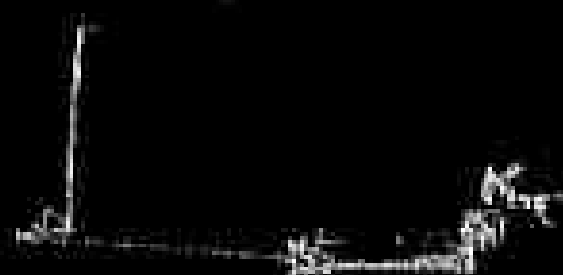


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COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONMONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1944TELECOMMUNICATIONS(i) Southern Region

- a. Urban Telephone Service: Exchanges were repaired or installed at Manfredonia and seven small places. An officer has been working in Foggia and Comandasso provinces during December to obtain more civil communication facilities.
- b. Provincial Telephone Service: The service in Foggia province was considerably improved.
- In the provinces of this Region, excluding Foggia, about 45% of the pre-war exchanges have been reconnected to the network. Benevento and Avellino provinces are still not satisfactory but are improving; the position in these provinces is under investigation.

- c. Inter-Provincial Telephone Service: The Italian Government requested additional Rome - Naples circuits. Records were obtained from the Government and it was found that the operation of the present circuits was not good. An officer was accordingly sent to Naples to examine operating conditions and methods and to suggest remedies.

- d. Telegraphs: Nine-channel telegraph equipment was installed at Naples to work to similar equipment at Catania. The channels have now been allocated.

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(ii) Sicily Region

In Sicily 90% of telegraph offices are now reconnected and about half of the telephone offices. All provincial centres are of course connected to the network, and the numbers of inter-urban lines have been increased.

(iii) Abruzzi-Marche Region

- a. Urban Telephone Service: Exchanges have been installed or repaired at Macerata, Camerino, and a large number of small exchanges. The Macerata board has 7 positions with 40 interurban lines and 720 C.B. subscribers' lines.

The 4 position 40 lines inter-urban switchboard

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a. Urban Telephone Service: Exchanges have been installed or repaired at Teramo, Camerino, and a large number of small exchanges. The Teramo board has 7 positions with 40 interurban lines and 720 C.B. subscribers' lines.

The 4 position, 40 lines, inter-urban switchboard and 200 lines of auto plant have been repaired at Teramo.

The Sulmona board has also been repaired, consisting of two positions with 40 inter-urban and 140 C.B. subscribers' lines.

A 50 lines switchboard for local traffic has been installed in the Porto Nuove part of Pescara, and is cross-connected to the main local board (100 lines C.B.)

At Lanciano there is now a 5 position board in use with

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20 inter-urban lines on 2 positions and 400 C.B. subscribers lines on the rest.

b. Provincial Telephone Service: Authority was received for provincial telephone service in Ancona province. As all of the lines from Ancona to the larger towns of the province are in Allied use, it is not possible at the moment to restore much of the service. In each of the other provinces of the region, several additional towns have been connected. About 40% of pre-war telephone offices (where service is allowed) have been reconnected to the network in Abruzzi - Marche Region.

c. Inter-Provincial Telephone Service: All provinces, where information is available, have inter-urban service.

The inter-urban board at Pescara (2 positions - 20 lines) has been extended in capacity to 40 lines. At Chieti the old position 40 lines board has been repaired and brought into use.

d. Telegraphs: Authority was granted for extension of telegraph service to Ancona province. It has not been possible to obtain a line from the military, but the C.S.O. I. P. C. has been asked for permission to place a 1000 cycles harmonized between Rome and Ancona, to work one way at a time on a 2 wire circuit.

Including Ancona province, about 25% of all telegraph offices in Abruzzi - Marche Region have been reconnected to the network.

e. Overhead Lines: Several telegraph lines in the Region were cut and used by Allied troops without warning. Several short lines were cut through in Marche province in a day or two on old Army field wire between exchanges. Unfortunately orders have been issued to recover such wire and such circuits have been disconnected.

Work is in hand on the Ancona - Pescara and Ancona - Populi routes.

Four bags of copper wire were stolen from the Ancona - Avezzano route.

Lazio Region

a. Urban Telephone Service: Exchanges were installed or repaired at Palestrina, Frosinone, Ferentino, and many smaller towns. 532

b. Provincial Telephone Service: Authority was obtained during the month for the reopening of Perugia province to telegraph and provincial telephone service. By the end of the month, ten exchanges were connected to Perugia for provincial service.

Some was connected to Palestrina (1 cot.) and Frosinone (2 cot.) and a few other lesser provincial circuits were completed.

At least 30% of the telephone offices in Lazio Region now

The inter-urban board at Pescara was extended to 10 lines. At Chieti the old position of lines board has been revised and brought into use.

Inter-urban: Activity was obtained for extension of telephone service to various provinces. It has not been possible to obtain a line from the military, but the C.S.O. 1. of 10 has been asked for permission to place a local exchange connection between Rome and Pescara, to work one way at a time on a wire circuit.

Excluding means of wire, about 20% of all telegraph offices in Brazil - there are 1000 - have been reconnected to the network.

Overhead lines: Several telephone lines in the Region were cut and are to be lifted troops without warning. Several short lines were cut through in Chieti province in a day or two of old time field wire between exchanges. Unfortunately orders have been issued to recover such wire and such circuits have been disconnected.

Work is in hand on the means - Pescara and Ascoli - to pull routes.

Four days of copper wire were stolen from the Ascoli - Pescara route.

(iv) Legion Region:

Urban Telephone Service: Exchanges were installed or repaired at Ascoli, Fiumicino, Pescara, and many smaller towns.

Provincial Telephone Service: Authority was obtained during the month for the reorganization of service provided to telegraph and provincial telephone service. By the end of the month, ten exchanges were connected to Ascoli for provincial service.

Some was connected to Pescara (1 cc.) and Fiumicino (2 cc.) and 6 for other smaller provincial circuits were completed. At least 30% of the telephone offices in Legion Region now have service to the main network.

Inter-Provincial Service: All provincial capitals are connected to the main network except Pescara, for which permission has not yet been given, but for which a circuit to Ascoli is ready.

Telegraph: Permission having been given during December for the opening of a service to Pescara, this province was

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connected, the service covering Perugia, Foligno, and a few other places. A connection was established from Valmontone to Rome.

Covered lines: Work was seriously delayed during the month of the summer. It was decided to transfer the work to the winter months. The work is still being held up, for instance, due to route changes. It was only been possible to restore 1/2 of the telephone offices in the area.

In the light of work on the main Viterbo route north has been delayed for the same reason.

In the reconstruction of lines to the smaller places, it has been necessary to use extra return telephone circuits to save wire.

An officer has been sent to Perugia to assist with the direction of Foligno District there and for temporary liaison work with 2 District. The C.S.C. has issued an order cutting down civilian subscribers in Perugia to below 500, and the A.C. officer suggested in having this ban largely removed.

A route under repair between Terni and Perugia, and permission has been obtained to extend the circuits on this route over another route to Perugia. Popping to the first route will take about 4 weeks of telephone, 1 telegraph.

Circulo Finance difficulties at Foligno were temporarily cleared by the provision of an advance of 50,000 lire by the local Finance Officer.

Livorno Region:

a. Florence: The automatic network consists of four large exchanges: Centro, Viterbo, Campo di Marte, and Affrico. A number of small exchanges. The four principal exchanges and a few small exchanges were seriously damaged.

By the end of November, 6000 lines of automatic equipment had been rebuilt in Centro exchange and 2000 subscribers' working. During December the latter figure was raised to 3400. Cables and switching in the exchange has now been completed to cater for 10,000 subscribers.

About 60 subscribers in Campo di Marte area have been connected over junctions to Centro exchange. Fifteen 4 600 line exchange has been repaired to take 500 lines, of which 35 are now working.

Repairs are in progress at Affrico. The underground local cable network is under repair, and several main subscriber's cables were repaired during the month.

