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Subject: Italian Military Postal Service.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Q/16
June 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference attached letter Q/16 dated 1 June 45.

1. It is anticipated that approval will be obtained for the War Ministry to operate temporarily the mail delivery services referred to in Appendix "B". It is proposed to allocate transport from No. 3 Special Transport Company.

2. You are requested to complete your plans accordingly and to state when you require the transport to be released.

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- The instruction should explain how mail is handled -
- (a) from soldier to civilian
 - (b) from civilian to soldier.

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H.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy:
H.A.
S.T.

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Subject: - Italian Military Postal Service.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/16

To: C.G. Fifth Army.
C.G. Fifth Army. (For British Increment)
H.Q. Eighth Army. Rear
H.Q. No. 1 District
H.Q. No. 2 District
H.Q. No. 3 District
All M.M.I.A. L.O's.

June, 45.

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4. Meanwhile Allied postal services are utilised to the fullest possible extent in collecting from and delivering to Field Post Offices. Such assistance is, however, limited by the resources of the Allied postal units concerned and any bulk transfer of mail is only permitted at Naples where British and American base Post Offices are situated. The Italian Army has at present no transport available for its own postal delivery service, but as a temporary measure and subject to approval by A.P.H.Q. it is intended to inaugurate a daily delivery service as indicated at Appendix "B".

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5. The War Ministry are opening a distributing centre at Bologna and will eventually be operating three principal Army postal centres at Rome, Naples and Bologna.
6. The War Ministry have issued instructions to all units of the Italian Army as to the correct address to be used by the soldier. Where adequate civilian postal facilities are available, no P.M. No. is used, and in the case of static units, no undue delay should occur.

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Units requiring to use a P.M. No. must inevitable suffer when they are moved from one place to another and it is in this connection that close liaison should be maintained between them and the nearest Allied Military Post Office, so that the latter may assist where this is possible.

7. Further information on this subject will be notified as soon as the arrangements outlined above have been put into effect.

R.A. Curries

R.A. CURRIES Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: M.M.I.A. "A"

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Handwritten:
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General
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185	Cesena	209 Adm. Div.
216	Genoa	Territorial HQ
217	Udine	"

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75	Cagliari	CALABRIA Div.
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92	Cesano	RTD ICF
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218	Turin	"
219	Florence	"
225	Bologna	"
226	Milan	"

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Modena	Turin
Ostiglia	Genoa
Nogara	Piacenza
Verona	Parma
Brescia	
Milan	

N.E.

Ferrara
Rovigo
Padova
Treviso
Udine

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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WHG/og.

31 May 45

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P.18.81.09

Subject:- Correspondence addressed to
Italian troops.

TO :- Under Secretary of State for P.T.

25th inst.

Reference your 474085 PM/MD of the

1. It is not understood why the State
Maggiore has instructed you to concentrate all correspondence
for Italian troops on P.M. 3800.

2. So long as the British and American Base
Post Offices are at Naples, there seems to be every advantage
on dealing with P.M. correspondence from the South at
P.M. 3400.

3. Perhaps you will query the instructions
contained in No.9/5807-301.

W.H. Green
for J.L. HENDERSON *Major*
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (Q),
British Army Postal Directorate - A.P.H.Q.

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Subject: - Italian Military Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Q/16

31 May 45.

To: -

A.T.H.Q. for 'Q' (Maint) (6)

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with the Italian Army Postal Services -

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Q/16 dated 26 May. to Ministry of War) but if Naples is
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up to the North. The link between the Civilian Postal
Service in the North and the South is weakened by lack
of adequate transport facilities

- (i) between Rome and Railroad at Leghorn
and/or Florence
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2. (a) The Italian Military Postal Authorities intend as soon as possible to operate their own forward daily delivery service as under:-

FROM BOLOGNA

TO

N.Y.

Modena
Ostiglia
Nogara
Verona
Brescia
Milan
Turin
Genoa
Piacenza
Parma

N.E.

Ferrara
Rovigo
Padova
Treviso
Udine

SEE 287.

La Zola 278

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- (b) The present distribution of P.Ms. is as shown at Appendix 'A'.
- (c) It is most desirable that in addition to Naples and Rome, a third distributing centre should be established at Bologna. Censorship difficulties no longer restrict development on these lines, but it is necessary to obtain Allied assistance in conveying mail to and from the distributing centres until such time as the proposal at 2(a) above can be put into effect.
3. May this H.Q. be informed:-
- (a) What facilities can be offered the Italian P.Ms. at Rome and Bologna by Allied Postal Units.
- (b) If there is any objection to the Italian Army operating the mail delivery service proposed at 2(c) above, when sufficient Italian transport can be made available.

P. J. Noval
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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:-

AHQ (for G1(Br) ref 4336/A4 25 May 45.
CG 15 Army Group
HQ A.C. (for Comm Sub Comm. A.C.)
M.M.I.A. "A"
WAR DIARY (2)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army.

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Capt. [illegible]
Q 16-273/2
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OCB/5110/137.

30 May 45.

SUBJECT : Censorship of Italian Troops' Mail.

TO : Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. This Headquarters is in consultation with HQ 15 Army Group on the question of censorship of Italian Troop's mail.
2. HQ 15 Army have stated that as far as they are concerned there need be no censorship on the mail of Italian troops located south of River Po. Such troops may use the civil postal services if they so desire.
3. Censura Centrale Militare has been instructed not to call for the above mail.
4. The question of censorship on mail of Italian troops located north of River Po is still under examination.

LEG/em.

E.P. LOVEGROVE
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Communications Censorship.

Copy to:- Chief Base Censor, No.1 Base Censor Unit, CMF.

[Signature]

MEMO
P.18.84/CS

2 June 1945

From : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.
To : Civil Censorship Group
Land Forces Sub-Commission, M.H.I.A.(4) ✓
Postal Officers Reggio, Liguria, Lombardia, Toscana & Venezia Regions.

For information.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

W.H. Green
H.H. SCUDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C

Deputy Director.

TRANSLATION

FROM: O.C., C.C.M.

TO: M.M.I.A.

REP: 9 BCG/R/12

DATE: 30 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Postal Delay

The following extract from a letter written by :-

L/Cpl. M. Pugliese Carratelli, Folgore combat group, Nembo
Regt., 11 Batt., VII Coy., A.P.O. 146;

and addressed to:-

Prof. Eugenio Pugliese Carratelli, Viale S. Anna All'arenella,
I Vomero, Naples,

dated 19th. May 1945 and reporting the accumulation of
mail at the clearing office is passed to you for information and any
action you consider necessary, please :-

" Yesterday I was at the Clearing Office of the Reinforcement
Company where I found many of your letters and postcards, not
all however, and many letters and postcards of friends, of last
February. As I expected. I also found the certificate which
would have been of use to me for the March leave! Without
comments; but the vigilance of the culprits really deserves
investigation into the matter: in addition to mine there were
hundreds and hundreds of letters - and even urgent telegrams, -
and a check - which should have been forwarded to the
battalions where many of us were worrying at not having had
news from home for months. (I hope that Regimental H.Q. censors
this and finds out how things are being done: for this reason
I am writing in detail). I would add the the Reinforcements
Commandant assured me, ten or fifteen days ago, that all mail
was being properly forwarded; I would also add that at the
foot of a postcard which some poor unfortunate had written
and requested the i/c of A.P.O. 146 to forward to him at his
battalion any mail which was waiting for him at the Reserve
Company, somebody of the Post Office of said Company had nicely
written " he's crazy": crazy because he had had the ~~audacity~~
unheard of effrontery to claim his right....."

O. Danin Cpl. *X*

Sgd. R.P. RICHARDS
Capt. C.C.M.

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Subject:- Italian Postal Delay.

To:- Land Forces Sub.Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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Confidential.

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The following extract from a letter written by:-

Cap. 10 M. Pugliese Carratelli, Gr. di Comb. Folgore
Rgt. Nemo, II Stg. VII Comp. P.M. 146;
and addressed to:-

Prof. Eugenio Pugliese Carratelli, Viale S. Anna
All' Arenella, I Vomero, Napoli.

dated 19. May '45 and reporting the accumulation of mail at the clearing office is passed to you for information and any action you consider necessary, please :-

" Ieri sono stato all'Ufficio Stralci della Cp. Complementi, ove ho trovato molte vostre lettere e cartoline, non tutte però, e molte lettere e cartoline di amici, del febbraio scorso. Come prevedevo. Ho trovato anche il certificato che avrebbe dovuto servirmi per la licenza di marzo! Senza commenti; ma la selerzia dei responsabili meriterebbe davvero che si desse seguito alla cosa: oltre le mie, vi erano centinaia e centinaia di missive - e perfino telegrammi urgenti, e un vaglia- che avrebbero dovuto essere inoltrate ai battaglioni, ove tanti di noi erano in ansia perche da mesi privi di notizie da casa. (Spero che la Comando di Rgt. censurino questa mia, e sappiano come le cose vanno: perciò vi scrivo tanto dettagliatamente). Aggiungo che il Comandante la Complementi mi aveva assicurato, dieci o quindici giorni or sono, che tutta la posta era stata regolarmente inoltrata; aggiungo anche che, in calce a una cartolina di un poveraccio che chiedeva al titolare di P.M. 146 che gli venisse inviata al btg. la sua posta giacente alla Cp. Complementi, qualcuno dell'Ufficio postale di detta Cp. aveva segnato un bellissimo "è pazzo!": pazzo perché aveva l'inaudita sfacciataggine di reclamare per un suo diritto. 281."

P.T.O.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE TIME
28/7/59 B

TO : 5 ARMY

REF : Q.309

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FOR BR INCRE (.) FOR M.M.I.A. L.O. (.) REFERENCE YOUR
SIGNAL 510/59 DATED 26 MAY (.) REPRESENTATION MADE TO
MINISTRY OF WAR (.) REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN
MAIL IS RECEIVED

PRECEDENCE *Normal*

AUTHENTICATION *Robertson*

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URGENT

6 Air Formation Postal Unit.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. ✓
(M.H.D.) Rome.

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P/533/920

26 May 1945

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Reference your L/15 dated 8 May 45.

Q 28/5

1. I shall be glad if you will inform the appropriate section of the Italian Ministry of War that despatches for delivery to IM's 179 and 217 should be forwarded to U.S. P.O. 7906, the bags having been clearly marked "Through U.S. Postal Services"
2. Up to the present bags received by this AFO have not been marked "Through British Postal Services" and perhaps you will bring this to notice, please.
3. Further, will you kindly ascertain from the Ministry of War whether the following IM's are with formations w/o U.S. Army and, if so, bags for these IM's should also be marked "Through U.S. Postal Services". The offices are:- IM's. 214, 218 and 226.
4. I shall be glad if the matter may be treated as urgent please.

Respectfully,
Yours Truly,
Rudolf

A. Sealey

Copy to:- File.

Capt. R.E.
Officer Commanding.

Jk

R.E. 1945

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IMMEDIATE

Land Forces

FROM ~~MMIA~~ L.O. BR INCR FIVE ARMY 26NFT
TO ~~MMIA~~ GR 26 BT

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*MMIA
13/26
S. J. WALS*

IMMEDIATE(.) 5LO/59 (.) ~~241771~~ 231 DIV HAVE RECEIVED NO PERSONAL
MAIL FOR FIFTEEN DAYS (.) POSTAL AERO SAYS FAULT OF PM 3800 (.)
** REQUEST URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO MINISTRY OF WAR
BT 26 NFT

LGJ AR KKK
R-4---1640E---J O E-----Z"BBBB"

*See [unclear]
2140 [unclear]*

SEE 273

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Subject: Italian Postal Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/16

26 May 1945

To: Ministry of War.

1. As a result of establishing a Censorship Unit in ROME confusion is being caused by the volume of mail now being cleared through FM 3800 (ROME).

This is entirely contrary to what was agreed with the Allied Postal Authorities and unless an immediate remedy is effected may result in the withdrawal of Postal facilities now offered by the Allied Authorities.

2. The original intention of opening a Censorship Unit in ROME, as requested by you, was to avoid the necessity for mail from the North being sent from ROME to NAPLES and back again before delivery in the North.

It is understood that FM 3400 (NAPLES) has ceased dispatching to FM's in the forward area wef 17 May and has notified 15 Base APC (NAPLES) that all the mails for such FM's will be dispatched in future by FM 3800 (ROME).

The Allied Post Offices in ROME are designed to serve only local needs and any large transfer of Italian Military mail for onward delivery must take place at the Base Post Offices in NAPLES.

3. It is further reported that contrary to this HQ letter Q/16 of 8 May mail from FM 3800 is being handed in to PO 551 (Br) irrespective of the Allied Command under whom the FM concerned is operating.

4. You are required to take immediate action as under in order to remedy what threatens to be a serious dislocation to the Italian Military Postal Services.

(a) Instruct all concerned that FM 3400 will continue to operate as before and will be the main clearing centre at which Italian Military mail is to be transferred to Allied Post Offices.

All bags to be clearly marked FM No. "Through U.S. Postal Services" or "Through BRITISH Postal Services".

- (b) Instruct forward FM's to make up separate dispatches for

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and (ii) Base Censor 7 (NAPLES) for delivery South of ROME.

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- and (ii) Base Censor 7 (NAPLES) for delivery South of ROME.

Mail necessarily dealt with by PM 3800 will be accepted for delivery by the U.S. PO 7900 or the BR PO No. 551 provided the bags are clearly marked as in 4 (a) above.

(c) Ensure that the correct location of all PM's and the correct designation of the Allied Command under whom serving is reported and communicated to all concerned.

(d) Utilise the Italian Civil Postal service for collection and distribution to maximum extent.

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5. There is no objection to establishing a PM equivalent to PM 3400 in BOLOGNA but so long as Censorship Control continues it will be necessary for mail from districts North of River PO to be dealt with by Base Censor 9.

Furthermore should the assistance of Allied Postal Services be required in connection with the PM at BOLOGNA prior approval will have to be obtained and you are therefore requested to inform this HQ accordingly.

6. You are required to report not later than 4 June that the distribution of mail from PM 3800 (ROME) through Allied Postal Services has been reduced to the proportions authorised above.

RAC/10

R. A. Curtiss

R. A. CURTISS, Lt Col.
for Major General,
M. W. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for Q(Maint).

AFHQ for DDARS ref P/633 of 25 May 45.

P.O. 551 (Br) ROME for Attention Captain SALEY.

Chief Base Censor C.M.F. ref CEC/32/254 of 8 May 45.

9 Base Censor Group ROME for Attention Captain RICHARDS.

Rome Allied Area Command.

Hq A.C. for Communications Sub Commission.

All Hqs. IO's.

MAIL "A".

Translation

From: M of W
To: Circular
for information to:
MMIA

6/16

Ref. - 9/6/53-301/Sec

Date: 25 May 45

Subject: Military Post Office Addresses 257

Ref. Q/16 dated 5/5/45 from MMIA.

It has been noticed that not always mail despatched by or addressed to military personnel, bear on the address, the exact number of the Military Post Office of which they depend. Consequently, such mail is subject to delays and misleadings.

In order to avoid such inconveniences, AGS addressed above will please:-

- inform in time newly assigned units, the number of the Mil. Post Office which will be used by them.
- inform immediately the Postal Section of this Ministry, 3800 Base Mil. Post Office and the Territorial Offices of Rome, Cagliari and Bari Military AGS, any movement of units.
- inform all depending military personnel, the Mil. P.O. address and any amendment which may occur, pointing out that it is essential that the address be ~~exact~~ exact.
- advise the military personnel to give their exact address to people corresponding with them.

G. L.
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(Sgd. A. GUERCIU for
G. LIUZZI

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIOR REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

N° 9/6753-301 di prot./S. v.
OGGETTO: Indirizzi P.M.

P.M. 3800, li 25 Maggio 1945

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI - TUTTI - LORO SEDI
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212 P.M. 181
AI COMANDI DEI GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO - TUTTI - LORO SEDI
AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE - TUTTI - LORO SEDI
e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif. F.N. Q 16 del 8 5/5/45)

R O M A

Q
28/5.

E' stato rilevato che non sempre le corrispondenze spedite da militari scontristi ad uffici di P.M. o ad essi dirette portano nell'indirizzo il numero esatto di Posta Militare, per cui le corrispondenze stesse sono soggette a ritardi e disagi.

Allo scopo di evitare tali inconvenienti si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo:

- comunicare tempestivamente ai reparti di nuova assegnazione il numero di I.M. di cui devono avvalersi;
- dare notizia immediata di ogni spostamento di reparti alla Sezione Postale di questo S.M., al Concentramento P.M. 3800 ed agli U.F.C.M. di Roma, Cagliari e Bari;
- portare a conoscenza di tutti i militari dipendenti l'appoggio postale e le relative variazioni, facendo loro presente la necessità che l'indirizzo sia sempre preciso;
- esortare i militari perché comunicino sempre al loro corrispondenti l'esatto indirizzo da usare.

P.M. GIULIANO ADDETTO a.p.s.
- Giorgio Lucreti-
P.to Col. A. Quercio

P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(Col. N. Teloni)

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- esortare i militari a nonchè comunicano sempre ai loro corrispondenti l'esatto indirizzo da usare.

P. C. C.

IL CAIO UFFICIO SERVIZIO
(Col. N. Malone)

McLaren

P. L. GEN. AL. ADONATO e.p.s.

- Giorgio Lussini

F.to Col. A. Gherola



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 BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
 C.M.F.

P/633.

15 May 45.

Subject:- Italian Military Postal Services.

To:- Q(Maint).

Reference AMHQ/2410/Q(Maint) dated 29 Apr 45 and the Notes of Meeting attached thereto.

1. In several respects, already, the action laid down in the Notes of Meeting has been departed from by the Italian Army Postal Service.
2. The latest development, however, is that PM 3400 (Naples) has ceased despatching to P.Ms in the forward area w.e.f. 17 May and has notified 15 Base APO (Naples) that all the mails for such P.Ms will be despatched in future by PM 3800 (Rome). Most of the staff of PM 3400 now appears to have been withdrawn.
3. Our understanding in the matter was that PM 3800 (Rome) would be expanded into a Concentramento P.M. (Base APO) in addition to and not in lieu of PM 3400 (Naples), and it was certainly not intended that the British A.P.O. in Rome, which is not a Base APO but is designed to serve purely local needs, should be called upon to handle the whole of the mail to and from Italian forward P.Ms.
4. In view of the radical departure from the agreed plan, this Directorate must reserve the right to review the whole question and, if necessary, to modify its previous attitude in regard to the assistance to be given to the Italians by the British Army Postal Service, in the light of changed circumstances. It would be appreciated, therefore, if the exact intentions of the Italian military authorities in regard to the Italian A.P.S. could be ascertained.
5. In considering any future arrangements affecting the Italian A.P.S., it may perhaps be borne in mind that civil postal services should shortly be functioning throughout Italy and that the time is not far distant when the conveyance of Italian military mails should be left entirely to the Italian authorities.

Overland

(A.T.O. - OVERLAND)
 Lt. Col., R.E.
 for D.D.A.P.S.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.
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GKG

Overland
RAC 26/5

*Have passed
 Q(Maint)*

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Subject : Welfare ITALIAN ARMY

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Land Forces

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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25 MAY 45

1. G.O.C. No 1 District is of the opinion that an announcement of the postal facilities to the NORTH of ITALY would assist in diminishing the number of deserters from the ITALIAN ARMY.
2. It is assumed that full publicity has been given to the Services available and we should be glad if you will confirm that this is so, and say what further action is contemplated.
3. It is understood Q(Maint) at this HQ are still awaiting certain requested information on the needs of the ITALIAN ARMY Postal Service.

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Copy to : Q(Maint)
File 4336

RAC 29/5

Major General
DAG G-1(B)

R. J. Smith

Translation.

From. SMRE

To. MMIA.

Ref. 9/6224-301

Date. 24 May 45.

Italian Military Post.

RRR

268/2

1)- In the areas where the civilian post office functions normally, we have not noted any striking delay in the shipment of the military correspondence through civilian post.

Therefore we do not deem it necessary to form another P.R.O. with HQ at BARI, while that command and the units located in PUGLIA can be served through ~~the~~ civilian ~~post~~ post offices.

2)- This S.M.R.E. has always informed in due time, the various Commands, of the Post.O. rules and regulations and of their amendments.

With a circular, dated ~~15~~ today the attention of the ^{Higher Formation} ~~Headquarters~~ HQ was recalled to the correct address to be used by their units and personnel.

3)- This S.M.R.E. deems it advisable to carry out, for yet a while, the ^{military emergency} ~~various~~ of the mail to and from Italian troops ~~and~~ ^{and} from troops to civilians in the following areas: PIEMONTE - LIGURIA - LOMBARDY - The Three VENEZIE, EMILIA, ROMAGNA and ROME.

Such measures are similar to those adopted by telecommunication S. communication, as communicated confidentially to us, for censorship in its dept.

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A census system thus limited would be sufficient for ~~the~~ securing of valuable ^{data} elements, for the Military situation, ~~for~~ ^{in respect of} the following factors:

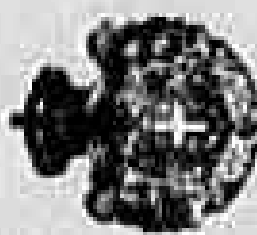
- state of mind of elements of the Armed Forces.
- and ~~reference~~ ^{reference} ~~to~~ ^{the} political ~~situation~~ ^{influences} can cause over in their own opinions.

