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may 1944 - Ap. 1945

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CENSORSHIP TRANSFER OPERATIONAL CONTROL INTERNAL CIVIL CENSORSHIP -
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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

10 May, 1944.

In reply
refer to:

CS/6/9/1

Subject : Civil Censorship.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. It is proposed to hold a conference to settle any difficulties in connection with the operation of civil censorship and to define future policy on the subject.

2. It is suggested that the conference should meet in the Palace of Justice, Salerno, on Tuesday 16 May at 10 A.M.

3. It is considered that the Ministry of Communications, the Ministry of the Interior and the Supreme Command (S.I.C.) would be interested and would like to send representatives.

4. Would you be good enough to communicate with above Italian Government Offices, and to inform them of the proposed meeting, and to notify this office if the suggested time is convenient.

5. It is also requested that a list of items for discussion be prepared by each office sending a representative, for circulation as an agenda at or before the meeting. Such lists should be delivered to this office by the 14th of May.

J. L. HERGENROTTER
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Committee 1838

Copy to:

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Major E.H. Head
Major McLean.

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Salerno, 14th. May, 1944

Ministry of Communications

Rear Hqrs.

General Direction PP.TT.

A.C.C.

No. S/8.1/1442

Reply to letter CS/6/9/1 of 10 May 1944

Subject: Civil Censure

In reply to the above-mentioned letter, we include the details of an agreement reached by the Ministries of the Interior and of Communications and by the Censorship Service.

We also include two memorandum regarding the subjects that will be discussed in the meeting to be held on the 16th. of this month, at 10 a. m. as has already been arranged by your Rear Hqrs.

The two lists include suggestions made by the Supreme Command and by the Ministry of Communications.

The Ministry of the Interior has no suggestions to make, since censorship will pass over to the Supreme Command.

The Undersecretary of State

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. IT.

SALERNO, 14 Maggio 1944

REAR HQRS.
 COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO
 Apo 394 - SALERNO -

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N. 8/8.1/1442

Risposto al N. CS/6/9/1
 del IO-5-44

OGGETTO: Censura civile

In esito foglio emarginato si rimette uno schema di accordo determinato dal Ministero dell'Interno dal Ministero delle Comunicazioni e dal Comando Supremo per la modifica del Servizio di Censura.

Si allegano due promemoria con gli argomenti da discutere nella riunione che si conferma per il mattino del 16 corrente alle ore 10 come stabilito da codesto Rear Hqrs.

I due elenchi contengono argomenti proposti dal

Comando Supremo e dal Ministero delle Comunicazioni.

Il Ministero dell'Interno non ha argomento da proporre, dato che la censura passerebbe alla dipendenza del Comando Supremo.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO
 IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENT
 SUSANOVICH, FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 1945.

1. Statement that, while the policy control of civil censorship will remain with the Allied authorities, the operational control of internal mail and telegraph censorship will be handed over to the Italian Government throughout Government-controlled territory, and Allied censors will be withdrawn. The exceptions to this will be:-

(a) That in the transfer parts of post, private and public state operational control of certain phases of external censorship has to remain with the Allies, complete operational control will be left with the Allied censors.

(b) That the Allied authorities retain the right to carry out visiting inspections of the work of censorship.

The censorship of all external communications and of telephone censorship will remain Allied functions.

2. Settlement of any details arising out of 1 above.

3. Statement that the AGC has no general objection to the proposed transfer of operational control of civil censorship from the Ministry of Interior to the Supreme Command. Certain details in the proposal will be criticized.

4. Settlement of any details arising out of 3 above, including the future employment of the present staff.

5. Statement of the outline of policy required by the AGC on civil censorship.

6. Discussion of any suggestions for any changes in present censorship machine with the object of obtaining available delays.

John H. H. SCUDDER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD ON CIVIL CENSORSHIP TO BE HELD BY ALLIED COMMISSION, NEAR LRA, BANGKOK ON THURSDAY, 22nd MAY, 1944.

1. Statement that, while the policy control of civil censorship will remain with the Allied authorities, the operational control of internal mail and telegraph censorship will be handed over to the Italian Government throughout Government-controlled territory, and Allied censors will be withdrawn. The exceptions to this will be:-

(a) that in the transfer ports of Bari, Genoa and Palermo where operational control of certain phases of external censorship has to remain with the Allies, complete operational control will be left with the Allied censors.

(b) that the Allied authorities retain the right to carry out visiting inspections of the work of censorship.

The censorship of all external communications and of telephone censorship will remain Allied functions.

2. Settlement of any details arising out of 1 above.

3. Statement that the APC has no general objection to the proposed transfer of operational control of civil censorship from the Ministry of Interior to the Supreme Command. Certain details in the proposal will be criticised.

4. Settlement of any details arising out of 3 above, including the future employment of the present staff.

5. Statement of the outline of policy required by the APC on civil censorship.

6. Discussion of any suggestions for any changes in present censorship routine with the object of eliminating avoidable delays.

Communications
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army

CCB/1053/501

16 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Censorship Stations.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Att: Director, Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Present plans are that the Italian naval mail will be routed to Naples on and after 15 November 1944, after which it will be agreeable to transfer the Taranto censorship station to Italian control.

2. It is understood that you are familiar with current instructions issued by The Naval (British) Adviser on Mail Censorship for routing of Italian merchant navy mail to Naples effective immediately. ACCO, Naples, was on the distribution lists for these instructions.

For the A.C. of S., G-2:

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Chief, Postal	
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B.C.C.L.O., Italy.



Thomas H. Finn
THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Communications Censorship.
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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

Undersecretariat of Posts and Telecommunications

Memorandum for the Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Postal Censorship.

Following the agreement reached by the Ministry of the Interior, of Communications and the Supreme Command in regard to the unification of Censorship Services in a Single Military Section, we wish to point out the actions desired by the General Office of Posts and Telegraphs (by the Secretariat of PP and TT.) in order to improve the correspondence service.

1. Send instructions to the control offices of Allied Censorship to the effect that telegrams must be submitted to Allied Censorship after the transmissal.
2. Give instructions that no copies of transit telegrams should be requested, as they are kept by the Telegraph Office and remain always at the disposal of the censorship section.
3. Permit one or two censors to be attached permanently to the postal station office, if existing, or to the offices for mail and parcels. These officials would censor express, registered and insured letters, as well as official mail as it is already done in some cities (Naples, Lecce, Bari, etc.).
4. Order that such Commissions work according to a time-schedule, ^{Key} ~~passed~~ on departures of trains, and also that ~~other~~ ^{Key} operate until 12 noon on holidays.
5. Exempt from censorship mail of high State Authorities.

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Premesso l'accordo intervenuto fra il Ministero dell'Interno, il Ministero delle Comunicazioni e il Comando Supremo per l'unificazione del Servizio di Censura in una Sezione Unica Militare si segnalano qui appresso i desiderati della Direzione Generale delle P. e T. (del Sottosegretariato delle PP. e TT.) per potere ottenere un miglioramento nel servizio della corrispondenza.

1° - Confermare per tutti gli uffici di controllo di censura Alleata la disposizione che i telegrammi siano passati alla censura Alleata dopo la trasmissione.

2° - Disporre che non siano richieste le copie dei telegrammi di transito, in quanto detti documenti vengono custoditi all'Ufficio Telegrafico rimanendo sempre a disposizione degli organi di Censura.

3° - Permettere che presso gli uffici postali di stazione ove esistono o presso gli uffici corrispondenze e pacchi, siano staccati permanentemente uno o due censori per effettuare la censura agli espressi, raccomandate, assicurate, corrispondenza ufficiale come già è praticato in alcune sedi (Napoli, Lecce, Bari, etc.).

4° - Disporre che le Commissioni funzionino con un orario che ¹⁸ ~~18~~ ¹⁹ ~~19~~ ²⁰ ~~20~~ ²¹ ~~21~~ ²² ~~22~~ ²³ ~~23~~ ²⁴ ~~24~~ ²⁵ ~~25~~ ²⁶ ~~26~~ ²⁷ ~~27~~ ²⁸ ~~28~~ ²⁹ ~~29~~ ³⁰ ~~30~~ ³¹ ~~31~~ ³² ~~32~~ ³³ ~~33~~ ³⁴ ~~34~~ ³⁵ ~~35~~ ³⁶ ~~36~~ ³⁷ ~~37~~ ³⁸ ~~38~~ ³⁹ ~~39~~ ⁴⁰ ~~40~~ ⁴¹ ~~41~~ ⁴² ~~42~~ ⁴³ ~~43~~ ⁴⁴ ~~44~~ ⁴⁵ ~~45~~ ⁴⁶ ~~46~~ ⁴⁷ ~~47~~ ⁴⁸ ~~48~~ ⁴⁹ ~~49~~ ⁵⁰ ~~50~~ ⁵¹ ~~51~~ ⁵² ~~52~~ ⁵³ ~~53~~ ⁵⁴ ~~54~~ ⁵⁵ ~~55~~ ⁵⁶ ~~56~~ ⁵⁷ ~~57~~ ⁵⁸ ~~58~~ ⁵⁹ ~~59~~ ⁶⁰ ~~60~~ ⁶¹ ~~61~~ ⁶² ~~62~~ ⁶³ ~~63~~ ⁶⁴ ~~64~~ ⁶⁵ ~~65~~ ⁶⁶ ~~66~~ ⁶⁷ ~~67~~ ⁶⁸ ~~68~~ ⁶⁹ ~~69~~ ⁷⁰ ~~70~~ ⁷¹ ~~71~~ ⁷² ~~72~~ ⁷³ ~~73~~ ⁷⁴ ~~74~~ ⁷⁵ ~~75~~ ⁷⁶ ~~76~~ ⁷⁷ ~~77~~ ⁷⁸ ~~78~~ ⁷⁹ ~~79~~ ⁸⁰ ~~80~~ ⁸¹ ~~81~~ ⁸² ~~82~~ ⁸³ ~~83~~ ⁸⁴ ~~84~~ ⁸⁵ ~~85~~ ⁸⁶ ~~86~~ ⁸⁷ ~~87~~ ⁸⁸ ~~88~~ ⁸⁹ ~~89~~ ⁹⁰ ~~90~~ ⁹¹ ~~91~~ ⁹² ~~92~~ ⁹³ ~~93~~ ⁹⁴ ~~94~~ ⁹⁵ ~~95~~ ⁹⁶ ~~96~~ ⁹⁷ ~~97~~ ⁹⁸ ~~98~~ ⁹⁹ ~~99~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~100~~ ¹⁰¹ ~~101~~ ¹⁰² ~~102~~ ¹⁰³ ~~103~~ ¹⁰⁴ ~~104~~ ¹⁰⁵ ~~105~~ ¹⁰⁶ ~~106~~ ¹⁰⁷ ~~107~~ ¹⁰⁸ ~~108~~ ¹⁰⁹ 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Situazione Alimentare	8	325
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Alloggi	3	43
Redditi	=	50
Governo Nazionale.	10	38
Amministrazione Provinciale.	=	=
Relazioni con gli Alleati.	112	3
Attuale Situazione Militare Politica	4	25
Refuta » » Economica	1	13
Prospettive Industriali	3	39
» Agricole	=	45
» Impieghi	4	32
Commerciali	3	15
Diversi	1	30
Sanità pubblica	=	=

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Comportamento pop.