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b. Local Exchanges-Other towns: Automatic exchanges are in progress of installation at Livorno, Lucca, Montecatini, Pisa, and Porto, while that at Pontedera is nearly ready.

direction of Toledo Circuit there and for temporary liaison work with Madrid. The L.S.C. has issued an order cancelling down circuit exchanges in Toledo to below 500, and the A.C. circuit has been largely removed.

Local exchanges have been reduced to 100 lines and the route over exchange has been reduced to 100 lines. Repairs to the first route will take about 5 weeks. Telephone, 3 telegraphs.

Circuit exchanges will be reduced to 100 lines and temporary exchange will be provided for an amount of 100 lines by the local exchange office.

Exchange Office

1. Exchange: The automatic network consists of four large exchanges - Madrid, Valencia, Getafe de Puerto, and Alcala. and a number of small exchanges. The four principal exchanges and a few small exchanges are currently damaged.

By the end of November, 1955, lines of automatic exchange had been reduced to 100 lines. Lines of automatic exchange are being reduced to 100 lines. Lines of automatic exchange are being reduced to 100 lines. Lines of automatic exchange are being reduced to 100 lines.

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2. Local Exchanges-Other Towns: Automatic exchanges are in progress of installation at Livo, Lugo, Montecarlo, Montecarlo, and Porto. While that at Montecarlo is nearly ready, automatic installations will be begun shortly at Lugo and Montecarlo. Pending these installations being completed, small manual boards have been installed and brought into use at Lugo, one 40 line board and Montecarlo one 20 line board. The existing small boards have been extended at Lugo, where 120 lines are now connected, and Montecarlo now two 100 lines.

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boards). Several small exchanges have also been brought into use.

c. Provincial Telephone Service: The service in Grosseto Province has been considerably extended by the completion of circuits from seven important exchanges to various communities in their neighbourhood.

d. Telegrams: A Grosseto - Civitavecchia circuit has been obtained from P.B.S. and work is in hand cutting it into Orbetello. This circuit will be used both by the Italian Navy and by the State Telegraphs. Service should be opened by the middle of January.

It is hoped to get a separate direct Grosseto - Civitavecchia circuit for Italian civilian use only at the end of the month, and also a Grosseto - Piombino circuit for the use of the Italian Navy, as negotiations have been made with P.B.S. to that end.

e. Mail Plant:

Local Underground: Network now under extensive repair at Florence, and to a limited extent, at Arezzo, Chiusi, Empoli, Grosseto, Livorno area, Massa Maritime area, Portofino, Piombino, Portoferra, and Impe.

Overhead: Several junction circuits are under repair.

(vi) Planning:

The A.C. specification for civilian telecommunications plant for N. Italy was revised, on instructions from A.P.H.C. so far as to include military type plant instead of commercial types.

Certain demands for switchboards were excluded from the new requisitions as it was found possible to have them made with military assistance in the Navy's factory. Specifications were prepared for these boards.

The demands for switchboards on the requisition were finally reduced to nil by the discovery of old type Siemens boards in their stores. These are now in course of repair.

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4. Line Plans:

Local Underpinning: Network was under extensive repair at Florence, even to a limited extent, at Ancona, Chiari, Anelli, Grosseto, Livorno area, Massa Marittima area, Montecatini, Pistoia, Pisa, Prato, and Siena.

Quarantine: Several junction circuits are under repair.

(iii) Plans:

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ANCONA, PERUGIA, SIENA:

AREZZO & LIVORNO:

PIACENZA & PISA: City, and South of the Arno only.

Outward correspondence to be restricted to commercial letters and private postcards.

which were opened to postal service on 18 December.

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b. In connection with this extension of services, arrangements were made with the Transportation Sub-Committee for the use of rail vans on the military trains from Rome to ANCONA weekly, PERITO bi-weekly and LIVORNO weekly. Due to requisitioning of part of the Post Office building at ANCONA, it was necessary to concentrate the delivery service for the provinces on PERITO.

c. Following upon submissions made to A.E.H.C. that a prohibition should be imposed on the inclusion of goods and articles in the authorized 1 kilo. letter post operating from the U.S. and U.K. to Italy (the limit having been revised essentially to permit of the transmission of commercial documents), it was announced that the U.S. would provide accordingly. The U.S. on the other hand, indicated that they were not in a position to ensure compliance with such a restriction, and that they would accordingly continue to regard 40 gms. as the maximum weight. Postage from Italy, up to the 1 kilo. limit, and in the meantime been announced as restricted to written and printed matter as permitted by the standing regulations extended to cover the posting of "commenced correspondence".

d. Arising essentially from this lifting of the ban on the transmission of commercial etc. correspondence and documents to and from the U.S. and U.S., the operation of the registered letter post with those countries was resumed.

e. During the month first operations were made for dealing with the parcels due to be received in mails from the U.S. Postal Officers conferred with the Allied Transportation etc. and Italian Postal authorities at Rome, Naples and Livorno regarding the bulk handling of the mails, accommodation, and disposal of the individual parcels. A visit was also made to Livorno to provide for the onward despatch of such shipments of parcel mails as will arrive at that port. The first mail to come to hand (actually the third one despatched) arrived at Naples on December 28th, and comprised the following:

312	bags for	ROME	City
200	"	"	PERITO City
183	"	"	PERITO City
2	"	"	VATICAN City

TOTAL 697 Bags

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112	bags for	ROME	City
206	"	"	Palermo City
183	"	"	Naples City
2	"	"	Italian City

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TOTAL 597 Bags

This consignment, rather less than the anticipated average weekly figure, represents something over 10,000 parcels.

f. The question of postage stamps supplies was examined in detail with the Italian Postal authorities, and provisions agreed upon to meet the situation created by the 100% increase in postage rates applied on October 1st, and the operative and pending extensions of the postal delivery area. The main of various steps to be taken was the overprinting of some 100 million stamps of an issue specially printed by the Fascist Republican Government.

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2. During the month the Chief Postal Officer paid a visit to London to discuss with the War Office and Postal Departments working to them a number of matters concerning Italy's position in relation to the present and future functioning of international mail services. Useful information was gained, and a number of uncertainties and outstanding queries disposed of.

3. CENSORSHIP

I. CIVILIAN

a. Civilian Telegraph Service.

The attention is to be recalled of external telegraphic communications between Italy and the United Kingdom and the United States, whose territory is enemy occupation remain the same as at last report. Failure of the Radio Corporation of America, Cable and Wireless Ltd., and it is likely to reach an agreement as to traffic rates continues to hold up the service. Censorship arrangements, however, are complete and personnel ready to handle traffic when service begins.

b. Rome - Moscow Telegraph Circuit.

The opening of circuit has been authorized and traffic thereon will be subject to censorship control. Pre-censorship of this traffic, which will be mainly in the Russian language, is practically impossible because of lack of language qualified personnel; however, a sufficient number of qualified civilians may be recruited, for the purpose of post-examining this traffic.

II. POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION

a. Censorship Operations.

For all stations concerned (exclusive of Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Transsiberian Mail) 33% of ordinary mail, 13% of registered mail, and 32% of military mail was censored.

For the same period 9% of ordinary mail, 6% of registered mail, and 9% of military mail was re-censored.

Total Comment Sheets
Information Slips
Italian Examiners
Re-examiners
Sorters and Clerks

3287
1138
273
36
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B. Radio - Moscow Telegram Circuit.

The operator of circuit has been authorized and traffic thereon will be subject to censorship control. Pre-censorship of this traffic, which will be mainly in the Russian language, is practically impossible because of lack of language qualified personnel; however, a restricted number of qualified civilians may be recruited. For the purpose of post-examination, this traffic.

II. Postal Supervision

A. Censorship Operations.

For all stations concerned (exclusive of Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Transatlantic Mail) 2% of ordinary mail, 13% of registered mail, and 32% of military mail was censored.