~~Political~~ ^{Conclusions} ~~standards~~, as a result of the relaxation of minds, not ~~any longer~~ ^{longer} urged by the will to liberate the national territories, knowledge of which could be useful to the ~~members~~ ^{Departments} of the Government.

R. M. M. 

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Postale

N. 9/5225-301 di prot./serv.

Risposta al foglio N. Q 16

del 5/5/45

Allegati

P. M. 3300/1 24 Maggio 1945

OGGETTO: servizio postale militare italiano.-

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

ROMA

1°)- Nelle zone in cui il servizio postale civile funziona normalmente non si verificano sensibili ritardi nell'avviamento della corrispondenza militare tramite la posta civile.

Non si ritiene perciò necessaria la costituzione di un altro ufficio di P.M., con sede a Bari, potendo quel Comando Terzario e i reparti dislocati in Puglia essere serviti dagli uffici postali civili.

2°)- Questo S.M. ha sempre tempestivamente portato a conoscenza dei Comandi interessati le disposizioni relative al servizio di P.M.

Con circolare in data odierna viene richiamata l'attenzione di tutti i Comandi di G.U. sull'esatto indirizzo che devono usare i militari ed i loro corrispondenti.

3°)- Questo S.M. è del parere che sia conveniente attuare, per quel che tempo ancora, la censura militare sulla corrispondenza diretta da militari a militari, e da militari a civili, nelle provincie delle seguenti regioni: Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia, le tre Venezie, Emilia, Romagna, Roma.

Tale criterio ha analogia con quanto la Sottocommissione alle Telecomunicazioni dell'A.C. ha preavvisato, in linea riservata, per la censura di sua competenza.

Il servizio di censura così limitato sarebbe sufficiente per raccogliere elementi valutativi, per la "situazione militare" in funzione dei seguenti fattori:

- stato d'animo dei componenti le P.M., e riflessi che le in-

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Tale criterio ha ~~avallato~~ appoggiato con quanto la Sottocommissione alle Telecomunicazioni dell'A.C. ha preavvisato, in linea riservata, per la censura di sua competenza.

Il servizio di censura così limitato sarebbe sufficiente per raccogliere elementi valutativi, per la "situazione militare" in funzione dei seguenti fattori:

- stato d'animo dei componenti le P.F.A.A. e riflessi che le influenze politiche possono generare nelle loro opinioni;
- orientamenti conseguenti alla distensione degli animi non più protesi alla liberazione del territorio nazionale - la cui conoscenza potrebbe essere utile agli Organi del Gover-

TRANSLATION

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

-Giorgio Iannini- 2.1.57

Ad

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Translation

From. H of W
 to. A.P.O. officers
 and to MMIA for info

Date 268/1 24 May 44

Ref. N° 9/6741. 206/567

Postal movements.

1) with effect from now the addressees will
 dispatch separately the mail for A.P.O. 3400 and 3100.
 including:

in the mail for A.P.O. 3400, the mail directed
 to civilians in CAMPANIA, PUGLIA, LUCANIA, CALABRIA
 and SICILY

in the mail for A.P.O. 3800: the mail for
 civilians in SARDEGNA, LAZIO UMBRIA, MARCHE ABRUZZO
 TOSCANA and other provinces of northern Italy to
 which the postal service will in time be extended

2) The mail directed to troops will still be
 directed to A.P.O. 3800

3) The mail for 3400 and 3800 A.P.O. must
 be sent respectively to N° 7 base censor and
 N° 9 base censor

4) posting to be done invariably through office
 A.P.O. 3800

5) All suggested amendments will be made
 to form N° 37

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R. Murphy

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot. N°9/6741-306/Serv.

P.M.3800, li 24 Maggio 1945

OGGETTO: movimento dispacci.-

AGLI UFFICI P.M.

16-64-79-104-112-127-146-155-167-
174-216-217-218-219-225-226-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif.f.n. Q 16 del 16/5/45)
AI CONCENTRAMENTI POSTA MILITARE

R O M A
3400-3800

- 1°)- Con effetto immediato gli uffici in indirizzo dovranno formare separati dispacci per i Concentramenti P.M.3400 e 3800 includendo:
- nel dispaccio per P.M.3400 la corrispondenza diretta a civili in Campania, Puglia, Lucania, Calabria e Sicilia;
 - in quello per P.M.3800 la corrispondenza diretta a civili in Sardegna, Lazio, Umbria, Marche, Abruzzi, Toscana e nelle altre provincie dell'Italia Settentrionale, alla quale sarà esteso il servizio postale.
- 2°)- La corrispondenza diretta a militari continuerà ad essere appoggiata a P.M.3800.
- 3°)- I dispacci diretti ai Concentramenti P.M.3400 e 3800 dovranno essere indirizzati rispettivamente al "n.7 Base Censor Group" ed al "n.9 Base Censor Group".
- 4°)- Avviamento invariato tramite gli A.P.O. Alleati.
- 5°)- Riserva variazioni modello 37.-



P. C. C.
UFFICIO SERVIZI
(Gd. F. Meloni)

P. IL GENERALE ADDETTO a.p.s.
-Giorgio Luzzi-
F.to Col. A. Guerra

NOTA

AGLI UFFICI P.M.

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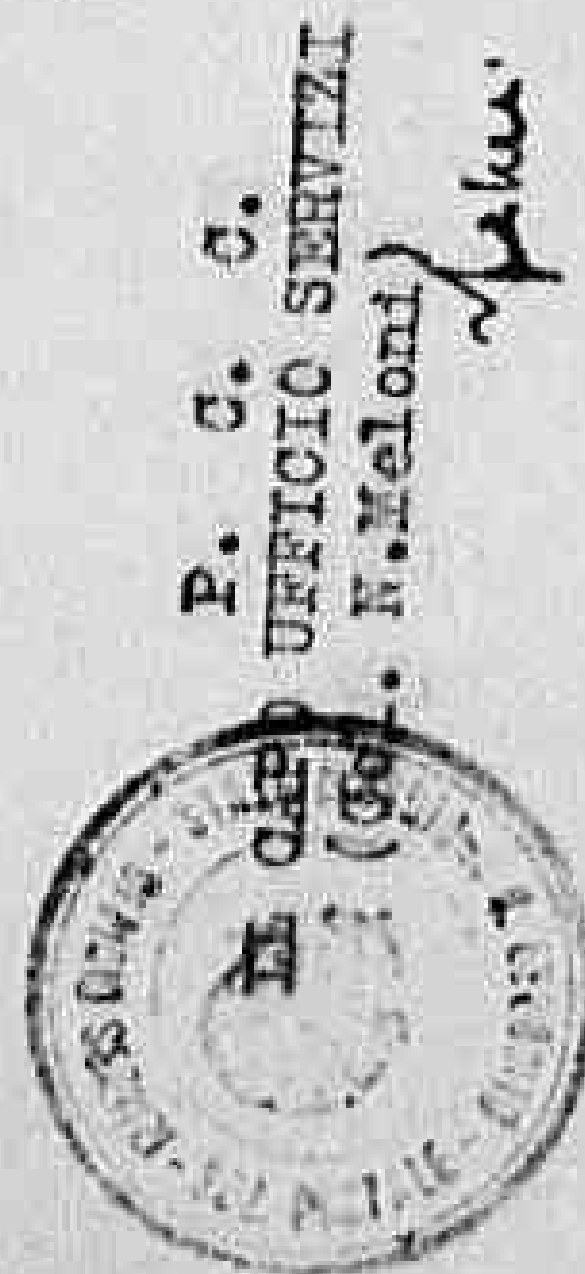
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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif.f.n. Q 15 del 16/5/45)
AI CONCENTRAMENTI POSTA MILITARE

R O M A
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P. IL GENERALE ADDETTO a.p.s.
-Giorgio Luuzzi-
F.to Col. A. Guerra



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2/16 Translation.

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From S.M.R.E.
to M.M.P.

Ref # 9/6715-306
Date 24 May 41.

Military Postal service.

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As from the 7th instant, dispatches have started from P.M. 2000 to the A.P.O. in the operational areas.

As shown in attached letter various A.P.O.s have informed us that mail shipments have failed to reach them, when given to A.P.O. 551 (Pitloch) for forwarding on the date shown in attached letter.

This S.M.R.E. thinks that this is due to the fact that the Allied base P.O. do not know the exact location of the Italian A.P.O.

We beg you to order investigation to recover the missing mail and that measures be taken to ensure safe arrival of the mail at the Italian A.P.O.

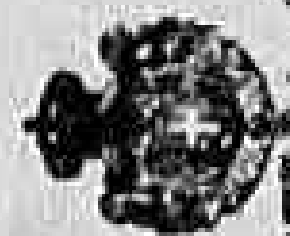
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Discussed
with Mr.
N.P.A. RAC

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N. 5983-306 di prot./serv.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

P. M. 3800

24 Maggio 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: servizio postale militare.-

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

(Rif. f.n.Q 16 dell'8/5/45)

ROMA

Dal 7 corrente è stata iniziata la formazione dei dis-
spacci da parte del Concentramento P.M. 3800 per gli Uffici di
P.M. già dislocati in Z.O.

Come risulta dal foglio allegato vari uffici di P.M.
hanno segnalato il mancato arrivo di spedizioni postali, conse-
gnate per l'inoltro al British A.P.O. 551 nelle date rispet-
tivamente indicate.

Questo S.M. ritiene che i mancati arrivi siano determi-
nati dal fatto che le basi postali alleate avanzate non sono a
conoscenza dei precisi appoggi e delle dislocazioni degli uffi-
ci di P.M. italiani.

Si prega voler disporre ricerche dei dispacci non per-
venuti a destinazione, adottando quelle misure che saranno ri-
tenute opportune per assicurare il regolare inoltro della corri-
spondenza agli uffici di P.M. italiani.-

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

(Rif.f.n.Q 16 dell'8/5/45)

ROMA

Dal 7 corrente è stata iniziata la formazione dei dispacci da parte del Concentramento F.M.3800 per gli Uffici di P.M. già dislocati in Z.O.

Come risulta dal foglio allegato vari uffici di P.M. hanno segnalato il mancato arrivo di spedizioni postali, conseguente per l'inoltro al British A.P.O. 551 nelle date rispettivamente indicate.

Questo S.M. ritiene che i mancati arrivi siano determinati dal fatto che le basi postali alleate avanzate non sono a conoscenza dei precisi appoggi e delle dislocazioni degli uffici di P.M. italiani.

Si prega voler disporre ricerche dei dispacci non pervenuti a destinazione, adottando quelle misure che saranno ritenute opportune per assicurare il regolare inoltro della corrispondenza agli uffici di P.M. italiani.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

P. - Giorgio Linuzzi - a. d. r.

Col. *Linuzzi*

TRANSMISSION	
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020legato al f.n. 6981 del 15/45Spedizioni postali non pervenute a destinazione

da P.M.3800	per P.M.219	N° 1 e 2	del 8 e 9 corrente
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"	"	" 112	" 1 - 2 e 4 del 8 - 9 e 11 corrente
"	"	" 225	nessuna spedizione pervenuta dall'8 corrente

Subject:- Mail for North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

Q/16

28 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

1. 227 Admin Div. are despatching a lorry load of mail for North to P.M. 3800.
2. Please arrange for prompt despatch forward by quickest means.

jk
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy - 'A' Branch.

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M E M O

P.18.77.CS

SUBJECT: Italian Army Postal Services

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your Q/16 dated 18 May 1945.

It is agreed Bologna appears to be the most suitable location for the principal Military Post-Office in the north.

R. A. C. Routhy
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Communications S/O
Ext: 444

22th May 1945

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From : Ministry of War
To : M.M.A

Translation

Ref. No. 1/366-400/Serv.

Date: May 20, 1945

Subject: Postal address of Italian Units.

This is in reply to letter SD 1/2 of
May 1, 1945 point 5.

We are giving you below the postal
addresses of the Italian units listed in Appendix A
of the above letter.

152 Italian Service Platoon

A.P.O. 92

"Garibaldi" Regiment
with 1-2-3 Bns

A.P.O. 92

Patriot Group "Marella"

A.P.O. 16

1 Guard Regiment
with 502-503-511 Bns.

A.P.O. 167

The 461-462-463-464-465-466 LAD's
and corresponding Transport Companies avail themselves
of the civilian postal service, and indicate their location
in clear language.

Signed: Giorgio Livigni
General

RAC

28/5

Q Branch

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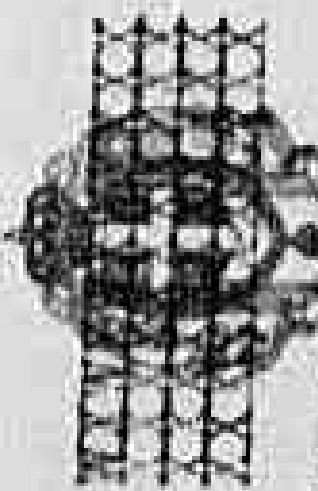
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For action.

notify postal addresses as
necessary

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Please

15.26/5



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Sub. Maggiore N. C. Curcio

Ufficio Servizi

Quarante

Ind. N. 3366.000/Rev.

P. R. 3800, 11 20/5/45

Transito Roma

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

ROMA

Restato al foglio del

Gen.

OCCETTO indirizzo postale Reparti Italiani.

Q7

Risp. f. S.D. 1/2 del 1/5/45, punto 5. 245

Si comunicano gli indirizzi postali dei reparti Italiani segnati nell'App. A del foglio in riferimento:

152 Plotone Servizi Italiano P.M.92

Reggimento "Garibaldi" P.M.92

con 1-2-3 Btg

Gruppo Patrioti "Maiella" F.M.16

1 Reggimento Guardie

con 502-503-519 Btg. P.M.167

Le 461-462-463-464-465-466 IAD e relative Compagnie Trasporto si appoggiano al servizio postale civile, con indicazione in chiaro delle località di dislocazione.

TRANSLATION

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Risp. f. S.D. 1/2 del 1/5/45, punto 5. 24/5

Si comunicano gli indirizzi postali dei reparti Italiani segnati nell'App. A del foglio in riferimento:

152 Plotone Servizi Italiano	P.M.92
Reggimento "Garibaldi"	P.M.92
con 1-2-3 Btg	
Gruppo Patrioti "Maiella"	P.M.16
1 Reggimento Guardie	
con 502-503-519 Btg.	P.M.167

Le 461-462-463-464-465-466 IAD e relative Compagnie Trasporto si appoggiano al servizio postale civile, con indicazione in chiaro delle località di dislocazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Giorgio Luazzi-

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TRANSLATION	
IN	11.30 23/5
OUT	14.30 23/5

OGGERIO indirizzo postale Reparti Italiani.

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Risposta al foglio del
Gen. 24/5

Int. N. 3866.400/386.

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Subject : Italian Army Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/16

18 May 45.

To : Allied Commission (for Communication Sub Commission).

1. The principal Military Post Offices at present in use by the Italian Army are P.M. 3400 at Naples and P.N. 3800 at Rome.
2. It is proposed by the War Ministry to establish a further main Post Office at Bologna. It, they say, is favourably situated for the handling of mail for Northern Italy.
3. Please state if you concur that Bologna is the most suitable location for the principal Post Office in the North.

Rab

Lieut. Colonel,
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

/dgc

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Translation.

From. ac of w
to . circular letter
to act. a for info

Q/16

Ref. n° 9/6296-301-588.

Date 16 may 45

Standard test post-cards. RR 26/5

According to ~~agreements~~ ~~made~~ ~~with~~ the allied authorities, a standard test post card has been made so as to enable the troops to communicate as soon as possible with their families residing in the north of Italy.

The A/M post card is not meant to establish a regular postal service, but to allow the troops to give and receive immediate information as regards their family, without waiting for the normal postal system to be resumed.

RULES for sending, distribution and filling of P-Cards

1) - The Post cards must only be issued to troops having their families in the north of Italy
PIEMONTE. LOMBARDOY. LIGURY - VENEZIA - EMILIA

2) - The Post cards must be filled by means of crossing off the non required phrases and write the name and address of the sender and addressee. The addition of extra text is forbidden.

The Posting of those post cards will be done 360 followers

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for troops having at their disposal a Military P.O.
only through said M. P.O.

for troops normally using civilian P.O.

- a) The postings will be done in mail post boxes.
- b) collection by each command, which will close them in envelopes or parcels and send them to the following address and addressed as under

"Contains: Standard Post Cards."

Collecting centre Military Post Office Rome.

- c) - The packet addressed thus will be forwarded through civilian Post offices.
- d) Post cards posted directly by troops in civilian post office will not be dealt with.
- e) The Mechanical regulations for their forwarding have already been sent to competent offices.
- f) the ~~posting~~ ^{dispatch} of the Post-cards at the rate of two per man, will be done, by other arrangements to the various commands which in turn will carry out the distribution to the troops under their Command.

~~Recommends~~
A

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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot. n. 9/6296-301/Serv.
OGGETTO: cartoline a testo fisso.

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI-TUTTI
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212
AI COMANDI DEI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO-TUTTI
AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE - TUTTI

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

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

(Rif. f. n. Q/16 del 5/5/45)

ALL'UFFICIO 1° ISPELTO RATO CENSURA MILITARE

ALL'UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

LORO SEDI
P. M. 181
LORO SEDI
LORO SEDI

S E D E
R O M A

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In seguito ad accordi intervenuti con le Autorità Alleate è stata istituita una cartolina in franchigia a testo fisso per consentire ai militari di comunicare al più presto con le proprie famiglie residenti nell'Italia Settentrionale.

Scopo della predetta cartolina non è quello di stabilire un regolare servizio postale, ma di permettere ai militari di dare e di ricevere subito notizie delle rispettive famiglie, senza attendere il ripristino delle normali comunicazioni.

FORME PER LA DISTRIBUZIONE, COMPLICAZIONE ED INCOLLO

1°) Le cartoline dovranno essere distribuite ai soli militari aventi le famiglie nelle province dell'Italia Settentrionale (Piemonte-Lombardia-Liguria-Veneto-Emilie);
2°) Le cartoline dovranno essere compilate cancellando le frasi che non servono, ed apponendo gli indirizzi del mittente e del destinatario.
3°) Vietata l'aggiunta di altre parole o frasi;

4°) La spedizione delle suddette cartoline dovrà essere effettuata come segue
- militari agguanciati ad uffici di P.M.: esclusivamente tramite uffici di P.M.

- militari appartenenti a reparti serviti da uffici postali civili:

- a) imbastazione nelle cassette reggimentali o di reparto,
- b) raccolta a cura dei singoli Comandi che le includeranno in buste o pacchetti legati con l'indicazione "CONTIENS CARTOLINE IN FRANCHIGIA e con l'indirizzo: CONCENTRAMENTO POSTA MILITARE - ROMA
- c) inoltre dei pacchetti, così confezionati, tramite uffici postali civili
- d) le cartoline impostate direttamente dai militari nella casetta civile

18.00

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AL CABINETTO

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

(Rif.f.n.Q/16 del 5/5/45)

ALL'UFFICIO 1° ISPEZIONE CENSURA MILITARE

ALL'UFFICIO EMERGENCY DEL SOLDATO

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2°) le cartoline dovranno essere compilate cancellando le frasi che non servono, ed apponendo gli indirizzi del mittente e del destinatario.

3°) vietata l'aggiunta di altre parole o frasi;

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- militari assegnati ad uffici di P.M.: esclusivamente tramite uffici di P.M.

- militari appartenenti a reparti serviti da uffici postali civili:

- a) impostazione nelle cassette reggimentali o di reparto,
- b) raccolta a cura dei singoli Comandi che lo includeranno in buste o pacchetti legati con l'indicazione "Condizione cartoline in franchigia e con l'indirizzo: CONCENTRAMENTO POSTA MILITARE - ROMA
- c) inoltro dei pacchetti, così confezionati, tramite uffici postali civili
- d) le cartoline impostate direttamente dai militari nella casette civili non avranno corso
- e) le norme tecniche per l'avvicinamento, e la consegna delle cartoline in oggetto, sono state già impartite agli uffici interessati
- f) la spedizione delle cartoline sulla base di 2 cartoline per ogni militare, verrà fatta, a mezzo assicurata a parte, ai Comandi in indirizzo, che sono pregati di curare la distribuzione ai dipendenti militari.

P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(Col. M. Meloni)

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO
P.to Giorgio Linuzzi

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Subject: - Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA)

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3 District
BASEBALL 14
560 Q

16 May 45

Will you please take action on the request from 227 Div attached.