Totale 155
(Commenti allegati) 798

UFFICIO MILITARE CENSURA ESTERA

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten. Col. U. Nardi)

U. Col. U. Nardi



(Commenti allegati) 798

di vista trattati in questo rapporto

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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JLH/rm

15th April 1945.

C.109. CS.

SUBJECT: Italian personnel with 7 Base Censor.

TO : MMIA.

Reference your SD/18/5 dated 13th April 1945.

1. Base Censors are nothing to do with the Allied Commission; they carry out the censorship of the correspondence of the troops in the operational zone and their personnel should be carried on the establishment of the field army.
2. The W.E. of the Italian Army part of Civil Censorship has been approved by your office vide your SD/18 dated 21st March 1945.
3. This establishment is for the purpose of placing civil censorship under a non-political administration. This policy has been agreed between the Allied Commission, AFHQ, and the Italian Government (including the Ministry of War and the Ministry of the Interior). The organization has nothing directly to do with censorship of military mail, except that the mail of troops in back areas is dealt with together with the civil mail.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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SUBJECT: Italian Personnel with 7 Base Censor
(5 offrs and 12 CRs)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/18/5

13 April 45

TO : COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COM, AC

Reference attached Ministry of War letter No 10/898 of
6 April 45.

1. Will you please say on whose authority the above personnel are attached to 7 Base Censor. They are shown on the MMIA Order of Battle of the Italian Army as being an unauthorized attachment and are held on the strength of Category 6(b) DR-ITI Service Rfts.
2. As there is already an ITI-ITI Intelligence Censorship Unit of 80 Offrs and 80 CRs, for which your proposed Wt is still awaited, it is not understood why the above personnel are not found from within this unit.
3. It is requested that an early reply be given so that an answer may be forwarded to the Italian War Ministry.

L. J. Zelen
Major General
MMIA

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Chief Postal	
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Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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C O P YT R A N S L A T I O N

FROM: S.M.R.E.

Ref.: 10/898

TO : MMIA

Date: April 6, 1945

SUBJECT: Italian personnel with 7th "Base Censor Group"

The 7th Base Censor Group has pointed out - through the intermediary of the Liaison Unit with the 15th Allied Army - that the personnel engaged in the censorship of Italian Military Correspondence at that Base is insufficient to cope with the increased amount of work, and has requested 6 Censors and 4 Clerks for the routing and sealing section.

We shall be obliged if you will let us know whether we may comply with this request, and point out that the aforementioned Allied Agency now already employs the following personnel:-

- 5 Junior Officers
- 2 Senior NCO's
- 3 Junior NCO's
- 7 EM

who draw rations on Allied account and therefore are not included in the 160 rations allotted to the Italian Censorship Offices.

/s/ GIORGIO LIUGGI
General

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Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 894, U. S. Army

ART/AMC

COC/10-48

28 September 1944

SUBJECT: Military Sections in All Stations.

TO : All Allied Censor Control Officers.

1. The purpose of this communication is to clarify the problem of control and authority in all stations under Allied Censor Control Officers after the Italian Comando Supremo has installed its military sections in those stations.

2. At all times the Allied Censor Control Officer has full control and authority in his station. The military section will read only military and naval mail and receiver that mail. All civilian personnel will be under the sole supervision of the Allied Censor Control Officer.

3. The supervision and administration of the military section will be the responsibility of the head of the section. Inasmuch as all members of the section will be Italian officers and enlisted men, the Allied Censor Control Officer will not interfere with their control as exercised by the Italian Officer in charge.

4. The military section will give copies of comment sheets, public opinion rally reports and all other pertinent data to the Allied Censor Control Officer for onward transmission to the Censorship Group Headquarters along with the usual weekly report. This Headquarters has no objection to copies of the military reports being forwarded to the Italian Comando Supremo by the head of the military section. However, copies of comment sheets and other information gleaned from the civil mail will not be given to the military section for their headquarters.

5. The sole purpose of installing the military sections was to ease the problem of transfer of the stations, if at all, at a future date. Hence, there is no objection in having the head of the military section observe the daily operations of an Allied Censor Control Officer purely for instruction purposes. Such a procedure will act as an aid in future transfers.

6. It will be found that each military section head (Italian Officer) will have in his possession a censorship guide book known as "Norme Provvisorie per l'Organizzazione E il Funzionamento Della Censura Di Guerra". The provisions of this guide book will not apply to each station until the station is entirely transferred to the Italian Comando Supremo.

7. It has been necessary to clarify the situation due to stations existing in some stations wherein the military sections

problem of control and authority. The Italian Command Supremo has Censor Control Officers after the Italian Command Supremo has installed its military sections in these stations.

2. At all times the Allied Censor Control Officer has full control and authority in his station. The military section will read only military and naval mail and censor that mail. All civilian personnel will be under the sole supervision of the Allied Censor Control Officer.

3. The supervision and administration of the military section will be the responsibility of the head of the section. Inasmuch as all members of the section will be Italian officers and enlisted men, the Allied Censor Control Officer will not interfere with their control as exercised by the Italian Officer in charge.

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7. It has been necessary to clarify the situation due to difficulties arising in some stations wherein the military sections have already been installed.

For the Commanding Officer:

Capt. J. G. Price

ATTACHED TO: CICA,
Captain, CAC.

Chief, Postal Subsection.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

7th July, 1944

In reply
Refer to: 25/6/11/56

Subject: Italian Censorship Personnel.

To: Comande Supremo.

Reference your 60453/C dated 5th July, 1944.

1. The terms of the agreement reached in respect of the transfer of operational control of censorship to the Italian Supreme Command includes the personnel employed as re-censors.

This agreement states:

" 9) The civilian personnel (including the re-censors at present employed in Allied Offices) now attached to the Provincial Censorship Commission will continue to serve.

Such personnel may only be discharged for the following reasons:

- A. Poor Services.
- B. Indiscipline
- C. Superfluity "

2. You are requested to adhere to the terms of the agreement; apart from that, whether the re-censorship personnel are employed by you as such or as censors is a matter for your own system of organization.

3. The letter you quote dated 22nd April, is of course long previous to the agreement to transfer operational control to your office, and is superseded by it.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Translating no. 963 - Telecom - G. T. 461 - Rome

Supreme Command.

S. I. M.

Inspectorate Offices Military Censorship

File no 60453/C-Cens.

5th July, 1944.

Subject: Revision of Correspondence

To Col. G. L. Henderson

A.C.C. Telecoms Subcomm.

In reference to your letter of no C S/6/8/17
of 22nd April last, §1 and §2.

(1) Following the agreements reached concern-
ing the personnel charged with revising the
censored correspondence (an employee for every
Commission) this Command has requested
the necessary information regarding each
civilian at present included in the Provincial
Censorship Commissions.

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(2) Whereas the Censor Offices have ^{just} been
re-arranged, we beg you to let us
know if it is your desire to have this super-

2) censorship personnel remain. If so, we will indicate ~~the names~~ you the names if those we think desirable.

Lt. Col. for H. M.
(P. D. Marcos)

Received 4/7/44

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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. I. M.
ISPELTORE UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

N. 60453/O-Cens. di prot.

F.M. 135, li 5 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Revisione corrispondenza. -

AL COLONNELLO J.L. HENDERSON
Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni aeree

A P O 394

Riferimento Vostro foglio C 5/6/4/1 del 22 aprile u.s. 81 e 82.-

1) A seguito degli accordi intervenuti circa il personale incaricato della revisione della corrispondenza censurata (un impiegato per ogni Commissione) questo Comando ha chiesto le necessarie informazioni su ciascun civile già facente parte delle Commissioni Provinciali di Censura.

2) Dato il nuovo ordinamento degli Uffici di Censura, Vi preghiamo farci conoscere se è Vostra intenzione conservare ancora tale personale supercensore. In caso affermativo Vi signaleremo i nominativi di nostro gradimento.

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IL TEN. COL. DI S.M.
(F. Ducros)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

(24)

In reply refer
to: CS/6/4

5th July, 1944.

Subject: Correspondence.

To: Major G.W. McKean, Civil Censorship Branch,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Advance HQ, ACC, Rome.

Please see attached copies of letters.

- (a) Letter 7BGG/4/A/2205 ——— CS/6/5/4
- (b) Letter AAI/1468/7/GSI(b) ——— CS/6/4/48
- (c) Letter AAI/1150/3/G/I(c) ——— CS/6/7/49
- (d) Letter 60406/O-Cens ——— 6/11/32
- (e) Letter 60431/p ——— CS/6/11/33
- (f) Cable FX 66946 ——— CS/6/9/12
- (g) Cable FX 66321 ——— CS/6/11/13

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

Inls: Copies of above.

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TRANSLATION

No 60431/D dated 2/7/344
From Comando Supremo- Information Office to Army Staff Services Office
and for information to Cabinet War Ministry PD Censorship Commission.
already existing in Rome depending from Prefect is formed by personnel
appointed by Republican Minister PD Abovesaid personnel to be immediate-
ly dismissed PD Replacement and transfer of military personnel is most
urgent PD Considering urgency local authority will directly take measures
PD Information about ~~urgent~~ ^{taken} measures will follow PD Signed Comando Su-
premo .

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N.º 60431/D del 2/7/344

Da Comando Supremo -Informazioni al Stato Maggiore R.E. Servizi
et per conoscenza Ministero Guerra Gabinetto alt Commissione cen-
sura già esistente Roma dipendenze prefetto est costituita da per-
sonale comandato da Ministro Repubblicano alt Datto personale do-
vrà essere immediatamente inviato in congedo alt est urgentissima
sostituzione et trasferimento dipendenze militari alt data urgenza
provvederà direttamente autorità locale alt Riserva comunicazioni
provvedimenti attuati alt Comando Supremo

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TRANSLATION NO. 890 - PFC. BONANNI

SUPREME COMMAND
S.I.M.

INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FILE NO. 60406/O-Cens.

27 June

Subject: Constitution of Army and Navy Censorship Sections in
Naples, and of an Army Section in Rome.

DIRECTOR.

DIRECTOR.

S.I.P.

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TO: ACC
Communications Sub-Comm.

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AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR COL. HENDERSON

1) Following the exchange of ideas on the subject, it is deemed advisable to submit to you the following observations and proposals.

II) Having considered that:

1) the service of civil censorship in the areas not yet placed under the Italian Authorities is operated with the participation of Italian personnel working under the supervision of ~~xxx~~ Allied Officers;

2) it would be possible to grant the Italian Military Authority a direct participation by instituting Sections of Military Censorship;

3) these Sections could facilitate in the future the transfer of the supervision whenever the provinces will be returned to the Italian Administration;

4) in the cities of Rome and Naples the civil postal service is functioning already, and the mail is increasing in volume;

5) Military Censorship Offices working under the supervision of Allied Censoring Officers are already operating in Taranto and other centers;

III) We propose:

a) to institute in Naples two Censorship Sections to collaborate with the Allied Censorship Offices; one would be attached to the Army and one to the Navy;

b) to institute in Rome one or two Army Censorship Sections

IV) The Sections referred to in letter a) and b) would function ~~xx~~ along the same lines as those in Taranto, Brindisi, Bari etc.

V) We await your opinion and decisions on the matter. We wish to point out that the actuation of ~~xxx~~ the proposal mentioned in III) would require some time, as orders have to be distributed, officers must be picked and transferred.