For the same period 9% of ordinary mail, 6% of registered mail, and 6% of military mail was re-censored.

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Informational Slips
Italian Examiners
Re-examiners
Sorters and Clerks

3287
1138
273
36
29

5863

Spain, Portugal, Switzerland

The volume of mail for the month was 5172 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets
Italian Examiners
Allied Personnel
Languages Used

35
3
4
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Transatlantic Mail

The volume of mail for the month was 35,773 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

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Total Comment Sheets 216

"S" Force Operations

During the month of December "S" Force entered the cities of Peverna and Firenze. Material was immediately removed to Rome, processed and comment sheets distributed to used agencies.

Closures and Transfer of Stations

On 16 December 1944 Enneti and Fieti stations were closed to censorship and Anquilla was transferred to the Italians. On 16 December 1944, Pisa, Arezzo and Ancona stations were opened.

External Mail Statistics

The latest statistics, as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer of Naples, are shown below:

For the four (4) week period 30 October - 26 November

OVERSEAS:	POW mail	2586.4	Kg. (255 bags, approximately letters)
		1,245,225	
	Civil mail	2332	Kg. (202 bags, approximately letters)
		298,500	
INTERNAL:	POW mail	7210	Kg. (473 bags, approximately letters)
		1,952,500	
	Civil Mail	1617	Kg. (153 bags, approximately letters)
		257,875	

III. DISSEMINATION SUB-SECTION

2. Censorship Operations

(1)

Statistical Summaries
Submission Slips
Special Reports

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10 (as listed hereunder)

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 4 Nov. - 10 Nov. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 11 Nov. - 17 Nov. 1944
"REPORT ON CAPTURED GERMAN MAIL" 5832

"REPORT ON THE CAPTURED RECORDS OF THE CIVIL AND
MILITARY CENSORSHIP OFFICE OF PORTI"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 18 Nov. - 24 Nov. 1944"

"ASSOCIATION AND CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING"

External Mail Statistics

The latest statistics, as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer of Mailers, are shown below:

For the four (4) week period 10 October - 26 November

<u>DEFENSE:</u>	POW mail	2696.4	KG. 1205 bags, approximately letters)
		1,245,425	
	Civil mail	2332	KG. 1202 bags, approximately letters)
		225,500	
<u>POW mail</u>	POW mail	7810	KG. 1473 bags, approximately letters)
		1,952,500	
<u>Civil Mail</u>	Civil Mail	1617	KG. 153 bags, approximately letters
		257,675	

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"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 18 Nov. - 24 Nov. 1944"

"APPROPRIATION AND CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY MAIL FOR POW LETTERS DURING 25 Nov. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 25 Nov. - 1 Dec. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 2 Dec. - 8 Dec. 1944"

"SPALL-204 17 IN. IV, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NAPLES"

"PUBLIC OPINION DAILY - 9 Dec. - 15 Dec. 1944"

(11) Compared to the month of November, December figures show a marked decrease in the number of Submission Sheets distributed to A.S.Q. level. There are two reasons for this, i.e. (1) with the slackening of front-line operations, there has been a reduced number of captures from Post-Offices in forward areas; (2) much of the mail handled in December emanated from areas captured during the previous month and which, not being of recent date, had been set aside for examination after the November handling of more up-to-date captures.

17. LANCING CENSORSHIP

2. Censorship Operations.

(1) In the past four weeks' reports from seven telegraph censorship stations show 105,637 telegrams handled. These stations submitted 165 comment sheets.

(2) Four telegraph censorship stations in the past four weeks have pre-censored 154,356 telegrams, submitting 575 comment sheets.

(3) Rome telephone station submitted 1865 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(4) The Naples telephone station in Naples submitted 250 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(5) The Volano telephone station in Naples submitted 285 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(6) The Florence telephone station submitted 152 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(7) A total of 3982 comment sheets were submitted by the telephone and telegraph censorship stations during the month of December.

3. Policy.

(1) Telegraph censorship was discontinued in the provinces of Livorno, Grosseto, Viterbo, Chieti and Fieschi on 18 December 1944.

(2) Telegraph censorship in the provinces of Ancona, Pescara and Teramo was turned over to Italian censorship

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2. Censored operations.
(1) In the past four weeks' reports from seven telegraph censorship stations show 105,617 telegrams handled. These stations submitted 165 comment sheets.

(2) Rome telegraph censorship station in the past four weeks has pre-censored 134,306 telegrams, submitting 575 comment sheets.

(3) Rome telephone station submitted 1855 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(4) The Naples telegraph station in Naples submitted 250 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(5) The Milan telegraph station in Milan submitted 285 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(6) The Florence telephone station submitted 153 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

(7) A total of 3253 comment sheets were submitted by the telegraph and telegraph censorship stations during the month of December.

b. Policy.

(1) Telegraph censorship was discontinued in the provinces of Litoria, Grosinone, Viterbo, Chieti and Rieti on 18 December 1944.

(2) Telegraph censorship in the provinces of Aquila, Pescara and Teramo was turned over to Italian censorship authorities on 18 December 1944.

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V. CABLE AND RADIO SUBSCRIPTION4. Censorship Operations.

Traffic report for the four-week period, 16 November to 23 December 1944, is as follows:

Total number of messages	2,728
Incoming	1,164
Outgoing	1,460

VI. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SUBSECTION4. Censorship Operation(1) Watch ListStatisticsGeneral

Total on Red Watch List	292
Total on White Watch List	561
Total	853

Postal

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ.	83
Reports of local action	2
Number of intercepts disseminated	82

Telegrams

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ.	179
Reports of local action	9
Number of intercepts disseminated	88

Telephones

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ	110
Number of intercepts disseminated	48
(Approximately all C/S received local action)	

(2) United States Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

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2. Censorship Operation

(1) Watch List

Station

General

Total on Red Watch List 292
Total on White Watch List 561

Total 853

Test

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ. 83
Reports of local action 2
Number of intercepts disseminated 22

Telephone

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ. 179
Reports of local action 5
Number of intercepts disseminated 88

Teletype

Number of intercepts forwarded to HQ 110
Number of intercepts disseminated 46
(Approximately all C/S received local action)

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(2) United States Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

Dissemination on names appearing in both Watch List 1
Dissemination on names appearing in U.S. Watch List 2
Dissemination on names appearing in British Watch List 0
Total 10

(3) Signal Intelligence Laboratory.

1. Testing

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4580 pieces of mail were listed for Signal Intelligence during the first part of the month, the volume was small, but there was a noticeable increase in the final week.

ii. Deletions

The only deletions studied were place names with fieldpost addresses on IOW mail from German-held territory. A large number were examined; six were read.

iii. Code and Cipher

Statistics

Examined

229
48
166

Codes broken

Believed not to contain code

Believed to contain code but not yet
broken

6
0

Comment Sheets

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iii. Code and CipherStatistics22)
38
156

Examined

Codes broken

Believed not to contain code
Believed to contain code but not yet
broken6
0

Comment sheets

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ARRIVAL FOR BOMBING 1944COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSIONTELECOMMUNICATIONS

- a. Civil telegraph and provincial telephone services were authorized in the additional provinces of ANCONA and PERUGIA.
- b. Civil telegraph service from FORT to the SOUTH was much improved during the month by the release of circuits from Allied use and by the installation of equipment transferred from SICILY. Except to SARDINIA, telegraph service within Italian Government territory is now satisfactory.
- c. Many additional telephone exchanges in Regional Military Government territory were opened and many more are in final stages of installation; the result of work that has been in progress since July are now showing. Included in the towns with new services are PISA, LORRAINE, TRENTO and MONTROVATI, and FLORENCE, LUCCA and PUGLIA with much increased capacity.
- d. No agreement has yet been reached on the terms for the opening of cablegram service to the U.S. and U.K.

POSTAL

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- b. The first parcels arrived from the U.S. under the special service referred to in the October report; this first delivery included over 10,000 parcels.

