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ATCO C/O HQ AMB PIEMONTE REG
LT COL MCKEAN CIVIL CENSORSHIP GRP HQ ALCOM ROME

IN CLEAR.

Station activated 23 rd actual operation 26th. Italian military personnel arrived 27th state they are telegraph nucleus told wait instructions. Refer your signal 476.

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ACTION - CIVIL CENSORSHIP GRP
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICE

(UFFICIO ALLEATO CONTROLLO DI CENSURA)

FERROVIA POST OFFICE - VIA NOVARA, 2 - NAPLES

PHONE 50581

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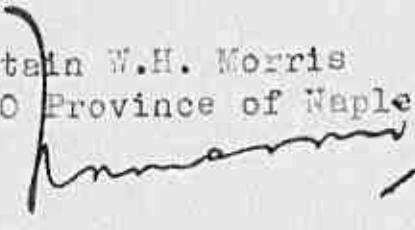
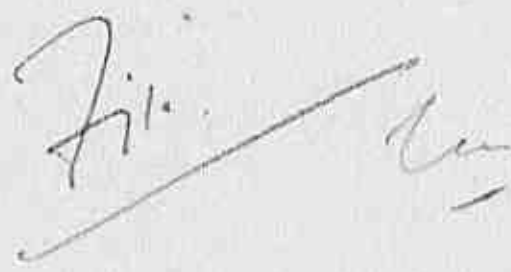
14 October 1944

TO: Col. J.L. Henderson
Director Communications Sub-Commission
HQ. Allied Control Commission
A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Closing of Salerno Censorship Station.

I enclose for your information copy of my report
to Lt. Col. McKean on the closing of the Salerno station.

Captain W.H. Morris
ACCO Province of Naples

Capt.

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NA 25/18

14 October 1944

TO: Lt.Col. Gordon W. McKean
Commanding Civil Censorship Group
HQ-Allied Control Commission
A.P.O. 394
U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Closing of Salerno Station

In accordance with instructions in Capt. Tria's letter of the 26 September I proceeded to Salerno on the 1 October 1944 for the purpose of closing the above station.

I had already arranged for inventories to be made of all the material in the offices occupied formerly by the Allied Censor Control Office and latter by the Ufficio di Censura Militare.

The furniture and material therein fell into the following classes:

- 1- Property of Italian Post Office
- 2- " " R-Prefettura
- 3- " " Distretto Militare.

A signed receipt from a responsible representative of each of the above is enclosed confirming that all material has been restored to original owners.

I was present to advise on what papers, etc. should be burned in conjunction with the Italian Capo Ufficio and Lt. Paolo Menafoglio from the Comando Militare della Campania, and was present with these persons while the burning was carried out.

I attach copy of letter sent by the Comando Militare della Campania appointing Ten. Menafoglio for this duty.

I also attach copy of letter signed by the Chief of Staff at the Comando Militare della Campania and addressed to me, which reads in translation:

"This will serve to inform you that on the 1st instant, at Salerno, in your presence and in that of the local Capo ufficio of the Military War Censorship the said office was duly closed, the documents and papers were examined and that considered unnecessary for the files duly burnt.

"In thanking you, we wish to express the complete satisfaction of this Command for the spirit of cordial collaboration in which these operations were carried out.

By order of Chief of Staff,
(SGD) Ten-Col.Gen.Staff Enrico Cocco
Assistant Chief of Staff."

I interviewed such members of the staff who required assistance in obtaining other employment and gave them a certificate confirming they had been employed in the Ufficio Censura and requesting that they be given special consideration in obtaining another job. Practically all have been able to find new employment. In this connection I have contacted S.E. the Prefect, the D.A.D.L. (British Labour Office) and the Italian Labour Office.

I saw the Provincial Director of Posts regarding the formal handing back of offices and materials and he expressed himself well satisfied with the closing of the office for which the keys have been handed back.

I confirm that there is no Allied material left in the Station.

Regarding censorship stamps, disposal was as follows:

Individual censors stamps--to Comando Campania
A.C.C. stamps--to Comando della Campania for handing over by them to A.C.C.O. Naples
Old pre-armistice censorship stamps--to Com²²¹⁰ della Campania.