Lt. Col. Of General Staff
P. Ducros

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Received 1/7/44
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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. M. M.
ISPETTORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

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N. 60406/O-Cens. di prot.

P.M. 135, li 27 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Costituzione di Sezioni di Censura R.E. e R.M. a Napoli e di R.E. a Roma.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione PP.TT.*****
SEGRETOPROMEMORIA PER IL COLONNELLO HENDERSON

- I) A seguito dello scambio di idee già personalmente intercorso relativamente all'argomento in oggetto, si ritiene opportuno sottoporre alla vostra attenzione le seguenti considerazioni e proposte.
- II) Considerato che:
- 1) il servizio di censura civile nelle zone non ancora sottoposte alle Autorità Italiane è esercitato col concorso di personale italiano alle dipendenze di Ufficiali Alleati;
 - 2) sarebbe possibile dare un concorso diretto da parte della Autorità Militare Italiana con la costituzione di Sezioni Militari di Censura;
 - 3) le Sezioni così costituite potrebbero in avvenire facilitare il passaggio di dipendenze allorchè le provincie saranno cedute all'Amministrazione Italiana;
 - 4) nelle città di Roma e Napoli il servizio postale civile è già in funzione, e la corrispondenza tende ad aumentare volume; 1818
 - 5) già funzionano a Taranto, ed in altre sedi, Uffici Militari di Censura alle dipendenze degli Ufficiali Censori Alleati.

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III) Si propone:

- a) istituire, in Napoli, per collaborare con gli Uffici Alleati di Censura, due Sezioni di Censura, una R. Esercito ed una della R. Marina;
- b) istituire in Roma una o due Sezioni di Censura del R. Esercito.

IV) Le Sezioni di cui alla lettera a) e b) funzionerebbero in analogia di quanto è attuato a Taranto, Brindisi, Bari, ecc.

V) Rimaniamo in attesa di conoscere il vostro parere e le vostre decisioni. Facciamo presente che per la attuazione della proposta di cui al § III occorrerà un certo tempo per la diramazione degli ordini, per la scelta degli ufficiali e per il loro trasferimento.-

IL TEN. COL. DI S.M.
(P. Ducros)



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TRANSLATION NO. 729 - PFC. BONANNI

COMANDO SUPREMO
S.I.M.

INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FILE NO. 60329/o-Cens.

18 June 1944

SUBJECT: CENSORSHIP IN THE NEW PROVINCES

S E C R E T

TO: COL. HENDERSON
ACC - COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMM.

AIDE - MEMOIRE

1) In talks that have taken place in the ACC between Maj. Di Gennaro of this Inspectorate and Capt. Tria, U.S.A. on the 16th of this month agreement was reached on the convenience of instituting Offices or Sections of Censorship in the new provinces with Italian military personnel, gradually as the civil postal and telegraph service will begin to function.

We should like to have you examine, whenever it is desirable to you, the following proposals on this matter:

✓ a) constitute immediately Military Offices or Sections of Censorship in Avellino and Benevento on the same principles as those in effect at present in Bari, Taranto, Palermo, and Cagliari.

✓ b) constitute on the same principle Offices and Sections of Censorship in the new provinces of liberated Italy gradually as the postal and telegraph service begin to function.

✓ c) transfer the Offices and Sections to the complete control of the Italian Authorities whenever these same provinces will be transferred to the Italian administration. 1812

✓ 2)- In this manner a more complete organization would be formed, one that would conform to the principles that have been established recently for the new reorganization of Censorship in Italy.

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3) Whenever the Allied Authorities would accept the above proposals:

✓ a) the Supreme Command would notify the ~~sup~~ General Staffs and the competent Ministries to have the necessary personnel ready.

b) the ACC would be asked to notify this Inspectorate in advance regarding the constitution of the new Offices so that they can begin functioning on the desired dates.

✓ The notice should be adequately in advance considering the present difficulties and slowness of communications.

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COMANDO SUPREMO
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ISPETTORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

N. 60329/0-Cens. di prot.

P.M. 135, 11 12 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Censura nelle nuove provincie. -

AL COLONNELLO J.L. HENDERSON
Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione Telecomuni e Poste

APO 394

SEGRETO

MEMORIA

1)- Nel colloquio che ha avuto luogo presso l'A.C.C. il giorno 10 corrente fra il Maggiore Di Gennaro di questo Ispettorato ed il Capitano Tria (U.S.A.) si è stati concordi nel riconoscere la convenienza di istituire Uffici o Sezioni militari di Censura con personale militare italiano nelle nuove provincie, man mano che il servizio postale e telegrafico civile entrerà in funzione.

Al riguardo, qualora Voi siate d'accordo, Vi preghiamo voler prendere in esame le seguenti proposte:

- a) costituire subito Uffici o Sezioni Militari di Censura ad Avellino e Benevento con criteri analoghi a quelli attualmente in vigore a Bari - Taranto - Palermo - Cagliari;
- b) costituire con lo stesso criterio, Uffici o Sezioni di Censura nelle nuove provincie dell'Italia liberata man mano che entreranno in funzione i servizi postale e telegrafico;
- c) trasferire Uffici o Sezioni alle complete dipendenze delle Autorità Italiane allorché le provincie stesse saranno passate all'amministrazione Italiana.

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2)- In tal modo a nostro parere si realizzerebbe una organizzazione più completa e conforme ai criteri recentemente stabiliti per la nuova organizzazione della Censura in Italia.

3)- Qualora le Autorità Alleate accettassero le proposte di cui sopra:

- a) il Comando Supremo interesserebbe gli Stati Maggiori ed i Ministri competenti a tener pronto il personale occorrente;

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b) si pregherebbe l'A.C.G. di preavvisare questo Ispettorato possibilmente con un certo anticipo per la costituzione dei nuovi Uffici, in modo da assicurarne l'entrata in funzione nelle date volute.

Il preavviso dovrebbe giungere con un anticipo adeguato alle attuali difficoltà e lentezza delle comunicazioni per la diramazione degli ordini necessari.



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SUPREME COMMAND
S.I.M.
INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FILE NO. 60322/O-Cens.

12 June 1944

TO: Col. Henderson
ACC
Communications Sub-Comm.

SUBJECT: POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP

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AIDE-MEMOIRE

Following agreements already reached, we are transmitting copies of the orders issued for the actuation of the new organization of war censorship.

The following annex enclosures are being sent:

- 1) File No. 60286/O, dated 5th. June, concerning the powers of the Inspectorate of the Military Censorship Office;
- 2) File No. 60322/O, dated 11th. June, concerning various orders for the censorship service;
- 3) File No. 60323/O, dated 11th. June, concerning the powers of General Staffs, of Commands and of Censorship Office; the
- 4) File No. 60277/O, dated 3rd. June, concerning censorship service in Sicily.

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SUPREME COMMAND
INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES
OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FILE NO. 60266/O-Cens.

5 June 1944

TO: THE MINISTRY OF WAR P.M. 107
 " " OF THE NAVY TARANTO
 " " OF THE AIR FORCE BARI
 THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY P.M. 151
 " " " " " NAVY TARANTO
 " " " " " AIR FORCE BARI

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SUBJECT: INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FOLLOWING circular file no. 60266/O-Cens; of 31 May 1944.

The Inspectorate of the Offices of Military Censorship, formed on the 1st of June to work under the control of the Supreme Command, will have the following powers in connection with the censorship service:

- 1) Issues general regulations and directives for the Supreme Command in regard to the organization and the operation of the Offices of Military Censorship.
- 2) ~~It~~ ^{It} represents the Supreme Command before the Allied Authorities ~~xxx~~ in all ~~xxx~~ questions concerning military censorship.
- 3) Coordinates ~~xxx~~ military censorship among the three Armed Forces.
- 4) Exercises technical control on the operation of the Offices of Military Censorship.
- 5) Evaluates the data received in the periodical reports and in the various communications of censorship offices, and, whenever necessary, communicate them to the interested Authorities.

The Inspectorate, whose staff will be determined later on, is at present composed of a nucleus of Officers of the General Staff.

The powers of the General Staffs, of the Commands and the interested organs will be established in agreement with the General Staffs themselves. A meeting will be held in the near future for this purpose.

The General staff of the Army and the General Staff of ¹⁸¹³ Royal Navy are asked to inform us if the necessity should arise for officers, would they participate in the Inspectorate with their own elements.

/s/ S. Rossi

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The reports and communications ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sent to the ACC must be sent to the Supreme Command, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The General Staff of the Army - Inspectorate of the Offices of Military Censorship.

3) Exemptions -

As a general principle all private correspondence is subject to censorship.

It has been agreed with the Allied Authorities that as a special regard, correspondence addressed to or coming from the following Authorities, Personalities and Agencies are exempt from censorship and must be handed to the Head of the Censorship Office:

- 1) The King and Queen.
- 2) Prince and Princess of Piedmont.
- 3) Royal Princes.
- 4) Chiefs of States and of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ friendly Governments.
- 5) President of the Council of Ministers.
- 6) Ministers and Under Secretaries of State in Office.
- 7) Chiefs of diplomatic bodies of Allied or Friendly Nations in Italy.
- 8) Cardinals, Bishops and Sacred Congregation of Rites.
- 9) Chief of General Staff.
- 10) Chiefs or persons attached to Military ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~, Naval and Aeronautical Missions of Allied Nations in Italy.
- 11) Councils of Allied and friendly Nations in Italy.
- 12) Generals and Admirals in active service.

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Please give the necessary orders as soon as the approval of the Allied Supreme Command has been granted.

4) Suspicious Correspondence -

Suspicious correspondence written in invisible ink must be sent by the Office of Military Censorship to the A.C.C. - Civil Censorship Group- APO 394 (whenever the manuscript is ~~xxxxxx~~ handed ~~over~~ over by hand the APO must be omitted.

5) Staffs

The ~~six~~ individual staffs will be determined and communicated for information to the Supreme Command - General Staff - for the General Staffs concerned, in relation to the military importance of the Province, to the population, and to the volume of the correspondence to be censored.

6) Food Rations -

The Allies have been requested to grant food rations on the basis of an average staff of:

- 15 officers
- 3 non-commissioned officers.
- 3 militatized civilians
- 25 privates

We are awaiting decisions on this point.

The staffs ~~xx~~ of military personnel to be actuated must not surpass the number of food rations that will be granted.

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7) The Service in the new Provinces.

The General Staffs of the Army and of the Navy are asked to make the necessary preparations in advance so that when the provinces will gradually be handed over to the Italian Authorities, the new groups of military censorship can start functioning.

The General Staff of the Army is asked to communicate to the Supreme Command - General Staff - the initial staffs. Likewise, the General Staff of the Navy for Bases will do the same whenever it deems it convenient to institute its own Sections.

8) Organization of the Offices in the Naval Bases.

The General Staff of the Navy is asked to send a list of those Bases which, for the promotion of naval welfare, it deems it convenient that the Military Offices, besides having a Section of Censorship of the Xx R. Navy, they be directed by a Office Head (A naval Officer) and put under the supervision of the Naval Command

The last proposals can be extended to the Bases where the censorship service in operation has been organized on different principle.

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SUPREME COMMAND
INSPECTORATE OF THE OFFICES OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

FILE NO. 60223/O-~~xxxxx~~ Cens.

