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CATALOGUE.

1.	11/2/PS	14 Sep	Report by Capt. Ballance to CPS
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Distribution of Reprint of Proclamation No. 3.

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Palermo Province.

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7 October. 3.

1. A letter of this H.Q. dated 2nd September, Subject "Reprint of Proclamation No. 3." was sent you together with 1,000 copies of the reprint of Proclamation No. 3.
2. It has come to my notice that various business establishments in Palermo do not have the Proclamation on display.
3. It will be appreciated if you report to this office on the action taken by you on the request in our letter of 29th September, 43.

R. H. M.
R. H. MERRAGE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

Copy to: Public Safety Division.

Seen. w.c. Ballance Cmr.
8/10/43.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: B.M.A. Currency.

FILE No. AMGOT/2002/F.

TO: Commissioner of Public Safety.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

24 Sep. 1943.

Referring to communication of 14th September written you by Capt. Ballance on "Refusal of Traders to accept B.M.A. Currency", and communication to you of 17th Sept. written by Major Hefford on "B.M.A. Currency".

We have put into effect the remedial measures suggested by:

- (a) issuing 10,000 copies of reprint of Proclamation No. 3. with a supply to each Provincial S.C.A.O. (1,000 to Palermo Province) that these be distributed to all banks and commercial establishments to be posted where visible by customers;
- (b) issuing through the P.R.O. to "Sicilia Liberata" a release which appeared in today's issue; same to other Italian papers in Sicily;
- (c) issuing through the P.R.O. a release for "Stars & Stripes"

(Copies of both attached)

- (d) addressing to Capt. Graham AMGOT, H.Q., a request that the British and American Army and Navy Commands be requested to issue orders to their personnel to familiarize themselves with the contents of Proclamation No. 3. and report promptly all violations to their Commanding Officers for transmissal to AMGOT.

R.D. Menapace
R.D. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

* copy attached. See
note added at bottom.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

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D.C.P.S. *Handwritten signature*

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~~FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION~~.....

X LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SECTION..... *Handwritten signature*

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G.M.

Warning Concerning Rates of Exchange and Currencies.

Various incidents which have occurred have convinced the Allied Military Government of the necessity of bringing again to the attention of Allied Military and Naval Personnel the necessity of familiarizing themselves with the terms of Proclamation No. 3, which stipulates what currencies are legal tender in Sicily and fixes the rates of exchange which apply to the interchange of the various currencies.

Banks and business concerns are required to display copies of the Proclamation, which contains a table of the equivalents of yellow seal dollar notes, British Military Authority Notes and Lire notes, and the respective coins. On the newly printed copies of the Proclamation there will be added a footnote giving in Italian certain distinguishing characteristics of the various denominations of Allied Military Lire and British Military notes, calling attention to an easy means of identification of Allied Military Lire currency by the colors of the borders on the faces of the notes. The small notes have borders on their faces colored as follows: Lire notes - blue; 2 lire - purple; 5 lire - green; 10 lire - black. The large notes have distinguishing borders on their faces as follows: 50 lire - blue; 100 lire - purple; 500 lire - green; 1,000 lire - black.

On the faces of the various British Military Authority notes the denominations appear both in numerals and in words; for example, £1, One Pound; 2/6, Two Shilling Six Pence; 1/-, One Shilling. One Pound is the equivalent of four dollars or four hundred lire; One Shilling is the equivalent of twenty U.S. Cents or twenty lire; Six Pence is the equivalent of 10 cents or 10 lire. These and other equivalents are shown in the table included in Proclamation No. 3.

The legal tender provisions in Proclamation No. 3 make it obligatory on banks to exchange lire for the various currencies mentioned and the Proclamation further orders that no transaction of any nature shall be entered into by anyone on the basis of rates of exchange other than those fixed by the Proclamation. Military and Naval personnel should report promptly to their commanding officers any cases of violations of any provision of the Proclamation.

