be informed that all correspondence is subject to normal censorship.

BPA/hh

F J Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: All MMIA LOs,

GC

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SECRET

Subject :- Postal Services - Italian Forward Troops.

AAI/1145/1/G/I(c).

M.M.I.A. (Your AQ/16 of 12 Aug refers).
HQ. A.A.I.

Chief Base Censor, (For 7 Base Censor Group).
C.M.F.

1. Restrictions imposed by this HQ on 11 June by signal No. I.670 limiting correspondence from Italian troops in forward Areas to friends and relatives in City of Rome to 1 card of 25 words per week are now withdrawn.

2. Normal correspondence, letters and cards, is now authorised and may be permitted between Italian forward troops and all areas where postal facilities are at present available, including Rome City and Province.

Lt Colonel,
G.S.I.(c),
A.A.I.

CMF.
29 Aug 44.

Copy to :- A.C.C.
" " :- "A" Branch (Your 3074/G/A(c) of 27 Aug refers).

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Subject:- Postal Services - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/16

3 Aug 44

HQ AAI.

Ref your 3074/9/A(O) of 19 Aug and telephone conversation Maj. Dentry - Capt Archer.

1. In reply to this HQ AQ/16 of 8 Jun 44, HQ AAI signalled MMIA (I/670 dated 11 June) to the effect that Italian Military Personnel in fwd areas might correspond with ROME by means of 1 x 25 word letter card per week.

2. This method was adopted in order that the Postal Services would not be overloaded, and to reduce volume of censorship.

3. May this HQ please be informed whether normal postal services for Italian Tps in fwd areas to correspond with areas in Rear of Army Boundaries may now be put into operation.

F.J.NOAKES Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

SPA/jcp

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Subject:- Postal Services - Italian Army

HQ. ,ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext 226

Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C. Rome

30714/9/A(O)

19 Aug.44.

Copy to Q -
Postal -(conversation Lt.Col.Scott-Capt.Stoney refers)

Reference your AQ/16 of 12 Aug.44.

1. The regulations concerning postal arrangements for Italian Army personnel are contained in this HQ letter 2020/3/Q2 dated 2 Apr 44 (3 copies to you).

2. The above regulations do not contain any restriction as mentioned in your letter.

3. If such a restriction has been imposed, may full details be supplied to this HQ please.

A.S. Dash, Major
Brigadier,
DAG.

JSS/VRT

See Notes

Rome was still German!

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SECRET

Subject: Postal Services - Garibaldi Div.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/16.

17 Aug 44

R.C. &.M.G.SECTION
H.Q., A.C.C.

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Ref your 6/224/CA of 15 Aug 44.

1. Herewith copy of AAI letter AAI/3074/A(O) of 8 Aug 44, as requested.

2. Copy of Force 399 letter F/399/138/SD of 14 Aug 44 is also fwd for your information.

SPA/hh

S P Arthur Capt RA

~~Lt.Col.~~
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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SECRET

ROUTINE
BR CIPHER MESSAGE

Army SC 0/17 3192

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FOLIO 24247
16 AUGUST 44

INFO - ACTION

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT
TO : REAR MACMIS RPTO SOMTO AAI

ORIG NO : FX 83700 M/R.

TOO: 16
TOR: 2050B/16

HEADQUARTERS
17 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

REFERENCE LETTER G/406 OF 1 AUGUST FROM HQ SOM TO AAI COPY TO YOU. AAI HAVE INFORMED THIS HQ THAT THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF A SIMPLE LETTER CARD TO ESABLE ITALIAN TROOPS OF THE GARIBALDI DIVISION TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN ITALY HAS BEEN TAKEN UP WITH HQ ACC. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER BE REPRESENTED TO MARSHAL TITO FOR HIS AGREEMENT.

Q 3 ACTION
DCAO 3
ACC(C) 4
A 2

SMC.23108/16
T.T.23158/16 WRB

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M.M.I.A. "AQ" 16
FILE REF
Date Rec'd 17 8/44

Acc List

INFO-ACTION: ARMY SC (2)
INFO: A/Cc
Comms SC
FILE (2)
FLOAT

INFO - ACTION

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

Phone:
478808

Ref/6/224/CA.

15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Garibaldi Division.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

Reference to your AG/16 of 12 August 1944 may this Branch please be given a copy of AAI letter 3074/9/A(O) of 8 August 1944.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SECRET.

Subject: Cerifalda Division.

H.Q. FORCE 399
C.M.F.

Ref:F/399/1.38/Sig.

4 Aug 44.

To: Army Sub Commission
MMIA, H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME

MMIA | AQ
Date Rec'd 17 Aug 44 | 176.

Copy to: H.Q. AAI.
Rear HQ to JAIL C/o RAF.

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Ref your AQ/16 of 12 Aug and AAI 3074/9/A(O) of 8th Aug 44.

1. Responsibility for liaison with Marshal TITO and for all matters concerning JUGOSLAVIA has now been taken over by HQ to JAIL, which is independent of this H.Q. FORCE 266 has ceased to exist.

2. The correspondence under reference has therefore been passed to Rear HQ. HQ to JAIL for action.

Major
for Lt col, Comd.

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Subject: Postal Services - Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/16

12 Aug 44

To: H.Q.,A.A.I.

1. Under the present regulations Italian troops behind the Army boundaries may communicate with relations in ROME without any restrictions as to the type of letter etc.

2. Troops fwd of Rear Army Boundary may only send a 25 word card once a week.

3. The Italian Ministry of War have asked if some concession can now be made to Italian tps fwd of Rear Army Boundaries to bring them more in line with tps in Rear Areas.

4. Your rulings are requested.

Fw 165
Obs 172

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

See folio 174

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SUBJECT: Garibaldi Division.

SECRET

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Army Sub Commission, A.M.I.A.
H.Q., A.C.C.

NOTE.

AQ/166
12 Aug 44.

To: H.Q., AAI.

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Reference AAI/3071/Op/A(G) dated 8 Aug 44 : -

1. The GARIBALDI Division and other tps in the BALKANS are not part of the Regular Italian Army as set up by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and for whom AMIA is administratively responsible to H.Q. AAI.

2. All matters dealing with Italian troops on the other side of the ADRIATIC are the responsibility of FORCE 266.

3. I am therefore passing the AAI letter on to FORCE 266 and asking them to take action and reply direct to H.Q., AAI.

See folio 169 also 168/1

L.P.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.Ib.
5.c.
encl. copy to: H.Q., AAI.
H.Q. FORCE 266 (would you please take action as in para. 3 above.)

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AQ/16 ARMY SC.

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(SECRET)

HQ ALLIED AIRFORCE IN ITALY

AAI/3074/9/A(O)

8 AUG 44

AQ 1/103

10/8/44

SUBJECT:- GARIBALDI DIVISION

HQ Allied Control Commission

1. There are some 7,000 Italian troops of the Garibaldi Division in the Balkans, 5,000 of which are operating under Marshal Tito and the remaining 2,000 have dispersed into the countryside as individuals with Partisan Peasants.

2. A recent report received from HQ SC(M) states that these Italians are worried about not being able to communicate with their relatives.

3. Subject to agreement by Marshal Tito, it is suggested that a simple means of communication with their families in Italy could be arranged in the form of a simple letter card, giving only essential family information.

4. Please take up the question of the provision of these cards with the Italian authorities.

5. Meanwhile, representations are being made to Marshal Tito for his approval to the scheme.

HEADQUARTERS 10 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

C. pl. Colin Bury
Major Gen. A.G.

TW/RAF.

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Translation

From SMRO
To MMA
Subject Correspondence for ROME

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R.Q. 9/6277-30
Date Aug 14.

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With AQ/16 dated June 14, MMA ordered that AT military located in operational zones could correspond with ROME, once a week, with a card which had 12 words in the left. As at present the mail only can correspond with ROME by means of letters and without limitation, as carry out. Please extend card zones.

Cpl (GB)

PA 11/11

A/S ① This seems to pass the type in just over at a classification type.

② The limitation hampers, I think, Censorship Service would be able to cope with otherwise card from Italian forces type.

S.C.A.

(Gen Staff)

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MT/or

Tom 2e

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

FILE REF	116
Data Recd	8/8/44

N. 9/5042-301/dl prot. Serv. P. M. 151. II 4 agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: corrispondenza per Roma.-

Corrispondenza per ROMA

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L' ESERCITO - A.C.C.
ROMA

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Con foglio AQ/16 del 14 giugno u.s., codesta Sottocommissione disponeva che i militari italiani dislocati in zona operazioni potevano corrispondere con Roma, una volta alla settimana, con una cartolina di 25 parole di testo.

Poiché attualmente i militari non in zona operazioni ed i civili possono corrispondere con Roma a mezzo di lettere e senza limitazioni di sorta, si prega estendere tale concessione anche ai militari in zona operazioni.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(A. Santi)

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File 164

Subject: Change of Location - POSTAL

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16.

14 Jul 44.

DADAPS.
HQ No.2 DISTRICT

1. The Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. will be located in ROME w.e.f. 14 Jul 44.

2. It is requested that all mail, addressed as under, be forwarded to the British APO ROME, where it will be collected by the Army Sub Commission :-

31 Italian Corps Control.
33 Military Mission.
'Y' Military Mission.
British Military Mission to 7th Italian Army.
British Military Mission to Italian Army.
Allied Military Mission to Italian Army.
Military Mission to Italian Army.
M.M.I.A.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Brid, Capt
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

JB/hh

Copy to: HQ AAI for POSTAL.
O i/c British APO, BRINDISI
O i/c British APO ROME.
Camp.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Liaison Section

A-a 116
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26 June 1944

Subject: PW Mail.

To : Army Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

The attached three communications are forwarded for delivery to General PESCATORI of the Italian Army, please.

Passed to PW

(C. A. OLIVER) Lt. Col.,
F. G. BEAUMONT-NESBITT
Major General
Chief of Section

Incl:
3 ltrs for General PESCATORI
#DHP/298

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COORDINATING ROUTE SLIP
Staff Minute Sheet
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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File No G1/B/2119/A2

SUBJECT Prisoner of War Mail and Censorship

No.	From	To	Date	Save Paper - Use Both Sides
1	G1(B)	Liaison Lia 2677	23 Jun 44	Will you please ask the Italian Military Mission to arrange for the onward transmission of the enclosed three letters addressed to Generale di Brigata APORTI Alessandro. W.R. May W.R. May, Captain, Staff Captain, for Major General, G.1.(B). Encls. aws.
2	Lia. SECT	Hqs. A.CC. A PO 394	26-6	To you for action. A Attaghini, Capt CE 26 June 1944 Ake 6/7 Passed to MGW. File

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COORDINATING ROUTE SLIP
Staff Minute Sheet
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Army SC (Lcce)

File No G1/B/2119/A2.

SUBJECT PW - Mail.

AD 6/7

No.	From	To	Date	Save Paper - Use Both Sides
1.	G1(B) A2.	Liaison Section.	24 Jun. 44.	1. Please forward the attached 3 letters to the Itulian Military Mission for onward transmission to the addressee, who has been repatriated. H.T. Maclachlan Jun Cond wel. Encl. M.T. MACLACHLAN, J. Cond., for Major General, G.1.(B).
	2. Lia 2709			
2.	G1A. Ops. SEC. AEC Hdqrs APO 394		26-6	To you for action. E Mantrini, Capt CE 26-6-44.

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Subject:- Postal Services

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MEKA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AC/16
12 June 44

F.C.T.A.L.I.
Area Combined Headquarters
TARANTO.

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Ref your T.A. 1142 dated 15 June 44.

1. A scheme for soldiers in forward areas to correspond with their families in ROME is already in operation. Plans are being formulated by HQ ACC to extend this to personnel in rear of the Army boundaries, but it has not yet become effective.

2. When this scheme comes into operation, it will presumably include Naval personnel in rear of the Army boundaries.

Jrp/JB

Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Copy to:- HQ ACC (ref para 2. Please inform FOTALI direct).

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(RAYONNE OFFICE)
APO 534, U.S. Army.

A.P.O. 17
27/6

21 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Repatriated Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 534, U.S. Army.

1. Inclosed herewith are letters addressed to former Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated from this theater to Italy and for which this section is unable to effect delivery.

2. We are advised by Liaison Section, Italian Military Mission, Sub-District A.F.H.Q., that the A.C.C. has channels through which delivery may be made to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

28/6

JOHN C. ALLEN,
1st Lt., C. M.P.,
P.W.I.B., PW DIV.

Incls:
Letters.

Passed to M of W

File

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Liaison Section

17 June 1944

Subject: Attached 2 Letters for Col. Pederzani

To : Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Italy.

The attached two letters, (marked A & B respectively) both addressed to Colonel Pederzani, are forwarded for disposal please. Both letters have been passed by the censorship branch of AFHQ.

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Letters passed C.M.O/W.

File

for (C. A. CLIVEH) Lt. Col.,
F. C. BEAUMONT-NESBIT
Major General
Chief of Section

Incl:
att. 2 ltrs. marked A & B.

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Army S.C. (Lecce)
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HEADQUARTERS
20 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(NATOUSA OFFICE)
APO 534, U.S. Army.

AG 23/1 GL

16 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Former Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are sixty (60) pieces of mail addressed to former prisoners of war who have been released to the Italian High Command.

2. It is requested that this mail be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

JOHN C. ALLEN,
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
P.W.I.B., PW DIV.

Incls:
60 Letters.

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CONVEYING FAMILY NEWS TO ITALIAN SERVICEMEN.
(Ministry of Marine's letter No. 372/FO dated 31st May, 1944.)

II.

No. T.A. 1142.

HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Forwarded for remarks, as it is understood that you are contemplating the institution of a similar scheme.

2. The Minister of Marine's proposal to employ naval personnel to convey the cards is unacceptable from a Security point of view and some system of censorship will have to be introduced. Apart from these objections, which can doubtless be overcome, the scheme seems an excellent one which should have a most beneficial effect on morale.

24/6 file Letter V. [illegible]

TARANTO.
15th June, 1944.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

2nd Folder 158 162

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R. MARINA

COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO
TARANTO

N.

Richiedente SERVICEMAN REQUESTING

Cognome SURNAME:

Nome CHRISTIAN NAME:

Destinazione ADDRESS:

TEXT of MESSAGE

Testo del messaggio

(Al massimo 25 parole di carattere strettamente personale e famigliare)

MAXIMUM of 25 WORDS on STRICTLY PRIVATE and FAMILY MATTERS

Data

Destinatario ADDRESSEE.