Subject: War postal and telegraph censorship. Actuation of circular 60266/O-Cens. of May 31, 1944.

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Following 60286/O-Cens. of 5 June 1944.

The censorship service, to be directed to military, defensive and operational ends, returns under the control of the Supreme Command and of the General Staffs. On the other hand, the Commands having territorial jurisdiction and not under the General Staff but directly under the Military Ministries, will contribute their activities to the service. It is therefore necessary that agreements be reached in advance with the competent Ministry to determine the tasks and ~~xxxxxx~~ assure their execution.

With the present circular the division of powers is submitted for an examination on the part of the General Staffs.

The General Staffs, after having asked the opinion of the corresponding Ministry, are asked to communicate their own proposals. These may be discussed at the meeting announced in no. 60286.

The General Staff of the Army has informed, through its liaison officer, that it does not deem it necessary to participate in the composition of the Military Censorship Offices. This communication will be of interest to it, particularly as regards the part relating to censorship in units.

POWERS AND TASKS
RELATIVE TO THE SERVICE OF POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP.

GENERAL STAFFS

The General Staffs will have the following ~~xxxxxxxx~~ functions:

- 1) To order, after having reached agreements with the corresponding Ministry, the execution of the general provisions and directives of the Supreme Command relative to the organization and operation of the service of Military Censorship in the depending Offices and ~~xxxxxxx~~ Units where the censorship service has been instituted.
- 2) To discipline and control the observance of the regulations within the area of the respective Armed Forces.
- 3) Evaluate the data coming with the periodic reports and with the various communications from censorship groups and from the depending Command ~~xxxx~~ concerned.

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- 4) Communicate periodically to the Supreme Command the information in reports on the censorship service carried out in the depending Units where the censorship service has been instituted.
- 5) Coordinate the operation of the service of censorship with the postal and telegraph service.
- 6) To propose to the Supreme Command eventual modifications intended to improve and bring up to date the regulations and general directives.

Commands of Army Corps.

The Commands of the Army Corps and the corresponding Commands having Offices of Military Censorship in their own jurisdiction will have the following ~~xxxxxx~~ functions:

- 1) To order and effect the control, executive and disciplinary, on the operation of the depending Censorship Offices.
- 2) To forward to the General Staff eventual proposals presented by the heads of the Censorship Offices regarding the staffs (of the military ~~xxxxxx~~ and civilian personnel) of the Offices.
- 3) To assure the Offices of Military Censorship the eventual quota of personnel (temporary) to meet special emergencies.
- 4) To evaluate, and to intervene whenever necessary, in the breaches committed by military and communicated by the Military Censorship Offices following an examination of the correspondence.
- 5) To ~~xxxxxx~~ check that the violations which are of a criminal character are brought before the Military Court.
- 6) To propose to the General Staff eventual changes intended to the improvement of the service.

COMMANDS OF G.U.

The Commands of G.U., having a ~~xxxx~~ censorship service in ~~kxx~~ their depending departments, will have the following functions:

- 1) To control the regular operation of the service in their depending Units.
- 2) Propose to the General Staffs eventual changes intended to the improvement of the service.
- 3) Forward ~~reports~~ periodic reports on the results of the censorship service in their depending Units.

Commands of Corps

The Commands of Corps, having a censorship service in their departments, will have the following functions.

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- 1) To control the operation of the service in their depending Units.
- 2) To communicate to the Military Court and to Superior Authorities the violations that have a criminal character.

Heads of Offices of Military Censorship.

The Heads of the Offices of Military censorship will have the following functions:

- 1) Organize, assure and control the execution of the censorship according to the regulations and directives at present in effect.
- 2) Control the activity of the personnel of his own office, with functions and positions similar to:
 - Commander of Corps in regards to the military personnel.
 - Director of a military organization as regards civilian personnel.
- 3) Communicate the violations and the crimes, forward the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ reports according ~~xxx~~ to the regulations in effect.
- 4) Forward eventual proposals intended to improve the censorship service.
- 5) Request from the Command of Army Corps or from the corresponding Command the temporary allocation of personnel to meet special emergencies.
- 6) To forward to the interested General Staff, through the Commands of Army Corps, or corresponding Command; proposals for ~~various~~ changes in personnel intended to assure the efficiency of the office, communicating eventual cases of over-strength, under-strength dismissals because of inefficiency or for ~~disciplinary~~ lack of discipline.

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From the Supreme Command
to Command of III Army Corps
and for reference to
Staff of R. Army.

File no. 60277/Cens.

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Following an agreement with the allies
the rearrangement of the censorship service has
been established and on 1st July will pass over
to the direct control of the Military Authorities.
On same date the Provincial Censure Commissions
will be replaced by Military Censure offices under
the control of Army Corps. It is most urgent and
should be informed immediately by telegram
whether the Military Sections in Sicily are ~~oper-~~
ating operating at present. If the answer is **1806.**
affirmative inform the staff of each section
If negative order work to be begun immediately
giving reassurance.

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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. I. M.
ISPEZZORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

n. 60328 /O-Cens. di prot.

P.M. 135, 11 12 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Censura postale e telegrafica. -

AL COLONNELLO J.L. HENDERSON
Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste
APQ 394

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PRO MEMORIA

Come da accordi intercorsi si trasmette, per conoscenza, copie delle disposizioni per la attuazione del nuovo ordinamento per la censura di guerra.

Si allegano:

- 1) n. 60286/O-Cens. di prot. del 5 giugno, relativo alle attribuzioni dell'Ispezzorato Uffici di Censura Militare;
- 2) n. 60322/O-Cens. di prot. dell'11 giugno, relativo a disposizioni varie per il servizio di censura; **1805**
- 3) n. 60323/O-Cens. di prot. dell'11 giugno, relativo alle attribuzioni degli Stati Maggiori, dei Comandi e degli Uffici di Censura;
- 4) n. 60277/O-Cens. di prot. del 3 giugno, relativo al servizio di censura in Sicilia.



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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. I. M.
ISPETTORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

Copia 1

N. 60286/O-Cens. di prot.

P.M. 135, 11 5 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Ispettorato Uffici di Censura Militare.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA	P.M. 107
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA	TARANTO
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA	B A R I
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO	P.M. 151
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIA MARINA	TARANTO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA	B A R I

SECRET

Seguito circolare 60266/O-Cens. del 31 maggio 1944.-

L'Ispettorato Uffici di Censura Militare, costituito sotto la data del 1° giugno alle dipendenze del S.I.M., avrà, nei riguardi del servizio di censura, le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1) - emanare le norme generali e le direttive dal Comando Supremo relative all'ordinamento, alla organizzazione ed al funzionamento degli Uffici di Censura Militare; **1804**
- 2) - rappresentare il Comando Supremo presso le Autorità Alleate per tutte le questioni concernenti la censura militare;
- 3) - coordinare l'attività della censura militare delle tre Forze Armate;
- 4) - esercitare controllo tecnico sul funzionamento degli Uffici di censura militare;
- 5) - vagliare gli elementi risultanti dalle relazioni periodiche e dalle segnalazioni varie degli uffici di censura e, quando necessario, farne oggetto di comunicazione alle Autorità interessate.

L'Ispettorato, il cui organico verrà definito in seguito, è attualmente costituito da un nucleo di ufficiali del S.I.M.;

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Lo S.M.R.M. e lo S.M.R.A. sono pregati voler fare conoscere se, qualora si presentasse la necessità di assegnazione di ufficiali, gradiscano partecipare alla costituzione dell'ispettorato con propri elementi.

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IL GENERALE CAPO REPARTO
f/to (S. Rossi)

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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. I. M.
ISPETTORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

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P.M.135, li 11 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Censura postale e telegrafica di guerra. Attuazione circolare 60266/O-Cens..-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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e, per conoscenza:
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AL MINISTERO MARINA - Gabinetto
AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA-Gabinetto

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Seguito circolare 60266/O-Cens. del 31 maggio c.a..-

1)- Controllo della censura.

Gli Alleati hanno informato che nelle provincie passate alle Autorità Italiane sono stati ritirati i loro ufficiali di controllo.

Quest'ultimo compito - d'accordo con le Autorità Alleate - viene devoluto ai Capi degli Uffici Militari di Censura, e, ove il Capo Ufficio non sia stato ancora nominato, all'ufficiale che ne assume le funzioni.

In attesa del completo passaggio di competenza previsto per il 1° luglio, e dato lo scopo esclusivamente militare assegnato ora alla censura, il controllo potrà essere affidato all'ufficiale più elevato in grado o più anziano delle Sezioni di Censura Militare facenti parte delle attuali Commissioni Provinciali di Censura.

Al riguardo si prega voler disporre che i Comandi interessati, prendano accordi con le Autorità Prefettizie per assicurare la immediata esecuzione.

2)- Relazioni -

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- al Comando Supremo - Ispettorato Uffici Censura Militare
 - e, per conoscenza:
 - allo S.M.R.E. per la parte che interessa lo S.M.R.E.;
 - allo S.M.R.M. per gli uffici ove esistono Sezioni della R.M.
 - e per la parte che interessa la R.M. (relazioni delle sezioni censura R.M.)
 - ai Comandi di C.d'A. competenti per Giurisdizione
 - ai Comandi di Base M.M. ove esistono Sezioni della R.M. e per la parte che interessa la R.M. (relazioni delle Sezioni Censura R.M.).
- Le relazioni e segnalazioni che vengono trasmesse all'A.C.C. dovranno essere inviate, per conoscenza, al Comando Supremo - S.I.M. - Ispettorato Uffici Censura Militare.

Si prega voler disporre in conseguenza.

3) - Esenzioni -

In linea di principio tutte la corrispondenza privata è soggetta alla censura.

E' stato stabilito, d'accordo con le Autorità Alleate, che in atto di particolare riguardo sarà esente da censura e dovrà essere consegnata al Capo dell'Ufficio Censura la corrispondenza diretta o proveniente dalle seguenti Alte Personalità, Autorità ed Enti:

- 1) - LL.MM. il Re e la Regina
- 2) - AA.RR. il Principe e la Principessa di Piemonte
- 3) - Principi Reali
- 4) - Capi di Stato e Capi di Governi amici
- 5) - Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri
- 6) - Ministri e Sottosegretari di Stato in carica
- 7) - Capi delle Rappresentanze diplomatiche delle Nazioni Alleate e amiche in Italia
- 8) - Cardinali - Vescovi e Sacra Congregazione dei Riti
- 9) - Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale
- 10) - Consoli delle Nazioni Alleate e amiche in Italia
- 11) - Capi e addetti delle Missioni Militari, Navali e Aeronautiche delle Nazioni Alleate in Italia
- 12) - Ufficiali Generali e Ammiragli in attività di servizio

Si prega voler disporre in conseguenza non appena sarà concesso benestare da parte del Comando Supremo Alleato.

4) - Corrispondenza sospetta -

La corrispondenza sospetta di uso di inchiestre simpatie dovrà essere trasmessa dall'Ufficio Militare di Censura alla A.C.C. - Civil Censor Ship Group - APO 394 (qualora il plico venisse consegnato a mano dovrà essere onessa l'indicazione APO 394).

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Le relazioni e segnalazioni che vengono trasmesse all'A.C.C. dovranno essere inviate, per conoscenza, al Comando Supremo - S.I.M. - Ispettorato Uffici Censura Militare.