Approved _____
 To _____
 22 Sept
 [Signature]

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Si Chiede Attenzione Al Proclama No. 3

Il Governo Militare Alleato ha creduto sia necessario chiamare nuovamente l'attenzione del pubblico al contenuto del Proclama No. 3, il quale dispone quali valute hanno corso legale e fissa i cambi ai quali le varie valute si devono intercambiare.

Le Banche ed i commercianti dovranno esporre nei loro locali, in posti visibili dai loro clienti, copie del Proclama No. 3. Nuove copie saranno distribuite per questo scopo, le quali porteranno una descrizione dei colori ed altri distintivi delle varie denominazioni dei biglietti di Lire Militari Alleate e dei "British Military Authority Notes" (biglietti Autorità Militare Britannica). Ciò dovrà essere utile tanto per le banche ed i commercianti che per il pubblico. Per il proprio interesse è necessario che tutti conoscano internamente le condizioni del Proclama No. 3.

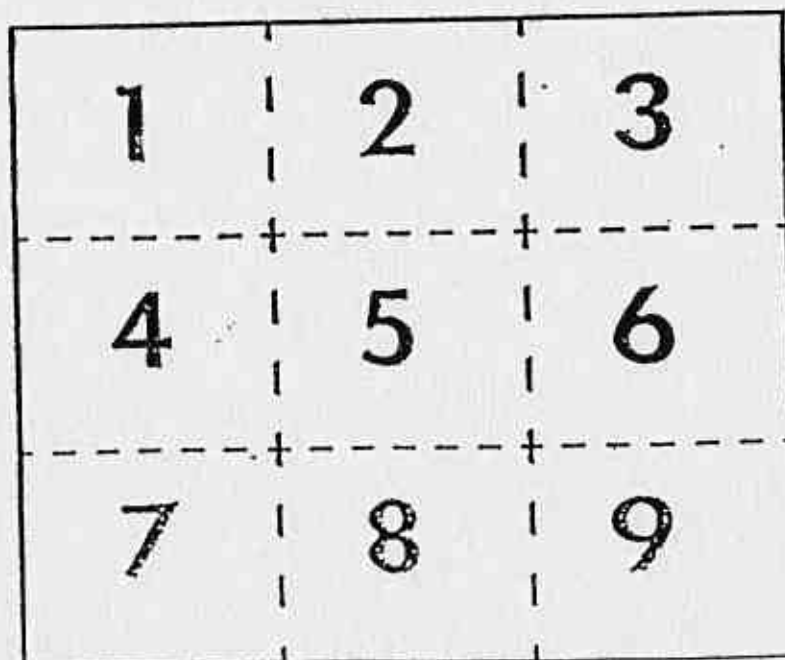
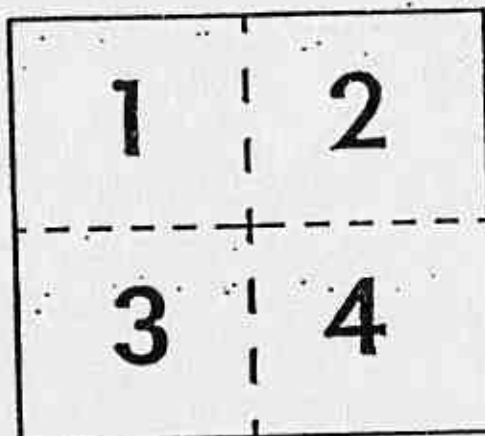
Si deve notare che i biglietti delle Lire Militari Alleate possono essere facilmente riconosciuti (oltre che per i numeri) dai colori distintivi delle margini, i quali colori sono: (Biglietti piccoli 1 Lira - azzurro; 2 lire - violetto; 5 lire - verde; 10 lire - nero; (biglietti grandi) 50 lire - azzurro; 100 lire - violetto; 500 lire - verde; 1,000 lire - nero.

