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UFFICIO MILITARE CENSURA ESTERA TELEGRAFICA

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Torino, 21 gennaio 1946

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O G G E T T O : Rapporti settimanali sul funzionamento
dell' U.M.C.E.

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IL CAPO UFFICIO

Col. Ferraris Tommaso)

Gen. Col. J. J. J. J.

Director _____

D/Director _____

Chief Telegrams _____

Chief Postal _____

H. Q. Censor _____

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Rapporto settimanale sul funzionamento dell'U.M.C.E. Telegrafico di TORINO

dal 14/I al 20/I/46

ATTIVITÀ

GIORNO	TELEGRAMMI																	LAVORO DEI CENSORI				
	AFFLUITI									LINGUE								Censurati	Ritardati	Al mittente	Annulati	N. Commenti
	Privati	Commerciali	Serv. Ig. Ufficiali	Diplomatici	Governo Alleato	Stampa	Governo Italiano		TOTALE	Italiano	Inglese	Russo	Francese	Spagnolo	Portoghese	Tedesco						
Lunedì . . .	55	5							60	47			13				60					
Martedì . . .	57	5							62	42	1		18			1	62					3
Mercoledì . .	80	9		1					90	62			23			5	90					3
Giovedì . . .	58	4					1		63	44			18			1	63					2
Venerdì . . .	33	3							36	25			9			2	36					2
Sabato . . .	37	2							39	25			13			1	39					2
Domenica . .	47	4		1					52	34			18				52					2
TOTALE . . .	367	32		2			1		402	279	1		113			40	402					1

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Reporto settimanale sul funzionamento dell'U.M.C.E. Telegrafico di TORINO

dal 14/I al 20/I/46

ATTIVITÀ

T E L E G R A M M I										L A V O R O D E I C E N S O R I												
A F F L U I T I										L I N G U E												
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55	5								60	47			13					60				
57	5								62	42	1		18			1		62				3
80	9		1						90	62			23			5		90				3
58	4					1			63	44			18			1		63				2
33	3								36	25			9			2		36				1
37	2								39	25			13			1		39				1
47	4		1						52	34			18					52				1
367	36		2			1			402	279	1		113					402				11



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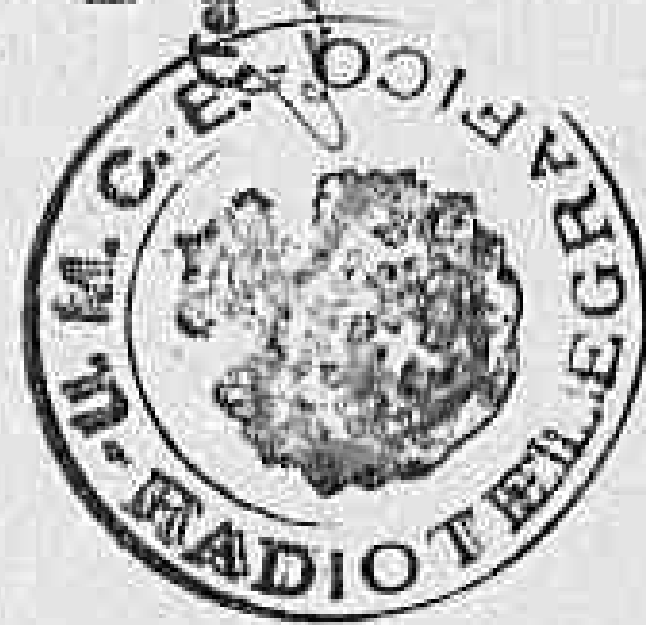
SUL FUNZIONAMENTO DELL' U.M.C.E. TELEGRAFICO DI TORINO

dal 14/1 al 20/1/46

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PERSONALE

GIORNI	CENSORI		VARI		N. medio telegrammi asse- gnati giornalmente a ciascun censore
	Militari	Civili	Militari	Civili	
Lunedì . . .	1	3	3	1	15
Martedì . . .	1	3	3	1	15
Mercoledì . . .	1	3	3	1	23
Giovedì . . .	1	3	3	1	16
Venerdì . . .	1	3	3	1	9
Sabato . . .	1	3	3	1	10
Domenica . . .	1	2	3	1	12
Totale settimanale	7	20	21	7	171 100



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Chief	
D/Inspector	
Chief	
Chief Post	
M. Q. Com	
Asst Chief	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	



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Rapporto settimanale sul funzionamento dell'U.M.C.E. Telegrafico di TORINO
 dal 7/I/46 al 13/I/46

ATTIVITÀ

GIORNO	TELEGRAMMI																	LAVORO DEI CENSORI					
	AFFLUITI									LINGUE								Censurati	Ritardati	Al mittente	Annulati	N.º Commenti	
	Privati	Commerciali	Serv. Ig. Ufficiali	Diplomatici	Governo Alleato	Stampa	Governo Italiano			TOTALE	Italiano	Inglese	Russo	Francese	Spagnolo	Portoghese	Tedesco						
Lunedì . . .	82	12		1						95	60	4		24	3		4	95					3
Martedì . . .	120	14		3						137	62	7		63		1	4	137					3
Mercoledì . . .	189	24					2			215	98	9		104	2		1	215					7
Giovedì . . .	113	15		3	1					122	73	9		38			2	122					3
Venerdì . . .	310	21	4	6						341	160	20		146	8		5	341					2
Sabato . . .	94	13		4			1			112	62	10		37	3			112					
Domenica . . .	34				1					35	20			14	1			35					
TOTALE . . .	942	89	4	17	2		3	6:24		1057	535	59		426	17	1	16	3 1057					18

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For example, the following table shows the results of a regression analysis of the relationship between the number of hours worked per week and the number of hours of sleep per night, using data from the 1980 U.S. Census. The regression equation is $\hat{y} = 8.5 - 0.05x$, where $\hat{y}$ is the predicted number of hours of sleep per night and x is the number of hours worked per week. The coefficient of determination is $R^2 = 0.12$.

Gen. Col. Francis Tompkins

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Director	
Chief of Telecomm	
Chief Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	163-112
Chief Clerk	

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 31 October 1945.

1. PERSONNEL

a. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

UNIT	OFF	EM	TOTAL
G-2 Section, WFOUSA	9	17	26
U. S. Navy Detachment	6	6	12
"X" Cens Det (British)	6	1	7
	21	24	45

b. Changes in Status

(1) Gains: None.

(2) Losses: Army: Lt. Col. Gordon W. McLean, Major Charles Goodall, Major Alfred J. Tria, Captain Frank Bonasera, Captain Richard L. P. Garzerelli, Captain Umberto F. McTroni, Captain William M. Scenna, 1st Lt. Henry H. Beckman, 1st Lt. Nello Florio, 1st Lt. Gerard S. Potrucci, 1737 transferred to Replacement Depot for shipment to the United States. Navy: Lieut. Karl Brown, SP(x)lc(T) Arnold Orrantia, Y2c Joe H. Garcia transferred to the United States.

c. Personnel Assignment Report

	OFF	EM	CIV	TOTAL
Command Group	3	4	3	9
Postal Section	8	7	133	148
Telecommunications Section	10	11	114	135
Dissemination Section	1	2	3	6
	21	24	253	298

2. POLICY MATTERS

On 10 October 1945 Civil Censorship Officer Lt. Col. Gordon W. McKean, and Chief, Postal Section, Major Alfred J. Tris, together with nine officers, received orders to report to Caserta for redeployment and departed these Headquarters.

Commander Anthony J. Perrone, USNR, Chief, Telecommunications Section, assumed the duties of Civil Censorship Officer, and Captain Frank Ursino those of Chief, Postal Section.

Loss of such a large number of officers, and the prospective additional loss of three officers and eight enlisted men seriously affect the operations of Civil Censorship and the maintenance of the present censorship stations. Further losses, without compensatory replacements will inevitably force the closure of more stations in the field and the reduction of headquarters activities.

3. PLANS & TRAININGa. Release of Personnel

With the further reduction of U. S. army critical point scores for release, to 65 for enlisted men and 75 for all officers, it again becomes necessary to re-shift personnel assignments. Headquarters are about to lose the services of Chief Clerk Tec 4 De Francis (A) and Driver Tec 4 Cipriano (A) leaving only two enlisted men at Headquarters.

Prospective loss of Naval personnel who have already reached critical scores making them eligible for release made it necessary to request replacements from the U. S. for Lt. Comdr. Camarinos (Venice) and Lieut. (jg) Rakus, (Trieste) and three of the remaining six enlisted men.

The signing over of 1st Lt. Peter Arico, (A) for 30 days, compensates for the loss of 1st Lt. Peter Carpentini (A) who departed for 30 days emergency leave.

Further personnel complication is caused by LIAP for British personnel of whom 3 officers and one OR will depart early in November, necessitating substitutions, for which one officer, Captain Goodwin (B) has been assigned but only partially compensates.

b. Continuance of Operations

The intimation in last report of inability to continue operations after reduction of WD and Navy critical scores for release, becomes increasingly true, as WD score is reduced to 60 or more points, and Navy score to 44 for officers and 39 for enlisted men. It is apparent from the records that by 1 December 1945 Civil Censorship personnel will be reduced to 5 officers (U. S. Army), six officers (U. S. Navy) and 3 enlisted men (Army) and 2 enlisted men (Navy) unless replacements are received before that date. Unless such replacements are received there will be no recourse left but to further curtail the activities of this Group.

4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONSa. Postal Section(1) Internal Mail

Six (6) stations were operating in the month of October 1945. For all internal mail that passed through the stations 3 1/2 % was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets.....1298
Total Number of Information Slips.....1034

The distribution of these intercepts to Allied Intelligence Agencies was as follows:

GSI, XIII Corps.....	316
GSI, #2 District.....	410
GSC 2-86 Area HQ.....	78
F.S.S.....	129
C.M.P.....	8
J.I.C.A.....	220
C.I.D.....	2
C.I.C.....	37
Provost Marshall.....	10
Regional Commissioners.....	76
Provincial Commissioners.....	566
Public Health.....	40
Finance Officers.....	24
Industry, Transportation, Agriculture.....	59
Patriot Branch.....	4
Legal Division.....	6
Public Safety.....	284
Supply Officers.....	10
Italian Army.....	37
Civil Affairs.....	5

(2) External Mail

The external mail report and figures will be submitted as soon as received from the Italian Commando Supremo. **1735**

1 b. Telecommunications Section(1) Telephone

Number of stations in operation: 5
 Total number of telephone comment sheets submitted: 1266
 (Incomplete Reports)

These comment sheets were distributed as follows:

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>COMMENT SHEETS</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps	106
Field Security Sections	627
Special Counter Intelligence	134
GSI - 2 District	749
GSI - XIII	118
Port Security	4
Public Safety Officer	431
Regional Security and Intelligence Officer	441
TOTAL	<u>2610</u>
 <u>ALLIED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES</u>	
Civil Affairs Officer	45
TOTAL	<u>45</u>
 <u>POLICE</u>	
Provost Marshall	28
Criminal Investigation Division	88
TOTAL	<u>116</u>
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Allied Military Government (Reg)	51
Allied Military Government (Prov)	76
Regional Finance Officer	2
Regional Supply Officer	5
Regional Transportation Officer	24
TOTAL	<u>158</u>
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(2) Internal Telegraph

Total number of messages (incomplete reports) 134210
 Total number of comment sheets 162

c. Dissemination Section

Of the Comment Sheets received by this Section from the Censorship Stations controlled by Allied personnel, as well as from those operated by the Esp. Cens. (S.M.R.E.), 50 have been selected for allocation to higher headquarters.

The User Agencies to which these 50 Comment Sheets were disseminated and the subject matter dealt with are shown hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	48
Allied Commission Hq.	45
IRB (London)	42
Dir. Int. AFS (Washington)	42
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	13
UNRRA	10
PIB AFHQ	8
JICA Unit "R"	5
EAB AFHQ	4
 <u>Subject Matter on which Comment Sheets drawn up</u>	
Demonstrations	42
Economics & Finance	40
Political Parties & Movements	26
Living Conditions	21
Patriot Activities	21
Government. Attitude & Trends	20
Opinion & Morale	14
Crime & Public Safety	14
Security & Counter-Espionage	12
Information on Balkans	10
Religion & Education	4
Black Market	3

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A. J. PERRONE,
Commander, USNR,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 30 September 1945

1. PERSONNELa. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	18	17	35
U. S. Navy Detachment	7	8	15
"X" Cons Det (British)	3	1	4
TOTALS	28	26	54

b. Changes in Status(1) Gains: None

(2) Losses: Army: 1st Lt. Lido Di Sano was transferred to the Army and Navy Liquidation Commission. A/Sgt Frank G. Moss, Tec 4 Armando Penha, Tec 4 John J. Reali, Tec 4 Charles W. Vandegriff, were transferred to Replacement Depot for shipment to the U. S. Tec 4 Anthony Cima was transferred to Detachment of Patients, 64th General Hospital. Navy: Lt. Comdr William F. Keyser, Lieut. Robert D. Arnott, Lieut. Harry Snow, Lt. (jg) Karl Monk transferred to the U. S. CIAA(T) William B. Quinn, CSp(x)AA(T) Pryor H. Batte, SP(x)lc(T) Joseph M. Martinez, SP(x)lc(T) Samuel W. Preston transferred to the U. S. British: Major Leslie T. Jackson was transferred to Caserta for duty with G-2 Section, AFHQ.

c. Personnel Assignment Report

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	6	3	11
Postal Section	18	7	153	178
Telecommunications Section	12	12	107	131
Dissemination Section	1	1	2	4
Special Activities	1	1	1	3
TOTALS	32	26	266	324

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2. Policy Matters

a. Closing of Censorship Stations

During the month of September the following internal censorship stations were closed:

AGOSTA	-	POSTAL	STATION
CUNEO	-	"	"
COMO	-	"	"
GENOVA	-	TELEPHONE	"
UDINE	-	"	"

b. Re-opening of Venezia Telephone Station

In accordance with plan outlined in August report, the Venezia telephone monitoring station was re-opened during this month. GSI of XIII Corps has informed this headquarters that all intelligence agencies have been advised of the re-opening of the station and have been encouraged to make full use of the services offered.

c. Transfer of External Telecommunications Censorship to Genoa

During this month, upon the cessation of internal monitoring activities in Genoa the monitoring of external telephone lines and the censorship of external telegraph lines from Genoa was transferred to Ispettorato Censura Militare.

d. Closing of Rome Radio-Telephone Monitoring Station

In accordance with directive received from AFHQ, monitoring of the transatlantic radio-telephone channel between the United States and Rome, was discontinued on 29 September 1945. The station had been operated by the Ispettorato Censura Militare and the monitoring had been limited to civilian calls. The small number of such calls passing over the circuit and the elimination of security as a factor in this censorship made advisable the discontinuance of this monitoring. In addition there appeared to be little likelihood of the use of the channel for conducting financial transactions in contravention of the regulations.

e. Transfer of Watch List Function to S.I.R.E.

The final phase of external censorship operations was transferred to the Italian government on 29 September 1945, when the Ispettorato Censura Militare assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of all Watch Lists

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and the checking of all outgoing external mails against such lists. As detailed in the previous month's report, special lists had been prepared for use by the Italians and turned over to them for printing in the early part of the month. Upon completion of the printing in suitable form for watch list operations, the new lists were installed in all external stations and the old lists destroyed. All Allied personnel have now been withdrawn from the external stations and all operations are completely under Italian operation and control.

3. Plans & Training

a. Release of Personnel

Under the announced plans for release of U. S. Army officers with adjusted Service Ratings Scores of 75 points or more and enlisted men with scores of 70 points or more, the personnel are being re-shifted so as to result in the following assignments:

HEADQUARTERS:

Civil Censorship Officer	Comdr. Perrone (USNR)
Adjutant	Wojg Milazzo (A)
Chief, Postal Section	Capt. Ursino (A)
Chief, Dissemination Section	Major Champion (E)
Chief Clerk	T/4 De Francis (A)
Typist	T/5 Benjamin (A)
Translator	T/3 Vieri (A)
Driver	T/4 Cipriano (A)

Administration Clerks-Navy
 CSp(=)AA(T) Miller (USNR)
 VSo(T) Wilson (USNR)

FIELD STATIONS:

POSTAL

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Station	Officer	Enlisted Men
Milano	Lt. Polisky (A)	T/5 Chiaroglio (A) T/5 Cordes (A)
Torino	Lt. Rich (A)*	T/5 Rando (A)
Bolzano	Lt. Carpentieri (A)*	T/5 Manno (A)
Udine	Capt. Young (E)	Pfc Simonelli (A)
Trieste	Capt. Leah (A)**	-
Venezia	Capt. Morris (E)	-

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Milano	Capt. Austin (B)	3rd. Manacomb (B)
Bolzano	Lt. Smith (USNR)	T/5 Arlie (A)
Merano	Lt. Shalkoa (USNR)	Ylc Pino (USNR)
Trieste	Lt. Garth (USNR)	CSg(x)AA(T) Bryant (USNR)
	Lt. (jg) Rexus (USNR)	T/5 D'Orazio (A)
		SP(x)Sc Galen
Venezia	Lt. Camarinos (USNR)	SP(x)le(T) Quiroz
Torino	Capt. Doublet (B)	Pfc Fragale (A)

- * Volunteered for duration plus six months.
- ** Volunteered for service up to 1 January 1944.

All necessary changes will be completed by the end of the first week in October at which time all personnel of the Group, other than those listed in above, are immediately available for release.

b. Continuance of Operations

Under the announced W.D. plan for release of enlisted men with 50 points or more, effective 1 November 1945 all enlisted personnel with the exception of three will become eligible for release. The continuance of operations will not be feasible unless suitable replacements qualified in the Italian language, are received. It is anticipated that the U. S. NAVY will announce a reduction in its point score, which will require additional replacements.

c. Priority of Importance of Censorship Activities in Venezia Giulia

At a conference held with GSE, XIII Corps, the following evaluation of the priority of the various censorship activities was agreed:

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1. Trieste telephone monitoring and telegraph censorship.
2. Venezia telephone monitoring.
3. Trieste postal censorship.
4. Venezia postal censorship.
5. Udine postal censorship.

G.S.I. indicated that if activities were to be curtailed, that they desire that if possible the priority outlined above, be observed.

