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NORME RELATIVE ALLA CENSURA MILITARE DELLA CORRISPONDENZA PRIVATA
DELLE TRUPPE ITALIANE DISLOCATE NELLA "FASCIA DI OPERAZIONI" (+)

I - DISPOSIZIONI GENERALI.-

- 1 - La Censura militare si effettuerà su tutta la corrispondenza privata di tutto il personale militare italiano dislocato nella "fascia di operazioni", compresi i civili che siano al seguito o al servizio delle forze armate.-
- 2 - Per rendere efficace la censura è necessaria la piena e leale cooperazione di tutte le truppe.- Agli appartenenti ad ogni grado si dovrà far comprendere che anche le infrazioni apparentemente più lievi del Regolamento di Censura possono avere gravi conseguenze.-

II - CORRISPONDENZA PRIVATA AUTORIZZATA E VIE DI INOLTRO.-

- 1 - I militari dislocati nella "fascia di operazioni" potranno servirsi, per la corrispondenza privata, esclusivamente di:
 - cartoline postali
 - lettere di peso non superiore ai 90 grammi.-

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Non è consentito l'uso di raccomandate, assicurate, pacchi postali.-

- 2 - La corrispondenza privata, in partenza dalla "fascia di operazioni", verrà raccolta-ove possibile-a cura degli Uffici di Posta militare italiani, e verrà inoltrata esclusivamente attraverso il Servizio Postale Militare degli Eserciti Alleati.-

- 3 - Non sono ammessi telegrammi, cablogrammi o marconigrammi di carattere personale, in partenza o in arrivo.-

III - ISTRUZIONI PER IL PERSONALE.-

- 1 - Tutta la corrispondenza privata dovrà essere redatta in lingua italiana.- Eventuali autorizzazioni per scrivere in lingua straniera dovranno richiedersi alla Censura Centrale militare indirizzando presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.I.-

(+) - La linea meridionale di delimitazione della "fascia di operazioni"

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(Variante apportata in seguito foglio n. 1983 in data 4/5/1944 della Missione Militare di Collegamento presso il Comando Armato Alleato in Italia).

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- Coloro che saranno stati autorizzati a scrivere in lingua straniera dovranno indicare a matita, sulla busta, la lingua usata.
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3 - Argomenti vietati.-

Nella corrispondenza privata non si potrà fare alcun accenno ai seguenti argomenti relativi ad operazioni militari o a forze terrestri, aeree, navali italiane od alleate:

- a)- forza; condizioni morali o fisiche; organizzazione dei reparti;
- b)- dislocazione e movimenti; arrivo o mancanza di rinforzi;
- c)- armamento ed equipaggiamento;
- d)- segni distintivi di unità;
- e)- progetti, previsioni, ordini per future operazioni;
- f)- comunicazioni (uso, condizioni, probabili ampliamenti di strade, ponti, ferrovie, ecc.);
- g)- posizione e descrizione di accampamenti e accantonamenti;
- h)- perdite, prima della loro pubblicazione ufficiale;
- i)- conseguenze di azioni nemiche, prima della loro pubblicazione ufficiale;
- l)- critiche o affermazioni destinate a portare discredito sulle Forze Armate italiane o alleate;
- m)- rapporti su atrocità, prima della loro pubblicazione ufficiale;
- n)- riferimenti alla persona di qualsiasi ufficiale del grado di colonnello o superiore, se tali informazioni lo riguardano ad una determinata unità o permettono di individuare la presente dislocazione;
- o)- qualità e quantità delle razioni.-

Le truppe di unità impegnate in combattimento possono riportare, nella loro corrispondenza privata, descrizioni di esperienze di guerra puramente personali, purché non facciano nessun riferimento a località geografiche o ad unità militari.- In particolare l'unità alla quale appartiene chi scrive non dovrà essere espressamente ricollegata a tali descrizioni e solo potrà risultare dalla indicazione dell'indirizzo del mittente.

4 - Allegati.-

Sono vietati i seguenti allegati:

- a)- documenti ufficiali, militari o civili, comprendenti ordini, rapporti, carte ecc.; documenti nemici di qualsiasi genere;
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- d)- franc bolli postali;
- e)- carta valuta italiana o estera;

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- f)- materiale fotografico di qualsiasi genere: positivi e negativi, questi ultimi sviluppati o ancora da sviluppare;
- g)- ciari e appunti privati;
- h)- qualsiasi altro allegato di carattere militare.-

5 - Indirizzi.-

- a)- Ogni militare dovrà conoscere l'esatto indirizzo postale militare del suo reparto.- Non dovrà servirsi di indirizzi civili;
- b)- sull'esterno delle buste e sulle cartoline dovrà indicare si il reparto di appartenenza del mittente e il numero della Posta Militare;
- c)- l'indirizzo del proprio reparto non potrà indicarsi dal mittente, nè all'esterno nè all'interno delle lettere indirizzate ai prigionieri di guerra italiani.- Dovrà indicarsi l'indirizzo di un parente o di un amico residente nell'Italia occupata dagli alleati, al quale potrà inviare la risposta che sarà poi rinviata al mittente.- Lettere privilegiate non potranno essere usate per questo tipo di corrispondenza;
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6 - Cartoline illustrate.-

Saranno tolte di corso le cartoline illustrate qualora rivelino - in un modo qualsiasi - la presente, passata sede del mittente, o la strada per la quale si sono effettuati i movimenti del reparto del mittente.-
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7 - Corrispondenza privilegiata.-

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- e)- ogni abuso della corrispondenza privilegiata e ogni infrazione alle norme relative saranno considerate gravi mancanze disciplinari.-
- f)- la possibilità che i militari ricorrano alla "corrispondenza privilegiata" non deve essere sfruttata per esimere gli ufficiali dei reparti dal dovere della censura, o per indurre o costringere i propri dipendenti a inviare tutte le loro lettere con tale mezzo.- La corrispondenza privilegiata è un beneficio che può essere ritirato in qualsiasi momento.-

IV - IMPOSTAZIONE.-

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- 4 - Gli ufficiali non devono scrivere sulla corrispondenza che censurano alcun commento; non devono discuterne o divulgarne il contenuto, a meno che nello svolgimento del loro compito debbano riferirne ad una autorità superiore.-
- 5 - Il censore contrassegnerà le missive private dei suoi uomini scrivendo - senza indicazione di grado - al termine del testo e sullo angolo basso sinistro della busta, il suo cognome preceduto dalla iniziale del suo nome di battesimo.- Non sono sufficienti le iniziali.- Non sono permesse le firme col timbro;
- 6 - Il bollo di censura del reparto sarà apposto sull'angolo alto sinistro della busta dopo che la missiva sarà stata contrassegnata. E' strettamente vietato apporre il bollo su buste vuote o prive di indirizzo.- Piccoli reparti che non posseggano il timbro di censura dovranno trasmetterlo la loro posta contrassegnata al più vicino reparto in possesso del timbro;
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- 9 - Si dovrà prendere ogni precauzione per impedire che il timbro di censura vada a cadere in mani improprie o venga perduto.- Se in pericolo di essere preso dal nemico, verrà distrutto.- La eventuale perdita di un timbro sarà immediatamente comunicata a mezzo telegramma alla Censura Centrale Militare (presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.F.).- Se un reparto che possiede il timbro di censura viene disciolto, il timbro sarà restituito alla Censura Centrale Militare.-

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senza il grado, alla fine del testo e sull'angolo basso di sinistra della busta, come impegno che egli ha letto, compreso e osservato il regolamento di censura; b)- corrispondenza privilegiata: i censori del reparto non dovranno contrassegnare le buste privilegiate.-

VII - TRASMISSIONE DELLA CORRISPONDENZA CENSURATA.-

1 - Ove funzionino Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, tutta la corrispondenza privata (compresa la corrispondenza degli ufficiali e la corrispondenza privilegiata) sarà consegnata - a cura dei singoli reparti, unità o comandi che provvedono alla timbratura per censura - ai detti Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, i quali provvederanno a raccogliercela in sacchi o pacchi che dovranno portare esattamente il seguente indirizzo:

CENSURA CENTRALE MILITARE presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.F.