I biglietti "British Military Authority" mostrano la loro denominazione in numeri ed in parole; esempi: £1, One Pound (Una Lira Sterlina); 2/6 Two Shilling Six Pence (due scellini e sei "pence", ossia due scellini e mezzo); 1/-, One Shilling (uno Scellino). Una Lira sterlina vale 400 lire Italiane; Uno Scellino vale 20 lire Italiane. Due Scellini e Sei pence (2/6) valgono 50 lire. Uno Scellino e 3 pence (1/3) valgono 25 lire Italiane. Questi equivalenti e quelli per gli altri biglietti si trovano nella tabella inclusa del Proclama No. 3.

Given to Carol
Poco 22 Sept 1946
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MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory

Proclamation No. 3

Currency and Exchange

Harold R. L. G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., General, General Officer Commanding the Allied Forces in

and Military Governor of the occupied territory, hereby proclaim as follows:

Article I - CURRENCY

All United States coin and all United States currency bearing a yellow seal on the right side of the face of the bill and known as United States Yellow Seal Currency, and all notes bearing the inscription «British Military Authority» issued by the British Government, as well as all coins of Great Britain, are hereby made legal tender in the occupied territory, and no person shall refuse to accept such legal tender for the payment of any amount.

Article II - EXCHANGE

Section 1. Rates of Exchange. The rates of exchange between the currencies and coin mentioned in Article I and the Italian Lira shall be as Specified in the Schedule hereto.

Section 2. Exchange Obligatory. Within the occupied territory every person in the business of banking or the exchange of money, on demand of any holder of currency or coins described in Article I hereof, shall exchange such currency or coins for lire in his possession at the rates specified in the schedule, without charging any commission or fee for making such exchange.

Section 3. Prohibition of other Rates. No transaction of any nature shall be entered into on the basis of rates of Exchange other than those outlined by or under this Proclamation.

Article III - EXPORTS and IMPORTS of MONEY PROHIBITED

No currency and no coin of any country may be exported from or imported into the occupied territory except as authorised by the Allied Military Government.

Article IV - PENALTIES

Any person violating the provisions of this proclamation shall on conviction by an Allied Military Court be liable to imprisonment or fine, or both, as the Court may determine.

Article V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Proclamation will become operative in each province or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

The Schedule - Rates of Exchange

1 Dollar in United States coin or in United States Yellow Seal currency equals	100 lire (all denominations)
1 Pound Sterling or 20 shillings in coin of Great Britain or in British Military Authority Notes equals	400 lire (all denominations)
1 Pound Sterling or 20 shillings in coin of Great Britain or in British Military Authority Notes equals 4 Dollars in United States coin or in United States Yellow Seal currency.	

H. R. ALEXANDER, General

Governo Militare del Territorio

Proclama

(TRADUZIONE)

Valuta e Cambio

Io, Harold R. L. G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., General, General Officer Commanding the Allied Forces in

e Governatore Militare del Territorio Occupato

Articolo I - VALUTA

Tutte le monete degli Stati Uniti, tutta la valuta del Governo Britannico portante la scritta «British Military Authority» nonchè tutte le monete della Gran Bretagna in territorio occupato. Nessuno può rifiutarsi di accettare qualsiasi somma.

Articolo II - CAMBIO

Sezione 1. Tariffe di Cambio. Il cambio per la lira italiana viene stabilito con la lira italiana. Sezione 2. Cambio Obbligatorio. Nei confini del territorio occupato, il commercio bancario o di cambiavaluta, ogni detentore delle valute o monete elencate nella tabella, deve scambiare le valute o monete in lire italiane al cambio stabilito. Sezione 3. Divieto di Cambio fuori tabella. Il cambio sarà effettuato in base ad una tariffa scritta dal presente Proclama.

Articolo III - DIVIETO D'ESPORTAZIONE ED IMPORTAZIONE

Solo il permesso del Governo Militare Alleato autorizza l'importazione o l'esportazione in territorio occupato di valuta o moneta.