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4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONSa. Postal Section(1) Internal Mail

Nine (9) stations were operating in the month of September 1945. For all internal mail that passed through the stations 33 was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets.....1624
Total Number of Information Slips.....1250

The distribution of these intercepts to Allied Intelligence Agencies was as follows:

GSI, XIII Corps.....	259
GSI, 2 District.....	537
F35.....	149
CMF.....	7
J.I.C.A.....	320
CID.....	11
CIC.....	115
Provost Marshall.....	5
Regional Commissioners.....	247
Provincial Commissioners.....	792
Public Health.....	52
Finance Officers.....	25
Industry, Transportation, Agriculture.....	105
Patriot Branch.....	8
Legal Division.....	15
Public Safety.....	387
Supply Officers.....	34
Civil Affairs.....	29
Italian Army.....	35
Economic Officers.....	55

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(2) External Mail

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b. Telecommunications Section(1) Telephone

Number of stations in operation: 6
 Total number of telephone comment sheets
 submitted: 1143
 (Incomplete reports)

These comment sheets were distributed as follows:

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>COMMENT SHEETS</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps	103
Field Security Sections	260
Special Counter Intelligence	128
Special Counter Intelligence "Z"	60
Public Safety Officer	532
GSI - 2 District	400
GSI - XIII Corps	172
Port Security	67
Regional Security and Intelligence Officer	312
TOTAL	2107

<u>POLICE</u>	
Provost Marshal	74
Criminal Investigation Division	89
TOTAL	102

<u>WATCH LIST</u>	
Special Activities - CGA	2
TOTAL	2

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Allied Military Government (Reg)	21
Allied Military Government (Prov)	102
Allied Information Service	129
Provincial Commissioners	595
TOTAL	1727

(2) Internal Telegraph

Total number of messages: 118234
 (Incomplete Reports)
 Total number of comment sheets: 244

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c. Dissemination Section

As a result of the decrease in the number of Comment Sheets received by this Section from the reduced number of Censorship Stations now operating, selection of information has produced smaller allocation to higher Headquarters than in past months.

A breakdown of the 153 Comment Sheets disseminated and the subject matter dealt with, are shown hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
G-2 (CC), AFHQ	153
A.C. Headquarters	144
I.R.B. London	134
Dir. Int. ASF (Wash)	134
P.I.B., AFHQ	48
D.A.B., AFHQ	39
G-2 (CI), AFHQ	38
J.I.C.A. Unit "R"	23
U.N.R.R.A.	10
N-2, AFHQ	2
G-1 (A-2) Br.	2

Subject matter on which
C/S drawn up.

Economic & Finance	41
Political Parties & Movements	38
Security & Counter-Espionage	28
Inf. on Allied Armed Forces	14
Opinion & Morale	13
Communications & Transportation	12
Patriot Activities	11
P.O.W. & Refugees	9
Public Health	6
Crime & Public Safety	3
Government, Attitudes & Trends	3
Information on Balkans	3
Religion & Education	2
Living Conditions	2
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Comdr G.P. McNeal USNR
 For GORDON W. McNEAL,
 Lt. Col. Cavalry,
 Civil Censorship Officer.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 27
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY
For the Period 1 to 31 August 1945

1. PERSONNELa. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	20	22	42
U. S. Navy Detachment	11	12	23
"X" Cens Det (British)	7	1	8
TOTALS	38	35	73

b. Changes in Status(1) Gains: None(2) Losses: Nonec. Personnel Assignment Report

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	7	3	12
Postal Section	17	8	163	188
Telecommunications Section	16	18	103	137
Dissemination Section	1	1	4	6
Special Activities Section	2	1	6	9
TOTALS	38	35	279	352

2. POLICY MATTERS:a. Closing of Censorship Stations.

During the month of August, the telegraph censorship station at Trento was discontinued. In addition, all internal censorship of telegrams was discontinued at Como and Cuneo. This action was due to the paucity of results obtained to date.

b. Discontinuance of Public Opinion Surveys.

With the further reduction in personnel caused through the withdrawal of Major L. Turnour Jackson (P.), all weekly and monthly public opinion surveys and reports will be discontinued as of 31 August 1945.

c. Continuance of Internal Censorship in Northern Italy.

A verbal policy directive has been received from G-2, AFHQ, requiring the continuance of internal censorship, both postal and telephone, in the following provinces:

MILANO
TORINO
BOLZANO
VENEZIA
UDINE or TRIESTE

The period during which it will continue is indefinite, but the situation will be reviewed once again on or about 31 October 1945. The continuance of internal censorship is not considered justified and its discontinuance has been recommended repeatedly by the Civil Censorship Officer. The closing of this activity has been strongly opposed by Ho., No. 2 Dist and XIII Corps.

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d. Transfer of Watch Lists to S.M.R.E.

Final clarification on the names to be turned over to S.M.R.E. has been received from the War Dept., Washington and the War Office, London. In addition, the security agencies in the theatre have been canvassed and names selected which may be turned over to S.M.R.E. On or about 10 September the revised card index Watch List file will be turned over to S.M.R.E., who will then proceed to have the complete revised Watch List printed in suitable form for use in the stations by them. Responsibility for checking of external mail against Watch Lists, will be assumed by S.M.R.E. on or before 1 October 1945, when all remaining Allied personnel being utilized in this work, will be withdrawn.

In connection with the above policy two lists are being transferred to the SMRE (Isp Cens) as follows:

a. Addressee List.

Compiled from the Statutory List and Proclaimed List, with certain other names provided by U. S. and British censorships and from CCG records.

b. Sender List.

Compiled according to the plan set out in para III of the last report from this Section.

On or about 15 Sep 45 Italian officers are to be indoctrinated in Watch List procedure at the Stations.

The civilian subsection at present employed in maintaining the Watch List at headquarters is being transferred to the SMRE (Isp Cens) on 15 Sep 45.

Watch List procedure will remain substantially the same under these arrangements but, in the case of the sender list, background information is being provided on the stations. In this manner there will be a considerable reduction in the amount of examination to be done at headquarters.

3. PLANS & TRAINING

a. Discontinuance of Special Activities Section.

Effective 5 September 1945, the Special Activities Section will be discontinued and all functions handled by this section will cease. Watch list cases will in the future be handled by the Dissemination Section in the same manner as the ordinary comment sheets. This has been made possible through the elimination of highly classified names from the watch list.

b. Discontinuance of Censorship Stations.

In accordance with verbal directive received from G-2, AFHQ, orders have been issued directing the closing of the following stations, effective 15 September 1945:

AOSTA	-	Postal
CUNEO	-	Postal
COMO	-	Postal
UDINE	-	Telephone
GENOA	-	Telephone

c. Re-opening of Venezia Telephone Station.

In accordance with verbal directive received from G-2, AFHQ, the necessary steps are being taken to re-open the Venice telephone monitoring station. This action was initiated through request made by GSI of XIII Corps. The present plans call for the station to operate on approximately the same scale as previously and to be supervised by one Allied officer.

d. Release of Personnel.

This headquarters has advised G-2, AFHQ, that it will be prepared to release the following personnel on or about 15 Sept. 1945:

10	U.S. Army Officers
10	U.S. Army E.M.
2	U.S. Navy Officers
4	U.S. Navy Ratings

The release of the above personnel is made possible through the closing of internal censorship stations, the release of Allied personnel from supervising watch list activities and the curtailment of headquarters activities.

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4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONSa. Postal Section(1) Internal Mail

Nine (9) stations were operating in the month of August 1945. For all internal mail that passed through the stations 3% was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets.....1862
Total Number of Information Slips.....1217

The distribution of these intercepts to Allied Intelligence agencies was as follows:

GSI, XIII Corps.....	230
AMG, XIII Corps.....	93
Area Commissioner, Trieste.....	10
GSI, 2 District.....	516
5, SCI.....	5
FSS.....	168
CMP.....	37
J.I.C.A.....	185
CID.....	21
CIC.....	175
Provost Marshall.....	52
CIC, 34th Division.....	9
Regional Commissioners.....	359
Provincial Commissioners.....	1057
Public Health.....	62
Finance Officers.....	33
Industry Division.....	46
Patriot Branch.....	10
Legal Division.....	20
PWB.....	24
Public Safety.....	267
Supply Officers.....	24
Civil Affairs.....	28
Italian Army.....	13

(2) External Mail

The external mail report and figures will be submitted as soon as received from the Italian Commando Supremo.

b. Telecommunications Section(1) Telephone

Number of stations in operation: 6
 Total number of telephone comment sheets submitted: 968
 (Incomplete reports)

These comment sheets were distributed as follows:

SECURITYCOMMENT SHEETS

Counter Intelligence Corps	80
Field Security Sections	233
Special Counter Intelligence	7
Special Counter Intelligence "Z"	175
G-2 IV Corps	4
Public Safety Officer	338
GSI - 2 District	607
Port Security	29
TOTAL	1473

POLICE

Provost Marshal	47
Criminal Investigation Division	30
TOTAL	77

WATCH LIST

Special Activities - CCG	1
TOTAL	1

MISCELLANEOUS

Allied Military Governmnet (Reg)	125
Allied Military Government (Prov)	47
Telecommunications Board	384
Psychological Warfare Branch	83
Special Investigation Branch	104
Public Works and Utilities	4
Regional Security and Intelligence Officer	294
3rd. Batt.	7
Provincial Commissioner	57
TOTAL	1109

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(2) Internal Telegraph

Total number of messages (Incomplete Reports) 96774
Total number of comment sheets 182

(3) Opening of External Landline Telecommunications

During the month the censorship of external telegraph traffic via newly opened channels between Milano and Switzerland, Torino and Switzerland, and Genoa to Switzerland was commenced. Likewise external telephone communications between Milano and Switzerland were opened, and censorship was begun by the telephone station at Milano.

External telephone lines from Trieste to Lubljana and other points in Yugoslavia, which had been operating for some time were, at the request of XIII Corps and with the authorization of the Communications Sub-Commission, submitted to censorship control in the Trieste Telephone Station during the month.

c. Dissemination Section

Recent modifications in the requirements of some of the User Agencies, have brought about a reduction in the number of Comment Sheets disseminated by this Section during August.

A breakdown of the 441 Comment Sheets given higher allocation during the month, is given hereunder.

<u>USER AGENCIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF C/S</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	312
Dir.Int. ASF Washington	275
I. R. E. London	274
Allied Commission Headquarters	256
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	103
E.A.B. AFHQ	86
U.N.R.R.A.	52
JICA Unit "R"	37
P.I.B. AFHQ	30
G-1 (A) AFHQ	14
C.I.C. Rome	9
G-1 (A-2) AFHQ, Br.	8
F.S.S. Rome	7
Allied Screening Commission	3
OSS AFHQ	2
I.S.L.D.	1
C.I.C. - P.I.B.	1
G-2 (RAAC)	1
M-2 AFHQ	1
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Subject matter on which
Comment Sheets drawn up

Number of C/S

Economics & Finance	100
Security & Counter-Espionage	83
Communications & Transportation	70
Political Parties & Movements	70
Public Health	65
Living Conditions	46
Opinion & Morale	35
Black Market	30
Information on Allied Armed Forces	26
Crime & Public Safety	17
Stolen Allied Property	13
Religion & Education	12
Demonstrations	8
Government Attitudes & Trends	7
Information on Enemy	7
Patriot Activities	3
Information on Balkans	2

d. Special Activities Section

(1) Civil Censorship Group-Italy Watch List

- (a) Names
Total number of names on list 557
- (b) Submissions
Number of submissions forwarded to Hq. 451
Postal (external mail) 25
Radiotelephone
- (c) Dissemination
Number of comment sheets 36
(Allocation is included in Dissemination
Section Statistics)

(2) External Mail Watch List

- (a) Names
Total on External Mail Watch List 20,311
- (b) Submissions forwarded to Hq. 261
Postal 1718
- (c) Dissemination
Number of comment sheets 73
(Allocation is included in Dissemination
Section Statistics)

(3) Code and Cipher

Pieces examined
Codes broken

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GORDON W. McKEAN,
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 31 July 19451. PERSONNELa. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2680th Hq Co, MIS (Cvhd)	20	22	42
U. S. Navy Detachment	11	12	23
"X" Cens Det (British)	7	1	8
TOTALS	38	35	73

b. Changes in Status(1) Gains: None.

(2) Losses: Captain Henri P. Ayres and 1st Lt. Le Roy E. Colby were transferred to the University Training Command, Florence. The entire 849th SIS Detachment, consisting of 3 officers and 17 enlisted men, was relieved from attachment to this unit. 9 U. S. Naval Officers and 10 U. S. Naval enlisted ratings were transferred to stations in the U. S. Two Officers of the "X" Censorship Detachment (British) were transferred to England for release from the service.

c. Personnel Assignment Report

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	7	3	12
Postal Section	17	8	152	177
Telecommunications Section	16	18	92	126
Dissemination Section	1	1	4	6
Special Activities Section	2	1	6	9
TOTALS	38	35	257	330

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2. POLICY MATTERS

a. Transfer of External Censorship to Italian Government.

In accordance with the schedule previously prepared, all external postal, cable and telephone stations were transferred to the Italian Government on 5 July 1945. The stations affected were:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
ROME	Postal Censorship Station Cable Censorship Station Radio-Telephone Monitoring Station
NAPLES	Postal Censorship Station
BARI	Postal Censorship Station
GENOA	Postal Censorship Station

All Allied personnel were withdrawn from the above stations on or about 15 July 1945 and since then the operations have been carried on by the Italian officers in command of the stations. The transfer was effected in a smooth and efficient manner and no major difficulties encountered. Control of the sorting and checking of mail against watch lists is being retained on direction of G-2, AFHQ until such time as a decision is reached on transferring the White Watch List to the Italian Government. One Allied officer is being retained in each of the postal censorship stations for this purpose.

b. Organization of Italian Censorship.

The Italian censorship organization is known as Ispettorato Censura Militare and is constituted as a section of the Stato Maggiore Reale Esercito under the Ministero della Guerra. The headquarters of the group is located in Rome and comprises:

Chief of the Censorship Group
Lt. Col. Carlo Coletti
Chief of Postal Section
Captain (Corvette) Aldo Grugnola
Chief of Telecommunications Section
Major Vittore Scarpis
Chief of Dissemination
Captain Oddone Ortolani
Staff of Typists and Clerks.

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The field stations are organized as follows:

<u>POSTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
ROME	4	3
NAPLES	4	3
GENOA	3	2
PARI	2	2

<u>TELECOMMUNICATION</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
ROME CABLE STATION	4	3
ROME RADIO-TELEPHONE	5	3

In addition to the foregoing the following stations are in the process of being organized. Some of the personnel have already been assigned or are under orders. Until the external telephone and external telegraph stations in the North are turned over to the Italian Government, the officers and enlisted men are being given temporary duty assignments in the local military districts.

<u>GENOA</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Cable Station	3	3
Telephone Station	3	2

<u>MILAN</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Cable Station	3	3
Telephone Station	3	2

<u>TORINO</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Telephone Station	3	2

Close liaison is being maintained with the Italian organization and every assistance is being given them in the solution of their problems. To date, there have been no problems which in any way threaten the smooth working of censorship under Italian supervision. The staff is being encouraged to reach solutions through cooperation and consultation between censorship and the Italian postal and telegraph department with CCC ~~1714~~ sitting in as advisers.

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c. Closing of Testing Laboratory

On 5 July 1945, in accordance with previous planning, the laboratory unit ceased operations and the personnel was relieved from attachment to the Group and returned to its parent organization. Arrangements have been made with the Austrian laboratory detachment to test letters that are referred to it. There is no general testing or spot testing now being carried on in Italy.

d. Curtailment of Special Reports

In line with curtailment of activities and due to reduction in strength of the Dissemination Section, the issuance of special reports on items of current importance will be severely curtailed.

e. Reduction of Personnel

The reductions detailed in Personnel Section of this report, totalling 15 officers and 27 enlisted men affect principally the cessation of laboratory testing and censoring of external cable and telephone traffic which functions were turned over to the Italian Government during this month. The strength remaining represents the minimum number of personnel required to continue the present censorship functions. Any further reductions must result only in the reduction of the field stations now operated.

f. Discontinuance of Red Watch List

With the transfer of all external censorship activities to the Italian Government and the withdrawal of Allied personnel from the stations, the Red Watch List has been discontinued as of 15 July 1945 and will no longer be maintained.

g. Censorship in Venezia Giulia

In accordance with previous planning, the censorship of postal communications from Venezia Giulia is being carried on at Udine. When the volume of mail increases, all mail destined for Northern Italy will continue to be censored in Udine, but all other mail destined for Southern and Northwestern Italy, will be censored at Venice. Comment sheets written on such mail are now forwarded to the Allied Censor Control Officer in Trieste for allocation to the appropriate agencies. Telephone monitoring in Trieste was commenced during July with a staff of 1 officer, 2 enlisted men and 5 civilians. The latter were brought into Trieste

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from Udine and Venice and are being billeted and messaged by the Allies. Monitoring is conducted on subscriber lines and long distance lines. It is planned to expand the size of the station just as soon as additional personnel can be procured.

3. PLANS & TRAININGa. Continuance of Internal Censorship in Northern Italy

Early in July when the question of closing the northern internal censorship stations was raised, the Civil Censorship Officer made a strong recommendation that all of the stations be closed with the possible exception of Trieste. The reason for this recommendation was that there were no further security objectives to be served, since the danger of insurrection or internal conflict seemed relatively small and the only type of worthwhile information to be gained was of a political and economic nature. It is considered that internal censorship cannot be justified solely on the grounds of securing such information. G-2, AFHQ have now advised that all of the northern stations, with the possible exception of Como and Cuneo are to be retained in operation and the position will be once more reviewed in early September. In accordance with the foregoing directive, no further reductions or changes in the organization are contemplated.

b. Watch List

A list of names has been prepared to hand over to the Italian censorship when watch list operation is finally transferred to them. This involved cancellation of all names provided by security and intelligence agencies and by military government, together with names submitted by other censorship agencies, as a guarantee had previously been given to these agencies that names submitted by them would only be operated under allied supervision and that no background information would be handed over.

This left only names placed on the Watch List as a result of censorship, including suspected code, cipher and secret writing. Fresh cards have been prepared on all cases giving brief background information (except in the case of secret **1712** where in lieu of background information there is an instruction to refer to the allied liaison group).

At a later date it is intended to approach security, intelligence and military government agencies to obtain any names that may be handled by the Italian censorship without supervision.

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4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONSa. Postal Section(1) Internal Mail

Nine (9) stations were operating in the month of July 1945. For all internal mail that passed through the stations 4% was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets.....1025
Total Number of Information Slips..... 807

The distribution of these intercepts to Allied intelligence agencies was as follows:

Special Counter Intelligence.....	21
CIC.....	233
CID.....	67
FSS.....	253
G-2, IV Corps.....	65
JICA.....	91
GSI, Hq 2 District.....	251
Provost Marshall.....	67
Naples and Genova Port Security.....	21
Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian Command).....	26
Transportation Division and Schooner Section.....	6
Provincial Commissioners.....	789
Regional Commissioners.....	305
Civil Affairs Officers.....	25
Provincial Supply Officers.....	11
Public Safety Officers.....	392
Information Division, Allied Commission.....	13
Joint Directors Finance Sub-Commission.....	113
Economics and Supply Division.....	25
Public Health.....	72
PWB.....	179
Industry and Commerce.....	38
Patriot Branch.....	27
AIG.....	89
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(2) External Mail

The external stations of Bari, Naples, Rome and Genoa have been transferred to the Italian Comando Supremo, effective date 12 July 1945. Reports will be forwarded to this headquarters after receipt from the field. Such reports will be rendered as soon as received from the Italians.