Si prega voler disporre in conseguenza.

3)- Esenzioni -

In linea di principio tutta la corrispondenza privata è soggetta alla censura.

E' stato stabilito, d'accordo con le Autorità Alleate, che in atto di particolare riguardo sarà esente da censura e dovrà essere consegnata al Capo dell'Ufficio Censura la corrispondenza diretta o proveniente dalle seguenti Alte Personalità, Autorità ed Enti:

- 1)- LL.MM. il Re e la Regina
- 2)- AA.RR. il Principe e la Principessa di Piemonte
- 3)- Principi Reali
- 4)- Capi di Stato e Capi di Governi amici
- 5)- Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri
- 6)- Ministri e Sottosegretari di Stato in carica
- 7)- Capi delle Rappresentanze diplomatiche delle Nazioni Alleate e amiche in Italia
- 8)- Cardinali - Vescovi e Sacra Congregazione dei Riti
- 9)- Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale
- 10)- Consoli delle Nazioni Alleate e amiche in Italia
- 11)- Capi e addetti delle Missioni Militari, Navali e Aeronautiche delle Nazioni Alleate in Italia
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5)- Organici -

I singoli organici saranno definiti - e segnalati per conoscenza al Comando Supremo - S.I.M. - dagli Stati Maggiori interessati, in relazione all'importanza militare della Provincia, alla popolazione, ed al volume della corrispondenza da censurare.

6)- Razioni viveri-

E' stato richiesto agli Alleati di accordare le razioni veri in ragione di un organico medio di:

- ufficiali. 15
- sottufficiali. 3
- assimilati o militarizzati . . . 3
- militari di truppa 25

Si è in attesa di decisioni.

Gli organici da attuare per quanto riguarda il personale militare non dovranno, nelle media generale, sorpassare il numero delle razioni che verrà concesso.

7)- Servizio nelle nuove Province -

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Queste ultime proposte possono essere estese alle Basi ove il servizio di censura in atto fosse stato organizzato con criterio differente.

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IL GENERALE CAPO REPARTO
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COMANDO SUPREMO
S. I. M.
ISPETTORATO UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

Copia per il N. 6

N. 60323 /O-Cens.di prot.

P.M.135, li 11 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Censura postale e telegrafica di guerra. Attuazione
circolare 60266/O-Cens; del 31/5/1944.-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO	P.M.151
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIA MARINA	TARANTO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.AERONAUTICA	B A R I
e, per conoscenza:	
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto	P.M.107
AL MINISTERO MARINA - Gabinetto	TARANTO
AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA -Gabinetto	B A R I

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SEGRETO

Seguito 60286/O-Cens.di prot. del 5 giugno 1944.-

Il servizio di censura - per essere rivolto ai fi  
ni militari di difesa ed operativi - rientra nelle attribuzioni  
del Comando Supremo e degli Stati Maggiori. D'altra parte al ser  
vizio stesso dovrà concorrere l'attività di Comandi aventi giu  
risdizione territoriale e dipendenti non dagli S.M. ma diretta  
mente dai Ministeri Militari; occorre perciò, in questo caso e  
sempre che necessario, siano presi accordi preventivi con il Mi  
nistero competente per definire i compiti ed assicurarne l'ese  
cuzione.

Con la presente si sottopone all'esame degli S.M. la ri  
partizione delle attribuzioni, che verranno sanzionate nelle  
"norme" aggiornate di prossima emanazione.

Gli S.M., chiesto - per tutto quanto ritenuto utile -il  
parere del corrispondente Ministero sono pregati di far conosce  
re il proprio e le eventuali proposte di varianti; queste potran  
no essere discusse nella riunione preannunziata con n.60286 cui  
si fa seguito.

Lo S.M.R.A. ha informato, a mezzo del proprio ufficiale  
di collegamento, di non ritenere necessario partecipare alla com  
posizione degli Uffici Militari di Censura: la presente comunica  
zione lo interesserà principalmente per la parte relativa alla  
censura presso le unità.

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ATTRIBUZIONI E COMPITI  
RELATIVI AL SERVIZIO DI CENSURA POSTALE E TELEGRAFICA

STATI MAGGIORI

Gli Stati Maggiori avranno le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1)- disporre - previi accordi con il corrispondente Ministero ove necessario - per la esecuzione delle norme generali e delle direttive del Comando Supremo relative all'ordinamento, all'organizzazione ed al funzionamento del servizio di Censura Militare presso gli Uffici e presso le Unità dipendenti ove sia istituito il servizio di censura;
- 2)- disciplinare e controllare l'osservanza delle norme nell'ambito delle rispettive FF.AA.;
- 3)- vagliare gli elementi risultanti dalle relazioni periodiche e dalle segnalazioni varie degli organi di censura e dei Comandi interessati dipendenti;
- 4)- segnalare periodicamente al Comando Supremo la risultanza delle relazioni sul servizio di censura svolto presso le Unità dipendenti ove sia istituito il servizio di Censura;
- 5)- coordinare il funzionamento del servizio di censura con il servizio postale e telegrafico;
- 6)- proporre al Comando Supremo eventuali modifiche intese al perfezionamento ed all'aggiornamento delle norme e delle direttive generali.

COMANDI DI CORPO D'ARMATA

I Comandi di C.d'A. e i Comandi corrispondenti aventi Uffici di Censura Militare nelle propria giurisdizione avranno le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1)- disporre il controllo, esecutivo e disciplinare, del funzionamento degli Uffici di Censura dipendenti;
- 2)- inoltrare agli S.M. eventuali proposte di varianti presentate dai Capi Uffici di Censura circa gli organici (del personale militare e civile) degli Uffici stessi;
- 3)- assicurare agli Uffici di Censura Militare la eventuale assegnazione temporanea di personale per far fronte a particolari esigenze;
- 4)- vagliare ed intervenire ove ritenuto necessario nei riguardi delle infrazioni commesse da militari e segnalate dagli Uffici Militari di Censura in seguito ad esame della corrispondenza;

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- 5)- controllare che vengano deferite al Tribunale Militare le infrazioni che rivestono carattere di reato;
- 6)- proporre agli S.M. eventuali modifiche intese al perfezionamento del servizio.

#### COMANDI DI G.U.

I Comandi di G.U., aventi servizio di censura presso i reparti dipendenti, avranno le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1)- controllare il regolare funzionamento del servizio presso le Unità dipendenti;
- 2)- proporre agli S.M. eventuali modifiche intese al perfezionamento del servizio;
- 3)- inoltrare relazioni periodiche sulle risultanze del servizio di censura presso le Unità dipendenti.

#### COMANDI DI CORPO

I Comandi di Corpo (aventi servizio di censura presso i reparti) avranno le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1)- controllare il funzionamento del servizio presso le Unità dipendenti;
- 2)- segnalare al Tribunale Militare e alle Autorità Superiori le infrazioni che rivestono carattere di reato.

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#### CAPI-UFFICI CENSURA MILITARE

I Capi degli Uffici di Censura Militare avranno le seguenti attribuzioni:

- 1)- organizzare, assicurare, controllare, l'esecuzione della censura secondo le norme e le direttive in vigore;
- 2)- controllare l'attività del personale del proprio ufficio, con attribuzioni disciplinari e di impiego analoghe a quelle:
  - di Comandante di Corpo nei riguardi del personale militare,
  - di direttore di stabilimento militare nei riguardi del personale civile;
- 3)- segnalare le infrazioni ed i reati, ed inoltrare le relazioni, secondo le norme in vigore;
- 4)- inoltrare eventuali proposte intese al perfezionamento del servizio di censura;

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- 5)- richiedere al Comando C.A. o Comando corrispondente l'assegnazio-  
ne temporanea di personale per far fronte a particolari esigenze;
- 6)- inoltrare allo S.M. interessato, tramite Comando di C.d'A. - o Co-  
mando corrispondente - proposte di varianti di personale intese  
ad assicurare la efficienza dell'ufficio, segnalando le eventuali  
esuberanze, deficienze, licenziamenti per scarso rendimento o per  
indisciplina.

NOTA: Il servizio di censura è compreso fra le attribuzioni degli or-  
gani "I" del Servizio Informazioni di cui dispongono i Comandi. =

d'ordine  
IL GENERALE CAPO REPARTO  
f/to (S. Rossi)

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IL TEN.COL. DI S.M.  
(P. Ducros)

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DAL COMANDO SUPREMO

AL COMANDO XII CORPO D'ARMATA

P.M.126

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO

P.M.151

N.60277/O-Cens. di prot. alt

Seguito accordi alleati est stabilito riordinamento servizio censura che 1° luglio passerà dirette dipendenze Autorità Militare alt Sotto tale data Commissioni Provinciali Censura saranno sostituite da Uffici Militari Censura dipendenze Corpi Armata alt Urge conoscere stes so mezzo se Sezioni Militari Sicilia funzionino attualmente alt. Caso affermativo comunicare organico singole Sezioni alt Caso negativo disporre immediato funzionamento dando assicurazione alt.



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*Arban # 749*

**URGENTE**

COMANDO SUPREMO  
S.I.M. - Sezione Organizzazione

*Telegrams  
Room 102*

P.M. 135, li 14 giugno 1944

AL COLONNELLO HENDERSON  
Commissione Alleata di Controllo  
Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste

APO 394

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Seguito promemoria n. 60328/O-Cens. in data  
15 giugno, si trasmette il duplicato del telescritto 60277  
/O-Cens. in data 3 giugno, relativo al servizio di Censu-  
ra in Sicilia.

d'ordine  
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO  
(Tenente A. Arban)



*Ten. Arban*

*Following the aide-memoire 1795, 60328/O-Cens. dated 15th June, we forward you the duplicate of telegram 60277/O-Cens. dated 3rd June, concerning the censorship service in Sicily.*

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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In reply refer  
to: CS/6/11/18.

Subject: Civil Censorship.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Reference your AQ/2/5 dated 12th June 1944.

1. The numbers of the various censorship sections are about to be defined.
2. Army personnel will be on duty at Military stations, and Naval personnel at Naval Base Sections.
3. From the Italian Army and Navy respectively.
4. The personnel is drawn from elements already in the Italian Armed forces that are not required for any other foreseen needs.
5. Rations are limited exclusively to Military personnel.

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J.L. Henderson,  
Colonel,  
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

See CS/6/8/65

Subject:- Civil Censorship.

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main Hq. (MIA)  
LEQUILL. (LECCF)  
AC/2/5

12 June 44

Lt. Col. Offenhauer.  
MIA.IO. ACC. Naples.

1. Please see Col. J.L. Henderson, ACC, in reference to enclosed letter and determine the following information.
  - a) No. of Italian Military now working with the Censorship Group.
  - b) Organisation(s) from which rolls these men are now carried.
  - c) From where do they now draw their rations.
  - d) Is this increase thought to be an addition to the overall strength of the army or will the personnel involved be transferred from existing army strength.
  - e) Does estimated number of rations include only military personnel.

b/REP

*Ray E. Pinkley, Major General.*  
for Major General.  
Army Sub Comm ACC

*MRS BOWE 334*

Encl. CC/6/11/9 dated 3/6/44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.  
APO 394

In Reply  
Refer to CS/6/11/9

Subject. Civil Censorship.

To : Director, Army Sub Commission. Lequile

1. Arrangements have been completed for the transfer of the operational control of internal mail and telegraph censorship to the Italian Supreme Command in the territory under the Administration of the Italian Government. The transfer is being effected 15 June 44.