Ove non funzionino Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, saranno i reparti, unità o comandi - che provvedono alla timbratura per censura - i quali dovranno raccogliere la corrispondenza privata in sacchi o pacchi appiccando l'indirizzo sopra indicato;

2 - Sarà responsabilità del reparto, unità o comando, nonchè - ove esistano - degli Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, controllare costantemente che tutta la corrispondenza privata sia inoltrata esclusivamente con tali sacchi o pacchi, e non isolatamente, ponendo d'altra parte particolare attenzione a che nei sacchi che pacchi non venga inclusa corrispondenza di civili che non siano ufficialmente al seguito o al servizio delle forze armate.-

VIII - CORRISPONDENZA IN ARRIVO.-

La corrispondenza in arrivo, che giunge dal di fuori nel territorio della "fascia di operazioni" sarà soggetta a Censura Militare, presso la Censura Centrale Militare, soltanto in seguito ad ordine specifico del Comando Armate Alleate in Italia.- Indipendentemente da questo eventuale ordine i censori del reparto segneranno alla Censura Centrale Militare (presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.F.) i casi nei quali riterranno indispensabile o necessario che venga censurata la posta in arrivo militare.-

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VII - TRASMISSIONE DELLA CORRISPONDENZA CENSURATA.-

1 - Ove funzionino Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, tutta la corrispondenza privata (compresa la corrispondenza degli ufficiali e la corrispondenza privilegiata) sarà consegnata - a cura dei singoli reparti, unità o comandi - ai detti Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, i quali provvederanno a raccoglierla in sacchi o pacchi che dovranno portare esattamente il seguente indirizzo:

CENSURA CENTRALE MILITARE
presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.F.

Ove non funzionino Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, saranno i reparti, unità o comandi - che provvedono alla timbratura per censura - i quali dovranno raccogliere la corrispondenza privata in sacchi o pacchi appiccandovi l'indirizzo sopra indicato;

2 - Sarà responsabilità del reparto, unità o comando, nonché - ove esistano - degli Uffici di Posta Militare italiani, controllare costantemente che tutta la corrispondenza privata sia inoltrata esclusivamente con tali sacchi o pacchi, e non isolatamente, ponendo d'altra parte particolare attenzione a che nei sacchi o pacchi non venga inclusa corrispondenza di civili che non siano ufficialmente al seguito o al servizio delle forze armate.-

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IX - CENSURA CENTRALE MILITARE.-

- 1 - Tutta la corrispondenza privata di qualsiasi militare dislocato nella "fascia di operazioni" è soggetta alla censura del Capo della Censura Centrale Militare;
- 2 - Eventuali questioni relative alla censura postale dovranno essere sottoposte al Capo della Censura Centrale Militare, (presso BASE CENSOR 7 - C.M.F.).-

Li, 18 aprile 1944.

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Appendice "A" al foglio
2030/3/02 del Comando
Armato Alleato in Ita-
lia in data 2 aprile
1944.-

Corrispondenza spedita dalle truppe italiane dislocate nelle zone di ope-
razione degli eserciti alleati.-

1°) a - Tutta la corrispondenza privata dei militari italiani di ogni
grado (compresi i Carabinieri Reali) in servizio nelle zone di o-
perazione degli eserciti inglese e americano verrà censurata pres-
so i reparti in base alle disposizioni emanate dal Comando Supremo
Italiano, e, sempre ch  possibile, verr  impostata presso gli uf-
fici italiani di posta militare operanti in quelle zone.

b - Nei casi nei quali sia impossibile impostare la corrispondenza
privata come   specificato sopra al paragrafo a, essa verr  chiusa
in pacchi per corrispondenza o in pacchi sigillati indirizzati a
"Censura Centrale Militare", BASE CENSOR 7, CTF e consegnata al
pi  vicino ufficio postale militare inglese o americano.-
Gli uffici postali militari non accetteranno singole lettere pri-
vate indirizzate a civili o militari italiani.-

2°) a - Gli uffici italiani di posta militare chiuderanno tutta la cor-
rispondenza privata impostata presso di essi in pacchi sigillati,
con l'etichetta "Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CTF" e
la consegneranno al pi  vicino ufficio postale inglese o americano
dal quale ritireranno la posta in arrivo per trasmetterla ai desti-
natari.- Gli uffici postali militari centrali americani a Bari e
Napoli trasmetteranno tali sacchi o pacchi all'ufficio postale mi-
litare centrale inglese.-

b - E' vietato l'inoltro della corrispondenza privata degli apparte-
nenti alle forze armate italiane (compresi i Carabinieri Reali), in
servizio nelle zone di operazione, per altre vie diverse da quelle
sopraspecificate.-

c - La corrispondenza in arrivo alla Censura Centrale Militare, BASE
CENSOR 7, CTF verr  riunita dalle Autorit  postali civili italiane
per l'ulteriore inoltro attraverso il servizio postale civile mili-
tare italiano.-

3°) a - La corrispondenza privata degli appartenenti alle forze armate
italiane in servizio dietro le zone sopra specificate continuer 
ad essere impostata presso gli uffici postali civili o militari i-
taliani, come avviene attualmente, e non verr  accettata presso
gli uffici postali militari inglesi o americani.

b - Il personale militare italiano potr  impostare soltanto cartoli-
ni postali di peso non superiore ai 90 grammi.- E' vietato l'im-

1°) a - Tutta la corrispondenza privata dei militari italiani di ogni grado (compresi i Carabinieri Reali) in servizio nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese e americano verrà censurata presso i reparti in base alle disposizioni emanate dal Comando Supremo Italiano, e, sempre che possibile, verrà impostata presso gli uffici italiani di posta militare operanti in quelle zone.

b - Nei casi nei quali sia impossibile impostare la corrispondenza privata come è specificato sopra al paragrafo a, essa verrà chiusa in pacchi per corrispondenza o in pacchi sigillati indirizzati a "Censura Centrale Militare", BASE CENSOR 7, CMT" e consegnata al più vicino ufficio postale militare inglese o americano. - Gli uffici postali militari non accetteranno singole lettere private indirizzate a civili o militari italiani. -

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b - E' vietato l'inoltro della corrispondenza privata degli appartenenti alle forze armate italiane (compresi i Carabinieri Reali), in servizio nelle zone di operazione, per altre vie diverse da quelle sopraspecificate. -

c - La corrispondenza in arrivo alla Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMT verrà riunita dalle Autorità postali civili italiane per l'ulteriore incoltro attraverso il servizio postale civile militare italiano. -

3°) a - La corrispondenza privata degli appartenenti alle forze armate italiane in servizio dietro le zone sopra specificate continuerà ad essere impostata presso gli uffici postali civili o militari italiani, come avviene attualmente, e non verrà accettata presso gli uffici postali militari inglesi o americani.

b - Il personale militare italiano potrà impostare soltanto cartoline e lettere di peso non superiore ai 90 grammi. - E' vietato l'invio di giornali e pacchi, e non è concesso l'uso di lettere raccomandate e assicurate. -

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Corrispondenza indirizzata alle truppe italiane dislocate nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti alleati.-

4°) a - La corrispondenza privata indirizzata ai militari italiani di ogni grado (compresi i Carabinieri Reali) in servizio nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese e americano può venire impostata dai civili italiani presso gli uffici postali civili o militari italiani che siano autorizzati a funzionare, e verrà limitata a cartoline e lettere di peso non superiore ai 90 grammi.

