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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US Army

JWF/pab

Ref : G/LH

21 January 1945

Subject : Attached Letter.

To : HQ Allied Commission,
Political Section,
(attention Mr. W.W. Schott).

1. The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Rome Area Allied Command presents its compliments to the Political Section, Allied Commission and has the honor to inform you that the enclosed letter cannot be forwarded since there is no postal service with Egypt which could take care of said letter.

2. The only authorized way in which this letter may be forwarded is through the Information Branch of the Vatican City State Department, the same method used by civilians residing in countries which are at war.

JWF Fischer
J. W. FISCHER,
Colonel, GSC,
AC of S, G-2.

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To: Warrent Branch - Jan 24

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

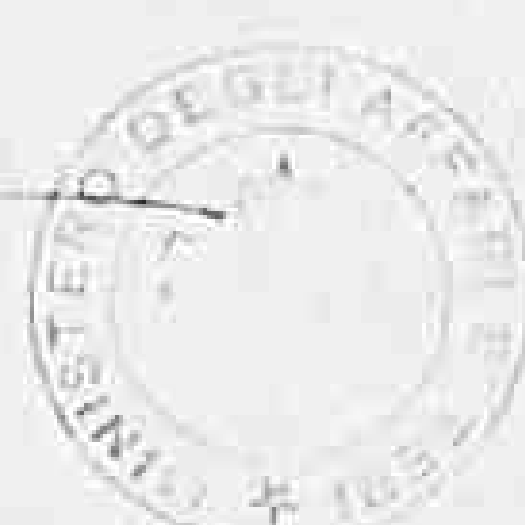
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Several American citizens of Italian extraction have expressed their desire of sending relief-parcels to their relations in Italy.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the A.C. would kindly interest the competent Allied Authorities in considering the possibility of a favourable solution of the question.

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Roma, January 3rd 1945

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Napoli
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Letter

23 June 44

Reber to US POL ADV:

Transmitting correspondence
from Ital Govt concerning postage rates
and stamps, etc.

FILED: 721.0

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British Embassy
ROME.

Miss Cameron

I think Mr. Caccia must have brought
-----these round by error. I have no means of
forwarding mail to Australia and, in any case, I
see no reason why my already overcrowded bags
should be used for the transmission of such
material.

20th October, 1944.

Spoke with H.A.G. COMMUNICATIONS P/C.
It was agreed that the routine correspondence
of the Postal Administration will be
transmitted through ordinary postal
channels. The above correspondence
relating to Money Order, will therefore
be put in the post by Communications P/C.

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MEMO

Political Section

Herewith 4 letters from the Ministry of
Communications for forwarding abroad please.

C. R. Maddock
Capt

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

21. Oct. 44

To: Switzerland
Brazil (2)
Columbia

Sent to US Embassy
23 Oct 44

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 594

13 October 1944

TO: Donald Cameron, Esquire
C. & S. Section, British Embassy
Piazza Di Spagna,
Rome

As promised this morning I am writing to let you have the following excerpt from our Daily Bulletin of 12 October on civil mail services:-

CIVIL MAIL SERVICES:

On Monday, October 16th, the following additional provinces will be opened to the internal and foreign mail services:-

TERNI VITERBO ASCOLI MACERATA GROSSETO

As from the date quoted, internal and foreign civil mails will thus be operating in the following areas:-

Sicily and Sardinia
Southern Region
Lazio and Umbria - Except Perugia
Marche and Abruzzi - Except Ancona and Pesaro
Toscana - Grosseto only.

H. A. CACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

3. October 20th, 1941

VERBAL NOTE

The Royal Italian Foreign Office presents its compliments to the Allied Military Mission and has the honour to call its attention on the following:

In the Foreign Office's opinion it would be very important from every point of view if one could reestablish without delay postal communications between Southern Italy and the American continent. It is a well known fact that there is not a family in this part of Italy that hasn't a relative or relatives in the Americas and so family ties are particularly strong in this country it is easy to imagine with what joy an arrangement of the kind would be welcomed.