2. Consequent on this the Italian Supreme Command has requested this office to support a claim for additional rations for the military personnel required.

3. The figures arrived at are:

- a Present requirements 1104 rations
- b Requirements up to Rimini - Pisa line: 2070 rations.

These figures are based on an average of 46 rations per province, although the actual number in any province might be far from that figure depending on the nature and location of the province. The numbers include the military personnel already serving with censorship.

4. It is considered unlikely that these figures will be reached in practice, as it will probably ~~XXXX~~ be found possible to reduce considerably the numbers employed in rear areas. However, for estimate purposes it is thought advisable to include the total given.

5. Would you therefore be good enough to include these requirements in the overall figures for the ration requirements for the Italian Army.

J. L. HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub Commission

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9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship, Italy

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512 (for I.M.C.)  
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy (for G.I.I.)

Copy is enclosed of the agreement reached on the transfer of operational control of internal civil censorship on mails and telegraphs from Allied Civil Censorship to the Italian Supreme Command for the territory under the administration of the Italian Government.

ELMER W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner1 Incl:  
AS ABOVE.cc: Communications Sub-Com

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Subject: Civilian Censorship in Italian Government Territory. 15-1

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can be carried out in connection with the postal and telegraph service.

The office equipment at present in the possession of the Provincial Commissions of Censorship will be handed over to the Military Offices of Censorship which are being formed.

9) The civilian personnel (including the revisori at present employed in the Allied Offices) now attached to the Provincial Censorship Commission will continue to serve.

Such personnel can be discharged only for the following reasons:

- Poor service
- Lack of discipline.
- If the personnel is found to be over-strength.

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The civilian personnel (same as the above) will be absorbed by the War Ministry and will receive the same wages that they are receiving at present.

The Ministry of War may later on suggest to the Ministry of Finance, in accord with the ACC, a uniform wage-scale for the Civil Censors.

11) Simultaneously with the above the Allied Authorities have ordered the following:

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Esso potrà solo essere licenziato per:

- scarso rendimento;
- indisciplina;
- esuberanza di personale.

10° - Le LL.EE. i Prefetti provvederanno alla cessazione della prestazione del lavoro straordinario da parte del personale di ruolo.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Salerno, 19 Maggio 1944

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APO 394, U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Possible Reorganization of Italian Censorship.

TO : Colonel J. L. Henderson,  
Director, Communications Sub-Commission,  
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,  
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THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY  
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SUBJECT: ~~War Censorship~~ *Civilian Censorship in Italian Government Territory*

As already known, the fallen fascist regime had taken away war censorship from the control of the Military Authorities in order to turn it into a political instrument.

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Executive provisions will be issued in detail <sup>also later date</sup> ~~subsequently~~ by the Supreme Command <sup>in accordance with</sup> ~~in accord~~ with the Allied Authorities.

4) - The Military Offices of ~~war~~ Censorship will be composed of:

- Military personnel <sup>selected</sup> ~~picked~~ by the War Ministry.

- Civilian personnel already employed by the Allies and <sup>attached</sup> ~~employed~~ at present <sup>to</sup> the Commissions, and recognised as being capable.

- From one to three militarized employees appointed by each Provincial Office of Post and Telegraphs, <sup>to assist in</sup> ~~for the functioning of~~ the Office, <sup>but</sup> ~~and not employed in censoring.~~

5) - The highest ranking officer, or the senior officer (normally a Colonel or a Lieutenant Colonel) will be the Chief of the Office.

6) - The Military Offices will <sup>be under orders of</sup> ~~depend upon~~:

a) The Supreme Command - Information Office - Inspectorate of the Offices of Military Censorship for <sup>all matters concerning censorship</sup> ~~technical employment.~~

b) The Command of the Territorial Army corps that has jurisdiction in the <sup>provincial capital</sup> ~~chief city~~ of the province where the Office <sup>is situated</sup> ~~has its seat~~, for matters concerning discipline.

c) The local or the nearest Military District (which provides for the reimbursement of the expenses for the operation of the office), for administrative matters.

7) - The staff of the military personnel of each Office will be established by the Supreme Command, with the understanding that the Office Chiefs will have the power to suggest to the Supreme Command, through the respective Command of the Army Corps, any changes in the staff that may be required by the needs of the service.

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8) - The Provincial Offices of Posts and Telegraphs will furnish ~~as much as is possible~~ <sup>as far as possible</sup> the premises and equipment necessary for the operation of the Military Offices of Censorship ~~in their~~ <sup>which are for</sup> ~~as possible will be in adjacent to Posts and Telegraphs building~~ <sup>Censorship</sup> seats or nearby, so that the operation can be carried out in connection with the postal and telegraph service.

The office equipment at present in the possession of the Provincial Commissions of Censorship will be handed over to the Military Offices of Censorship which ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> being formed.

9) The civilian personnel (including the revisors at present employed in the Allied Offices) now attached to the Provincial Censorship Commission will continue to serve.

~~It can be discharged only for the following reasons:~~

- Poor service
- ~~Indisциплина~~ Lack of discipline.
- ~~Сверхнормативная~~ If the personnel is found to be over-strength

10). The Prefects will order their permanent personnel to cease additional duties with censorship. ~~over time with~~ <sup>now being performed by them in Censorship offices</sup>

Transitory provisions:

The civilian personnel (same as the above) will be absorbed by the War Ministry and will receive the same wages that ~~are~~ <sup>may</sup> they are receiving at present.

The Ministry of War ~~can~~ <sup>may</sup> later on suggest to the Ministry of Finance, in accord with the ACC, a uniform wage-scale for the Civil Censors.

11) Simultaneously with the above the Allied Authorities have ordered the following :

- while the <sup>policy</sup> ~~higher~~ control of all civil censorship will always remain in the hands of the Allied Authorities, the ~~actual~~ <sup>operational</sup> control

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mail on domestic mail and on telegrams will be handed over to the Italian Government in the territory under its jurisdiction; and from this territory the Allied censors will be withdrawn.

The following exceptions will be made to the above:

a) the border offices of Bari, Taranto, and Palermo and Cagliari, where the executive control of certain phases of censorship of letters addressed to foreign countries must remain in the hands of the Allies, and where therefore the complete executive control will be left to Allied Censors.

b) The Allied Authorities have reserved the right of making inspections of the censorship work.

The censorship of all communications with foreign countries and of telephone calls will remain with the Allies.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
/S/G. Messe

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR  
/A/ E. Aldisio

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS  
/S/ F. Cerabona.

*Elting to 2 Sub. Caffaro V.E.N.  
Haupt Chief Commission  
Allied Control Commission*

Salerno, 19 May 1944

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
/S/ Fano

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Minutes of Meeting on Civil Censorship Transfer of Stations to Italian Comando Supremo.

29 May 1944

CCG/182-6

## MEMORANDUM

TO : Major McKean.

Present:

Major H. H. Scudder - D/Director Communications (part time)  
 Capt. A. J. Tria - Civil Censorship Group  
 Lt. R. A. Clark - Civil Censorship Group  
 Lt. Col. Ducros - Comando Supremo  
 Capt. Luigi Grandini - Comando Supremo

Colonel Ducros submitted a list of officials and government departments to be exempt from censorship. Major Scudder stated approval of AAI would have to be secured. *being noted*

The following 16 stations were transferred to Italian Comando Supremo:

Sicily: Agrigento, Trapani, Caltanissetta, Enna, Ragusa, Siracuse, Messina, Catania.

Sardinia: Nuoro, Sassari.

Italy: Reggio, Cosenza, Catanzaro, Potenza, Salerno, Brindisi, Lecce, Matera.

Colonel Ducros stated he would appoint Italian officers as Capo D'Ufficio immediately. Although official transfer date is 1 July 1944, he would assume control immediately. He requested that we remove our Allied Censor Control Officers immediately. *1768*

This Headquarters will receive reports weekly from each station. Colonel Ducros was given copies of the following forms:

Postal Weekly Report  
 Comment Sheet  
 Telegram Weekly Report  
 Public Opinion Tally  
 Subject Matter Guide

Only comment sheets of national or international importance will be forwarded to Civil Censorship Group.

Public Opinion Tally will be forwarded weekly.

We have the right to inspect stations periodically without notice. Colonel Ducros requested that only the Capo D'Ufficio in each station be addressed.

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Colonel Ducros will appoint an expert on censorship to contact Civil Censorship Group for other details.

ALFRED J. TRIA,  
Captain, CAC.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APC 394

3rd June, 1944.

In reply  
refer to: CS/6/11/9

Subject : Civil Censorship.

To : Director, Army Sub-Commission.

1. Arrangements have been completed for the transfer of the operational control of internal mail and telegraph censorship to the Italian Supreme Command in the territory under the Administration of the Italian Government. The transfer is being effected 15 June, 1944.

2. Consequent on this the Italian Supreme Command has requested this office to support a claim for additional rations for the military personnel required.

3. The figures arrived at are:

a. Present requirements: 1104 rations  
b. Requirements up to Rimini - Pisa line: 2072 rations.  
These figures are based on an average of 46 rations per province, although the actual number in any province might be far from that figure depending on the nature and location of the province. The numbers include the military personnel already serving with censorship.

4. It is considered unlikely that these figures will be reached in practice, as it will probably be found possible to reduce considerably the numbers employed in rear areas. However, for estimate purposes it is thought advisable to include the total given.

5. Would you therefore be good enough to include these requirements in the overall figures for the ration requirements for the Italian Army.

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Translation no. 572 - Telecoms - 8-5-44 - R. Romano.

Supreme Command  
"I" Office - Division of Organization

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Mil. Post 135, 26th May, 44.

File no. 60246

Subject: Handing over the census to the Supreme Command.

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Director  
Director  
S.O. 11  
S.C. P.  
CENSURSHIP  
CHIEF CLERK.

To Col. J.L. Henderson

Director Communications Sub-Commission

A.C.C.

A.P.O. 394

Registered in 1/6/44

Reply to letter CS/6/8 of the 19th May, 1944.

- (1) Your estimates on the number of nations forseen for the military personnel of the Italian census, have been examined.
  - (2) We agree with what you say in paragraph no.(2) of your letter.
  - (3) Before communicating the changes we wish to make in our applications we think it desirable to point out the entries on which the applications ~~1788~~ <sup>1788g</sup> ourselves are based.
- (a) - The number of censuses ~~est~~ <sup>body</sup> which are estimated was already reduced by about 1/3, ~~in~~ compared with the number of employees considered indispensable to the Census service in normal times;
- (b) On the other hand it is as well to consider that:

Subject: Handing over the censor

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DIRECTOR  
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CENSORSHIP  
CHIEF CLERK

To Col. J. L. Henderson  
Director Communications

A.C.C.

A.P.O. 394

Registered on 1/6/44

Reply to letter 23/6/43 of the 19th May, 1944.

Your estimates on the number of nations for whom the military personnel of the Italian censoring have been examined?

(1) We agree with what you say in paragraph no. (2) of your letter.

(2) Before commencing the changes we wish to make in our applications we think it desirable to point out the criterion on which the applications ~~1788~~ <sup>body</sup> are based.