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SUMMARY FOR 1944

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SUMMARY FOR 1944

a. The overall position on civil communications at the end of 1944 is not unsatisfactory. An increasingly liberal policy on the part of the Allied military authorities is manifest, which directly affects the facilities that this Sub-Commission is able to obtain for civil use.

b. Letter services, internal and foreign, are operating up to a line approximately through FISA, FICINCE and ANCONA. There is no parcel service, internal or external, except for a special gift-parcel service from the U.S. to the cities of

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ROMA, NAPLES and PALERMO, due to lack of transportation and communication.

- c. Telephone services are authorized up to the northern boundaries of CHIOSTO, TERAMO and ANCONA; they are in a satisfactory state within Italian Government territory (except to SARDEGNA), though still lacking in some forward areas.
- d. Long-distance telephone services are authorized within all Italian Government territory, except POGGIA province; though too scanty to provide adequate facilities for ordinary civil use, they are just sufficient for government work.
- e. Censorship is only exercised in the area forward of Italian Government territory plus the port areas and places of special military importance (FOI E, POGGIA, BARI, etc.) in that territory. Complete freedom of expression is allowed unless military security is directly affected.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 395
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 400

17th November, 1944

cc: reply
1/1/32/08

Subject: Monthly Report

Chief of Staff, HQ A.C.

Herewith Monthly Report of this Sub-Commission for
November 1944.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission
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In reply
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To : Chief of Staff, Hqs.A.C.

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October, 1944.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Incl: One Report.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSIONOFFICIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 19441. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

a. Telephones: Intra-provincial service was authorized in the additional provinces of Grosseto, Terni, Ascoli and Macerata. Inter-provincial service was authorized in the additional provinces of Ancona, Pescara, Ascoli, Teramo, Avezzano, Benevento, Caserta, Frosinone, L'Aquila, Rome, Rieti, Viterbo, and with San Marino.

Exchanges were repaired or installed and brought into use in: Civitavecchia, Civita Castellana, Frosinone, Anagni, Albano Laziale, Genzano, Colliere, Montefiore, Marino, Bracciano, Bracciano (Automatic), Salaria, Avezzano, Chieti, L'Aquila, Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli, Ancona (Automatic), Avezzano (Automatic), Pescara (Automatic), now restored to 6000 lines capacity, Rome (Automatic), Viterbo, Lucca, Pistoia.

Circuits were completed: Rome to Civitavecchia, Frosinone, Viterbo, Bracciano, Civita Castellana; Terni to Colliere, Bracciano, L'Aquila; Viterbo to Albano Laziale; Ancona to Ascoli; Pescara, Teramo, Teramo to Ascoli; besides many circuits to smaller towns.

The telephone cable to San Marino has been restored to the Italian Government, and taken into use by them.

b. Telegraphs: Telegraph service has been authorized in all provinces listed in para. 1. of 1. above. Restoration of circuits has now given the Italian Government telegraph communication to all provincial capitals of provinces under Italian administration, the headquarters of Ascoli, Terni, Ascoli, Macerata and Rieti to the North of Italian Government territory.

About 100,000 telegrams a month are now passing through the Rome Office.

Notification was received from A.S.E.C. that civil radio and cable radio would be permitted to U.S. and U.S. possessions and the U.S. and British Empire from 15th November, 1944.

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2. POSTAL

a. Internal postage rates quoted in previous report prior to Allied occupation Oct. 1st.

b. A.M. postage stamps withdrawn from use in Italy Oct. 1st.

c. Internal and Foreign mail services restored in all the further provinces of Ascoli, Grosseto, Macerata, Terni and Viterbo. Operations made in the provinces of Ancona, Avezzano, Pescara, Frosinone, L'Aquila, and Siena, which are now ready to introduce services on receipt of the necessary authority.

d. Restriction on type of language used in civilians' letters to places abroad removed. Any language now permissible.

e. Direct despatches of mails from Italy to Malta introduced.

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- f. Conference held at A.F.H.Q. on subject of delay to R.G.S. and Civilian Mails addressed to U.S.
- g. Announcements made in press and Radio broadcasts regarding resumption of commercial correspondence between U.S. and U.K. with Italy; action taken regarding postal arrangements.
- h. Announcements made in Radio broadcasts and press of limited parcel service to be introduced between U.S. and Rome, Naples and Palermo; action taken regarding censorship, restrictions on contents, custom charges, and operating accommodation and transport.
- i. Postcard service between members of Allied Forces in this theatre with civilians in parts of liberated France; application has been made to extend the service to Italian civilians.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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17th October, 1944

In reply
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Subject: Monthly Report

To: Chief of Staff, HQA. A.C.U.

Herewith Monthly Report of this Sub-Commission
for September, 1944.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: One report.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1944

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

a. Telephone: The towns of LITTONIA, VALLETTRI, PROSSINONE, TERRACINA and VITERBO have been connected to the main telephone system. On the east side of Italy, the towns of TERNI, RIETI, AQUILA, and TUDUM have been interconnected, though there is still no connection from that side to the main system. Local services have been restored in several more towns.

An inter-urban board has been reconditioned and is being installed in FLORENCE in readiness for service.

b. Telegraphs: Telegraph service is now available to the same towns as those in para. a.

The telegraph cable from ROME to BARDINIA has been restored to the Italian authorities.

An examination of Italian Government facilities on foreign cablegrams and an investigation of their cipher systems have been started by an expert commission from London.

2. POSTAL

a. Postal services have been restored in the additional province of RIETI.

b. A special 25 - word postcard service has been set up between FLORENCE and the internal postal zone.

c. Direct despatches to SPAIN and PORTUGAL were introduced, in lieu of circulation via London.

d. The Naples - Rome carriage of mail has been transferred from road to rail.

e. Linking-up with the restricted civil mail service established in liberated France has been investigated and it is hoped the service will open shortly.

f. Foreign correspondence totalled well over 3 million letters. 5852

3. CENSORSHIP

Internal censorship on mail and telegraph communications has now been discontinued in all provinces south of the ROME - AQUILA-CHIETI line, except in NAPLES, POGGIA, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, CANTIERI, PALERMO and SIRACUSA. All these censorship stations are or shortly will be under Italian control, except NAPLES and POGGIA.

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Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: CS/1/1/29.

15th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Herewith Monthly Report of this Sub-Commission for
August 1944.

J. I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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completion in many cases. The following are the results of the above.

1. Telegrams. Telegrams have been sent out in all provinces listed above. In few cases are circuits available, but they are also not as complete as in the past.

The telegraph service from Rome to the British has been improved, but is still inferior. The telegraph service from Naples and Bari are still superior by sea. Arrangements to effect improvement, which include transfer of equipment from Sicily, are in hand.

Submarine telegraph cables to Sicily and Sardinia have been handed over to the Italian nation. Most of the only the Sicily circuit is restored to operation.

The Italian wireless service has been restored to normal conditions. It is clear that in Sicily, with 1914 Italian wireless, etc., already, except that in Argentina. (This service was previously restricted to the Italian side of Madrid, Lisbon and Tenerife.)

2. Postal.

a. Internal and foreign mail services have been restored in the additional provinces of Reggio, Cuneo, Alessandria, Asti and Turin.

b. Railway and RAI have closed as foreign mail transfer points leaving only Naples, and a few transfers through Catania.

c. Some 17,000,000 letters (about 70 tons), including about 12,000,000 P.O. letters, have been sent since the postal mail service since the opening of service early this year.

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Director, Communications Sub-Committee.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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15th August 1944

In reply refer
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To: Regional Control & Military Government Section.

Herewith monthly report of this Sub-Commission
for July, 1944.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director, Communications, Sub-Commission.