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b. Telecommunications Section(1) Telephone

Number of stations in operation: 6
 Total number of telephone comment sheets submitted: 172
 (Incomplete reports)

These comment sheets were distributed as follows:

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>COMMENT SHEETS</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps	49
Field Security Sections	158
Special Counter Intelligence	28
Special Counter Intelligence "2"	345
G-2 IV Corps	70
Security Intelligence Officer	118
Public Safety Officer	152
CSI - 2 District	178
#1 Special Force	1
Port Security	36
CSI - b 8th Army	10
TOTAL	1145
 <u>ALLIED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES</u>	
Security Section	5
Civil Affairs Officer	19
TOTAL	24
 <u>POLICE</u>	
Provost Marshal	2
Criminal Investigation Division	11
TOTAL	13
 <u>WATCH LIST</u>	
Special Activities CCG	1710
TOTAL	1
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Allied Military Government (Reg)	309
Allied Military Government (Prov)	21
Psychological Warfare Branch	16
Telecommunications Board	1
Regional Health Officer	6
Fine Arts & Monuments	1
Regional Finance Officer	10

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Regional Industrial Officer	85
Public Works & Utilities	17
Regional Food Officer	6
Displaced Persons & Repatriation	3
Labor Division	6
Supply Officer Batt. B, 75 F.A.	2
TOTAL	<u>543</u>

(2) Cable & Radio

Traffic Report from period 1 July through 5 July 1945, when Rome Station was turned over to Italians:

(a) Cable & Radio

Total number of messages		3408
Outgoing	1268	
Incoming	2140	
Transit	<u>0</u>	
Classification		
Government	333	
Civilian	3012	
SCMs and ECWs	<u>1063</u>	3408

(b) Internal Telegraph

Total number of messages (incomplete reports)	30272
Total number comment sheets	5

(c) Radiotelephone Unit (July 1 to 5, 1945)

Total number calls completed	1709
Government	6
Service	23

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c. Dissemination Section

The drop in the number of Comment Sheets given higher allocation during the month under review was not as sharp as was anticipated; it worked out at 21%, which is not high if one bears in mind the recent considerable relaxation in censorship activities in Italy. Allied Commission Headquarters, I.R.B. London and the Director of Intelligence (AST) Washington are still the users to which the greater number of our C/S are sent; considerable information of probable interest to the Economic Advisory Branch, AFHQ, has also been intercepted during the month, this mainly from "External" mail.

A breakdown of the 498 Comment Sheets disseminated and the subject matter dealt with, are shown hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	423
Allied Commission Hq.	366
IRB (London)	354
Dir.Int. ASF (Washington)	354
EAB AFHQ	89
G-5 AFHQ	59
JICA (Unit "R")	57
PWB AFHQ	38
ISLD	35
UNRRA Rome	32
G-5 (Med.Sec.)AFHQ.	25
PIB AFHQ	13
Special Activities (CCG)	10
NAAP INT. (Gen.) AFHQ	9
N-2 AFHQ	9
POWCD	8
CIC	6
G-1 (A-2) Br.	5
Allied Screening Commission	4
UDF	3
AC Finance	3
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	1
FSS Rome	1
Field Press Censor	1
G-1 (A) AFHQ	1
Prov. Comm. Usine	1
CSS AFHQ	1
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	1
U. S. Embassy	
CID Pensoth	
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<u>Subject matter on which C/S</u> <u>drawn up</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
Political Parties & Movements	97
Economics & Finance	77
Security & Counter-Espionage	70
Public Health	49
Opinion & Morale	33
Communications & Transportation	30
Demonstrations	29
Information on Allied Armed Forces	27
Living Conditions	22
POW & Refugees	13
Crime and Public Safety	13
Information on Enemy	11
Patriot Activities	10
Black Market	5
Information on Balkans	5
Government - Attitudes and Trends	4
Religion & Education	1

With the withdrawal of personnel from this Section, work on Special Reports has been curtailed. The only Special Report issued during the month came under the heading:

"LIVING CONDITIONS IN TURIN"

It is intended to continue compilation of the Four Weekly Appreciation and Censorship Report on Italian Civilian and Military Mail, as in the past.

d. Special Activities Section

(1) Civil Censorship Group-Italy Watch List

(a) Names
Total number of names on list **17075**

(b) Submissions
Number of submissions forwarded to Hq.
Telephone 8
Postal (external mail) 410
Cable 19

(2) Allocations

The following statistics show only allocation through 12 July 1945 when this Section ceased dissemination as an independent unit and subsequent allocations (totalling 42 comment sheets prepared in this section) are included in the statistics of the Dissemination Section.

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(a) Allocation to higher authority: 21
 C-2 (CS) AFHQ with recommendation for
 further allocation as follows:
 C-2 (CI) AFHQ 8
 C-5 AFHQ 3
 IRB London 8
 Dir Int ASF Washington 11

(b) Local allocation:
Security and Intelligence Agencies
 G-2 RAAC 3
 CIC 5
 FSS 10
 ISLD (SCI) 2
 JICA 1
 AC Security 1
 OSI No. 2 District
Police Agencies 1
 CID
Miscellaneous 1
 PWB 4
 AC Info Div 1
 AC Finance Sub-Commission 3
 UNKRA

(3) External Mail Watch List

(a) Names
 Total on External Mail Watch List 20311

(b) Submissions forwarded to Hq. 859
 Postal 6
 Cable 1706

(intercepted by Allied personnel on U. S. Watch List supplementary names)

(c) Allocations
 These statistics show only allocation through
 12 July 1945 for reasons indicated in Civil Censorship Group-Italy
 Watch List report.

(a) Allocation to higher authority 21
 G-2 (CO) AFHQ with recommendation for further
 allocation as follows:
 Dir Int ASF Washington 21
 IRB London 21
 C-5 AFHQ 6

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(b) Local allocation
AG Finance Sub-Commission

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Subsequently 29 comment sheets, prepared in this section, were passed through Dissemination Section channels and detailed allocation is included in that section's report.

(4) Code and Cipher

Pieces examined
Codes broken

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for GORDON W. MCKEAN,
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 25

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 30 June 19451. PERSONNELa. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2680th Hq Co, MIS (Ovhd)	22	22	44
849th SIS Detachment	3	17	20
U.S. Navy Detachment	19	22	41
"X" Cens Det (British)	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTALS	53	62	115

b. Changes in Status

- (1) Gains: One officer and five enlisted men from the 849th SIS reported for duty.
- (2) Losses: Two officers and nine enlisted men were transferred to Replacement Depot; one officer transferred to our Caserta headquarters; one enlisted man transferred to Hq 15th Army Group. Two Navy enlisted ratings were transferred to stations in the U.S.

c. Personnel Assignment Report

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	5	4	11
Postal Section	19	10	635	664
Telecommunications Section	25	28	143	196
Dissemination Section	2	1	6	9
Special Activities Section	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>29</u>
	53	62	794	909

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2. POLICY MATTERS:a. Closing of Censorship Stations.

During the month of June, 1945 all internal censorship in Italy was discontinued, with the exception of certain border provinces and MILAN and VENICE. This policy was in accord with the principle of freeing internal communications of all censorship just as soon after the cessation of hostilities as was practicable. The stations affected and the activities are as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
NAPLES	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone
ROME	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone *
LIVORNO	Postal
BOLOGNA	Postal
VERONA	Postal
BRESCIA	Postal

* Complete closing of Rome telephone station will not be effected until 12 July 1945, because of technical difficulties in disconnecting lines and releasing personnel.

In addition to the foregoing, all internal censorship carried on in stations under the control of the Comando Supremo was discontinued as of 15 June 1945. The stations and activities affected were:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
FLORENCE	Postal and Telegraph
BARI	" " "
BRINDISI	" " "
TARANTO	" " "
SIRACUSA	" " "
PALERMO	" " "
CAGLIARI	" " "
SASSARI	" " "

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b. Opening of Censorship Stations.

In accordance with directive from AFHQ as outlined in paragraph 3a, of Operational Report No. 25, the following additional stations were opened during June:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
TORINO	Telephone
TRENTO	Telegraph
AOSTA	Postal and Telegraph *

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* A telephone monitoring station had been set-up in Aosta early in June, but because of the physical location of the station in the telephone exchange, the secrecy of the operation could not be maintained and after conferring with G-2, IV Corps and the local commander, it was decided to discontinue operations.

In addition to the foregoing telephone monitoring stations are now being established in UDINE and Trieste. Actual operations are expected to commence in both cities, early in July.

c. Revised External Postal Censorship Regulations for the Public.

A new and simplified set of postal censorship regulations for external mails have been promulgated. A copy of the regulations is attached to this report. Every attempt has been made to keep them within the spirit of the relaxed security regulations. An important feature is that no restriction as to enclosures is imposed, but the burden of approving and passing or returning or condemning is placed on the censor.

d. Transfer of External Censorship to Italian Government.

On 30 June 1945, advice was received from G-2 (Communications Censorship) AFHQ, that the plan for turning over external censorship to the Italian government had been finally approved. Under this plan, the responsibility for the operation of all postal, telegraph, cable, telephone and travellers' censorship is given to the Italian government with the policy control still being retained by AFHQ. For the purpose of lending assistance to the Italian organization and in order to protect Allied interests a small Liaison Unit will be formed, consisting of 2 U. S. Army officers, 2 British Army officers and four enlisted men. With the exception of this Liaison Unit, all Allied personnel will be withdrawn from external censorship. The formal transfer is scheduled for 5 July 1945. On 12 July 1945 all Allied personnel is to be withdrawn. Specific instructions have been received from G-2 (Communications Censorship), AFHQ, to effect a complete transfer of all functions, including censorship of Allied and neutral government cable traffic; Vatican cable traffic, Italian government cable traffic; Rome - Moscow cable traffic; Rome - New York radio-telephone traffic and EFM and SCM cable traffic (when no base censorship personnel is available). During the latter part of June the Italian personnel who will be engaged in operating external censorship have been working under the direction of Allied officers in the field stations for indoctrination and instruction. No delay in the formal transfer is anticipated. In implementing the plan some delay in turning over the telephone

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monitoring stations in Milan and Genoa is anticipated because of the concurrent internal monitoring activities being conducted in those stations. AFHQ has ruled that as long as internal monitoring is being conducted in a station, the external monitoring will be conducted as an Allied operation but once the internal monitoring closes, the external operation will then be turned over to the Italian government.

e. Reduction of Personnel.

During this period the authorized strength of the U. S. personnel was cut by dropping 3 officers and 10 enlisted men. This cut in personnel was off-set to a great extent by the re-deployment of U. S. Navy personnel and by the re-assignment of U. S. Army personnel that are now engaged in external censorship.

f. Censorship of SCM and EFMs.

At the request of G-2 (Communications Censorship) AFHQ, the censorship of traffic of U. S. military personnel was taken over from the Base Censor on 10 June 1945.

g. Opening of Rome-New York Radiotelephone to Civilians and Military Personnel.

As of 25 June 1945 the Rome - New York radio-telephone service was made available to civilian traffic and to military personnel. The same censorship procedures are applicable, but the restrictions on security subjects have been greatly relaxed.

h. Opening of Rome-Milan Radiotelegraph Circuit.

On 25 June 1945 pre-censorship of traffic over the Rome - Milan radio-telegraph circuit was inaugurated. The actual censoring is being performed by personnel of the Commando Supremo under the supervision of the Cable and Radio Censor in Rome and under the supervision of the ATCO in Milan. 1701

3. PLANS & TRAINING.

a. Censorship in Venezia Giulia.

Upon the assumption of military government in the Trieste area, by AMG XIII Corps, a postal detachment and telecommunications detachment entered the city of Trieste to set-up a postal station and a telephone monitoring station. Because of a guaranty of free communications in the treaty between the Allies

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and Marshal Tito, the SCAO strongly opposed the institution of any censorship. After conferences with XIII Corps and 5th Army, a plan for establishment of censorship in Trieste was approved. Under this plan the following conditions are to be observed:

1. No mail destined from Trieste to Yugoslavia will be examined.
2. No local mail for the city of Trieste is to be examined.
3. The word "censored" or "censorship" be eliminated from seals and stamps.
4. That only "neutral" examiners and monitors be employed. (The term "neutral" was defined as someone from outside of the area, who was impartial).

Because of the conditions imposed, it has been decided not to establish a postal censorship station in Trieste, but to route the mails to Udine or Venice for examination, but maintaining the ACCO in Trieste to supervise the routing of the mails and to effect proper allocation of comment sheets, when received from the examining stations.

With respect to telephone monitoring, all necessary installations will be completed in the first part of July. An attempt is being made to recruit monitors in Udine and Venice for service in Trieste. XIII Corps is being requested to provide billets and rations for such civilian monitors.

b. Assumption of Italian Military Base Censorship

At the request of G-2 (Communications Censorship), AFHQ, the Group is assuming the Italian Military Base Censorship operations, which were formerly carried on by Base Censor Sections 7 and 9, CMF. Under these arrangements the mail of Italian troops in the area north of the Po River will be routed to the ACCO in Milan, Bolzano and Udine for a 20% examination. Because of the limited Allied personnel available at these stations, the assumption of this operation was made subject to the following conditions:

1. The mail will be delivered to and picked up at the ACCO's office.
2. No special appreciation or morale reports will be prepared, but comment sheets will be prepared and allocated in the same manner as all other civilian comment sheets.

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3. Upon the closing of any of the stations where such military mail is being examined, the burden of making other arrangements will not be left with the Group.

c. Continuance of Watch Listing for External Mails.

G-2 (Communications Censorship), AFHQ has directed that the checking of external mails against the Watch List, be continued under Allied supervision beyond the date of the formal transfer of external censorship to the Italian government. It is understood that inquiry is being made in Washington and London, to ascertain whether any or all of the names submitted by U. S. and British agencies may be turned over to the Italian government. Pending the receipt of this information and thereafter until the Italian government can compile a Watch List of its own, the checking operations in the Rome, Genoa and Naples stations will continue under the supervision of an Allied officer. The same is true of cables passing through the Rome cable station.

d. Telephone Monitoring Activities in the Bolzano Area.

Telephone monitoring activities in Bolzano were initiated with the monitoring of the German command switchboard at Bolzano. When this was dismantled the activity was moved to Merano where many of the German military hospitals are located. In this work, U. S. Army personnel assigned to the Austrian censorship group, were used as monitors. These have now all been withdrawn. It is planned to attempt to utilize civilian monitors in the Merano station and also to open a monitoring station in Bolzano.

e. Closing of Testing Laboratory.

Immediately following the transfer of external censorship to the Italian government, it is planned to close testing laboratory and cease testing mails. The responsibility for organizing a testing laboratory will rest with the Italian government. Should it become necessary to test any particular letters, the Liaison Unit will arrange for such testing outside of the theatre.

f. Monitoring of External Landline Telephone Circuits.

In agreement with AFHQ, it has been decided that there will be no need to use a controlled key monitoring system on the inter-national landlines leaving Italy, giving positive control over the circuit. This is considered unnecessary in view

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of the cessation of hostilities. In place of the controlled monitoring, the normal observing sets used in internal monitoring will be utilized. A calling ticket system will be used and the parties will be required to book all calls in advance and the pertinent data given to the censorship station in advance of the call. There will be a requirement of 100% censorship on all such circuits.

E. Continuance of Group Headquarters.

Until the last internal censorship station in the North is closed, Group headquarters in Rome, will continue in operation. However, in order to effect a more efficient operation and establish closer liaison with the field stations, an advanced headquarters for the Postal Section and one for the Telecommunications Section will be established in Milan, on or about 15 July 1945. From which all internal operations will be directed. Until the Group is finally dissolved, the Liaison Unit will not be established as a separate entity, but will act as an integral part of the Group.

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4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS

a. Postal Section

(1) Internal Mail

Fifteen (15) stations were operating in the month of June 1945. For all internal mail that passed through the stations 3 1/2% was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets.....2220
Total Number of Information Slips.....1091

The distribution of these intercepts to allied intelligence agencies was as follows:

Special Counter Intelligence.....	162
CIC.....	334
CID.....	50
FSS.....	199
G-2, IV Corps.....	54
JICA, Milan.....	17
GSI, Hq. 2 District.....	53
Joint Intelligence Corps A.....	20
Special Investigation Branch, Genova.....	23
34 and 37 Military Mission (Bari).....	31
Provost Marshall.....	92
Naples & Genoa Port Security Officers.....	140
Air Forces.....	4
Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian Command).....	112
Transportation Division and Schooner Section...	15
Provincial Commissioners.....	525
Regional Commissioners.....	554
Civil Affairs Officers.....	138
Provincial Supply Officers.....	32
Public Safety Officers.....	626
Information Division, Allied Commission.....	54
Joint Directors Finance Sub-Commission.....	181
Industry and Commerce Commission.....	105
Economics and Supply Division (Naples).....	49
Public Health.....	52
PWB.....	282

(2) External Mail

The external mail report will be rendered under

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separate cover inasmuch as reports do not reach this headquarters before the end of the first week of the succeeding month.

b. Telecommunications Section(1) Telephone

Number of stations in operation: 6
Total number of telephone comment sheets submitted: 3141

These comment sheets were distributed as shown below:

SECURITYCOMMENT SHEETS

Counter Intelligence Corps	404
Field Security Sections	227
Special Counter Intelligence	140
Special Counter Intelligence "Z"	84
ISLD	224
G-2 (A.C. of S. RAAC)	170
349 Inf. Company	12
88 Inf. Division	2
Postmaster	2
Security Intelligence Officer	239
Public Safety Officer	169
CSI #2 District	247
#1 Special Force	70
85 Port Security	52
Office of Strategic Service	10
TOTAL	2052

ALLIED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Security Section	69
Information Division	97
Civil Affairs Officer	8
TOTAL	174

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Provost Marshall	24
Criminal Investigation Division	83
TOTAL	107

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WATCH LIST

Special Activities, CCG		150
	TOTAL	<u>150</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Allied Military Government (Reg.)	226
Allied Military Government (Prov.)	253
Psychological Warfare Board	154
Med. Officer 349 Inf. Division	14
Tele. Com. Board	1
Major Buchanan (RAAC Sigs)	<u>10</u>
	TOTAL

GRAND-TOTAL	3141
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(2) Cable and Radio

Traffic report for the period 1 June through 30 June 1945 is as follows:

(a) Cable and Radio

Total number of messages		21,911
Outgoing	12,130	
Incoming	9,781	
Transit	0	

Classification	
Government	3,868
Civilian	11,850
SCMs and EFMs	6,193

Total number of Comment Sheets	1096
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(b) Internal Telegraph

Total number of messages	110,612
Total number of Comment Sheets	49

(c) Radiotelephone Unit

Total number of calls completed	27
Government	13
Service	14

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c. Dissemination Section

The number of Comment Sheets given higher allocation during the month of June is an increase of 15% on the figure for May. This increase is to a large extent due to the considerable amount of interesting information derived from Censorship in its various forms, regarding the hectic state of affairs prevailing in Northern Italy.