It is therefore proposed that:

- i) for the moment one could reestablish only air mail facilities thus automatically limiting the volume of the correspondence;
- ii) the postal rates would have to be worked out in accord with Allied and Italian postal authorities;
- iii) the Royal Italian Government would put at the disposal of the service an air mail plane that is at present in Lisbon under control of the Royal Legation and that could collect the mail twice a month, at Palermo or in some other city and carry it to Portugal from where it would be forwarded via clipper;
- iiii) the foregoing could of course be subject to approval of the Portuguese and Spanish Governments;
- v) the mail would be subject to Allied and Italian military censorship for instance in advance or in some other city.

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Should there be at the moment a deficiency in personnel it is suggested that the Italian Consulate be asked somewhere in Italy and the Allied one in Bermuda.

The Royal Italian Foreign Office would be grateful for a reply of the Allied Military Mission in the matter.

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MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI

B. 20 Ottobre 1943

NOTA VERBALE

I R. Ministero degli Esteri presenta i suoi complimenti alla Missione Militare Alleata ed ha l'onore di attirare la sua attenzione su quanto segue:

Il R. Ministero degli Esteri è dell'opinione che sarebbe molto importante da ogni punto di vista se si potessero ristabilire al più presto comunicazioni postali fra l'Italia meridionale ed il continente Americano. È noto infatti che non vi è una famiglia in questa parte d'Italia che non abbia parenti in America e poiché i legami famigliari sono particolarmente sentiti in questo Paese e facile immaginare la gioia con cui verrebbe accolta un avvenimento del genere.

Si propone quindi che: 1°.

1°. Per il momento non venga che ristabilita la

posta aerea limitando così il volume della corrispondenza;

2°. Le tariffe postali dovranno essere stabilite d'accordo con le competenti Autorità postali alleate e Italiane;

3°. Il Governo del Re metterebbe a disposizione del servizio un aereo civile attualmente a Lisbona a disposizione di quella R. Legazione, che potrebbe raccogliere la posta due volte al mese a Palermo o in qualche altra città per trasportarla a Lisbona donde verrebbe inoltrata a destinazione via Clipper;

4°. Quanto precede potrà essere fatto con l'approvazione

del Governi Portoghese e Spagnolo

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5°. La posta dovrà beninteso essere sottoposta alla

Mr. Roberts informed that this
proposal has been forwarded
to the
B. 20 Ottobre 1943
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5°. La posta dovrà beninteso essere sottoposto alla censura Militare Alleata ed Italiana ad esempio a Palermo od in qualche altra città più conveniente. Qualora a questo non potesse avvenire per deficienza di personale si suggerisce che la censura Italiana venga padsata a Palermo e quella alleata alle Permade.

Barry

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APO 594

29 August 44

REF : 56/143/GA.

SUBJECT : Italian Government Correspondence Abroad.

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

1. Communications Sub-Commission has received a request from the Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs for his Department to resume direct communication with Allied and non-occupied neutral countries on outstanding pre-war postal service matters (largely financial). A copy of letter is attached.

2. This request raises the general question of permission for the Italian Government to resume international communications with Allied and neutral countries on routine matters not involving questions of policy.

3. Special permission has been granted for the Italian Ministry of Communications to write to the headquarters of the International Postal Union at Bern to the extent of notifying details of foreign postal services which have been restored, but this permission has not been extended to any other correspondence as far as this department of government is concerned.

4. I would be grateful for a direction on this matter to pass to Communications Sub-Commission so to enable them to reply to the Italian Government.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.
Political section.

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RECEIVED AT PENDINGULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

13 FEBRUARY 1944

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CG FBS FOR FARGO FOR STORE AND HEAD, FATIMA FOR
HENDERSON AND PRODGERS
FABLE FOR DUNLOP, IBS FOR AMG FOR POLETTI AND FOR
CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION, MIDEAST FOR POSTAL FOR
SIGNED CINC PICKERING

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THINGS (REFERENCE OUR 50165 OF FEBRUARY 11)

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE ADVISED THAT UK AND USA HAVE
REACHED AGREEMENT RELATIVE RESUMPTION ITALIAN EXTERNAL POSTAL SERVICE.
SERVICE SHOULD BE RESUMED 16 FEBRUARY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ALL ALLIED AND NON-ENEMY
COUNTRIES. UNTIL ADDITIONAL SHIPPING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE SERVICE WILL BE
LIMITED TO PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS ONLY.

