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REDESIGNATION

In compliance with letter, Allied Force Headquarters, file AG 323.36/051 GET-O, subject: "Rome Area Allied Command (Rome Area) Command and Administration", dated 4 November 1944, this Headquarters is redesignated:

"ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND"

By command of Brigadier General BROWN:

WILLIAM A. WIDEMEYER
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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Captain AGD
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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

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12 October 1944



Memorandum:

TO : See Distribution.

The following letter was received by the Commanding General and inasmuch as he feels that the credit should go to the Staff, it is reproduced for their information. In this connection the Commanding General desires to reiterate his policy of allowing no letter, cable, or other communication to go unanswered for more than twenty-four hours. The practice of some Headquarters and some Staff Sections of permitting papers to lie in their baskets for days or weeks when action could be taken within ten minutes is inexcusable and contrary to all military concepts of action.

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With kindest regards, believe me,

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This letter, coming from such a high level, is a source of pride to the Commanding General and he hopes that each Staff Officer and soldier will accept an equal amount of credit. 838

By command of Brigadier General BROWN:

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APO #794, US Army

AG 600

IEC/gfb
4 August 1944

Subject: Private Rental of Property and Motor Transport.

To : See Distribution.

1. Reference letter, this Hq, AG 600, dated 21 June 1944, Subject: "Requisition of Civilian Property".

2. Numerous cases are still arising of Allied Officers making private arrangements with Italian civilians to rent apartments or villas in and around the City of Rome. Similar private arrangements are being made in connection with motor transport.

3. This procedure is resulting in increasing the difficulties in obtaining properties and motor transport by requisition as the Italian civil population naturally prefer to keep their property free from requisitioning if they have grounds for believing that they can rent it to individual Officers, and obtain immediate payment.

4. In no circumstances will Officers enter into private agreements with civilians for the rental of properties or motor transport without first making application to ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND (Real Estate Section in the case of property, G-4 Branch in the case of motor transport), and obtaining the necessary permission. Such permission will be given only in special cases.

By command of Major General JOHNSON:

/s/ I. E. Cheek,
/t/ I. E. CHEEK,
Capt, AGD
Actg Adj GenAdj: 600. 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 9 August 1944.

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To: All Officers, Headquarters, ACC.

For compliance.

By order of Captain STONE (USNR):

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, US Army

IEC/gfb
13 July 1944

AG 311.1

Subject: Official Mail.

To : All Units Assigned and Attached.

1. The following instructions are published in addition to letter, this Hq, file AG 311.1, subject: "Official Mail", dated 7 July 1944, and will govern the preparation of material for dispatch by United States Army Postal Service and British Army Postal Service

2. U. S. Army Postal Service.

a. Definition: A service for the delivery of official mail by air or surface means wherever U. S. Army Forces are located. It offers a safe and expeditious means for the transmission of all types of official mail, other than Top Secret. It is recommended that the ACS or ADLS be utilized for the transmission of all matter classified Confidential or higher, by all units having ready access to such services. All official mail for air dispatch travels on a No. 1 priority and each APO within this theater makes at least one dispatch daily, weather permitting.

b. Locations: U. S. Army Post Offices serve every U. S. headquarters and unit in this theater.

c. Preparation and Dispatch:

(1) Top Secret matter may not be sent through the U.S. Army Postal Service.

(2) Confidential and Secret mail will be prepared in accordance with AR 380-5 and will be presented at the registry window of an APO for registration. Under no circumstances will such mail be sent without registration. There is no charge for registration of such classified mail when addressed to points within this theater. A minimum registration fee of twenty (20) cents plus surcharges, if applicable, must be paid for all official registered mail addressed outside this theater.

(3) Restricted and unclassified matter need not be registered, but may be registered if the sender desires. The registration fee and applicable surcharges must be paid in such cases, even though the articles are addressed for delivery in the theater.

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- (5) Each article must bear a complete address and return address.
- (6) No article will exceed seventy (70) pounds in weight or one hundred (100) inches in length and girth combined.

- (7) All official mail weighing not in excess of four (4) pounds will be given air dispatch within the theater, within the limits of available air space. Articles weighing in excess of four (4) pounds, the urgency of which required air transmission to destination, must bear the stamped or typewritten indorsement in capital letters "WD ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL AIR MAIL", followed by the signature of an officer which will be taken as a certification that the article requires air dispatch. Postage is not required on any type or size of official mail for delivery within this theater.
- (8) All official mail addressed for delivery outside this theater may be deposited in U. S. APO's without the payment of postage providing the weight of each piece does not exceed four (4) pounds. If over four (4) pounds, postage must be prepaid at the rate prescribed for fourth class mail matter. Such rate is applicable regardless of the character of the inclosures, or whether the article is sealed or unsealed.
- (9) Official mail addressed to the Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., or when indorsed "Casualty Mail" and addressed to a commanding officer of a camp, post or station in the United States will be accepted without the payment of postage although the weight of the article is in excess of four pounds.
- (10) If dispatch by air from the theater is desired, each piece, including letter size articles, must bear the stamped or typewritten indorsement in capital letters on the face of the envelope or container "WD ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL AIR MAIL" and have postage prepaid at the rate of six cents for each half ounce.

3. British Army Postal Service.

- a. Definition: A service for the delivery of unclassified official mail and mail classified as "Restricted" or "Confidential".
- b. Locations: British APO's are located within reach of every British headquarters and unit in this theater.
- c. Conveyance: Official correspondence is afforded priority treatment in the British APO's and daily dispatches are made between British APO's. Official articles of letter size are given air conveyance within the theater whenever acceleration in delivery would result. Official articles for addresses outside the theater are conveyed by surface mail.

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d. Preparation and Dispatch:

(1) Top Secret and Secret material may not be sent through the British Army Postal Service.

(2) Confidential mail will be prepared as required and must be presented at the registry window of an APO for registration. Fees for registration are shown in annex "A" attached.

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- (3) Restricted and unclassified matter need not be registered.
- (4) The use of the word "Registered" on outer covers is reserved for the exclusive use of the Army Postal Services.
- (5) Each article will bear a complete forwarding address. Abbreviations will not be used. The full address of the originating headquarters, unit, or section will also be shown on the outside cover of each article.
- (6) Official correspondence will be accepted for transmission subject to the conditions set forth in Annex "A". (AG 311.1-5)

By command of Major General JOHNSON:

I. E. Cheek
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Capt AGD
Actg Adj Gen

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REGULATIONS FOR OFFICIAL MAIL AT BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICES

Destination	Limit of Weight	Limit of Size	Postage Rates	Registration Fee	Other Conditions
Within theater British Empire (Except India) Br. Mandated Territory Eire H.M. Ships	22 lbs	Length 2 feet Width 18 inches Depth 18 inches	FREE	FREE	Each article must be inclosed in an "O.H.M.S cover or otherwise be indorsed "official" and certified by an officer.
India	11 lbs	- do -	FREE	3d	
U.S.A.	4 lbs	3 feet in length, width & depth, combined, greatest dimension not to exceed 2 feet.	Not over 1 ounce, 2½d Each Addnl ounce, 1d	3d	
Other Countries	4 lbs	3 feet in length, width & depth, combined, greatest dimension not to exceed 2 feet.	Not over 1 ounce, 3d. Each addnl ounce, 1½d.	3d	

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