A breakdown of the C31 Comment Sheets disseminated and the subject matter dealt with, are shown hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	514
Allied Commission Hq.	410
IRE (London)	382
Dir. Int. ASF (Washington)	381
G-5 AFHQ	282
PWB AFHQ	116
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	74
UNRRA	71
G-5 Med. Sect. AFHQ	33
JICA Unit "R"	27
CSS AFHQ	17
G-2 (OI) AFHQ	7
POWCD	7
MAAF AFHQ	4
G-1 (A) AFHQ	4
Special Activities CCG	4
P.P.C.	3
G-2 RAAC	2
S.A.	2
G-2 (Int. Obj.)	1
H-2 AFHQ	1
TRIPOLI Censorship	1
Allied Screening Comm. GMP	1

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<u>Subject matter on which C/S drawn up.</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
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Political Parties & Movements	124
Economic & Finance	77
Security & Counter-Espionage	68
Opinion & Morale	56
Living Conditions	54
Public Health	51
Communications & Transportation	37
Information on Allied Armed Forces	37

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<u>Subject matter on which C/S drawn up (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
Crime & Public Safety	36
Black Market	33
Patriot Activities	31
Information on Enemy	19
P.O.W. & Refugees	18
Information on Balkans	13
Government, Attitude & Trends	10
Demonstrations	8
Religion & Education	7
Stolen Allied Property	2

Fewer Special Reports have been written up during June than in past months; this is mainly due to Weekly Public Opinion Tallies no longer being compiled. The five reports drawn up and distributed were issued under the following headings:

"APPRECIATION & CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 12 MAY 1945."

"ITALIAN REACTION TO FRENCH OCCUPATION OF GUNEC."

"APPRECIATION & CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 9TH JUNE 1945."

"EXTRACTS FROM BULLETINS AND REPORTS ON THE ALBANIAN SITUATION."

"GENERAL FALL OF PRICES IN ROME AND NAPLES."

d. Special Activities Section

(1) Watch List

(a) Names		
Total on Red Watch List	275	1093
Total on White Watch List	644	
TOTAL	919	

(b) Submissions	
Number of Submissions forwarded to Hq.	126
Telephone	12
Telegram	363 *
Postal	53
Cable	554
TOTAL	

* This figure consists entirely of intercepts on external mail.

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(c) Allocations

1. The following allocations on Watch List names were made to higher formation with recommendation for additional allocation as detailed:

G-2 (CC) AFHQ	90
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	38
Dir. Int. ASF Wash	44
IRB London	42
G-5 AFHQ	16

2. The following local allocation was made. These figures include both Hq. and station allocation:

Security and Intelligence Agencies

G-2 RAAC	5
CIC	59
FSS	61
ISLD (SCI)	102
AC Security	2

Police Agencies

CID Rome	6
AC Pub. Safety	3
PM RAAC	1

Miscellaneous

AC Info Sec	63
PWB Rome	36
US Embassy	6
AC Tptn Sub Com	1
AC Finance Sub Com	7
AMG Naples Commune	5
OSS (R & A)	1

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(2) External Mail Watch List

- a. Names
Total on Foreign Mail Watch List: 20,138
- b. Submissions forwarded to Hq.
Postal 181
Cable 19
- c. Allocation
G-2 (CC) AFHQ 28
(with recommendation for further allocation as

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follows:

Dir. Int. ASF Wash	28
IRB London	28
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	3
AC Finance Sub Com	7
AC Tptn Sub Com	1

(3) SPS List

These figures are now incorporated with the External Mail Watch List.

(4) Signal Intelligence Laboratory

(a) Testing	
For CCC	10,659
For FWCD	3,000
TOTAL	<u>13,659</u>

(b) Photographic
1864 frames of microfile
20 photographic prints

(5) Code and Cipher

Pieces examined	135
Codes broken	2
Pieces believed to contain code but not broken	1

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

26 June 1945

CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

1. All external mail regardless of origin or destination will be subject to censorship.

2. Private and personal correspondence is permitted to all parts of the world with the exception of:

- a. Japan and Japanese held territory.
- b. Germany and Austria, and Hungary.

3. Commercial correspondence is permitted as follows:

a. Fact finding inquiries which are non-transactional in nature to and from the British Empire and the U.S. and its possessions ONLY.

b. Transactional commercial communications which are specially licensed by the Ministero del Tesoro.

4. There will be no communications direct or indirect with prohibited areas except through official International channels such as International Red Cross, etc.

5. ALL languages may be used in external mails.

6. Name and address of the writer MUST appear on outside cover.

7. There is no limitation on the enclosure of photographs, clippings, drawings, picture post cards, etc, EXCEPT that censorship reserves the right to withdraw such enclosures as in their opinion may contain a hidden or secondary meaning or which may be detrimental to security.

8. There will be no mention of actual, or proposed, transfer of Allied or Italian military or naval personnel; mention of Armed Forces casualties; movements or location of military or naval ships and air-craft; designation of rank above that of Colonel.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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31 May 1945

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OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 24

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 31 May, 19451. PERSONNELa. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2680th Hq Co, MIS (Ovhd)	25	32	57
849th S.I.S. Detachment	2	12	14
U.S. Navy Detachment	19	24	43
"X" Cens Det (British)	9	1	10
TOTALS	55	69	124

Atchd on TDY for Training

Base Cens Det No. 7 (British): 1 Officer

b. Changes in Status(1) Gains: None

(2) Losses: 7 Officers and 8 Enlisted Men on temporary duty in the United States were dropped from the organization.

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c. Personnel Assignment Report:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	5	6	13
Postal Section	21	16	627	664
Telecommunications Section	25	33	315	373
Dissemination Section	3	2	3	8
Special Activities Section	4	13	6	23
	55	69	957	1081

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2. POLICY MATTERSa. Closing of Censorship Stations

During this period the following internal censorship stations were closed in pursuance of the "fringe" censorship plan, the areas having passed out of the security zone.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
Florence	Telephone
Pisa	Postal & Telegraph
Lucca	Postal, Telegraph & Telephone
Pistoia	Postal & Telegraph
Forli	Postal
Ancona	Postal & Telegraph
Macerata	Postal & Telegraph

In addition to the foregoing, the Florence postal censorship station was turned over to the U.M.C.G. on 4 May 1945.

One of the two telephone monitoring stations operating in Naples, namely the Nolano station was closed on 3 May 1945. This action was motivated by the falling off in number of the suspect lines monitored at request of user agencies.

b. Opening of Censorship Stations

In accordance with directive issued by G-2 (CC), AFHQ, at conference held in Caserta on 28 April 1945, internal censorship stations were opened throughout Northern Italy for the primary purpose of security occupational intelligence. With the exception of certain border provinces and the province of Genoa, the stations were organized on a greatly curtailed scale. No attempt was made to maintain specified percentage examination of mail traffic but rather to operate such stations with the minimum number of personnel required to ascertain an accurate measure of the pulse or feeling of the area on political, economic and public safety conditions. The stations opened during the month are:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
Milan	Postal, Telegraph & Telephone
Verona	Postal
Genoa	Postal, Telegraph & Telephone
Udine	Postal
Torino	Postal
Cuneo	Postal
Como	Postal
Venice	Postal, Telegraph & Telephone
Bolzano	Postal & Telephone
Brescia	Postal

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In the case of the postal censorship station at Genoa, a full and complete staff was authorized for the reason that Genoa will be the principal point of exchange for external mails for the North and as soon as such mails commence to flow to Genoa, the station will be converted into one of the four external mail censorship stations.

Likewise, the telegraph censorship stations at Milan, Genoa and Venice, are being staffed and manned for the handling of external telegrams over landlines, when such traffic commences.

c. Opening of External Cable Traffic

With the adjustment of difficulties between Italy and the carrier companies, external civilian traffic began to flow on 4 May 1945. Such traffic is being subjected to 100% pre-censorship by Civil Censorship Group military personnel. All incoming and outgoing traffic is routed through Rome for censoring. Since present plans do not contemplate the transmission of civilian traffic through Naples, this station was closed on 11 May 1945.

d. Abandonment of Plans for Telephone Monitoring in Bologna

Because of the destruction of the Bologna telephone exchange by the Germans upon their retreat from the city, plans for opening in that city were abandoned.

e. Transfer of U.S. Contingent to 2680th Hq Co, MIS, (Ovhd)

As of 30 April 1945 all U.S. personnel of the Group which had been assigned to 6614th Communications Censorship Company (Ovhd) were transferred to 2680th Hq Co, MIS (Ovhd) and the former company dissolved. The elements of the 2680th include base censorship personnel, prisoner of war censorship personnel, civil censorship personnel for Austria and interrogation of prisoner of war personnel. The command of the 2680th, by direction of AC of S, G-2 (American) remained under Major Marshall E. Jacobson, 0383485, Inf, Responsibility for administration and property passed as of that date to the 2680th and all company administration carried on in Rome ceased.

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f. Publication of New Table of Equipment

A new table of equipment for the 6614th was originally submitted to G-4, MTOUSA on 26 March 1945. This T/E was designed to provide complete operating equipment and transport for all censorship stations which the Group was planning to open in the North. The proposed T/E was finally published in the latter part of May as an amendment to the T/E of the 2680th. Although the T/E had received final approval in early April, the final publication was delayed through the reorganization of the company which had just been initiated. Because of this fact the equipment could not be drawn at the time that it was most needed. Officers in the field were unable to proceed to their newly assigned stations and the operations of the Group were delayed and hampered. This situation was further aggravated by the failure of the commanding officer of the 2680th to make prompt re-allocation of vehicles when the T/E of the IPW contingent was cut and charged against the T/E of the CCG contingent.

g. Reduction of Personnel

During this period the authorized strength of the U.S. personnel was cut by the dropping of 7 officers and 8 enlisted men, who were in the U.S. on temporary duty. As of June 12th an additional 3 officers and 11 enlisted men will be dropped. Accordingly among the functions which will be discontinued as a result of these reductions are:

- 1) Discontinuance of internal censorship in rear of certain border provinces.
- 2) Discontinuance of weekly Public Opinion Survey.
- 3) Curtailment of activities in certain border stations to within the physical limitations of one officer without the help of an enlisted man.

h. External Mail Watch Lists

With effect from 1 May 1945 mail passing through the Rome and Naples External Stations was passed through both the Civil Censorship Group-Italy Watch List and a Foreign Mail Watch List, collated from the Proclaimed List, the Statutory List and the List of Unsatisfactory Consignees together with certain other names. The system in use in the latter case is that of hinged frames set in racks. The lists are dittographed and pasted on to the frames. The flexoline strip method is retained for the Civil Censorship Group-Italy Watch List. Specially vetted Italians are used in both operations.

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3. PLANS & TRAININGa. Discontinuance of Internal Censorship

Definite verbal instructions have been received from C-2, Communications Censorship, AFHQ, to discontinue all internal censorship with the exception of the following areas, where internal censorship will continue until 15 July 1945 and as long thereafter as may be directed by 15th Army Group.

VENEZIA GIULIA
FRIULI
AOSTA
TORINO
CUNEO
VENEZIA TRIDENTINA
COMO

The primary mission is to furnish security, political and occupational intelligence in those provinces where political unrest is prevalent. In order to carry out this mission censorship stations will be continued in operation or established at the following locations:

STATIONSACTIVITIES

Postal, Telephone, Telegraph, Travelers

Trieste *	x	x	x	x
Gorizia	x		x	
Udine **	x	x	x	x
Aosta	x	x	x	x
Torino **	x	x	x	
Cuneo **	x		x	
Bolzano **	x	x	x	x
Como **	x		x	x

* Detachments for Trieste now in Venice awaiting authorization to proceed. Until such authorization is received they will continue internal censorship operations in Venice.

** Stations already in operation, covering postal and certain telephone activities.

The personnel including both headquarters and field required for the operation of these stations and activities, is as follows:

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	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
U.S. ARMY	20	20	40
U.S. NAVY	11	13	23
BRITISH ARMY	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>74</u>

Although final approval of this plan, has not yet been received from AFHQ, personnel and equipment are now being moved into their assigned locations in order to be in position to operate as soon as written authorization is received.

b. Transfer of External Censorship to Italian Government

Although a final directive has not yet been received from AFHQ, informal discussions have been held with Lt. Col. Coletti of the Italian Comando Supremo on the above subject. At our request, Col. Coletti has prepared a plan and has actually selected his personnel to take over the field stations and all headquarters functions. The tentative plans call for Italian officers to be brought into the field stations and headquarters on or about 21 May 1945, for indoctrination. Formal transfer of the external stations and functions is tentatively set for 5 July 1945. From that date until 12 July 1945 the Allied Censor Control Officers will remain in the station in an advisory capacity. On 12 July 1945 they will be finally withdrawn.

In connection with the transfer of this activity to the Italian government, the following problems are awaiting final decision by AFHQ.

- 1.) Utilization of a watch list by Italian Censorship, such list to include both Statutory and Proclaimed Lists.
- 2.) Turning over of certain telephone monitoring equipment to Italian government in order to enable them to exercise positive control over international circuits.
- 3.) Danger of turning back internal telephone monitoring equipment to Italian government.

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4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS

a. Postal Section

Internal. Fifteen (15) stations were operating in the month of May 1945. For all internal mail that passed through

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the stations 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ was censored.

Total Number of Comment Sheets..... 1505
Total Number of Information Slips..... 709

The distribution of these intercepts to allied intelligence agencies was as follows:

Special Counter Intelligence.....	98
CIC.....	553
CID.....	82
FSS.....	304
G-2, Rome Area Allied Command.....	17
G-2, 5th Army, Florence.....	49
34 and 37 Military Mission (Bari).....	24
British Military Mission (Albania).....	7
Hqs. Military Liason (Balkans).....	24
Provost Marshall.....	141
Naples and Genoa Port Security Officers.....	52
Air Forces, Ground Depot #6 Pisa, 15th AAF.....	73
Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian Command).....	360
Transportation Division and Schooner Section.....	14
Provincial Commissioners.....	605
Civil Affairs Officers.....	62
Provincial Supply Officers.....	65
Public Safety Officers.....	350
Information Division, Allied Commission.....	169
Joint Directors Finance Sub-Commission.....	207
Industry and Commerce Commission.....	130
Economics and Supply Division (Naples).....	134
Public Health.....	36
PWB.....	445

External Mail

The external mail stations of Bari, Rome and Naples are submitting reports based on the full month. Due to this fact and the necessary delay in transmission the reports will not arrive at headquarters until the end of the first week of the succeeding month. Hence, the full reports on external mail will be reported under separate cover.

b. Telecommunications Section

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(1) Telephone

Number of Stations in operation: 6

Total number of Comment Sheets submitted from these stations: 3683

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These comment sheets were distributed as shown below:

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>NO. C.S.</u>	<u>Ext.</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps	809	
Field Security Sections	658	
Special Counter Intelligence	322	
Special Counter Intelligence "2"	99	
G-2 (Asst. C/S RAAC)	181	
G-2 (57th Area Command)	1	
G-2 (IOSS AFHQ)	2	
Fleet Base Security Office	3	
Office of Strategic Services R&A	20	
85 Port Security	6	
Security Intelligence (Milan)	33	
Field Security Office Special Force	34	
RAF Counter Intelligence	1	
Field Security Section (Sth. Afr.)	5	
TOTAL	2174	2174
 <u>ALLIED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES</u>		
Security Division A.C.	318	
Information Division A.C.	166	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	62	
Financial Sub-Commission	2	
Economics & Supply	7	
Public Health Sub-Commission	1	
Transportation Sub-Commission	1	
Civil Affairs	2	559
TOTAL	559	
	Sub-Total 2733	
 <u>POLICE</u>		
Provost Marshal & (PMG)	25	
Criminal Investigation Division	210	
TOTAL	235	235
 <u>WATCH LIST</u>		
Special Activities	496	1081
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Allied Military Government	123	
Psychological Warfare Branch	28	
Major Buchanan (RAAC Sigs)	62	
Colonel Henderson	6	
TOTAL	219	219
	GRAND TOTAL	3683

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(2) Cable & Radio

Total Number of Messages13,796
Outgoing.....5,061
Incoming.....8,731
Transit.....4

Classification
Government.....3,518
Civilian.....10,254
Services.....24

Total Number of Comment Sheets..... 123

(3) Internal Telegraph (Post-Censorship)

Total Number of Messages.....116,098
Total Number of Comment Sheets..... 92

(4) Radiotelephone Unit

Total Number of Calls Completed..... 10
Government.....6
Service.....4

c. Dissemination Section

(1) Despite the many changes in Civil Censorship Activities in Italy, changes emanating from the cessation of hostilities in the European Theatre of War, there has been no marked falling off in the number of Comment Sheets selected as being of interest to higher headquarters and distributed to them. The actual decrease, compared to the figure for April, was 9%.

(2) A breakdown of the 549 Comment Sheets disseminated and of the subject matter dealt with, is shown hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of C/S</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	430
Dir. Int. AFS (Washington)	377
IRE, London	377
Allied Commission Headquarters	310
G-5, AFHQ	152
PWB, AFHQ	50
UNRRA, Rome	37
JICA, Unit "R"	33
Medical Section, AFHQ	33

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<u>User Agencies (Cont'd)</u>	<u>NO. of C/S</u>
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	29
OSS, AFHQ	10
POWCD, AFHQ	9
MAAF Int. (Cen), AFHQ	6
G-2 (CI), AFHQ	4
Allied Screening Commission, Italy	4
N-2, AFHQ	3
Stato Maggiore Generale, Rome	3
G-2 (Int. Obj.)	3
G-2 (RAAC)	2
Special Activities (CCG)	2
Navy Sub-Commission, AC	2
Anglo-Egyptian Censorship, Cairo	1
G-1 (A), AFHQ	1
G-1 (A-2) Br.	1
C.I.C., Rome	1
Controle Technique	1
Finance Sub-Commission, AC	1

<u>Subject Matter on which Comment Sheets drawn up</u>	<u>NO. of C/S</u>
Political Parties & Movements	107
Economics & Finance	93
Living Conditions	58
Opinion & Morale	57
Security & Counter-Espionage	46
Black Market	46
Information on Allied Armed Forces	39
Communications & Transportation	35
Public Health	33
POW and Refugees	25
Crime and Public Safety	23
Demonstrations	16
Government - Attitudes and Trends	15
Information on Enemy	11
Patriot Activities	11
Information on Balkans	8
Religion and Education	3
Effects of Allied Bombardments	2
Stolen Allied Property	1

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(3) Eight Special Reports were drawn up during May under the following headings:

"APPRECIATION & CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR 4 WEEKS ENDING 14TH APRIL, 1945."