NOT NECESSARY TO ADVISE BERNE BEFORE RESUMPTION OF SERVICE. SUFFICIENT IF
(A) SIMPLE NOTIFICATION OF OPENING OF SERVICE IS SENT IN FIRST MAIL DESPATCHED TO
SUCH COUNTRIES FOR WHICH DIRECT OUTWARD MAILS ARE MADE UP AND (B) POSTAL ADMINIS-
TRATION HEADQUARTERS, SUCH COUNTRIES, ARE INFORMED THAT INWARD MAILS CAN BE ACCEPTED
BY THOSE ROUTES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRICTIONS AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY ORDERS
ISSUED BY CINC.

POSTMASTER GENERALS OF UK AND USA WILL PREPARE RESPECTIVE PRESS NOTICES WHICH
WILL BE RELEASED 16 FEBRUARY IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON.

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PRESS NOTICES SUITABLE FOR ITALIAN PUBLIC WILL BE PREPARED AND ISSUED BY ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 16. PWB AT AFHQ REQUEST THAT SUCH RELEASE BE COORDINATED WITH PWB REPRESENTATIVE AT NAPLES BEFORE ISSUANCE.

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH PRESS RELEASE BE RESTRICTED TO SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE IS BEING RESTORED TO SARDINIA, SICILY, AND 10 MAINLAND PROVINCES. ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD STATE THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SERVICE IS RESTRICTED TO UNREGISTERED LETTERS AND POST CARDS, NOT EXCEEDING 10 GRAMS IN WEIGHT, OF A PURELY PERSONAL NATURE; FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE BEING PROHIBITED.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION WILL ENSURE THAT ITALIAN POSTAL SERVICE DISSEMINATES NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED, DATE OF RESUMPTION, COUNTRIES WITH WHICH SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED, AND THAT ALL INWARD MAILED MUST BE ROUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AS DISTRIBUTED BY UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONVENTION TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OR AS MAY BE PROCURED BY APPLICATION TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OR AS MAY BE PROCURED BY APPLICATION TO THE EX OR USA POST OFFICE DEPARTMENTS.

SINCE NO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CCG REFERENCE RATES, SUGGEST ADOPTION RATES OF 1.5; 2.5; AND 4 LIRE AS RECOMMENDED YOUR 2ND COURSE ACTION IN FATIMA 2141 OF JANUARY 25.

INC REQUEST ALL CENSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVES BE ADVISED.

FBS DIST:

(Action) Hq ACC
(Info) Postal Off
" AG
" 2nd Base FO
" G-2
" PWB
" Sec CG

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ACC DIST:

(Action) Telecoms & Posts
(FO Bldg)
(Info) Secy General
" RC & MG Sec
" Political Sec
" PRO.

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Please refer to Mr. Lavin ✓

PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM No. 81, FROM ITALIAN LEGATION, BERN
SIGNED MAGISTRATI, FOR ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE
11 MAR 1944

This refers to Farig's 40.

I wish to assure your Excellency that I have forwarded to Royal Missions communications that mail services between liberated Italy and United Nations have been resumed. I have at the same time asked the Swiss Government to inform our war prisoners and Italian subjects in countries where they protect our interests of this resumption.

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*See # 59 from Bern
forwarded 15 Mar*

21 MAR 1944

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Telegramme in PARTENZA

N° coll. 178

Oggetto: Ristabilimento servizi postali e telegrafici

con l'estero.

Data: February 28 1941

Tramite: C.A.C.

Diretto a: ITALIAN LEGATION - BERNE

Testo: (originale)

N° 4. 40 February 28 (.) Effective February 16th foreign mail services have been resumed between liberated Italy and United Nations(.) their colonial territories and neutral countries unoccupied by enemy (.) Likewise the resumption of normal postal service with prisoners of war detained by Anglo-Americans(.) Russians and National China is confirmed (.) Please forward foregoing to Madrid(.) Buenos Ayres(.) Ankara(.) Lisbon(.) Stockholm(.) Dublin for appropriate information Italian communities, amongst which must be conveniently stressed importance of this step towards progressive normalization of liberated Italy's relations with outside world (.) Please request Swiss Government to inform our prisoners of war and our nationals in countries where they exercise protection our interests(.) Instruct Madrid to do same with Spanish Government (.)