5°) a - L'indirizzo postale per le lettere dirette ai militari in servizio presso Comandi o Unità italiani sarà il medesimo usato da quella determinata unità prima della sua partenza verso le zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese o americano (cioè a dire, si continuerà ad usare il preesistente numero di posta militare).-

b - L'indirizzo per i militari italiani di ogni grado aggregati a Comandi o Reparti inglesi o americani sarà il numero di P.M. della Divisione italiana alla quale essi risultano in forza, a meno che essi possano agevolmente ricevere la loro corrispondenza da questa ultima.- Il nome del comando o reparto al quale essi sono aggregati non verrà indicato.-

6°) a - Tutta la corrispondenza come sopra specificato verrà riveduta dagli ufficiali della Censura di Controllo alleata distaccati presso il servizio postale civile e sarà quindi inviata all'ufficio di Concentramento (Ufficio Postale Militare Centrale Italiano) o a Bari o a Napoli.-

b - L'Ufficio di Concentramento preparerà i pacchi sigillati per gli uffici italiani di posta militare dislocati nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese e americano e li consegnerà agli Uffici postali militari centrali inglesi di Napoli e Bari ovvero all'ufficio postale militare centrale americano di Napoli - in seguito ad accordi con i servizi postali militari inglese e americano - per l'ulteriore inoltro al più vicino ufficio postale militare inglese o americano presso il quale essi verranno ritirati dall'ufficio italiano di posta militare.

c - Le lettere il cui indirizzo è costituito dal solo numero di P.M. (par.5b) verranno chiuse dall'ufficio di Concentramento in sacchi o pacchi indirizzati a "Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMT", che saranno trasmessi agli uffici postali militari centrali inglesi di Napoli e Bari.-

d - La Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, terrà aggiornato un elenco dei Comandi o Reparti inglesi o americani ai quali sono aggregati i militari italiani di ogni grado il cui indirizzo è costituito. I militari americani dovranno consegnare gli indirizzi delle let-

gni grado (compresi i Carabinieri Reali) in servizio in operazione degli eserciti inglese e americano può venire impostata dai civili italiani presso gli uffici postali civili o militari italiani che siano autorizzati a funzionare, e verrà limitata a cartoline e lettere di peso non superiore ai 90 grammi.

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Compiti dei reparti e dei militari isolati italiani nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti alleati.-

- 7°) a - I comandi o reparti italiani in possesso di un bollo di censura del reparto rilasciato dalla Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CEN-SOR 7, CMT, e dislocati nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese o americano nomineranno un incaricato per consegnare o ricevere la corrispondenza presso il più vicino ufficio italiano di posta militare.-
- b - I reparti che non siano in possesso di un simile timbro della CCM consegneranno la loro corrispondenza al più vicino reparto italiano che lo possiede.- Se ciò sollevasse delle difficoltà, si potrà indirizzare richiesta per il timbro della CCM alla Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMT, motivandola e indicando la destinazione e forza del reparto, o il più vicino detentore del timbro della CCM.-
- c - I militari italiani di ogni grado aggregati a comandi o reparti inglesi o americani e che non possono usare come indirizzo alcun comando o reparto italiano, non indicheranno nella loro corrispondenza privata il nome del comando o reparto al quale sono aggregati, bensì come indirizzo il solo numero di P.M.- Essi tuttavia includeranno nelle loro lettere un foglietto di carta con l'esatto indirizzo inglese o americano, in modo che la censura centrale militare lo possa prendere ed elencare allo scopo di far loro pervenire la corrispondenza in arrivo.- Qualsiasi cambiamento di indirizzo dovrà essere notificato nella stessa maniera.-
- 8°) - Finché non saranno pubblicate le norme per la censura italiana presso i reparti e non saranno rilasciati i bolli di censura del reparto, si osserverà la procedura seguente:
- a) - Gli ufficiali italiani censureranno la corrispondenza dei propri militari dipendenti e contrassegneranno ogni missiva con la loro firma sull'angolo basso di sinistra.-
Nella stessa maniera essi contrassegneranno la propria corrispondenza.-
- b) - Gli ufficiali italiani si assicureranno che le norme relative alla impostazione della corrispondenza nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese e americano vengano rigidamente rispettate e che la corrispondenza privata non sia inoltrata per altro vie.-
- c) - Essi illustreranno ai propri dipendenti la procedura che è stata seguita per metterli in grado di corrispondere con le loro famiglie e i loro amici in Italia e oltremare.-

Compiti del Comando Supremo Italiano:

- 9°) a - Pubblicare le norme di censura per i reparti e i militari isolati italiani nelle zone di operazione degli eserciti inglese o americano.-
- b - Fornire alla Censura Centrale Militare un Quadro di Battaglia di quei comandi e reparti per i quali sono necessari i bolli di censura del reparto.- L'attuale dislocazione e il numero di P.M. dovranno essere indicati a fianco di ognuno dei reparti proposti per il bollo di censura, i quali saranno limitati a quelli compresi nelle zone di operazione dell'esercito inglese e di quello americano.

Compiti della Censura Centrale Militare:

- 10°) - Rilasciare i bolli di censura dei reparti.=

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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11 April 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican Information Service.

TO : The Vatican Information Bureau, Algiers.

1. It is desired, in fulfillment of a request made by a representative of your Bureau, to make clear the procedure whereby Vatican Information Service messages between North Africa, Allied and Axis controlled Italy, and between the former territories and other countries shall be conveyed. From the point of view of this Headquarters these messages may most conveniently be divided into two categories, i.e. those to and from Italian prisoners of War held in North Africa by the Allies, and standard 25-word messages. The procedure to be followed in the conveyance of each category is considered separately in paragraphs 2 and 3, below.

2. Messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa.

(a) Outgoing Messages.

- i. Forms completed by Prisoners of War will be forwarded by Commandants of Prisoner of War Camps, and Officers Commanding Prisoner of War Units, direct to INC Section, AFHQ, in bulk.
- ii. There they will be censored, and afterwards signalled to the Vatican by radio.

(b) Incoming Messages.

- i. Messages as received in AFHQ by radio from the Vatican will be passed to INC Section, AFHQ, for censorship.
- ii. From there, they will be forwarded to the White Fathers, (Service d'Information du Saint Siege, Peres Blancs) MAISON CARREE, ALGIERS.
- iii. The White Fathers will indicate the desired message by inserting numbers on a form similar to that used by Prisoners of War to send messages and insert the names and addresses of the sender and the recipient Prisoner of War. The form will be folded, to disclose the address of the recipient Prisoner of War, but not sealed.

- iv. The White Fathers will from lists provided, separate the messages into American, French and British groups and will hand all messages for each group to the office nominated by the authorities concerned for censorship and onward transmission to the recipient Prisoner of War. Forms will be addressed in the language spoken by the group concerned.

NOTE:

1. Messages which do not conform with the above regulations will not be forwarded.
2. No Prisoner of War will be allowed to send more than one message per month.
3. The offices nominated in sub-para (b) (iv) in respect of the British and American authorities are:

American - Prisoners of War Information Bureau (PWIB)

British - G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, B.N.A.F.