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"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 15/21 APRIL, 1945."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 22/28 APRIL, 1945."

"CONTRAST BETWEEN THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ITALY AS PRESENTED BY THE EXAMINATION OF EXTERNAL MAIL."

"MALDISTRIBUTION AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RELIEF PACKAGES TO ITALY."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 29 APRIL/5 MAY, 1945."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 6/12 MAY, 1945."

"LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN ITALIAN CURRENCY, AND CONSEQUENT UNOFFICIAL RATES."

d. Special Activities Section

(1) Civil Censorship Group, Italy, Watch List

(a) Names

Total on Red Watch List	265
Total on White Watch List	587
TOTAL	852

(b) Submissions

Number of submissions forwarded to Hq	
Telephone	516
Telegram	214
Postal (External-169, Internal-14)	183
Cable	41
TOTAL	954

(2) Allocations

(a) The following allocations on Watch List were made to higher formation with recommendation for additional allocation as detailed:

G-2 (CC) AFHQ	102
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	30
G-5 AFHQ	2
Dir Int ASF Washington	48
IRB London	14
Rhodesian Cens	1

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(b) The following local allocation was made.
These figures include both Hq. and station allocation.

Security and Intelligence Agencies

G-2 PBS	3
G-2 RAAC	4
G-2 (IOSS) AFHQ	3
CIC	234
FSS	258
SCI	146
PSS	11
AC Security	32
GSI 15th Army Gp	1
FCI	1
NIU	1

Police Agencies

CID Rome	6
CID Naples	2
RAF Prov Marsh Bari	2
RAF Prov Marsh Rome	2
AC Public Safety	2

Miscellaneous

AC Info Sec	29
AC Shipping Sub-Comm	1
AC Finance Sub-Comm	5
AC Transportation Sub-Comm	2
PWB	17
U.S. Embassy	1
AMG Naples	1
RAAC Sigs	1

(3) Foreign Mail Watch List

(a.) Names

Total on Foreign Mail Watch List - 19951

(b.) Submissions

Number of submissions forwarded to Hq.	
Postal	37
Cable	12

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(c.) Allocations

G-2 (CC) AFHQ	16
(with recommendation for further allocation as follows:	

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Dir Int ASF Washington	16
IRB London	16
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	7
G-5 AFHQ	5
SCI Unit #1	1
CIC	1
FSS	1
AC Security	1
AC Info	1
AC Finance	3

(3) Spain, Portugal and Switzerland Watch List
(U.S. & U.K. Lists)

- (a) Names
Total on SPS Watch List - 1810
- (b) Submissions and Allocations
2 Submissions were forwarded to Hq. and
reallocated to higher authority.

(4) Signal Intelligence Laboratory

(a) Testing

For CCG	4944
For PWCD	6400
	<u>11,344</u>

(b) Photographic
16 photographic prints made
993 documents recorded on microfilm

(5) Code and Cipher

Pieces examined	130
Codes broken	8
Comment sheets	0

Gordon W. McKean
GORDON W. McKEAN, 1676
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 30 April 1945

1. PERSONNEL.a. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6614th Comm Cens Co (Cvhd)	32	41	73
849th S.I.S. Detachment	2	9	11
U.S. Navy Detachment	19	24	43
"X" Cens Det (British)	10	1	11
TOTALS	63	75	138

Atchd on TDY for Training

6705th Cens Co (Cvhd)	1	0	1
Base Cens Det No. 7 (British)	1	0	1
TOTALS	2	0	2

b. Changes in Status(1) Gains: WOJG T. A. Milazzo assigned from 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Overhead).(2) Losses: None.(3) Absent from Theater on TDY:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
8	9	17

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c. Personnel Assignment Report:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CTV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	3	9	5	17
Postal Section	24	19	616	659
Telecommunication Section	29	35	157	221
Dissemination Section	3	2	3	8
Special Activities Section	4	10	6	20
TOTALS	63	75	787	925

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7-22. POLICY MATTERS:a. Closing of Postal Censorship Stations.

Effective 30 April 1945 the following postal censorship stations have been closed:

AREZZO
FOGGIA
GROSSETO *
PERUGIA
SIRMA

* This station originally scheduled to close on 7 April 1945, was kept open until the end of the month at the request of the C.I.C. detachment, which was engaged in a special investigation in which the postal censorship station was cooperating.

b. Opening of Postal Censorship Stations.

Effective 15 April 1945 postal censorship stations were opened at LUCCA and PISTOIA in order to accommodate the opening of mail for those portions of the provinces south of the Lucca-Pistoia-Firenze line.

c. Special Security Censorship.

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In accordance with notification received from ANBQ, the special security censorship mission was completed on 19 April 1945 and the personnel returned to their regular stations.

d. External Mail Censorship.

Effective 29 April 1945 external mail services with France, Greece, Bulgaria and Belgium were initiated with censorship of the outgoing dispatches from Italy being undertaken by this Group.

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d. Merger of Sections.

On 15 April 1945, the Landwire Subsection and the Cable and Radio Subsection were merged into a new section known as Telecommunications Section. This move was actuated because of the assignment of Major Allman, who headed the Landwire Subsection to other duties outside the Group. It is anticipated that the merger will result in economies in the utilization of service personnel and a more closely coordinated operations.

e. Change in Names of Subsections.

Coincident with the merger referred to in the foregoing paragraph, the designation of all subsections has been changed to that of sections.

g. Government Cable Traffic.

Clarification of the respective responsibilities of Civil Censorship Group and the carrier companies on government traffic has been received from G-2 (CC), AFHQ, Civil Censorship being charged with the responsibility of authenticating all such traffic. U.S. and U.A. government traffic will be checked by the Group on a post transmission basis.

3. PLANS & TRAINING.

a. Post-Hostilities Censorship Operations.

Because of the disintegration of enemy resistance in Northern Italy, the plan of "fringe" censorship previously followed, has been abandoned and informal approval has been received from G-2 (CC), AFHQ, to close out all forms of internal censorship in the "fringe" provinces. At a conference held at G-2 (CC), AFHQ, on 28 April 1945 a directive was received 4673 for the primary purpose of securing occupational intelligence and to continue such internal censorship after the cessation of hostilities until such time as a further directive is issued. This directive varies to an extent, the directive previously issued by AFHQ in letter dated 20 March 1945, file CCB/1000 subject "Civil Censorship Policy for Italy after end of Organized Resistance in Europe." In the cited directive the plan was to drop immediately all forms of internal censorship except in those provinces bordering on Switzerland. In accordance with the latest directive, the following internal censorship stations are being established:

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Bologna	-	Postal and Telegraph
Milano	-	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone
Verona	-	Postal and Telegraph
Genoa	-	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone
Udine	-	Postal and Telegraph
Venezia	-	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone
Cuneo	-	Postal and Telegraph
Novara	-	Postal and Telegraph
Como	-	Postal and Telegraph
Bolzano	-	Postal and Telegraph
Trieste	-	Postal and Telegraph
Brescia	-	Postal and Telegraph
Torino	-	Postal, Telegraph and Telephone

b. External Cable, Radio and Telegraph Censorship Stations:

Plans have been completed for the setting up of cable, radio and telegraph censorship stations in the North as follows:

Genoa	-	2 Officers and 3 EM
Milan	-	3 Officers and 3 EM
Trieste	-	2 Officers and 3 EM
Turin	-	1 Officer and 3 EM

The detachments entering the cities of Milan, Genoa and Trieste as part of the "S" Force will remain in those cities for the purpose of setting up the permanent stations.

c. Relaxation of Internal Censorship Procedures.

Immediately upon cessation of hostilities in Italy, it is planned to relax all internal censorship procedures which are in force primarily for security purposes. Among the measures to be taken will be the elimination of stamping all mail passing through the censorship station with the ACS passmark, the elimination of the procedure requiring the post office to route all mail through the censorship stations, the elimination of artificial delays to letters not bearing return addresses and easing of excisions for security reasons. The principal emphasis is being placed on occupational intelligence.

d. Plans for Civil Censorship Liaison Group, Italy.

Plans have been prepared for the possible contingency of the handing over of both internal and external censorship to the Italian government, in the event that such steps become neces-

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sary by reason of a change in their status and for the possible conversion of the Group from an operating agency to a liaison agency. Composition of the proposed organization and tentative selection of personnel has been made and the tentative stations at which liaison officers will be located have been prepared.

4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS.

a. Postal Section

The following statistics are for the four (4) week period 25 March - 21 April 1945:

(1) Internal Mail

Number of Stations Operating..... 13

For all stations concerned 9% of the ordinary mail, 14% of the registered mail, and 38% of the military mail was censored. In addition, the following percentage of re-examination was carried out: ordinary mail 18%, registered mail 12.5%, and military mail 6.5%.

Total Comment Sheets.....4274
Information Slips.....1510

(2) SPS

The volume of mail was 96666 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets..... 48
Languages Read..... 8

(3) Transadriatic Mail Section

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(a) Civil Mail

The volume of mail was 32,762 pieces and 100% examination was applied.

Total Comment Sheets.....140
Examiners.....16
Sorters and Clerks..... 6

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(b) PW Mail

The volume of mail was 56091 pieces and 100% examination was applied.

(c) Yugoslav International Red Cross Mail

The volume of mail was 10,088 pieces and 100% examination was applied.

Total Comment Sheets for (b) and (c)...25
Number of examiners.....11

(4.) External Mail Statistics

The censorship of external mail takes place at Rome and Naples stations. The following statistics are for the period 25 March-21 April 1945:

a)	Volume of ordinary mail.....	563763
b)	Amount of ordinary mail censored.....	64270
c)	Volume of commercial mail.....	8544
d)	Amount of commercial mail censored.....	8544
e)	Comment sheets from (b) and (d).....	310
f)	Information slips.....	83

(5.) "S" Force Activities

"S" Force teams of Civil Censorship Group entered Bologna following the breakthrough by the armies. Other cities entered by the two teams were:

Ferrara
Verona
Mantova
Genoa
Venezia

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One team had left for Milan on 30 April 1945.

All material secured is being processed at Florence station and Rome station. Matters of interest to various agencies will be disseminated through the medium of comment sheets and special reports.

b Telecommunications Section

(1) Telephone and Telegraph.

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No. of Stations Telephone 5 Telegraph 10

Total number of Comment Sheets submitted from the above stations during the report period:

Telephone 5463
Telegraph 1444
Total 6907

These Comment Sheets were distributed as shown below:

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>Telegraph</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps.	14	1283
Field Security Sections	32	1393
Special Counter Intelligence	4	306
G-2	14	140
Royal Naval Intelligence	-	4
Naval Intelligence Unit	-	4
Security Officer (Sy)	18	-
Office of Strategic Services	-	16
MAAF Intelligence	-	4
Fleet Base Security Officer	-	4
7 Base Censor Group	7	-
Base Censor Group 6	7	-
AMG	21	33
G-5 A.C. of S.	-	3
Special Counter Intelligence -Z	-	173
TOTAL	116	3190

ALLIED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Security Division A.C.	-	213
Information Division, A.C.	97	293
Public Safety Sub-Commission	1	86
Senior Civil Affairs Officer	-	8
Public Safety - Naples Zone	4	189
Public Safety - South Region	1	20
Financial Sub-Commission	47	3
Economics & Supply - South Region	96	63
Public Health Sub-Commission	23	2
Transportation Sub-Commission	28	57
Real Estate Section	6	-
Industry & Commerce	19	-
The Commissioner	4	3
Naval Section - A.C.	-	12
TOTAL	326	949

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Provost Marshal	5	10
Criminal Investigation Division	36	152
TOTAL	41	162

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Telegraph

Telephone

TOTAL

$$\frac{363}{363}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 925 \\ \hline 925 \end{array}$$

Psychological Warfare Branch
Major Buchanan (RAAC Signals)
Signals Officer
Chief Signals Officer L of C Adv.
P.M.G.
ACOC, CCE
Chief, Landwire
Senior Liaison Officer
D.A.P.M.
Colonel Henderson
Royal Air Force
Civil Censorship Group
ATCO Rome
PM, RAAC
SC Rep. AMC
Provincial Supply Officer
Prov. Public Safety Officer

TOTAL

4	138
-	29
-	24
-	3
-	0
1	6
23	7
-	1
1	-
-	2
-	1
536	-
3	-
1	17
-	3
6	-
3	-
<u>578</u>	<u>237</u>

GRAND TOTAL

1444

5463

Total Number of Messages.....	2848
Outgoing.....	850
Incoming.....	1998
Transit.....	0

Classification	
Government.....	2645
Civilian.....	203

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Action Taken

Pass.....	2827
Cancel.....	21

Total Number of Requests for Calls..	5
Number of Calls Completed.....	5
Number of Calls Suppressed.....	0
Number of Calls Cancelled.....	0

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Classification of Calls

Government.....3
 Press.....0
 Service Calls.....2

(4) "S" Force Activities.

Because of the number of external communications gateways in Northern Italy personnel of the Cable and Radio Unit have been attached to "S" Forces entering the cities of Milan, Turin, Genoa and Trieste.

b. Dissemination Section.

(1) Compared to that for the previous month, the number of Comment Sheets given allocation to AFHQ level during April shows a decrease of approximately 21%; however, the value of each individual item will doubtless have increased with the greater number of Comment Sheets derived from External Mail sources.

(2) A breakdown of the 589 Comment Sheets disseminated and the subject matter dealt with, are shown hereunder:

User Agencies	Number of C/S
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	458
Allied Commission Encls.	313
Dir. Int. Affs (Washington)	295
I.R.B. (London)	293
G-5, AFHQ	117
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	83
PWB, AFHQ	83
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	48
MAAF, AFHQ	29
Special Activities (CCG)	24
Medical Section, AFHQ	24
OSS, AFHQ	14
N-2, AFHQ	14
JICA, Unit "R"	14
Stato Maggiore Generale, Rome	9
G-2, AFHQ	9
G-2, RAAC	8
RSS, Rome	5
G-2 (Int. Obj.)	5
G-1 A-2 (Br)	5
POWCD, AFHQ	5

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User Agencies	Number of C/S
G-1 (A), AFHQ	3
NIU, Rome	3
C.I.C., Rome	3
C.I.D., Naples	2
R.A.F. No. 6 Base Censor	2
P.W.B., Rome	1
G-1 A-3, AFHQ	1
S.C.I. Unit	1
Transadriatic Mail Section (CCC)	1
Anglo-Egyptian Censorship	1
Chief Base Censor, Rome, Br.	1

Subject Matter on which Comment Sheets drawn up	Number of C/S
Security & Counter Espionage	139
Economics & Finance	79
Political Parties & Movements	74
Information on Allied Armed Forces	57
Communications & Transportation	32
Information on Enemy	30
Living Conditions	28
Black Market	24
Public Health	24
Opinion & Morale	24
Demonstrations	18
Patriot Activities	17
P.C.W. and Refugees	13
Information on Balkans	11
Stolen Allied Property	9
Crime & Public Safety	8
Government, Attitudes & Trends	8
Effects of Allied Bombardments	8
Religion & Education	3

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(3) The number of Special Reports drawn up by this Section in April, shows an increase over that for past months. Headings of the eleven Special Reports disseminated were:

"APPRECIATION & CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 17TH MARCH, 1945"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 18/24 MARCH, 1945"

"LACK OF MEDICINES AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT HOSPITALS IN ITALY"

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"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 25/31 MARCH, 1945"

"SERIOUS EXPLOSION IN EARL HARBOUT ON 9 APRIL, 1945"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 1/7 APRIL, 1945"

"BREAKDOWN IN POSTAL DELIVERIES IN FOGGIA PROVINCE"

"ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION COMMITTEES, THE YOUTH FRONT, AND PARTISANS IN GERMAN-OCCUPIED, ITALY"

"EVASION OF CENSORSHIP IN ITALY"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY, 8/14 APRIL, 1945"

"COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC IN GIFT PARCELS FROM AMERICA"

d. Special Activities Section

(1) Watch List

(a) Names	
Total on Red Watch List	502
Total on White Watch List	637
TOTAL	1665

(b) Submissions	
Number of submissions forwarded to Hq.	
Telephone	1012
Telegram	624
Postal	91
TOTAL	1727

(2) Allocations

(a) The following allocations on Watch List names were made to higher formation with recommendation for additional allocation as detailed.

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G-2 (CC) AFHQ	145
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	34
G-5 AFHQ	4
Dir Int ASF Wash	23
Dir Int ASF Wash for Office of Cons	2
IRB London	26
MI 12 for Imp Cons	2

(b) The following local allocation was made.
These figures include both Headquarters and station allocation.

Security and Intelligence Agencies

G-2 PBS	2
G-2 RAAC	5
G-2 (IOSS) AFHQ	2
CIC	599
FSS	659
SCI Units	146
PSS	29
AC Security Branch	13
GSI (b) #3 District	2
G-2 (Ic) 15th Army Group	1
HAAT	1
FCI	1
NIU	1
Total	1461

Police Agencies

CID	14
Prov Marsh RAAC	5
AMG and AC Public Safety Officers	15
Total	34

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Miscellaneous

AC Info Sec	29
PWB	28
AMG and AC Regions and Provinces	24
Transportation Sub-Comm	2
RAAC Sigs	1
Total	84

(3) U.S. Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List

Comment sheets on names appearing on both lists	1
Comment sheets on names appearing on U.S. list	0
Comment sheets on names appearing on U.K. list	0
TOTAL	1

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(4) Signal Intelligence Laboratorya.) Testing

SPS	6384
Vatican to North Italy	1300

Total for CCG	7684
Total for PWCD	3100

Total 10,784

One deletion, which gave details of illegal transfer of money from Switzerland, was read.

b.) Photographic

67 photographic prints were made for CCG
1428 documents were recorded on microfilm.

c.) Equipment

An automatic 35 mm. camera for copying documents on microfilm has been obtained and is now in operation.

(5) Code and Cipher

Pieces examined	330
Codes broken	14
Comment sheets	0

Cond. Affairs 1663 UNR
for GORDON W. McKLAN,
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY
For the Period 1 to 31 March 1945

1. PERSONNEL:a. Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6614th Comm Cens Co (Ovhd)	31	41	72
849th S.I.S. Detachment	2	9	11
U.S. Navy Detachment	19	25	44
"X" Cens Det (British)	11	1	12
TOTALS	<u>63</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>139</u>

Atchd on TDY for Training:

6705th Cens Co (Ovhd)	9	9
Base Cens Det No. 7 (British)	1	1
R.A.P.	1	1
TOTALS	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

b. Changes in Status:

(1) Gains: 1st Lt. LeRoy E. Colby assigned from **1662**
6705th Cens Co (Ovhd); Pvt Edward Lain assigned
from Headquarters, 27th Replacement Depot.

