

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512
Information Sub-Commission

18803

23 Nov 43

SUBJECT: Censorship Directive for Italian Press

TO: Lieutenant JOSEPH B. COSTANZO
Press and Radio Censor
Room 25 (Third floor)
Post Office Building, Palermo.

1. A letter was received at this HQ under date of 4 Sep 43
which is passed to you as follows:

UNITED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Censorship Branch (INC)
A.P.O. 512 U.S. Army

c/101

4 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Censorship Directive for Italian Press.

TO : Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes.

1. It is suggested that attached Censorship Directive
for the Italian Press be brought to the notice of editors as
soon as publications are authorized by AMGOT.

2. While all Italian papers will be censored, it is felt
that the necessity for much cutting would be avoided if editors
receive and act upon this guidance.

V.E. SCOTT BAILEY,
Lt. Col., C.S.
Chief, Censorship Branch.

Incl: 2 copies - Censorship Directive
for Italian Press.

Copy to: File c/106.

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for ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major Spec Res AUS
A/Director Int 5-C

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CENSORSHIP DIRECTIVE FOR ITALIAN PRESS

1. Unless contained in official Allied releases or communiques, nothing forbidden in the following paragraphs will be published or broadcast without reference to Allied Censorship.
2. MILITARY.
 - a. No reference will be made to strength, composition, disposition, location or movements of troops, military personnel or material.
 - b. No information concerning quantities, location or distribution of arms or ammunition.
3. NAVAL.
 - a. No technical information concerning allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - b. No information of any loss or damage to, or attack upon, any ships of Allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - c. No mention will be made of the names or movements of any ships.
 - d. No reference will be made to mines or mine fields.
4. AIR.
 - a. No information concerning location, strength, composition or movements of air personnel or material, nor any detailed description of technical equipment.
 - b. No information concerning the methods of attack or defense of any Allied type of aircraft, nor details of the fighter patrol or reconnaissance system.
 - c. No information concerning signals, methods or devices of identification of aircraft or surface vessels, means of passing information, or enemy air movements.
 - d. No information concerning casualties to aircraft or personnel.
 - e. No information concerning messages dropped by enemy planes.
5. AIR RAIDS.
 - a. There will be no mention of alerts.
 - b. Only a general indication of the locality of the raid is permitted.
 - c. No information concerning means of defense.
 - d. Nothing will be published regarding casualties suffered in any air raid; but obituary or funeral notices of civilians killed in air raids may be published subject to the following rules:

- (1) Notices must not give a date which is more precise than the month, e.g. "In Aug" not "On 24 Aug".
 - (2) The person or persons killed may be described as living in, or near, a certain village or town, or in a section of a large city; but the exact address will not be published.
 - (3) The death may be stated as having been caused by enemy action.
- e. No information concerning aerial attack on or damage done to any property owned or controlled by the Allies; nor any information concerning interruption of traffic facilities.
6. TRADE AND SUPPLY.
- a. No information concerning location, storage or transportation of supplies or war materials.
 - b. No information concerning erection of new factories or power plants, or extension of new power stations, buildings or power lines to new areas.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR.
- a. No information concerning prisoners of war.
8. SPIES.
- a. No information concerning enemy agents or fifth columnists.
9. MISCELLANEOUS.
- a. No mention will be made of high-ranking officers or important civilians present at official ceremonies, etc.
 - b. No information concerning interruption of traffic facilities.
 - c. No information concerning exceptional road traffic or location of new or widened bridges or roads.
 - d. Nothing will be published harmful to the Allied cause or affecting the relationship between the Allies and neutral countries.

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4 December 1943.

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SUBJECT: Censorship AMG Mail

TO : Internal Security AMG

1. Directive on Censorship of AMG Mail has been received by this Sub-Commission from Lieutenant LYNN M. CASE, Acting C.O., CCS.
2. The instructions we have received read as follows:
 - a. Directive AFHQ INC Section dated 19 September 1943 states that all mail in civilian postal channels whether official or personal is subject to civilian communications censorship.
 - b. Civilians employed by AMG are not permitted to use courier or Army Postal Service under any circumstances.
 - c. Penalties come under jurisdiction of AMG. Civil Communications Censorship is concerned with censorship. Violations of censorship regulations are referred to proper authority for action.
3. This Sub-Commission suggests that a ruling on penalties for violation of censorship regulations within AMG might properly be sought from the Legal Sub-Commission.

ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major Spec Res AUS
A/Director Inf S-C

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1st Ind.

Headquarters CCC. Palermo, Sicily 30 Nov. 1943.

To: Hq. AMG, Information Sub-Commission, APO 512.