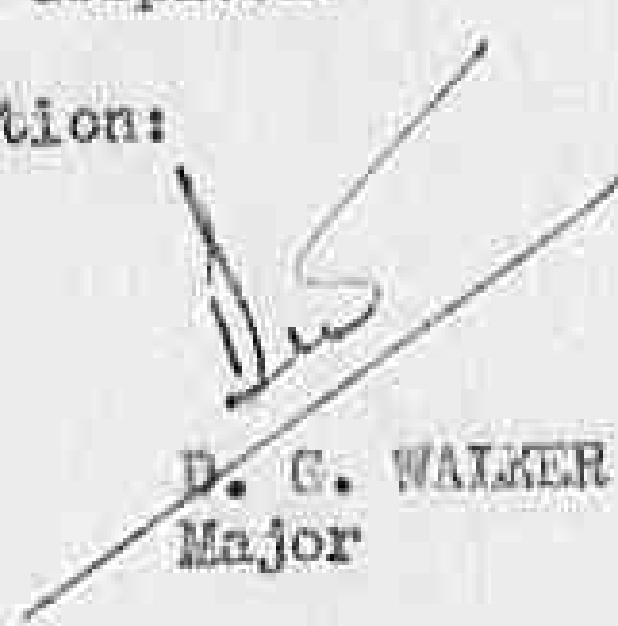
3. Standard 25-word Message.

(a) Insofar as this Headquarters is concerned Vatican Information Service Standard 25-word Messages will be afforded the same facilities and treatment as standard messages of the same length and form transmitted under the auspices of the International Red Cross. Such messages are subject to censorship, and are to be transmitted through normal civil postal channels, direct to their destination and not through the hands of any intermediary. Their collection and final delivery in countries of origin and destination within this Theater are the responsibility of representatives of the Vatican. All such messages should be bagged or packed as may be required by the appropriate postal authorities for despatch through the civil postal services. On no account should such messages be delivered to any Military Headquarters for despatch. It will be the responsibility of Vatican representatives to determine the addresses to which bags or packages of messages are to be consigned through the civil postal services.

(b) As regards messages originated in Italy. These should be collected by Vatican representatives, bagged or packed as may be agreed with the Italian postal authorities, and delivered by Vatican representatives to Allied Censor Control Officers at Palermo, Naples, or Cagliari. Bags or packages should not be sealed prior to their delivery to Allied Censor Control Officers. Allied Censor Control

Officers will censor all messages, and deliver the bags or packages to the Italian postal authorities for despatch.

For the Acting Chief of Section:


D. G. WALKER
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HQ ACC - Attn: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.
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To: Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC.
Subject: Issue of Instructions and Directives to Regions.

The following cases of delay are brought to your notice:-

1. Vatican Traffic. - A directive was issued from AFHQ on this subject (cable 61383 dated 7 March). A draft was sent to this office by the R.C. and M.C. Section for our agreement (as previously the matter had been dealt with by Colonel Spofford, but it is properly a matter for this Sub-Commission); it was returned rerafted and a directive was issued by the R.C. and M.C. Section on 18th March, which however omitted paragraphs 4 and 8 in my draft. I telephoned a protest against these omissions and warned them that queries from Regions would result, but was told that this was their business. I have just received a letter from Region 1, both queries in which are answered by the two missing paragraphs.

2. Italian Government Traffic. - A draft for dealing with Italian Government traffic was sent to R.C. and M.C. Section on 12th March. It was returned on 19th March with some trivial amendments for approval and was returned on 22nd March. It is still not issued. As traffic has long started it has been necessary to circulate my draft as a basis for action.

3. A.C.C. Message Traffic. - A draft for an instruction to be issued on the correct addressing and classification of message traffic was agreed between the A.C. Office, A.C.C. and the Telecommunications Officer, A.C.C., Naples, at some date in February. It is still not issued.

4. A.C.C. Directives. - Draft directives for the Regional development of Telecommunications and Posts services were sent to the R.C. and M.C. Section on 9th and 10th February. They are still not issued. It is understood that they are delayed by printing.

5. Letter to A.A.I. - A draft was signed by me on 25th March for approval and signature by the Executive Commissioner (TS/4/18/1 on Italian Civil Telecommunications Services). The letter has not been received by the branch concerned at HQ, AAI. It would be of interest to know if it has yet gone.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

26 April, 1944

In reply
refer to: PS/16.3.47

Subject: Vatican Prisoner of War Telegraph Messages.

To: I.H.C., A.F.H.Q.

1. Attached are a number of telegraph messages intended for radio transmission, which were completed by prisoners of war in prison camps in North Africa.

2. These messages were among the contents of various bags forwarded to this Sub-Commission with the attached letter, but paragraph 2 (a) of M.G.S. letter (091.6) of 11 April 1944 (copy to you), states that such messages are to be sent direct to I.H.C. Section, A.F.H.Q.

[Signature]
S.H. REA
Major

Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: MGS letter of 14 Apr. 44.
FOR Messages as above.

Copy to:

MGS, AFHQ. (re. MGS 091.6 of 14.4.44.
G-1 (B) "
PMG, Natoua

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

14 April, 1944.

83-091.6

SUBJECT : Vatican and International Red Cross Standard
25 - Word Message.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission - Attention
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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HQ Allied Control Commission
For Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

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COPY

MGS - 091.6

14 Apr. 48.

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For the Chief of Section:

/s/
D. G. WALLER
Major

Copy to:-

G-1 (B)
INC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

Telecomm. & Posts
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MSG Center No : n 38/9
Classification : RESTRICTED
Precedence : ROUTINE
From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
To : FATIMA

Date Time Rec'd : APRIL 09/1600
Date Time Sent : APRIL 09/1354
Reference NR : F 29741
Cite : FHMGS

REFER YOUR 2557 OF 30 MARCH

SUBJECT IS CENSORING AND ROUTING OF VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICE STANDARD 25 WORD MESSAGE FORMS. PARA ONE. FROM ITALY. VATICAN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRANGE TO COLLECT AND DELIVER TO LOCAL ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS FOR CENSORSHIP. AFTER CENSORING ACCOS SHOULD DELIVER TO ITALIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES WHO WILL SORT MESSAGE AND MAKE UP INTO BAGS FOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION. BAGS SHOULD BE CONSIGNED BY NORMAL OVERSEASMAIL SERVICES. PARA TWO. TO ITALY. MESSAGES WILL BE PRECENSORED BEFORE ARRIVAL IN ITALY BY NORMAL OVERSEAS MAIL SERVICES EITHER BY POW CENSORSHIP UNIT, FEDALA, OR BY CONTROLES TECHNIQUES. ON RECEIPT BY ITALIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES THEY SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO VATICAN REPRESENTATIVES. PARA THREE. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT BAGS CONTAINING MESSAGES SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESS ED TO ANY SECTION OF THIS HEADQUARTERS. PARA FOUR. UNCERTAIN HERE WHETHER VATICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN ITALY ARE AWARE OF CORRECT PROCEDURE. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MONSIGNOR GARROLL, VATICAN ENVOY, WHO IS BELIEVED NOW TO BE IN ITALY AND CLARIFY

ACTION COPY

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ACTION TELECOMS & POSTS

INFO FILE

Seen - Col. H. ✓
Maj. H. ✓

Recd. 10 Apr. 44.

SUBJECT:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army

HQ AAI (ADM ECHOLON)
CMT

2020/3/Q2

2 Apr 44

To:- Fifth Army (Br. Increment)
Fifth Army (Br. Increment)
Rear Eighth Army
Main Eighth Army
5 Corps

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issued by

Attached Appendix "A" details procedure to be adopted forthwith for the handling of incoming and outgoing mail of Italian Military personnel in British or US Army or Corps areas.