Cognome

Nome

Via STREET 182

Località LOCALITY

Provincia PROVINCE

Risposta al verso *(scrivere molto chiaramente)*

REPLY OVERLEAF - WRITE VERY CLEARLY

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REPLY

RISPOSTA

(Messaggio da ritornare al richiedente)

(al massimo 25 parole di carattere strettamente personale e famigliare)

Data DATE

Scrivere molto chiaramente

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From: Ministry of Marine
To: F O L I
Date: 31.5.44
Ref.: 372/FO

Subject: Conveying to Servicemen News of Their Families in recently Liberated Territory.

1) It is this Ministry's intention that, whenever it is possible to do so, specially appointed servicemen should locate the families of Officers, P.Os. and Seamen to be found in areas that are liberated from time to time and communicate to them news of their dear ones and also to transmit the messages given in reply.

2) So that the above may be carried out in a properly organized manner, the attached form has been prepared which would be filled in in first instance by the serviceman desiring news of his family, and on the back there is space for the latter's reply.

As an address, the serviceman making the request would only indicate the Senior Command to which he belongs: (Marina-Taranto, Brindisi, Gallipoli, etc.)

3) I shall be glad if your Command will kindly let me have an approval to the attached printed form and its proposed use.

DG.-) Chief of Cabinet.

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AREA
DATE -4 JUN 1944
No: L.399/1142

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Army S.C - (Piece 152)

A2
19/6

SUBJECT:-Prisoner of War Mail and Censorship.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

G1/B/2119/A2
16 Jun 44

The enclosed letter addressed to Generale P. PLACENTINI, who was released from prisoner of war status in Dec 43, is forwarded to you for disposal.

19/6 A2 Passed G MOW T. File

Encl.
awn.

M.T. MACLACHLAN, J. Cond.,
for Major General,
G.1.(B).

HEADQUARTERS
17 JUN 1944
A.C.C

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements for Italian Military

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
AC/16
14 June 44

Ministry of War
S.M.R.E.

1. Approval has been given by Headquarters AAI for all Italian troops in the forward areas to correspond with Rome by means of the Italian Field Post Card. Each man will be allowed one field card per week with twenty-five words per card.

2. The existing postal services for Italian troops in the forward areas will be used and censorship regulations observed.

3. HQ ACC are making arrangements for postal services between rear areas and Rome, and this Headquarters has asked them to co-ordinate with their plan the post card system proposed by SMRE.

4. You will be notified of these arrangements directly they are announced.

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CGL.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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A. C. C.

HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(NATOUSA OFFICE)
APO 534, U.S. Army.

AG 017 AMG

13 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Italian Military Personnel.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith for disposition are letters addressed to Italian Military Personnel who are not and have not been Prisoners of War.

For the Provost Marshal General:

22/6 gps

JOHN C. ALLEN,
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
P.W.I.B., PW DIV.

Passed to MdW

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~~FROM V MELC M QUR1 QSX A~~

~~FROM V ITAC LD 3 A~~

~~T 1111 CVT 1~~

FROM HQ A A I 111930 B

TO A M I A + HQ 7 PAS CENSOR GROUP

~~CONF~~ CD ZU BT

I/OTO. RESTRICTED .

APPROVAL GRANTED TO ALL I T A L I A N TROOPS

OWARD AREAS CORRESPOND BY TEANS FIELD CARDS WITH R O M E .

TWENTY FIVE WORDS PER CARD - ONE FIELD CARD PER WEEK PER MAN .

ALL EXISTING REGULATIONS CENSORSHIP AND POSTAL APPLY. REPLY SERVICE ALSO CONSISTS CARDS ONLY. THIS SERVICE APPLIES

R O M E C I T Y ONLY

BT

DEPTH 324 1 111930 7 48 1/675

Jr Note #1

We were advised by Telo from BSI AAI that Ace was arranging a plan for areas South of Rome

TO 276 EL

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Note #2

Col Hamilton talked to Col Priddy and arranged for Ben to coordinate our plan with the one being arranged by Ace for Kings Italy in Area Command areas

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Army A C (Censor)

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(CASEBA OFFICE)
APO 534, U.S. Army.

AG 14/6

10 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Repatriated Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Inclosed herewith are letters addressed to former Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated from this theater to Italy and for which this section is unable to effect delivery.

2. We are advised by Liaison Section, Italian Military Mission Sub-Section A.F.H.Q., that the A.C.C. has channels through which delivery may be made to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

JOHN G. ALLEN,
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
P.W.I.B., FW DIV.

Incls:
Letters.

HEADQUARTERS
12 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

14/6 ff

Passed M.G.W.

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SUBJECT: Postal Service to ROME for ITALIAN Army.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LECCHIE (LECCE)
AQ/16
8 June 44.

H.Q. AAI.

Ar 9/8

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Reference my I/94 of 4 June, AQ 1254 of 6 June and your I/663 and CAO 197 of 6 June.

1. A large number of Italian soldiers have relatives in ROME, from whom they have not heard for many months, whereas their relatives have no knowledge of the soldiers present state or whereabouts.

The Italian General Staff have represented that the speedy adoption of a scheme of communications between soldiers and their relatives in ROME would do much to raise the morale of the Italian Army, with a consequent decline in desertions, and a greater readiness to work for the Allies.

3. If no scheme is put into operation the Information Bureaux will be overwhelmed with enquiries, and their present work stultified. Moreover, there is no doubt that every effort would be made by legal or illegal means, by relatives in ROME and soldiers outside, to communicate with one another.

4. The Italian General Staff therefore proposes the following scheme, which is intended to reduce censorship to a minimum and provide a simple means of inter-communication, without prejudice to security: -

(a) Each soldier with relatives in ROME would receive ONE Field Service Card (as per attachment).

(b) The soldier would write on the card his own address and signature, and the address of the person to whom he is writing.

(c) A space on the card is left for the reply.

(d) No card would be accepted for return to the soldier unless bearing the signature and address of that soldier.

(e) Normal censorship regulations would apply and the normal postal services would be used.

5. It is further proposed that in the event of the postal services in ROME not being in operation, a Central Distributing Office should be set up in ROME for this purpose under control of Allied Commander of ROME.

6. This scheme has been agreed in principal in your I/663 of 6 June.

I therefore request that approval be given to the attached cards. The

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6. This scheme has been agreed in principal in your I/663 of 6 June.

I therefore request that approval be given to the attached cards. The cards will then be printed and all arrangements made for the scheme to be put into operation at the appropriate moment, when you give the order.

A Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs. PJH.

Copy: C.

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REGIO ESERCITO ITALIANO

Cartolina postale in franchigia

MITTENTE

Grado .....

Cognome .....

Nome .....

Reparto .....

.....

P.M. .....

Al .....

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ROMA

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( ) P.M. ..... ( ) .....

STO' BENE - DATEMI NOTIZIE CON LA PRESENTE -
ABBRACCI

(firma .....)

(Spazio riservato per la risposta) ANNULLARE IL NON APPLICABILE

1. Sto {bene / ammalato / all'ospedale}

2. {Padre / Madre / Fratelli / Sorelle} stanno bene

3. {Moglie / Figli / Figlie} stanno bene

4. La nostra casa è {in piedi / danneggiata}

Abbracci

Firma

.....

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ARMY FORM C-2128

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	IN Copy for G.C.C.	CR	
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO CINCIA info ACC Main for CFFEMIDDLEEN ACC Rear for Campbell

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
G-2 AAI			

I/663 (:) CONFIDENTIAL (:) Your I/94 of 4 June (:) Agree proposed is principal but consider pre-feature (:) Then permitted to be of standard message type on printed card to facilitate censorship (:) Suggest specimen be prepared and submitted for approval meantime will notify later date where can operate

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means + (Except) ( ) Wireless	This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time of Origin
Signature	Signature		T.H.I. 17
			T.O.R.

+ Originator may delete "Except" and insert "including." (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender
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Subject : Postal Service to Rome. for Italian Army

liq. AAI

1. The Italain General Staff represents that

a. A large number of Italian soldiers have relatives in Rome, from whom they have not heard for many months.
b. The relatives of these soldiers have no idea of the whereabouts of the soldiers on account of the confusion which has existed in Italy before and after the armistice.

2. Effort will be made by both the Italians in Rome and the soldiers not in Rome to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ obtain information regarding the fate of their relatives. This effort will extend to swamping such information offices as may be established, and sending letters by personal messenger, even in violation of postal regulations.

3. It is believed that the morale of the Italian Army is important at this time to eliminate desertions, and continue the soldiers on their work for the Allies.

4. In order to eliminate as much censorship of communications as possible, and to have a simple plan for the soldiers to advise their relatives in Rome of their address, and to hear from the relatives, it is suggested that the Italian General Staff be permitted to print and distribute a card such as the attached. This card will be filled out by the soldier, with his proper address, and signature~~xxxxxxxxx~~ and be addressed to the party in Rome. Some central office could be established in Rome for distributing these cards in case the postal service is not in operation. The relative would write the message on the card, which could then be censored and returned to the soldier thru normal postal channels. It is contemplated that only one card would be allowed each soldier, and that no communications for transmittal to the soldier would be accepted except as written on the card signed by the soldier. The information regarding this system could be given to the people in Rome by announcement of the Allied Government.

5. Request that the Italian Army be permitted to put this plan in operation. Personnel for the distribution office in Rome can be furnished by the Army, and would operate under control of the Allied Commander of Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Liaison Section

AG2
17/6

7 June 1944

Subject: Letters to Former Prisoners of War.

To : Army Sub-Commission of A.C.C.

For onward transmission.

(C. A. CLIVER) Lt. Col.,
for F. G. BEAUMONT-NESBITT
Major General
Chief of Section.

Incl:
att: (4) Ital. ltrs.

13/6 gs

Passed to M of W.

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Army S.C. (Lecce)

HEADQUARTERS
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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U. S. Army

6 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Repatriated Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S.Army.

1. Inclosed herewith are letters addressed to former Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated from this theater to Italy and for which this section is unable to effect delivery.

2. We are advised by Liaison Section, Italian Military Mission Sub-section, A.F.H.Q., that the A.C.C. has channels thorugh which delivery may be made to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

JOHN G. ALLEN,
1st Lieut., CMP,
P.W.I.B., PW Div.

Incl:
Letters.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA.
TO : FILFOR.

DATE: 6 TIME: 1557

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AQ 1294 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Refer CAO 197 dated 6 June (*) Recommend that scheme NOT repeat NOT be implemented at present for following reasons (*) First (*) Desertions in Rome will be very high (*) Second (*) Any inability of MOV & TM to provide trains will cause congestion and disappointment resulting in desertions (*) Third (*) Italians have no transport either to move troops forward from STAGNESE or to retraining points unless they demand corresponding amount of Allied transport to carry out normal maintenance (*) Fourth (*) Majority Armed Forces have relations in Rome Area and all will find cause for leave to Rome (*) If privilege restricted to troops working for Allies considerable dissatisfaction caused in remainder with consequent desertions and general unrest (*) Fifth(*) Nevertheless consider most desirable that troops should have news of relatives and am proposing separate scheme on Field Service Card Basis

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(CASABLANCA OFFICE)
APO 534, U.S. Army.

AG 16.

2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Former Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are twelve pieces of mail addressed to former prisoners of war who have been released to the Italian High Command.

2. It is requested that this mail be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

JOHN G. ALLEN
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
P.W.I. Sec., PW DIV.

12 Incls:
5 ltrs. for General Brunetti Brunetto.
4 ltrs. for General Francesco la Ferla.
1 ltr. for General Pietro Gazzera.
1 ltr. for Vincenpe Marini.
1 ltr. for Gastone Carocci.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U. S. Army

AG 26 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail for Repatriated Italian Prisoners of War. 341/5.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S.Army.

1. Inclosed herewith are letters addressed to former Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated from this theater to Italy and for which this section is unable to effect delivery.

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For the Provost Marshal General:

JOHN G. ALLEN,
1st Lieut., CMP,
P.W.I.B., PW Div.

Incl:
Letters.

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25 MAY 1944
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SUBJECT:-Prisoner of War Mail.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G1/B/2119/A2

20 May 44

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

Generale Brigata PIACENTINI

The attached three letters addressed to the above-named Italian ex-prisoner of war, who was released in Dec 43, are forwarded to you for disposal, please.

One letter to
two for General
returned BRIT HQ

H.T. Hasdachham Jun/Corpl

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A.S. BARSDORF, Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
for Major General.
G.1.(B).

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TEL.NO. 02E 59.

Hdqrs S.C. (Fin.c)
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11 May 44.

Hea[illegible]arters,
Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

Subject: P.W. Mail.

1. Attached hereto are letters addressed to T 181348, Lt.Col. SPINA Michele.

2. This Officer was released on 15 Jan 44 to proceed to PALERMO, Sicily, on reconstruction work, and had to report to Lt. Col. NELSON, W. Monfort.

In the Field.

Encls. 6

Passed by Lt.Col. M.P.

for Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U. S. Army

9 May 1944.

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Transmitted herewith are twelve pieces of mail addressed to former prisoners of war who have been released to the Italian High Command.

It is requested that this mail be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

for ROY A. HOUSTON,
Captain C.M.P., Director,
Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

12 Incls:
5 Ltrs. for Gen. Pietro Gazzera
2 Ltrs. for Gen. Pietro Pinna
1 Ltr. for Col. Mario Pezzi
1 Ltr. for Gen. Brunetto Brunetti
1 Ltr. for Gen. Francesco Guasco
1 Ltr. for Giuseppe Manfredi
1 Ltr. for T.V. Gino Birindelli

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HEADQUARTERS

AQ 16/17/5

SUBJECT:- FW Mail.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1/B/2119/A2.
13 May 44.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

1. The attached four letters addressed to Generals Brigata PIACENTINI are forwarded to you for disposal, please.

2. Generale PIACENTINI was released in December 43.

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A.S. BARSDORP,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major-General,
G-1.(B).

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AZ 9/4 26 APR 1944

To See "Q" 148

AZ 11/6 29/4

In reply refer to: AG/16/2/62. 21st April 1944.

Subject: Private correspondence to and from personnel of the Italian forces.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

1. Attached for information (in relation to H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy Order No.AG/3/2 of 5th April 1944.), is a copy of a statement setting out the position so far as it affects the Italian civil postal authorities, who have been advised as necessary.