Incl: One report.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSIONMONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 19421. TELECOMMUNICATIONS(a) Telephone

(i) All main telephone circuits to the south (e.g. Palermo, Messina, Reggio, Cosenza, etc), terminated at Salerno for Italian Government use, were put through to Naples. A total of five telephone circuits between Naples and Rome were handed over by the military for ACC/Government use; only three of these are trunk circuits, of which one is used by ACC Rome - Naples, one by Italian Government Rome-Bari, leaving only one circuit for Italian Government use to Naples that is suitable for extension to the south. The other two circuits are overhead circuits only suitable for Rome - Naples communications. The governmental trunk telephone facilities are therefore still extremely scanty.

(ii) Release on inter-provincial telephone facilities to civil use in Italian Government territory was given by military security North of Naples, telephone facilities are reserved for Government use.

(b) Telegraphs

(i) Telegraph circuits were made available to the Italian Government from Rome to the South (Naples and Bari). The traffic capacity is fair, but not capable of carrying all traffic without heavy delay. Direct telegraph circuits were provided for the Italian Air and Navy Ministries from Rome to Bari.

(ii) Civil telegraphs between Rome and the south of Italy were opened on 1st July; by the end of the month over 3000 telegrams a day were being dealt with in the Rome office.

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(c) Circuit Repair

Reconnaissance were completed, plans made, transport obtained, release of routes or wires from military signals arranged, and work has been in progress on restoration of civil communications in Regions IV and V. Due to the extensive damage and shortage of stores, little tangible results will be seen for some weeks.

2. Postal

(a) Civil mail services, both internal and foreign, were extended to Rome on 1st July, and to the provinces of Rome, Littoria, Grosseto and Campobasso later in the month.

(b) The mail service between Naples and Bari, the main cross-Italy link, was increased to a daily service each way.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

13th July, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/1/1/27

Subject : Monthly Report.

To : Regional Control & Military Government Section.

Herewith monthly report of this Sub-Commission
for June, 1944.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: One report.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSIONMONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 19441. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

a. In Italian Government territory there have been only minor changes. The percentage of telegraph offices connected by the end of June reached 100% in Sicily, 50% in Sardinia and 54% in Italy, an average of 77% compared with the 65% reported in May. Unless more transport is made available, this probably represents the maximum restorable.

In Sicily practically all military signal personnel have been withdrawn and the maintenance of the military circuits still remaining has been taken over by Italian operations under arrangements made by the Regional Telecommunications Offices. In the Naples area telegraph service has been restored to the larger suburban areas, Ardea, Santhiata, Orsini, Torre del Greco, Aversa etc.

b. Communications to and within Rome have been the chief activity of the month. The Deputy Director of the Sub-Commission entered Rome on 15th June and the Chief of the Telecommunications Branch followed on the 16th June. In Rome, the urban automatic system was practically undamaged, but there were many problems of power supply, restoration of services to civilians, arranging for military installations including A.U.C. HQs, etc. that were dealt with by the combined efforts of Allied Armies and A.U.C. Telecommunications Officers. The first circuits to Rome were restored by the military on the overhead routes by about the middle of June, but all these were required for military purposes. The main underground cable was restored (3 circuits) on July 1st, by the civilian group working under the A.U.C. Telecommunications Officer, attached to the Chief Signal Officer, L. of C. This date was the original one given on 15th June, then estimated to give about five days in hand; these days were used up by the difficult repair of unforeseen damage to the cable by high-frequency current, a new form of sabotage. The repeater equipment in Rome for the main cable circuits was also damaged, as of course were all the intervening equipments from Naples to Rome, but this had naturally been anticipated.

The establishment of these circuits will allow an allocation to be made for the Italian Government and A.U.C. use.

c. Reconnaissance has been made of the overhead routes and the telecommunications facilities in the newly liberated area. Between Rome and Naples the damage is very extensive and it will be some time before civil circuits can be restored with the limited facilities available for the work. North of Rome reports have been obtained of the state of telephone exchanges and telegraph offices and of

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overhead routes in Region B. These are not, in general, very badly damaged.

B. Transportation. The acute shortage of transport is being increasingly felt in the area beyond. Telecommunications services can neither be restored nor maintained without transport to carry line parties with poles, wire and other stores, and for reconnaissance and inspections and the movement of equipment. A very limited amount of transport has been provided from Army sources for the civil maintenance of routes carrying military circuits, but the Allied armies have not been prepared to allocate transport for exclusively civil services. Repeated applications to A.C.G. HQs have been finally met with the reply that they are not prepared to allocate nor at their disposal nor to request any from Allied authorities.

The result will be that the restoration of telecommunications facilities in the new areas will proceed extremely slowly; it is considered that the provision of essential telegraph and telephone circuits is an absolute necessity for any centralized Government control to be effective; it is also considered that the existence of telegraph and telephone services economizes in transport by being able to carry a large proportion of courier services and visits. Unless some transport, (of the order of fifty 4-ton trucks) is provided, the efficiency of Government from Rome will be seriously handicapped.

2. POSTAL.

A. The main development in the South was the restoration of internal and foreign letter services in the provinces of Benevento and in the remainder of Naples province, which is now fully served. Registration, insurance, express, air-mail, and money order services were extended to those areas simultaneously for internal mails. Endeavours were made to obtain a security clearance for the restoration of rail services in Terra, which has so far carried an exceptional restriction; this matter is not yet resolved.

B. To provide for postal matters in Rome, a Postal Officer was sent forward and arrived in the city on June 6th. Conditions were found to be very favourable. All Post Offices, on which "out of bounds" notices were quickly affixed, were in good order and not occupied by any military units. In addition to the Central Post Office, there are five Branch Offices and seventy Sub-Offices in the city. Records, stamp stocks, etc. were generally intact. The personnel normally employed number some 5000 (apart from a large ministerial staff) and the chief officials were mostly available. Transportation was normally provided by a contractor, the Post Office having no vehicles of its own. It has been possible to secure a number of the postal vans, but they are not all in running order.

Assorted stocks of postage stamps were on hand, in quite large supply for most denominations. These stocks comprised a

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number of the normal Italian issue, a further number which had been overprinted by the Republican Government, and two denominations of a special Republican issue which are stated not to have been put on sale. All other than the normal stamps are being called in the "Frozen".

The printing establishment State Postoffice was able to obtain all stamp dies, and has printing material available to reproduce further large stocks of the normal Italian stamps, which will continue to be the only authorized issue for use in the Peninsula. Further urgently required stocks of postal bonds can also be supplied, and this matter is already in hand. Altogether the position for maintaining stocks of "value for use" is very favorable, and so far as the Postoffice is concerned, it could appear that this is far from being due to chance.

With regard to postal services in Rome, on June 1st a post and delivery service within the city was introduced. To enable the activity of the security branch, A.S.I., was required to afford a two way 25 - word postcard service between Rome city and the Italian city and those areas in which postal services were already operating. The first postcard under this service was sent on June 1st. On June 3rd the Chief Post Officer visited Rome with the object of extending the mail facilities to include letters and to link up the Rome area with the foreign mail. The availability of such a service was announced to the public on July 1st.

1. Extension of services to the provinces (from Liguria and Piedmont) offered greater difficulties, mainly in relation to accommodations, transportation, and the establishment of branch posts. All three provinces will be opened to service before the end of July.

2. Postal Services.

a. The hand over of operational control to the Italian Government in Italian Government territory took place, and the Chief Censor and his officers were withdrawn from all stations in that area except at the traffic centre for foreign mail. Italian censor officers have also been attached to censoring stations in A.S.I. territory to prepare the transfer that will take place when this territory is handed over to the Italian Government.

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b. In accordance with the 'freeze' policy of censorship, all censorship on internal communications was ceased in 15 out of 32 provinces in Italian Government territory, leaving only the port area.

c. The Civil Censorship Branch transferred from Palermo to Rome on 27th June.

d. Civil Censorship officers reorganized 'B' force into 1000.

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and took over a large quantity of it from enemy territories. The records of the Republic's Censorship were also impounded and a great deal of valuable information extracted.