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*Placed
through 3600
Mail to PM 3800
Warfare to agency*

Robert M. Lee
(R. B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Comd

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C O P Y

HQ 227 DIVISION
General Staff - Op and Org

266 A

01/3560/Op

5 May 45

HQ No 3 District

1. The liberation of North Italy has enforced the necessity of sending on leave the personnel living in North Italy, in order that they may have news from their families.
2. The existing provisions and those that will be taken to this purpose, are obviously subordinated to the exigencies of the duty, and will therefore get into execution very slowly.
3. In order to avoid impatiences among the subordinate personnel, that are very anxious of sending soon their news to their families, I am herewith proposing to arrange as soon as possible a first sending of mail to North Italy.
4. This sending could be arranged with a lorry, to reach a center of North Italy above the rear army boundary where the civil mail is running and the letters could be immediately forwarded.
5. As the benefits which could result from this initiative are well known to you, will you please give authority for a lorry to be sent in some 10 days, the minimum necessary for collecting mail from subordinate personnel.

*Approved - [Signature]
[Signature] 10 May 45*
Sgd (SILVIO ROSSI) Div Gen
GOC 227 Div.

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Land Forces Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.

Q/16

16 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

From information received from the Postal Authorities, it appears that forward P.M.s are not clear as to the procedure to be adopted regarding the despatch of mail to 9 Base Censor (Rome) and to 7 Base Censor (Naples).

What is now happening is that P.M.s 64, 79, 104, 146 and 153 are despatching all their mail to Base Censor 9, whilst the remaining forward P.M.s are continuing to despatch all their mail to Base Censor 7, with the result that roughly half the mail from Italian forward troops to civilian addresses all over Italy circulates to Rome, whilst the other half circulates to Naples.

The correct procedure is:-

Each forward P.M. should make up separate despatches for (a) Base Censor 9 (Rome) and (b) Base Censor 7 (Naples) containing correspondence for civilian addresses in (a) Rome and the north, and (b) South of Rome respectively.

Please ensure that the above procedure is strictly adhered to, so as to avoid future confusion and the consequent delay of mail.

RSC

H.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: British Postal

Directorate A.F.H.Q. for D.D.A.P.S. ref P/633 11 May 45.
G-2 (CO) A.F.H.Q.
Chief Base Censor C.M.F.
O.C. 15 Base A.P.O. C.M.F.
M.M.I.A..L.O. Naples.

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Subject: Mail - Arrangements with Allied Forces - Italian.

Land Forces Sub Comm. .A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

Q/16

May 45.

To: A.F.H.Q. for D.D.A.P.S.

Reference your P/633 dated 11 May 45.

1. Attached herewith copy of a letter received from Ministry of War (9/6081-301/Serv. dated 8 May 45) and a copy of our letter to Ministry of War Q/16 dated 14 May 45.

2. It is evident that the reason for the confusion is either because P.Ms' did not fully understand Ministry of War instructions or because certain P.Ms' have not received these instructions.

R.A.CURTIES Lt;Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Military Mail

MEMO,
HQ Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

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RAC

CBC/32/2568

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Further to my CBC/32/2544 of 8 May 45, para 3 :-

1. It is understood from the British Postal Dte, AFHQ, that the agreed basis for allocation of mails from Italian troops as between Censura Centrale Militare, Rome, and Censura Centrale Militare, Naples, was that the PMs in the field would segregate postings into :-

- (a) items for Rome and destinations more conveniently reached from that city, and
- (b) items for Naples and destinations more conveniently reached from there.

In other words, each PM would vouch both on PM 3800 (Rome), and on PM 3400 (Naples).

2. According to our observations this segregation is not being carried out in actual practice. CCM in Rome is receiving all the postings from, I understand, PMs 64, 79, 104, 146, and 155, and the other PMs are sending all their traffic to Naples, irrespective of the eventual destination of the items comprised. It would seem, therefore, that to some extent, the original reason for the location of a censorship detachment in Rome has been lost sight of, since letters for the North are still (if they originate from a PM not vouching on PM 3800) passing through Naples.

3. From the censorship point of view it is feasible either to concentrate Censura Centrale Militare, in Rome, or to continue to have one unit there and another in Naples. Which of these courses is adopted depends primarily on the wishes of the Italian military authorities with regard to routing and distribution.

4. It would, therefore, be much appreciated if you could advise me if it is the desire of the Italian military authorities to have the entire mail from Italian troops under Allied Command in the forward areas dealt with in Rome, or, if it is not, then on what principle they wish the mail to be allocated between Rome and Naples.

CMF
11 May 45
hbs

See 264

C.C.B. RICE, Major,
CHIEF BASE CENSOR.

Copy to :- Postal Dte, AFHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Italian Military Postal
Services.

AHQ/2410/3(Maint)

To: Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission (2),
AG Postal (2)
Postal (Br) (2)

11 May 45

Reference AHQ/2410/3(Maint) dated

29 Apr 45.

The following amendment will be made
to the Notes of Meeting:-

"Para 2(a). Delete all reference to AG Postal and
UL Postal."

See 251.

C/V...

A. Colville
A. COLVILLE, Capt,
for Major General,
G-4(E).

Done

Subject: Italian Military Postal
Services.

AHH/2410/a(Maint)

To:- Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission(2,

~~AG Postal~~ (2)

AG Postal (2)

Postal (Pr) (2)

11 May 45

Reference AHH/2410/a(Maint) dated

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See 251.

AC/V...

*ACOLVILLE, Capt,
for Major General,
G-4(B),*

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G-2 (OC)
G-2 (CI)
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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

Subject:- Mails - Arrangements with Allied
Forces - Italian.

To:-

MIA.

We spoke (Clark - Pollock).

1. Information received from PM.3400 (Naples), confirmed by the Chief Base Censor, shows that there has been a complete misunderstanding on the part of the Italian Military authorities regarding the purpose for which Censura Centrale Militare (Base Censor 9) was set up in Rome. What is now happening is that P.Ms 64, 79, 104, 146 and 155 are despatching all their mail to Base Censor 9 (Rome) whilst the remaining forward P.Ms are continuing to despatch all their mail to Base Censor 7 (Naples).
2. The facts of the situation are briefly as follows :-
 - (a) All mail from Italian forward troops was formerly despatched from the appropriate PM to Base Censor 7 (Naples) with consequent delay of mail for addresses in Rome and the North.
 - (b) In order to reduce the delay referred to above additional censorship facilities were established in Rome to deal with mail from Italian forward troops addressed to Rome and the North.
 - (c) Concurrently with (b) above, each forward P.M. should have been instructed to make up separate despatches for (a) Base Censor 7 (Naples) and (b) Base Censor 9 (Rome) containing correspondence for civilian addresses in (a) Naples and the South, and (b) Rome and the North, respectively.

3. It is obvious that, instead of complying with (c) above, the Italian authorities have merely issued instructions to certain P.Ms to despatch all their mail, irrespective of address, to Base Censor 9 (Rome) instead of to Base Censor 7 (Naples) as previously, with the result that roughly half the mail from Italian forward troops to civilian addresses all over Italy circulates to Rome whilst the other half circulates to Naples.

4. On the assumption that the action necessary under para.2 (c) would be properly taken, all British Postal Officers concerned were informed of the revised arrangements and instructed regarding routing of the new despatches for Base Censor 9 which should have been received from all forward P.Ms in addition to those for Base Censor 7 already received.

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Copy to:- C-2(CC), AHCQ.
Chief Base Censor, CEF.
CC 15 Base APO, CEF.
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SEE 263 *Revised*

(G.M. PENDING)
Capt. RE.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Military Mail

CBC/32/2541

M.M.I.A.,
HQ Allied Commission,
APO 394,
US Army.

Q/16
19/5

1. Hitherto the private mail of Italian troops under Allied command in the forward area has been entirely dealt with at Naples by Censura Centrale Militare, 7 Base Censor Group, CMF.
2. A detachment of this unit has now been moved to Rome, where it commenced to operate on 7 MAY 45. It is located at Piazza Indipendenza (Telephone No. 471523). Its address is Censura Centrale Militare, 9 Base Censor Group, CMF.
3. For the time being the original unit in Naples will continue to function, and the censorship of the mails specified in para (1) above will be allocated between the two stations.
4. For your information.

CMF.
8 MAY 45
dcm

SEG 262/2

C.C.B. Rice
C.C.B. RICE,
Major,
CHIEF BASE CENSOR.

COPY TO: Postal Directorate (Br),
AFHQ.

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION

S.M.R.E.
SERVICE OFFICE- MAIL OFFICE

(261)

Q/16

Prot. N. 9/6081 - 301/Serv. 254.
Refer letter N. Q 16 dated 3/5/45.

P.M. 3800, 8 May 45.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Censorship.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA, Rome.

Assurance is hereby given that instructions have been issued to the Post Offices in order that the mail addressed North of Rome be forwarded to "The CENTRAL Military Censorship, Rome".

Sgd. General Liuzzi.

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Transito
RAI

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO.
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot.n. 9/6081-301/Serv. P.M. 3800, 11 8 Maggio 45
Risposta al f.n. Q16 del 3/5/45
OGGETTO: Censura postale militare italiana.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION M.M.I.A.
R O M A

Si assicura di aver impartito disposizioni
agli uffici di P.M. perchè dal 7 corrente la corri-
spondenza diretta a Nord di Roma sia inoltrata alla
"Censura Centrale Militare" Roma.-

Dq/s



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
Giorgio Linzi-

Glinzi

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Subject: Italian Military Mail.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.S.I.A.)

ROME.

Q/16

8 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your B/5970/306 dated 5th May 1945.

All dispatches for delivery to F.M. under British Command should be forwarded to British A.P.O. 551 next to the Central Station.

Dispatches for delivery to F.M. under U.S. Command should be forwarded to U.S. P.O. 7900 situated at the corner of VIA EDIC and VIA DEIGIACCHI.

Mail bags will be clearly marked "Through U.S. Postal Services" or "Through British Postal Services" (see our letter Q/16 of 1 April 45).

ADD
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.S.I.A.

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Copy: Rome Allied Area Command (3)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications -Sub-Commission

259/1

18.71/09

7 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: Mail from Italian Civilians
 to Italian troops.

TO : Undersecretary of State for PP.TT.

1. It has been decided that mail from Italian civilians to Italian troops will no longer be subject to exceptional censorship examination.

2. Please advise the Posta Militare authorities of this decision in order that correspondence received at PM 3800 and 3400 in despatches from civil post offices may be treated in normal course and not subjected to any special diversion for censorship purposes.

W.H. Green
Major
 for J.I. HENDERSON
 Colonel,
 Director.

Copy to:

MMIA ✓

CivilCensorship Group (with copy of CCB/5110/759)
 Italian War Office, Office of Military Censorship Group
 (Lt. Col. P. Duoros).

G-2 AHFO (ref CCB/5110/759 of 3 May).

Rae 10 May

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : FREEDOM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
07 1845

REF. NO. Q/16 250

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

REF AFHQ/2410/ Q MAINT 29 APRIL (.) SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY MAIL TRANSFER FROM
P.M. 3800 TO ALLIED POST OFFICES (.) U.S. ARMY P.O. NO. 790 G. HAS RECEIVED
NO INSTRUCTIONS (.) REQUEST THEY BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT ITALIAN ARMY MAIL

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

TRANSLATION

FROM: S.M.R.E.

TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: 9/5927 - 301

DATE: 5 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Military Postal Service.

As a result of the transfer to Rome, with effect from the 7th. inst., of the 7th. Base Censor Group, Italian Section, instructions have been issued so that with effect from that date all military postal services will be gradually concentrated at Central A.P.C. 38002.

To accelerate as much as possible the dispatch of correspondence to troops located in the North, this S.M. proposes:-

- the forming of a central A.P.O. at Bologna, a city which is located in the most favourable position for the sorting, arrival, and dispatch, of letters for Northern Italy;
- the forming in that H.Q. of an advanced Allied censor unit.

We beg of you to give your kind consideration to this proposal, being so kind as to let us know any decision you may take on the matter.

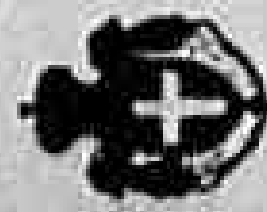
Sgd. LIUZZI

General.

O. Danin Cpl.

RAC 11 May

HT/cl.



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N9/5927-301 di prot. /Serv.

P. M. 3800 5 Maggio 1945

Risposta al foglio N. 216 del 29/4/45

Allegati

OGGETTO: servizio della Posta Militare.

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

ROMA

In dipendenza del trasferimento a Roma, con effetto dal 7 corrente, della Sezione Italiana della 7^a Base Censor Group sono state impartite disposizioni perchè della suddetta data tutto il servizio della posta militare faccia gradualmente capo al Concentramento Posta Militare 3800.

Per accelerare nella maggior misura possibile l'invio della corrispondenza alle truppe dislocate nel settentrione questo S.M. propone:

- la costituzione di un Concentramento P.M. a Bologna, città che si trova nella posizione più favorevole per l'afflusso e lo smistamento della corrispondenza con le provincie dell'Italia settentrionale;
- l'istituzione nella predetta sede di un reparto avanzato di censura alleato.

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R O M A

In dipendenza del trasferimento a Roma, con effetto dal 7 corrente, della Sezione Italiana della 7^a Base Censor Group sono state impartite disposizioni per-
chè dalla suddetta data tutto il servizio della posta militare faccia gradualmente capo al Concentramento
Posta Militare 3800.

Per accelerare nella maggior misura possibile l'inoltro della corrispondenza alle truppe dislocate nel settentrione questo S.M. propone:

- la costituzione di un Concentramento P.M. a Bologna, città che si trova nella posizione più favorevole per l'afflusso e lo smistamento della corrispondenza con le provincie dell'Italia settentrionale;
- l'istituzione nella predetta sede di un reparto avanzato di censura alleato.

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Si prega voler prendere in esame le proposte di cui sopra, compiacendosi far conoscere le decisioni che saranno adottate in merito.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

-Giorgio Liuzzi-

Liuzzi

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TRANSLATION

From: S.M.R.E.
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 9/5970/306
Date: 5 May 1945

Subject: Forwarding of dispatches for Military Post offices in operational zone.

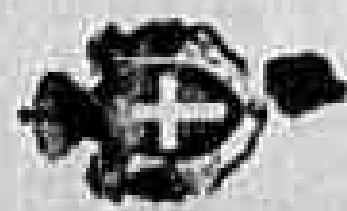
Further to the transfer to Rome of the Italian Section of the 7 Base Censor Group, with effect from the 7th May all dispatches for operational zone Military Post offices will be collected from the 3800 Military Post office. We beg you to kindly inform us, to which A.P.O. in Rome, dispatches for the Military Post offices located in 5th and 8th Army Territory, will have to be delivered for forwarding.

ERRERA.R.

Signed: GIULIO LIUZZI

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

URGENTE

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N.9/5970-306/di prot.Serv.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

A

P. M. 3800, 5 maggio 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: avviamento dispacci per gli uffici di Posta Militare in z.o.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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In seguito allo spostamento a Roma della Sezione Italiana della 7^a Base Censor Group, a partire dal 7 corrente mese tutti i dispacci per gli uffici di Posta Militare in z.o. verranno formati dal Concentramento P.M.3800.

Si prega volere far conoscere a quali A.P.O. di Roma dovranno essere consegnati, per il proseguimento, i dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. dislocati nel territorio della 5^a e dell' 8^a Armata.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Giorgio Linuzzi -

Glivelli

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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IL GENERALE ADDDETTO
- Giorgio Luzzi -

Ghivelli

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020Subject : Italian Military Postal Services.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.

Q/16

5 May, 45.To : Ministry of War.

1. The proposed W.E. of the Italian Army Postal Services is under consideration at this Headquarters. It has been suggested that it is preferable for soldiers' letters to be addressed to a P.M. No. rather than the location so that the mail will go through military channels rather than through civilian Post Offices, it is however, understood that no delay arises from the mail being handled by the civilian Post Office and for example, when the P.M. serving 230 Admin. Div. moves from Bari there is no advantage in forming another P.M. You are requested to confirm that this is the case.

2. In order that the various improvements which have been and are being effected in the delivery of army mail shall have full effect you are required to revise the present instructions on this subject and ensure that all Italian troops are fully acquainted with the present method of dealing with their mail, in particular that they and their relatives are quite clear as to the correct address which is to be used.

3. In view of the altered circumstances the question of cancelling military censorship from the Allied point of view is under consideration. You are required to forward your views as to whether continuance of military censorship from the Italian Army point of view is necessary.

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R.A. CURTIS, Lieut. Colonel,
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Field Postcards.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

PCMB.

9/16

5 May, 45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 9/5750/301/Serb 30 April.
2. The introduction of a Field Postcard is now approved. In view of the probability that civil postal services will be established at an early date it is suggested that the number of cards now printed shall be limited. To cover the interim period, however, it is desirable that an immediate issue be made. A specimen of the approved card which is to be printed on green cardboard is being sent to you separately.
3. You will ensure that the following arrangements are made to operate the scheme :
 - (a) A suitable sorting section will be established at P.W. 3800 which will identify the civilian address with the appropriate forward P.W. No. Cards to be ~~passed~~ through the Censura Centrale Militare, Rome made up in batches according to the P.W. No.
 - (b) ~~that~~ All P.W.'s. will be notified that the Field Postcard is being introduced and that they are responsible for arranging delivery as soon as possible and by any means possible to the civilian addressees.
4. You will report when the cards have been issued and on the progress of the scheme to this Headquarters.

R.A.
R.A. CURTIS, Lieut. Colonel,
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.

A.C. Communications Sub Comm.

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SEGRETO

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

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N°9/7399-109/Serv.di prot. P.M.3800 li 4/5/45

OGGETTO: elenco uffici P.M.-

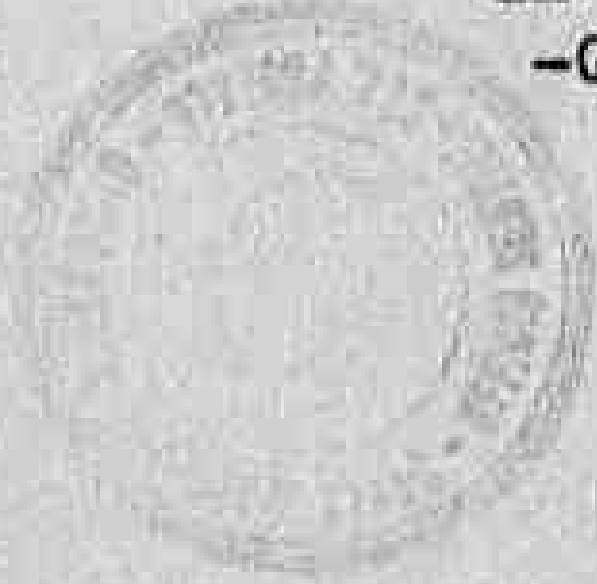
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AO (M.M.I.A.)
(per il Ten.Colonnello Curties)

R O M A

Si trasmette l'elenco degli uf-
fici di Posta Militare in funzione
al 1° giugno 1945. (esemplare n.19).-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Giorgio Liuzzi-

Liuzzi



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2 - P.M.	30 -	Comando Divisione S.I. Sabauda	Messina
3 - P.M.	64 -	Cdo Gruppo Combattimento "Cremona"	Adria
4 - P.M.	72 -	Comando Divisione S.I. Aosta	Palermo
5 - P.M.	75 -	Comando Divisione S.I. Calabria	Cagliari
6 - P.M.	75/A -	Comando Presidio di Sassari	Sassari
7 - P.M.	79 -	Cdo Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli"	S. Giovanni Lupatoto
8 - P.M.	92 -	Cdo Divisione Pieno (C.A.C.F.I.O.)	Cesano
9 - P.M.	104 -	Cdo Gruppo Combattimento "Mantova"	Rimini
10 - P.M.	112 -	Comando 230 ^a Divisione	Firenze
11 - P.M.	114 -	IV ^a Comando Militare Territoriale	Bolsano
12 - P.M.	126 -	Comando 227 ^a Divisione	Salerno
13 - P.M.	127 -	Comando Italiano 212 - IV ^a Zona	Livorno
14 - P.M.	146 -	Cdo Gruppo Combattimento "Poligera"	Villafranca di Verona
15 - P.M.	155 -	Cdo Gruppo Combattimento "Legnano"	Bergamo -
16 - P.M.	167 -	Comando 231 ^a Divisione	Lenato
17 - P.M.	179 -	Comando 210 ^a Divisione	Peschiera
18 - P.M.	181 -	Comando Italiano 212	Napoli
19 - P.M.	185 -	Comando 209 ^a Divisione	Cesena
20 - P.M.	216 -	II ^o Comando Militare Territoriale	Genova
21 - P.M.	217 -	V ^o Comando Militare Territoriale	Udine
22 - P.M.	218 -	I ^o Comando Militare Territoriale	Torino
23 - P.M.	219 -	Comando Militare Territoriale Firenze Firenze	Firenze
24 - P.M.	225 -	VI ^o Comando Militare Territoriale	Bologna
25 - P.M.	226 -	III ^o Comando Militare Territoriale	Milano
26 - P.M.	900 -	Ufficio Centrale Censura	Roma
27 - P.M.	3400 -	Concentramento Posta Militare	Napoli
28 - P.M.	3800 -	Concentramento Posta Militare	Roma

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

TO: A.F.M.O. 1st G2(CC)

TO (FOR INFO): 803 DHD BR CADRE

REF. NO. Q.240

255/1/11
DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

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(SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

REQUEST CANCELLATION THIS E.O. A/111 20 APR (.) CONVERSATION

LANEGROVE - CURTIS REFERS

PRECEDENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

Internal: 'A' NMIA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.18.70/CS

Q/16
4/5
3 May 1945

Subject: Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : British Army Postal Directorate, A.P.H.Q.