Prunus



Consegnato a: C.A.C.

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Nº coll.: 178

Telegramma in PARTENZA

Oggetto: Ristabilimento servizi postali e telegrafici
con l'estero.
Data: February 28 1941
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Consegnato a: C.A.C.

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1 MARCH 1944

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM

PAREN TO AFHQ FROM PATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD CITE PATIMA ONE FIVE ONE ONE PAREN FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ITALIAN LEGATION AT BERNE PD QUOTE NUMBER FOUR ZERO DATED TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY PD FOREIGN MAIL SERVICES WERE RESUMED BETWEEN LIBERATED ITALY AND UNITED NATIONS CMA THEIR COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES UNOCCUPIED BY ENEMY ON ONE SIX FEBRUARY PD LIKEWISE THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL POSTAL SERVICE WITH PRISONERS OF WAR DETAINED BY ANGLO AMERICANS CMA RUSSIANS AND NATIONAL CHINA IS CONFIRMED PD PLEASE FORWARD FOREGOING TO MADRID CMA BUENOS AIRES CMA STOCKHOLM CMA DUBLIN CMA ANKARA CMA AND LISBON FOR APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ITALIAN COMMUNITIES CMA AMONGST WHICH MUST BE CONVENIENTLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THIS STEP TOWARDS PROGRESSIVE NORMALIZATION OF LIBERATED ITALYS RELATIONS WITH OUTSIDE WORLD PD PLEASE ASK SWISS GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY OUR PRISONERS OF WAR AND OUR NATIONALS IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY EXERCISE PROTECTION OF OUR INTERESTS PD PLEASE INSTRUCT MADRID EMBASSY TO MAKE SIMILAR REQUEST TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT PD SIGNED PRUNAS UNQUOTE

copy for:
Mr. Caccia

L.T. MONTANT, JR.
2nd Lieut. AGO 962
Adjutant 6963

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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5 July 1944

Dear Nosworthy,

I handed your enquiry of 22 June, regarding ~~MB~~ Savingsgram No. 1 of 15 June on the subject of Italian postage stamps, to the Communication Sub-Commission to get the reaction of Italian postal authorities.

Their comments are: Firstly, that the possible evils of the situation are unduly overstressed, for they doubt if any market for these stamps can be found to make it possible by their resale to set up a worthwhile credit in any neutral country. Secondly, they are against any overprinting of existing stocks, though duplication of the overprint by the Germans would present no great technical difficulty, if there is sufficient to gain by it. Thirdly, the issue of a new series of stamps is impracticable at the moment, but it is a course (already put to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications) which the Italian government may wish to follow when they have full jurisdiction in Rome and access to materials and printing facilities there.

Yours sincerely,


J. H. PEARSON,
Major,
Political Section.

R. A. Nosworthy, Esq.
Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy,
Naples.

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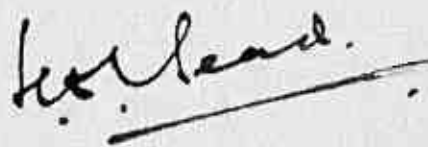
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PS. 16/7.78.

5 July 1944

MEMORANDUM -

1. The Communications Sub-Commission feels that the possible evils of the situation are much overstressed. Is there really such a market for these stamps as make it possible, by their re-sale, to set up a worth while credit in a neutral country?
2. In any case:
 - (a) Cannot ~~the~~ importation be prohibited?
 - (b) Overprinting of existing stocks might be undertaken - although we are against it from a purely postal stand point - but duplication of the overprint by the Germans would probably occasion no great difficulty if they have sufficient to gain by it.
 - (c) The issue of a new series of stamps is impracticable at the moment; but it is a course which the Italian Government may wish to follow when they have jurisdiction in Rome and access to materials and printing facilities there. The point has been put to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.