2. Telephone censorship was set up in Cuba, utilizing the very elaborate equipment already installed there.

3. The divided control of civil censorship between U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. Headquarters is still the cause of friction, and a meeting held with Lt. Col. Weaver of I.M.C., U.S.A., was fruitless. This difficulty will remain until the organization is more logically arranged.

4. OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

The large extension of the area has strained the resources of the Sub-Commission beyond the limit of efficient service, particularly in the telecommunications branch.

The distribution of available officers of this branch is:

1. Lt. Col.	Chief Telecomm. Officer	HQ
2. Major	Assistant Chief	HQ
3. Lt. Col.	Cable system specialist	Attached D. of C.
4. Major	Regional officer	Region 1, 2, 3, 7.
5. Capt.	_____	Region 2
6. Major	_____	Home and Region 4.
7. Major	_____	Region 5.
8. Major	_____	Region 6.

The officer for Region 1, 2, 3, 7 and the officer for Home and Region 4 both have too extended a territory to cover efficiently: there is no reserve for forward regions or for sickness.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSIONMONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 1944.1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

a. There having been no change during May of the area placed under Italian administration, no major changes have taken place in the telecommunication system. Detailed development has been in steady progress; in particular, the capacity of the telegraph circuits to Naples has been made adequate for the traffic with that city. The telephone circuits available for the Italian Government to Naples are however now very inadequate, due chiefly to the new Government including several political leaders resident in Naples; an increase in these facilities has been requested of the military authorities.

b. A tour was made by the officer in charge of the telecommunication branch of the provinces of Palermo, Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto and Lecce, and many minor matters settled in regard to exchanges, circuits, stores, maintenance, etc., in conjunction with the military authorities. His tour, together with that reported in March, has completed his inspection of the area under Italian administration, and it is considered that the whole of this area can now be left to the Italian authorities with the local assistance of regional telecommunication officers.

2. P.O.S.

a. No major changes; detailed improvements have included the provision of four mail services a week from Naples to Bari (in place of two a week), and an air-mail service with Tripoli.

b. A conference was held with the Security Branch, A.A.I., A.C. & F.C. Section and the Finance Sub-Commission, to lay down the sequence and circumstances in which the resumption of postal finance services, advance postal services for I.C.T., mail, and normal postal services could take place in newly occupied areas. Agreement was reached and the results are being included in re-issues of A.C.C. Executive Memoranda Nos. 35 and 36.

3. CIVIL CENSORSHIP.

a. A policy was approved by the Chief Commissioner, and A.F.C. & A.A.I. agreement obtained, to turn over the operational control of internal mail and telegraph censorship to the Italian Government in Italian administered territory, and simultaneously to permit this control to be exercised by the Italian Supreme Command instead of by local prefects acting under instructions of the Ministry of the Interior. This has the result of centralising the control, and of

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ensuring that civil censorship is made primarily an instrument of military security and not a source of political information. A conference was held with the Italian Ministries concerned to settle the details, and the transfer will take place in June.

Policy control is retained by this Commission, and the normal direct executive control by Allied censors in areas forward of the Italian Government territory is not affected.

B. During the month the extent of control still attempted by A.F.H.Q. has led to some unsatisfactory situations. Despite the fact that A.A.I. is responsible for military security in Italy and A.C.C. for operational control of internal civil censorship, severe reduction in censorship personnel have been received by A.F.H.Q., without A.A.I. or our concurrence that the functioning of civil censorship would not be unduly impaired. This and other matters will be discussed at a meeting to be held in June at which A.F.H.Q., (I.N.C.) and A.A.I., (Security) will be present.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1944COMMUNICATIONS SECTION1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Telegraph. The extension of the internal telegraph service has been authorized to include Avellino Province and Naples Province up to the R. Volturno. Service with Naples City has been inaugurated. By the end of the month about 850 messages a day have been passing through Naples post office.

The internal telegraph service is now restored to about 85% of the communes in the King's Italy which previously had such service, and includes all provincial capitals and large towns.

AMHQ have refused permission for any resumption of external civil cable or radio telegraph traffic.

- b. Telephone. The civil telephone service, previously limited to urban centers, has been authorized for cities within provincial boundaries. Within King's Italy about 12% of the communes now have telephone communications to their provincial capitals and a further 4% to the local large town not a provincial capital.

The repair of the main Palermo - Reggio cable has been completed, making many additional long-distance telephone circuits available to the Italian Government. Direct telephone service for officials now is now available from Palermo to all provincial capitals in the Kingdom in the King's Italy, and to Palermo, Messina and Catania in Sicily.

- c. Planning. Plans have been completed as far as practicable for the restoration of telecommunications in enemy occupied Italy. Available equipment in southern Italy has been inspected and suitable items earmarked for future use; details of additional equipment needed have been forwarded to U.S.G., for supply from U.S. or U.K.

2. POSTS.

- a. Additional Services. Arrangements were completed for restoration within the postal zone of internal service for the following classes of mail:

Registered Letters

Insured Letters

Express Letters

Newspaper Post

Airmail (Italy - Sicily - Sardinia)

Maximum allowed weight has raised from 50 grams

to 100 grams for letter.

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1. Foreign Mail. The first inward foreign airmail arrived during April, and included shipments from the U.S., U.S.A., North Africa, Egypt, India and Australia. The first New York shipment to reach Berlin arrived on April 21st and comprised some 300,000 items.

2. Volume of Mail. The following sample figures are of interest:

Postage Volume and Volume of Mail April 1-14.

Civilian Mail (Inland and Foreign)	1,170,000 items.
Freight of Air Mail	280,000 items.

Civilian Mail Volume - April (Total) 1941.

Foreign Mail Only - Statistics of Inland Mail not available.

Civilian Mail	300,000 items
Freight of Air Mail	1,000,000 items

3. Registration. Following on airmail registration which commenced at 1941 conference of Special Commissioners, the preparation of an outline of airmail registration was a task for allied and Italian officials who will be dealing with registration of airmail services in territory under occupation.

4. CIVIL CENSORSHIP.

5. The Civil Censorship Board, formerly operating under I.C. 4441, was transferred to A.C.C. toward the end of April. The Headquarters personnel was moved from Palermo to Catania and the group now forms part of the Communications Sub-commission.

6. NOTE. As a result of the incorporation of the Civil Censorship Board, the name of the Sub-Commission was changed to the present name, Sub-commission.

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JOINT HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394

17 April, 1944

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Monthly report of telecommunications
and posts sub-commission.

TO :

R.O. & R.C. Section, A.O.C., Naples.

Herewith: monthly report of this sub-commission
for March, 1944.

Signed

J.L. Henderson

J.L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, telecommunications and posts sub-commission

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION
REPORT FOR APRIL 1945

1. Telecommunications.

- a. Telegraph. By the end of the month, the internal telegraph service had been restored within and between all parts of government-controlled Italy and the insular possessions, except from Corsica.
- b. Telephone. Except for official calls, no permission had been granted for civil telephone service outside urban areas.
- c. Field work. The repair of the main Palermo-Reggio cable and the replacement of damaged repeater equipment was continued. Details of the circuit arrangements being made available to the Italian authorities were settled with U.S.O., I. of C.

2. Posts.

- a. Mail. The internal and foreign mail service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces up to the rear army boundary. The extension into Benevento Province is in hand.
 - b. Postal bonds. This service has been extended to include Sicily.
 - c. Postage stamps. Several special services for Vatican, I.R.C.C., and others have been arranged.
3. Tours. A tour of the main towns of Umbria, Abruzzo and Sicily was made by the officer in charge of the telecommunications branch in company with the under-secretary of state for telecommunications and posts. As a result of this tour and the contacts made, release of a number of prisoners (particularly in Sicily) were obtained for the Italian government.

As civil and military tours were made to clear up situation between military signals and civil authorities.

