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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.

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**RESTRICTED**  
**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**INCOMING MESSAGE**

TO: ADV HQ ACC INFO MAAF 2 DISTRICT SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 10/18  
 FROM: ADV AAI CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED  
 REFERENCE No: I(B)452 PRECEDENCE: NONE  
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 121145 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NONE

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REF YOUR LETTER PS/16/14/51 DATED 22 JUN AND MESSAGE 516 DATED 15 JUL.  
 IN ABSENCE OF REPLY FROM MAAF AUTHORITY IS HEREBY GRANTED FOR RESTORATION  
 CIVIL MAIL SERVICES IN FOGGIA PROVINCE

| <u>ACC DLST</u> |       |    |   |
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| INFO            | P S   | SC | 1 |
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DATE and Time of RECEIPT JUL 181015

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SUBJECT:- Unauthorized Carrying  
of Mail

AMG Rear Eighth Army

OA/73

6 Jul 44

12 JUL 1944

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Copy to : ADM SECTION, ACC;  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION, Adv HQ, ACC

1. Answering ACC/R/24/L of Legal Sub-Commission letter  
of 4 Jul 44.

2. Enclosed are two copies of order re subject which is  
published as standard operating procedure immediately on occupation  
of all new territory by spearhead officers working under orders of  
AMG Eighth Army. Eighth Army made the original request as to all  
combat zone territory and publication will be continued without  
further requests until and unless the Army indicates otherwise.

EDWIN J. MERCER, Lt.-Col., Ord,  
Senior Legal Officer,  
for Group Captain,  
Officer Commanding,  
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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# ORDER

Until further notice it is forbidden for any person to carry with him or to send any letters or communications excepting such as may be authorized by the Military Authorities.

# ORDINE

Fino a nuovo ordine è vietato ad ognuno di portare con se o di trasmettere lettere o comunicazioni eccetto quelle autorizzato dalle Autorità Militari.

C. E. BENSON, D.S.O.,  
Ufficiale Comandante,  
il Governo Alleato  
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Subject: Censorship Regulations.

CBC/509/1157

Rear Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
CMF.

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Ref your ACC/14057/PS dated 17 Apr 44.

Herewith two copies of British Military  
Censorship Regulations - GRO 99/44 - and  
index thereto.

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CMF  
21 Apr 44  
HLB

*W. Lewis*  
Capt,  
For L.B. Goodyer,  
Major,  
CHIEF BASE CENSOR

UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS (GRO 99/44)

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## BRITISH MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

### I. General Provisions

1. Instructions on this subject are contained in Field Service Pocket Book Pamphlet No 3, Sections 18-26, with which all officers should be conversant. These instructions are issued in amplification thereof. All other existing regulations and instructions contrary to the provisions herein, are cancelled and the following substituted. No subordinate commander will issue orders at variance with or more restrictive than the instructions contained herein. Should local publication of instructional matter on censorship be necessary, a draft will be submitted to the Chief Base Censor before publication, whenever practicable.

2. Military censorship will be effected over all private communications from all personnel in this theatre under British military jurisdiction, to include civilians accompanying or serving with this command in this theatre.

3. To render censorship effective, the full and loyal co-operation of all troops is necessary. All ranks should be made to realize that even apparently minor breaches of censorship regulations may be dangerous.

### II. Authorized Channels for Private Communications

4. Private communications originating in, or destined for, this theatre of operations will be transmitted only by means of authorized systems of communications, such as the Army Postal Service, approved telephone, telegraph, cable, or radio systems. They will not under any circumstances be dispatched from this theatre of operations by any means other than those authorized by the Allied C-in-C, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

5. It is forbidden to transmit or carry private communications for posting or delivery outside this theatre unless such communications have been examined and passed by a Base Censor. On leaving this theatre, all ranks may be required to sign a certificate in duplicate as follows:—

«I hereby certify that I am not carrying out of this theatre any personal communications or documents which have not been passed by a Base Censor. I further certify that all such matter carried bears the impression of the official Base Censorship stamp.»

The original of the certificate will be retained by the signer and the duplicate will be filed with the Security Officer at the port or airport of departure.