S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

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121/2/44.

OFFICE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ITALY,
Via Agostino de Pretis,
NAPLES.

22nd June, 1944.

Dear Caccia,

Wain Carson
Wd. & kindly act. see

I enclose copy of a Savingsgram from M.E.W. *dh/b*
No. 1 of 15th June. M.E.W. see the enemy
establishing credits in neutral countries by
the use of Italian postage stamps.

Will you put the matter up to the Italian
authorities and let me know their reaction?

The effective possibilities of such traffic
would not appear to be very serious, but they
do exist and the surcharging of postage stamps
should not create any great difficulty.

Yours ever

R. A. Gurney

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

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SAVINGRAM

NY BAG

From: Ministry of Economic Warfare London.
To: British High Commissioner Naples.

ANFAR SAVINGRAM No. ONE15th June 1944.

The Blockade Committee has recently considered the question of postage stamps in use in Italy. Stamps are being used in Allied Occupied territory which are indistinguishable from stamps which have been or are being issued in that part of the country under German control.

2. There appears to be a possibility that the enemy can realise foreign exchange by exporting Italian stamps to neutral countries for re-export through the Blockade. Neutral exporters can claim that the stamps were purchased in Allied-occupied Italy, a claim which it will be impossible generally for Censorship or Contraband Control Officers to disprove.

3. This situation is clearly undesirable and we are anxious to know whether the Italian Government have taken or contemplate taking any steps to deal with it. If they have not yet done so, and you see no objection, please approach the Italian authorities with the suggestion that if a complete new issue of stamps is impracticable the difficulty might be met by over-printing.

We understand the American authorities may also make a recommendation on this matter.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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Per Sec. file

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NUMBER 15)

22 June 1944

OFFICIAL MAIL

Letters, AFHQ, 11 July 1943, file AG 311.1-5 AGM, subject: "Outgoing Official Mail", AFHQ, 18 November 1943, file AG 311.1-5 AG-AM, subject: "Unauthorized Use of MDLS, ADLS, and ACS Services" and Signal Instructions, Numbers 24 and 77, 1943 series are rescinded. Letter, Headquarters NATOUSA, 20 April 1943, file AG 311.1/038 P-M, subject: "Army Courier Service", has been rescinded. The instructions below are substituted therefor:

1. Channels. a. Official mail may be transmitted from one headquarters to another by:

- (1) U.S. Army Courier Service
- (2) Air Dispatch Letter Service
- (3) U.S. Army Postal Service
- (4) British Army Postal Service
- (5) Specially Designated Couriers
- (6) Other methods enumerated in AR 380-5, dated 15 March 1944.

b. Local deliveries, or those made within a headquarters, will be the responsibility of the headquarters or units concerned.

2. U.S. Army Courier Service

a. Definition: The Army Courier Service is operated throughout the world where United States Army Forces are located for the transmission of Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret mail. Both air and surface means are used. All urgent matter is transmitted by air courier while heavy shipments, requiring security handling but not requiring air transmission, are transmitted by surface, accompanied by an officer of the Army Courier Service. Courier transfer officers are located at or near principal A.T.C. airfields and ports wholly or partially operated by the U.S. Army. This service may not be used for restricted and unclassified matter.

b. Theater Locations: Courier transfer officers in this theater are presently located at Dakar, Casablanca, Oren, Algiers, Tunis, Naples, and Foggia. Stations are opened or closed as needs of the theater change.

c. Receipt and Dispatch:

- (1) Material may be received and dispatched direct through courier transfer officers or forwarded to and received from them through existing message channels.
- (2) If the articles are to be delivered direct to a courier transfer office, they will be listed on Form NAF 26 (Revised) in duplicate and certification at bottom of form completed. (See Annex "A") Forms may be secured from any courier transfer office or they may be reproduced.