Q. J. H. H. H. H. H.
Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

RV/AM

Copy to:- G(Special Ops), AAI - 10 copies
No.1 District
No.2 District
No.3 District
Peninsular Base Section
Allied Control Commission - 3 copies
ACC Army Sub-Commission - 3 copies
"A"
Cmdr
Postal
War Diary (2)

*Note: See also
for this to be
seen given command.
Superior*

Seen:- Col. H.
May 4.
E.I.T.

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Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- G(Special Ops), AMI - 10 copies

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No. 3 District

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War Diary (2)

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9.18.20/25

Recd. 4th April. 1964. 859

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APPENDIX "A" to 2030/3/Q2
DATED 2 APR 44

Correspondence posted by Italian troops in British and US Army and Corps areas.

1. (a) All private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or US Army or Corps areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command, and whenever possible, will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.
(b) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub para (a) above it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CTF" and handed in to the nearest British or US Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.
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(b) Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration of letters is not available.

Correspondence addressed to Italian troops in Army and Corps areas.

4. (a) Private mail addressed to Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or US Army and Corps areas may be posted by Italian civilians at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices which are authorised to be open, and will be confined to postcards and letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight.
5. (a) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with Italian Units or HQs will be the same as that used prior to the move

See attached
with from
Major Quinn

Corps areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command, and whenever possible, will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

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6. (a) All correspondence as detailed above will be passed by Allied Censor Control Officers operating with the Civil Postal Service and will then be circulated to the Ufficio de Concentramento (Italian Base Army PO) at either BARI or NAPLES.

(b) The Ufficio de Concentramento will make up sealed mails for the Italian Field Post Offices in British or US Army or Corps areas and will transfer these to the British Base APOs at BARI or NAPLES, or the US Base APO at NAPLES by arrangement with the British or US Army Postal Services for onward conveyance to the nearest British or US APO from which it will be collected by the Italian Field Post Office.

(c) Letters bearing the IM number only in the address (sub para 5(b)) will be made up at the Ufficio de Concentramento into bags or packages addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7" and will be transferred to the British Base APO at BARI or NAPLES.

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Action to be taken now by Italian Units or Personnel in British or US Army or Corps areas.

7. (a) Italian Headquarters or Units in possession of a Unit Censor Stamp issued by Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, CMF, and situated in British or US Army or Corps areas will appoint a post orderly to deliver and collect mail from the nearest Italian Field Post Office.

(b) Units not in possession of such a CCM stamp will deliver their mail to the nearest Italian Unit holding one. If this entails hardship, a request for a CCM stamp may be addressed to the Censura Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, CMF, stating reasons and giving location, strength, nearest holder of a CCM stamp.

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8. Until Italian Unit Censorship Regulations are published or Unit Censor stamps are issued, the following procedure will be followed:-

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Office.

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- (c) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

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Action to be taken now by Italian Supreme Command:-

9. (a) Publish Censorship Regulations for Italian units and personnel in British and US Army or Corps areas.
- (b) Furnish Censura Centrale Militare with an Order of Battle of those HQs and units for whom Unit Censor stamps are required. The present location and FM number should be shown against each proposed holder of a Unit Censor Stamp which will be restricted to those in British or US Army and Corps areas.

Action to be taken by Censura Centrale Militare:-

10. / Issue Unit Censor Stamps

HEADQUARTERS REGION 3

8th APRIL

Dear Head,

Having wasted a lot of time trying to get Scott on the phone, I have had a walk down to see him with the following results:-

Mail from Italian troops.

As the correspondence will all be in bags or envelopes addressed to C.C.M. Base 7(wherever it is handed over to British APO) it will still find its way to Base 7 and Naples will therefore be the only place of transfer to the Civil.

Tripoli; He does'nt know as he has no direct vouching there himself. Will enquire and let us know. In the meantime he agrees with me that we should continue to send in the Cairo bag.

Rail Services

While at AFHQ I took the opportunity of seeing the Transportation people. They still would like to have from us an estimate of the daily usage of the military train. They are genuinely scared of getting the van on, in the face of much military opposition to any conveyance of civil mails at all on such trains, and then having it flung at them that the use was negligible. In these circumstances I think that the only reasonable hope we have is to try to make a case for Bari every day. Even here I'm not too hopeful of making a very good story at present traffic but will let you know as soon as possible what a daily load would be.

Benevento and possibly Avellino might be managed on a daily basis by the Region 3 courier but in the first place I have asked Allen to see what the Avellino outward is like. It might pay us to let both places vouch only on Naples with a daily service.

Yours etc

W H Green

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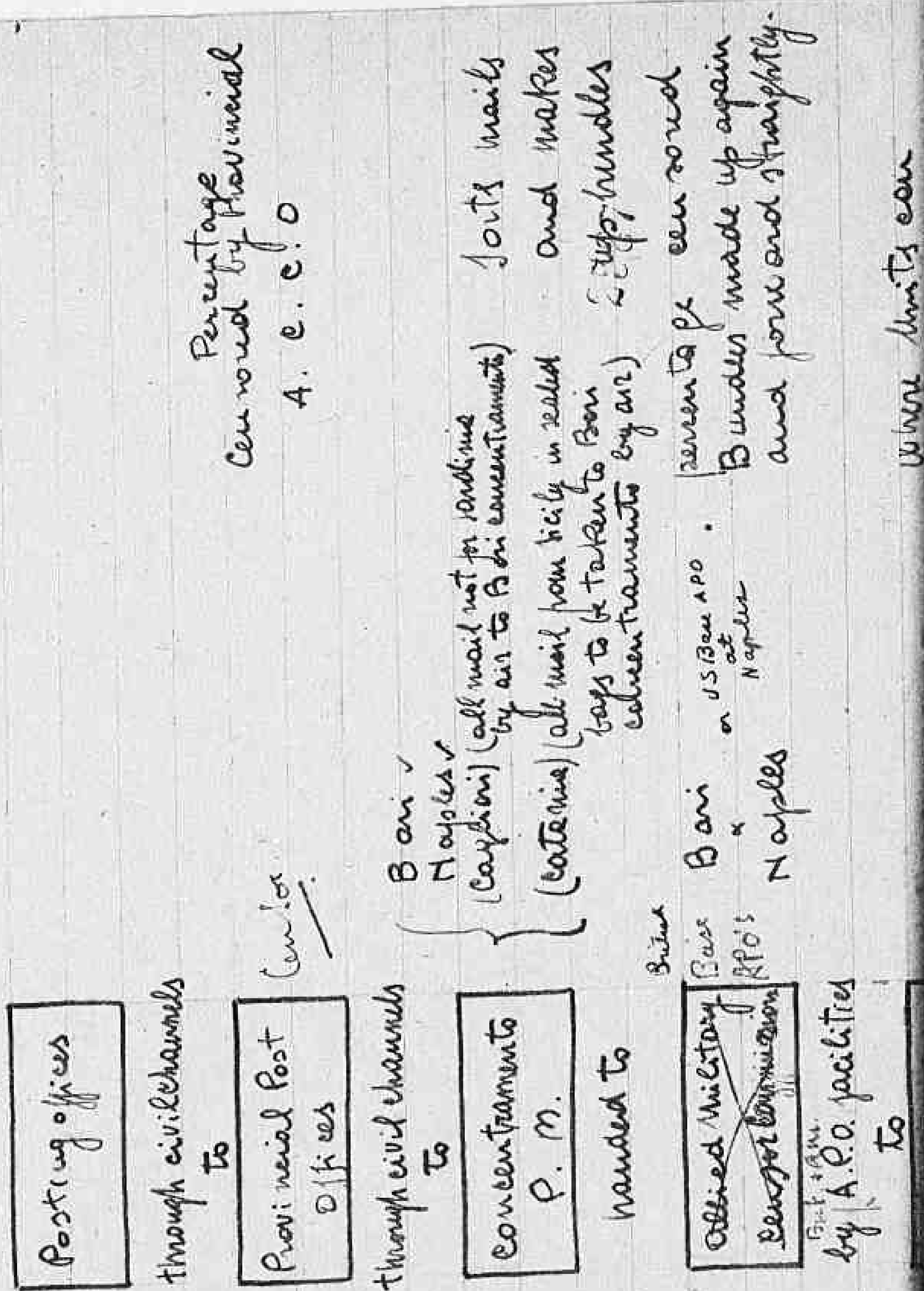
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Information furnished by Major Perotti of.
- Italian Army Main Hqs. - Postal Section -