Articolo IV - SANZIONI

I contravventori alle norme di questo proclama saranno puniti dal Tribunale Militare Alleato, passibili di prigione o di multa o di condanna al Tribunale.

Articolo V - DATA DI ENTRATA IN VIGORE

La data di entrata in vigore del presente proclama in ciascuna provincia del territorio occupato, sarà quella della sua pubblicazione.

Tariffa del Cambio

Un dollaro degli S.U., moneta o valuta «Timbro Giallo» vale
Una lira sterlina, ossia 20 scellini, in moneta della Gran Bretagna od in valuta dell'Autorità Militare Britannica vale
Una lira sterlina, ossia 20 scellini, in moneta della Gran Bretagna od in valuta dell'Autorità Militare Alleata Britannica vale 4 dollari S.U. moneta o valuta «Timbro Giallo».

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Military Government Occupied Territory Proclamation No. 3

Currency and Exchange

G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., General, General Officer
in

occupied territory, hereby proclaim as follows:

Article I - CURRENCY

United States currency bearing a yellow seal on the
back and known as United States Yellow Seal Currency,
and the "British Military Authority" issued by the
Government of Great Britain, are hereby made legal
tender, and no person shall refuse to accept such legal
tender for any amount.

Article II - EXCHANGE

The rates of exchange between the currencies
of the United States and the Italian Lira shall be as Specified in the
Schedule. Within the occupied territory every person in
possession of money, on demand of any holder of
such money, shall exchange such currency or
valuable at the rates specified in the schedule, without
charge for making such exchange.
Other Rates. No transaction of any nature shall be
made at rates of Exchange other than those outlined by or

Article III - EXPORTS and IMPORTS of MONEY PROHIBITED

Money of any country may be exported from or imported into
the territory as authorized by the Allied Military Government.

Article IV - PENALTIES

Provisions of this proclamation shall on conviction by
a court be liable to imprisonment or fine, or both, as the Court

Article V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This proclamation shall be operative in each province or part thereof within
the date of its first publication therein.

Schedule - Rates of Exchange

One dollar in United States	100 lire (all denominations)
One pound in coin of Great Bri-	
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One pound in coin of Great Bri-	
tain Military Authority Notes equals	4
One dollar in United States	

H. R. ALEXANDER, General

Governo Militare Alleato del Territorio Occupato

Proclama No. 3

(TRADUZIONE)

Valuta e Cambio

Io, Harold R. L. G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., Generale, Generale
Comandante delle Forze Alleate nella

e Governatore Militare del Territorio Occupato, proclamo quanto segue:

Articolo I - VALUTA

Tutte le monete degli Stati Uniti, tutta la valuta degli Stati Uniti portante sul
lato destro un timbro giallo comunemente chiamati «Dollaro Timbro Giallo» e
tutta la valuta del Governo Britannico portante l'iscrizione «British Military Au-
thority» nonché tutte le monete della Gran Bretagna, hanno corso legale nel
territorio occupato. Nessuno può rifiutarsi di accettarle per il pagamento di
qualsiasi somma.

Articolo II - CAMBIO

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colo I con la lira italiana viene stabilito conforme la tabella annessa.
Sezione 2. Cambio Obbligatorio. Nei confini del territorio occupato chiunque
pratichi il commercio bancario o di cambiavalute è tenuto, su domanda di qual-
siasi detentore delle valute o monete elencate nell'articolo I, a cambiare dette
valute o monete in lire italiane al cambio vigente, franco sconto o spesa.
Sezione 3. Divieto di Cambio fuori tabella. Nessuna operazione di qualsiasi
indole sarà effettuata in base ad una tariffa di cambio che non sia quella pre-
scritta dal presente Proclama.