Reference your P.633 of 10th April, 1945.

1. Instructions concerning the despatch of mails to FM 3800 and FM 3400 through British Army Postal channels have been sent to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs in our P.18.68/CS of 2 May 1945 (copy to you).

2. Information has not yet been received concerning American APO outlets.

3. In view of the alteration in circumstances the question of the cancellation of the instruction requiring 100% censorship of correspondence from Italian civilians to troops in forward areas is being pursued.

4. Reports indicate that Perugia makes a daily despatch to FM 3800 and FM 185. Two three-day returns gave totals of 128 and 136 items for FM addresses posted at Citta' di Castello, and there is no apparent reason why such correspondence should not reach its destination.

For the Chief Commissioner.

W. Green
Major
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:

M.M.I.A. (ref AFHQ/2410/Q Maint of 29 April) ✓

RAC

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Subject:- Italian Military Mail Censorship.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
ROME.Q/16. _____
3 May 1945.Ministry of War.

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Reference our letter Q/16 of the 29th April, 1945.

Please ensure that all P.M. concerned are informed that with effect from 7 May 45, mail addressed to locations north of Rome is to be forwarded to "Censura Centrale Militare" Rome.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SEG 261.

Subject: Attachment of Italian Military Personnel to
Censura Centrale Militare, Rome.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Q/16
3 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your 206980/11 dated 23rd. March 45.

and further to this H.Q. Q/16 dated 29th. April; in order to assist in the establishment of the Censorship Unit, you will transfer to Rome the following personnel at present employed in Naples/

Officers	5	(O.C. Capt. BODI)
Sen. N.O. Os.	4	
R. & F.	9	
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They will be attached to Terr. H.Q., Rome, for rations and accommodation, and will be carried temporarily in Oct. 6(C) ITI-ITI rfts.

This H.Q. letter A/111 dated 20th. April is cancelled.

RAC
R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Maj. Gen.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A.
G(8D)
MMIALO, Naples.

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Translation.

Q/16

Ref; 9/5-0-301/Serv.
30/4/45.

From; S.M.R.E.

To ; NMIA.

Subject; Printed post cards for military in operational zones.

(252)

This S.M. would be grateful to know if, and what procedures have been adopted for the institution of printed post cards for use of Italian military in operational zones, so that they can correspond with their families residing in territory not yet furnished with a postal service.

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GD
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(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale
3800

N. 9/5150-301 di prot./Serv.

P. M. ~~KXXi~~ 30 aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N. Q 16 del 3/4/45

Allegati

OGGETTO: Cartoline a testo fisso per i militari in z.o.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Questo S.M. gradirebbe conoscere se e quali determinazioni sono state adottate per l'istituzione della cartolina postale da campo a testo fisso ad uso dei militari italiani in z.o. per poter corrispondere con le loro famiglie residenti in territori non ancora ammessi al servizio postale.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

p-Giorgio Liuzzio

C. L. Mulino

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Postal Services.

AFHQ/2410/Q(Maint).

29 Apr 45.

TO :- Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission (2)  
M.M.I.A. (2) ✓  
AG Postal (2)  
Postal (Br) (2)

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2. Difficulties which may arise in connection with the action indicated should be notified to Q(Maint), A.F. H.Q.

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HMCL/FCB.

Copy to:- G-1(A).  
G-1(B).  
G-2(CG).  
G-2(CI).  
G-3(CRE).  
G-4(A).

H. MOLEN, Lt. Col.,  
for Major-General,  
G-4 (B).

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H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.,  
for Major-General,  
G-4 (B).

H.M.C./F.C.E.

Copy to:- G-1(A).  
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G-4(B).  
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San G. C. S.

NOTES OF A MEETING HELD AT AFHQ  
ON 24 APR 45

SUBJECT: - Italian Military Postal Services.

PRESENT

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Lt.Col. H. McLEAN     | Q(Maint)                |
| Lt.Col. V.N. COGSWELL | G-1(A)                  |
| Lt.Col. L.S. FOGASTY  | AG (Postal)             |
| Lt.Col. W.C. HARNEY   | Postal (Br)             |
| Major W.H. GREEN      | AG Comms Sub-Commission |
| Major R.J. HILL       | G-1(B)                  |
| Major L.B. GOODWIN    | G-2(CC)                 |
| Capt. F.J.A. CLARK    | MAIL                    |
| Capt. J.E. MAXWELL    | G-2(CI)                 |
| Capt. J. GRAHAM       | G-3(ORG)                |
| Capt. C.J. MACNAMARA  | G-5                     |

MAIL FROM CIVILIANS TO ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1. Present procedure is as follows. Mail is posted in civilian Post Offices. It is then concentrated in one or two large towns. There it is censored and goes through Italian civilian postal channels to Italian HQ 3400 at NAPLES. There it is sorted and handed over to British and US Postal Services as relevant. It then goes through allied channels to the forward Italian HQs to deliver to the Italian Units. As regards mail for Italian Units in S. ITALY, in some instances the mail may go through Italian civilian channels all the way.

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- (c) Transportation problems of Italian civilian Post Office getting the mail to HQ 3400 at NAPLES.
- (d) The fact that mail posted, say, in FLORENCE for a soldier serving at, say, ANCONA, has to come all the way to NAPLES and

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- (d) The fact that mail posted, say, in FLORENCE for a soldier serving at, say, ACOCCA has to come all the way to NAPLES and forward again.

(e) Mail which goes all the way through civilian channels to a unit which has moved might well be delayed considerably.

2. The following action will be taken to remove these delays :-

- (a) Postal (Br) and AC Postal will inform AC Communications Sub-Commission of their normal mail postal routes. AC Communications Sub-Commission will arrange concentration of mail at suitable points on these routes. US and British Postal will arrange collection and delivery to the appropriate ~~at NAPLES~~ or RAE for censorship.

ACTION Postal (Br)  
AC Postal  
AC Comm Sub-Commission.

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(2) AC will investigate possible censorship delays and will remove the routine delay imposed for lack of sender's name and address, if this is feasible.

ACTION AC Comms Sub-Commission.

(c) This will be cured by action under (a) above.

(d) Mail for troops in the forward area will, in future, be accepted at RM 3800 in RMZ where it will be handed over to the Allied Post Office.

ACTION AC Comms Sub-Commission.

(e) MIA will ensure that it is brought to the notice of Italian troops serving in S. Italy that it is preferable for their relatives to address their letters to a RM Number rather than locations, so that mail will go through Military channels. MIA will arrange for the establishment of suitable RMS in S. Italy.

ACTION MAIL. ✓

MAIL FROM THE SOLDIER TO THE CIVILIAN.

3. This follows the other mail in the reverse direction. It is handed over from Allied Military channels to Italian RM 3400 at N. PLES from whence it proceeds through Italian civilian Postal channels. There has been no evidence of delay in mails in this direction. The service will benefit by the opening of RM 3800 at RMZ and by delivery at main towns on the Allied Military Postal routes.

FIELD POSTOFFICES.

4. There is at present an area, generally close behind the operational area, where the Italian Civil Postal system does not work. This means that Italian civilians living in that area have no means of sending letters to, or receiving letters from, their relatives in the Italian Armed Forces. A Field Postoffice is to be issued to Italian military personnel. This will go through the normal channels until it reaches RM 3800 RMZ. RM 3800 will sort these cards into bundles for Italian Units nearest to the Italian civilian addressee. When this bundle of correspondence reaches the Italian Unit, that unit will be responsible for effecting delivery as soon as possible and by any means possible, to the civilian addressee. They will use, in the main, the Italian Carabinieri. It was realised this is a bit of a mess and that we shall be lucky if 50% of the cards do arrive. No better system can be devised in the circumstances and it was accepted as being preferable to the complete lack of facilities which exist at present. The card will be in two parts so that the other part can be used for the return message.

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ACTION MILA. ✓

MAIL FROM THE SOLDIER TO THE CIVILIAN.

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ACTION

MIL. ✓

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Commission.

URGENT COMMUNICATIONS.

5. It was confirmed by MILA that a telegraphic system is in force whereby urgent communications regarding death or serious illness can be passed.

GENERAL.

6. MILA undertook to issue clear instructions to Italian troops in how they can best help the Postal Authorities and advise their relatives as to the best method of dealing with mail.

ACTION

MIL. ✓

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2/1/4SUBJECT:- Italian Military  
Postal Services.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/2410/Q(Maint).29 Apr 45.

TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓

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Reference your Q 16 of 3 Apr 45.

1. A Meeting was held at A.F.H.Q. on 24 Apr 45 to discuss possible improvements to the Italian Postal Services and the introduction of a Field Postcard service.

2. The action recommended has been circulated in the Notes of the Meeting under AFHQ/2410/Q(Maint) of 29 Apr 45 and it is hoped that such action will effect the desired improvement.

H. M. L. N.

H. M. L. N., Lt. Col.,  
for Major-General,  
D. Q. M. G.

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H.M.C./P.C.S.

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24 Apr 45.

TO : MM.I.A.

233.

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H. McLENN, Lt.Col.,  
for Major-General,  
D.O.M.C.

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G-4(A).  
G-4(B).

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Subject: Italian Military Mail -  
Censorship.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
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MINISTRY OF WAR.

29 April 45.

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Ref. your 206980/11 23 Mar/45.  
220-20-P

This H.Q. has been informed that w.e.f. 7 May/45 there will be established in Rome a censorship Unit to be known as "Censura Centrale Militare, Rome".

This will enable mail to be distributed direct by P.M. 3800 from Rome and should lead as stated in your above quoted letter to a speeding up of the Postal Services.

The question of opening a more advanced censorship unit to deal with the newly liberated areas in the North will be taken up by M.M.I.A. with A.F.H.Q. You are requested to forward your recommendations as to the most suitable locality having in mind the future organization of the Italian Army Postal Services in the North.

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Copy to:- Communications  
Sub-Commission A.C.  
M.M.I.A. "A".

P.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.  
For Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
APO 512, US Army

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OCB/51100/ 6527

25 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mail - Censorship

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TO : Major L.B. Goodyer,  
G-2 (OC), AFHQ.

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Group (MIA) and our OCB/51100/370 dated 10 Apr 45 refer.

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9. The date by which Censura Centrale Militare is required to function is Monday, 7 May 45.

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Copies to :

- 0 1 (A)
- 0 1 (E)
- 0 4 (S)
- 0 4 (H)
- M.M.I.A.
- 2 District
- RAAG.

*WAC*

*Ephraim*

R.P. LOVEGROVE,  
Lt. Col., G.S.,  
Communications Censorship.

SUBJECT :- Italian Military Postal Service.

COPY

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

3 April '45

A.F.H.Q. (for G1(A), G1(E), G2, G4(B))

1. There is much room for improvement in the Italian Army Postal Services. In order to allay family anxiety and thus raise morale and curtail desertion and absence without leave it is urgently necessary to remedy the existing state of affairs. The War Ministry are alive to this and are doing their best. They require the following assistance :-

- (a) Improved transportation facilities.
- (b) Authority to distribute mail from ROME as well as NAHES.
- (c) Permission to introduce a Field Post Card to serve the operational zone where Civil Postal Services are not yet functioning.

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As regards the Civil Posts the need for improved transportation facilities has been represented by the Communications Sub-Commission to your H.Q. Any assistance they can be given will directly improve the delivery of Italian Army Mail.

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There is at ROME an Italian Military Post Office No. 3800 with an Italian Censorship Section attached. If arrangements could be made to transfer a detachment from 7 Base Censor Group to ROME or alternatively arrange for the Civil Censorship Group to exercise the necessary supervision over Italian Military Mail, an immediate speeding up of the postal service would result. Distribution could then be effected by P.M. 3800 at ROME in the same manner as at present by P.M. 3400 at NAHES.

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The object is not to restore normal postal facilities between soldiers and their relatives who are living in the operational zone but to afford a means of breaking the silence which has for so long caused anxiety to those concerned.

The cards will, it is proposed, be collected at EM 3400 NAPLES or EM 3800 ROME where the Italian Military Censor will add to the civilian address the nearest Field Post Office i.e. P.M. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

The cards will then be forwarded to the P.M. concerned in the normal way. In the majority of cases the addressee will be living in the town or village occupied by Italian or Allied Troops. The P.M. will through its daily contact with an Allied Post Office be able to deliver the cards either direct to an Italian Unit or indirectly to an Allied Unit when such a unit collects its own mail. Delivery to the individual will be made by and with the cooperation of the unit concerned either direct or through the agency of a Town Major or the CC.RR. Whoever delivers the card will be able to collect the reply which if handed in to any military post office can follow the usual channels to P.M. 3400, pass the censor and be delivered to the originator.

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5. I recommend that :-

- (a) The necessary censorship control be established at ROME to enable distribution of Italian Military Mail to be effected from P.M. 3800.
- (b) Approval be given for the introduction of a Field Postcard as described in para 4 above.

I wish to request that the matter be regarded as one of urgency and that if approved the above proposals be implemented with the minimum of delay.

/amc

(Sgd) L. BROWNING,  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- 15 Army Group (Ref 3074/9/A(0) of 21 Feb '45)  
Ministry of War (Ref 206980/11 of 23 Mar '45)  
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Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.  
M.M.I.A. - "A"

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
APO 512, US Army

OCE/51100/570

10 April 45

SUBJECT: Italian Military Postal Services.

TO : C-1(A)  
C-1(B)  
C-2(A)  
C-2(B)

1. Q/16 dated 3rd April 1945 from Land Forces Sub. Comm. (M.M.I.A.) Rome refers.

2. 7 Base Censor Group (British) situated in Naples, is responsible for the examination of mails from Italian troops under Allied Command in the forward areas only. It receives mail from the following Italian Army Post Offices through PM 3400 (Concentramento Posta Militare at Naples) :-

| PM  | LOCATION              | INFORMATION ETC                          |
|-----|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 16  | CESINA                | 228 Divisione                            |
| 64  | RAVENNA               | Gruppo Comb. CEMONA                      |
| 79  | BRISIGHELLA           | " " FRUITI                               |
| 104 | S. GIORGIO DEL SAINIO | " " MANTOVA                              |
| 127 | LIVORNO               | Italiano 212 - IV Zona                   |
| 146 | ASCOLI PICENO         | Gruppo Comb. POLICORE                    |
| 155 | RADDA IN CHIANTI      | " " LERNANO                              |
| 167 | FIRENZE               | 231 Divisione                            |
| 179 | FIRENZE               | 210 " 323                                |
| 181 | NAPOLI                | Ordo Italiano 212                        |
| 185 | PERUGIA               | 209 Divisione                            |
| 219 | FIRENZE               | VII Ordo. Territoriale                   |
| 900 | NAPOLI                | Accommodation address served by PM 3400. |

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4. Existing Postal Arrangements. It is understood from British Postal Directorate that the existing postal arrangements are as follows :-

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(b) Italian mail from PM's in FLORENCE, LECORNO, PERUGIA, etc., is transported by the AFO daily road service from FLORENCE to NAPLES, leaving at midnight and taking about 16 hours. There is no air lift available for Italian mail on the planes carrying British mail from FLORENCE.

(c) After censorship in NAPLES the above mail is turned over (via 15 BARO) to the Italian civil post office for transit to destination.

5. The Italian postal authorities estimate that about 30% of these mails are for addresses north of Rome. If this portion of the mails was routed to PM 3800 and censored in Rome, it is estimated that a saving of about two days in transit time could be effected.

6. Base Censorship in Rome

(a) MIA's suggestion that the Civil Censorship Group, Italy should exercise the necessary supervision over Italian military mail is strongly

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opposed by HQ 15th. Army Group, and must therefore be ruled out.

(b) This Section is prepared to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of a detachment from 7 Base Censor Group Naples, to 9 Base Censor Group, Rome, consisting of 1 British officer, 10 Italian censors and 5 Italian sorters. This detachment should be adequate to handle the examination of mails from Italian troops in the forward areas routed to TM 3800 for addresses in Rome and north of the capital. Ten days' notice will be required by this Section to effect the transfer.

7. Field Postcard. There is no censorship objection to the proposed introduction of a Field Postcard as described in para. 4 of MMIA letter under reference.

For the A.C. of S., G-2 :

SIGNED:

E.P. LOVEGROVE,  
Lt. Col. G.S.,  
Communications Censorship.

WPL/ch.

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Translation

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From: S.M.R.E.

To: M.M.A

Q/16

Ref: 9/5297/301

Date: 26 April 45

Subject: Postal parcels service : SEE 237.

Further to letter 9/4150.30. dated 24 April 45.

Postal and Telecommunication Ministry, <sup>approached</sup> ~~instructed~~ by this S.M., to resume ~~organize~~ the postal parcels service for the troops stationed in operational ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup>, pointed out that they can not adhere to the request, because of the lack of means of ~~transportation~~ <sup>transportation</sup>, for the ~~transport~~ <sup>transport</sup> from the acceptance ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> offices to send the parcels from the civilian P.O.'s, where parcels are handed in, to the A.P.O.'s.

Signed GIORGIO LUTZ

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**STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO**

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

N9/5294-301 di prot. /Serv.

P.M. 3800 26 Aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N. del

Allegati

OGGETTO: servizio pacchetti postali.

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - (M.M.I.A.)

e, per conoscenza:  
AL GABINETTO

ROMA

SEDE

Seguito foglio 9/4750-301 in data  
6 Aprile c.m.

Il Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni, interessato da questo S.M. da ripristinare il servizio dei pacchetti postali per le truppe dislocate in z.o., ha comunicato di non poter aderire alla richiesta a causa dell'insufficienza di mezzi di trasporto, per il convogliamento dagli uffici civili di accettazione ai Concentramenti di P.M.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
-Giorgio Liuzzi-

*Liuzzi*

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from: SMRE  
to: MMIA

~~SECRET~~

Translation

Q/16

of 9/5046-301

20 April 1945

(246)

Subject: Civil registered letters addressed to troops in Ops. Areas

We acknowledge receipt of A.C. letter concerning the reopening of postal service for the forwarding of civil registered letters to troops in Ops Areas.

In order to overcome the difficulties originated by the condition set by Allied P.O. according to which no responsibility will be taken by them in carrying out a service, this SMRE agrees with the Ministry of Communications that the Italian Military Authorities should take the administrative responsibility for eventual losses, damages, unauthorized opening of letters, only <sup>in the case where</sup> ~~for the~~ transport carried out by the Allied from Naples P.O. to P.O. offices in Ops Areas & back.

*[Signature]*

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Sarà gradita una risposta cortesemente sollecitata per  
stabilire la data di inizio del servizio e per le disposizioni  
da impartire ai dipendenti uffici di Posta Militare.-

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO  
-Giorgio Linzetti-

*Linetti*

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 by to: mm1A

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P.T.O. 319

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Postal Administration will be responsible for the transport of mail from the Civil acceptance Offices to Rome + Naples P.O.s + back + from P.O. Offices to the Civil Offices.

In order to define responsibilities + set the basis to organise this service, SMRE proposes:

- ① That the civil registered letters addressed to P.O. Offices, will be forwarded, as ordinary mail, from the civil offices of the province towns to Naples + Rome P.O.s. as shown in app. 14.

(It is advisable that this procedure be followed for <sup>all</sup> the civil registered letters addressed to P.O. Offices in + out of Ops areas in order to avoid making movements of P.O. Offices known.)

The same system will be used by Naples P.O. for the forwarding of registered letters from Ops areas to the civil service.

- ② That a/pri correspondence, from Naples P.O. + P.O. Offices in Ops areas, be sent in special sealed envelopes to be enclosed in special P.O. bag as requested by Allied ~~Post~~ Post service.

If the proposals are agreed to we beg M of W to submit them to "Communication Sub-Commission" for approval. - We beg you to give us an urgent answer in order to fix the date of the opening of the service + issue instructions to Offices under command.

Gen. LIUZZI

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Sarà gradita una risposta cortesemente sollecita per stabilire la data di inizio del servizio e per le disposizioni da impartire ai dipendenti uffici di Posta Militare.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
-Giorgio Linzi-

*Glinzi*

MN/cl.



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

N. 9/5046-301 di prot. /Serv.

P. M. 3300 20 Aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N. 30015CRI 405043 del 7/4/45 Allegati

OGGETTO: servizio raccomandate private per le truppe in s.o. -

AL MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Servizio IV-Div. I. - Sez. I.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (M.N.I.A.)

ROMA

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Si è preso atto della comunicazione della Commissione Alleata relative al ripristino del servizio delle raccomandate private per le truppe dislocate in s.o.

Per sormontare le difficoltà derivanti dalla condizione posta dai servizi postali inglesi ed americani di declinare ogni responsabilità per il trasporto delle suddette corrispondenze, questo S.M. accetta il punto di vista di codesto Ministero di fare assumere dall'Autorità Militare Italiana la responsabilità amministrativa per eventuali dispersioni, avarie e manomissioni, limitatamente al trasporto eseguito dagli alleati dal Concentramento P.M. di Napoli agli uffici di P.M. dislocati in s.o. e viceversa.