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

Copies to: Commando Supreme.
A.C.A.F.S. Postal Investments H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy. (Adam Smith)
M.G.A.I.(I) H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy. (For sept section.)
A.F.H.Q. Military Government Section.
Censorship Liaison Officer, Allied Control Commission.
Army Sub. Commission. - Main HQ LECCE.

Attached All is the machinery, and does not affect the Policy. No action reqd.

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A. G. F.
Telegram and postal communication.

[illegible] 21 April 1944.

Private correspondence to and from persons of the Italian forces.

In connection with arrangements now made for the handling of such correspondence, the following are aspects with which the Italian Civil Postal Service is directly concerned.

1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ITALIAN FORCES.

(a) Letters in Italy and Italian offices in occupational areas.
Items for civilian addressees will be collected, through military channels, to the office of the Governo Centrale Militare, Base Center, Naples, where they should be taken over by the civil post office, for forwarding and delivery.

(b) Letters in civil centres home in non-occupational areas.
After civil censorship, civil items to be sent forward for delivery in normal course. Any items for Italian military forces to be dealt with as indicated in para 2.

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CIVILIANS TO ITALIAN FORCES.

(a) Area Italian Mainland. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil postal channels to Concentramento P.M. at either Bari or Naples, depending upon whichever has the better mail connection.

(b) Area Sardinia. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil postal channels to Concentramento P.M. at Cagliari, where mail for Italian forces in Sardinia will be withdrawn. Any P.M. items handed back to the civil post office, should be forwarded by civil post to Concentramento P.M. at Bari.

(c) Area Sicily. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil post to P.M. 88 Enna, where mails for Italian forces in Sicily will be withdrawn. Any P.M. items handed back to the civil post office should be forwarded through civil post to Concentramento P.M. at either Bari or Naples, depending upon whichever has the better mail connections.

3. Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 20 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration service for letters is not available.

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SUBJECT:- Postal Arrangements

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16
12 Appr 44

S M R E

Copy to:- Ministry of War
MMIA LO with HQ Allied Control Commission
" " " Rear EIGHTH ARMY
" " " HQ 2 District
" " " HQ 60 Sub Area

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1). Attached are instructions published by HQ A.A.I. on the subject of handling the mail of Italian Units in forward areas.

2). Will you please issue the necessary orders for their implementation as soon as possible by Italian Army formations concerned.

ABC

Brigadier Ray
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

HQ AAI (AEM ECHELON)
GMF

2020/3/Q2

2 Apr 44

To:- Fifth Army
Fifth Army (Br. Increment)
Rear Eighth Army
Main Eighth Army
5 Corps

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 8 Apr 44 AQ/16

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Attached Appendix "A" details procedure to be adopted forthwith for the handling of incoming and outgoing mail of Italian Military personnel in British or US Army or Corps areas.

for QMG Hoar 17/4

Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

RH/AEM

Copy to:- G(Special Ops), AAI - 10 copies
No.1 District
No.2 District
No.3 District
Peninsular Base Section
Allied Control Commission
ACC Army Sub-Commission - 3 copies
"A"
G-4
Postal
War Diary (2)

See Table 142

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Postal
War Diary (2)

See Addl 142

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APPENDIX "A" to 20[illegible]/3/Q2
DATED 2 APR 44

Correspondence posted by Italian troops in British and US Army and Corps areas.

1. (a) All private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or US Army or Corps areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command, and whenever possible, will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(b) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub para (a) above it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMF" and handed in to the nearest British or US Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.

2. (a) At Italian Field Post Offices in Army or Corps areas ALL private mail posted there will be made up in sealed bags, labelled "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, CMF", and handed over to the nearest British or US Army Post Office from which incoming mail is collected for transmission to the addressee. US Base APOs at BARI and NAPLES will transfer all such bags or packages to the British Base APO.

(b) The conveyance of private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in Army or Corps areas other than as specified above, is forbidden.

(c) Mails reaching Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 CMF, will be collected by the Italian Civil Postal authorities for onward transmission through the Italian Civil or Military Postal system.

3. (a) Private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces serving behind the areas specified above will continue to be posted at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices as at present, and will not be accepted at British or US APOs.

(b) Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration of letters is not available.

Correspondence addressed to Italian troops in Army and Corps areas.

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Correspondence addressed to Italian troops in Army and Corps areas.

4. (a) Private mail addressed to Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or US Army and Corps areas may be posted by Italian civilians at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices which are authorised to be open, and will be confined to postcards and letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight

5. (a) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with Italian Units or HQs will be the same as that used prior to the move of the Unit into British or US Army or Corps areas (i.e. the former "PM" number will continue to be used).

(b) The address for Italian officers and other ranks attached to British or US Headquarters or Units will be the PM number used by the Italian unit to which they are affiliated unless they can conveniently collect mail from the latter. The title of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached will not be shown.

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6. (a) All correspondence as detailed above will be passed by Allied Censor Control Officers operating with the Civil Postal Service and will then be circulated to the Officio de Concentramento (Italian Base Army PO) at either BARI or NAPLES.

(b) The Officio de Concentramento will make up sealed mails for the Italian Field Post Offices in British or US Army or Corps areas and will transfer these to the British Base APOs at BARI or NAPLES, or the US Base APO at NAPLES by arrangement with the British or US Army Postal Services for onward conveyance to the nearest British or US APO from which it will be collected by the Italian Field Post Office.

(c) Letters bearing the FM number only in the address (sub para 5(b)) will be made up at the Officio de Concentramento into bags or packages addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7" and will be transferred to the British Base APO at BARI or NAPLES.

(d) Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 will maintain a record of the British or US Headquarters or Unit to which Italian officers or other ranks using the "FM" address are attached, will redirect letters accordingly, and return them to the British Base Army Post Office. Such letters will then be put in course for delivery to British units or transferred to the US Base Army Post Office for delivery to US units.

Action to be taken now by Italian Units or Personnel in British or US Army or Corps areas.

7. (a) Italian Headquarters or Units in possession of a Unit Censor Stamp issued by Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, CMF, and situated in British or US Army or Corps areas will appoint a post orderly to deliver and collect mail from the nearest Italian Field Post Office.

(b) Units not in possession of such a CCM stamp will deliver their mail to the nearest Italian Unit holding one. If this entails hardship, a request for a CCM stamp may be addressed to the Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMF, stating reasons and giving location, strength, nearest holder of a CCM stamp.

(c) Italian officers or other ranks attached to British or US Headquarters or Units, and who have no Italian HQ or Unit address which they can use will not indicate in their private letters the name of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached but only the "FM" address. They will, however, enclose a piece of paper showing correct British or US military address, which Censura Centrale Militare will extract and record for purpose of forwarding return mail, any change of address being similarly notified.

8. Until Italian Unit

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transferred to the British Base APO at BARI or NAPLES.

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8. Until Italian Unit Censorship Regulations are published or Unit Censor stamps are issued, the following procedure will be followed:-

(a) Italian officers will censor their own troop's mail and will frank each envelope with their signature in the lower left hand corner. They will similarly frank their own mail.

(b) Italian officers will ensure that the regulations regarding the posting of mail in British and US Army and Corps areas are rigidly adhered to and that private mail is not despatched by any other means.

(c) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

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Action to be taken now by Italian Supreme Command:-

9. (a) Publish Censorship Regulations for Italian units and personnel in British and US Army or Corps areas.

(b) Furnish Censura Centrale Militare with an Order of Battle of those HQs and units for whom Unit Censor stamps are required. The present location and PM number should be shown against each proposed holder of a Unit Censor Stamp which will be restricted to those in British or US Army and Corps areas.

Action to be taken by Censura Centrale Militare:-

10. Issue Unit Censor Stamps

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AS/16

26 April 44.

Subject :- Postal.

O, B.A.P.O.

1. Information has been received that mail addressed to 33, Military Mission is being forwarded to "2" Military Mission.

2. It is requested that mail, addressed either to 33, Military Mission or "Y" Military Mission, be forwarded to this Hq. (MMIA) through A.P.O. BRINDISI.

Capt,
for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

rb/JB

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Army Form C2126 (Parts of 100).

MESSAGE FORM 16.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups	Serial No. / Office Date Stamp
		GR.	

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO FATIMA REAR to QUINSMITH

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number MQ 979 | Date 17 | Time Filed / In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED	C	Ref	QS 2.43	9	13
O	receipt	Confirmed			

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means available.

Signed [illegible] Capt

This message must be sent IN CIPHER if unable to encipher in 30 minutes in enemy hands.

Signed

Originator's Instructions / Degree of Priority: BY HAND

Time of Origin 170910 B

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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T.H.I.

T.O.R. 159

* Originator may delete "Capt" and insert "Lieutenant".

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS/mms

QS243

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Reference our QS170 of 31 March.

Please confirm that you have received a copy of 2020/3/QS of 2 April on the above subject.

for H.Q.A.S.C.

received.

Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

AG/16.
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SUBJECT:- Postal Arrangements

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AG/16
17th April 44

S M R E

Copy to:- Ministry of War
MMIA LO with HQ Allied Control Commission
" " " Rear EIGHTH ARMY
" " " HQ 2 District
" " " HQ 60 Sub Area

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1). Attached are instructions published by Hq A.A.I. on the subject of handling the mail of Italian Units in forward areas.

2). Will you please issue the necessary orders for their implementation as soon as possible by Italian Army formations concerned.

ABC

Bgcdt
for
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U.S.Army

U — 3770

7 April 1944.

AG 16

SUBJECT: Mail to Former Prisoner of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S.Army.

1. Transmitted herewith letter for General Pietro Gazzera, former prisoner of war who has been released to the Italian High Command.

2. It is requested that this letter be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressee.

For the Provost Marshal General:

15/4

Floyd Houston
ROY A. HOUSTON,
Captain C.M.P., Director,
Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

1 Incl:
Ltr. for Gen. Pietro Gazzera.

Forwarded & MDW by LO 15/4

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16.
13 Apr 44.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Adv HQ SALERNO.

Ref your letter, QS170 dated 31 March 44.

1. H.Q. AAI (Adm Sch) have published postal arrangements for Italian units in fwd areas in their letter, 2020/3/Q2 dated 2 Apr 44.

2. MMIA have only received sufficient copies for distribution to a minimum of outstations as well as the Italians.

3. It is suggested that you may find it convenient to obtain the copy addressed by H.Q. AAI to H.Q. ACC or to obtain one direct from the originators.

J.Bird, Capt

tvs.BCCH.

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO

Regret

DACIG

Pl Tell Gen Aderholt this ref his 1224/c 5 23 Nov and ask for further relevant details

Regret

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Done

AM

Na/16

Regret

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

QS/nms

30 March 1944

QS168

SUBJECT: P.W. Mail.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Reference your AQ/16 of 24 March:

1. Telecommunications Sub-Commission state that the first mail for P.W. was forwarded as under:

A.P.O.	DATE	DESTINATION
Sicily	17 Sept. 43	various
Bari	26 Jan. 44	Cairo
"	27 Jan. 44	New York
"	31 Jan. 44	Tunis
"	15 Feb. 44	London
Naples	1 Mar. 44	various

2. They wish to go into the matter further if more detailed information of camps not receiving mail could be forwarded. e.g. Camps which have changed their personnel or have been handed over from British to French, etc.

3. In the meantime the matter is being looked into.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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31 MAR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

QS/mms

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31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements, Italian.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Reference your AQ/16 of 23 March.

Enclosed is a copy of the scheme drawn up by Postal Directorate, H.Q. AAI (Adm. Ech), which appears to cover all the points raised in previous correspondence on this subject.

This scheme is still awaiting approval from AAI, and we will inform you as soon as Telecommunications let us know thatit is in force.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Encl. as above.

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Subject:- Mail and Censorship - Italian Troops in Army Areas (Operative Area).

1. Correspondence posted by Italian troops.

(a) All private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command.

(b) Whenever possible all private mail from Italian officers and other ranks(including Carabinieri Reale) serving in the Areas defined in sub para 1 (a) will be postedat at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(c) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub para 1 (b) above it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, C.M.F." and handed in to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.

(d) At Italian Field Post Offices in Army or Corps Areas ALL private mail posted there will be made up in sealed bags, labelled "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F.", and handed over to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office from which incoming mail is collected for transmission to the addressee. U.S. Base APO's at Bari and Naples will transfer all such bags or packages to the British Base A.P.O.

(e) The conveyance of private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in Army or Corps Areas by any other means than that specified in sub paras (b), (c) & (d) is forbidden. Private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces serving behind the areas specified above will continue to be posted at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices as at present, and will not be accepted at British or U.S., A.P.O.'s.

(f) Mails reaching Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F. will be collected by the Italian Civil Postal Authorities for onward transmission through the Italian Civil or Military Postal system.

(g) Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration of letters is not available.

2. Correspondence with Italian troops in Army and Corps Areas.

(a) Private mail addressed to Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.SS Army and Corps areas may be posted by Italian civilians at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices which are authorised to be open.

(b) The service will be confined to postcards and letters as specified in para 1 (g) above.

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(c) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with Italian Units or HQs will be the same as that used prior to the move of the Unit into British or U.S. Army or Corps areas (i.e. the former "P.M." number will continue to be used).

(d) The address for Italian officers and other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units will be simply the PM number used by the Italian Unit to which they are affiliated unless they can conveniently collect mail from the latter. The titel of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached will not be shown.

(e) All correspondence as detailed above will be passed by Allied Censor Control Officers operating with the Civil Postal Service and will then be circulated to the officio de Concentramento (Italian Base Army P.O.) at either Bari or Naples.

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(f) The Officio de Consentramente will make up sealed mails for the Italian Field Post Offices in British or U.S. Army or Corps areas and will transfer these to the British Base APO's at Bari or Naples or the U.S. Base A.P.O. at Naples by arrangement with the British or U.S. Army Postal Services for onward conveyance to the nearest British or U.S. A.P.C. from which it will be collected by the Italian Field Post Office.

(g) Letters bearing the PM number only in the address (sub para 2 (d)) will be made up at the Officio de Concentramento into bags or packages addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7" and will be transferred to the British Base A.P.C. at Bari or Naples.

(h) Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 will maintain a record of the British or U.S. Headquarters or Unit to which Italian officers or other ranks using the "P.M." address are attached (sub para 2 (d)), will redirect letters accordingly, and return them to the British Base Army Post Office. Such letters will then be put in course for delivery to British Units or transferred to the U.S. Base Army Post Office for delivery to U.S. Units.