A quantity of "Verificato per Censura" labels were removed by

me for use in Naples, after agreement with the local Capo Ufficio, Col. Broso. This applies also to a number of slips as inserted in letters without return address. Four small registered parcels which had been kept in the safe in the Ufficio Censura Militare were brought to Naples by me and handed to Major Green, A.C.O. Postal Officer, for disposal.

Post left in the Ufficio Censura Militare was disposed of as follows:

- Correspondence without return address--to Italian Post Office for disposal *on instructions*
- * Panoramic postcards--to Italian Post Office for disposal,
- "Condemned" Correspondence--to A.C.O.O. Naples to be held in Naples Office.

I attach copies of the following reports made by the Capo Ufficio:

- Fortnightly report in censorship of mail--
1 - 15 September
- Fortnightly report in censorship of mail--
16 - 31 September.

I trust the above covers everything necessary regarding the closing of the Salerno Office.

W. H. Mott
WILLIAM H. MOTT
Capt.
A.C.O. Province of Naples

* Can these be delivered now please
W. H. Mott

Copy to Col. Anderson.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

23rd August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/6/16/2

Subject : Inspection of Censorship Stations.

To : Italian Ministry of War.
(S.I.M. - Att: Lt. Col. Ducros).

Reference your 60787 dated 18th August, 1944.

1. It is agreed that inspections of censorship stations be carried out by joint visits by an Allied Censorship Officer and an Officer of your staff.
2. Please arrange details of visits with the Censorship Branch of this Sub-Commission.
3. It is considered inadvisable to draw up a programme that would be made known to the subordinate offices; the time and place for visits should be arranged direct between your and our representatives, and the visits should be made without prior notification.

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

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Translation by Selan.

Ref 60787.

General Staff, S.I.M.
Military Censorship Inspectorate.
P.M. 135 18th August 1944.

TO: Colonel Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission.

1. It would be necessary, in order to control the activities of the military Censorship offices, to send from time to time our Officer, so that he could contact the above Offices.
2. The above in order to:
remove eventual inconveniences or imperfections of the work by means of direct control, control the technical work, control the efficiency of the personnel and the Inspectorate.- receive remarks and proposals from the Chief Clerks.
3. The project could be carried out after your decision concerning the offices' personnel.
4. If you agree to the opportunity of such control we beg you to approve that the above acknowledgements are carried on by our officer. (Lt Colonel Coletti and Lt Commander Crugnolo), together with your censorship officer.
5. According to our opinion, it would be very useful for the organisation of the service.
6. If you will approve our proposals, we can make arrangements in order to prepare a program.

Lt. Colonel, P. Ducros.

SECRET.

DIRECTOR.
D.DIRECTOR.
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CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

S. I. M.

ISPETTORATO CENSURA MILITAREN. 60787 / O-Cens.

P. Militare 135, li 18 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Ricognizione degli U.M.C.G.-

COLONNELLO J.L.HENDERSON - A.C.C.
Capo della Sottocommissione per le Comunicazioni

SEGRETO

- 1°) - La necessità di seguire da vicino l'attività degli Uffici Militari Censura consiglierebbe di inviare saltuariamente un nostro ufficiale per prendere contatto diretto con gli Uffici stessi.
- 2°) - Questo allo scopo di :
- eliminare eventuali inconvenienti ed imperfezioni con accertamenti diretti;
 - controllare il funzionamento tecnico;
 - controllare il rendimento del personale e la organizzazione;
 - raccogliere eventuali osservazioni e proposte dei Capi Uffici.
- cio.
- 3°) - Il progetto potrebbe essere realizzato dopo le vostre decisioni per gli organici degli uffici.
- 4°) - Se Voi siete d'accordo sulla opportunità di queste visite, sottoponiamo alla Vostra approvazione la convenienza di farle eseguire da un ufficiale di questo Ispettorato (ten.col. COLETTI e cap.di corvetta CRUGNOLE) insieme con un Vostro ufficiale del servizio censura.
- 5°) - Questo, a nostro parere, potrebbe essere di sicuro vantaggio per l'organizzazione del servizio.
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IL TEN.COL. DI S.M.  
(P. Ducros)



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