Resterà a carico dell'Amministrazione Postale la responsabilità per il trasporto degli uffici civili di accettazione e Concentramenti P.M. di Napoli e di Roma, ed, in senso inverso, dai Concentramenti P.M. agli uffici civili destinatari.

Per delimitare le rispettive competenze e fissare le basi per l'organizzazione del servizio questo S.M. propone:

1°) - che le raccomandate private dirette agli uffici di P.M. siano inoltrate, con lo stesso avviamento delle corrispondenze ordinarie, dagli uffici civili dei capoluoghi di provincia ai Concentramenti P.M. di Napoli e di Roma descritte singolarmente sui fogli LA

(E' opportuno che tale trattamento sia comune a tutte le raccomandate private dirette ad uffici di P.M. dislocati entro e fuori la s.o., per evitare la necessità di dover notificare gli spostamenti degli uffici di P.M.)

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Lo stesso sistema della registrazione verrà adottato dal Concentramento P.M. di Napoli per il passaggio al servizio civile delle raccomandate provenienti dalla z.o.;

2°) - che le corrispondenze di cui trattasi, nei rapporti con i Concentramenti P.M. di Napoli e gli uffici di P.M. dislocati in z.o. abbiano corso in pieghi speciali sigillati, da consegnarsi in sacco a parte, come richiesto dai servizi postali alleati.

Ove nulla osti da parte di codesto Ministero, si prega sottoporre le proposte di cui sopra alla "Communication Sub Commission" per la preventiva approvazione delle Autorità Alleate.

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da impartire ai dipendenti uffici di Poste Militari.-

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO

-Giorgio Liuszi-

*Glinth*

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020ITALIAN POSTAL FACILITIES. 245

Investigations have shown that the majority of desertions from the Italian Army are due to family anxieties, particularly from homes in the combat area. Men without news of the homes just go themselves to find out how things are. The delays in letters due to censorship are causing men to use civil postal facilities where they exist, which besides rendering soldiers liable to arrest, defeat utterly the purposes of censorship.

MMIA made the original request for a Field Post card about nine months ago and have repeated it frequently, so far without result. Apart from the Italian soldiers own point of view, - the loss of effort to the Allies - as well as of clothing, rations and training time, is serious enough to call for any possible action which might improve matters.

It is hoped, therefore, that some practical means of overcoming past objections may be found by this conference. The Italian War Ministry is anxious to cooperate by any means within its limited power.

23 April 1944

W. P. D. S. L. y.   
 Command. MMIA

Taken by Major Green. Comm. Sub-Comm.

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Maj. PERTUSATI, called to  
direct Italian A.P.O. Services.

It was agreed that Bari Garrison  
troops would be serviced, once  
~~215~~ 231 Div. A.P.O. moved, by  
civilian P.O.

21. 4. 45.

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 62808

Date/Time of Origin: APR 20 1417B

Message Centre No: D/8187

Date/Time Recd: APR 20 1515Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHOAB

TO: HQ MMIA - HQ AC COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSION

MMIA

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SIGNALS

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# ACTION

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Conference on Italian field postcard service being held GI B conference room  
CASERTA Palace 1415 hrs on 24.

*Presided over by  
to Col McKeen & Main  
Freedom 208*

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ACTION: Land Forces S/C  
Communications S/C  
INFO: A/President  
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*Capt H S J Butler  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
C.M.F.  
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.13.52/CS

14 April 1945

Dear Harvey,

Correspondence for Italian Troops.

I have not yet received the information from the Ministry and Postal Officers in AMG territory to enable me to give formal reply to your P.633 of 10th April, but yesterday I called in at Rome Ferrovia Office to see for myself what is actually happening there.

My inspection did not reveal any exceptional delay. The correspondence for troops passes to Allied Censor Control with the rest of the Rome Province postings and is not held there more than 24 hours except where comment sheets are necessary or in those areas where sender's name and address do not appear (when an intentional delay of about 15 days is imposed). On return from the Censor, P.M. correspondence is selected at the "Primary" and collected by P.M. 3800 three times a day. Direct despatches from other Provincial Capitals such as Florence, Siena etc., go direct to P.M. 3800.

I went along to P.M. 3800 and saw what they were doing. This office is one small room and they have only one box fitting for the correspondence from civilians, on which they sort for the various P.M.s and make only three despatches - one to a P.M. in Sicily; one to Sardinia; and all the rest to P.M. 3400 -. They were practically clear when I arrived and were bagging-off - indeed they have not space enough to permit them to get behind with the work -. There were about 6 full bags of labelled bundles for P.M. 3400 and they tell me that everything for that office is cleared daily by an air despatch to Naples.

In these circumstances you may think it worth while to make some enquiries as to what actually happens when the correspondence reaches P.M. 3400.

Yours sincerely

*W.H. Green*

W.H. GREEN  
Major.

Lt.Col. W.C. Harvey.  
British Postal Directorate.  
C/o No. 15 Base APO  
C.M.F.

*RAO*  
*15 Apr*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to: P.18.47/C3

2/16

11 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : British Army Postal Directorate  
C/o No. 15 Base Army P.O., C.M.F.A.  
12/4

Reference telephone conversation Major Harvey-Major Green.

1. It is found that there are several points which need clarification before a definite opinion can be expressed on your suggestion that mails made up by the civil post office for P.M. 3400 should be handed to a local British A.P.O. in order to obtain advantage of the more frequent and rapid Army services to Naples.

2. A copy of the relative enquiry to the Italian Postal Administration is connected.

3. In the meantime would you please furnish a list of the towns where such hand-over from the civil Post Office to the British A.P.O. is recommended.

For the Chief Commissioner

*W. H. Green*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

1 Inc: Copy of P.18.46/C3

Copies to:  
Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)  
Civil Censorship Group.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFU 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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URGENT

In reply  
refer to: P.13.46/CS

11 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence addressed to Italian Troops.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

1. It is understood that your current circulation instructions provide for correspondence addressed to Italian Troops to be forwarded to PM 3400 Naples in the case of Provinces in the South and to PM 3800 Rome from other Provinces.
2. Will you please confirm this and say where the line of demarcation between the two areas is drawn.
3. It is also desired to know which Provincial Capitals and Ambulanti dispose of the correspondence by means of "closed" despatches to the PMs mentioned and which merely make up labelled bundles for forwarding through another office.
4. Presumably there is no separation by the civil Post Office of correspondence addressed to P.M. number but all correspondence addressed to P.Ms. is included in the same bundle.
5. Are closed despatches and labelled bundles addressed to P.M. 3400 and P.M. 3800 and now received in transit at Naples and Rome being handed directly to the Military Post Offices at those places without passing through the Allied Censor Station please?

*W. J. Green*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Postale

N. 9/14788 / IOGti prot.

P. M310206 10 aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N. 9/16 del 4° aprile 1945 Allegati 1

OOGETTO: Organici uffici di posta militare

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.)

R O M A .

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Si trasmette l'elenco degli uffici di posta militare in esercizio con le proposte relative:

- ai nuovi uffici da costituire
- ai mezzi di trasporto occorrenti .

Per quanto riguarda il servizio di Censura è già stato riferito con foglio nr. 10/904 del 31 marzo u.s.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- Giorgio Muzzi -

*Ghiuschi*

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Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

SERVIZIO DI POSTA MILITARE  
(Uffici e relativo personale)

| Sez. Postale dell'Uff. Servizi-S.M.R.M.                                                                                                                   | Militarizzati<br>Ufficiali | Graduati<br>di truppa | Militari CC.<br>di truppe<br>ausiliari | Enti cui sono<br>in forza                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 Uffici per Gruppi di Combattimento<br>(P.M. 64-Gr. Cremona, P.M. 79-Gr. Friuli,<br>P.M. 104-Gr. Mantova, P.M. 146-Gr.<br>Folgore, P.M. 155-Gr. Legnano) | 15                         | 10                    | 1                                      | Reparto Autonomo<br>Ministri/le<br>Quartieri Generali dei<br>Gruppi rispettivi |
| 1 Ufficio (P.M. 92) per Comando Div.<br>Pescina (C.A.C.F.I.C.)                                                                                            | 3                          | 2                     |                                        | Quartier Generale                                                              |
| 3 Uffici per Divisioni S.I. (P.M. 30-<br>Div. Sabauda, P.M. 72-Div. Aosta, P.M.<br>75 e 75/A-Div. Calabria)                                               | 10                         | 6                     |                                        | Quartier Generale delle<br>Divisioni                                           |
| 4 Uffici per Divisioni Amministrative<br>(P.M. 16-228-Div., P.M. 167-231-Div.,<br>P.M. 179-210-Div., P.M. 185-209-Div.)                                   | 15                         | 11                    | 9                                      | Quartier Generale delle<br>Divisioni                                           |
| 2 Uffici del Comando Italiano 212<br>(P.M. 181-Cdo Italiano 212, P.M. 127-<br>Cdo Italiano 212-IV Zona)                                                   | 6                          | 6                     | 4                                      | Quartieri Generali                                                             |
| 5 Uffici per Cdi Mil. Territoriali<br>(P.M. 216-Genova, P.M. 218-Torino, P.M.<br>219-Firenze, P.M. 225-Bologna, P.M.<br>226-Milano)                       | 15                         | -                     | -                                      | Quartieri Generali                                                             |
| 2 Concentramenti (P.M. 3400-Napoli,<br>P.M. 3800-Roma)                                                                                                    | 32                         | 18                    | 8                                      | Distretto di<br>Napoli e Roma II                                               |
| Uffici da costituirsi                                                                                                                                     | 103                        | 54                    | 39                                     |                                                                                |

|                                                                                                                                                  | Militarizzati |          | Militari CC. Enti cui sono |           |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                  | Ufficiali     | Graduati | di truppa                  | ausiliari |                                          |
| Sez. Postale dell'Uff. Servizi-S.M.R.M.                                                                                                          | 7             | 1        |                            |           | Reparto Autonomo Minist/le               |
| 5 Uffici per Gruppi di Combattimento (P.M. 64-Gr. Cremona, P.M. 79-Gr. Friuli, P.M. 104-Gr. Mantova, P.M. 146-Gr. Polgore, P.M. 155-Gr. Legnano) | 15            | 10       | 10                         |           | Quartieri Generali dei Gruppi rispettivi |
| 1 Ufficio (P.M. 92) per Comando Div. Piceno (C.A.C.F.I.C.)                                                                                       | 3             | 2        | 2                          |           | Quartier Generale                        |
| 3 Uffici per Divisioni S.I. (P.M. 30-Div. Sabaude, P.M. 72-Div. Aosta, P.M. 75 e 75/A-Div. Calabria)                                             | 10            | 6        | 6                          |           | Quartier Generale delle Divisioni        |
| 4 Uffici per Divisioni Amministrative (P.M. 16-228 Div., P.M. 167-231 Div., P.M. 179-210 Div., P.M. 185-209 Div.)                                | 15            | 11       | 9                          |           | Quartier Generale delle Divisioni        |
| 2 Uffici del Comando Italiano 212 (P.M. 181-Cdo Italiano 212, P.M. 127-Cdo Italiano 212-IV Zone)                                                 | 6             | 6        | 4                          |           | Quartieri Generali                       |
| 5 Uffici per Cdi Mil. Territoriali (P.M. 216-Genova, P.M. 218-Torino, P.M. 219-Firenze, P.M. 225-Bologna, P.M. 226-Milano)                       | 15            | -        | -                          |           | Quartieri Generali                       |
| 2 Concentramenti (P.M. 3400-Napoli, P.M. 3800-Roma)                                                                                              | 32            | 18       | 8                          | 6         | Distretto di Napoli e Roma               |
|                                                                                                                                                  |               |          |                            |           |                                          |
| Uffici da costituirsi                                                                                                                            | 103           | 54       | 39                         | 6         |                                          |
| 2 Uffici per Divisioni Amministrative (P.M. 112-230 Div., P.M. 126-227 Div.) (1)                                                                 | 6             | 4        | 4                          |           | Quartieri Generali                       |
| 2 Uffici per Cdi Mil. Territoriali (Bolzano e Udine) (2)                                                                                         | 6             | -        | -                          |           | Quartieri Generali                       |
| 1 Concentramento P.M. Firenze (3)                                                                                                                | 12            | 3        | 4                          | 3         | Distretto di Firenze                     |
| Totale generale                                                                                                                                  | 127           | 66       | 47                         | 9         |                                          |

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MEZZI DI TRASPORTO

Gli uffici non hanno mezzi di trasporto in proprio. Si appoggiano ai mezzi degli autodirigibili dei Q.G. che li hanno in forza. I Concentramenti P.M.3400 e 3800 si appoggiano alle Compagnie Trasporti Amministrativi dei rispettivi Comandi Territoriali.

Sarebbe necessario che fosse assegnato - in proprio - a ciascun ufficio di P.M. ed a ciascun concentramento un autocarro leggero, indispensabile per lo scambio delle corrispondenze e dei dispaoci, nonché per eventuali servizi volanti fino ai reparti.

Sono necessari n. 27 autocarri complessivamente.-

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NOTE

- (1) Già proposti con foglio nr. 9/4752/109 del 6/4/45
- (2) Previsti dall'Ordinamento Territoriale
- (3) Richiesto verbalmente dalla M.M.I.A.



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Translation.

From; SMRE.

To ; INIA for information.

Subject: Forwarding of messages.

Ref; 9/4871-306/Serv.

P/16

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- In order, -
- to facilitate the regular dispatch of messages to and from this office;
  - to avoid interruptions, and ~~misguidings~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~wrong addresses~~, in the case of movement.

We have arranged Mil Post Office (above), to keep regular and daily contact with the Allied Post Office in the vicinity, giving them timely warning of any alteration in destinations.

Please acknowledge.

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(Giorgio Liuzzi)

RAD 19 Apr 1948

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

N° 9/4871-306 di prot.Serv.

OGGETTO: avviamento dispacci.-

P.M.3800 9 aprile 1945

IN

AGLI UFFICI DI POSTA MILITARE 16-64-79-127-146-155-167-179-219  
e, per conoscenza:  
AI COMANDI DI G.U. INTERESSATI  
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
(rif.f.n. Q/16 del 1-4-45)

LORO SEDI  
R C M A

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Allo scopo :

-- di agevolare il regolare avviamento dei dispacci da e per co-  
desto ufficio;

-- di evitare interruzioni o digiuni nel caso di spostamenti;

si dispone che gli uffici di P.M. in indirizzo man-  
tengano regolare e giornaliero contatto con l'ufficio postale  
allegato vicinior, comunicandogli tempestivamente ogni variante  
relativa alla propria dislocazione.-

Si prega assicurare

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
-Giorgio Linuzzi-

P. c. c.  
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI ff.  
(Ten.Col. A. Checchia)



AGLI UFFICI DI POSTA MILITARE 15-54-79-127-145-155-167-179-219  
e, per conoscenza:  
AI COMANDI DI G.U. INTERESSATI  
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) LORO SEDI  
(rif.f.n. Q/15 del 1-4-45) R C M A

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Allo scopo :

- di agevolare il regolare avviamento dei dispetti da e per co-desto ufficio;
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Si prega assicurare

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
-Giorgio Liuzzi-



P. C. C.  
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI FI  
(Ten. Col. A. Checchia)

*Allegato*

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*Per l'invio 15/4*  
*Revis. 17/4*

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From: SMKE  
To: Mil Post Office  
in information to: MM18

Q/116

Ref: 9/2727-306/Sec.  
Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 45.

Subject: Despatch of mail to Mil Post Offices located in operational zones.

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Ref. Q/116 dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 45. 235

Further to letter 9/4664/30/ dated 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

Further to agreement made with MM18, the following is ordered:-

- mail addressed to Mil Post Offices of units depending from the 8<sup>th</sup> Army will be marked "Through British Postal Services" and handed over to 15<sup>th</sup> British Army Post Office.

- mail addressed to Mil Post Offices of units depending from the 5<sup>th</sup> Army will be marked "Through U.S. Postal Services" and handed over to 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Post Office.

- These markings must be made clearly, possibly with a rubber stamp to be made for the purpose.

For this reason, it is mentioned that Mil Post Offices in operational areas, are ~~no longer~~ located as under:-

|          |                       |                   |                                  |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| P.M. 64  | Cremora               | Mil. Combat Group | 8 <sup>th</sup> Army.            |
| P.M. 79  | Triuli                | "                 | "                                |
| P.M. 146 | Belgou                | "                 | "                                |
| P.M. 155 | Legnaro               | "                 | "                                |
| P.M. 16  | 228 Division          | "                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Army.            |
| P.M. 127 | 212 Mil. HQ - IV Zone | "                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Army             |
| P.M. 167 | 131 Division          | "                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Army - US - 171. |
| P.M. 179 | 210 Division          | "                 | BR - 171                         |
| P.M. 219 | III Territorial HQ    | "                 | US - 171                         |
|          |                       | "                 | 171 - 171                        |

may  
which ~~will~~ occur as regard to location of a Postal Office.

Please inform this office every five days on the functioning of the postal services.

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G.F. M.

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(Sgd) G. L10221

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

**SEGRETO**

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

19/4/45 - 306<sup>da</sup> prot./Serv.

Risposta al foglio N. del

P. M3800, 9 Aprile

1945

OGGETTO: avviamento dispacci per uffici di P.M. in z.o. -  
*Disposizione per ufficio di P.M. in z.o.*

Allegati

ALL'UFFICIO POSTA MILITARE

e, per conoscenza:

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

(Rif.f.n. Q/16 del 1/4/45)

P.M.3400

ROMA

Seguito foglio h. 9/4664/301 del 4 corrente mese.

In seguito ad accordi con la Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) si dispone:

- che i dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. dei reparti alle dipendenze dell'8<sup>a</sup> Armata siano contrassegnati sull'etichetta dalla seguente dicitura "Trough British Postal Services" e consegnati al 15<sup>o</sup> British Army Post-Office;
- che i dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. dei reparti alle dipendenze della 5<sup>a</sup> Armata siano contrassegnati sull'etichetta dalla seguente dicitura "Trough U.S. Postal Services" e consegnati al 2<sup>o</sup> Base Post-Office; possibilmente con timbro da confezionarsi.

A tale scopo si comunica che gli uffici di P.M. in z.o. sono così dislocati:

|         |                                  |                  |          |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| P.M.64  | Ital Gruppo Cremona              | - 8 <sup>a</sup> | Armata   |
| P.M.79  | " " Friuli                       | - 8 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.146 | " " Folgore                      | - 8 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.155 | " " Legnano                      | - 5 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.16  | della 228 <sup>a</sup> Divisione | - 8 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.127 | del Cdo Italiano 212             | - 5 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.167 | della 231 <sup>a</sup> Divisione | - 5 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
| P.M.179 | della 210 <sup>a</sup> Divisione | - 5 <sup>a</sup> | "        |
|         |                                  |                  | U.S.-ITI |
|         |                                  |                  | BR -ITI  |

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

(Rif.f.n. Q/16 del 1/4/45)

R O M A

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- che il contrassegno sull'etichetta sia fatto in modo appariscente e possibilmente con timbro da confezionarsi.

A tale scopo si comunica che gli uffici di P.M. in z.o. sono così dislocati:

|         |                                   |                         |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| P.M.64  | Ital Gruppo Cremona               | - 8 <sup>a</sup> Armata |
| P.M.79  | " " Friuli                        | - 8 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.146 | " " Polgore                       | - 8 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.155 | " " Legnano                       | - 5 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.16  | della 228 <sup>a</sup> Divisione  | - 8 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.127 | del Cdo Italiano 212 - IV Zona    | - 5 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.167 | della 231 <sup>a</sup> Divisione  | - 5 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.179 | della 210 <sup>a</sup> Divisione  | - 5 <sup>a</sup> " "    |
| P.M.219 | del VII Cdo Militare Territoriale | - 5 <sup>a</sup> " "    |

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Sarà cura di questo S.M. comunicare le variazioni che si verificheranno nella dislocazione dei suddetti uffici.

Si prega riferire ogni cinque giorni sul ~~funzionamento~~ funzionamento del servizio.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

-Giorgio Linuzzi-

*Linuzzi*

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Subject :- Postal Service.

Q/16

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.O. (MMIA)  
c/o HQ., I District  
Ref IO/A4.

7 April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

1. Can the following please be cleared up.
2. D.A.D.A.P.S. I District states that PM.185 (209 Div) is still on his location list and he is prepared to carry their mail to ROME and NAPLES.
3. S.M.R.E. 9/2359-109/Serv states that 209 Div must operate a bi-weekly courier service PERUGIA - ROME as only P.Ms located in Army areas can use the W.D. facilities.
4. As transport is so scarce, it would be far more efficient and economical for 209 Div to use W.D. facilities.

*M. Bourne*  
Capt.  
MMIA IO., I District.

Copy to :- D.A.D.A.P.S., I District.

*Discussed with War  
Min. Rep. 209 Div has to  
send his weekly LPO in  
to Rome NFA RAB*

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From: S.M.R.ERef: 9/4452-109To: M.M.I.A.Date: 6 April 45Subject: Personnel for two new Post. OfficesFurther to letter n. 9/4454-109/sow. dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 45

Further to the conversation which took place between Lt Col CHECCHIA of this S.M. and Lt Col Curtis of the M.M.I.A., the formation of 2 new post offices has been found necessary.