3. Action to be taken by Italian Units or Personnel in Operative Area.

(a) Italian Headquarters or Units in possession of a Unit Censor Stamp issued by Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F. and situated in British or U.S. Army or Corps areas will appoint a post orderly to deliver and collect mail from the nearest Italian Field Post Office.

(b) Units not in possession of such a C.C.M. stamp will deliver their mail to the nearest Italian Unit holding one. If this entails hardship, a request for a C.C.M. stamp may be addressed to the Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, C.M.F. stating reasons and giving location, strength nearest holder of a C.C.M. stamp.

(c) Italian officers or other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units, and who have no Italian HQ or Unit address which they can use will not indicate in their private letters the name of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached but only the "P.M." address. They will, however, enclose a piece of paper showing correct British or U.S. military address, in order that Censura Centrale Militare may extract and record for purpose of forwarding return mail. Any change of address will be similarly notified.

(d) Until Italian Unit Censorship Regulations are published or Unit Censor stamps are issued the following procedure will be followed:

(i) Italian officers will censor their own troop's mail and will frank each envelope with their signature in the lower left hand corner. They will similarly frank their own mail.

(ii) Italian officers will ensure that the regulations regarding the posting of mail in British and U.S. Army and Corps Areas are rigidly adhered to and that private mail is not despatched by any other means.

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(iii) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

4. Action to be taken by Italian Supreme Command:

(a) Publish Censorship Regs for "Operative Area".
(b) Furnish Censura Centrale Militare an Order of Battle of those HQs and Units in the "Operative Area" for whom Unit Censor stamps are required. The present location and P.M. No. should be shown against each proposed holder of a Unit Censor Stamp, which should be restricted to those in British or U.S. Army and Corps Areas.

5. Action to be taken by Censura Centrale Militare:

(a) Issue Unit Censor Stamps.

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NORTH ARRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U.S.Army.

HEADQUARTERS
28 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

24 March 1944.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 10/16
ARMY.

SUBJECT: Mail to Former Prisoners of War.

TO : President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S.Army.

Transmitted herewith are twelve pieces mail addressed to Italians who have been released from a prisoner of war status.

It is requested that this mail be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addresses.

For the Provost Marshal General:

Roy A. Houston
ROY A. HOUSTON,
Captain C.M.P., Director,
Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

12 Inclosures:
5 ltr. for Generale Brunetto Brunetti
4 ltr. for Generale Pietro Gazzera
1 ltr. for Generale Pietro Pinna
1 ltr. for Generale La Ferla Franceses
1 ltr. for Generale Guido Boselli

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Subject:- Postal Delays

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16
30 Mar 44

HQ No 2 District

The att envelope is forwarded for such action as you think fit. It is correctly addressed for private mail and was delivered at this HQ on 30 Mar 44 with the initial Army Post Office franking of 25 Feb 44. It was posted in CATANIA, SICILY in the normal way.

for Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
(NATOUSA Office)
APO 534, U.S.Army.

10/16

21 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail to Former Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S.Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are nine (9) pieces of mail addressed to former prisoners of war who have been released to the Italian High Command.

2. It is requested that this mail be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressees.

For the Provost Marshal General:

ROY A. HOUSTON,
Captain C.M.P., Director,
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9 Incls:
2 ltrs. for Gen. Francesco La Perla.
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Adj 311.18 1st Ind. LTM/mrb
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 24 March 1944.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Lequile (Lecce).

For appropriate action.

By Command of Lieut General MACFARLANE:

L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
2d Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

Incl
n/c Mail delivered. [illegible]

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

Ref/127/43/CA. 19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Postal Services.

TO : Army Sub-Commission (Main H.Q.) AG/16

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.

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

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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).

	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

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

(b) Foreign

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

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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.

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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.

for NORMAN E. FISKE,
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 Sub-Commission
Italian Refugees Branch

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Navy
Land Forces
Air Forces
Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission 10
War Material Disposal
Public Relations Officer
Liaison Section HQ ACMF
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.
SCAO 5th Army
SCAO 8th Army

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
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APO 534, U.S.Army.

MILITARY MISSION. 21 March 1944.

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to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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Adj 311.18
1st Ind.
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 24 March 1944. LTM/mrh

To: Army Sub-Commission, Lequile (Lecce).

For appropriate action.

By Command of Lieut General MACFARLANE:

Passed by L.O. & SNRE
Bgde
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L. T. MONTANT, JR.
2d Lt, AGD,
Adjutant.

Incl
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Fr: P.W. Mail.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16.
24 Mar. 44.

Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission,
A.C.C., SALERNO.

Further to MMIA signal, AQ. 796 dated 19 Mar.

1. The under-mentioned P.W. Camps are notified by Ministry of War as being some of those not receiving mail from relatives of P.W.

2. Will you please communicate the result of your check with the Telecommunications Sub Commission.

205 P.O.W.	Camp.	ALGERIA.
17 P.O.W.	Camp	ENGLAND.
120 P.O.W.	Camp.	GREAT BRITAIN.
85 P.O.W.	Camp.	GREAT BRITAIN
317 P.O.W.	Camp.	.
(Sic) Ref 101 POW Admin Centre		ALGERIA.
137 P.O.W.	Camp	ORAN.
351 P.O.W.	Camp	EAST AFRICA.
212 P.O.W.	Camp	NORTH AFRICA.
36 P.O.W.	Camp	ORAN.
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Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Min. of War - Cabinet
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref. 1224/C
23.MAR.44

Subject: Mail to P.O.W.

We beg to inform you that several P.O.W. families complained about the fact that their relatives in P.O.W. Camps were not receiving the mail despatched, while the families always received regularly the mail sents by the P.O.W.

For y. info. hereunder some of the Camps mentioned by these families.

	205	P.O.W. Camp	ALGERIA
	17	" "	ALGERIA
	120	" "	ENGLAND
	85	" "	GREAT BRITAIN
	317	" "	GREAT BRITAIN
Ref.	101	" "	
	137	" "	ORAN
	351	" "	EAST AFRICA
	212	" "	NORTH AFRICA
	36	" "	ORAN
	Adm. Centre		ALGERIA
	2-1-	Le Kreider	ALGERIA

We would appreciate if you could arrange that mail despatched will be received by the P.O.W. in order to prevent the repercussions produced on the P.O.W. morale by the lacks of news from home and for the sake of families

Capt.

Gen. A. LIBERTI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 1834/c P.M.107 li 23 MAR 1944 194

OGGETTO: Militari prigionieri.
Mail for P.O.W.

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.
- Main HQ (MMIA) -
= LEQUILE =

e, per conoscenza:
All'UFFICIO CENTRALE NOTIZIE INFORMAZ.PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA = S E D E =

Si segnala a codesta Sottocommissione che molte famiglie di prigionieri di guerra hanno lamentato che i loro congiunti prigionieri non ricevono la corrispondenza loro inviata, mentre le famiglie ricevono regolarmente quella che gli stessi prigionieri indirizzano loro.

A titolo informativo, si riportano alcuni nominativi di campi fatti dalle famiglie di cui sopra:

- 205 P.O.W. Camp. Algeria
- 17 P.O.W. Camp. England
- 120 P.O.W. Camp. Great Britain
- 85 P.O.W. Camp. Great Britain
- 317 P.O.W. Camp.
- Ref 101 P.O.W.
- Admin - Centre - Algeria
- 137 P.O.W. Camp. Orano
- 351 P.O.W. Camp. East Africa
- 212 P.O.W. Camp. North Africa
- 36 P.O.W. Camp. Orano
- 2 - 1 - Le Kreidu - Algeria

Data la profonda ripercussione che la ricezione di notizie dai famigliari ha sul morale dei prigionieri e per la tranquillità stessa del

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OGGETTO: Militari prigionieri.
Mail for P.O.W.

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.
- Main HQ (MMIA) -

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

172/16

MGS: 201-Melia Carmelo

RS/cags
18th March 1944

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Mail

TO : A.C.C., H.Q.,
APO 394.

1. Attached herewith are seven letters addressed to Captain Melia Carmelo, Italian Army.

2. Forwarded for final delivery.

R. Segalini

R. SEGALINI,
1st Lt.,CAC,

Incl: as above

Letters given to LO STORE (VINCI)
Bacon.
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A O T I O N S L I P

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To:

2/c	the Post Office and Comptroller's position is shortly being ground out. Could Memo the origin 9 the matter 1 3/3
QQ	Material

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20 MAR 1944 3/20

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission ACC. Main Hq. (AMMIA) Lequille (Lecce).

From: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Subject: Italian Military Personnel Correspondence.

Our Ref: Ps/Lb/3/68. : 19th March 1944.

1. It is understood from the Army Sub-Commission at this Hq. that you have not received the original of the copy letter dated March 6th attached. You will be aware, from Captain Drummond's recent visit, that the matter which you raised is being dealt with.

2. A meeting of representatives of interested Allied and Italian authorities was held on March 11th, and the second enclosure outlines a scheme drafted by Lt.Col. W. Scott, A.D.A.P.S., to meet the position. So far as the Italian civil Post Office is concerned, their part is quite a straight forward one. With the somewhat more involved aspects of British and American Army Post Office functions, and with them that of Censorship, Colonel Scott is now dealing and it is expected that the comprehensive scheme will be in operation very shortly.

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

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission Near HQ.
(For Lt.Col. Quin-Smith.)

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 23/3 AG/16
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer to: PS/16/3/52

6th March, 1944.

Subject: Correspondence from Civilians for Italian Military Personnel.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Main HQ.

1. Arising from your letter AC/16 of February 19th Captain Drummond of this Sub-Commission is making enquiry at Bari and at Lecce (Major Ferrauti, SMRE, Postal Section, PS(S)1) in order to obtain further necessary details towards the complete linking up of the civil and military postal services. He will then discuss the matter with your Sub-Commission.

2. Enquiries which have already been made indicate that a certain amount of correspondence is duly circulating, but further information, not available here, is necessary before precise instructions can be issued to the civil postal officials in the provinces by the Italian postal authorities.

3. The correspondence concerned is subject to censorship in the province of posting, and it is not at the moment at all clear that British Base censorship is necessary. If not it should be possible to simplify the routing shown on the diagram received with your letter, and to speed up the transmission of the mail accordingly. According to present information, concentration on Naples is only necessary in the case of correspondence from Italian military personnel - vide copy of letter attached. In relation to the distinction drawn in paras (4) and (5) of the latter, it is understood that certain Italian units are served by British APOs, in which case separate provision may have to be made for some of the correspondence.

4. Perhaps you will be good enough to let Captain Drummond see this letter when he arrives.

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

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Subject:- Mail and Censorship - Italian Troops in Army Areas.

1. Correspondance Posted by Italian troops.

(a) All private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by G.S. (1).

(b) After Unit censorship it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "(British Base Censor, Group 7 C.M.F.)" and handed in to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Office will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.

(c) The conveyance of private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces (including Carabinieri Reale) serving with the British or U.S. Armies in Army or Corps Areas by any others means than that specified in sub para (b) is forbidden. Private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces serving behind the areas specified above will continue to be posted at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices as at present. Such mail will not be accepted at British or U.S. Army Post Offices.

(d) Mails reaching British Base Censor, Group 7, will be collected by the Italian Civil Postal authorities for onward transmission through the Italian Civil or Military Postal system.

(e) Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 40 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration of letters is not available.

2. Correspondance with Italian troops in Army and Corps Areas.

(a) Private mail addressed to Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.S. Army and Corps areas may be posted by Italian civilians or Italian Service personnel at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices which are authorised to be open.

(b) The service will be confined to postcards and letters as specified in para 1 (e) above.

(c) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with complete Italian Units will be the same as that used prior to the move of the Unit into British or U.S. Army or Corps areas (i.e. the former "PM" number will continue to be used).

(d) The address for Italian officers and other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units will be "PM.....(a phantom, i.e. non existent, number to be allotted by Italian Supreme Command.)

(e) All correspondence as detailed above will be passed by Allied Censor Control Officers operating with the Civil Postal Service and will then be circulated to the Officio de Concentramento (Italian Base Army P.O.) at either Bari or Naples.

(f) The Officio de Concentramento will sort the mail into bags or packages which will addressed to the Unit concerned or to PM..... (see sub para 2 (d)) and will

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(f) The Officio de Concentramento will sort the mail into bags or packages which will addressed to the Unit concerned or to "PM..... (see sub para 2 (d) and will transfer the bags and packages to the British or U.S. Army Post Offices at Bari or Naples according to whether the Unit is serving with the British or U.S. Army. Bags or packages for "PM.....' will be transferred to the British Army Post Office for British Base Censor, Group 7, C.M.F.

(g) British Base Censor, Group 7, will maintain a record of the British or U.S. Headquarters or Unit to which Italian officers or other ranks using the "PM..." address are attached (sub para 2(d) , will redirect letters accordingly, and return them to the British Base Army Post Office. Such letters will then be put in course for delivery to British Units or transferred to the U.S. Base Army Post Office for delivery to U.S. Units.

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actions to be taken by Italian Units or Personnel with British or U.S. Army.

(a) Italian Units serving with British or U.S. Forces in Army or Corps Areas will appoint a post orderly to deliver and collect mail from the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office, and will furnish the post orderly which an authority written in English.

(b) Italian officers or other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units will not indicate in their private letters the names of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached but only the 'P.M.....' address. They will, however, write to(British Base Censor, Group (B.C.M.F.) informing him of the address of the British or U.S. Headquarters or Unit to which their letters should be forwarded, and any change of address will be similarly notified.

(c) Until Italian Unit Censorship regulations are published the following procedure will be followed:-

(i) Italian officers will censor their own troop's mail and will frank each envelope with their signature in the lower left hand corner. They will similarly frank their own mail.

(ii) Italian Officers will ensure that the regulations regarding the posting of mail in British and U.S. Army and Corps areas are rigidly adhered to and that private mail is not despatched by any other means.

(iii) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Italian

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Adv HQ (SALERNO)

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
A/16
15 Mar 44

Further to our letter A/16 dated 9 Mar 44.

1. A translation of Italian CH letter dated 11 Mar 44 is forwarded.

2. Capt DRUMMOND of the Telecommunications and Posts Sub Comm., visited this HQ on 10 Mar, and is well informed on the difficulties of military mail, but is primarily concerned with civilian mail.