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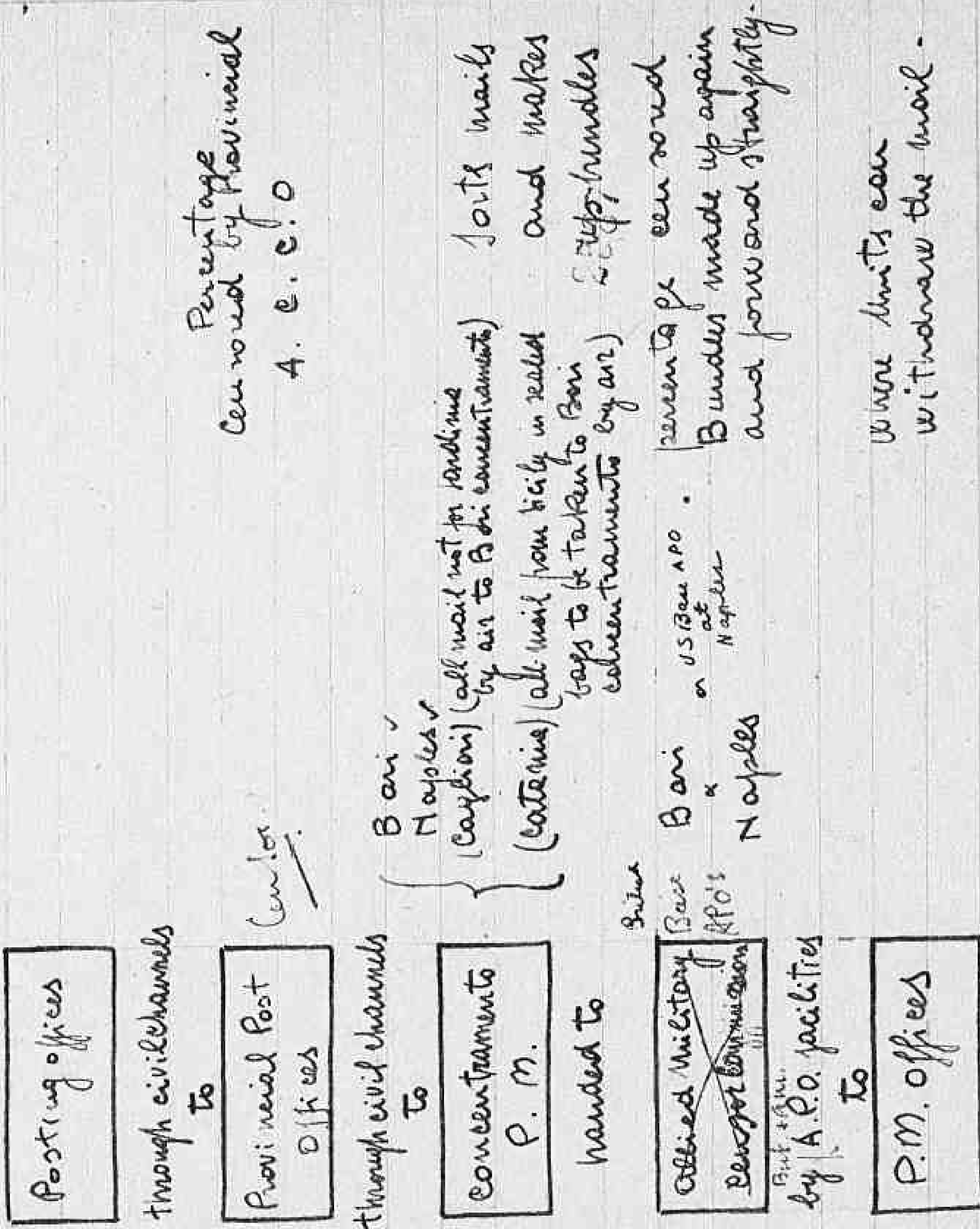
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From the Troops to the country -

Unit post
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referred to

P. M. officers

by Allied APO
facilities to

British Base
Censor 7.

through Italian P.M.
offices B.B.C.
forwarded to

Concentrations
P. M.

Civil P.O.

Naples
Base

Percentage covered by Allies

Hopkins
Doni ? ✓

inmitted in civil postal
channels

Single Italian Privates, Sergeants or Officers, or
small groups of them, serving in Allied units
will have their mail addressed to:

Capt. _____
(Rank name & surname)

P. M. (1)

(1) the number of the Italian Unit from which they
have been detached -

- Allied Military Censor Commission will hold
substantive -

- 100% covered by Italian officer
in the Unit who stamps & signs envelopes
- made up in sealed bundles addressed
to "Base British Censor U.S.P."

collects bundles in bags and
forwards

From the Troops to the country -

- 100% removed by Italian officer in the unit who stamps & signs envelopes
- Made up in sealed bundles addressed to "Base Britisha Center 11" ?