6. It is forbidden to cause to be used or to use civilian postal facilities for private communications. Only the facilities of the British Army Post Offices will be used for postal and telegraphic transactions.

7. Telegrams. These regulations will be applied in conjunction with separate telegram censorship regulations which are now in the process of publication.

### III. Instructions to Personnel

8. With necessary exceptions, all private correspondence will be in plain English. Permission to write letters in a language other than English must be obtained from the Unit Commander. Personnel authorized to write in a language other than English will indicate in pencil the language of the communication on the face of the envelope. The use of codes, ciphers and shorthand, or any other form of secret writing is forbidden. Crosses (X's) representing kisses are permitted providing they do not appear to be used as a code, i.e. in irregular groups, etc.

9. All articles and photographs, including those of a non-service nature, which it is desired to despatch for publication in the Press will be forwarded, properly enveloped, addressed in an outer cover to Allied Force Headquarters, INC Section, Censorship Branch, BNAF. Such submissions must be forwarded in duplicate and must be accompanied by the approval of the sender's commanding officer.

10. Correspondence for Allied prisoners of war should be very brief and confined to purely personal matters. Naval and military matters should be strictly avoided and nothing should be mentioned which might result in retaliatory action being taken against the addressee. (Note paragraphs 11 (b) (1), 13 (d), 15 (b), and 18 (a).)

### 11. Censorship Guidance.

(a) Conditional Statements. *Under no circumstances will reference be made to any matter which might be of value or comfort to the enemy, be detrimental to the war effort, or disparage the forces or prejudice the foreign relations of the Allies.* The following list indicates some subjects, the mention of which should be made only after careful consideration of the above:—

- (1) Information concerning military, naval or air forces of the Allies.
- (2) Military, naval or aircraft armament or equipment (no new designs should be mentioned until publicity has been given in the Press).
- (3) Description of billets, bivouacs or camps; location of groups of soldiers.
- (4) Specific information as to names or numbers of casualties or desertions (names are of value to the enemy—names may distress relatives). Mention of casualties or desertions in private correspondence before the elapse of 60 days after the date of the casualty or desertion is prohibited.
- (5) The military status of any person in transit, or the fact of his movement. (Possible future military operations might be revealed by identifying an individual known for a specialized activity).

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- (6) Reference to the presence in this theatre of any officer of the rank of full Colonel or higher if such information links him with a unit or assignment. Officers whose names have been released in the Press may be mentioned. Care will be taken not to disclose their present location.
- (7) Unauthenticated or false reports or misleading statements.
- (8) Troops of units in actual combat may state in their private mail addressed to the United Kingdom, British Empire or continental United States descriptions of purely personal combat experiences providing that no reference is made to geographical locations or military units. (Even writers' own units will not be connected with the personal experiences other than by correct use of proper return addresses.) Unit censors will be held responsible for an intelligent interpretation of the above. Information of this nature is not permitted in green envelope mail or privilege air letters.

(b) Prohibited Statements. Under no circumstances will reference be made to the following:—

- (1) The exact geographical location of any unit. Location at which a unit or individual is stationed may be disclosed only as somewhere in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Sardinia or Corsica as the case may be. No location whatever will be disclosed in communications intended for addresses in places other than Great Britain, United States, Northern Ireland, Eire, the British Empire or Allied occupied territories.
- (2) The location, identity, movement or prospective movement of any Allied ship or aircraft; troop or supply movements.
- (3) Distinguishing signs of formations, units, baggage, transportation, etc.
- (4) Plans and forecasts, or orders for future operations, whether known or merely surmised; exercises and training programmes indicating possible future roles.
- (5) The use, condition, or probable extension of utilities or transportation facilities.
- (6) The effect of any action of the enemy previous to the official publication of such information.
- (7) Unit or force strength; arrival or lack of reinforcements.
- (8) Reports of atrocities, unless released by appropriate authority.
- (9) It is forbidden to identify any unit with any formation.

(c) Prohibited Correspondence.

- (1) Correspondence with local inhabitants on the Italian mainland.
- (2) Communications to the Press except as provided in paragraph 9 under Section III.
- (3) Communications intended to insert items in publications inviting correspondence with strangers; communications with any strangers in response to such advertisements or invitations.