(3) The number of censors in which we estimated was already reduced by about 1/3, ~~we~~ compared with the number of employees considered indispensable to the censor service in normal times; the latter band it is as well to consider that:

— the bulk of correspondence in each single province will increase as the liberated territory is extended and with the ~~perfecting~~ <sup>improving</sup> bettering of post and telegraph services communications.

It will not be advisable to greatly reduce the

2) percentage of the correspondence to be censured; and in some cases it is advisable to increase it; — in the larger towns, where at present the Allies are providing the service, the number of censors necessary will be greatly superior to the estimated average, and at such time as you think fit to entrust us with the censorship of Naples and Rome, a considerable number of censors will be required in proportion with to the population and importance of the provinces;

— Possibly in a few provinces the censorship service could even be dissolved, should the provinces themselves cease to be of any military interest whatever.

On the other hand we do not think it prudent, as a precaution, to ~~state~~ <sup>consider</sup> the abolition of this service as so certain, and we think it preferable for the present to consider <sup>that</sup> the censorship in such provinces ~~as they~~ <sup>may be</sup> reduced to a minimum, but not dissolved.

— In reference to the above, the average staff can be required as follows:

|                       |        |                |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| — Officers —          | No. 13 | } total no. 46 |
| — N.C.O.s —           | " 3    |                |
| — Drafted personnel — | " 3    |                |
| — Troops —            | " 25   |                |

(5) Consequently, the total would be:

(10) Provincial requirements: 1104 nations (24 provinces)

a considerable number of conscripts were in proportion with to the population and importance of the provinces;

— Possibly in a few provinces the conscription service could even be dissolved, should the provinces themselves cease to be of any military interest at all.

On the other hand we do not think it prudent, as a precaution, to take the abolition of this

service as so certain, and we think it preferable for the present to consider <sup>that</sup> the conscription in such provinces ~~being~~ <sup>may be</sup> reduced to a minimum, but

— in reference to the above, the average staff can

be required as follows:

|                       |        |                |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| — Officers —          | No. 15 | } total no. 46 |
| — N.C.D.s —           | " 3    |                |
| — Drafted personnel — | " 3    |                |
| — Troops —            | " 25   |                |

(5) Consequently, the totals would be:

(a) — present requirements: 1104 rations (24 provinces)  
on reaching the Pina + Binani

(b) — future  
line: 2070 rations (45 provinces).

Note: In the above requirements ~~are~~ included the military personnel of the army already ~~in~~ serving with the Military Sections of conscriptions.

3) (b) - Our request could be still more reduced if ~~in future~~ an increase of rations could in the future be requested if the requirements proved greater than estimated.

~~However~~ If the application can not be changed, ~~we~~ ~~will find ourselves in difficulty if~~ and if we have to employ a larger number of personnel, ~~for~~ provide for the needs of the service, and ~~for which~~ rations were not granted then we would find ourselves in difficulty.

The Chief of Division of Organization  
(Lt. Col. S. M. P. Dumas)

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COMANDO SUPREMO  
Ufficio "I" - Sezione Organizzazione

N. 60246/O-Cens. di prot. P.M. 135, li 26 maggio 1944  
OGGETTO: Passaggio della Censura al Comando Supremo.

AL COL. J.L. HENDERSON  
Director Communications Sub-Commission  
A. C. C.

APC 394

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Risposta al foglio CS/6/8 del 19 maggio 1944.-

- 1) - Sono state esaminate le Vostre considerazioni sul numero di razioni che è stato previsto per il personale militare della censura italiana.
- 2) - Siamo d'accordo su quanto avete detto al punto 2) della Vostra lettera.
- 3) - Prima di precisarVi le modifiche che facciamo alle nostre richieste riteniamo utile esporVi i criteri sui quali le richieste stesse sono basate.
  - a)- Il numero di censori da noi previsto era stato già ridotto di circa 1/3 rispetto agli organici, quali erano stati riconosciuti indispensabili al servizio della censura in tempi normali;
  - b)- le esigenze medie attuali, specie nelle provincie di minorà importanza, tenuto conto dei censori civili che terremo al nostro servizio, sono indubbiamente inferiori.
  - c)- D'altra parte è bene considerare che:
    - il volume della corrispondenza in ogni singola provincia aumenterà con l'aumentare dell'estensione del territorio liberato e col migliorare delle comunicazioni per il servizio postale e telegrafico;
    - non sarà conveniente ridurre molto il percento della corrispondenza da censurare; in qualche circostanza converrà aumentarlo;
    - nelle maggiori città, ove attualmente al servizio provvedono gli Alleati, il numero di censori occorrenti sarà fortemente superiore alla media prevista, e allorchè riterrete di affidare a noi la censura delle città di Napoli e di Roma, esse richiederanno un rilevante numero di censori, proporzionato alla popolazione ed all'importanza delle provincie;
    - conveniamo che in talune provincie potrebbe in avvenire anche essere soppresso il servizio di censura, qualora le provincie

AL COL. J.L. HENDERSON  
Director Communications Sub-Commission  
A. C. C.

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- b)- le esigenze medie attuali, specie nelle provincie di minor importanza, tenuto conto dei censori civili che terremo al nostro servizio, sono indubbiamente inferiori.
- c)- D'altra parte è bene considerare che:
- il volume della corrispondenza in ogni singola provincia aumenterà con l'aumentare dell'estensione del territorio liberato e col migliorare delle comunicazioni per il servizio postale e telegrafico;
  - non sarà conveniente ridurre molto il percento della corrispondenza da censurare; in qualche circostanza converrà aumentarlo;
  - nelle maggiori città, ove attualmente al servizio provvedono gli Alleati, il numero di censori occorrenti sarà fortemente superiore alla media prevista, e allorché riterrete di affidare a noi la censura delle città di Napoli e di Roma, esse richiederanno un rilevante numero di censori, proporzionato alla popolazione ed all'importanza delle provincie;
  - conveniamo che in talune provincie potrebbe in avvenire anche essere soppresso il servizio di censura, qualora le provincie stesse cessino di avere qualsiasi interesse militare.
- D'altra parte non riteniamo prudente, in sede di previsione, fare affidamento su questa soppressione e crediamo sia per ora preferibile prevedere che la censura in tali provincie potrà essere ridotta al minimo, ma non soppressa.

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4) - In relazione a quanto sopra, l'organico medio può essere ridotto come appresso:

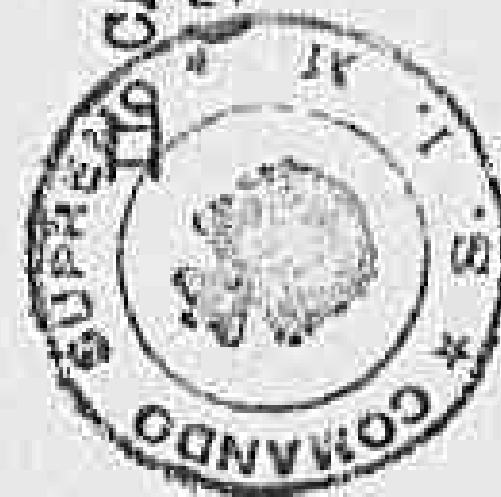
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5) - In conseguenza i totali sarebbero:

- a)- esigenze attuali: razioni n. 1104 (24 provincie);  
 b)- esigenze future, al raggiungimento della linea Pisa - Rimini: razioni n. 2070 (45 provincie).

NOTA: Nelle esigenze segnalate è compreso il personale militare dell'Esercito già in servizio presso le Sezioni Militari di Censura.

- 6) - La nostra richiesta potrà essere anche maggiormente ridotta qualora in avvenire si potesse chiedere un aumento delle razioni se le esigenze si manifestassero superiori al previsto.  
 Qualora però la richiesta non potesse essere più modificata, noi ci troveremmo in difficoltà se, per le esigenze del servizio, dovessimo impiegare personale più numeroso, e per il quale non fossero state concesse le razioni. =



CAPO SEZIONE ORGANIZZAZIONE  
 Ten.Col. S.M. P. Ducros)

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*Col Henderson*

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Minutes of Meeting on Civil Censorship held May 16th, 1944

At A.C.C. Rear Headquarters

Present:

|                                   |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairman: Captain Ellery W. Stone | - U.S.A.R. Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.                |
| Colonel J.L. Henderson            | - Director, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.C.           |
| Major H.H. Scudder                | - D/Director, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.C.         |
| Major G.W. McKean                 | - Civil Censorship Officer, A.C.C.                          |
| Capt. H.I. Shepston               | - Civil Censorship Group, A.C.C.                            |
| Capt. A.J. Tria                   | - Civil Censorship Group, A.C.C.                            |
| M.E. Mario Fano                   | - Undersecretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts. |
| M.E. Giuseppe Solimena            | - Director General Public Safety - Ministry of Interior.    |
| Lt. Col. Camillo Ducros           | - Chief of Censorship - S.I.M. - Comando Supremo.           |
| Capt. Luigi Grandini              | - Censorship Office - S.I.M. - Comando Supremo              |

Capt. Stone opened the meeting by stating that the two chief reasons for the conference were to discuss:

1. Proposed transfer of operational control of censorship of internal mail and telegrams in King's Italy from A.C.C. to Italian Government.
2. Proposed transfer of censorship from Ministry of Interior to Ministry of War.

Capt. Stone stated that A.C.C. was in favor of both proposals since the first was in line with the general policy of restoring governmental functions in King's Italy to the Italian Government and the second was in harmony with the democratic principle of confining censorship to a purely military measure.

It was made clear by the chairman that definite approval of proposals rested with higher Allied Military Authority.

Capt. Stone stated that points had been discussed with Marshal Badoglio who was in agreement with proposals.

It was pointed out by Capt. Stone that complete operational control of censorship would have to remain with the Allies in Taranto, Bari and Palermo (and possibly Cagliari) as these were important transfer points. The importance of military operations in Italy made it also necessary that the Allied authorities retain the right to carry out visiting inspections of the work of censorship.

Capt. Stone said that the censorship of all external Communications and telephone censorship would remain Allied functions.

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Discussion took place on the proposal of the Italian Government that a representative of the Provincial Prefect should be a member of the Provincial Censorship Commission. Capt. Stone and Col. Henderson objected to the inclusion of such a representative on the grounds that censorship should only be used for military security and that the presence of a representative of the Provincial Prefect on Censorship Commission could be interpreted as a continuance of the Fascist practice of using for political purposes information obtained from censorship. The representatives of the Italian Government present stated that the proposal to include in the membership of Provincial Censorship Commission a representative of the Provincial Prefect had not been motivated by any intention to impose political censorship. They agreed, however, to the elimination of the requirement that Provincial Censorship Commissions should comprise a representative of the Provincial Prefect.

In summing up, Capt. Stone stated that policy control of Civil Censorship remained under Allied Military authority but that with the exceptions previously made, it was agreed by A.C.C. that operation control in King's Italy should pass to the Italian Government. Such agreement was, of course, as previously stated subject to approval of higher Allied Military Authority.

Capt. Stone then left the conference to attend a meeting elsewhere and turned over the chairmanship to Col. Henderson. Detailed discussion took place on the agreement for the transfer of censorship drafted by the Italian High Command, the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Communications and submitted to the conference.

After discussion it was agreed ~~and~~ by the Italian Government representatives that a revised draft agreement embodying the agreed modifications will be submitted to the A.C.C. for approval.

