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Mem. SHEET.

To: C.A. Sec:

Colis 7A, for Approval and signature, please

14/12/44

Room 8, 5th Floor

Ext 686, Rm. 5C.

John W. Chapman
Colonel.
U.S. Army

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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Tel : 489081
Ext : 489 - 686

AC/14124/PS

14 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO : G-5, AFHQ, APO 512 (Att. Lt. Col. Jackman).

1. Reference is made to your G-5, 421.4 dated 10 December and to CR/4368/GI-Br of 9 December, copy of which you passed to this Headquarters.
2. The position of the Allied Commission is that it has no authority to issue orders on the subject in Italian Government Territory, and the matter would not seem to be of sufficient importance to justify a representation to the Italian Government for a decree.
3. It is believed that a vigorous enforcement of the army order prohibiting the purchase of badges, etc., by military personnel will of itself eliminate the manufacture of such articles by destroying the market. Certainly there are not enough deserters buying badges, etc., to sustain the market. Enemy agents masquerading as British soldiers will not be many and they would obtain these items in spite of any prohibition on manufacture and sale.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.S. PARKINSON, Brig.
A/VP, CA Sec.
A/DCOS, AC.

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RV 6AALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 421.4

10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. SA

1. Reference is made to your AC/14124/PS of 22 November, a copy of which was passed to G-1(Br). 6B

2. Attached is copy of CR/4368/G1-Br of 9 December upon which your comments are requested.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Incl:
as above.

11 DEC 1944

T. B. JACKSON,
Lt. Colonel.

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SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/4368/G-1(Br)

9 Dec 44

G-5

Reference your G-5; 421.4 dated 29 Nov 44.

1. It is agreed that on the Italian law as it at present stands there is no authority for the arrest of vendors of imitations of British medal ribbons, divisional signs, regimental flashes or badges.
2. GRC 956/44 already contains a warning to British ORs not to purchase spurious medal ribbons.
3. The point still remains that the manufacture by Italians of imitations of British distinguishing signs, badges of rank, etc. is highly undesirable in that these can be purchased by deserters or agents who wish to masquerade as British soldiers.
4. It was for this reason that the matter was raised and it is not thought that the reply from HQ AC has dealt with this aspect of the matter, though it is agreed that it may not be of sufficient importance to warrant pursuing it further.

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TO	
COL CH PM N	
COL YOUNG	
LT. COL WILCOX	
MAJ LUCKMAN	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANBURY	
MAJ BALANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

S. PASSINGHAM, Lt. Col.

AAC,

For Major General,
DAC., G-1(Br).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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AC/11/12/PS

22 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO: AMHQ, G-5.

ith reference to your letter G-5 421.4 dated 19 Nov 44.

- 1 Attached copy of this HQ's reply to Southern Region letter
Ref: PS/L dated 30 Oct. 44, is passed to you for information.

Rec'd
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section,
DCOS MC.

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G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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19 November 1944

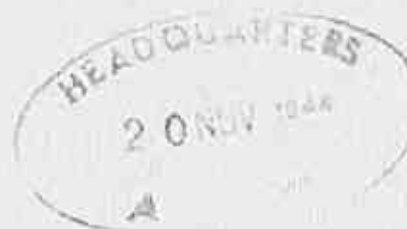
SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference Southern Region's letter PS/4
dated 30 October addressed to the Public Safety Sub-
Commission. Will you please say what action, if any,
you have taken, or propose to take.

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

TO	
CH PM	
CO YOUNG	
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T. JACKMAN	
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J HANBURY	
WJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	



HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED **CONTROL** COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4

Date 9 November 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons to Civilians.

TO : DEM, HQ. No. 3 District.

1. Further reference to your letters Nos. Prov 451 of 15 Oct 44 and 3 Nov 44 and this HQ letter PS/4 of 30 Oct 44 to HQ. Allied Commission - a copy of which was forwarded to you - relative to the sale of service medal ribbons by civilians.