3. Will you, please, get in touch with the necessary military and civil authorities, and inform this HQ of the action that is being taken to accelerate the distribution of Italian mail both to and from Italian soldiers, particularly those in the Combat Zones.

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Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT: Mail Service for troops in Op Areas

Ref 9/1447/301/Serv
11 March 44

To: MMIA

Reference letter 1365 dated 4 March

In connection with the instructions contained in afm letter, we beg to inform you that the Div HQs asked to collect mail in from their units under command (as per para 1) already have a Military Post Office which deals with all the Postal Service.

It would therefore be advisable if the Allied Authorities would allow a representative from this Post Office to collect mail from units. The mail would then be taken to the Post Office for onward transmission to the British Base Censor at Naples or Bari; according to location of the units, in bundles as requested.

Should this authorisation be granted it will be possible for this care representative to collect incoming mail from the Base Censor for distribution to the operational troops. Necessary measures for security and control will of course be adopted.

This will avoid having to send mail to Allied Post Offices and mail will instead be delivered direct to Div Post Offices.

The following units are now in the Op zones:-
Units of 209 Div (PW 185), of 210 Div (PW 179) of 1 Mob Bde Op (PW 155) and of HQ Campania Forces (PW/120)

Sgd Gen BRUNETTI

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Translation

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sgd Gen BRUNETTI

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot.n° 9/1447-301/Serv. P.M. 151, 11 MAR 1944

OGGETTO: servizio postale per le truppe in zona operazioni.-
POSTAL SERVICE FOR TROOPS IN COMBAT ZONES
Rif.f.n. 1365 del 4/3

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE DI COLLEGAMENTO
presso il CDO FORZE ALLEATE MEDITERRANEO CENTRALE

In relazione alle disposizioni contenute nel foglio sopra distinto si fa presente che i Comandi delle Divisioni ai quali é demandato l'incarico di riunire la corrispondenza privata in partenza dai propri reparti, come dal parag. 1) della precitata lettera, hanno alle loro dipendenze un ufficio di Posta Militare che provvede a tutte le operazioni postali.

Sarebbe perciò opportuno che le Autorità Alleate concedessero la facoltà di adire ai reparti per il ritiro della corrispondenza, ad un apposito incaricato dell'ufficio di Posta Militare che provvederebbe a concentrarla all'ufficio P.M. stesso per l'ulteriore avviamento alla British Base Censor di Bari o di Napoli, secondo la dislocazione dei reparti, con la confezionatura in pacchetti richiesta dalle Autorità Alleate.

Qualora tale autorizzazione potesse essere concessa, a mezzo lo stesso incaricato della P.M. potrebbe essere inoltrate alle truppe operanti la corrispondenza in arrivo dal Paese, dopo la revisione della British Base Censor, la quale, con le modalità che saranno ritenute opportune per garanzia e controllo, anziché far proseguire la corrispondenza censurata agli uffici postali alleati, la restituirebbe per l'inoltro all'ufficio P.M. della Divisione interessata tramite il Concentramento di Bari o di Napoli.

Si segnala infine che nella zona di operazioni sono dislocati reparti delle divisioni 209 (P.M. 185) e 210 (P.M. 179) del 1°Raggruppamento Motorizzato (P.M. 155) e del Cdo. FF.AA. della Campania (P.M. 120).-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Gen. Primieri

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO - UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE POSTALE

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Gen. Primieri

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call | Srl No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date Time of Origin 19/1201A — OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO FATIMA REAR for QUINSMITH — For Action

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR —

Originator's No. AN 796

(*) War Ministry report that PW in UK NA USA South Africa NOT rpt NOT receiving mail from relatives while relatives receive mail from PW (*) request check with Telecom Sub Comm

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY RADIO BY ANY MEANS, EXCEPT [illegible]

SIGNED [signature]

IF CLEARED TO BE SENT BY RADIO OR TELEPHONE, SIGN HERE

SIGNED

Time	Signed	Up
TIH or TOR		
Time cleared		431

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Hd Quarters Allied Control Commission Army Sub Comm (Liaison)

SUBJECT:-Prisoner of War Mail.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
MILITARY MISSION
G1/B/2119/A2.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

Date 4 Men 44/16, 8 Mar 44.

Enclosed herewith is a bundle of mail for Italian prisoners of war who were repatriated to ITALY on 11 Dec 43. Will you please arrange for onward transmission.

12/3 A/B

To SHAEF LO

Encls.
WRM/aws.

Yours very truly,

A.S. BARSDORF, Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
for Major General,
G.1.(B).

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
APO 534, U. S. Army.

PRC/MAIL

9 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Mail.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Request that the inclosed forty five (45) letters be forwarded to the Italian High Command for delivery to the addressees.

J. V. DILLON,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Provost Marshal General.

1 Incl:
45 PW letters.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 13 March 1944. MP/gc

TO: Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Main Hq (MMIA), Lequile (Lecce)

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Lieut General MACFARLANE:

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
WO(jg), USA
Asst Adjutant

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6 MAR 1944

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MILITARY MISSION.

Aq/16

In reply refer to: PS/16/3/31

6th March, 1944.

Date 9 March 44

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Subject: Correspondence from Civilians for Italian military personnel.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Main HQ. (Lequile).

1. Arising from your letter Aq/16 of February 19th Captain Drummond of this Sub-Commission is making enquiry at Bari and at Lecce (Major Pertuanti, SIFE, Postal Section, PMG) in order to obtain further necessary details towards the complete linking up of the civil and military postal services. He will then discuss the matter with your Sub-Commission.

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

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Subject:- Postal - [illegible]

Army Sub Commission, ACC
ADV HQ (MAIL) SALERNO

Army Sub Commission, ACC
ADV HQ (MAIL)
LEGHORN (LEGCOM)
AG/16
9 Mar 44

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1. Copies of this HQ letters AG/16 dated 15 Feb, AG/16 dated 19 Feb, and Italian (CH) letter 9/1266-305/Serv dated 7 March are forwarded.

2. Will you please make contact with the Allied Authorities concerned and get a decision on this question.

cc

[signature]
Brig
Army Sub Comm. ACC

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Copy of [illegible] letter 9/1266-305/Serv dated 7 March 44.

Subject:- Postal Service for the 209 Div

Military Mission to Italian Army

The reasons of the serious delays in the mail traffic from and to the military personnel of 209 Div still remain as under letter 9/768-305/Serv dated 12 Feb of our Post Office.

This happens more frequently for the mail despatched to the front so that nearly no private letters arrive.

It is possible that the inefficemt mail service is due to the censorship which is acting in NAPLES and not at the British Base Censor where is also the Italian Military Post Office n.1851 collecting the mail for the Division.

We must point out that all this is producing among the soldiers real disappointment and much demoralisation.

Will you please submit these remarks to the Higher Authority in order to eliminate all these obstacles for the normal mail traffic between the country and the troops in the combat zone and to coordinate the censor ~~making~~ service accordingly to the suggestions laid down in the a/m letter.

Sgd. A. MARIOTTI

Gen.

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From SMRE – Postal Adm. Ref. 9/1266-305/Serv.
To MMIA 4 MAR HH

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 16 Feb. 44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot. n° 9/768-305/Serv.

P.M. 151, 2 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Servizio postale con la 209ª Divisione.-

ALLA A. C. C.
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

L E Q U I L E

Permangono le cause del grave ritardo che subisce la corrispondenza da e per i militari della 209ª Divisione, già segnalate col foglio numero 9/768-305/Serv. in data 12 febbraio sc. di questo S.M. - Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale.

L'inconveniente si verifica in modo ancora più rimarchevole per corrispondenza dal paese al fronte, tanto che la posta privata in arr è pressochè nullo.

Il disservizio deve attribuirsi allo svolgimento delle operazioni di censura che continuano ad effettuarsi a Napoli anzichè presso la "... tisch Base Censor" di Bari, ove ha pure sede l'ufficio di posta militare italiano 185, a cui fa capo la corrispondenza da e per la suddetta Divisione.

Viene inoltre rilevato in modo sempre più sensibile che tali inconvenienti, specie il mancato scambio di corrispondenza fra i militari e le proprie famiglie residenti nel territorio liberato, provocano sulla truppa malcontento e forte depressione morale.

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di far presente i suddetti rilievi alle Superiori Autorità Alleate allo scopo di rimuovere quanto ostacola il regolare scambio di corrispondenza fra il paese e le truppe dislocate in zona avanzata e di coordinare anche il servizio di censura in conformità alle proposte contenute nel foglio sopraccennato di questo S.M. -

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot. n° 9/768-305/Serv.

P.M. 151, 2 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Servizio postale con la 209ª Divisione.-

ALLA A. C. C.
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

L E Q U I L E

Permangono le cause del grave ritardo che subisce la corrispondenza da e per i militari della 209ª Divisione, già segnalate col foglio numero 9/768-305/Serv. in data 12 febbraio sc. di questo S.M. - Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale.

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(A. Mariotti)

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO - UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZ. POSTALE -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

A/R 799 I/100/r

29 February 1944

AG 311.18

SUBJECT: Letters to Italian ex-Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, Army Sub-Commission, LECCE.

MILITARY ... ON.

Date ...

ITA... MY.

1. Reference attached FRC/MAIL dated 22 Feb 44 from Headquarters North African Theatre of Operations.

2. May delivery of the letters attached thereto be effected.

By command of Lieut General MACFARLANE:

AG/311/S

Tomaj Gabaldon Vdeo

File

L. T. MONTANT, jr.
2nd Lt, AGD
Acting Adjutant

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28 FEB 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
APO 534, U. S. Army.

JVD/JGA/eem

PRC/MAIL

22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Letters to Italian ex-Prisoner of War.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Request that the inclosed letters be forwarded to the General Staff of the Italian Army for delivery to the addressees.

J. V. DILLON,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Provost Marshal General.

12 Incls:
2 ltrs for General Pinna
5 cards for Colonel Pezzi
1 ltr for Colonel Pezzi
4 ltrs for Private Bassoli.

SUBJECT: Mail for Italian Military Personnel

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MBIA)
L'AQUILA (LACOM)
AG/16
19 Feb 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.

1. Italian Force HQ under command Eighth Army represents that Italian units under command are NOT receiving private mail.

2. It is thought that this is due to :

(a) Lack of facilities for civilians to send letters to Italian tps in Eighth Army zone.

or :

(b) Delay in chain of transport of mail from civil post offices to Allied Base Censor, N PLES and thence to Eighth Army zone.

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Brigadier.
Army Sec Comm, A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT: Mail fr Italian Military Personnel. APPENDIX A

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MAIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
AQ/16
15 Feb 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

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4. The same system is recommended for incoming mail.

5. The adoption of this scheme is strongly recommended and I should be glad to have an early notification of your approval.

TVS/

Sgd FJ MOAKES
Lt Col
for
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI- Sezione Postale

N° 9/768-305/Serv.prot. P.M.151,li 12 Febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Servizio postale con la 209° divisione.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Forze Terrestri

L E Q U I L E

Il servizio postale con la 209° Divisione, dislocata nella zona dell'8ª Armata britannica, lascia molto a desiderare per l'enorme ritardo che subisce la corrispondenza privata, a causa che la stessa dev'essere inviata per la censura alla "Britisch Base Censor" di Napoli.

Tale inconveniente causa vivo malcontento fra le truppe, ne deprime il morale con riflessi sulla disciplina e sul rendimento.

Per rendere più spedito il servizio, prego codesta Sottocommissione compiacersi ottenere dalle superiori Autorità Alleate che la corrispondenza privata, facente capo all'ufficio posta militare italiano 185, venga inviata per la censura alla Base British Censor di Bari, dato che con Bari funziona un regolare servizio di corriere bisettimanale.

Il servizio verrebbe svolto come da unito schema.

MILITARY MIS.
14 Febr 1944
to
ITALIAN

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- P. Berardi -

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

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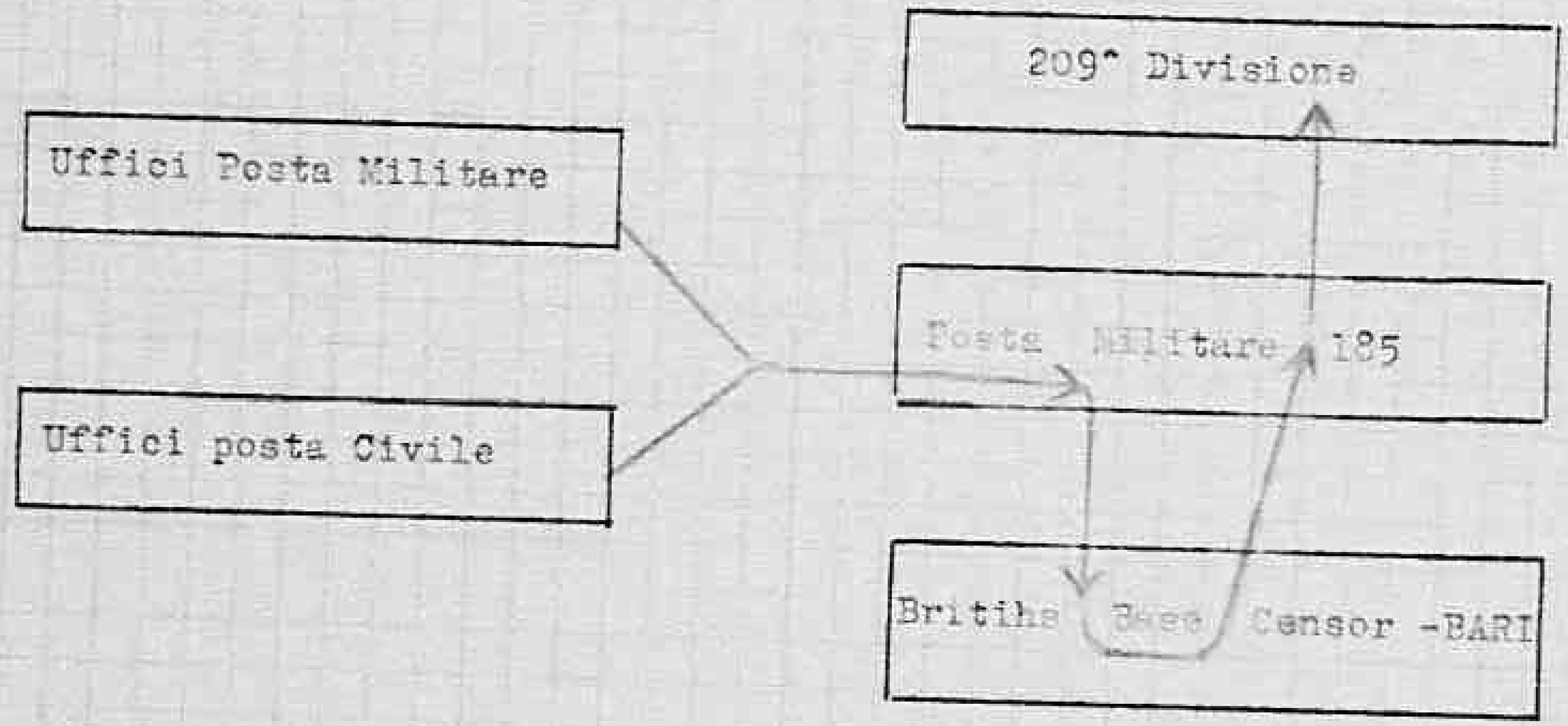
DAL PAESE ALLA 209^ DIVISIONE