Articolo III - DIVIETO D'ESPORTAZIONE ED IMPORTAZIONE DI VALUTA

Solo il permesso del Governo Militare Alleato autorizza l'esportazione dal o l'im-
portazione in territorio occupato di valuta o moneta di qualsiasi paese.

Articolo IV - SANZIONE

I contravventori alle norme di questo proclama saranno, se giudicati rei dal Tri-
bunale Militare Alleato, passibili di prigione o multa od entrambe secondo giu-
dizio del Tribunale.

Articolo V - DATA DI ENTRATA IN VIGORE

La data di entrata in vigore del presente proclama nelle singole provincie o parti
di provincia nel territorio occupato, sarà quella della sua prima pubblicazione od
affissione.

Tariffa del Cambio

Un dollaro degli S.U., moneta o valuta «Timbro Giallo» vale	100 lire italiane di qualsiasi taglio.
Una lira sterlina, ossia 20 scellini, in moneta della Gran Bretagna od in valuta dell'Autorità Militare Britannica vale	400 lire italiane di qualsiasi taglio.
Una lira sterlina, ossia 20 scellini, in moneta della Gran Bretagna od in valuta dell'Autorità Militare Alleata Britannica vale 4 dollari S.U., moneta o valuta «Timbro Giallo».	

H. R. ALEXANDER, General

Article IV - PENALTIES

Any person violating the provisions of this proclamation shall on conviction by an Allied Military Court be liable to imprisonment or fine, or both, as the Court may determine.

Article V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Proclamation will become operative in each province or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

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- 1 Pound Sterling or 20 shillings in coin of Great Britain or in British Military Authority Notes equals 4 Dollars in United States coin or in United States Yellow Seal currency.

H. R. ALEXANDER, General
General Officer Commanding the Allied
Forces and Military Governor.

Dated: 1943.

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Tariffa del Cambio

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H. R. ALEXANDER, General
General Officer Commanding the Allied
Forces and Military Governor.

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Table of Exchange Values at the Rate Established in S
Tabella di Equivalenti al Cambio Stabilito

Dollars Dollari	Pounds : Shillings Lire sterline e scellini	Lire Lire Italiane	American Cents Centesimi di dollaro	English Shillings : Pence Scellini e pence
	L. St. Scellini	Lit.	Cts.	Scellini Pence
100	25 : 0 :	10,000	50	2s 6d
50	12 : 10 :	5,000	25	1s 3d
20	5 : 0 :	2,000	20	1s 0d
10	2 : 10 :	1,000	10	6d
5	1 : 5 :	500	5	3d
4	1 : 0 :	400	2	1d
2	: 10 :	200	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ d
1	: 5 :	100		

NOTE: 1 Dollar = 100 cents 1 Pound = 20 Shillings 1 Shilling = 12 Pence
N. B. - 1 dollaro = cts 100 1 Lst. = 20 scellini 1 = 12 pence (d)

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Si nota che i biglietti di LIRE MILITARI ALLEATE si possono distinguere per i colori distintivi delle denominazioni come segue: (biglietti piccoli): 1 Lira - azzurro; 2 Lire - violetto; 5 Lire - verde; 10 Lire - azzurro; 50 Lire - azzurro; 100 Lire - violetto; 500 Lire - verde; 1000 Lire - nero.
I biglietti «BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITY» portano la denominazione in numeri e parole: L. 1, ONE POUND (una Lira sterlina Britannica); 10/-, TEN SHILLINGS (dieci scellini); 5/-, FIVE SHILLINGS (cinque scellini); 2/6, TWO SHILLINGS SIX PENCE (due scellini e sei pence); 1/-, ONE SHILLING (uno scellino).

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Article V - EFFECTIVE DATE

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Schedule - Rates of Exchange

Proclamation in or in United States
 100 lire (all denominations)
 Proclamation in coin of Great Britain
 Authority Notes equals 400 lire (all denominations)
 Proclamation in coin of Great Britain
 Authority Notes equals 4
 Proclamation in or in United States

H. R. ALEXANDER, General
 General Officer Commanding the Allied
 Forces and Military Governor.

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Articolo V - DATA DI ENTRATA IN VIGORE

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Tariffa del Cambio

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H. R. ALEXANDER, General
 Generale Comandante delle Forze Alleate
 e Governatore Militare.