4. Activities.

The associated activities of the sub-commission have included such items as: getting release of timber for telegraph poles; obtaining minor stores for the Italian government, such as paper tape for teletype writer; arranging for movement of post office personnel from occupied to unoccupied areas and vice versa; correspondence with military signals over freeing of circuits for Italian government use, and restoration of coast and coast watching circuits; correspondence with civil censorship, over censorship arrangements on postal and telegraph services; analyzing and submitting to economic section proposed revised rates for telegraph, telephone and postal services; arranging for supplies of stamps from U.S. for Italian government; arranging international postal services details; supervising Allied Control Commission communications.

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MILITARY CONTROL COMMISSION
No 394In reply refer
to: T-34/12

16th March, 1944

Subject: Monthly activity report

To: regional control and military government section, AGO, Saigon.

Reference your 312.1 dated 23rd February, 1944.

The monthly report of this sub-commission for February
is attached herewith.

Signed

J. L. Henderson

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Director, Communications and Postal Sub-Commission

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TELECOMUNICATIONS AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1944.

1. TELECOMUNICATIONS

(a) Circuits for the Italian Government

By negotiations with the military authorities concerned the following additional major facilities were made available to the Italian Government:-

(i) A switchboard was established in Naples and circuits connected for the two Italian Ministries in Naples (railways and shipping), and of or Italian Government offices in Naples, and a junction circuit connected with the Italian Government exchange in Palermo.

(ii) An Italian teletype circuit as arranged from Palermo to Naples, and an additional circuit from Palermo to Bari.

(iii) Local circuits in the Salerno area.

(iv) Liberty was obtained from the Italian Government to transmit official messages to Salerno (Giglio) and Cagliari (Sardinia) via the military operated submarine cables from Naples. The routing of handling this traffic was established.

(b) Future Planning.

A complete schedule of minimum requirements for the Italian Government in the unoccupied and occupied areas, including Italy, was drawn up in consultation with the War Secretary of State, and forwarded to the War Signal Officers of the line of communications and C&P.

(c) Stores.

A complete list of Italian communication stores in unoccupied territory was received from the War Secretary of State and submitted to the Chief Signal Officer, C&P and general release of stores not required for military use is waived.

(d) Transport

Release of eight vehicles was obtained for the use by the Italian Government in the maintenance of military and civil circuits in occupied territory. 5835

(e) Sub-commission Policy.

A conference was held of the officers of the telecommunications branch of this sub-commission, on 10/2/44 and with regard to a policy of development laid down. This policy has been submitted to the regional control and military government section for inclusion in a general directive to be issued.

2) Work started.

The restoration of the main underground cable from Rome to Berlin was entrusted by the chief signal officer, 1 of G, with an AGO telecommunications officer in charge of the work.

5) AGO communications.

The AGO signal office was moved to Naples. This included the transfer of the wireless station and the cipher staff from Rome to Naples and the installation of teletype in the signal offices at Naples and Rome and to the AGO teletype switchboard.

The single position exchange in the AGO Naples was changed for a two position board.

2. COMM.

a) At the beginning of the month the effective strength of the postal branch was one officer in Italy and one in Sicily. On the 9th February three additional officers arrived from the posting center; these were sent to survey the postal arrangements in regions II, III and VI.

b) On the 15th February an international letter and postcard service was started, linking up Sicily, Sardinia, and the Ionian Islands with all Allied and neutral countries abroad (other than those excluded by the enemy).

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONWINTER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, 1944TELECOMMUNICATIONS.(a) Plans for the Italian Government.

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(ii) An Italian telephone circuit was arranged from Salerno to Naples, and an additional circuit from Salerno to Bari.

(iii) Local circuits in the Salerno area.

(iv) Authority was obtained from the Italian Government to transport special messages to Salerno (Italy) and Naples (Germany) via the military operated submarine cables from Naples. The routing of handling this traffic was established.

(b) Future Planning.

A complete schedule of minimum requirements from the Italian Government in the proposed and occupied areas, including Sicily, was drawn up in consultation with the War Secretary of State, and forwarded to the Chief Signal Officers of the Line of Communications and ACMP.

(c) Stores.

A complete list of Italian communication stores in occupied territory was received from the War Secretary of State and submitted to the Chief Signal Officer, ACMP. A general release of stores not required for military use is awaited.

(d) Transport.

Release of eight vehicles was obtained for the use by the Italian Government in the maintenance of military and civil circuits in unoccupied territory.

(e) Sub-Commissioning.

A conference was held of the officers of the Telecommunications Branch of this Sub-Commission, of ACMP HQ and with Regions.

(iii) In 1934, a military aircraft was captured from Palermo exchange to Palermo.

(144) Local directives in the Palermo area.

(145) A complete list of Italian communication stores in the Palermo area was obtained from the Italian Government to Palermo. A complete list of Italian communication stores in the Palermo area was obtained from the Italian Government to Palermo. A complete list of Italian communication stores in the Palermo area was obtained from the Italian Government to Palermo.

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(148) Transmission.

Release of eight vehicles was obtained for the use of the Italian Government in the Palermo area of military and civil aircraft in Palermo.

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(149) Sub-Commission Station.

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(150) Work started.

The restoration of the main communication cable from Palermo to Regadio was commenced by the Chief Signal Officer, L of C, with an ACC telecommunication officer in charge of the work.

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(c) ACC Communications.

The main ACC Signal Office was moved to Naples. This included the transference of the wireless station and the cipher store from Salerno to Naples and the installation of cipher stores at Signal Offices at Salerno and Naples on to the new saltpetre switchboard.

The single provision exchange in the ACC Naples was changed for a two-provision board.

2. POSTS.

(a) At the beginning of the month the effective strength of the Postal Branch was one officer in Italy and one in Sicily. On the 31st February three additional officers were employed from the Italian Center; these were sent to survey the postal arrangements in regions II, III and IV.

(b) On the 15th February an international letter and postcard service was started, linking up Sicily, Sardinia, and the ten provinces of Italy with all allied and neutral countries abroad (other than those controlled by the enemy).

(U) At the beginning of the month was effective an attempt to "buy" a 25,000 sq. cm. office in Italy and use it daily. On the 21st of March there was a total collapse of the two big houses in Rome; these were shut to survey the local arrangements in the 25,000 sq. cm. and 25,000 sq. cm.

(4) On the 15th February an international letter was posted addressed to Newark, listing as Society, Sarlat, and the 'anarchists of Italy' - the six Italian and several countries along with them, these recorded by the group.

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As regards the Italian Government's request for a media link to Sardinia, it was stated at the conference

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And finally, if repeated requests by the Consulate, for the submission of transportation requirements in support, authority has been received from CTO, in 1955, for the supply of three vehicles from the U.S. District post at Saigon. The vehicles for use in the transportation of overland routes in South Vietnam. The number is three in equivalent but it will enable a start to be made.

have facilities for and are being furnished by American in
Salinas Ave. (1st to 22 December 1941)

The installations were set up to vary considerably.

TRANSACTIONS FOR ITALIAN FIELD DIVISIONS (PARTS 1 OF 2) December 24, 1944 (+)

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Further representations were received from Dr. Tano and from several other persons of the whole circumstances of the case and of the operation of the administration and of the management of the office. The Commission is not in a position to make any recommendation at this time.

(1) Outline for work on Italian resources in Sicily.

In anticipation of the service (initially within arrangements have been made.

(2) Initial survey information.

In order to obtain certain basic information for Army (Inf) divisions have been held with the Chief of the Staff, Chief and Intelligence offices.

3. Postal Service.

(a) Internal and foreign mail.

(i) During the month the officers at Bristol and Salerno attended conference at AFHQ, W38 and Division respectively on the subject primarily of foreign mail. Discussion has also taken place regarding the development of internal service.

(ii) The first half of the month was occupied in coordinating the internal postal service and in effecting a link with Sicily and Sardinia. Foreign mail service will commence 15th February, 1944. Working instructions have been prepared in conjunction with the Chief Secretary of State and have been circulated to the Provincial Directorates and to Sicily and Sardinia.