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- (3) If the articles are to be forwarded through other message channels before reaching a courier transfer office, each accompanying invoice must bear the notation: "The articles listed hereon are classified confidential or higher, and it is requested they be dispatched to destination by Army Courier Service or Air Dispatch Letter Service," followed by the signature of an officer giving name, rank, and unit. All such items received at any message center will be delivered or forwarded to the nearest courier transfer office for onward dispatch.

d. Preparation For Dispatch:

- (1) Articles will be enveloped, wrapped, or bagged in accordance with paragraphs 25, 26, and 27 of United States AR 380-5, dated 15 March 1944, or War Office pamphlet "Classification and Handling of Protected Documents", dated 1 April 1944.
- (2) Articles will show both a complete address and return address. In exceptional cases, where no APO serves the unit and the only way matter can reach the unit is to include a geographical location, then unit and geographical location may be used. However, the use of addresses of this type will be held to the absolute minimum and confined to matter transmitted by ACS. Proper measures will be taken to safeguard against unauthorized persons obtaining such addresses. Unauthorized abbreviations will not be used nor will a geographical location and its corresponding APO number be shown in the same address. Articles will not be addressed to an individual. If they require the special attention of a particular officer at a headquarters or unit, the notation "Attn: _____" may appear in the address.
- (3) A reference or file number will be placed on the outside cover, preferably directly under the return address, for recording purposes.
- (4) If the article is addressed to any point outside this theater and requires Air Transmission from origin to destination the notation "Air Service Required" will be stamped or type-written near the address and followed by the signature of an officer, giving name, rank, and unit. Such notation or signature is not required for intra-theater mail.
- (5) If the contents are so highly classified that the article should be in the personal custody of an officer from origin until final delivery to addressee, the notation "Via Officer Courier" will be placed on the outside cover followed by the signature of an officer, giving name, rank, and unit. This certification may be incorporated with the certificate required in subparagraph (4), above. The certification "Via Officer Courier" will be held to the absolute minimum. Notations such as "Via Courier", "Air Courier", "Courier", "Safe Hand", etc will not be placed on any article to be dispatched by Army Courier Service.

R E S T R I C T E D

AFHQ Cir No 16 (C) (td) R E S T R I C T E Dc. Unauthorized Use:

- (1) Personal mail or personal packages will not be transmitted by the Army Courier Service.
- (2) Officers in charge of ACS offices and other officers engaged in the handling of Army Courier Service or Air Dispatch Letter Service articles are authorized to open packages or letters suspected to be of an unofficial nature, special care being taken that no material of an operational nature is opened. Any unauthorized material found will be held and a report will be made to the Adjutant General of the headquarters concerned showing description of article, addressee, and addressor, and name of officer who certified the article to be official.

3. Air Dispatch Letter Service

a. Definition: The AFHQ ADLS is a service established by this headquarters to provide fast and safe delivery of confidential, secret, and top secret official dispatches to major tactical, SCS, and L of C Headquarters within this theater. Restricted and unclassified matter will not be handled by this service. The ADLS operates in close conjunction with the Motor Dispatch Letter Service (MDLS) provided by the various headquarters throughout the theater, and with the Air Forces. On certain main routes, ADLS Couriers will deliver material to "Field Offices" established on airfields near armies or separate unit headquarters functioning directly under the headquarters. Delivery and collection of dispatches to units in the vicinity is not the responsibility of Field Offices. The Field Offices act only as a segregation and collection point relying on unit MDLS to contact them for forward transmission of outgoing dispatches and collection of incoming dispatches. The AFHQ ADLS must not be confused with the Army Courier Service (ACS) which is operated by the War Department, or with the regular airmail services operated by the Army Postal Service (APS). AFHQ ADLS emphasizes tactical messenger service to forward elements.

b. Locations: AFHQ ADLS Field Offices are located throughout the Mediterranean Theater in Algeria and East and North thereof. Stations are opened or closed as needs of the theater change.

c. Receipt and Dispatch:

- (1) Material may be received and dispatched direct through the AFHQ ADLS field offices, or forwarded to and received from them through existing message channels.
- (2) If the material is to be delivered direct to an AFHQ ADLS field office, it will be listed on Form NAF 26 (Revised) in duplicate. These may be secured at the field offices or reproduced.