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offices

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P.M. offices

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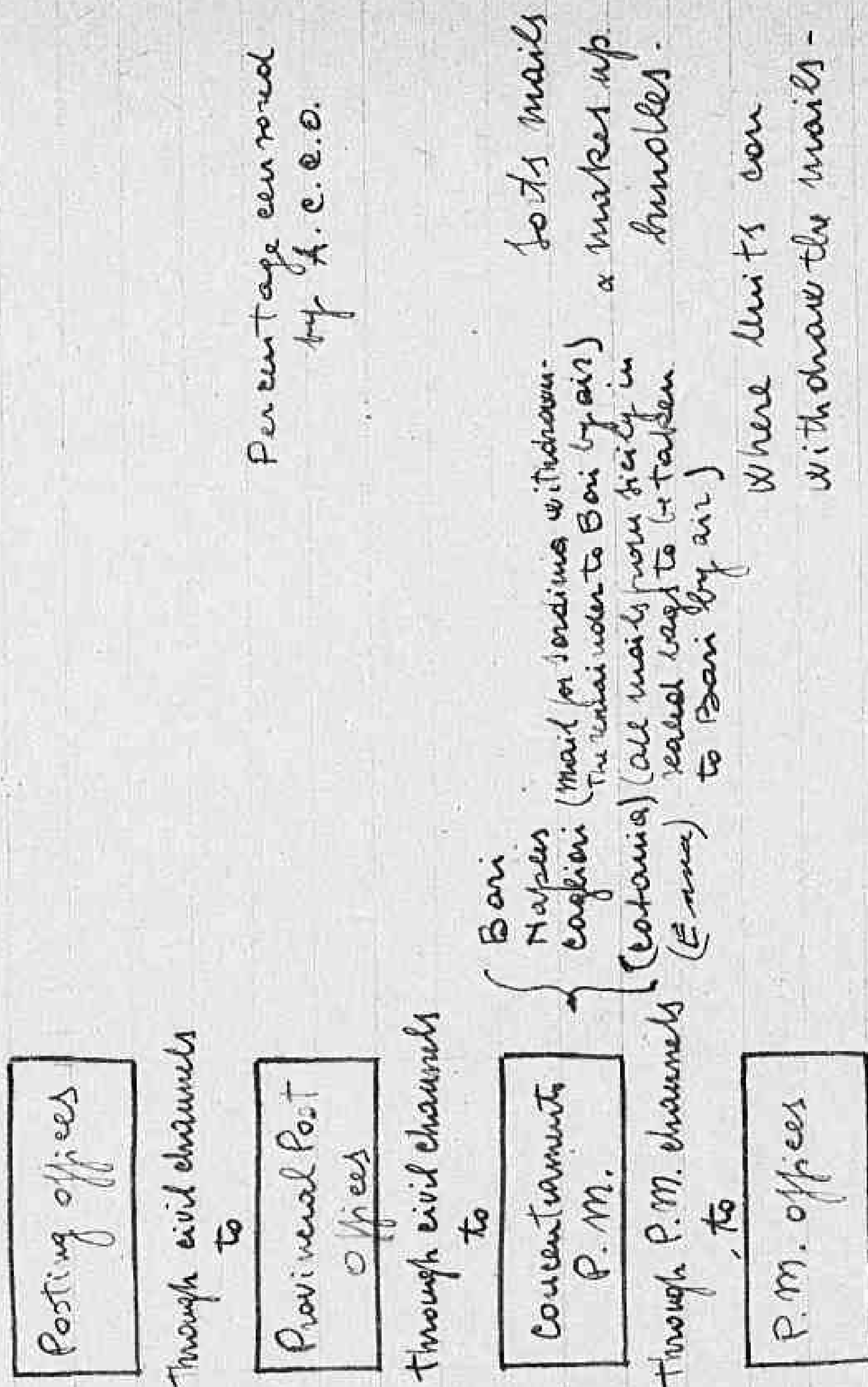
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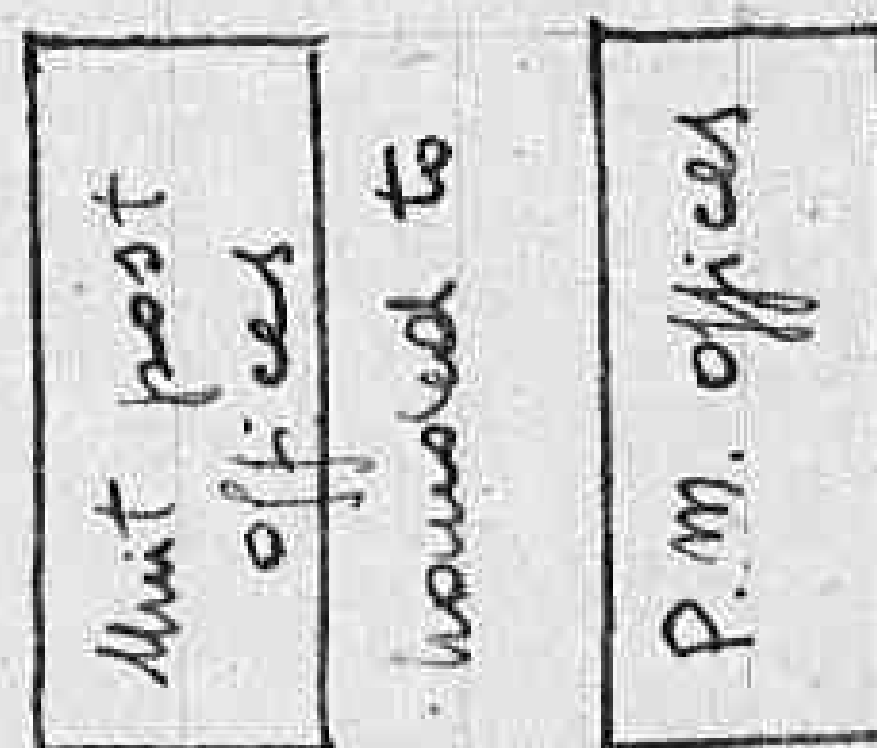
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- People concerned will write personally to
Allied Military Center Commission notifying their
names and particulars of Allied units in which
they are - A.M.C.C. will forward their correspondence -

- Mails to and from Italian units not in operation areas -
- From the country to the troops



- From the troops to the country -



through P.M. channels

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Posting officers

through civil channels
to

Provincial Post
offices

through civil channels
to

Concentration
P.M.

through P.M. channels
to

P.M. officers

Bari
Naples
Caserta
(all mails from Sicily in
sealed bags to be taken
to Bari by air)

to the mails
& makes up
bundles.

where units can
withdraw the mails -

- From the Troops to the Country -

that post
offices

handed to

P.M. officers

through P.M. channels
to the nearest

A.C.C.O.

percentage covered and
then submitted in
civil postal channels.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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14 April 1944.

MGS-091.6

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25-word messages.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission - Attention
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HQ Allied Control Commission, Post
For Telecommunications and Post
Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

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Director	
Deputy Director	
Secretary	
Chief Clerk	
Chief of Staff	



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Chs. Comm.
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For the Chief of Section:

[Signature]
D. G. WALKER
Major.

Copy to: - C-1 (E)
INC.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 374

21st April 1944.

In reply refer
to: 78/16/3/82.

Subject: Private correspondence to and from personnel of the
Italian Forces.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission. Adm.

1. Attached for information (in relation to HQ. Allied Armies
in Italy Order No. 2020/3/2 of 2nd April 1944.), is a copy of a statement
setting out the position so far as it affects the Italian civil postal
authorities, who have been advised as necessary.

J. L. Henderson,
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copies to: COMMANDER SUPREMACY,
A.F.A.P.S. Postal Directorate HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.
(Admin Sub)
D.G.S. (I) HQ. Allied Armies in Italy. (For Capt Dickson.)
A.F.A.P.S. Military Government Section.
Censorship Liaison Officer, Allied Control Commission.
Army Sub-Comm. Chain.

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REAR HQRS.
A. C. C.
Telecomm. and Posts Sub-Commission

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21 Aprile 1944

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OGGETTO:- Corrispondenza privata da e per i militari delle Forze Armate Italiane.

A S. E. il Sottosegretario di Stato
per le Poste e Telecomunicazioni .

I.- Si allega un promemoria che precisa i compiti del servizio postale civile in relazione alla corrispondenza di cui all'oggetto. Vi prego di trasmettere le necessarie istruzioni alle Direzioni Provinciali, da voi dipendenti, interessate, e di farmi avere copie di tali istruzioni per le Province della Regione III.

S. H. HEAD
Major
Telecomm. and Posts Sub-Commission

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REAR HQRS.
A. C. C.
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

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PS/16.3.81.

21 April 1944

SUBJECT:- Private correspondence to and from personnel of the
Italian Forces.

TO:- The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

I.- Attached is a statement setting out the civil post
responsibilities in relation to the above subject. Will you
please advise and instruct your Provincial Directors concerned
as necessary, and let me have copies for the Region III Provinces.

S. H. HEAD
Major
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

Copies to :- Postal Officer Region I
Postal Officer Region II
Postal Officer Region III

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HEAD HQRS.
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
A. C. C.
Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission

MEMORANDUM

21 April 1944.

Private Correspondence to and from personnel of the Italian Forces.

In connection with arrangements now made for the handling of such correspondence, the following are aspects with which the Italian Civil Postal Service is directly concerned.

1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ITALIAN FORCES.(a) Posted in Field Post Offices in operational areas.

Items for civilian addresses will be collected, through military channels, to the office of the Censura Centrale Militare, Base censor, Naples, where they should be taken over by the civil Post Office, for forwarding and delivery.

(b) Posted in civil posting boxes in non-operational areas.