Col. Henderson presented to the meeting statistics showing that delays in postal service generally ascribed to censorship were largely due to other causes.

There being no other points for discussion the meeting closed.

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| Major G. W. McKean,      | Civil Censorship Officer, A.C.C.  |
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Commando Supremo

Office I Organization Section

May 16th 1944.

File No. 60214/C-cif

 CC: Col. Henderson  
 Director of Telecomms.  
 And Posts Sub-Commission  
 ACC

Subject: Censorship

Reply to your C.S. /6/3/9 of April 28th, 1944

1) As you have probably been informed already. The Italian Authorities have decided to perfect the censorship service putting it under direct supervision of the Supreme Command, and by forming executive bodies of military censorship in place of civilian bodies,

2) In reference to the above the ministry of the Interior has forwarded us the letter referred to above.

3) We are sorry we did not have sufficient time to make a detailed examination. At any rate we can at this time give certain particulars in reference to No. 3 of your letter.

4) On the whole we can accept the regulations you have suggested, with a slight modifications in the change set forth of the organization of the Italian censorship/

5) We believe the following points to be advisable:

a) Each censor must refer observation to his own Office chief. Each chief of the censorship office must inform the Allied officer attached to the office of all news that may interest the Allies. He will do so as soon as possible.

b) The Allied officer will go to the office Chief and not directly to the censors for any clarification, as the former is responsible for the activities of those working under him.

c) The Allied officer will reach agreements directly with the office chief as regards organization of the work and other detailed matters.

d) As regards more important questions it would be preferable if the Allied officer attached to the Censorship Commission would refer them to the competent office of the A.C.C.

In this manner the question can be settled through direct agreements between the A.C.C. and the Supreme Command.

Inspectorate of the Censorship service, and we can thus issue regulations of a general character that are valid for all the censorship offices.

6) It will be convenient to replace the title of file "Guide of Subject matter" with Index of subjects that interest censorship, as this second title explains the idea more clearly in Italian.

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7) We shall need to clarify the meaning of the following expressions, for a better translation into Italian:

Agency - aerial (air) - district  
intergovernment department - inter - departmental department-  
own chief.

8) We shall request some clarifications in details on the chapter "Forms"

9) We shall need to look at the two forms mentioned in the Instructions to Italian censors", and of the "Comment Sheet."

Chief of Organization Section

Lt. Col. S.M.P. Ducros

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perma to Censorship*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

19th May, 1944

In reply  
refer to: GS/6/e

Subject : Transfer of Censorship to the Supreme Command.

To : Supreme Command, Intelligence Section.  
Att: Lt. Col. Ducros.

Reference Aide Memoire P.M. 135 of 15th May,  
1944.

1. In view of the agreement reached at the conference on censorship that civilians now engaged in censorship will be taken over by the Ministry of War when civilian Censorship is transferred, you will probably wish to revise the figures given in your Aide Memoire.

2. As the Army line advances, it is considered that censorship personnel in the rear areas can be reduced and in some cases entirely withdrawn without endangering military security. An expansion of liberated territory would not therefore result in a proportionate increase in censorship personnel and it is thought that you can probably reduce somewhat your estimate of personnel required by an extension of liberated territory up to the Pisa - Rimini line.

J. L. HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Supreme Command

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CENSORSHIP.

Intelligence

CHIEF CLERK.

TO: Col. J.L. Henderson

Head of Communications Sub-

Commission - A.C.C.

APO 594

Subject: ~~Transfer of Censorship~~ Under the Supreme Command.Aide - Memoire

Reference decision to effect transfer of the service of Italian Censorship under jurisdiction of the Supreme Command, by setting up Military Censorship Offices in substitution of the Provincial Censorship Commissions.

We wish to bring your attention to the following:

- 1) In order to gain the advantages of unification of Italian censorship service under jurisdiction of the Supreme Command S.I.M. (Servizio Informazione Militari - Military Intelligence service) it will be necessary to assign a certain number of military which will vary with the expansion of liberated territory;
- 2) At the present time the liberated provinces are 24, without taking into account Naples and Foggia.

When the Pisa - Rimini line shall have been reached the liberated Provinces will be 45;

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a) 20 Officers

c) 5 - Attached personnel

b) 5 Non Comm. Officers.

d) 30 - O.R.'s

It is naturally presupposed that in cities of major importance the offices will have more numerous personnel, while smaller provincial seats will have a reduced personnel;

- 4) Italian Authorities are at the present time discussing the Army Sub-Commission of A.C.C. (General Brown - Dequille), the Branch 55 the Armed forces, to establish the number of rations the Allied Authorities will release for our need;

- 5) It would be necessary to guarantee the rations required for the military personnel of the Censorship Service;

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- 7) The totals amount to:

a) Present needs: 1344 rations

b) Future needs. upon reaching the Pisa - Rimini line: 2720 rations.

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Headquarters Lt. Col. Ducros.

Section Chief of Organization of Office "I"  
Supreme Command.

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COMANDO SUPREMO  
Ufficio Informazioni

OCCORRENZA: Passaggio della censura alle dipendenze del Comando Supremo.-

AL COLONNELLO J. L. HENDERSON

Direttore Sottocommissione delle Comunicazioni

A.C.C. - APO 394 -

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- 6°)- Vi preghiamo, qualora siate d'accordo su questo punto e sui punti precedenti, di volerVi compiacere interessare la competente Autorità dell'A.C.C. ad aderire alla richiesta delle razioni in aumento;
- 7°)- i totali sarebbero:
- a)- esigenze attuali: razioni n° 1344
- b)- esigenze future, al raggiungimento della linea Pisa-Rimini: razioni n° 2720.-

P.M. 135, li 15 maggio 1944

IL TEN. COL. DI S.M.

(P. Dueros)



Capo Sezione Organizzazione dell'Ufficio "I"  
Comando Supremo



AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA  
 AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
 AGRO S. R. L.  
 AGRI ALI COALIZIONE DI DALLA DICHIARA  
 E DELLA CARTELLA  
 ALLE AL. S. I. PER FUMI DALLA ITALIA LIL MATA  
 E. P. C.  
 ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI Gabinetto  
 AL SOTTOSCRITTATO ALLE FUSSE E LILLO. CABINETTO  
 AL COMANDO CC. IT. DELL'ITALIA LIL MATA

OGGETTO:

Censura di Guerra.

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Com'è noto il soppresso regime fascista aveva sottratto il servizio della censura di guerra all'Autorità Militare allo scopo di farne uno strumento di natura politica.

Secondo venute a cessare tali esigenze e tenuto conto che i servizi di censura - durante lo stato di guerra - sono di interesse prevalentemente militare, in seguito ad accordi presi tra i Ministeri interessati e il Comando Supremo è stato disposto il ritorno del servizio stesso alla diretta dipendenza dell'Autorità Militare.

In relazione a quanto sopra si stabilisce:

1° - Le commissioni Provinciali di Censura sono sopprese sotto la data del <sup>1° di luglio</sup> ~~15 giugno~~ 1944. Dalla stessa data presso ogni ~~Capoluogo~~ <sup>1752</sup> di Provincia verrà costituito un Ufficio Militare di Censura di

Guerra.

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2° - E' ricostituito l'Ispettorato degli Uffici di Censura Militare di cui all'art. 1° delle "Norme per il funzionamento degli Uffici Provinciali di Censura Postale" edito dal Ministero della Guerra

- S.I.L. - in data 1° ottobre 1935 e successive varianti.

3° - Gli Uffici Militari di Censura riferiranno:

- Al Comando Supremo - Ufficio I - Ispettorato degli Uffici di Censura Militare - <sup>dal C.S. d'accordo con le</sup> ~~gli~~ <sup>autorità militari</sup> ~~stabiliti dalle norme~~ <sup>in vigore;</sup>

- Alle M. R. i Prefetti per quanto riguarda i rilievi che concernono ordine pubblico o notizie che comunque hanno attinenza

alla situazione politica e morale delle Provincie.

Le disposizioni esecutive di dettaglio verranno emanate successivamente dal Comando Supremo d'accordo colle autorità alleate.

dell'Interno.

4° - Gli Uffici Militari Censura di Guerra saranno ~~in numero~~ <sup>in numero</sup> costituiti:

- Dal personale militare designato dal Ministero delle Guer-

re. <sup>in numero</sup> ~~in numero~~ <sup>presente</sup> ~~presente~~

- Dal personale civile <sup>presente</sup> ~~presente~~ degli Alleati e Incolati <sup>presente</sup> ~~presente~~

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Capo Ufficio.

6° - Gli Uffici Militari dipenderanno:

a) per l'impiego tecnico: dal Comando Supremo - Ufficio Infor-

mazioni - Ispettorato degli Uffici di Censura Militare -

b) Disciplinamento: dal Comando del Corpo d'Armata Territoria-

le che ha giurisdizione nel capoluogo della Provincia de-

da dell'Ufficio.

c) Amministrativamente: dal Distretto Militare locale o vic-

niore, che provvederà al rimborso dello spese inerenti al

funzionamento dell'Ufficio.

7° - L'organico del personale ~~presente~~ <sup>presente</sup> di ciascun Ufficio verrà

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tramite il rispettivo Comando Territoriale di Corpo d'Armata -

le varianti all'organico in relazione alle esigenze di ser-

vizio.

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- Dal personale militare designato dal Ministero della Guerra

22. *La buona cura di ogni assente degli Alleati è presente*  
*all'Ufficio Censura di Guerra*  
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*controllare l'assente degli Alleati*  
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- Da *uno* *dei* *comandi* *o* *militarizzati* *nominati* *dalle* *singole* *divisioni* *provinciali* *delle* *Poste* *e* *Telegrafi* *per* *il* *funzionamento* *del* *ufficio* *di* *censura* *di* *guerra*

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7° - L'organico del personale *Andano* di ciascun Ufficio verrà stabilito dal Comando Supremo, con intesa che i Capi Ufficio avranno facoltà di proporre *proporzionalmente* al Comando Supremo - tramite il rispettivo Comando Territoriale di Corpo d'Armata - le varianti all'organico in relazione alle esigenze di servizio.

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Il materiale d'ufficio attualmente in consegna alle Commissioni Provinciali di Censura passerà in consegna agli Uffici Militari di Censura costituiti.

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Il personale civile presentemente addetto alle Commissioni Provinciali di Censura potrà continuare a prestare servizio, fin quando necessario, in relazione alla graduale sostituzione con personale militare.

Le LL. MM. i Prefetti in seguito a segnalazione dei singoli Capi Ufficio provvederanno al licenziamento del personale ausiliario presentemente addetto alle Commissioni Provinciali di Censura e alla cessazione della prestazione del lavoro straordinario da parte del personale di ruolo.

IL CAPO DI S.M. GENERALE IL MINISTRO DEGLI INTERI IL MINISTRO PER LE COMUNI  
(G. Alessi) (V. Alaisio) (V. Cerabona)

Salerno 1. Maggio 1944

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*(compresi i revisioni attualmente allo studio)*  
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all'ufficio di revisione

CIVIL CENSORSHIP POLICY

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That the transfer, if proposed, be approved.

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J.L.HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

In reply  
refer to:

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10 May, 1944.

Subject : Civil Censorship.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP.PT.

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5. It is also requested that a list of items for discussion be prepared by each office sending a representative, for circulation as an agenda at the meeting. Such lists should be delivered to this office by the 14th of May.

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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