1. Letters examined, censored, and forwarded thru postal channels.
No violations incurred.

2. Reference inquiry para. 2 a., Directive AFHQ INC Section, dated 19, September 1943 states that all mail in civilian postal channels whether official or personal is subject to civilian communications censorship.

3. Reference para. 2 b., civilians employed by AMG are not permitted to use courier or Army Postal Service under any circumstances.

4. Reference inquiry para. 2 c., about penalties, such come under jurisdiction of AMG. Civil Communications Censorship is concerned with censorship. Violations of censorship regulations are referred to proper authority for action.

Lynn M. Case

LYNN M. CASE
1st Lt. NMB
Actg. C/O CCS.

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RWD/tlb

18803

29 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Censorship, AMG mail to Italian citizens

TO : INC, Censorship Branch
Room 25 (Third Floor)
HQ Seventh Army

1. Attached are four letters originating in HQ AMG addressed to Italian citizens. Two of them are apparently official AMG mail, the two others are obviously from private persons to private persons.

2. This Sub-Commission has been asked by AMG Internal Security to refer these letters to you for:

a. A ruling on the status of mail between Sub-Commissions of AMG and Italian organizations with which AMG deals, including proper identification of such mail as official;

b. A suggested order covering a. which we can incorporate in Daily Orders;

c. What penalties are applicable to Italians who attempt to use official channels of AMG for private correspondence.

3. If any of the letters attached fall in the category covered in 2 (c) of this letter, will you please recommend the action to be taken.



ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major Spec Res Aus
A/Director Inf S-C

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Sicilia Liberata, Palermo 40000 - name & costume
 Cornere di Sicilia, Catania 25000 - Capt Orbach
 Messina 1000 Lt Livingston
 10/27/43
 13K
 10/27/43

unavanzato - Sana 2
 Caltanissetta 3 } ordered
 Ragusa 1 } substituted
 10/27/43
 Order # 3
 Pletta

Stato pitagorico, Palermo 10000 - (not under pub)

Risorgimento - Napoli
 Giornale del Mezzogiorno - Napoli

Libretto (Pub. cont.) - Napoli
 dest. in
 library, occup. 100%

min. 10
 not 20 times per hour, but for 100
 up to 20 times.

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SGT JOSEPH A. LA CAVA

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Lt. Joseph B. Costanza
 Local Press, Jansor
 ABC 7511 U.S. Army

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29 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Communications for your Consideration

TO : Censorship Branch IMC
Room 25
Seventh Army HQ

1. Allied Intelligence Committee has handed to this Sub-Commission for reference to your Branch the communications attached.
2. It will be appreciated if you will dispose of them.

ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major Spec Maj AUS
A/Director Inf S-C

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RMD/SLB

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WILLIAM E. DEDMON
Major Spec Res. Ass.
A/Director Inf S-4

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SECRET

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23 Nov 43

SUBJECT: NEWSPAPERS IN ITALY

TO: Lieut JOSEPH D. COSTANZO, PRESS AND RADIO CENSOR
Room 25 (Third Floor)
Post Office Building, Palermo.

1. A Secret message is handed on to you as follows:

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ROUTINE

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18002
Original
in
18802

RECEIVED AT
ISLAND BASE SECTION

SECRET
Received in Code

MSG NR 8591
MSG GEN NR
TO: AMOT

CLASSIFICATION	ROUTINE
TIME OF ORIGIN	091609
TIME OF RECEIPT	092150
TIME DECODED	100205

CENSORSHIP ADVISES FIVE NEWSPAPERS AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLICATION AT BARI X
FACED TO PARGO CMA FATIMA CMA ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR AMG AND PABLE FOR
BOHNDLS STOMED EIGHTHOUR CITY TIMES PAREN X ALLIED PUBLISHING BOARD
BEING FORMULATED TO CONTROL ALL PUBLICATIONS IN ITALY CMA SICILY CMA
AND GARDINIA X RECOMMEND APPROVAL BE WITHHELD IN THESE TERRITORIES
QUANTIFI RECOMMISSION FOR FURTHER NEWSPAPERS TO COMMERCE UNTIL BOARD CAN
FUNCTION

SECRET
Received in Code"

for ROBERT W. DIAMOND
Major Spec Res AUS
A/Director Inf S-C

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SUBJECT: Request for Italian newspapers for instructional use.

TO: INFO

The attached request from Capt. John W. Taylor, Director of Instruction at the Military Government School, is brought to your attention, with a recommendation that such newspapers be made available if at all possible.

ROBERT W. DESMOND
Major, Spec-Ras
Acting Head
Information Sub-Commission

(sent to Lt. Joseph B. Costanza
Local Press Censor
APO 753 U.S. Army

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