P.M. 112: to be stationed in Bari under command of the 230<sup>th</sup> Division, said office will also deal with Bari Military Territorial H.Q., POLIGNANO School, Bruni Camp, and <sup>with</sup> the units in the vicinity of the 205 Division stationed at PUGLIA.

P.M. 126: to be stationed at CAVA DEI TIRRENI, under control of the 224<sup>th</sup> Division.

Said office will also deal with the 205<sup>th</sup> Division. Units stationed in CAMPANIA.

Personnel to be employed

|           |   |                          |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| -P.M. 112 | 3 | Militarized Officers     |
|           | 2 | Militarized Junior NCO's |
| P.M. 126  | 3 | Militarized Officers.    |
|           | 2 | Militarized Junior NCO's |

Will you please grant authority.

Signed: Gen. GIORGIO LUZZI

Currey  
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RZ/cl.



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale



N. 21/11/72-109 di prot./Serv.

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

P. M. 3680 6 Aprile 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: personale per due nuovi uffici P.M.

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

P.M. 3680

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Seguito foglio n. 9/1454-109/Serv. del 29 Marzo 45.

A seguito della conversazione avuta dal Ten. Colonnello CUCCHIA di questo S.M. col Ten. Colonnello CURTIS di codesta M.M.I.A., si comunica che sarebbe necessaria la costituzione di due nuovi uffici di P.M.:

- P.M. 112 da dislocare a Bari, alle dipendenze della 230<sup>a</sup> Divisione.  
Detto Ufficio servirà anche il Comando Militare Territoriale di Bari, la Scuola di Polignano, il Campo di Trani ed i reparti vicini della 205<sup>a</sup> Divisione dislocati in Puglia.
- P.M. 126 da dislocare a Cava dei Tirreni alle dipendenze della 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione.  
Detto ufficio servirà pure i reparti 205<sup>a</sup> Divisione dislocati in Campania.

Personale da impiegare:

- P.M. 112 - 3 ufficiali militarizzati

Seguito foglio n. 9/4454-109/Serv. del 29 Marzo 45.

A seguito della conversazione avuta dal Ten. Colonnello CHECHIA di questo S.M. col Ten. Colonnello CURTIES di codesta M.M.I.A., si comunica che sarebbe necessaria la costituzione di due nuovi uffici di P.M.:

- P.M.112 da dislocare a Bari, alle dipendenze della 230<sup>a</sup> Divisione. Detto Ufficio servirà anche il Comando Militare Territoriale di Bari, la Scuola di Polignano, il Campo di Trani ed i reparti vicini della 205<sup>a</sup> Divisione dislocati in Puglia.

- P.M.126 da dislocare a Cava dei Tirreni alle dipendenze della 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione. Detto ufficio servirà pure i reparti 205<sup>a</sup> Divisione dislocati in Campania.

Personale da impiegare:

- P.M.112 - 3 ufficiali militarizzati  
2 Graduati
- P.M.126 - 3 ufficiali militarizzati  
2 Graduati

Fregasi autorizzare. -

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
-Giorgio Linassi-

*Linassi*

Translation

From : S.M.E.  
To : Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs  
MMIA, for information

Ref. No. 4/4750-301  
Date : April 6, 1945

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Subject : Restoration of parcel post service.

In order to meet the needs of Italian military personnel belonging to units and Commands stationed in combat areas, and similar to what is already being done for Allied troops, MMIA has pointed out the advisability of restoring for them the parcel post service (up to a weight of 1 Kilo).

Your Ministry is kindly requested to give the most benevolent consideration to the plan of restoring the above-mentioned service and to inform us as soon as possible of your decision in the matter.

It is hereby understood that this S.M. will notify you from time to time of the names of the Army Post Offices authorized to receive the packages in question.

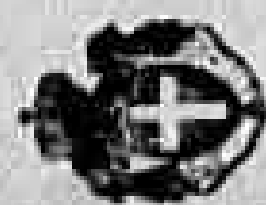
Signed : Giorgio Luzzi  
General

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

INI

N. 21/4750 - 304 prot. / Serv.

P. M. 3000 6 Aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Ripristino servizio dei pacchetti postali.

AL MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI  
Servizio IVO

R O M A

c, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

( M.E.I.A.A. )

R O M A

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Allo scopo di venire incontro alle necessità dei militari italiani appartenenti a reparti e Comandi di stanza in S.O. la M.E.I.A. - in analogia a quanto già in atto per le truppe alleate - ha prospettato l'opportunità di ripristinare per essi il servizio dei pacchetti postali (fino al peso di un chilogrammo)

Si prega codesto Ministero di voler esaminare, con la maggior benevolenza, la possibilità di attuare il servizio di cui sopra, comunicando con cortese sollecitudine le determinazioni che saranno adottate al riguardo.

Resta inteso che questo S.M. parteciperà di volta in volta i nominativi degli uffici di Poste Militari abilitati a ricevere i pacchetti in questione.

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO

- Giorgio Liguori -

*Plinelli*

Servizio Ivo

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

( M.M.I.A. )

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ROMA

Allo scopo di venire incontro alle necessità dei militari italiani appartenenti a reparti e Comandi di elicotti in M.M.I.A. - ha analogia a questo già in atto per le truppe alleate - ha prospettato l'opportunità di ripristinare per essi il servizio dei pacchetti postali (fino al peso di un chilogrammo)

Si prega codesto Ministero di voler esaminare, con la maggior benevolenza, la possibilità di attuare il servizio di cui sopra, comunicando con cortese sollecitudine le determinazioni che saranno adottate al riguardo.

Resto inteso che questo S.M. parteciperà di volta in volta i nominativi degli uffici di Poste Militare abilitati a ricevere i pacchetti in questione.

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO

- Giorgio Liuzzi -

*Giulio*

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TRANSLATION

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From : S.M.R.E.  
To : MIN. of TELE- COMMUNICATIONS.  
To : M.M.I.A. for info.

Ref: 594559/301  
Q/16

Subject: Repeal of Prohibition, to use registered mail for and from Italian Troops in Occupied Zones. 228

Ref : Q/16 dated March 30 th 1945

M.M.I.A. has requested the repeal of prohibition to use registered mail for and from Italian troops in occupied zones.

This S.M.R.E. agrees fully with said request and begs you:

- A) to approach the Communications Sub Commission in order to obtain said repeal;
- B) to inform dependent civilian offices, at a fitting moment, that the a/m registered mail is to be sent to the two main A.P.O.'s 3400- (NAPLES) and 3800 (ROME) with the same system of sending the mail on to the units as the ordinary correspondence.

At the same time we beg to inform you that for the carrying out of said service: the main A.P.O.'s will send the a/m mail with ordinary correspondence with the same treatment as for foreign mail.

The International regulation in force at the a/m Administration and which the Postal Office of this S.M.R.E. will issue to the main A.P.O. concerned, will be observed for the delivery and exchange of mail with the American or English A.P.O. Bases.

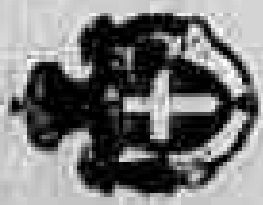
We should like to know the decisions taken as soon as possible.

CPL V/C

Signed: GEN LIUZZI

*RLC*

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

IN

N. 214579-30 di prot. /Serv. P. M. 8300 7 Aprile 1945  
Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: abolizione divieto del servizio delle raccomandate private.

da e per le truppe italiane in z.o.  
*Repeal of prohibition to use registered mail for troops from the troops*

AL MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI  
Servizio IV

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

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

ROMA

(Rif. f. n. 2/16 del 30/3/45)

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La Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ha fatto rilevare l'opportunità della revoca del divieto del servizio delle raccomandate private da e per le truppe italiane in z.o.

Questo S.M. concede pienamente con tale richiesta e prega codesto Ministero:

- di volere interessare la "Communication Sub Commission" per la revoca del divieto in parola
- di darne, a suo tempo, comunicazione ai dipendenti uffici civili perchè le raccomandate di cui trattasi siano convogliate ai due Concentramenti di P.M. 3400 (Napoli) e 3800 (Roma) con lo stesso avviamento in corso per le corrispondenze ordinarie.

Con l'occasione si comunica che per l'attuazione del servizio:

- i concentramenti includeranno "lo speciale" nel dispaccio delle corrispondenze ordinarie con trattamento uguale a quello dei dispacci esteri
- per le operazioni di consegna e di scambio dei dispacci con le basi americane ed inglesi della Army Post Office verranno osservate le norme attualmente in vigore presso le singole amministrazioni

AL MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Servizio IV°

e, per conoscenza:

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

(Rif. f.n. Q/16 del 30/3/45)

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La Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ha fatto rilevare l'opportunità della revoca del divieto del- le raccomandate private da e per le truppe italiane in z.o.

Questo S.M. concorda pienamente con tale richiesta e pre- za codesto Ministero:

- a) - di volere interessare la "Communication Sub Commission" per la revoca del divieto in parola
- b) - di darne, a suo tempo, comunicazioni ai dipendenti uffici civili perchè le raccomandate di cui trattasi siano convogliate ai due Concentramenti di P.M. 3400 (Napoli) e 3800 (Roma) con lo stesso avviamento in corso per le corrispondenze ordinarie.

Con l'occasione si comunica che per l'attuazione del ser- vizio:

- i concentramenti includeranno "lo speciale" nel dispaccio delle corrispondenze ordinarie con trattamento uguale a quello 3400 i
- per le operazioni di consegna e di scambio dei dispacci con le basi americane ed inglesi della Army Post Office verranno osser- vate le norme attualmente in vigore presso le singole Amministra- zioni suddette in regime internazionale, norme che la Sezione Po- stata di questo S.M. si riserva d'impartire tempestivamente al Concentramento di P.M. interessato.

Si gradirà conoscere con cortese sollecitudine le determi- nazioni che saranno adottate.--

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- Giorgio Liuzzi- a.p.

(Col. O. di Macchi)

*Liuzzi*

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Translation

From; SMRE.

To; MMIA. *for info. For action to. H. Mil. P. Admin. Refs: 88X 9/-4668-36/Serv. 4/4/45.*

Subject; Supply of special rubber stamps *227/1*

Ref; letter, Q/16-28/3/45. *Q/16 236*

Further to agreement reached with MMIA, the postal section of this office must furnish the dependent Military postal offices each with a special rubber stamp to be applied to all correspondence posted by military in operational zones.

We beg you however to furnish us as soon as possible, with 20 rubber stamps as reproduced under.-

20 pads and 20 bottles of ink (green and red) *must* also be furnished at the same time. *costs*

CC. *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
(LT Col; A. Checchia)

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

IN

N. 914668-931 di prot. /Serv.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

P. M. 35201

Aprile

1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: forniture di bolli speciali di gomma.

*Supply of rubber stamps*

ALL'UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE PERSONALE MIL. VARI  
Sezione Amministrativa - S.M.R.E. -

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

(Rif. f.n. Q./16 del 28/3/1945)

S E E

R O M A

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In seguito ad accordi intervenuti con la M.M.I.A. la Sezione Postale di questo ufficio deve fornire i dipendenti uffici di Posta Militare di uno speciale bollo di gomma da applicarsi su tutte le corrispondenze impostate dai militari in z.o.

Si prega perciò di fornire con la massima urgenza n. 20 bolli di gomma, uguali al fac-simile qui riprodotto:

cm. 3

ESSENTE  
DA  
TASSA

cm. 3

ALL'UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE PERSONALE MIL. VARI

Sezione Amministrativa - S.M.R.R. -

o, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

(Rif.f.n. Q./16 del 28/3/1945)

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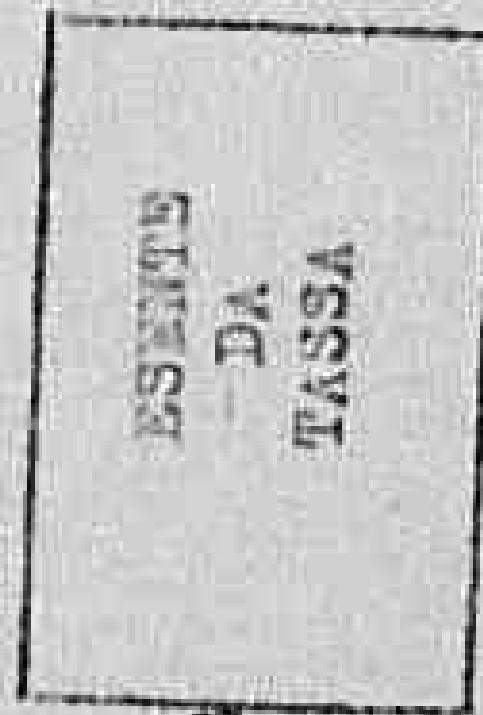
R O M A

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In seguito ad accordi intervenuti con la M.M.I.A. la Sezione Postale di questo ufficio deve fornire i dipendenti uffici di Poste Militare di uno speciale bollo di somma da applicarsi su tutte le corrispondenze impostate dai militari in s.o.

Si prega perciò di fornire con la massima urgenza n. 20 bolli di somma, uguali al fac-simile qui riprodotto:

cm. 3



Dovranno essere pure forniti nr. 20 cuscinetti e nr. 20 beccettine d'inchiostro per timbri di colore verde  
o rosso. - 299

IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI ff.  
(Ten.Col.A.Checchia)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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From: - SMKE.

To: - Mil Post Office Centre. Q/16 Ref: 4/4664-301 135

in reference to -  
M.M.M.

Date: 4 April 45.

Subject: Handing over of mail addressed to Mil Post Offices  
in operational areas. 227/1

Ref Q/16 dated 28/3/45

Further to ~~following~~ agreement made with M.M.M., the  
following orders will be carried out immediately:- Mail addressed to Mil Post Offices of units  
depending from the 8<sup>th</sup> Army will be handed over to 15<sup>th</sup> British  
Base Army Post Office- Mail addressed to Mil Post Offices of units  
depending from the 5<sup>th</sup> Army will be handed over to 2<sup>nd</sup> Base  
Post Officein order to avoid misunderstandings or irregular  
dispatches of mail please ~~make arrangements~~ <sup>make arrangements</sup> immediately  
with the apx Postal Bases.Please inform this office on the procedure  
carried out for single letters addressed to Mil Post Offices in  
operational areas and on how these letters are sent.

(Sgd) G. Luv211.

C.B.  
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See file 239.

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sezione Postale

N. 3/4664-30 di prot./serv.

P. M. 3400 4 Aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: consegna dispacci diretti ad uffici di P.M. in  
z.o.

AL FORGENTAMENTO P.M.  
e, per conoscenza:  
→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
(Rif.f.n. Q./66 del 28/3/45) P.M. 3400  
ROMA

In seguito ad accordi intervenuti con  
la M.M.I.A. si dispone con effetto immediato:

- che i dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. dei reparti alle dipendenze dell'8<sup>a</sup> Armata Inglese siano consegnati al 1<sup>o</sup> British Base Army Post Office;
- che i dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. dei reparti alle dipendenze della 5<sup>a</sup> Armata Americana siano consegnati al 2<sup>o</sup> Base Post Office.

Allo scopo di evitare disguidi od irregolari avviamenti si prega codesto Ufficio di prendere precisi, immediati e preventivi accordi con le due Basi postali suddette.

Si rimane in attesa di conoscere gli appoggi dei singoli dispacci per gli uffici di P.M. in z.o. e con quali mezzi verranno trasportati.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
- Giorgio Liuzzi-  
ed *McQuinn*

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## TRANSLATION.

Translated by: Lt. W. R. Hurligan.

FROM :

SMRE. Postal Section  
Ufficio Servizi

TO : MMIA

(Info/Action)

Serial No. 100

Date :

30 March.

Ref No :

9/4454-109

Date :

29 March.

In reply to :

SUBJECT :-

Personnel at 3400 and 3800 Military A.P.O.s  
Concentration

Further to conversation between Lt Col Checchia  
of the SMRE and Lt Col Curtis of <sup>MMIA</sup> ~~SMRE~~, we  
inform you that the ~~encls~~ following personnel  
are employed in 3400 and 3800 APOs.

|                       | Militarised personnel. |           | Auxiliary<br>military<br>personnel. | Carabinieri |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|                       | Officers               | ORs.      |                                     |             |
| APO. 3400<br>(Naples) | 18                     | 10        | 4                                   | 3           |
| APO. 3800 (Rome)      | 14                     | 8         | 4                                   | 3           |
| <u>Total</u>          | <u>32</u>              | <u>18</u> | <u>8</u>                            | <u>6.</u>   |

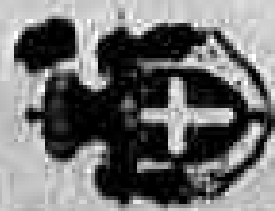
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- The personnel in 3400 APO are under command  
Naples Comando Militare Territoriale. *Cat 1.*  
*120 all members*
- The personnel in 3800 APO are under command  
Rome Military Territorial Command. *Cat 1*  
*120 all members*

Please let us know under what  
category the above personnel come, as  
regards rationing.

Giorgio Linzgi  
General.

IN/cl.



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

## UFFICIO SERVIZI Sezione Postale

N. 510054-109 di prot./Serv.

Risposta al foglio N. .... del

P. M33604 28 Marzo 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: personale dei Concentramenti Posta Militare 3400 e 3800.-

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

R O M A

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A seguito della conversazione avuta dal Ten. Col. CHERECHIA di questo Stato Maggiore col Ten. Col. CURTISS di codesta M.M.I.A. si comunica che si Concentramenti di Posta Militare 3400 e 3800 è addetto il seguente personale:

Concentramento  
P.M.3400 (Napoli)

Concentramento  
P.M.3800 (Roma)

| Militarizzati |          | Militari<br>ausilio | CC.RR. |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|--------|
| ufficiali     | Graduati |                     |        |
| 18            | 10       | 4                   | 3      |
| 14            | 8        | 4                   | 3      |
| Totale.....   |          | 8                   | 6      |

- il personale del Concentramento P.M.3400 è alle dipendenze del Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli.

- il personale del Concentramento P.M.3800 è alle dipendenze del Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma.

A seguito della conversazione avuta dal Ten. Col. CHECCHIA di questo Stato Maggiore col Ten. Col. CURTIS di codesta M.M.I.A. si comunica che ai Concentramenti di Posta Militare 3400 e 3800 è addetto il seguente personale:

Concentramento  
P.M.3400 (Napoli)

Concentramento  
P.M.3800 (Roma)

| Militarizzati |          | Militari ausilio |  | CC.RR. |
|---------------|----------|------------------|--|--------|
| Ufficiali     | Graduati |                  |  |        |
| 18            | 10       | 4                |  | 3      |
| 14            | 8        | 4                |  | 3      |
| 32            | 18       | 8                |  | 6      |

Totale.....

- il personale del Concentramento P.M.3400 è alle dipendenze del Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli.
- il personale del Concentramento P.M.3800 è alle dipendenze del Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma.

Si prega voler far conoscere su quale categoria deve gravare il personale suddetto ai fini della razione viveri.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
- Giorgio Linuzzi -

*Linuzzi*

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**STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO**

**UFFICIO SERVIZI**

Sezione Censura

N. 10/904/ di prot. Serv.

P. M. 2800

29 marzo 1915

Risposta al foglio N. del

Allegati 1

**OGGETTO:** personale per Uffici Militari Censura Guerra  
(U.M.C.G.).

*Personale per Censura uffici*

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.  
(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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A seguito della conversazione avuta dal ten.col.  
Checchia di questo S.M. col ten.col. Curtiss di code=  
sta Missione, si rimette lo specchio del personale ad=  
detto agli uffici militari censura guerra.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- G. Luzzi -

*Glinelli*

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Allegato al foglio n° 10/904/Serv.  
dello S.M.R.E. - Uff. Servizi - Sez.  
Censura - in data marzo 1945.