(2) Losses: Major Ray E. Phelps relieved assignment
assigned Civil Censorship Group, San Francisco
POE, Fort Mason, California.

(3) Absent from Theater on TDY:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6	8	14

Director	
D/Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H. Q., Comm. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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c Personnel Assignment Report:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	10	6	18
Postal Subsection	24	17	518	559
Landwire Subsection	11	11	129	151
Cable & Radio Subsection	19	25	2	46
Dissemination Subsection	3	2	4	9
Special Activities Subsection	4	11	5	20
TOTALS	<u>63</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>803</u>

2. POLICY MATTERS:a Closing of Postal Censorship Stations:

As of 31 March 1945 the following postal censorship stations at the receding edge of the "fringe", have been closed:

ASCOLI-PICENO
TERNI
AQUILA

The first two stations had been operating under the direction of Allied Censor Control Officers. The last named station had been operating under the direction of the Comando Supremo. Mails from Macerata Province, which until the present have been censored at Ascoli Piceno, will now be censored at Ancona. In addition to the foregoing, orders have been issued to close the Grosseto postal censorship station on 7 April 1945. This station is now operating under the direction of an Allied Censor Control Officer.

b Transatlantic Radio-Telephone.

Incoming Press Calls, other than Voicecasts or Newscasts, have been prohibited over the Rome-New York Radio-telephone Circuit by AFHQ directive CCB/1103/979 of 22 March 1945. It is requested that this change in regulations be communicated to the United States Office of Censorship.

c Opening of Telegraph Censorship at Florence.

Pre-censorship of all telegrams from the province of Florence was initiated on 12 March 1945.

d Cessation of Telegraph Censorship.

As of 31 March 1945 all telegraph censorship in the

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provinces of Ascoli-Piceno, Aquila and Terni was determined.

e Special Security Censorship.

In accordance with request of AFHQ, on 7 March a special detachment comprising one officer and three enlisted men was detailed to the field to cover a special security censorship mission.

3. PLANS AND TRAINING.

a Opening of Postals Censorship Stations.

Necessary plans and orders have been drawn to establish postal censorship stations at LUCCA and PISTOIA to accommodate mail now authorized up to Lucca - Pistoia - Sesto line. Although this represents a departure from our previous plan of covering these provinces from existing stations in adjoining provinces, the step is being taken because of the close proximity of these points to the front. It is planned to open a censorship station at Forli when mail service is authorized.

b. Training, U. S. Naval Personnel

Italian language study for both officers and men continues unabated. In addition officers and men are assigned in rotation to Rome Cable and Radio station for indoctrination in actual conditions of operation. Rotation of personnel in radiotelephone operation and censorship of Rome-Moscow radiotelegraph traffic is also being initiated.

4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS:

a Postal Subsection:

The following statistics are for the 5-week period
18 Feb. - 24 March 1945. **1061**

(1) Number of stations operating: 14.

For all stations concerned (exclusive of S.P.S. and Transadriatic Mail) 12.8% of the ordinary mail, 12.9% of the registered mail and 21.9% of the military mail was censored. In addition, the following percentage of re-examination was carried out: 17% of ordinary mail, 9.4% of registered mail, and 6.6% of military mail.

Total Comment Sheets	6,126
Information Slips	1,836

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(2) S.P.S.

The volume of mail was 12354 pieces, and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	61
Languages Read	10

(3) Transadriatic Mail Section.(a) Civil Mail.

The volume of mail was 43696 pieces, and 100% examination was applied.

Total Comment Sheets	180
Italian Examiners	7
Yugoslav Civilian Examiners	9
Yugoslav Military Examiners	7
Greek Civilians	1

(b) PW mail.

On 4 March, this section began the censorship of Yugoslav PW and internee mail. The volume was 28252 pieces, and 100% examination was exercised.

(c) Yugoslav International Red Cross mail.

The volume was 7000 pieces, and 100% examination was applied.

Total Comment Sheets for (b) and (c)	73
No. of Examiners	8

(4) External Mail Statistics.

The latest statistics, as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer, Naples, are shown below:

Outgoing P.O.W. Mail - 5525 Kg.
(239 bags, approximately 1,381,125 letters)

Civil Mail - 6006 Kg.
(253 bags, approximately 750,750 pieces)

Incoming P.O.W. Mail - 13,151 Kg.
(602 bags, approximately 3,287,750 pieces)

Civil Mail - 7299 Kg.
(371 bags, approximately 912,375 pieces)

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(5) "S" Force Operations.

None.

b Landwire Subsection

No. of Stations: Telephone 5; Telegraph 10
 Total number of Comment Sheets submitted from
 the above stations during this period: Telephone 3128 and
 Telegraph 1257 = 4385 Total. These Comment Sheets were
 distributed as shown below.

Security

	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Telegraph</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps.	1545	17
Field Security Sections.	1391	59
Special Counter Intelligence.	481	7
Special Counter Intelligence - E Sec.	294	-
Region IV Security & Intelligence.	113	-
C2.	422	7
C2 (IOSS) AFRQ	15	-
Royal Naval Intelligence	1	-
Naval Intelligence Unit	-	24
Security Officer (Sy)	-	4
Office of Strategic Services (R & A)	16	-
Sq-Ldr Holderness (MAAF) Cens	2	-
MAAF	4	-
Fleet Base Security Officer	22	-
Office Naval Intelligence 8th Port	10	-
7 Base Censor Group	-	10
Base Censor Group 6.	-	17
RAF C.I.	6	-
G.S.I.	1	-
Total	<u>4323</u>	<u>145</u>

Allied Commission Activities.

Security Division A.C.	71	3
Information Division A.C.	203	180
Public Safety Sub-Commission	-	36
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.	6	-
Public Safety - Naples Zone.	298	6
Public Safety - Southern Region	395	-
Financial Sub-Commission	7	123
Economics & Supply - Southern Region	140	157
Public Health Sub-Commission	6	35
Transportation Sub-Commission	78	51
Agricultural Sub-Commission	2	2
Labour Sub-Commission	13	-
Food Sub-Commission	1	-
Real Estate Section	1	19
	<u>1221</u>	<u>612</u>

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	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Telegraph</u>
<u>Total brought forward:</u>	<u>1221</u>	<u>612</u>
Industry & Commerce	-	45
Regional Commissioner	-	1
The Commissioner	13	55
Public Education	-	1
Public Works Sub-Commission	2	-
Provincial Supply Officer	-	1
Total	<u>1236</u>	<u>715</u>
<u>Police.</u>		
Provost Marshal	29	3
Criminal Investigation Division	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>
	42	7
<u>Watch List</u>		
Special Activities	Total	<u>911</u>
		<u>549</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Psychological Warfare Branch	108	7
Major Buchanan (RAAC Signals)	37	-
U. S. Claims Reg. 1.	1	-
22 Town Major	1	-
Telecommunications Officer	15	-
Signals Officer	4	-
Chief Signals Officer. L of C advance	4	-
Ispettorato Censura Militare	-	3
Comando Territoriale Napoli	-	1
Total	<u>170</u>	<u>11</u>
Grand Total	<u>6632</u>	<u>1427</u>

1658c Cable and Radio Subsection.

Traffic Report for the period 25 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 is as follows:

(a) Cable & Radio

Total Number of Messages	3310
Outgoing	1164
Incoming	2144
Transit.	2
Classification	
Government	3103
Civilian	207
Action Taken	
Pass	3301
Cancel	9
Comment Sheets	None

(b) Radiotelephone

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The Rome-New York Radiotelephone Circuit was officially opened on 2 March 1945 with a call between Count Ivanoe Bonomi in Rome and the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency Alberto Tarchiani, Washington, D.C. Traffic to date has been extremely light.

Total Number of Requests for Calls.....	14
Number of Calls Completed	9
Number of Calls Suppressed.....	3
Number of Calls Cancelled.....	2
Classification of Completed Calls	
Government,.....	5
Press.....	1
Service Calls.....	3

d Dissemination Sub-Section.

The month has produced a wealth of information of interest to a large and varied list of User Agencies. A total of 746 Submission Slips was translated and distributed, this constituting an increase of 60% over the figure for February.

Allocations made and Subject Matter dealt with, are broken down hereunder:

<u>User Agencies</u>	<u>Number of Submission Slips</u>
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	572
A.C. Headquarters	456
I.R.B. (Lon.)	208
Dir. Int. AFS (Wash.)	207
Special Activities (CCG)	98
P.W.B. - AFHQ	94
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	75
G-5 - AFHQ	68
G-2 - RAAC	67
OSS - AFHQ	50
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	49
Medical Section, AFHQ	35
MAAF - AFHQ	33
N-2 - AFHQ	18
Stato Maggiore Generale - Rome	10
JICA - AFHQ	10
POWCD - AFHQ	9
FSS - Rome	9
GSI (c) 15th Army	7
G-1 (A) - AFHQ	5
G-2 (Int. Obj.)	5
Controles Techniques	2
Black Market Control, Rome	2

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<u>User Agencies (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Number of Submission Slips</u>
G-1 - A-2 (Br.)	2
NIU, Rome	2
Malta Censorship	1
OSS (x2), Rome	1
Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi Region	1
C.I.C., Rome	1
Provost Marshal, R.A.C.	1
G-2 - AFHQ	

<u>Subject Matter on which S/S Drawn up.</u>	<u>Number of Submission Slips</u>
Security & Counter-Espionage	156
Political Parties & Movements	87
Information on Allied Forces	66
Economics & Finance	64
Public Health	50
Information on Enemy	50
Crime & Public Safety	36
Living Conditions	30
Opinion & Morale	27
Information on Balkans	24
Stolen Allied Property	20
P.O.W. & Refugees	18
Effects of Allied Bombardments	16
Patriot Activities	16
Black Market	16
Demonstrations	15
Communications & Transport	13
Government (Attitudes & Trends)	7
Religion & Education	5

Material has continued to come in for the compilation of Special Reports and nine of these - listed hereunder **1056** disseminated during March:

"APPRECIATION & CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 17TH FEBRUARY, 1945."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY: 18/24 Feb. 1945."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY: 25 Feb/3 Mar 1945."

"MORALE REPORT ON ITALIAN COMBAT ZONE TROOPS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 JAN 1945."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY: 4/10 Mar 1945."

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"MORALE REPORT ON ITALIAN REAR AREA TROOPS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 January 1945."

"PRICES AND EXCHANGE RATES IN YUGOSLAVIA."

"DISERTION AMONG ITALIAN REAR AREA TROOPS, AND EVASION OF CALL-UP, PARTICULARLY IN ROME."

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY 11/17 March 1945."

e Special Activities Subsection.

(1) Watch List

(a) Names on Watch List	
Total on Red Watch List	413
Total on White Watch List	622
Total	<u>1035</u>

(b) Submissions	
Number of intercepts forwarded to Headquarters:	1248

(c) Allocation to user agencies	
G-2 (CC) AFHQ	153
(Recommended further allocation as follows):	
G-2 (CI) AFHQ	15
G-2 AFHQ	1
Dir. Int. ASF, Wash.	17
IRB London	18

Security and Intelligence Agencies **1655**

FSS	644
PSS	40
CIC	609
SCI	142
SCI-Z (OSS-X2)	34
AC Sec. Br. & Sec. Officers	32
G-2 (IOSS) AFHQ	13
G-2 RAAC	9
G-2 PBS	4
GSI (b) #3 Dist.	1
S-2, 316 Serv. Gp. (Avn)	1
Fleet Base SO	1
RAF Security	1

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Police Agencies

CID	2
PM (RAAC)	2

Miscellaneous

PWB	16
AC Info. Sect.	57
AC Trans Sub Com	2
PBS (Real Estate)	1
AC (Prov Comm)	1

In addition, 14 letters were forwarded without comment for special examination by interested agencies.

(2) U. S. Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

Comment sheets on names appearing on both lists	0
Comment sheets on names appearing on U.S. list	2
Comment sheets on names appearing on U.K. list	0
Total	2

(3) Signal Intelligence Laboratory(a) Testing

Pieces tested for CCG	8076
Pieces tested for PWCD	1500

The number of tests for each piece has been increased.

(b) Photographing

192 Photographic prints were made **1654** CCG.

(c) Deletions

3 Enemy deletions read and 3 partially read.

(4) Code and Cipher

Examined	310
Codes broken	20
Comment sheets	3
No code found	290

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GORDON W. MCKLIN,
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL, USMCORPS-1
P.O. Box 1, U.S. Army

FROM:

File

LT. COL. GORDON W. McKEAN O-236000

COL. HENDERSON

FOR: ☒ Signature
☒ Necessary Action
☒ File
☒ Info to return
☒ Answer Reply
☒ Recommendation
☒ Information

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REMARKS: Attached are
the charts in which
G-2 is interested.

None Illustrated Post Cards and Letters up to 2 oz. allowed between Italy and the following countries

To be forwarded from all provinces to:

Rules for making up dispatches in Offices in Column 2

			Inside bags to be labeled:	Outside bags to be labeled:	Bags to be Consigned to:
I. Arabia	Eritrea	New Zealand	Civil Postal Censor Cairo	CAIRO	British APO
Australia	Ethiopia	Palestine			
Ceylon	India	Persia			
China	Iran	Russia			
Cyprus	Iraq	Sudan			
Cirenaica	Lebanon	Syria			
Egypt		Turkey			
Africa (exclusive of French Africa)					
II. Tripolitania					
III. England	Ireland	Bermuda			
Great Britain		Gibraltar	Civil Postal Censor Tripoli	TRIPOLI VIA EGYPT	British APO
British West Indies					
Allied or Neutral Countries (not listed elsewhere)					
IV. Algeria	Corsica				
Tunisia	French Morocco				
West Africa and French Equatorial Africa					
V. America--North, South, and Central. (except Canada)					
American Possessions					
West Indies (except British West Indies)					
VI. Canada					
			Director of Postal Censor- Ship-Ottawa	OTTAWA	American APO

Suggest check number to this be added each time of month.

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			Inside bags to be labeled:	Outside bags to be labeled:	Bags to be Consigned to
VII. Portugal Spain Switzerland Spanish Morocco Tangiers					
		ROME	not necessary	ACCO SPS Unit Rome	
VIII. Lampedusa Linosa Pantelleria		PALERMO	not necessary	AMG Pantelleria	American APO
IX. Malta (before censorship) Malta (after censorship)		ROME		SPS	
		NAPLES		Naples to Malta Civil Mail	British APO

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FOREIGN MAIL OR CABLEGRAMS
TO OR FROM
(note 1)

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FOREIGN MAIL OR CABLEGRAMS
TO OR FROM
(note 1)

MAIL

CABLES

Diplomatic Bag

Mail exempt from Censorship

Mail liable to Censorship

Private Cipher

Approved Cipher

In Censorship (note 2)

1. U.S., U.K., SOVIET, FRANCH, GREEK, YUGOSLAV, CZECH-SLOVAKIAN, HOLLAND, POLAND, BRAZIL, BELGIUM, Diplomatic or Consular Representatives in Italy or Vatican

Yes

Yes

-

Yes

-

Yes

2. Other Allied Countries Diplomatic or Consular Representatives in Italy or Vatican

Yes

Yes

-

Yes

Yes

Yes

3. Italian Foreign Office

No

No

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

4. Neutral Countries Diplomatic or Consular Representatives in Italy

No

No

Yes (note 5)

No

No

Yes

5. Neutral Countries Diplomatic or Consular Representatives in Vatican

Yes

Yes

-

No

No

Yes

6. Italian civilians resident in Italy

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

7. Vatican--Office of Cardinal Secretary of State

Yes

Yes

-

Yes

-

Yes

8. Vatican--Civil residents or enemy country representatives

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

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Note 1.--Restricted to Allied, Co-belligerent or Neutral Countries, except for mail correspondence of Serials 7 and 8 in which are included.

Diplomatic or Consular representatives includes offices of the Advisory Council.

Note 2.--Restricted to English, French, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese texts, except for Serials 1 & 7 which are exempted from.

Note 3.--The Censorship on Italian Foreign Office traffic is exercised by the Political Section, AGC.

Communications are only permitted to Italian Embassies, Missions, etc. abroad and that in the Argentine is excluded.

Note 4.--Only on ecclesiastical matters, or the personal correspondence of His Holiness the Pope.

Note 5.--The Swiss representative has special permission for a sealed uncensored bag.

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Suggest short sentence to
that be added to the
report end of each
month.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

GWH/vm

CCG/163-22

14 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Operating Report.

TO : G-2 (Communications Censorship), AFHQ, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

1. The subject of revising the present form and content of the monthly report is now under consideration.

2. It is requested that you advise this headquarters of any changes or additions which you may desire to be incorporated in the revised report.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Communications Censorship L.
A.F.H.Q. APO 512
FEB 17 1945

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J. L. HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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28 February 1945

OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 21

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

For the Period 1 to 28 February 1945

1. PERSONNEL:a Composite Strength Report - Allied Personnel

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6614th Comm Cens Co (Ovhd)	31	40	71
849th S.I.S. Detachment	2	8	10
U.S. Navy Detachment	19	25	44
"X" Cens Det (British)	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTALS	63	74	137

Atchd on TDY for Training:

6705th Cens Co (Ovhd)	1	1
Base Cens Det No 7 (British)	1	1
R.A.F. Cens Detachment	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTALS	4	4

b Changes in Status:

- (1) Gains: 1 First Lieutenant.
(2) Losses: 1 Master Sergeant.
(3) Absent from Theater on TDY:

3	3	6
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c Personnel Assignment Report:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>CIV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Command Group	2	10	3	15
Postal Subsection	23	16	498	537
Landwire Subsection	12	11	117	140
Cable & Radio Subsection	19	25	0	44
Dissemination Subsection	3	2	4	9
Special Activities Subsection	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTALS	63	74	627	764

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1. POLICY MATTERS:a Relaxation of Control of Italian Government.

Under the revised policy established by the combined Chiefs of Staff, the Allied Commission is withdrawing its control over Italian matters in Italian Government controlled Italy and is retaining only a small number of liaison officers in such territory. In conformity with its prior concepts, the commission has taken the position that since civil censorship is primarily a military responsibility the present organization and operating policies of the Group will not be affected by the change in their organization.

b Attachment of Personnel to Base Commands.

As a result of the withdrawal of Allied Commission activities from Southern Region, it will be necessary to relieve certain of the personnel from their present attachment to units of the Allied Commission and attach them to base sections or commands. Agreement has been reached with the Commission on this procedure and no difficulty is expected. This arrangement will not however, be as efficient as the present one, in that the transfer and movement of personnel will have to be handled through somewhat complex command channels.

c Direct Allocation to Italian Government.

The policy of not making direct allocation to the Italian Government is being altered so as to permit direct dissemination on matters of financial interest. This change is being dictated partly because of the shortage of staff in the Finance Sub-Commission resulting in the material being handed over to the Italian Government, without review, and partly in preparation for the large volume of comment sheets which is anticipated in connection with external mails when the Italian financial decrees and proclaimed lists are finally promulgated.

d Utilization of Naval Personnel.

