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MAR. 1944 - DEC. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 470800

16 January, 1945.

AC/14601/13/PS

SUBJECT : Searching of CC.RR. at Elba.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region,
attention R.P.S.O.

1. Reference your R-VIII/PS/3.1 dated 15 November 44.
2. The following report has been received from French Representative A.C. :-

"In reference to your letter AC/14601/13/PS November 25th and following letter from this Office Xs/SM/AC 1.000 November 29th, an enquiry was made concerning the searching of CC.RR. at Elba by French M.C.O's.

"It appears that such measures were decided on August 31st 1944 in complete agreement in between Allied A.M.C. authorities and the French C.I.C. in order to screen possible suspects coming from Italy and wanting to reach either Corsica or France.

"The measures consisted mainly in :

- (a) controlling all incoming passengers.
- (b) until October, in searching mail bags in order to discover clandestine correspondence.

"The mail was always turned over to A.M.C. authorities.

"The French Officer reporting on this matter states that these measures were taken in agreement with the CC.RR. and Guardia di Finanze and never led to any friction in between French and Italians.

"Since it appears that all French Military organizations have been withdrawn from Elba it is believed that no further action is necessary."

3. Forwarded for your information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Office of the French Representative

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		12/12
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		15/12
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
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Rome, December 10th, 1945.
JH/SM n° 2.002

Searching of CC.RR. at Elba.

Director Public Safety Sub-Commission

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2. It appears that such measures were decided on August 31st 1944 in complete agreement in between Allied A.M.G. authorities and the French C.I.C. in order to screen possible suspects coming from Italy and wanting to reach either Corsica or France.

The measures consisted mainly in:

- a/ controlling all incoming passengers,
- b/ until October, in searching mail bags in order to discover clandestine correspondence.

The mail was always turned over to A.M.G. authorities.

3. The French Officer reporting on this matter states that these measures were taken in agreement with the CC.RR. and Guardia di Finanza and never led to any friction in between French and Italians.

4. Since it appears that all French Military organizations have been withdrawn from Elba it is believed that no further action is necessary./.

For X. de SEVIN, Major General A.C.
French Representative.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

ROME, November 29th, 1944.
XS/SM = AC/1.000/

To : Director PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

Subject : Searching of CC.RR. at Elba. 5A

- 1/ In reference your letter AC/14601/13/PS of November 25th, this Office, while feeling that searching of Italian CC.RR. entering and leaving Elba, is not a normal procedure, is however finding out from French Military Authorities the reason for which such action was taken.
- 2/ You will be immediatly informed as to the result of this enquiry. Until then, this Office believes no further action would be advisable./.

TO	BY	DATE
LT. O. WILSON	W.W.	21/11
MAJ. DUCKWORTH	W.W.	21/11
MAJ. WILSON	W.W.	21/11
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X. de Sevin, General A.C.
French Representative.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

Ref. AC/14601/13/PS.

25th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Searching of CC.RR at Elba.

TO : French Mission, A.C.

1. It has been reported by the R.P.S.O., Toscana Region, that French N.C.O's on duty at Rio Marina, Elba, insist on searching members of the CC.RR when entering and leaving Elba. On one occasion the despatch carrier was also searched but the correspondence left intact.
2. It is thought that these searches may cause friction between CC.RR and the French Military Command. May we please be informed whether the policy of searching is approved by you.

Sgd John W Chapman

John W. Chapman,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.1 15 November 1944

SUBJECT : Searching of CC.RR., on entering and leaving ELBA

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
Headquarters, A.C.- C.M.F.

1. It is reported to me that French N.C.Os., on duty at Rio Marina, ELBA, insist on searching members of the CC.RR. when entering and leaving Elba.

2. The despatch carrier was also searched but the correspondence was left intact.

3. In order to avoid any unnecessary friction that these ostentatious searches may cause, can the matter please be taken up with the French Military Authority in Rome.

TO	INT	DATE
CO. L. YOUNG		
LT. AWR/mg		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
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A. W. Rowler
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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15 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Correspondence posted by Italian Troops in British and U.S. Army and Corps Areas.

TO: - Director Public Safety Sub-Commission
(for attention Lt.Col. Wilcox)

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Referring to your personal enquiry of today's date.

* The following extract from HQ. A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon) C.M.F. letter 2020/3/Q2 of 3 April 44 clearly covers the conditions referred to. The six letters received from you have been forwarded to the Military Censor.

"1. (a) All private mail from Italian Officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reali) serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps areas, will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command, and whenever possible, will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(b) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub-para (a) above, it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 C.M.F." and handed in to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses."

S. H. Head

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Lt.Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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* This letter is addressed to :- Fifth Army - Fifth Army (Br.Increment) - Rear Eight Army - Main Eight Army - 5 Corps - and is covered by "Regulations relating to Military Censorship of private correspondence of Italian military personnel located in operations area" issued by the Italian Supreme Command.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14601/13/PS

Tel : 439081
Ext : 257

16 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Personal Correspondence
of CC.RP.

TO : R.P.S.O., Regions VIII, IX, XI & XII,
Liguria & Piemonte, S.C.A.P. Os Fifth
& Eighth Armies.

1. In order to clarify the procedure to be followed by CC.RP in Army areas who wish to correspond with Italian civilians, the following extract from H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon) C.M.F. letter 2020/3/Q2 of 3 April 1944 is circulated.

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Copies to : R.P.S.Os
Regions I, IV, V, VI -
Southern Region.

A. E. YOUNG, Col., 2837
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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AGC/ 14601 / 13 / P.S.

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT : Censorship of C.G.R.R. mail.

TO : Gen. FIECHE, Commanding General C.G.R.R.

1. It is understood that Dr. FANO, Minister of Communication has circulated to all Italian officials details of the existing censorship regulations.
2. According to these regulations, official C.G.R.R. correspondence is not subject to censorship.
3. All mail passes through the Italian censorship office, but if it is recognized to be official correspondence it is not examined.
4. In order to assist the censorship department, C.G.R.R. mail should bear an official stamp and should be signed by C.G.R.R. officer.

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

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