12. Enclosures. The following are prohibited enclosures:—

(a) Official documents, military or civil, including orders, reports, maps, etc., and enemy documents or items of any kind.

(b) Service newspapers serving Army, District or larger formations unless listed by Army, District or higher headquarters as approved for mailing.

(c) Publications or news bulletins published by or serving units or formations smaller than Army. (These are not Press censored.)

(d) Local newspapers. Clippings from local newspapers may be sent if they do not indicate the location of a unit.

(e) Postage stamps and foreign currency or coins except in small numbers and denominations.

(f) Gramophone records.

(g) Drawings, sketches, music manuscripts and paintings except when submitted directly to the Chief Base Censor for censorship. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

(h) Private diaries and memoranda. For proper method of disposal see Field Service Pocket Book, Pamphlet No 3, Section 26.

(i) Studio-type portraits unless studio trademark, address, designation, etc., has been excised.

(j) Letters, messages or newspapers in parcels. Parcels will not be wrapped in newspapers and will bear a list of contents on the outside. Each parcel will contain a slip showing the names and addresses of the sender and the person to whom it is being sent.

(k) Communications written by, or on behalf of, local inhabitants.

(l) Any other enclosures of a military nature.

13. Addresses.

(a) The correct postal address of his unit will be made known to every soldier. No addition to this address will be permitted. In case of doubt regarding the correct military postal address of any unit, the local army postal authorities should be consulted. A place name will not appear in a military address unless specifically authorized. The use of a civil address is forbidden.

(b) In no case will the writer's unit be disclosed on the outside of envelopes, wrappers or postcards. (The correct use of field service postcards is the only exception to this rule.)

(c) The use of stationery which is headed, embossed, or printed with any matter calculated to disclose the location of the writer or any of his unit is prohibited.

(d) Writers will not indicate their unit's address anywhere on or in communications addressed to Allied prisoners of war or countries other than Great Britain, United States, Northern Ireland, Eire, the British Empire and Allied occupied territories. Instead, writers of such letters will indicate the address of a relative or friend in Great Britain to whose care a reply can be sent for reforwarding.

In the case of troops from countries other than those named above and who are serving with the British forces in this theatre, the address of their Embassy or Legation in London will be indicated if the above plan cannot be followed. If neither plan is applicable, such writers will indicate "c/o British Chief Base Censor, Algiers" as their address. It will be the responsibility of the writer that such relative, friend, Embassy, Legation or Chief Base Censor has a record of his unit's address. Green envelopes will not be used for such mail, nor will photographs, sketches or pictorial matter of any kind, regardless of source, be enclosed.

#### 14. Picture Postcards.

(a) Picture postcards will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. They will be suppressed by franking officers if they may in any way disclose the writer's present or past location, or the route by which movements of the writer's unit have taken place. Picture postcards showing an identifiable place or view in Italy will not be mailed.

(b) Any reference in communications to postcards previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the postcard or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

#### 15. Films.

(a) Photographs, films, prints and all similar photographic materials will be subject to the same censorship regulations as applicable to ordinary mail. In addition, the following classes of photographic materials will not be sent through the mail:—

(1) Pictures which reveal *any* kind of military information. Pictures mailed will be purely personal in nature with no identifiable backgrounds.

(2) Undeveloped exposed films.

(b) Photographs or pictorial matter of any kind, from whatever source they may have been obtained, will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries. (See para. 13 (d).)

(c) Any reference in communications to photographs previously sent or to be sent which, when considered with the photographs or separately, violates military censorship regulations, is prohibited.

(d) All negatives and prints not passed by the censor will be disposed of as directed by the Allied C-in-C, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

#### 16. Green Envelopes (includes Privilege Air Letters where applicable).

(a) Military personnel, other than officers, in this theatre are authorized the use of green envelopes for the transmission of letters *relating to private and family matters only*. (Note paragraphs 11 (a) (8) and 13 (d).)

(b) The purpose of the green envelope is to offer more privacy to the sender and to protect him from possible embarrassment. Communications so sent are subject to censorship by the Base Censor only.

(c) As many as three letters may be sent in one green envelope provided they are all from the same writer. When enclosing more than one letter, the covers of the enclosed letters will be sealed and the green envelope will be addressed to the Base Censor.