In order to assure full utilization of all personnel, a letter is being drafted requesting AFHQ to clarify the situation with respect to the use of naval personnel assigned to the Group, and to decide whether such personnel may be used for any censorship duty or whether their employment is restricted to Cable censorship duties.

e Additional Military Transport.

Under order issued by MTOUSA, the Special List of Equipment of the 6614th Communications Censorship Company (Ovhd), was increased by one C&R car and 5 jeeps for the specific use of the U.S. Navy Detachment attached to the company. Five jeeps have actually been drawn and a requisition for the C&R car is on

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file awaiting availability of stocks.

c. f Yugoslav P.O.W. Mail.

Under directions issued by G-2, AFHQ, a special section is being set up in the Transadriatic Mail Station in Bari to handle the censorship of mail to and from German held Yugoslav prisoners of war.

3. PLANS AND TRAINING:

a Training of Personnel for Future Operations.

In accordance with request from G-2, AFHQ, short courses in civil censorship have been conducted for U.S. officer personnel from other units intended for use in some future operation. The first course was conducted from 1 February to 5 February and was intended primarily for postal censorship personnel. A copy of the training program is attached. Following the completion of the course, the personnel were assigned to various postal censorship stations for a period of one to two weeks, for further indoctrination. Another class in telephone censorship has been conducted in the Naples telephone station for a similar purpose. Another class in postal censorship for British officer personnel is scheduled for 6 March to 10 March, inclusive, using the same schedule. U.S. officer personnel for use in cable censorship will be trained in the Rome cable station from 5 March to 7 March inclusive. A copy of the training program is attached.

b Revised Form of Monthly Report.

The revised form of report being used this month will be developed further in the ensuing months. The two main changes are the bringing together of all personnel, policy matters and plans and training rather than spreading them throughout the report. The second main change is the reporting and analysis of comment sheet allocations so as to show the number distributed to the various agencies and an analysis showing the numbers submitted under various headings. This last change will not be effected fully for several months. The whole object of the revised report is to afford a better understanding of the results of the work of the Group.

2. 4. CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS:

a Postal Subsection:

(1) Number of Stations: 14.

For all stations concerned (exclusive of S.P.S. and Transadriatic Mail) 14.5% ordinary mail, 15% registered mail,

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and 27% of military mail was censored. For the same period 19% of ordinary mail, 9% registered mail, and 7.5% military mail was re-censored.

Total Comment Sheets	3,786
Information Slips	1,265

(2) S.P.S. Spain, Portugal, Switzerland

The volume of mail was 8,554 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	51
Languages Read	8

(3) Transadriatic Mail.

The volume of mail was 29,208 pieces, and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	178
Italian Examiner	1
Yugoslav Civilians	5
Yugoslav Military Examiners	5
Greek Civilians	1
Sealers	2

(4) External Mail Statistics.

The latest statistics as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer of Naples are shown below:

For four (4) week period 22 January - 18 February 1945.

<u>Outgoing</u>	P.O.W. Mail - 3,187 kg.	1645 1646
	(142 Bags, approximately 796,375 letters)	
	Civil Mail - 3,173 kg.	
	(177 Bags, approximately 399,240 letters)	
<u>Incoming</u>	P.O.W. Mail - 10,969 kg.	
	(450 Bags, approximately 2,742,250 letters)	
	Civil Mail - 5,882 kg.	
	(298 Bags, approximately 735,250 letters)	

(5) "S" Force Operations.

None.

b Landwire Subsection.

(1) Total number of Comment Sheets submitted from

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the above stations during the last four weeks, Telephone 2,495 and Telegraph 892. These Comment Sheets were distributed as shown below.

<u>Security</u>	<u>Tele- phone</u>	<u>Tele- graph</u>
Counter Intelligence Corps	878	23
Field Security Section	481	25
Special Counter Intelligence	322	7
Special Counter Intelligence - Z Sec.	156	-
Region IV Security & Intelligence	434	10
G-2	153	11
G-2 (IOSS) AFHQ	14	-
Royal Naval Intelligence	2	-
Naval Intelligence Unit	1	15
Office of Strategic Services (R & A)	2	-
Squadron Leader Holderness, MAAF (Cens)	1	-
MAAF	1	5
Fleet Base Security Officer	19	-
Office Naval Intelligence 8th Port	-	3
7 Base Censor Group	-	5
Base Censor Group 6	-	3
RAF Base Censor	1	-
Local Press Censor	1	-
Total	2,466	107

Allied Commission Activities

Information Division, A.C.	22	237
Senior Civil Affairs Officer	14	-
Public Safety Sub-Commission	-	3
Public Safety - Southern Region	374	-
Public Safety - Naples Zone	258	-
Financial Sub-Commission	57	70
Economics & Supply S.R.	118	87
Public Health Commission	20	16463
Transportation Sub-Commission	57	35
Agricultural Sub-Commission	5	-
Labor Sub-Commission	9	2
Food Sub-Commission	2	-
Real Estate Section	2	2
Industry & Commerce	-	13
Regional Commissioner	-	4
The Commissioner	-	18
Total	938	474

Police

Black Market Control	29	-
Provost Marshal	29	6
AMG Police	5	85
Criminal Investigation Division	20	1
Total	83	92

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<u>Watch List</u>		<u>Tele- phone</u>	<u>Tele- graph</u>
Special Activities	Total	399	347
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Psychological Warfare Branch		-	1
Major Buchanan (RAAC Signals)		26	-
	Total	26	1
Grand Total		3,912	1,021

During the past month there has been no notable change in the type of material distributed to user agencies. As usual the greater number of comment sheets were sent to security agencies.

(2) Extension of Services.

Authorization has been received from AFHQ for the extension of Civil Telegraph Services up to the Northern boundaries of the provinces of Pesaro and Arezzo and up to the present postal boundary in the province of Firenze (i.e. the line of the River Arno but including the city of Firenze).

The service is not authorized in the provinces of Fisa and Livorno. When the service is resumed telegrams will be pre-censored.

c Cable and Radio Subsection.

Traffic report for period 28 January 1945 to 24 February 1945 is as follows:

Total number of messages	1,768	1043 7612
Outgoing	807	
Incoming	958	
Transit	3	
Classification of messages		
Government	1,600	
Civilian	168	
Action taken		
Pass	1,761	
Cancel	7	

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The above figures include cable traffic transmitted via Cable and Wireless from Naples and Rome and radio traffic via Cable and Wireless and RCA to London and New York respectively. Also included are traffic figures for the Rome-Moscow circuit which was opened to civilian traffic on 1 February 1945.

The Rome-New York radiotelephone circuit has been tested and is now ready for service. The official telephone booth and the office of the International Recording Operator have been located on the third floor of the Civil Censorship Group building at 2 via Sallustiana. The monitoring room is set up in Civil Censorship Group headquarters offices.

d Dissemination Subsection.

During the month, 472 Submission Slips (i.e. an increase of 27% on the January figure) were disseminated to higher level headquarters, through G-2 (Communications Censorship). In most cases they were also passed to Allied Commission headquarters, for the information of the various Sub-Commissions concerned.

Over the same period, 9 Special Reports were drawn up and distributed; these are listed hereunder:

- (1) "APPRECIATION AND CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 20/1/45"
- (2) "PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY - 21/27 JAN 1945"
- (3) "PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY - 28 JAN - 2 FEB 1945"
- (4) "PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY - 3/9 FEB 1945"
- (5) "DIMINISHING POPULARITY OF THE ALLIES IN ITALY AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, ESPECIALLY IN ROME" **1642**
- (6) "REPORT ON MAIL CAPTURED AT FLORENCE"
- (7) "SMALLPOX AND TYPHOID IN ITALY"
- (8) "PUBLIC OPINION TALLY, ITALY - 10/16 FEB 1945"

In accordance with a request made by the Provost Marshal General's Office, any future specific information relating to criminal activities of military personnel and crimes committed by civilians against the Army, are to be "true-copied" and disseminated to G-2 (Communications Censorship) for the P.M.G.

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e Special Activities Subsection.(1) Watch List(a) Statistics:

Total on Red Watch List	391
Total on White Watch List	559
Total	950

(b) Communications (Postal-Telegraph-Telephone)

Number of Intercepts Forwarded to Headquarters.	780
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Allocation to User Agencies:

G-2 (Communications Censorship)	156
FSS Agencies	394
CIC Agencies	220
SCI Units	207
OSS Units	28
A.C. Information Division	28
A.C. Security Branch	38
G-2, RAAC	7
PSS Agencies	42
PWB	15
Naval Intelligence	3
Transportation Sub-Commission	1
G-2, PBS	4
G-2, IOSS	12
G-2, Allied Garrison Sardinia	1
AMG Police	1
G-2, (CI), AFHQ	19
G-5, AFHQ	6
Director Intelligence, ASF, Wash.	17
IRB London	16
PSSR	16

(2) U.S. Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

(a) Dissemination on names appearing on U.S. and U.K. Lists.

Dir. of Intelligence, ASF, Wash.	13
MI, 12, London	4
Total	17

(3) Signal Intelligence Laboratory.

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(a) Testing:

writing. 7,778 pieces of mail were tested for secret

(b) Photographing:

Censorship Group. 97 photographic prints were made for Civil

(4) Code and Cipher.

Examined	296
Codes broken	24
Comment Sheets	5

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Lt Colonel, Cav,
Civil Censorship Officer.

2 Incls.

Incl No 1 - Training Program of Civil Censorship Procedure.
Incl No 2 - Orientation Schedule for Austria (A) Telecommuni-
cations Censorship Personnel.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY
SPECIAL CLASSES ON CIVIL CENSORSHIP PROCEDURE

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First Day

TIME	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	REFERENCE
0900 - 0950	INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL CENSORSHIP	Lt. Col. McKee	
1000 - 1200	POSTAL SUBSECTION (MISSION, ORGANIZATION, OPERATION, RESULTS)	Major Eric	POSTAL CENSORSHIP MANUAL
1400 - 1600	OPERATION OF POSTAL CENSORSHIP STATION	Captain Motroni Lt. Vreine Lt. Disaro	ROME STATION #

Second Day

0900 - 0950	TELEPHONE SUBSECTION (MISSION, ORGANIZATION, OPERATION, RESULTS)	Major Allan Lt. Woodcock	TELEPHONE MANUAL TELEGRAPH BRANCH
1000 - 1050	OPERATION OF TELEPHONE CENSORSHIP STATION	Captain O'Donnell	ROME TELEPHONE STATION
1100 - 1230	OPERATION OF TELEPHONE MONITORING STATION	Captain Austin	ROME TELEPHONE STATION
1400 - 1450	CABLE & RADIO SUBSECTION (MISSION, ORGANIZATION, OPERATION, RESULTS)	Commander Perrone	CABLE MANUAL
1500 - 1550	OPERATION OF CABLE & RADIO CENS STATION	Lt. Brown	ROME CABLE & RADIO STATION
1600 - 1650	OPERATION OF ROME - MOSCOW CIRCUIT	Lt. Brown	ROME STATION #

* TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED

OPERATION SCHEDULE FOR AMERICA (A) TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM PRESENTS

The program during the visit at CTR, Generalship Grade Cable and Radio Substation, Rome, will be under the direction of Lt. H. D. Amott USA, assisted by E. P. Mueller CX, USA.

MONDAY 5 MARCH 1945

0900

1. General Outline
The reason for your visit here.
A discussion by Lt. Amott, outlining the program during your visit.

2. A general explanation of Radio (point to point trans mission)
Chief Radio.

3. Visit to R.C. 100 and 200 radio operating room.

4. Discussion and question period (office)

5. 1200 to 1200 lunch.

1400

1. Explanation of Cable and Telegraph Substation
Chief Radio.

2. Visit to 100 Cable and Telegraph Substation operating room.

3. Discussion and question period (office)

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 1945

0900

1. Review and breakdown of messages (Chief Radio)
2. Communication Company terminology (Chief Radio)
3. Communication Substation regulations (Lt. Amott)
4. 1200 to 1200 lunch

1400

5. Generalship Grade Cable and Radio Substation (Lt. Amott)
6. Visit to the Rome - Moscow circuit of Transatlantic Cable.
The reason for the question period (Communication field station)

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 1945

0900

1. Generalship technique (Lt. Amott)
2. 1200 to 1200 lunch

1400

Operating station

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1. The reason for your visit here.
A discussion by Lt. Arnes, explaining the program under your visit.
2. A general explanation of radio (point to point transmission) Chief Mello.
3. Visit to Radio 9.3.2 and C. A. R. radio operating room.
4. Discussion and question period (office).
5. 1200 to 1400 lunch.
6. Explanation of Radio and Telegraph Company operating room.
7. Visit to C. A. R. Radio and Telegraph Company operating room.
8. Discussion and question period (office).

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 1945

0900

1. Reading and breakdown of messages (Chief Mello)
2. Communication Company technology (Chief Mello)
3. General radio and telegraph operations (Lt. Arnes)
4. 1200 to 1400 lunch
5. Personnel organization, history in America (Lt. Arnes)
6. History of radio by telegraph (Lt. Arnes)
7. History of the telegraph company (Lt. Arnes)
8. Visit to the radio - history of telegraph company.
9. History of the telegraph company (Lt. Arnes)

1400

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 1945

0900

1. General radio technology (Lt. Arnes)
2. 1200 to 1400 lunch

1400

3. Visit to a radio transmitting station
4. Visit to a radio receiving station

[Signature]
Lt. R. D. Arnes, JR.

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Col. Henderson

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31 January 1945

OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 20

ITALY

For the Period 1 to 31 January 1945

I. GENERAL

A. Censorship of External Mails.

In accordance with directives received from AFHQ, necessary preparations are being made to handle the censorship of external mails to the United Kingdom and the United States upon the completion of arrangements for effecting financial controls by the Italian government. A master watch list is being prepared and will include all names on the U. S. Proclaimed List, the British Statutory List, the "Y" List, the Black List and special security names submitted by U. S. and British governmental departments. The necessary personnel has been assembled and will be given a short training course in censorship of external mails. It is anticipated utilizing the services of the two British liaison officers to assist in this training. In addition, a portion of the outgoing mail to U. S. and U. K. will be examined in advance of the official opening, so as to provide experience for the examiners. It is not anticipated that the necessary financial decrees can be promulgated by the Italian government earlier than 1 March 1945. Close liaison is being maintained with the Finance Sub-Commission so as to ensure that the censorship organization will be prepared to initiate operations by the time the decrees are published.

II. POSTAL SUBSECTION

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A. Personnel.

1. Arrivals

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31 January - 1st Lt. Helio Florio
31 January - 1st Lt. Victor Arico

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2. Changes in Assignment

11 January - Capt. Umberto Motroni "S" Force to Hq.
 11 January - T/5 Harry Cordes "S" Force to Hq.
 12 January - Capt. William Morris, Naples to Arezzo.
 12 January - Pfc Humbert J. Barilla, Naples to Arezzo.
 13 January - Capt. Richard Garzarelli, Arezzo to Naples.
 15 January - T/5 Joseph Rando, Arezzo to Naples.

3. Censorship Operations

For all stations concerned (exclusive of SPS and Trans-
 adriatic Mail) 18% of ordinary mail, 15% of registered mail,
 and 35% of military mail was censored.

For the same period 18% of ordinary mail, 6.5% of regis-
 tered mail, and 7.8% of military mail was re-censored.

Total Comment Sheets	3859
Information Slips	1000
Italian Examiners	323
Ex-examiners	47
Scribes and Clerks	132

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The volume of mail for the month was 2635 pieces and
 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	47
Italian Examiners	10
Allied Personnel	3
Languages Read	7

Transadriatic Mail

The volume of mail for the month was 23613 pieces and
 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	289
Italian Examiners	1
Yugoslav Civilians	5
Yugoslav Military Examiners	5
Greek Civilians	1
Soulers	2

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None. Stagnant military situation.

External Mail Statistics

The latest statistics, as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer of Naples, are shown below:

For the eight (8) week period 27 November - 21 January

OUTGOING POW mail.....6229 kg. (40% bags, approxi-
mately 1,307,250 letters)

Civil mail.....5452.5 kg. (50% bags, approxi-
mately 679,062 letters)

INCOMING POW mail....12095 kg. (64% bags, approxi-
mately 3,023,200 letters)

Civil mail.....7969 kg. (59% bags, approxi-
mately 927,375 letters)

G. Policy Matters.

Change No. 3 was forwarded to all holders of Postal Manual.

Hereafter, the Stato Maggiore Generale will forward to Civil Censorship Group all comment sheets of importance, in addition to the monthly report.

D. Plans and Training.

Members of Major Boyle's group and of Major Milano's group have been instructed in the methods and operations of the postal subsection. Further instruction has been suspended pending the opening sessions of the general instruction course to be held at this headquarters on 1 February 1946.

III. DISSEMINATION SUB-SECTION.A. Personnel.1. Arrivals

None.

3. Changes of Assignment

None.

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B. Censorship Operations.1. Statistical Summaries.

Submission Slips
Special Reports

372
9 (as listed
hereunder)

"REPORT ON MAIL CAPTURED IN RAVENNA"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 16/22 DECEMBER 1944"

"APPRECIATION AND CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 22 DEC. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 23/29 DECEMBER 1944"

"REPORT ON MAIL CAPTURED AT FLORENCE"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 31 DEC. 1944/6 JANUARY 1945"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 7/13 JANUARY 1945"

"SERIOUS RIOTS IN SICILY"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 14/20 JANUARY 1945"

2. The number of Submission Slips given higher allocation during the month of January, shows a decrease of 50% compared to the preceding month. This can be attributed to the fact that there has been a complete stoppage of captured mail since November 1944.

There has been no falling off in the number of special reports prepared by the sub-section.

3. Policy Matters.

During January, several contacts have been held with officers attached to the Joint Intelligence Collecting Agency, Rome, in relation to the advisability of our supplying them with copies of our Comment Sheets and Special Reports.

Very little material has been turned over to JICA in the past as they were not considered as an "action" agency. The outcome of our recent conversations with them, however, has been that they are now to receive those Comment Sheets and Special Reports of ours which relate to expressions of opinion on prominent political figures, economic conditions and new or

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proposed inventions, discoveries and the like.

In their turn, JICA have agreed to supply our Group with copies of their weekly News Summaries, which may prove of interest to us, particularly to our Special Reports Unit.

D. Plans & Training.

In addition to his present activities relating to Special Reports and Tallies, Lieut E. W. Taylor is being versed in actual allocation requirements with a view to there being an additional officer available for the work.