ORGANICO DEGLI UFFICI MILITARI CENSURA GUERRA

|                                                    | Uff.<br>Sup. | Uff.<br>Inf. | Sott.li | Graduati | Truppa |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|--------|
| - Sezione Censura S.M.R.E.                         | 1            | 1            | 1       | -        | -      |
| - Bari                                             | 2            | 3            | 5       | 1        | 1      |
| - Taranto                                          | 1            | 3            | 2       | 1        | 1      |
| - Palermo                                          | 2            | 3            | 5       | 1        | 1      |
| - Siracusa                                         | 1            | 2            | 4       | 1        | 1      |
| - Cagliari                                         | 3            | 3            | 2       | 1        | 1      |
| - Sassari                                          | 2            | 2            | 1       | 1        | 1      |
| - Roma                                             | 4            | 5            | 4       | 1        | 1      |
| - Napoli                                           | 3            | 4            | 6       | 1        | 1      |
| - Lucera                                           | 1            | 3            | 1       | 1        | 1      |
| - Siena                                            | 1            | 3            | 1       | 1        | 1      |
| - Aquila                                           | 1            | 3            | 1       | 2        | 1      |
| - Perugia                                          | 1            | 3            | 1       | 1        | -      |
| - Ascoli                                           | 2            | 2            | 1       | 2        | 1      |
| - Grosseto                                         | 2            | 2            | 1       | -        | -      |
| - Brindisi                                         | 1            | 3            | 1       | 1        | 1      |
| - Firenze                                          | 1            | -            | 2       | -        | -      |
| - Livorno                                          | 1            | -            | 1       | -        | -      |
| - Ancona                                           | 1            | -            | 1       | -        | -      |
| - a disposizione per costi-<br>tuendi nuovi uffici | 3            | 1            | 3       | 2        | 4      |
|                                                    | 34           | 46           | 44      | 18       | 18     |

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|                                                    |        |    |        |    |     |   |   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|----|-----|---|---|
| - Bari                                             | 2      | 3  | 5      | 1  | -   | 1 | 4 |
| - Taranto                                          | 1      | 3  | 2      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Palermo                                          | 2      | 3  | 5      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Siracusa                                         | 1      | 2  | 4      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Cagliari                                         | 3      | 3  | 3      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Sassari                                          | 2      | 3  | 3      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Roma                                             | 4      | 2  | 1      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Napoli                                           | 3      | 5  | 4      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Lucera                                           | 1      | 4  | 6      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Siena                                            | 1      | 3  | 1      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Aquila                                           | 1      | 3  | 1      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Perugia                                          | 1      | 3  | 1      | 2  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Ascoli                                           | 2      | 3  | 1      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Grosseto                                         | 2      | 2  | 1      | 2  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Brindisi                                         | 1      | 2  | 1      | 1  | 2   | 1 | 1 |
| - Firenze                                          | 1      | 3  | 1      | 1  | 1   | 1 | 1 |
| - Livorno                                          | 1      | -  | 2      | -  | 1   | - | - |
| - Ancona                                           | 1      | -  | 1      | -  | -   | - | - |
| - a disposizione per costi-<br>tuendi nuovi uffici | 3      | 1  | 3      | 2  | -   | - | 4 |
|                                                    | 34     | 46 | 44     | 18 | 18  |   |   |
|                                                    | 80     |    |        | 80 |     |   |   |
|                                                    | Totale |    | N. 150 |    | 243 |   |   |



Subject: Italian Military Postal Service.

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

*8* April 45

A.F.H.Q. (for G1(A), G1(B), G2, G4(A), G4(B))

1. There is much room for improvement in the Italian Army Postal Services. In order to allay family anxiety and thus raise morale and curtail desertion and absence without leave it is urgently necessary to remedy the existing state of affairs. The War Ministry are alive to this and are doing their best. They require the following assistance.

- (a) Improved transportation facilities.
- (b) Authority to distribute mail from ROME as well as NAPLES.
- (c) Permission to introduce a Field Post Card to serve the operational zone where Civil Postal Services are not yet functioning.

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As regards the Civil Posts the need for improved transportation facilities has been represented by the Communications Sub-Commission to your H.Q. Any assistance they can be given will directly improve the delivery of Italian Army Mail.

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- to remedy the existing state of affairs. The War Ministry are alive to this and are doing their best. They require the following assistance.
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4. The introduction of a Field Post Card has already been the subject of correspondence terminating in your CE/6430/G-1Br of 20 Mar 292. The scheme has been revised and a specimen of the proposed card is attached.

The object is not to restore normal postal facilities between soldiers and their relatives who are living in the operational zone but to afford a means of breaking the silence which has for so long caused anxiety to those concerned.

*See Folio 247*  
*SEE 250*

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The cards will, it is proposed, be collected at PM 3400 NAPLES or PM 3800 HOME where the Italian Military Censor will add to the civilian address the nearest Field Post Office i.e. P.M.No. \_\_\_\_\_.

The Cards will then be forwarded to the P.M. concerned in the normal way. In the majority of cases the addressee will be living in a town or village occupied by Italian or Allied Troops. The P.M. will through its daily contact with an Allied Post Office be able to deliver the cards either direct to an Italian Unit or indirectly to an Allied Unit when such a unit collects its own mail. Delivery to the individual will be made by and with the cooperation of the unit concerned either direct or through the agency of a Town Major or the CC.RR. Whoever delivers the card will be able to collect the reply which if handed in to any military post office can follow the usual channels to P.M.3400, pass the censor and be delivered to the originator.

5. I recommend that -

- (a) the necessary censorship control be established at HOME to enable distribution of Italian Military Mail to be effected from P.M. 3800.
- (b) approval be given for the introduction of a Field Postcard as described in para 4 above.

I wish to request that the latter may be regarded as one of urgency and that if approved the above proposals be implemented with the minimum of delay.

RAC/hh

*Browning*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 15 Army Gp (ref 3074/9/A(O) of 21 Feb 45.)

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*A. B. B. B. B.*

Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

FAC/hh

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Subject: Mail for Italian Forces.Land Forces Sub Comd. A/C:  
(M;M;I;A). R O M E.  
Q/16.1 Apr 45MINISTRY OF WAR

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Further to this HQ letter Q/16 of 28 Mar.

To avoid delay in handling censored mail at Naples you are requested to ensure that all P.M.'s regularly maintain contact with and report their locations to the nearest Allied Post Office.

P.M.3400 will be kept regularly informed by you of the location of all P.M.'s and under which Allied Command they are serving. Mail bags will be clearly marked "Through US Postal Services", OR "Through British Postal Services". It is considered that if the bags are thus clearly marked no delay will result in PM 3400 delivering all censored mail to 15 B APO(British) who will pass to U.S. Base Post Office mail for delivery by them.

Please confirm this arrangement has been made.



R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.  
For Major General.  
M.W.I.A.

RAC/hh

Copy to: NMIA LO Rear Eighth Army) who should ensure action  
NMIA LO Fifth Army ) by all forward PMs as above.  
NMIA LO NAPLES - ref AQ/10 of 23 Mar 45.

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SUBJECT: Postal Services of Italian Army

*File 231*

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.  
Q/16

/ April 45

Ministry of War

1. Further to conversation Lt. Col. CECCHIA - Lt. Col. CURTIES MMIA on 27 Mar, you are required to submit as early as possible your proposals for a W.E. to cover the Italian Army Postal and Censorship Service. Provision has so far been made for a total of 160 all ranks ITI-ITI under Category 5 C from which it is understood you have found personnel for censorship duties at P.M. 3400 NAPLES and at various other places.

2. You are requested to state what Italian personnel are at present employed in the Army Postal Service, how many, and to what category they belong. For example to what Unit do men belong who are operating the P.M's in the forward Area?

3. It is suggested your proposal should deal with two sections:-

- (a) Army Postal Service.
- (b) Army Censorship.

Included in (a) would be all military personnel engaged in the handling of mail at the various P.M's. Your proposal should include transport required and indicate what Army vehicles are being used at present.

*RAC*

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

RAC/jrp

Copy to:- Communications Sub Commission, A.C.

*See file 239*

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Subject :- Postal Service.

Q/16

Division Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.S. (MIA)  
o/o HQ., I District  
Ref 10/A4

31 March 45.

To :- HQ., 209 Division (your 03/454)

1. D.A.D.A.P.S. I District informs me that you are still on his location list and therefore he is prepared to accept and deliver your post on the services between NARBER, BONE and PERUGIA.

2. This will save considerable time and transport.

*J.A. Brown*  
Capt.  
MIA I., I District.

Copy: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S. (MIA)

*Rao*

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Q/16

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC BEACHESItalian Civil Postal Services

As from 9th April Italian Civil Postal services will be extended to include the cities of Livorno and Pistoia and the most Southern parts of these provinces. The northern boundary of the postal delivery area will then run along Province Northern boundary-Livorno City-end Legna, Montecatini, Pistoia, Prato, Sesto, Florence-river Arno-northern boundary of Arezzo and Firenze provinces. Details of the service will in due course be available to Italian civilians at all civil post offices.

Civil Postage Rates

As from 1st April civil postage rates and other charges will be increased. Italian Civil Post Offices have full particulars.

March 1945

31 March 1945

*W.H. Green*  
W.H. GREEN  
Major.

To: Adjutant.

Communications Sub-Commission

copy to

MMA 9 A (under Civil Control)

RAC

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q/16WAR MINISTRY.30 March 45.

1. The subject of registered correspondence being handled by P.M.s in the forward Area, has been raised by Communications Sub Commission with Under Secretary for Posts and Telecomms. It is considered that provided the conditions laid down by the British and U.S. Army Postal Services are complied with, it is desirable that the proposed arrangements be put into force.

2. You are requested to communicate with the Communications Sub Commission A.C. through the Under Secretary for Posts and Telecomms regarding the scheme which should be put into effect without delay.

*R. P. M. Wareham*  
R. P. M. WAREHAM, Major  
for Major General, M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Communications Sub Commission, A.C.,  
ref: letter N° P.18.39.6 C, of 23rd of March,  
addressed to the Under Secretary of State for  
Posts and Telecomms.

RAC/ab

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Subject : Postal Service.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q/I6Ministry of War.28 March 45.

Ref : 206980/II, of 23rd of March 45.

1. The question of establishing a section of 7 Base Censor Group at Rome and thus enabling P.M.3800 to act direct as a distributing Centre is being represented to A.F.H.Q.
2. It is noted that instructions have been issued to avoid a surcharge being made by Civilian Post Offices on mail received from the operational Area without stamps. There is no objection to the introduction of a Unit stamp which will indicate that the letter is military mail and not subject to taxation. This stamp should not however indicate that the letter has been censored as this might lead to confusion with the Allied censorship stamp.
3. It is requested that clear instructions be issued to P.M. 3400 which will result in mail addressed to P.M.s serving formations under U.S. Army Command being transferred to 2nd U.S. Base Post Office direct instead of through 15 British Base Army Post Office. It is essential that P.M. 3400 are kept fully informed as to the position of P.M.s in forward Areas so that they may be in a position to determine whether British or U.S. channels of communication are to be used.

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R.A. CURTIES, Lt/Col,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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See folio 232.  
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RESTRICTED . REFERENCE MMIA /16 OF 16 . SUBJECT ITALIAN FIELD  
SERVICE POSTCARD . REQUEST COPY YOUR REPLY TO MMIA BE FORWARDED  
THIS HQ . NY 3074/9/A(0) OF 21 FEB REFERS  
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SENT 950 AEM 2140 BBBB  
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Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

✓ Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(18MIA).

CR/6430/G-1(Br).

20 Mar. 45.

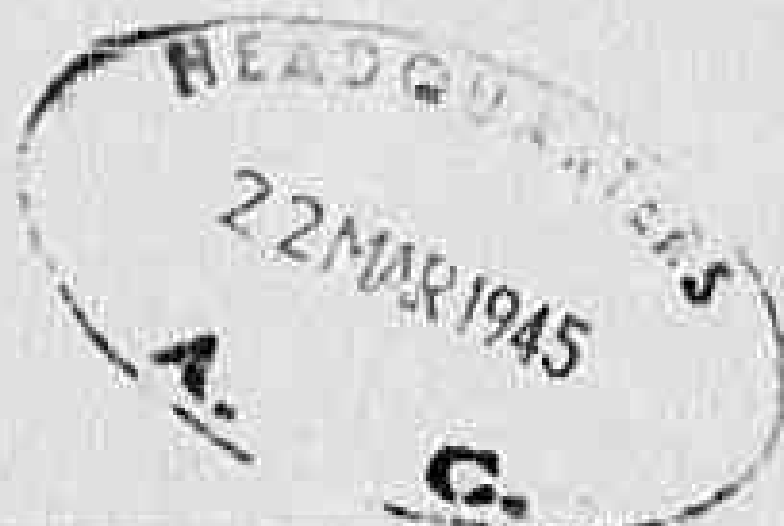
Q/16

Reference your AQ/16 dated 16 Feb 45. 209  
1st fact.

1. Approval in principle is given to the introduction of an Italian Military postal scheme as outlined in your above quoted letter, subject to the preparation of an acceptable system incorporating adequate safeguards in relation to security and collection and delivery of mails.
2. HQ GSI(b) Branch 15 Army Group have enumerated a list of suggestions and security measures required and these are contained in HQ 15 Army Group letter of 21 Feb 45 under reference 3074/9/A(0) which is forwarded herewith for your attention.
3. It is requested that you will submit for the approval of this H.Q. a scheme giving effect to the proposed post card service for Italian troops, on the lines set forth in the above quoted 15 Army Group letter, paying particular regard to the question of ensuring that vehicles and drivers used for the collection and delivery of these post cards, do not carry unauthorised mail, both for troops and civilians.
4. The phrase "Our/Your House is alright/damaged" on the Red Soldier's Field Card is objectionable and should be cancelled, together with the corresponding question on the Black Reply to Soldier's Field Card.

JN/ed.

Encl.



R. J. L. 483  
Major General,  
DAG. G-1 (B).

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SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

HQ. 15 ARMY GROUP

Tel: FOXGLOVE 226

3074/9/A(0)

21 Feb 45

AFHQ

Copy to: G2(GSI(b))

Ref MMIA letter AQ/16 dated 16 Feb 45.

1. The introduction of a special military postal scheme for Italian troops is recommended if the practical difficulties in relation to security and collection and delivery of mail can be satisfactorily overcome.
2. Attached are the comments of this HQ GSI(b) Branch on the proposed scheme.

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*W. C. C. C.*  
for Brigadier, War  
DA & QMG.

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Attachment to 3074/9/A(0)  
dated Feb 45  
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- (a) Delivery and collection journeys should be limited to the minimum compatible with the achievement of the object: e.g. such journeys should be weekly rather than daily.
- (b) There must be a forward limit to the area in which this service is operative: for the sake of convenience, this limit should be identical with the limiting line for Italian combat troops' leave, viz at present all incl LUGCA-PISTOLA-RIMINI.
- (c) Adequate censorship arrangements must be made to ensure that the correspondence is limited to the official Field Post Cards, properly made out (See para 4 below).
- (d) There must be adequate safeguards to ensure that the vehicles and drivers used for the collection and delivery of these post cards do not carry unauthorised mail for all and sundry, both troops and civilian (See para 5 below).
- (e) It is presumed that this proposed special service would apply only to civilians living in the belt lying between the limiting line for civil postal services and the forward limit described in (b) above.

4. To ensure censorship, it will be required that both portions of the Field Service Card be printed "C/o CCM, 7 Base Censor Group, CMF", as both the soldier's card and the civilian's reply will have to be censored. At Appendix A is shown a suggested specimen.

To avoid overloading the censors, it is suggested that cards be issued by units at the rate of two per month and ONLY to such personnel as are known to have relatives in the belt in question.

5. With regard to the safeguards referred to in para 3 (d) above, this appears to present considerable difficulties. It is, however, a matter of no small security importance, and before giving security approval of the scheme, we should like to know from MBIA or the Ministry of War, how it is proposed to ensure that there is no serious abuse of this special service.

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Appendix 'A' attachment to  
3074/9/A(0) dated Feb 45

FRONT

RED SOLDIER'S FIELD CARD

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

I am well  
" " ill  
" " getting along well  
All are well at home  
Are all well at home?

Have received your letter dated \_\_\_\_\_  
card

Have had no news from you since \_\_\_\_\_

X (Is) our house (is) all right/destroyed  
" " " " damaged {badly  
" " " " {slightly

(is) your house (is) all right/destroyed  
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Give me news of \_\_\_\_\_

Love  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

BLACK REPLY TO SOLDIER'S FIELD CARD

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

We are well. except  
Mother who is ill  
Father " " " } but is getting better  
Brother " " " }  
Sister " " " }  
Son " " " }  
Daughter " " " }

Are you well?  
Have rec'd your letter/card dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Have not heard from you for long time  
since \_\_\_\_\_

(Is) our house (is) all right/destroyed  
" " " " damaged {badly  
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Give me news of \_\_\_\_\_

Love  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

ADD NOTHING BUT DATES, NAMES ETC AND CROSS OUT WHAT DOES  
NOT APPLY. IF ANYTHING ADDED CARD WILL BE DESTROYED

BACK

BLACK CIVILIAN REPLY TO SOLDIER'S CARD

Free Postage

To \_\_\_\_\_

C/o C.C.M.  
7 Base Censor Group  
C.M.F.

RED SOLDIER'S FIELD CARD

Free Postage

To \_\_\_\_\_

C/o C.C.M.  
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(M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
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A.F.H.Q.  
15 Army Group  
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17 Mar 45.  
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Ref AFHQ CR/G430/G-1(Er) of 7 Mar 45

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1. MMIA Letter AQ/16 of 17 Feb 209 addressed to AFHQ and 15 Army Group asked for approval of a simple "field service" postcard scheme for the Italian Army.
2. This service forms part of your plan for improving the welfare of Italian Troops by giving better news facilities of families in forward areas and so reducing the number of unauthorized visits to prohibited zones.
3. This is a matter of some importance and your early approval, or some indication of how the question stands would be appreciated.

(Sd) L.B.

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

WGP/wk

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Approved  
Type. 224 A

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
AQ/10

Feb 45.

To : A.F.H.Q.;  
H.Q. 15 Army Group

1. In this HQ letter AQ/10 of 22 Dec 44 (copy attached) the Ministry of War was informed that in view of the increased civilian postal services authorized by HQ AAI letter 1401/12/GS1(B) of 23 Nov 44 (copy attached) it was not considered necessary to implement special postal arrangements for correspondence between Italian Military Personnel and their families in recently liberated areas.

2. Nevertheless the Ministry of War have requested that they may be allowed to implement a special military postal scheme on the grounds that such a postal service by transmitting family news would be of great morale benefit to the Italian Soldier. This view is strongly supported by this HQ as part of the Welfare Service now being organized.

3. The proposal made by the Ministry of War is to introduce a service post card with a printed text (see specimen attached). The cards are only to be used by soldiers whose families are resident within liberated areas where the civil postal service has NOT been re-instated. This service is to be operated by the Italian Army Postal Service and the CCRR no call being made upon the Allied Postal Services on transport. The cards having been delivered to the family by the CCRR will be completed and returned to the CCRR who will in turn deliver them to the Italian Military postal service for delivery to the soldier. *which this is being improved*

4. It is requested that the proposal may be approved particularly with a view of the fact that ~~many~~ desertions from the Italian Army have their origins in family anxieties due to lack of information. *in AFHQ and 16 Army Group*

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from which

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Spec Sec MMIA  
ADAMS MMIA

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I agree with above but consider the proposed post card very inefficient, I should like to see the author and get a better one.

W.P. 11/2.

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CA P. Action is with you then, SMKE designed & proposed the postcard! Vera 1715 for the 1715. Aff.

SUBJECT: Mail for Italian Forces

LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C. A.C. 723  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
AQ/10

25 March 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to: AG Postal, AFHQ  
British Postal Directorate, AFHQ  
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Reference your Q/16 of 4 March and Q/16 of 18 March.

1. Investigations with the various offices concerned have shown that past delays in the delivery of Italian mail to troops serving with the US Army have been due to the following difficulties:-

(a) Until recently, AG Postal was not aware of the arrangements made a year ago at AAI for contact between Italian and Allied Postal services, and consequently mail for Italian units was not being carried through US channels.

(b) PM 3400 receives a periodical list of PMs, which shows the designations of the Italian Formations served, but does not indicate their locations or the Allied formations to which they are attached.

2. The difficulty shown in sub para (a) above will be overcome by the instructions issued on 18 March by AG Postal. These order all US Postal offices to pass back information on all Italian PMs in their locality. Thus the US base postal services will be able to forward mail for Italian PMs through their own channels.

3. The difficulty shown in sub para (b) above remains to be solved. It is agreed that it is simplest for PM 3400 to continue to deliver all censored mail for troops in forward areas to 15 BAPO (British) who will in turn hand over to the US base Post Office all mail for PMs with the US Army. But, in order to ensure the most efficient working of this scheme, it is essential that PM 3400 should be able to label its sacks "Through US Postal Services" or "Through British Postal Services".

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4. The following suggestions are therefore submitted:-

(a) MMIA LOs with Armies and Corps should be instructed to ensure that Italian PMS are regularly maintaining contact with, and reporting their locations to their nearest Allied Post Offices.

(b) Arrangements should be made with the Ministry of War for PM 3400 to receive full information on the locations and Allied Command of all PMS, and to mark all mail sacks as proposed in para 3 above before handing them over to 15 BAPO.

*George D. Smith Jr.*  
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.  
Major, Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer

FJAC/nl

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( M.M.I.A. )  
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Ref : 206980/II, of 23rd of March 45.

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3. It is requested that clear instructions be issued to P.M. 3400 which will result in mail addressed to P.M.s serving formations under U.S. Army Command being transferred to 2nd U.S. Base Post Office direct instead of through 15 British Base Army Post Office. It is essential that P.M. 3400 are kept fully informed as to the position of P.M.s in forward Areas so that they may be in a position to determine whether British or U.S. channels of communication are to be used.



R.A. CURTISS, Lt/Col,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

RAC/fo

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.  
To: J. MMLA.

Subject: Censorship reports, postal service.

Ref: 2000/11.  
Date: 23/3/45

Ref.. Letter INT/113. dated 10th Inst, & return <sup>as requested.</sup>

I already knew the difficulties encountered in postal services which were reported by the Censorship Office.