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- (3) In lieu of Form NAF 26 (Revised), senders may use their own receipt forms providing they bear the statement and are certified as prescribed in paragraph 2c(3), above.

d. Preparation for Dispatch:

- (1) Material for dispatch by ADIS will be prepared and authenticated in the same manner as that for Army Courier Service. (See paragraph 2d, above.)
- (2) The colored cross previously used for recorded pieces will be discontinued.

e. Unauthorized Use:

- (1) Personal mail or personal packages will not be transmitted by ADIS.
- (2) Suspected packages and violations will be examined and reported as described in paragraph 2e(2), above.

f. Money:

The transmission of money, of an operational and highly classified nature, may be made through the ADIS. Money dispatched through the ADIS will be properly classified and wrapped, and will be treated as any other document. This will not be construed to mean the transmission of personal money or money for the routine payment of troops. In the event of a loss, no financial liability will fall upon personnel of the ADIS.

4. 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 ADIS 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 383-5 and will be presented at the registry window of APO for registration. Under no circumstances will such mail be sent without registration. There is no charge

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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.
- (4) The use of the word "Registered" on outer covers is reserved for the exclusive use of the Army Postal Services and will not be used on the outer cover of mail matter by any other service in this theater.
- (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 requires air transmission to destination, must bear the stamped or typewritten indorsement in capital letters "IS 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 "IS ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL AIR MAIL" and have postage prepaid at the rate of six cents for each half ounce.

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5. 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 APS 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.

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 "B" attached.
- (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 "B".
(AG 311.1-5)

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. R. GAMMILL,
Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff

OFFICIALS:

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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 Wire H.M. Ships	32 lbs	Length 2 feet Width 18 inches Depth 18 inches	FREE	FREE	Each article must be enclosed in an "O.N.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, 2d. 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, 1d.	3d	

Annex "B"

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Salerno, 20 giugno 1944

L' "Unità" di Salerno ha riferito che nel 15 al 18 corrente ad essa viene
ti a Salerno i rappresentanti della "Corrente di Partecipazione" per di
scutere su importanti questioni che riguardano l'organizzazione.
Il Comitato Centrale della Federazione è stato poi ricevuto dal Presidente
del Consiglio, il Prof. I. e dal Ministro della Giustizia, il Prof. C. C. C. C. C.
al quale è stata presentata la lista delle richieste del "Comitato di Liberazione
liberata."

Nel convegno di Salerno è stata annunciata l'unione di tutte le forze del
lavoro in un'unica confederazione; e sono state gettate le basi per un'in-
terno con il "Fronte Popolare", con l'Unione operaia di Salerno e con l'Unione
città di Salerno.

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Magistrati's telegram No. 151, May 12, from Italian Legation at Bern for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is from Alessandrini.

On behalf of the United States of America, the Swiss Government wishes to know whether the Royal Government is willing to agree that notifications concerning prisoners of war be made on microfilm negative of 16 millimeters instead of positive photo copies. The new system would facilitate transmissions. An answer by cable would be appreciated.

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HQ, Allied Control Commission, CPT
(Rear)

18 February 1944

Dear Accia -

Roberts came in this afternoon. He wants you to consider the possibility of the re-establishment of regular mail services with Italian Embassies abroad. The points which he thinks we could assist the R. Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, include -

1. an indication of the days, on which mail should be handed over to an Officer of ACC, to ensure the greatest rapidity;
2. form and maximum weight for inclusion in the bag;
3. whether (in addition to ^{formal} official communications) ACC would allow ^{to be carried} semi-official correspondence, letters to military interests in neutral countries and personal letters to official members of Italian diplomatic missions in neutral countries.

Perhaps you will discuss this with the Security people and let him know through me.

your decision

Yours sincerely

H. Pearson

H. A. Accia, Esq -

Political Section, ACC.

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With reference to my note of 13th February on this subject, Col. TRODDERS (ACC) tells me that 40 grammes is the maximum weight for civil packages but that since letters for Spain-Switzerland are routed through London and those for South America through New York, any size

and weight could be sent by air to Algiers by arrangement with HAATS. /hr

(3) Roberti informed ²⁵ that Italian FO mail (formal, semi-official and letters to members of Mission) could be sent, through Political Section, on any day. But that letters to military internees anywhere must pass through the usual civilian channels.

Grillo is to see Chief Censor, APO Salerno on ²⁶2. /hr

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