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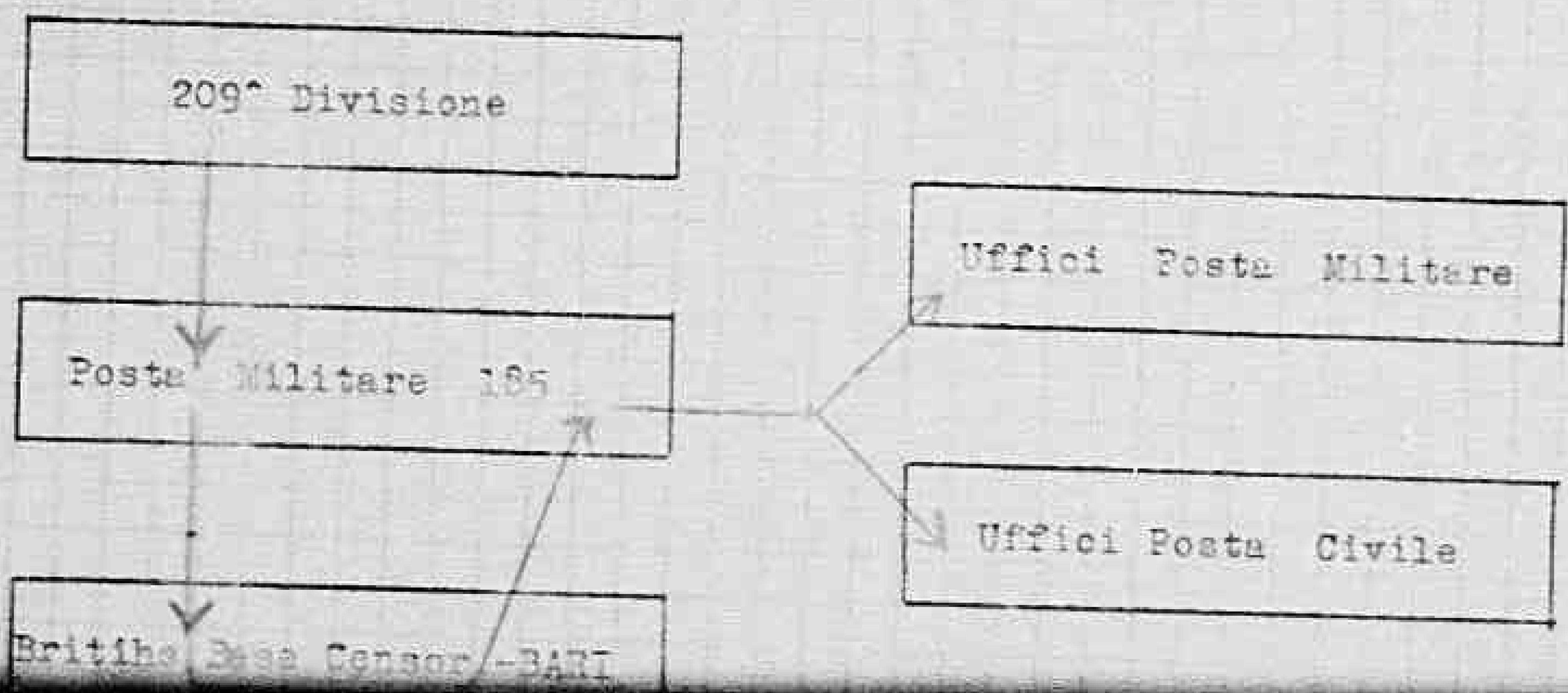

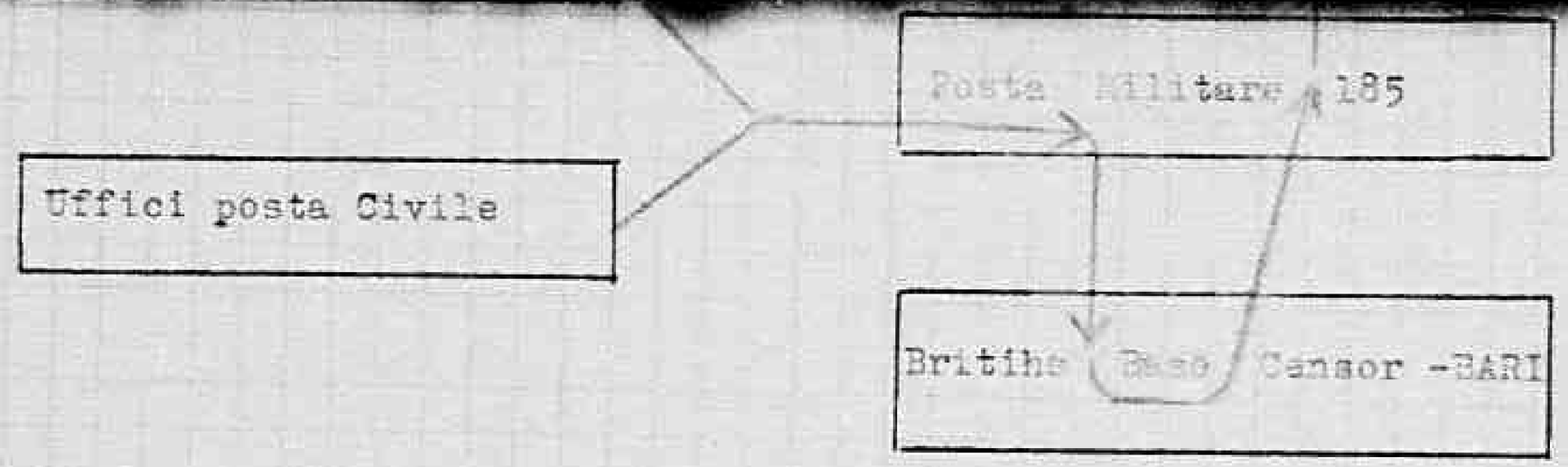

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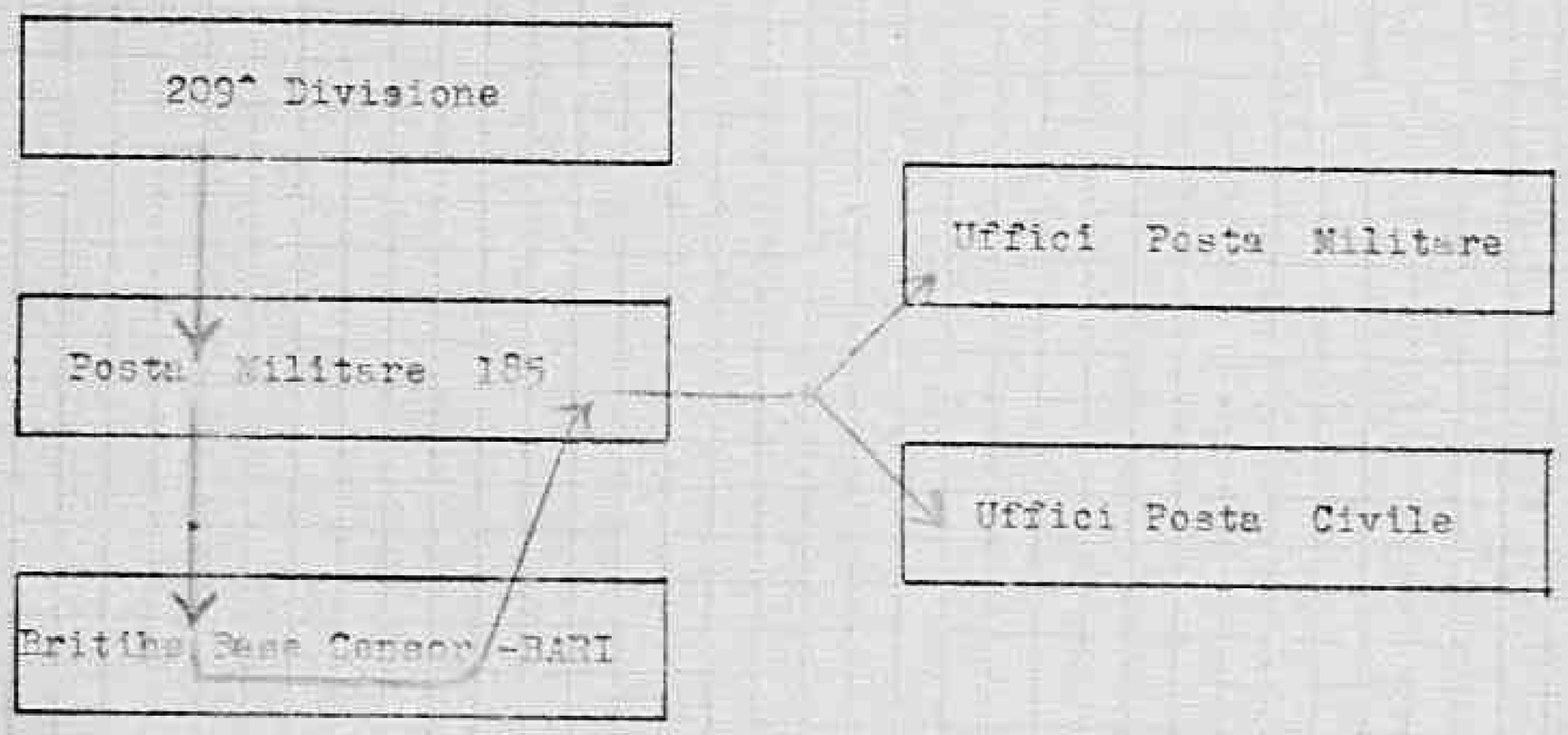

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SUBJECT: Mail from Italian Military Personnel.

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Rear HQ (MMIA)
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AG/16
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Lt Col 119
for Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

TVB.

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To disciplinate censorship of mail for a to 209 Div. located in the C.n.R.L. post and distributed by Bur P.M 185, we addressed on the 30 JAN a letter to you so as you could obtain from the Allied Censorship explanation of the procedure i.e. that the censorship for those troops are made by the Base Bud. Censor BARI instead of the BBC Naples.

In this connection, we sent on the 23/JAN instructions to the 209 DIV and the PM 185 re procedure to be carried out for censor & postal service, " which was remaining to be carried by the Allied Troops and the enclosed issue form a to the troops of the 209 Div.

Contrarily to these agreements we received through the HQ 209 Div. information (attached) by which Allied HQ state that the mail is to be sent to the Br. Base Censor Naples.

It resulted that since 20 days troops in the Caserta Zone have received no mail and ignore if the one dispatched reached their home, while the PM 185 is completely put aside.

As the Com. Comdg the Div. referred to us about above matter has a terrible effect on the morale of the troops, and that a few desertions occurred because the men were not receiving mail from home, we beg you to approach the Allied Auth. in order that the censorship be coordinated on the basis shown in our letter of the 30th JAN.

We beg to point out that the British Base Censor of Naples can do the same job while the delay as at present will be avoided.

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N° 80 / B. C.

SEGRETO

G E N E R A L E

D U C H E S N E

PRESSO S. M. R. E.

M. M. / A.

POSTA MILITARE 151

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Rear HQ Eighth Army
C M F

Ref No P4I/A8/6
6TH February 44

Subject: Postal Services Italien Units serving with British or Allied Formations.

"Q" Branch Rear Army

Ref 20/Q2 of 6 Jan from AFHQ ady Adm Ecn

1. This does not cover the case of Italian Military personel attached to Britsh, Dominion or Allied units.

2. Censorship Control has now agreed that such personel may post their mail under cover addressed to " Britsh Base Censor Naples " at the nearest A P O

firmato
Lt Col RE
(C H Rose)
A D A P S

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MT:pe

S.. TO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Tradotto, pg 38

Prot. n° 9/ 685-305/Serv. P.M. 151, 9 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze per la 209ª Divisione.

Allegati: 1
Mail for the 209 Div.

ALL' UFFICIO - M. M. I. A.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 10 Febbraio 1944
to
SITAF(AND)ARMY.

Per disciplinare le operazioni di censura della corrispondenza da e per le truppe della 209ª Divisione dislocate nella "fascia di operazioni" e servite dall'ufficio P.M. 185, fu trasmesso il 30 gennaio u.s. a cotesto ufficio un pro-memoria, con preghiera di interessare il Comando delle Forze Alleate per la sanzione delle disposizioni e cioè che le corrispondenze da e per le truppe in esame passassero per il vaglio della Base British Censor di Bari anzichè dell'uguale ufficio di Napoli.

Con riferimento a tale pro-memoria, in data 23/1 furono diramate al Comando della 209 Divisione e all'ufficio P.M. 185 le modalità da seguire per il funzionamento della censura e del servizio postale, modalità che assicuravano il controllo totale della corrispondenza da parte degli organi delle Forze Alleate, e il regolare afflusso e deflusso della posta alle truppe della 209ª Divisione.

In contrasto a queste disposizioni, è pervenuta tramite il Comando della 209ª Divisione la comunicazione, che si allega in copia, con la quale il Comando Alleato dichiara invece di aver disposto che la corrispondenza della Divisione predetta sia avviata alla British Base Censor di Napoli.

Come conseguenza di tale avviamento, da circa 20 giorni le truppe dislocate nel settore dell'8ª Armata Inglese non hanno avuto alcuna distribuzione di posta e ignorano se quella in partenza pervenga ai destinatari, mentre l'ufficio P.M. 185 è del tutto tagliato fuori.