(d) The certificate on the green envelope must be signed by the writer.

(e) Green envelopes cannot be registered and should not be used for the transmission of money or valuables.

(f) Any misuse of the envelope or infraction of the regulations for its use will be regarded as a serious offence.

#### 17. Posting.

(a) Officers, Warrant Officers and Civilians. All mail of officers and warrant officers, and civilians under military jurisdiction, will be deposited in Army Post Office channels sealed and ready for mailing.

(b) Other Ranks. All mail of other ranks will be deposited in mail boxes in unit orderly rooms, unsealed and ready for mailing. Green envelope mail will be deposited sealed.

### IV. Unit Censorship

18. The following types of mail will not be unit-censored and must not bear the impression of the unit censorship stamp. They will be forwarded under separate cover as official mail to the Chief Base Censor.

(a) Correspondence to Allied prisoners of war or countries other than Great Britain, United States, Northern Ireland, Eire, the British Empire and Allied occupied territories. However, unit censors will see that all such correspondence is accompanied by a separate slip of paper on which is indicated the sender's complete name and military address. (Red Cross Postal Messages may be sent by communicating *directly* with the British Red Cross, Algiers.)

(b) Foreign language communications which cannot be translated by unit censors.

(c) Drawings, sketches, music manuscripts and paintings. These submissions will not be accompanied by correspondence and will be wrapped ready for mailing.

19. The following types of mail will not be unit censored, but will bear the impression of the unit censorship stamp.

(a) Officers' and Warrant Officers' mail. The writers will sign their name without rank at the end of the text and on the lower left corner of the envelope as a certification that they have read, understood and complied with censorship regulations. (Warrant officers are not authorized to censor mail of other ranks.)

(b) Green envelope mail. Unit censors will not frank green envelopes.

20. Communications to be registered will be censored, sealed and franked in the presence of the sender and then handed back to him for despatch through the Army Post Office.

21. Field service postcards will not be unit censored, franked nor impressed with the unit censorship stamp, but their correct use will be strictly enforced. Any cards irregularly used will be destroyed.

22. Incoming mail will not be censored by unit censors, but unit censors will notify the Chief Base Censor of cases where it is desirable or necessary to censor an individual's incoming mail.

23. All other private communications, including parcels, will be censored and franked by unit censors and impressed with the unit censorship stamp. All matter bearing an impression of a unit censorship stamp will be despatched to Army Post Offices under arrangements which will preclude the possibility of their being opened on the way by the sender or other persons.

24. Any matter contravening censorship regulations must be made completely illegible or the letter returned to the writer for re-writing. The most effective method is excision by scissors or razor blade, but in the case of Airgraphs and Air Letters, or where excision is likely to destroy harmless matter on the other side of the page, the unit censors may obliterate by overwriting with close coils in ink or indelible pencil. Unit censors will bear in mind that ineffective deletion defeats its own end by directing particular attention to the censorable matter. No comments of any description will be written on letters by unit officers.

25. A unit censor will frank the private communications of his men by signing his name without rank in a legible manner at the end of the text and on the lower left corner of the front of the cover (upper right corner on Airgraphs); photographic enclosures will be franked on the back; initials are not sufficient; rubber signature stamps are not permitted.

26. The unit censorship stamp impression will be placed on the upper left corner of the front of the cover (upper right corner on Airgraphs) after franking. The stamping of empty or unaddressed covers is strictly forbidden. Small units holding no stamp will either pass their franked mail for stamping and posting to the nearest unit holding a stamp or tie it in a bundle marked «From — Unit. No Censor Stamp Available» and post it unstamped for transmission to the Base Censor.

27. Applications for unit censor stamps will be made to Chief Base Censor, stating mob. serial number and strength. Censor stamps are not transferable. Units disbanded or leaving this theatre will return their censor stamps to Chief Base Censor.

28. Every precaution will be taken to prevent a censor stamp from falling into improper hands or being lost. If in danger of capture by the enemy, it will be destroyed. The loss of a stamp will be reported immediately direct to Chief Base Censor, and a report forwarded as early as possible explaining the circumstances.

29. Officers are strictly forbidden to discuss or divulge the contents of letters which they censor except when in the course of their duty they have to report to a senior authority.