Addi

1943.

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£. St. Scellini			Scellini Pence	
25 : 0 :	Lit. 10,000	Cts. 50	2s 6d	Lit. 50
12 : 10 :	5,000	25	1s 3d	25
5 : 0 :	2,000	20	1s 0d	20
2 : 10 :	1,000	10	6d	10
1 : 5 :	500	5	3d	5
1 : 0 :	400	2	1d	2
: 10 :	200	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	1
: 5 :	100			

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 ONE POUND (una Lira sterlina Britannica); 10/-, TEN SHILLINGS (dieci scellini); 5/-, FIVE SHILLINGS (cinque scellini); 2/-, TWO SHILLINGS SIX PENCE (due scellini e sei pence); 1/-, ONE SHILLING (uno scellino).

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SUBJECT: B.M.A. Currency.

1 ref P
ANGOT HQ SICILY
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ, C.C. R.R. Palermo

17 September 1943

TO : The Commissioner of Public Safety.

There is no information in this Section that cases in which B.M.A. currency is refused, frequently occur, but if such is the case no doubt the C.F.C. will wish to adopt the suggestion put forward by Capt. BALLANCE to familiarise the public generally with this form of currency.

In the meantime, the attention of the various police organizations has been drawn to the matter in order that they may, when necessary, advise the public that such currency is legal tender.

It has been asked that details of any cases of refusal to accept such currency should be at once reported to this Section

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For information.
Perhaps you will issue
RAS/CE instructions in acc.

with last para
24/9

B. J. Hefford
Major

RUSSELL A. SMOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police. 1004

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

14 September 1943.

SUBJECT : Refusal of traders to accept BMA Currency.

TO : Col. Lemuel Bolles, Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. It has come to notice that instances have arisen in Palermo in which traders have refused to accept BMA currency in exchange for goods.
2. Positive action was not possible in any of the cases referred to be cause the information which reached this office concerning them was both scanty and late.
3. In this part of the Island the inhabitants are not as familiar with BMA currency as they are with lire notes and dollar bills, and some traders may not appreciate that BMA currency is legal tender. On the other hand it is possible that similar cases have arisen with regard to dollar bills in those parts of the Island where BMA currency is in general circulation.
4. It seems that an attempt should be made for:-
 - (a) Familiarise the inhabitants to a greater extent with the new forms of currency.
 - (b) Inform the troops (who are usually the persons refused) of the prompt action that must be taken in all cases in which legal currency is refused.
5. With regard to (a), it is suggested that:
 - (i) the proclamations fixing the ~~various~~ rates of exchange should be reposted, and in particular a copy of the proclamation should be displayed wherever banking exchange business is conducted.
 - (ii) BMA currency and dollar bills, and information with regard to their equivalent value in lire should be displayed in bank windows as well as inside bank premises.
 - (iii) Suitable propaganda should be inserted in the press.
6. With regard to (b), troops should be informed through their various daily orders of:
 - (i) the importance of bringing to notice all cases in

for goods.

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- (ii) BMA currency and dollar bills, and information with regard to their equivalent value in lire should be displayed in bank windows as well as inside bank premises.
- (iii) Suitable propaganda should be inserted in the press.

6. With regard to (b), troops should be informed through their various daily orders of:

- (i) the importance of bringing to notice all cases in which currency of legal tender is refused.
- (ii) that local police should be called at once to deal with matters of this nature; and
- (iii) that full details should be reported for transmission to AMGOT.

7. I suggest that a copy of this report, after being referred to Supt Civil Police for his observations, be forwarded to Finance Division for any action which they consider necessary.

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