Poichè lo stesso Signor Generale Comandante la 209ª Divisione ha interessato questo S.M.R.E. facendo presente che tale stato di fatto contribuisce in modo sensibile a deprimere il morale delle truppe, tanto che si sono verificati casi di diserzione per i quali è risultato che uno dei motivi principali è stato quello della mancanza di notizie da casa, si prega intervenire presso gli organi competenti del Comando Alleato allo scopo di coordinare il servizio di censura sulla base delle proposte contenute nel pro-memoria a suo tempo presentato.

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Mail for the 209 div.

MILITARY MISSION
Date 10 Januar Allo
to
SITA BIANDARMY

ALL' UFFICIO - M. M. 1. A.

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Si fa osservare a tale proposito che la British Base Censor di Bari è ufficio di competenza e attribuzioni perfettamente identiche a quelle di Napoli e può quindi assolvere lo stesso compito senza pregiudicare lo scambio della corrispondenza, come si verifica attualmente.

IL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE
(Magg. C.G.Pertusati)
C.G. Pertusati

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

30 GEN. 1944

MILITARY MISSION
Date 2 Feb. 44 43/16
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

P R O M E M O R I A PER LA " M. M. I.

La 209 Divisione Italiana ha truppe dislocate oltre la linea di demarcazione - Settore dell' 8 Armata Inglese.

La posta privata da e per le dette truppe che sono servite dall'ufficio P.M. 185 - Italiano - con sede a Bari è organizzato nel modo seguente:

a) tutta la corrispondenza da e per i militari serviti dall'ufficio P. M. 185, viene raccolta in sacchi, comprendenti corrispondenza dal paese al fronte (già censurata dalle Commissioni Provinciali di censura)- e dal fronte al paese (già sottoposta a censura totalitaria dagli stessi reparti) [redacted] indirizzati alla "British Base Censor - Bari.

b) L'ufficio P.M. 185 consegna detti sacchi all'ufficio censura Inglese di Bari e, a censura avvenuta, ne cura il ritiro e avvia a destinazione detta corrispondenza.

Si prega interessare lo scaglione amministrativo avanzato del Comando delle Forze Alleate per la sanzione delle disposizioni sopraccennate, in attesa che il servizio venga organizzato conforme le norme stabilite dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo. -

The 209 It. div. has troops located beyond the combat line 8 Army Rear boundaries. The mail service from & to these troops is carried out by the Italian Office P. M. 185 - BARI in the following way.

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Could you please ask the AFHQ adv. Adm. Sch. to sanction above procedure until the service will be carried out as per A.C.C. instructions.

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Ltr, Thank; I suggest a copy or summary of Allied Ownership Rep be sent to SHAPE for information to Gens and Det Comds so that they can see the error of their ways. I think their ownership is a fixed idea knowledge they realise their responsibilities. They have no conception of security.

Regret

F/b for the present. I will ask Cabinet about question. 11/9/44

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1 thing to 6031 Corps G

Subj. Censorship of Italian Army Mail.

To: Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Ref. ECA/153/43
AMG HQ, Region II
13 Jan 44

1. It is respectfully requested that the attention of the Italian 31st Army Corps be called to the fact that out of 100 letters from officers and other ranks of that unit, the Censorship Officer in Reggio Calabria was obliged to reject 95 because they contained information concerning unit location, contrary to Allied Censorship regulations. 2. In this connection, would it be possible to reestablish unit censorship for Italian Army mail?

G.H. McCaffrey
G.H.McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf;
R.C.A.C.

A.P.
For dealing with 1 above.
Have you any comment re 2 above?
CHM/pjh

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 17/1/44
to 114
ITALIAN ARMY.

cc.

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements

Military Mission to Italian Army.
AJ/16
14 Jan 44.

S.H.A.E.F.

Copy to: Ministry of War
2 District
LO FLAMRO.
LO Eighth Army.
LO 2 District.
LO 31 Corps.

1. Further details have been received by M.M.I.A. with regard to Postal Services, Civil, Military and F.P.

2. Italian PO Outside Italy.

Correspondence will be accepted for PO providing that letters are written and posted in provinces where civil mail services are permitted; there are, SICILY, SARDINIA, CALABRIA, PUGLIE (less FOGGIA) NAPLES and SALERNO.

3. Disposal of mail from German PO.

Letters now reported to be awaiting despatch SARDINIA to GERMANY should be despatched through nearest Allied Postal Office and labelled "British Base Censor, NAPLES". Procedure is described in M.M.I.A. letter, AJ/16 of 12 Jan.

FWJ.

B.G. Carenbauer
Maj
for Brig.
Comd.

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TRANSLATION

MEMORANDUM

11.1.44

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 10/16 33
ITALIAN ARMY.

Mail sent by German P.O.W.

Italian A.P.O. Sardinia has a great quantity of mail sent by German P.O.W. from the camps of S. GAVINO and CARBONIA.

The mail is addressed to their families in Germany.

We would like to know if this mail is to be censored in Italy or abroad and which is the branch that mail is to be sent for its forwarding (Naples Rly or Rome Rly)

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postal

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- P R O M E M O R I A -

Corrispondenza spedita da prigionieri di guerra germanici.

Presso il Concentramento Posta Militare della Sardegna è giacente un rilevante quantitativo di posta spedita dai prigionieri di guerra di Nazionalità Tedesca che si trovano nei campi di S.Gavino e di Carbonia.

La corrispondenza è indirizzata alle famiglie residenti in Germania.

Occorre conoscere se dev'essere censurata in Italia o all'estero e a quale Ufficio di confine dev'essere avviata (Napoli ferrovia o Bari ferrovia) per l'inoltro all'estero.

P.M.151, 11 gennaio 1944

G III (1)

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SUBJECT:- P.W. MAIL.

Military Mission
to Italian Army
LEQUILE

Allied Censorship Control
40 Via Margherita
TARANTO

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11 JAN. 44.

1. Ref. your I/103 of 7 Jan. 44. 123

2. For your information and guidance, the answer to your question is that ALL Italians in Italy or Sicily and Sardinia have always been able to write to their relatives in P.W.Camps inside or outside Italy.

3. All postal arrangements have been made and are in operations for the transmission of this mail. Such mail must be posted in regular Italian postal channels.

PIC/IJM

Peter J. Carganti
1st IT. INF.
A.C.C.C.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Subject:- P.W. Mail.

HQ 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

I/10) 30

COCS/MF

11 Jan 44.

Military Mission to Italian Army,
C.M.F.

Ref I/10) of 8 Jan 44.

1. Italians in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia may write to Italian P.W. outside Italy, provided all letters are written and posted in Provinces where civil mail facilities are permitted.

External mails to P.W. under Allied control will therefore be accepted in SICILY, SARDINIA, LUCANIA, CALABRIA, PUGLIE (less province of FOGGIA), NAPLES and ALEXNC.

R.H. Dickson Capt.

R.H. DICKSON Capt. G.S.,
AMG Censor Liaison Officer,
att G(Special Ops).

Copy to:- G.S.I.(b).
G.S.I.(b), 2 District.

Agent

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SUBJECT: Mail for [illegible] Military Personnel.

Military Mission to Italian Army. A/16 — 12 Jun 44.

Copy to: Ministero Della Guerra
No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A. LO with PWB/G.
M.M.I.A. LO with Eighth Army.
M.M.I.A. LO with 2 District.
M.M.I.A. LO with 31 Italian Corps.

1. Instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. for dealing with all mail from Italian Military personnel on the mainland of Italy, including the Combat Zone.

2. The instructions are as under :-

(a) Mail will be collected by Italian units in mail-bags and labelled "British Zone Censor, [illegible]."

(b) The mail-bags will then be handed in to the nearest Allied Postal Office.

(c) Mail-bags may be obtained from Allied Postal sources.

3. Arrangements have been made for this mail to be censored at [illegible].

[illegible].

B.G. Carenbtuner
for Brig. Gen. Maj
11/6

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MEGRAV NEAV NR 332

T MMIA

FROM DISTWO 110915A

GR+ TO M M I A

GR 14 BT

Q 720 (.) REF YOUR Q 345 (.) OF 9 (.)

REQUEST ACTION IS TAKEN BY MMIA

THI 111015A

REPTN 332 110915A 14

720 345 9 111015A

BBB

MILITARY MISSION
Date 11 Jan 44. Addl
TO
ITALIAN AREA

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SC 'Q' Draft letter to SHAPE. Comments to follow 4 2 Distr

Bgcot 12/1.

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ARMY FORM C2126 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call | Srl. No. | Pr[illegible]r | Trans[illegible]on Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator | Date Time of Origin | OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO) | Message Instructions | OB

Originator's No. 345 Ref FLASH-0 dtd 20/02 dated 6 June 0 Dec Italian authorities bring information through CC WALLONE so shall PMIA do so.

This MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / INCLUDING } Lieutenant Maj

Signed

IS LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Fin 108		

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Subject: MAIL FROM ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. AFHQ, AGW Adm Echelon, CMP.

20/2.

6 Jan 44.

To: 15 Army Group. 2 District.
Fifth Army. 3 District.
Eighth Army. C.C. P.W.B.

The following procedure will be adopted for dealing with mail from Italian Military personnel under your control.

1. Mail will be collected under unit arrangements in mail bags, which will be labelled "BRITISH BASE OFFICE,NAPLES", and handed in to the nearest Allied Postal Office.

2. Arrangements have been made for this mail to be censored at NAPLES.

3. Mail bags for this purpose may be obtained from Allied Postal sources.

8 Jan 44 AG/16

Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:
G.4 AOO
A AAG 15 Army Group.
AMMO. MGIA.

Circulate

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From: SMAE - Services Branch - A.P.O.
TO : MMIA

MILITARY MISSION
Date Jan 44 1946
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref: 984/201
28.12.N3

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Subject: A.P.O. in Italy

Ref. memorandum on A.P.O. organization in Italy hereunder particulars:

a) Each HigherFormation (Corps - Div) has an A.P.O. on establishment. ~~At present~~ there are 33 offices working plus two Central offices one at BARI and one at NAPLES, which is working again in a small way.

b) There is collaboration with Civil Postal Admin. ~~has already been arranged~~ for the despatch of mail from and to civilians & for carriage of mail by air from the Mainland to SARDINIA, ~~between~~ a BRINDISI & NAPLES (3 times a week).

c) On the Mainland the service is made by motor vehicles, and RR. sending mails on connection between BRINDISI & NAPLES

d) Nothing to arranged for the P. of W. abroad.

We have already approached the Allied Commission on this matter later and we know that dispatching for such a service are in hand between the Allied H.Q. and the Ministry of Communication.

Gen. MARIOTTI

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

THI/06 # 24

Prot.n° 985/301

P.M. 151, 28 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Servizio Posta Militare in Italia.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA

In risposta al promemoria riguardante l'organizzazione del servizio Posta Militare in Italia si comunica:

a) Ogni Grande Unità (Corpo d'Armata- Divisione) ha in organico un Ufficio di Posta Militare. Attualmente funzionano numero 33 uffici. Vi sono inoltre due Concentramenti, uno a Bari e l'altro a Napoli che riprende la sua attività limitata.

b) La cooperazione con i servizi postali civili é attuata sia per quanto riguarda il rivevimento delle corrispondenze dai civili, sia per il passaggio delle corrispondenze militari dirette ai civili, sia infine per il servizio di trasporto.

c) Il trasporto si effettua a mezzo ferrovia per il Continente con i servizi di messaggeria sulle linee in funzione; a mezzo aereo tra il Continente e la Sardegna, oltre ad un collegamento aereo trisettimanale fra Brindisi e Napoli.

d) Nessuna comunicazione é stata organizzata per i prigionieri di guerra Italiani all'estero.
Sul problema é stata già da tempo richiamata l'attenzione del comando Alleato ed é noto che sono in corso fra il comando Alleato stesso e il Ministero delle Comunicazioni delle trattative per l'attivazione di un tale servizio.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F.to A. Mariotti

Sent in answer to our
AQ 16 of 16 Dec + in error
to Acc. BgCot. 6/1.

Please translate.

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Sent in answer to our AQ 16 of 16 Dec & in error to Acc. Bgdt. 6/1.

Please translate.

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Subject:- Italian Military Postal Services

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/16
2 Jan 44.

State Maggiore R. Esercito

Reproduced below is a copy of our letter AG/16 dated 16 Dec 43, forwarded to you as requested.

EJC/cc

Ward, C-in-C
Brig
Comd

COPY

Subject:- Italian Military Postal Services

Folio 19.

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ARMY FORM C2126 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call | Sec. No. | Precd | Operational Instructions | Register No. 22

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: MMF | Date-Time of Origin: 21 0930B | OFFICE DATE STAMP: AG 8/16

For Action: State Historic R Estate

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.: G 293. Any a reply please be given by Tues 16 Dec

Message Instructions — GP

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS / EXCEPT BY SIGNAL WIRE

Signed: Hart Capt

IF UNABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

Signature

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS Degree of Priority

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ARMY FORM [illegible] (Rev'd)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Net No.	Encrypt	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (W) Originator: MAIA

Date-Time of Origin: 31 0440A

OFFICE DATE STAMP

AG/16

For Action

TO: FIFTH ARMY

(W) For Information (INFO)

MAIA LO and FLAMAGO

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

OJ 294. Request information concerning arrangements made for disposal at receipt of mail by LIBERTY Sorting with Fifth Army

This Message May Be Sent	If Liable to Be Intercepted or to Fall Into Enemy Hands, This Message Must Be Sent	Originator's Instructions
AS WRITTEN / BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) / (—)	IN CIPHER	Degree of Priority
SIGNED	SIGNED Byrd Capt	

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Subject: MAIL FOR ITALI ARMY.

To: M.M.I.A.

8 A.A. BRIGADE, CMF.

C/4/1/A. 26 Dec '43.

Relatives of Italian Officers and men have enquired from these HQ if there is any organised mail service from Italian soldiers serving in the forward areas with the Motorised Brigade. It seems that no mail has yet got back. Can you please give us any information to pass on?

for Brigadier, Major
Commander 8 A.A. Brigade. 10D.

AQ/16
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Subject:- Italian Military Postal Service

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/16
16 Dec 43

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

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1. I am instructed by AFHQ to obtain information regarding the Postal Services now in operation within the Italian Army.