(iii) Registration service in Sicily.

Following representation by the Bank, a limited registration service was set up in Sicily in 10th January. The weight limit was fixed at 2kg and regulations regarding rates of postage and scales of indemnity for loss were fixed at the old rate. It is not considered opportune to extend this service to the mainland at present.

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(H) Internal and Foreign Mail.

(1) During the month the officers at Brindisi and Salerno attended conferences at ATG, 1938 and 1939 respectively on the subject of internal and foreign mail. It was noted that the Italian postal service is a department of internal security.

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(12) Registration Service in Sicily.

Following representation by the Banks, a limited registration service was set up in Sicily on 13th January. The weight limit was fixed at 50g and regulations regarding rates of postage and scales of indemnity for loss were fixed at the old rate. It is not considered opportune to extend this service to the mainland at present.

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INITIATIVE REPORT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS A FOURTH SUB-COMMISSION
MONTH OF JANUARY 1944

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications Board-Italy. A combined policy signal board, known as "Communications Board-Italy" was organized at Bari, with Gen. L. Army Group as President; to co-ordinate demands for telecommunications originated by Allied Forces and the Allied Central Commission on the Italian civil and military authorities, and those originated by the Italian civil and military authorities on the Allied Forces and the Allied Control Commission. This Board also co-ordinates demands between the Italian civil and military authorities and the Allied Forces in respect to labor, material, and transport for the provision of telecommunications.

(1) In connection with AGO's membership on the Board, a representative of this Sub-Commission attended all meetings and presented the Commission's signal requirements as well as acting in the interest of the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government; whose office also holds membership.

(2) Matters of policy with respect to control of stores and facilities as well as channels for demands are still the subject of discussion and clarification.

b. Communications Board No. 2 District. A signal communications board was set up known as "Communications Board No. 2 District", Gen. L. 2 District President. The functions of this board are to co-ordinate and arrange the telecommunications requirements of all services, Allied and Italian, civil and military, in No. 2 District.

(1) A representative of this Sub-Commission attended all meetings held during the month. It is the responsibility of such representative to ensure that all requirements of the services in which he is interested are fully lifted and co-ordinated so that he can present to the Board a clear picture of his requirements with their respective priorities. Requirements extending beyond the borders of No. 2 District are presented, as an agreed demand, to Gen. L of C, Italy.

(2) A considerable number of matters involving conflicting interests were presented to the Board by the Sub-Commission's representatives in conjunction with the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts, Italian Government and considerable progress was made with respect to the establishing of co-ordinated working arrangements.

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(1) In connection with AGC's membership on the Board, a representative of this Sub-Commission attended all meetings and presented the Secretary of State for Telecommunications as well as acting in the interest of the Sub-Commission office also holds membership.

(2) Matters of policy with respect to control of stored and facilities as well as channels for demands are still the subject of discussion and clarification.

b. Communications Board No. 2 District. A special communications board was set up known as Communications Board No. 2 District, and its President. The functions of this Board are to co-ordinate and arrange the telecommunications requirements of all services, Allied and Italian, civil and military, in No. 2 District.

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c. Wire Facilities for Italian Government and AGC in Salerno Area. A plan was prepared covering both the Italian Government and AGC's requirements. Requests were made of the 15th Army Group for the allocation of 6 telephone circuits (2 AGC and 4 Italian Government) in the allocation of 6 telephone circuits have been assigned. It is not believed that these will be adequate. Requests were made of AGC 1 of C Italy for necessary circuits and facilities at Salerno. Salerno requirements of the Italian Government are being handled by the Italian Government. A representative of the Sub-Commission was sent to Salerno to supervise the installation of AGC facilities.

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1. Radio frequencies for Italian Radio Circuits, General. The Italian Government presented an application for authority to employ certain radio frequencies including a circuit to Catania. The application was divided into three service requirements, land, air, and air force. This application was submitted of the Commission to the proper authorities for approval. A separate request was made by the Commission to AGO, with request to a radio circuit for Italian use to Catania. It was ruled by AGO, with request that the requested frequencies should not be authorized, that use of frequencies should be further deferred as Italy by allocation of frequencies to commercial users.

2. Higher for use of Italian Government. After thorough AGO, authorized for the use of Italian Government's modified double transposition cipher. Details for the application of the higher were worked out with the Government and arrangements made for the transmission of Italian Government communications between Italy and Spain.

3. Restoration of telephone & telegraph service in Sicily and Calabria. A plan for the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in Sicily and Calabria was presented to the Commission by the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government. The plan was examined by the Sub-Commission and after conferences with representatives of the Under-Secretary's Office, a revised plan and request for release of materials was presented to CBO No. 2 District for approval. This matter is being coordinated with AGO Region II.

4. Radar equipment. Co-ordinated details with request to German Warburg Radar required for research laboratories in Genoa and U.S.

5. A.I.A.I. Recommendation, upon application of Italian Government, was made to AGO that the Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to A.I.A.I. as well as its administration and direction, with the allied retaining full control over policy and program. The matter was not favorably considered by AGO on the grounds that it was considered hazardous to propaganda demands and that propaganda requirements would not permit a change at the time. It is intended to make further representations and recommendations in the future.

6. Miscellaneous letters handled.

(1) Seizure of telephone lines by Allied military without notice.

(2) Employment of state telephone and telegraph employees.

(3) Cable terminal facilities - Catania

7. Postal service.

a. Palermo Province. AGO Postal Officer from Brindisi was loaned to AGO Region II in order to organize and supervise initial postal services for Palermo Province.

b. Civil Mail Service, Apulia, Regions I, II and VI. Authority having been received, detailed arrangements were made with the Italian Government for the commencement on 20 December, of the internal mail service in and between four provinces of Apulia, the Province of Palermo, and the provinces contained

in the regions of Calabria, and Luccania. Service limited to postcards and letters under 90 grams weight, and postal financial services limited to money orders and postal remittance letters. Authority was given and detailed arrangements made for the commencement of internal mail service in and between four provinces of Calabria, the Province of Palermo, the provinces mentioned in the regions of Calabria, Luccania, Sicily, and Sardinia.

d. Foreign Mail. Preliminary operational details were worked out with AEM, and AEM in connection with the introduction of foreign mails. Considerable progress was made having in mind the large number of problems involved requiring approval of the OCS. It is expected that initially will be received for starting foreign mail service in January.

e. Prisoner of War Mail. Most of the details with respect to initial handling of POW mail were completed. This service should be in operation in January.

f. Mail of Italian Military Units in Forward Areas. Progress of handling such mail and method of censorship was co-ordinated with AEM.

g. Post Office Buildings. The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts directed the Commission's attention to the large number of Post Office buildings that were being occupied by Allied forces either as billets or for operational purposes. The Under-Secretary requested that wherever possible such buildings be returned to the Italian Post and Telegraph Organization. This matter was taken up with both the 15th Army Group and No. 2 District, but so far it was not been possible to obtain effective results.

h. Official Italian Government Mail. Arrangements were made for the dispatch of official Italian Government mail destined for Bari-Milano-Rome-Palermo and Algiers via S.M.C. and for its censorship at AEM.

i. Stamps. Permission was obtained from the authorities for the issue of a supply of Italian stamps from Reggio, Lucania, and Palermo, for use in the four provinces of "King's Italy."

j. Printing and Paper Supply. Complaint was received from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts that due to the requisitioning of printing plants and the issuing of paper stocks by the Allied Military authorities, it was not possible for the Government to have necessary postage stamps, postal forms, and other required Government printing done. Conferences were had with services involved, and a program that will include requirements of the Italian Government is being worked out.

3. Censorship.

This Censorship Commission has cooperated with I.M.C. regarding censorship of all communications. Direct communications with the Italian Government with respect to censorship regulations, etc. were dispatched to the Government thru the AEM. Assistance was given I.M.C. with regard to censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but forward areas and in the establishment of Allied Censor Control Officers.

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