SMRE office concerned has taken, as far as possible, the necessary actions with a view to improve this service, but could not overcome all difficulties encountered because they were not in a position to do so.

However, I am grateful for your invitation to allow me to put forward proposals which, if acted upon, would I presume improve satisfactorily the postal services.

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Therefore, I think it is advisable to countersign all outgoing mail from operational zones, with a special stamp "postal stamp". However, before carrying out this suggestion, I shall be grateful ~~if you~~ if you will inform me, if there are any objections on the above proposal.

GF.

(Casati)

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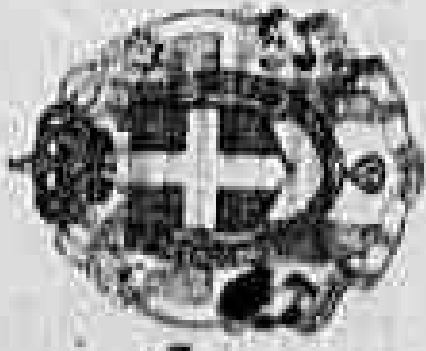
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Consent proposed

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

*Galimetto*

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Post. N. 206980/II Allegato 1  
220-20-7

~~Roma~~ P.M. 3800,

23 MAR 1945

Oggetto: Rapporti censura - servizio postale.-

*Ma* LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Oggetto: Rapporti censura - servizio postale.-

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Altro miglioramento penso si possa raggiungere sviluppando, per quanto possibile, dall'ufficio postale di concentramento alla zona di operazioni e viceversa, il trasporto con mezzo aereo, già in parte attuato, in seguito all'accoglimento da parte dell'U.S.A.P.O. di analoga proposta dello S.M.R.E.

Per quanto riguarda l'errata tassazione da parte degli uffici

ci postali civili delle corrispondenze spedite dalla zona operazioni senza francobolli, il ministero delle poste e telecomunicazioni ha già impartito opportune disposizioni ai dipendenti uffici postali per evitare l'inconveniente.

La continuazione della indebita tassazione deve attribuirsi non solo alla fase di assestamento in cui si trova tuttora l'organizzazione dei servizi civili, che non consente la pronta trasmissione delle disposizioni, ma anche al fatto che il bollo della censura alleata, comprovante il diritto alla franchigia, per la sua ristretta superficie e sovente per la poco nitida impressione, sfugge alla verifica.

Ritengo, pertanto, che sarebbe opportuno contrassegnare tutta la corrispondenza in partenza dalla zona di operazioni con uno speciale timbro, con la dicitura ben visibile "Franchigia postale". Prima, però, di disporre in tal senso gradirei conoscere se codesta sottocommissione ha nulla in contrario.

IL MINISTRO





together with any remarks regarding parcels, telegrams or outside (liberated Italy) services.

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CC Mr. Cadre  
It. Reinforcements Depot at AFFRAGOLA  
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for information : QUINZI  
ADAMS "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFG 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WIK/bs

In reply  
refer to: P.18.39/CS

23 March 1945

Subject : Postal Service from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 405629/3 30015 of 24 February and my P. 18.30/CS of 23rd February 1945 to A.F.H.Q. (copy to you).

1. I enclose three copies of an extract from a letter received giving details of the conditions under which the American and British Army Post Offices are willing to undertake the conveyance of registered correspondence addressed to Italian Troops in the zone of operations.
2. Will you please pass this information to the Italian Army Post Office authorities in order that they may draw up the proposals. The Civil Post Office arrangements are presumably not affected as you would merely deal with these registered letters in the same way as those addressed to PM & outside the operational zone. No doubt, however, you will collaborate with the Italian Army Post Office in this matter and give any advice and assistance required.
3. The proposals when agreed should be submitted to this Sub-Commission and (on the Army side) to the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
4. If the Army wished to raise the question of the extension to P.M. addresses of any other facilities available to civilians (e.g. higher weight limit, newspapers in abonnement) it would be advisable to deal with such proposals at the same time.

*W. Green*  
*for J.L. Henderson* 444  
Colonel,  
Director.

1 Inc.:

Extracts from G-5, 311.1 of 17 March 44

Copies to:

G-5, A.F.H.Q. (ref 311.1 of 17 March)

M.M.I.A. (with copy of G-5 311.1 of 17 March.)

*RAC*  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

JB/sab

G-5: 311.1

17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service from Italian Civilians  
to Italian Troops.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
APO 394.

1. Reference your P.18.30/CS of 28 February.
2. G-2 state there is no security or censorship objection.
3. AG (Postal) state:

"1. AG Postal (U.S.) has no objection to the extension of registered mail service from Italian Civilians to Italian Units or Italian Military personnel serving in U.S. Army or Corps areas providing that such registered mails are made up separately from unregistered mails in sealed bags addressed to the proper Italian Field Post Office. The bags should have an assigned number on the label or tag and will be receipted for by the U.S. Base APO at Naples and forwarded to the U.S. APO nearest the Italian Field Post Office of address.

a. Registered letters from Italian civilians to Italian Military personnel attached to U.S. Headquarters or units who use the "PM" number only in the address will be accepted from Censura Centrale Militare as individual pieces at the U.S. Base Post Office at Naples and will be forwarded to the U.S. Headquarters or unit to which the article is readdressed by the Base Censor No. 7.

b. It should be pointed out and clearly understood by all concerned that the U.S. Army Postal Service will not accept any financial responsibility for the Italian registered mail handled but will give such mail the same handling and protection afforded U.S. Army registered mail.

*Note: There is no para 2.*

3. Relative paragraph 4 of the basic letter, there is no objection by AG Postal to permitting Italian troops inside the zone of operations to have registered mail facilities under the conditions outlined in the foregoing. Italian personnel would necessarily be required to deposit their mail for registration in an

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Italian Field APO. Italian personnel attached to U. S. Headquarters or Corps using a "PM" number only as a mail address will not be permitted to register mail at U. S. APO's.

4. Request that AG Postal be advised as to the action that will be taken to permit necessary instructions to be issued to U. S. APO's prior to the effective date of the change, if any is made.

4. DRAPS state:

"1. The British APO has no objection to the introduction of a registered service as proposed. Despatches for P.M.s containing registered correspondence conveyed through British A.P.O. channels would be afforded the same safe custody as British mails, but no special receipt would be given for bags containing registered mails nor would compensation be payable in respect of any loss or damage occurring in the British service.

2. It is presumed that the service will be available to personnel attached to Br. H.Q.s and who use the "PM 900" address.

3. There is at present no registered service from Italian troops in forward areas. If such a service were introduced, the mail would have to be posted at P.M.s. If sealed despatches containing registered items were then transferred to the British APO for conveyance, the mails would be carried on the conditions laid down in para 1 above. Italian personnel would not be allowed to register correspondence at British A.P.O.s.

4. It is presumed that before any registration service is introduced, the comments of MMIA will be invited as regards the working of the service within the Italian Army.

5. This Directorate will no doubt be informed of developments in the matter."

5. Please advise with MMIA and Italian Postal authorities and submit plan of action to this section for approval by AG (Postal) and DRAPS.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Copy to:  
AG (Postal)  
DRAPS.

*JB*  
JULIUS BYLES  
Major, FA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to: P.18.30/03

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WHG/DS

28 February 1945

Subject : Postal Services from Italian Civilians to  
Italian Troops.

To : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Under the regulations laid down in HQs, AAI, (Adm. Echelon) circular 2020/3/Q2 of 2nd April, and repeated in instructions issued by the Italian military authorities, correspondence from Italian civilians to Italian Units or personnel serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas is confined to letters and postcards not exceeding 90 grammes in weight. It is not specifically stated that the registration of such letters and postcards is not permitted, but as registration is not allowed in the outgoing service from Italian Troops in forward areas to Italian civilians, the Posta Militare and Italian Civil Post Office have assumed that this restriction applies in both directions.
2. Registration is permitted in the postal service to and from Italian Troops outside the zone of operations.
3. As a consequence, in relation to the withdrawal of registration facilities, it is necessary for all Post Offices to be advised when a particular P.M. moves into the forward area. This, it may be considered, is undesirable from the standpoint of security.
4. So far as the Italian Civil Post Office is concerned there would be no objection ~~to~~ the Italian Troops inside as well as outside the zone of operations being allowed registered letter facilities, or even (although the point does not arise directly in this case) all the other postal services available to civilians. The question of whether or what limitation of facilities is necessary in the case of Italian Troops' mail depends solely on the military side of the service.

For the Chief Commissioner.

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

Copies to:  
Under Secretary of State  
for Posts and Telecomms. (ref. 405629/830015 of 24 Feb).  
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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Subject: Censorship of Italian  
Military Mail

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) R O M S  
9/16

19 Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War.

1. Serious discontent and lowering of morale is being occasioned in the Italian Army by the uncertainty and delay in the delivery of the troop's mail. Whereas a civilian letter takes only 3 or 4 days between South and North Italy, letters to or from military personnel take 3 or 4 weeks. In any circumstances this would be bad enough, but at a time when we are trying through welfare to build up morale and prevent desertion by allaying family anxieties, this inefficient mail service is having an extremely adverse effect on the troops.
2. It is noted that Terr. HQ Bari has no Field P.O. number.
3. You are requested to review the existing system and to forward at a very early date a brief report on the system now in force and your recommendations as to any improvement which may be effected.
4. In particular the method of censorship and any difficulties with the Allied Military Post Offices should be reported. Incoming and outgoing mail should be dealt with under separate paras in your report.
5. This subject has already been raised under this HQ Secret letter Int/113 of 10 Mar addressed to ME the Minister for War.

RAC/ls

RAC  
R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Taken personally by Major Bryant

19 Mar 1945

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SECRET

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2/15

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R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.  
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*Taken personally by Major Bryant*

*Discussed 27 Mar 1945  
with War Staff*

*RAC*

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Subject: Italian Post Office Numbers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
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19 Mar 1945

To: WMIA IO Naples

Reference Q/16 of 4 March and further to Q/16 of 15 Mar 45.

You are requested to state whether mail for U.S. formations is now being passed to the correct Field Post Offices and whether you have any recommendations to make which may speed up the mail service.

RAC/le

*RAC*

R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.  
for Colonel, DA&QMG  
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Post Office Numbers  
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SECRET

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/18

15 Mar 48.  
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MMIA LO NAPLES  
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Ref conversation CLARK - CURTIS, herewith latest list of  
affiliated Italian Post Office numbers.

*R. A. Curtis*

R. A. CURTIS, Lt Col,  
for Col DA & QMS,  
M. M. I. A.

RAC/wk

Copy to: MMIA LO 1 District  
" " 3 District  
MMIA LO 54 Area

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
UFFICIO C.A.

UFFICI DI POSTA MILITARI AL 1° MARZO 1945

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*Secret* 218

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| P.M. | 16   | = | COMANDO 228° DIVISIONE                 |
| P.M. | 30   | = | COMANDO DIVISIONE SICUREZZA "SABAUDA"  |
| P.M. | 64   | = | COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA" |
| P.M. | 72   | = | COMANDO DIVISIONE "ACOSTA"             |
| P.M. | 75   | = | COMANDO DIVISIONE "CALABRIA"           |
| P.M. | 75/A | = | COMANDO MILITARE SARDEGNA              |
| P.M. | 79   | = | COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI"  |
| P.M. | 92   | = | COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"             |
| P.M. | 104  | = | COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA" |
| P.M. | 127  | = | COMANDO ITALIANO 212° = IV ZONA        |
| P.M. | 146  | = | COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE" |
| P.M. | 155  | = | COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO" |
| P.M. | 167  | = | COMANDO 231° DIVISIONE                 |
| P.M. | 179  | = | COMANDO 210° DIVISIONE                 |
| P.M. | 181  | = | COMANDO ITALIANO 212                   |
| P.M. | 185  | = | COMANDO 209° DIVISIONE                 |
| P.M. | 216  | = | II COMANDO TERRITORIALE                |
| P.M. | 218  | = | I COMANDO TERRITORIALE                 |
| P.M. | 219  | = | VII COMANDO TERRITORIALE               |
| P.M. | 225  | = | VI COMANDO TERRITORIALE                |
| P.M. | 226  | = | III COMANDO TERRITORIALE               |
| P.M. | 900  | = | UFFICIO GENERALE DI CENSURA            |
| P.M. | 340  | = |                                        |
| P.M. | 3600 | = | CONCENTRAMENTI DI POSTA "MILITARE"     |
| P.M. | 99   | = | COMANDO DIVISIONE "GARIBOLDI"          |

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE ROMA = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 3600

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE NAPOLI = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 3400

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE PALERMO = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 72 dell'POSTA

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE BARI = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si serve della posta civile.

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| = P.M. | 226  | = III COMANDO TERRITORIALE               |
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| = P.M. | 99   | = COMANDO DIVISIONE "GARIBOLDI"          |

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE ROMA = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 3800

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE NAPOLI = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 3400

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE PALERMO = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si appoggia a P.M. 72 dell'AOSTA

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE BARI = non ha ufficio di P.M.  
si serve della posta civile.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Censura Militare  
107 Base Censura  
P.M. 72  
P.M. 3400  
P.M. 3800  
P.M. 99

TRANSLATION.

FROM: S.M.R.S.

REF: 1569/Serv.

TO: All addressees.  
M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 10 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Assignment of A.P.O. 219 to Delegation "T" of  
S.M.R.S.

I)- The functioning of A.P.O. 219 at this H.Q. will commence w.e.f.  
12 March this year.

II) - A.P.O. 219 is assigned to all the units to which this  
circular is addressed other than for information purposes, and to  
all the non-divisional units which will be located in the  
territory of Tuscany or of which notification will be given  
from time to time.

III) - W.e.f. the 12th inst. all correspondence addressed to  
this H.Q. and to the units referred to in paragraph (II) will  
have to be sent to

ARMY POST OFFICE 219.

O.DANIN. CPL.

Sgd. PICCININI  
Col.

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COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "F" DELLO S.M.R.E.

- Ufficio Servizi -

R. 9567/Se. di prot.

P.M. 213, 11 10 Marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Ammissione P.M. 219 alla Delegazione "F"  
 dello S.M.R.E.

*Resignation of P.M. 219 to Delegazione "F" S.M.R.E.*

ALLA DELEGAZIONE "F" DELLO S.M.R.E.

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AL NUCLEO ORGANIZZATIVO CC.RR. LEGIONE

AL PATTAGLIONE CC.RR. DELLA "LOMBARDIA"

AL NUCLEO ORGANIZZATIVO CC.RR. LEGIONE "TORINO"

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DRUPERI

ALLA DIREZIONE CENTRO RIPOSO STALLANI

ALL'8° CENTRO MOBILIZZAZIONE C.R.I.

ALLA 7° COMPAGNIA DI SANITA'

ALLA P.M. 213

a. per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GS-

NERALE DI S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GS-

NERALE DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE IL GS-

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SELE  
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SIENA  
FIRENZE  
FIRENZE

"TORINO"  
"ALESSANDRIA"  
"GENOVA"

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PESCARA  
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Received of J. H. 215 the Delegation T. 871212

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| • ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R. IL DUCA D'AOSTA                                 | <u>SUA SEDE</u> |
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| = ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R. IL DUCA DI ANCONA                               | <u>SUA SEDE</u> |
| • AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO                                                          |                 |
| = AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direzioni Generali Tutte -                                         |                 |

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ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
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 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA  
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 AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMATTAMENTO "MANTOVA"  
 AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212  
 AL COMANDO 200<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FANTERIA  
 AL COMANDO 210<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FANTERIA  
 AL COMANDO 220<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FANTERIA  
 AL COMANDO 231<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FANTERIA  
 AL NUCLEO VI<sup>o</sup> COMANDO TERRITORIALE  
 AL COMANDO CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORGANIZZAZIONE  
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 AL COMANDO SETTORE TERRITORIO "CERSA"  
 ALLO STATO MAGGIORE PER L'INTERROGATORIO DEGLI  
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 ALL'UFFICIO MILITARE ASSISTENZA PROFUGHI  
 CIVILI  
 ALLO C.R.I. COMITATO CENTRALE  
 ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE  
 PER L'ESERCITO (Land Forces Sub Commission  
 A.C. MILA)  
 ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA DI COLLE-  
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 AL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI  
 AL NUCLEO DISTRETTO MILITARE  
 ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON  
 5<sup>a</sup> ARMATA AMERICANA

P.M. 3394

P.M. 3396

NAPOLI

P.M. 75/1

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PALERMO

CATANZARO

ROMA

P.M. 3800

ROMA

P.M. 155

P.M. 64

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- = AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DELLA CALABRIA CATANZARO ROMA P.M. 3800 ROMA
- = AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ...
- = AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR. ...
- = AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R.G.F. ...
- = AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNAME" M. 155 ...
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- = ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON 5° ARMATA AFRICA ...

Te) In data 12 Marzo, corrente anno inizierà il suo fun-  
zionamento presso ...

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II<sup>a</sup>) - La P.M.-219 è assegnata a tutti-gli Enti-cui la presente è indirizzata non per conoscenza, ed a tutti gli Enti-non indisionati che si disloceranno nel territorio della Toscana o di cui verrà data comunicazione di volta in volta.

III<sup>a</sup>) Sotto la data del 12 o/g. tutta la corrispondenza indirizzata da questo Comando ed agli Enti di cui al paragrafo II<sup>a</sup> dovrà essere inviata a:

POSTA MILITARE 219

L'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO LI STATO MAGGIORE  
- Carlo Flocinini -



*[Handwritten signature]*

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SECRETSUBJECT: Censorship Report

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
 (M.M.I.A.)  
 File No. Int/113  
March 45

TO : H.E. Count CASATI  
MINISTER FOR WAR

1. I am enclosing under secret cover a copy of SECRET Censorship Report No. 63 which I think will interest you.
2. I should appreciate your comments on the complaints made in para 3 (Postal) and your proposals for improving this service.
3. Will you please return this copy with your reply.

(K)  
 Major General  
 M. M. I. A.

Internal: MA to GOC

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SUBJECT: Italian Welfare.  
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HQ Land Forces,  
Sub Commission AG,  
MMAA.  
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6/16. ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

GR/6430/C-1(Br).

7 Mar. 45. *JSK*

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Reference your A16 of 1 Mar 45.

This question is still under consideration.

*JSK*  
RJV/mag.

HEADQUARTERS

*JSK*  
Major General,  
DAG, G-1(Br).

*See Fabio 21 6280*

Subject: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
AQ/16.  
1. Mar'45.

To: A.F.H.Q.  
HQ. 15 Army Group.

- 1: Reference AQ/16 of 16 Feb.
2. May a decision now be given on this proposal ?

*W. P. Ridgely.* Colonel  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Internal - A.D.A.W.S.

*Lee Folio 212*

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Subject: Mails for Italian Forces.  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
Q/16

4 March 45.  
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Major Smith, Senior LO MMIA, NAPLES  
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Ref attached copy AFHQ letter AFHQ/2410/2 (Maint) dated 11 Feb 45.

1. The difficulty appears to be that at present, P.M. 3400 passes all mail to 7 Base Censor and after this has been returned delivers it to 15 British A.P.O. for onward despatch.
2. The mail is made up into bunches according to the Italian P.M. serving the formation concerned and there would appear to be no difficulty in arranging with P.M. 3400 for censored mail intended for P.M.'s serving under U.S. command to be delivered to a U.S. A.P.O.
3. Will you please investigate and report if this can be arranged.

RAC/wk

*RAC/wk*

R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.  
for Col DA & QMG,  
M. M. I. A.

*taken personally:*

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AQ  
System is  $\frac{V}{T}$  as basic statement  
beg of 17 Feb refers.

M 20/2

PM 3800 Rome } - Naples - 7 Base Comm  
PM 3400 Naples }

15 BAPO - APO's concerned

15 BAPO notified all changes in location  
of PM's.

Q 2.

Please speak.

3 Mar

Spoke

Q 16

Mg Smith

In 20. Naples

who will clean up  
in relation to Naples

210 USOs

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**PARTITO FASCISTA REPUBBLICANO**  
**FEDERAZIONE DI ROMA**

UFFICIO TESSERAMENTO

Posizione N. \_\_\_\_\_

Al Procuratore di Stato  
presso il Tribunale Giudiziario di  
ROMA

**RICHIESTA DI CERTIFICATO GENERALE**

Al nome di \_\_\_\_\_ di o fu \_\_\_\_\_  
e di o fu \_\_\_\_\_ nato il \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_

**Motivo: Iscrizione al P. F. R.**

Si dichiara che da ricerche effettuate in questo Casellario Giudiziario \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Roma, li \_\_\_\_\_

194. - A. XXII

IL SOTTUFFICIALE DELLA G. N. R.  
ADDETTO ALLE INFORMAZIONI

QO

I

What is the picture?

(K)

II

- (a) Picture made on basic enclosure  
(b) Handing of mails to US APO for movement to units under US command is clearly the best method as any suggestions by MCHH imply that we can improve the US Postal Service! Antamount to basic mails

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III

QO

Please find out from the Station what is being done

(K)

Map

IV

Copy from please for action

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15 Feb

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