2. A letter has now been received from HQ. Allied Commission, in which it is stated the suggested solution to the problem is incorrect, that the so-called offence is not a civil offence and that there seems no good ground for making it so.

3. Also in that communication it is intimated that the proper course is for the Military Authorities to make it an offence for soldiers to purchase such ribbons if they deem it desirable to prohibit purchase from Italians, furthermore, it is requested that the orders as to the arrest of the street vendors selling these articles, be cancelled.

For the Regional Commissioner:

GR/tp.

Copy to:

Civil Affairs Section. ✓
HQ. Allied Commission

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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Civil Affairs Section
HQ. Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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AC/14124/18

6 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Attn: RPSO)

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- 1 Reference is made to your letter PS/4, dated 30 Oct 44, subject as above.
 - 2 The approach by 3 District to the solution of this problem is incorrect. The so-called offence is not a civil offence and there seems no good ground for making it so.
 - 3 The proper course is for 3 Dist to make it an offence for soldiers to purchase such ribbons if they deem it desirable to prohibit purchase from Italians.
 - 4 Please ask 3 Dist to cancel orders as to arrest of street vendors selling these articles.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER ;

G. P. M.
G. P. M. UPJOHN Brig.
VF CA Section
Dep COS AC

Tel : 469031
Ext : 469

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4

Date 30 October 1944 cc.

SUBJECT: Sale of Medal Ribbons by Civilians.

TO : The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q.
Allied Commission. ✓

1. The following is an extract from a letter received at this HQ. recently from the DPM, H.Q. No. 3 District :-

"Medal ribbons are being sold by Italian vendors in this District. There is no authority for the sale of British medal ribbons by Italians. Provost units in this District have therefore been told to apprehend such vendors and hand them over to the Civil Police. It would be much appreciated if you could arrange for strong and effective action to be taken by the Civil Police to put an end to this undesirable practice".

2. As it appeared this contingency is not catered for in the Proclamations or in the Italian law, the letter was submitted to the Regional Legal Officer, this Region, for his opinion and the following represents his reply :-

"Dott. Galeoni, a civilian Italian advocate in the services of this Division, has reviewed the Italian law and reports that in his opinion there is no restriction prohibiting the Italian civilians to sell or dispose of Allied medal ribbons. There appears to be nothing in the Allied Proclamations or Regional Orders that prohibits anyone from offering for sale facsimile of service medal ribbons".

3. It will be seen the position in a nutshell is that civilian vendors cannot be prevented from or prosecuted for selling medal ribbons of any Country. The only instance where we can take action is when a pedlar is found committing the minor offence of trading such wares without the pedlar's licence required by Italian law; in such cases the necessary action is taken but this is most unsatisfactory as it excludes the shopkeeper who is probably the principal offender.

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4. It may be thought that the medal ribbons in question have been received irregularly by the vendors from official Allied sources and that appropriate action can be taken to seal the source of supply; this is not so as it is observed the ribbons are made from Italian material - the Italian is particularly expert in this type of work.

5. The DPM refers to the practice as undesirable; it certainly is and, in fact, in certain circumstances it may well be described as dangerous. In furtherance of the DPM's "case" I would point out that this matter not only affects British medal ribbons, it affects medal ribbons, Divisional and Regimental emblems and badges of all Allied countries and, in addition, it affects not merely Naples and the area "covered" by No. 3 District, but the whole of liberated Italy.

6. You may consider this is a matter warranting legislation by Proclamation, Regional Order or Prefect's Decree or even a Decree of the Italian Government; therefore, the facts are submitted for your information, consideration and in order that a suitable reply may be forwarded to H.Q. No. 3 District.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. Richardson
G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GR/tp.

Copy to:

DPM, HQ No.3 District (letter PRO 451 of 15/10/44 refers).

TO	INIT	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		3/11
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ HERNIMAN		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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