2. It is considered that distribution of mail might be made more rapid if existing services were co-ordinated with those of the British Military and Italian Civilians Authorities.

3. Will you therefore please let me know to what degree the Postal Services in the Italian Army are now functioning with special reference to

a) Distribution of Field Post Offices amongst units.

b) Co-operation with Civil Postal Services.

c) Method of transport.

d) Communication with Italian prisoners of War abroad.

4. The question of reopening the service between ITALY and SICILY is still under consideration by AFHQ.

Col Lucas
Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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Subject:- Postal Receipt

Ministero della Guerra

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/I6A
15 Dec 43

The attached receipt duly signed by FF AA Campania, is forwarded.

Bgen
for Brig
Comd

EWC/CC

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Subject:- Correspondence

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/16
17 Dec 43

HQ N° 2 District

The attached copy of your letter 98A dated 13 Dec 43, sent to us in error, is returned.

EJC/cc

Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Postal

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/16
27 Nov 43

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S M R E

Ref your letter 1093/SV/2H dated 21 Nov 43. 15

The whole question of Italian Military Postal arrangements between SICILY and ITALY is at present under consideration by Allied Force Headquarters.

When the policy has been defined, you will be informed immed - iately.

EJC

for Brig
Comd

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AM/ 1611

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.

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N°1093/SV/2H/di,prot. P.M. 151, 21 Novembre 1943

OGGETTO: Servizio postale per la Divisione Sabauda in Sicilia.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
-presso L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILE

Per consentire un facile scambio di corrispondenza con la Divisione Sabauda,questoS.M. riterrebbe opportuno disporre un posto di scambio posta all'aereoporto di Catania,dove fa scalo un aereo in servizio trisettimanale da Brindisi.

Atale scopo questo S.M. desidererebbe inviare in Sicilia il seguente personale postale militarizzato:

-Sottotenente SIDOTI Carmelo
-Caporale NASONTE Natale

e perciò prega codesta Missione di concedere il lasciapassare per essi per la Sicilia.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M
CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZ
(A. Quercia)

26/11/43

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File Copy

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Subject:- Postal Address

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/16
24 Nov 43

APO BRINDISI
" BARI
" TARANTO
" REGGIO

Copy to:- H° 2 District for inf:

Ref MMIA letter AQ/11 of 16 Oct 43.

1. Please note that the designation and address of this Mission is now

Military Mission to Italian Army.
C.M.F.

Recognised abbreviation MMIA.

2. The previous titles of BMM to 7 Italian Army and Allied Military Mission to the Italian Armies have been superseded.

3. The present arrangement for collection of mail from APO BRINDISI will continue, as our location (LEQUILE Q 5295) has not changed.

Circulate.

Camp? Do all ranks know the firm title + address as above?
Typed.

By Lieutenant-
for Brig
Comd

Maj

Originator. DISTWO

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Date - Time of Origin 14 1230 A.

ARMY SIGNALS LRCT 14.XI.43.

For Action.

To:- DADAPS No. 2 District.
6 Base Army Post Office BARI.
Base Censor (15 Army Group).
[redacted].
AMGOT CATANIA - pass copy to SICILIAN Postal Authorities.
AMGOT SYRACUSE - " " " " "
No. 1 District.
DADAPS No. 1 District.
1204 L of C Postal Unit CMF.
56 Sub Area CATANIA.
55 Sub Area SYRACUSE.
2 MNBDO.
AMGOT 15 Army Group. - pass copy to Italian Civilian Postal Authority.
103 Sub Area.
MOVEIT (BARI).
MOVEMENTS (SICILY).
"G" Branch - pass copy to Field Security.

For Information.

To:- 15 Army Group (AFHQ Adm rep).
G (SIB) 15 Army Group.
FLAMBO.
Allied Military Mission. BRINDISI.
DSTO (BARI).
RM Sub Area.
151 Sub Area.
71 Sub Area.
6 Base Sub Area.

Originator's No.

Q145 (.) Information received that AFHQ have under consideration question of Italian Military/Civilian Postal arrangement between SICILY and ITALY (.)

Request no further action by you on our 1362 Q of 31 Oct.

This message to be sent in CIPHER if liable to interception.

Orig. Instruction.
Degree of Priority. 101

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Orig. Instruction.
Degree of Priority. 101

Signature.....

File No. 1531 Q.

T.H.I. 1418hrs

T.O.R.....

Circulate.

Folio 8 is a proposed scheme and 100 reactions & those of 7 Army were requested.

BGCH.

17/11.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- Military Mail

Military Mission
AQ/I6
12 Nov 43

INTENDENZA, 7 Italian Army

The attached copy of Movements, East Italy letter Mov 3/3I0 dated IO Nov 43 is forwarded.

May the weights of mail to be carried per day and per week please be forwarded.

EJC

Brig
Comd

Subject:- Carriage of Military Mail

COPY

British Military Mission
to 7 Italian Army

HQ Movements
East Italy
Ref: Mov 3/3IO
IO Nov 43

Ref your AQ/I6 dated 8 Nov.

Covered waggons are in great demand for carrying such things as supplies EFI, blankets, etc.

It is not desirable to use a box waggon unless it is going to be fully. Will you please state therefore the weight of mail to be carried per day and per week.

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Subject: Carriage of Military Mail.

A4/16

II

Comd.
British Military Mission.
7th. Italian Army.

H.Q.Movements.
East Italy.
Ref: Mov 3/310.
10 Nov 43.

Reference your A4/16 of 8 Nov.

Covered wagons are in great demand for carrying such things as Supa, EPI, blankets etc.

It is not desirable to use a box wagon unless it is going to be filled.

Will you please state therefore the weight of mail to be carried per day and per week.

WAD/HL
TOC 133.

Colonel.
Col Q(M).

CC Send above with covering letter to 7 Italian Army ref their 179/T resp of 30 Oct. as follows:

May the weight of mail to be carried 98 per day and per week please be forwarded

0472

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SUBJECT:- Carriage of Military Mail

British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY
A/16
8 Nov 44

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Adv East Italy

1 7 Italian Army have requested that a postal coach or covered wagon be attached to the train running TARANTO - METAPONTO - CATANZARO and return.

2 The reason for this request is that at present the mail escort has to travel in passenger coaches or open trucks, and there is no security for the mails under their charge.

A/G

Brig
Comd

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Postal Coach for mail transport - 6

CALABRIA

1. Would S.M.P. please try & arrange for a postal coach or a covered goods wagon, for ~~the~~ a military postal service & CALABRIA on the following my. lines:-

Train 1962 TARANTO - METAPONTO

2979 METAPONTO - CATANZARO

& return.

2. In TARANTO Sta. are several stationary postal coaches & covered goods wagons which are available for the service.

3. The reason for our request is that the mail escort at present has to travel in a passenger coach or open truck with no guarantee of safety of the mails in his charge

Sd. MORICCA.

P. M. 107, 30 ottobre 1943 IA

Intendenza 7° Armata
Direzione Trasporti

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO LA 7ª ARMATA
LEQUILE

N. di Prot. 179 /TRASP

Risposta al

Carte annesse:

OGGETTO: Vettura postale per il servizio di messaggeria con la Calabria.-

Chiedo l'interessamento di codesta Missione Militare per ottenere che ai treni 1962 (Taranto - Metaponto) e 2879 (Metaponto-Catanzaro), nonchè ai treni 2872 (Catanzaro - Metaponto) e 1955 (Metaponto - Taranto), venga agganciata una vettura postale od almeno una bagagliera mista per il servizio postale militare italiano con le Calabrie.-

All'uopo comunico che alla stazione di Taranto sono ferme parecchie vetture postali e bagagliere miste per il servizio ferroviario postale.-

La richiesta di cui trattasi è motivata dal fatto che l'agente postale e relativa scorta con i numerosi sacchi postali in loro consegna attualmente debbono viaggiare, sulla linea Taranto - Catanzaro, in bagagliera od in vettura passeggeri, senza garanzia di assoluta sicurezza dei dispacci loro affidati che sono in continuo aumento.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA INTENDENTE
(Creste Moricca)

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(Creste Moricca)

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1. Full use be made of existing Italian Military and Civilian Postal Services for collection and distribution of Italian mail.

2. Italian Army mail will be collected and/or distributed, sorted and subjected to 100% censorship by the Italian Military Post Office. The Civilian mail will be dealt with similarly by the Italian Civilian Postal Authorities.

3. The British Field Security reserve the right to censor or inspect this mail at any time.

4. All mail will be placed in distinctively marked mail bags and handed to the British Army Post Office by the Italian Army Post Office or Civilian Post Office.

5. British Base Censor will censor not less than 10% of all mail and return it to British Army Post Office who will place it with the Army Mail for shipment to SICILY (possibly SYRACUSE). The Italian port for shipment and reception of mail will probably be BARI.

6. At the port of reception all mail will be accepted by British Army Post Office who will segregate the Italian mail and pass it to the Italian Civilian Post Office who will be responsible for distribution under their own arrangements.

7. The same procedure will be adopted for mail collected in SICILY for despatch to ITALY, except that on receipt on the mainland all mail will be handed to the Italian Army Post Office for disposal.

8. In order to start this service with the least possible delay it is suggested that, initially, an ordinary postcard be the only means of communication at the rate of two per man or family each way per week.

This is recommended for the following reasons :-

(a) to assist the British Censor, until such time as sufficient personnel are obtained to deal with the letters and parcels.

(b) to ensure that the turnover figure is small until such time as the scheme can be expanded.

Later it is hoped to extend the service to letters and parcels; if possible this will be done in time for Christmas and the New Year.

9. Addressees are asked to forward any comments or suggestions to this HQ.

10. Postal and Censor are asked to say on what date it is considered possible to start this service.

Please treat this matter as very urgent

for [illegible]
Lt Col
for Major General

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Subject:- Postal

H.Q., 7th Italian Army.

British Military Mission
AG/16

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Reference your 52/A.C. of 16 Oct 43.

1. The whole question of Postal facilities for Italian military personnel has been referred to higher authority, and a reply is now awaited.

2. When the policy has been defined, you will be informed immediately.

B.S.Clutt
Brigadier,
Commanding.,
British Military Mission.

19 Oct 43.

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Subject:- Postal

British Military Mission to
7th: Italian Army
AQ/16

H.Q., 103 Sub Area.

1. The attached letters have been forwarded to the British Military Mission by 86 Area for onward transmission.

2. The British Military Mission has neither the facilities nor the authority to deal with such matters.

3. The questions relating to the Italian Postal Services have been referred to higher authority, and a reply is awaited.

4. Will you therefore please, return these letters to the Archbishop of BARI.

Ffield, Capt
for Brigadier,
Commanding.

19 Oct 43.

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SUBJECT: Correspondence.

Headquarters,
86 Area.
G.Misc.

11 Oct 43

HQ British Military Mission.

1. The Archbishop of BARI has left the enclosed at this HQ.

2. As it is not known whether or not any special facilities are granted to Prelates they are forwarded to you.

3. The letters have NOT been censored.

for Brigadier,
Commanding, 86 Area.

Enclosures (4)

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SUBJECT:- Postal.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. AQ/11.

16 Oct 43.

A. P. O. BRINDISI.
A.P.O. BARI.
AP P. O. TARANTO.
A. P. O. REGGIO.

1. Please note that all mail for the following addressees will be collected by our representative from A. P. O. BRINDISI.

(a) British Military Mission to 7 ITALIAN ARMY.
(b) B.M.M.
(c) XXXI ITALIAN CORPS.
(d) " " " CONTROL.
(e) Brigadier. DUCHESNE.
(f) Major. J.F.HAMPTON coupled with any ITALIAN military address.
(g) Major. B.G.CAREW HUNT coupled with any ITALIAN military address.
(h) Anything for 7 ITALIAN ARMY) Which can be forwarded
(i) " " " CORPS) from here.
(j) " " " DIV.)

2. This H.Q. is not interested in any of the following:-

(a) Allied Mission to the ITALIAN Government or Allied Military Mission.
(b) ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND.
(c) ITALIAN NAVAL or AIR FORCE H.Qs.

Which are all to be addressed to BRINDISI.

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G.S.O.11.
British Military Mission.

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Subject: Postal Facilities for ITALIAN Military Personnel.

British Military Mission to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. No. AQ/8
15 Oct. 43.

HQ No. 2 District (FORTBASE)

1. The question of ITALIAN Military personnel being allowed to communicate with their relatives in Allied occupied ITALY and SICILY was discussed at the meeting between Gen. ROBERTSON and Gen. ARISIO, Comd. 7th. ITALIAN ARMY at their meeting on 6th. Oct.

2. May I please be informed if any arrangements are under consideration ?

Brigadier,
Commander, British Military Mission.

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N° 52/A.C.

Subject: Postal service.

The ~~re-organization of~~ Postal service for ALTAMURA & GRAVINA has not be re-opened because the B.H.Q's in ALTAMURA do not accept distribution & posting of letters until the above H-Q. will provide Censorship.

The postal service with MATERA is still in suspense as the B. H-Q. did not delivered a special permit yet.

The same happens with FOGGIA ~~district~~ areas.

This H-Q. wills appreciate ~~that~~ the B.M.M. ~~will~~ taking necessary steps to give ~~the~~ authority for the re-opening of the Postal services, even censored, in the above mentioned localities, owing to the inconvenients resulting through the actual situation & especially with regards to the official correspondence interesting Civilian & Military authorities.

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Comando della 7ª Armata

UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI

P.M. 107 li 15 ottobre 1943

AL GENERALE DUCHESNE
Capo della Missione Militare Brittanica
S U A S E D E

N. di Prot. 52 /A.C.
Risposta al
Carte annesse

Oggetto: Servizio postale.-

Non è stato sinora possibile la riattivazione del servizio postale per Altamura e per Gravina, perchè il Comando inglese di Altamura non consente la distribuzione e la spedizione della corrispondenza, se prima non sia stato provveduto alla censura da parte del detto Comando.

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I comuni della provincia di Foggia sono pure tuttora privi di allacciamento postale.

Dati i gravi inconvenienti di tali situazioni, specie per quanto riflette le corrispondenze ufficiali che interessano le autorità civili e militari, questo comando gradirebbe venissero presi da parte delle autorità militari britanniche i necessari provvedimenti per l'autorizzazione del funzionamento, sia pure controllato, dei servizi postali nelle località di cui sopra.-

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

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