IV. LANDING SUB-SECTION

A. Personnel.

1. Major R. Phelps relieved from duty Landwire Sub-section for temporary duty with G-2, AFHQ, 22 January 1945.

2. Lieut. R. L. Woodcock, USMC, relieved as officer in charge Rome Telephone Station 16 January 1945.

3. Captain E. C. Austin assigned as officer in charge Rome Telephone Station 16 January 1945.

4. 1st Lt. R. Southon relieved as officer in charge Naples Amvco Telephone Station and assigned to Rome Telephone Station 22 January 1945.

5. Captain F. J. Donohue relieved from duty at Rome Telephone Station and assigned as officer in charge Amvco Telephone Station, Naples, 22 January 1945.

6. 1st Lt. Devitt L. Stone and 1st Lt. Mario Sichez promoted to the rank of Captain 27 January 1945.

B. Censorship Operations.

1. Latest four weeks reports from four telegraph censorship stations show 114,618 telegrams handled. These stations submitted 151 comment sheets.

2. Rome telegraph censorship station in the past four weeks has pre-censored 147,407 telegrams submitting 557 comment sheets.

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3. Foggia telegraph censorship station in the past four weeks has pre-censored 3,634 telegrams submitting 2 comment sheets.

4. Rome telephone station submitted 1502 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

5. The Ancona telephone station in Naples submitted 273 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

6. The Polano telephone station in Naples submitted 215 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

7. The Florence telephone station submitted 49 comment sheets in the past four weeks.

8. A total of 2681 comment sheets were submitted by the telephone and telegraph censorship stations during the month of January.

C. Policy.

1. Authorization has been given by AFHQ for the extension of civil telegraph service into Siena province. When service is resumed post-censorship of telegrams will be carried out.

2. Authorization has also been received from AFHQ for the extension of civil telegraph service into Perugia. When service is resumed telegrams will be post-censored.

3. Effective 26 January 1945 the Rome telegraph station discontinued pre-censorship of telegrams with the exception of Vatican traffic. In the future outgoing civil telegrams will be post-censored.

D. Plans and Training.

No change.

V. CABLE AND RADIO SUBSECTION

A. Personnel.

1. Arrivals:

Lieut. H. B. PARKER, USNR, reported from three days temporary duty in Naples, Italy on 9 January 1945.

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Stephen D. JANAY, Y1C(2), USNR, reported from three days temporary duty in Naples, Italy on 11 January 1945.

Joseph H. MARTINEZ, Y1C, USNR, reported for approximately ten days temporary duty with Headquarters this subsection on 13 January 1945.

Lt. Comdr. W. F. KEYSER, (S), USNR, and Lieut. P. B. SKALES, (S), USNR, and Lieut. W. W. SMITH, (S), USNR, reported for duty with Cable and Radio Subsection on Bureau of Naval Personnel orders, 23 January 1945.

2. Changes in Assignments

Lt. Comdr. W. F. KEYSER, USNR, and Lieut. P. B. SKALES, (S), USNR, assigned to Headquarters this subsection for indoctrination. Lieut. W. W. SMITH, USNR, assigned to Cable and Radio Censorship station for indoctrination.

3. Censorship Operations

Traffic report for Rome and Naples for period, 24 December 1944, to 27 January 1945, is as follows:

Total number of messages.....	2,955
Outgoing.....	558
Incoming.....	1,998
Transit.....	198
Classification of Messages	
Government.....	2,937
Civilian.....	18
Action Taken	
Pass.....	2,844
Cancel.....	11

There has been no change in the situation concerning civilian traffic to and from the United States, and the United Kingdom since the last monthly report.

Censorship of radio traffic over the Rome-Moscow circuit was initiated on the opening date of this service, 27 January 1945. Special regulations governing this circuit were prepared by this subsection and approved by the Director, Communications Sub-Committee and are now in force. To date, except for service messages, there has been no outgoing traffic. Incoming traffic has been exclusively Press. This circuit is scheduled to be opened to civilian traffic on 1 February 1945.

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Monitoring equipment for the Rome-New York radiotelephone circuit has been installed at Headquarters, Civil Censorship Group at 2 Via Sallustiana, Rome. This equipment has been tested and all preliminary arrangements have been made for the censoring of traffic over this circuit. Proposed regulations governing this traffic have been forwarded to AFEC, and regulations for patrons on official and press calls have been prepared. Detailed operational procedures, including instructions to Censor, and telephone operators, have been set up.

C. Policy Matters.

No change.

D. Plans and Training.

Daily instruction in Italian and indoctrination in local censorship procedures have been continued.

VI. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SUBSECTIONA. Personnel1. Allied

- a. 2nd Lt. Harvard E. DUNN reported for duty with the Laboratory detachment 11 January 1946.
- b. Tec/5 Everett K. RICHOLS, 39849535, and Tec/5 James J. KING, 12145747, relieved Tec/4 Robert W. HEMENWAY 19129081 and Tec/5 Roger G. AVERBACH, 12156016, who returned to their proper station.
- c. Tec/5 Harry W. CORDEE was temporarily assigned to this subsection 15 January 1946 during the absence on TD of Tec/5 GILMORE.

2. Italian

The following Italian personnel have been assigned to this subsection:

PAGLIARETTI, Francesco
MOSCATO, Gino
MORATORI, Marta
SABATINI, Alma

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Total on Red Watch List	362
Total on White Watch List	587
Total	949

Postal

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	49
Allocation to local agencies	7
Number of intercepts disseminated	15

Telegrams

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	303
Allocation to local agencies	20
Number of intercepts disseminated	113

Telephones

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	153
Number of intercepts disseminated (Approximately all C/S received local action)	24

2. United States Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

Dissemination on names appearing in both Watch Lists	3
Dissemination on names appearing in US Watch List	9
Dissemination on names appearing in British Watch List	1
Total	13

3. Signal Intelligence Laboratory**a. Testing**

6737 pieces of mail were tested for S.I. **1627**
 letters were found unopened by censor, containing
 information of passage through the lines.

b. Deletions

15 deletions were examined. Of these, three were
 read, four were partially read.

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Benjamin L. Gilmore, is at present on TD at the Livorno, Pisa and Florence stations training personnel in detection of code and checking Watch List procedure.

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GORDON W. MCKEAN,
Lt. Col., Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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31 December 1944

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OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 19

ITALY

For the Period 1 to 31 December 1944I. GENERALA. Civilian Telegraph Service.

The situation as to reopening of external telegraphic communications between Italy and the United Kingdom and the United States, minus territory in enemy occupation remain the same as at last report. Failure of the Radio Corporation of America, Cable & Wireless Ltd., and Italcable to reach an agreement as to traffic rates continues to hold up the service. Censorship arrangements, however, are complete and personnel ready to handle traffic when service begins.

B. Rome - Moscow Telegraph Circuit.

The opening of circuit has been authorized and traffic thereon will be subject to censorship control. Since Pre-censorship of this traffic, which will be mainly in the Russian language, is practically impossible because of lack of language qualified personnel; However, a sufficient number of qualified civilians may be recruited, for the purpose of post-examining this traffic.

II. POSTAL SUBSECTIONA. Personnel.1. Arrivals

10 December - Pvt. William Abbene
10 December - Pfc. Waldo Pisco
15 December - Pfc. Henry Carrera

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2. Changes in Assignments

15 December - Cpl. John Manzo, Ascoli to Repl. Depot
 15 December - Pfc. Thomas Alaimo, Grosseto to Repl. Depot
 15 December - Pfc. Mario Napoleoni, Siena to Repl. Depot
 18 December - Henry Carrera, Headquarters to "S" Force 8th Army
 19 December - Captain Richard L. P. Garzarelli, Chieti to Arezzo
 19 December - Captain Frank A. Bonasera, Rieti to Ancona
 19 December - Captain William Scenna, Aquila to Pisa
 19 December - Pfc. Bruno Simonelli, Rieti to Ancona
 19 December - T/5 Ferdinand Ciarleglio, Aquila to Pisa
 19 December - T/5 Joseph Rando, Chieti to Arezzo
 26 December - Pvt. William Abbene, Headquarters to Ascoli
 26 December - Pfc. Waldo Pisco, Headquarters to Siena
 28 December - Captain Ralph P. Aiello, Naples to Grosseto
 28 December - Pfc. Nevio Zanetti, Naples to Grosseto
 28 December - Lt. Alfred Lazzarini, Grosseto to Base Censorship Detachment.

A B. Censorship Operations

For all stations concerned (exclusive of ~~SPS~~ and Trans-adriatic Mail) 23% of ordinary mail, 13% of registered mail, and 32% of military mail was censored.

For the same period 9% of ordinary mail, 6% of registered mail, and 9% of military mail was re-censored.

Total Comment Sheets	3287	
Information Slips	1138	
Italian Examiners	273	
Re-examiners	36	
Sorters and Clerks	89	1623

~~SPS~~ Spain, Portugal, Switzerland

The volume of mail for the month was 6172 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	36
Italian Examiners	9
Allied Personnel	4
Languages Read	8

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Transadriatic Mail

The volume of mail for the month was 35,773 pieces and 100% examination was exercised.

Total Comment Sheets	216
Italian Examiners	1
Yugoslav Civilians	5
Yugoslav Military Examiners	5
Greek Civilian	1
Sealers	2

The SPS monthly report on the findings in the mail will be forwarded under separate cover.

"S" Force Operations

During the month of December "S" Force entered the cities of Ravenna and Faenza. Material was immediately removed to Rome, processed and comment sheets distributed to user agencies.

MAAF Representative

F/Lt. Higgins of MAAF censorship delivered lectures to the Rome, Florence and Siena stations on the subject matter sought by the Allied air forces. He was received with great enthusiasm by station personnel.

Closing and Transfer of Stations

On 18 December 1944 Chieti and Rieti stations were closed to censorship and Aquila was transferred to the Italians. On 19 December 1944, Pisa, Arezzo and Ancona stations were opened.

External Mail Statistics

The latest statistics, as observed by the Allied Censor Control Officer of Naples, are shown below: 1622

For the four (4) week period 30 October - 26 November

OUTGOING: POW mail.....2696.4 kg. (255 bags, approximately 1,245,225 letters)

Civil mail....2332 kg. (202 bags, approximately 298,500 letters)

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INCOMING: POW mail..... 7810 kg. (473 bags, approximately 1,952,500 letters)

Civil mail..... 1617 kg. (153 bags, approximately 257,875 letters)

C. Policy Matters

In accordance with communication CCB/1060/448, dated 24 December 1944, German Captured Mail will be forwarded to No. 1 Base Censor Unit, C.M.F.

D. Plans and Training

The new censor's instructions books and subject matter guide have been issued to all field stations. Allied Censor Control Officers report excellent reaction by all personnel.

III. DISSEMINATION SUB-SECTIONA. Personnel

1. Arrivals - None
2. Changes of Assignment - None

A. Censorship Operations

1. Statistical Summaries

Submission Slips 610

Special Reports 10 (as listed hereunder)

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 4 Nov. - 10 Nov. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 11 Nov. - 17 Nov. 1944"

"REPORT ON CAPTURED GERMAN MAIL" 1021

"REPORT ON THE CAPTURED RECORDS OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY CENSORSHIP OFFICE OF FORLI"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 18 Nov. - 24 Nov. 1944"

"APPRECIATION AND CENSORSHIP REPORT ON ITALIAN CIVIL-
IAN AND MILITARY MAIL FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 25 Nov.
1944"

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"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 25 Nov. - 1 Dec. 1944"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 2 Dec. 8 Dec. 1944"

"SMALL-POX IN ITALY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NAPLES"

"PUBLIC OPINION TALLY - 9 Dec. - 15 Dec. 1944"

2. Compared to the month of November, December figures show a marked decrease in the number of Submission Sheets distributed to AFHQ Level. There are two reasons for this, i.e. (1) with the slackening of front-line progress, there has been a reduced number of captures from Post-Offices in forward areas; (2) much of the mail handled in December emanated from sacks captured during the previous month and which, not being of recent date, had been set aside for examination after the November handling of more up-to-date captures.

The number of Special Reports drawn up in December, shows an increase on that relating to November.

C. Policy Matters. - No change

D. Plans & Training - No change

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IV. LANDWIRE SUBSECTION

A. Personnel.

1. Lt. Henri P. Ayres relieved from duty Florence Telephone station 5 December 1944 for TD in the United States.
2. Lt. Mario Sicher relieved from duty Rome Telephone station 4 December 1944 and assigned as officer in charge Florence Telephone station.

B. Censorship Operations.

1. Latest four weeks' reports from seven telegraph censorship stations show 105,637 telegrams handled. These stations submitted 165 comment sheets.
2. Rome telegraph censorship station in the past four weeks has pre-censored 154,396 telegrams, submitting 575 comment sheets.
3. Rome telephone station submitted 1855 comment sheets in the past four weeks.
4. The Amedeo telephone station in Naples submitted 250 comment sheets in the past four weeks.
5. The Nolano telephone station in Naples submitted 285 comment sheets in the past four weeks.
6. The Florence telephone station submitted 152 comment sheets in the past four weeks.
7. A total of 3282 comment sheets were submitted by the telephone and telegraph censorship stations during the month of December.

C. Policy.

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1. Telegraph censorship was discontinued in the provinces of Littoria, Frosinone, Viterbo, Chieti and Rieti on 18 December 1944.
2. Telegraph censorship in the provinces of Aquila, Pescara and Teramo was turned over to Italian censorship authorities on 18 December 1944.

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D. Plans and Training

No change.

V. CABLE AND RADIO SUBSECTIONA. Personnel1. Arrivals:

Commander A. J. PERONE, USNR, arrived from temporary duty in Washington, D. C. on 5 December 1944.

The following named officers and enlisted men reported for duty with the Cable and Radio Subsection on dates as indicated:

Lt. Comdr. H. J. HARDING, USNR	18 December 1944
Lt. Comdr. J. F. McNAMARA, USNR	18 December 1944
Lt. Comdr. J. R. REID, USNR	18 December 1944
Lieut. James A. BOYLAN, USNR	18 December 1944
Lieut. R. B. PARKER, USNR	18 December 1944
Lt. (jg) Carl MONK, USNR	31 December 1944
B. M. DICHNER, CY AA(T), USNR	21 December 1944
G. L. FORMOSA, CY AA(T), USNR	21 December 1944
E. F. MUELLER, CY(PA), USNR	21 December 1944
P. H. BATTE, Y1c, USNR	18 December 1944
J. M. BRYANT, Y1c, USNR	18 December 1944
N. E. MILLER, Y1c, USNR	18 December 1944
N. J. PINO, Y1c, USNR	21 December 1944
A. D. ORRANTIA, Y2c, USNR	28 December 1944
S. W. PRESTON, Y2c, USNR	18 December 1944
W. R. WILSON, Y2c(T) USNR	17 December 1944
G. A. BYLAND, Y3c, USN-ISA	17 December 1944
C. D. LA VOIE, Y3c, USN-ISA	17 December 1944
E. J. PARRISH, Y3c, USN-ISA	17 December 1944
A. C. VOLICKA, Y3c, USN-ISA	17 December 1944

2. Changes in Assignment:

J. E. DAVIS, Y1c, USNR and J. A. NICOLINI, SP(X)3c, USNR relieved of duty with Cable and Radio Censor, Rome; assigned for duty with Headquarters Cable and Radio Subsection on 11 December 1944.

With the exception of B. M. DICHNER, CY, USNR, and N. E. MILLER, Y1c, USNR, who were assigned to the Cable and Radio Censor, Rome, on 31 December 1944, all new officers and men who reported for duty this past month have been tentatively assigned to Headquarters of this Subsection.

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B.A. Censorship Operations

Traffic report for the four-week period, 26 November to 23 December 1944, is as follows:

Total number of messages.....2,728
 Incoming.....1,268
 Outgoing.....1,460

Classification of Messages
 Government.....2,702
 Civilian.....26

Action Taken
 Pass.....2,697
 Cancel.....31

Comment Sheets Prepared.... 0

As of 31 December 1944, no agreement had been reached between Italcable and Radio Corporation of America on division of rates for civilian traffic. For this reason, no outgoing traffic of this nature has been submitted to Civil Censorship. The civilian messages listed above were incoming, the majority of which were cancelled because points of origin were other than United States or United Kingdom territory.

C. Policy Matters

A copy of the order dated 27 December 1944, from Lt. Colonel F. R. Hue Williams, Comd. 2 G.H.Q. Signals, to the Officer-in-Charge, Naples Cable Terminal was received at this Headquarters on 28 December. This directive requires the submission of all civilian cablegrams and all government traffic other than that of the United Kingdom and United States to Civil Censorship.

D. Plans and Training

Italian classes and indoctrination classes in local censorship procedures have been resumed for the purpose of orienting newly-arrived officers and enlisted personnel. These classes are being conducted daily and will be supplemented by tours of duty in the operating rooms of the companies.

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VI. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SUBSECTIONA. Personnel - No changeA.A. Censorship Operation1. Watch ListStatisticsGeneral

Total on Red Watch List	292
Total on White Watch List	561
Total	853

Postal

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	83
Reports of local action	2
Number of intercepts disseminated	22

Telegrams

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	179
Reports of local action	9
Number of intercepts disseminated	88

Telephones

Number of intercepts forwarded to Hq.	110
Number of intercepts disseminated	48
(Approximately all C/S received local Action)	

2. United States Office of Censorship and British Imperial Censorship Watch List.

Dissemination on names appearing in both Watch Lists	1
Dissemination on names appearing in U.S. Watch List	9
Dissemination on names appearing in British Watch List	0
Total	10

3. Signal Intelligence Laboratory.a. Testing

4580 pieces of mail were tested for Signal Intelligence during the first part of the month, the volume was small, but there was a noticeable increase in the final week.

b. Deletions

The only deletions studied were place names with fieldpost addresses on POW mail from German-held territory. A large number were examined; six were read.

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c. Photographic Work

78 photographic prints (8" X 10") were made for Civil Censorship Group.

The 35mm. camera was repaired by the 849th Signal Intelligence Service and is once more in use.

4. Code and CipherStatistics

Examined	220
Codes broken	48
Believed not to contain code	166
Believed to contain code but not yet broken	6
Comment Sheets	0

5. Braille

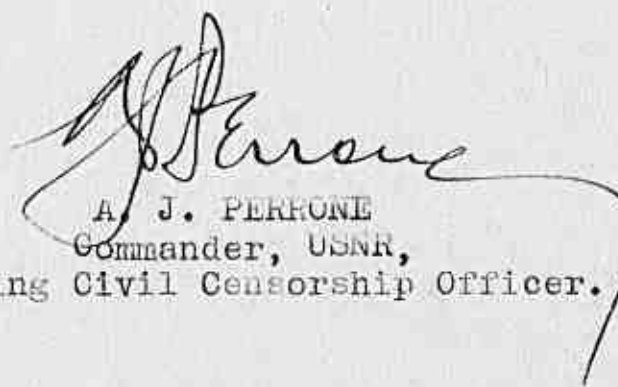
No change

C. Policy Matters

A list of 116 names has been furnished for the U.S. Office of Censorship Watch List.

D. Plans and Training

No change.


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