#### V. Base Censorship

30. All private communications of personnel governed by these regulations are subject to censorship by the Chief Base Censor.

31. Inquiries on postal censorship should be directed to the British Chief Base Censor.

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

17 April 1944.

ACC/14057/PS.

SUBJECT : Censorship Regulations

TO : Base Censor C.M.F.

May this Sub-Commission please be supplied with two copies of  
Censorship Regulations.

PAUL G. KIRK.  
Colonel Inf.,  
Chief Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COM. ON  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

Ref/127/41/CA

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : All Sub-Commissions  
Regional Commissioners  
SCAO's, 5th & 8th Armies.

The following has been prepared by Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission for the information of all concerned:

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CIVIL POST OFFICE SERVICES  
available to the Public (excluding military personnel)  
as at 1st March, 1944

## (a) Internal

### 1. MAILS.

Letters and postcards collection and delivery in and between liberated Italy\*, Sicily and Sardinia (registered letters, packets and parcels NOT accepted).

### Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

|                           |                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Postcards                 | For delivery in town of posting | For delivery outside town of posting |
| Letters (for each 15 gms) | 15 centesimi 25 "               | 30 centesimi 50 "                    |

### Present Maximum Weight Limits for Posting.

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| In Italy and Sardinia: | 90 gms  |
| In Sicily :            | 210 gms |

### Postage Stamps to be used.

|                      |                                                          |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Italy and Sardinia : | Italian only (AMG stamps may be used later if necessary) |
| Sicily :             | AMG only (special print).                                |

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+ Region II and Salerno Province (Avellino, and part of Naples and Benevento Provinces to be added shortly).

(b) Foreign

(1) Civil. - Between all the territories in which the internal service operates and all Allied and neutral countries other than those occupied by the enemy.

Postage Rates.

|           |   |                                   |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Postcards | : | 1.50 lire                         |
| Letters   | : | Up to 20 gms : 2.50 lire          |
|           | : | 20-40 gms (maximum weight) 4 lire |

Postage Stamps. - As for internal mails.

DETAILED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING CENSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS, ARE ON  
EXHIBITION IN ALL POST OFFICES.

(ii) Prisoners of War.

Letters and postcards, free of postage, for Prisoners of War in both Allied and Enemy hands.

(iii) International Red Cross Messages.

Agencies are established in Naples, Palermo and Cagliari. A limited service now operating will shortly be made available in all the liberated area. Details will be published by the International Red Cross Committee.

2. FINANCIAL SERVICES.

In the postal delivery area: - Post Office Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Postal Money Orders.

The Post Office Current Account banking service is in operation to a limited extent.

DISTRIBUTION:

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Chief Commissioner                      |    |
| Deputy Chief Commissioner               |    |
| Secretary General to Chief Commissioner |    |
| Administrative Section                  | 10 |
| Economic Section                        | 12 |
| PW & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission   |    |
| Italian Refugees Branch                 |    |
| Security Branch                         |    |
| Information Branch                      |    |
| Establishment Branch                    |    |
| Political Section                       |    |

W.P. Field (W.P.C.)  
for NORMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
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(ii) Prisoners of War.

Letters and postcards, free of postage, for Prisoners of War in both Allied and Enemy hands.

(iii) International Red Cross Messages.

Agencies are established in Naples, Palermo and Cagliari. A limited service now operating will shortly be made available in all the liberated area. Details will be published by the International Red Cross Committee.

2. FINANCIAL SERVICES.

In the postal delivery area: - Post Office Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Postal Money Orders.

The Post Office Current Account banking service is in operation to a limited extent.

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d. Prohibited enclosures:

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- (2) Uncensored or local publications.

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(3) Phonograph (gramophone, records).

(4) Any other enclosure of military value.

2. Additional Restrictions:

- a. No geographical location whatever in ITALY will be disclosed.
- b. Italian language newspapers, or clippings from them, will NOT be sent through the post.
- c. Picture post cards will NOT be mailed.
- d. Correspondence with local inhabitants is forbidden.
- e. Exposed films or prints will not be sent through the post, or otherwise despatched.
- f. It is forbidden to identify any unit with any formation (British) or organization (American).

By command of Lieutenant General MACFARLANE:

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