After civil censorship, Civil items to be sent forward for delivery in normal course. Any items for Italian military forces to be dealt with as indicated in para 2.

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CIVILIANS TO ITALIAN FORCES.

(a) From Italian mainland. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil postal channels to Concentramento P.M. at either Bari or Naples, depending upon whichever has the better mail connection.

(b) From Sardinia. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil postal channels to Concentramento P.M. at Cagliari, where mail for Italian Forces in Sardinia will be withdrawn. Any P.M. items handed back to the civil Post Office, should be forwarded by civil post to Concentramento P.M. at Bari.

(c) From Sicily. After civil censorship, to be forwarded through civil post to P.M. at Enna, where mails for Italian Forces in Sicily will be withdrawn. Any P.M. items handed back to the civil Posts Office should be forwarded through civil post to Concentramento P.M. at either Bari or Naples, depending upon whichever has the better mail connections.

3. Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration service for letters is not available.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref. P/10:-

3rd April 44

Subject :- Vatican Mail and foreign Mail.

To :- Posts and Telecommunications Sub Commission, A.C.C.

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that mail, which is being sent in to this Headquarters for transmission to the Vatican, contains mail addressed to Prisoners of War abroad, to Italian soldiers addressed to P.M. numbers and to ordinary civilians in allied occupied Italy. An examination of the mail which had come to hand over the past few days was made to day and it was found to contain, in addition to a considerable volume of message forms and letters for Civil addresses in Northern Italy,

101	letters for P.O.W. abroad
84	" " Italian soldiers with "P.M. ^{NO.} 88 " addresses
3	" " civil addresses in Allied Italy (1 for Lecce (2 " Naples)

2. These items were withdrawn and handed over to the civil Post Office for onward transmission.

3. Perhaps I may be informed whether the new regulations, restricting the Vatican mail to ecclesiastical matters, are now operating. A considerable portion of the mail for civil addresses in Northern Italy ~~have~~ no postage stamps and, in view of the introduction of the International Red Cross message service, the question arises as to whether this free service should be allowed to continue.

4. There has also been received at this Headquarters, sealed bags of mail, made up in local Censorship Offices, addressed for example, "Prisoners of War Mail. A.P.O. 759 U.S. Army" ~~foreign~~ correspondence is not, of course, due to be submitted for local censorship - except for certain items due to be sent to the A.C.C.C. at Bari or Naples - and this correspondence should be circulated within the civil Post Office to the office of exchange. I have already pointed this out to local Censorship Officer verbally but perhaps arrangements could be made for a general instruction to be issued through C.C.S.

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Captain,

Regional Postal Officer.

for the Regione Commissionaire

Sen. Col. H. L. H. L.
Maj. H. L. H. L.

15/16/3.

Received 7/4/44

31 MAR 1944

Telecommunications

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SUBJECT:-- Vatican Information Service.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CA/1/2104/12.28 Mar 44.

Service d'Information de Vatican,
Perec Blanche,
MILSON GARDNER.

1. A large number of messages from the VATICAN have been received that are found to contain requests to add to the standard text messages such items as 'Topping POW in US, Father in Rome'.
2. Further messages are being received destined for PW in America, and requests for information concerning civilian internees.
3. These violations are quite contrary to the text of the agreement and are causing a considerable amount of unnecessary censorship, thereby occasioning delay in the transmission of bona-fide messages.
4. It must be appreciated that the success and benefit of this service is entirely dependent upon the strict adherence to the standard text messages as agreed.
5. Please take any measures in your power to prevent the occurrence of future violations. Any comments or suggestions on the foregoing will be welcomed.

WBS/AID.

Anthony H. Cor.

A.S. RABENOFF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.C.,
For Major-General,
D.A.C.,
C-1.(B).

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Copy to: ☒ Allied Control Commission.
~~1st Div 200.~~
I.A.C.

Seen: Col. H. *[initials]*
Maj. H. *[initials]*

PS/10/3

Recd. 31st March 44.

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ROUTINE

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FREEDOM RPTD IBS

30/1025

NOT CLEAR THAT ARE VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICE MESSAGES PAREN
TO FREEDOM FOR PHMGE RPTD IBS FOR HANCOCK FOR ALASIA FROM FATIMA
REAR FROM HEDDENSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PERMITTED UNDER PARA
SIX YOUR SIX ONE THREE EIGHT THREE OR HOW THESE ARE CENSORED OR
ROUTED

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. ChioCCA
E. J. CHIOCCA
C/O USA
Asst Adj

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - AG File
- 1 - DEG
- 1 - DCC
- 1 - Telecoms

U. S. RESTRICTED
Equals British RESTRICTED

FILE 16/3

AIR SERVICE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: RPO 311.18

25 March 1944

Subject: Communications with the Vatican.

To : Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission, A.C.C. HQ,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Have recently received a copy of Memorandum, Ref/25/23/CA, dated 18 March 1944, issued by HQ ACC, dealing with the above subject. To comply with the contents therein this HQ has issued a Memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. This office has consulted the local Civil Censorship authorities regarding the above memorandum and they were not cognizant of the facts therein. They therefore wired INC, AFHQ and asked whether these Vatican Communications were to be censored here in Palermo and also asked the position on Vatican messages. The reply was received yesterday and they informed this office that these communications would go direct to AFHQ without being censored at INC HQ in Palermo and secondly that this service does not affect Vatican messages.

3. The first point is clear but the one dealing with Vatican messages is rather obscure. My interpretation of the HQ's Memorandum is that only official church mail is permitted under the provisions of the above Memorandum and that the other two services which were previously permitted (Private Communications & Prisoner of War Mail) are now suspended. Am I correct in interpreting the memorandum in this manner? If so, why did AFHQ wire the local censorship authorities that Vatican messages are not affected?

4. If my interpretation is incorrect am I to take it that Vatican messages are permitted and will be handled as in the past. This office would receive these messages from the provinces, forward them to local Civil Censorship Office, after which they would be returned here already sacked and labelled to MCS, AFHQ and this office would despatch all sacks to AFHQ by surface vessels through the local APO.

5. Would appreciate a clarification from your office regarding these Vatican messages. In the meantime all Vatican messages not within the meaning of the above memorandum, are being held at this office pending your reply.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

Cable sent
15 AFHQ 30
7.

Incl:-
1 Copy of Memorandum.

Seen:- Col. *[Signature]*
Maj. *[Signature]*
G. A. ALASTIA,
1st Lt., AGD,
R.C.P.O.

Received 29 Mar. 44.

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copy also to: TS/2/5

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21 March 1944

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COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE VATICAN

1. New instructions have not been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican, thereby resuscitating numbered letters and No. 11 of this HQ regarding the same subject.

2. Communication facilitated by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only subject to the following provisions:

a. All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.

b. No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must all ways be passed through AFHQ.

c. Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "Freedom for AFHQ and designated in clear printed "FIR".

d. Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "Care of HQ section, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Provincial Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be to forward the communications, delivered to them by the church authorities, to the Regional Commissioner (Attention: Postal Officer).

4. Provincial Commissioners will please note that the new facilities apply to only the one country (official church mail), dealt with in previous instructions, which are now cancelled. The other two services (Private Communications and Air Mail) may be handled through the ordinary postal services. More civilians care to correspond with civilians in enemy territory. The International Red Cross service may be used.

5. Provincial Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the ecclesiastical authorities with the above instructions.

OFF SALES - 603.720.79 CITY - NEW YORK

2. Communications in "Matter of Hall and Radio" only subject to can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only subject to the following provisions:

a. All communications will be restricted to ecological matters.

b. no communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both will in radio message be passed through ATHQ.

c. Radio messages not be given in the English language only, must be addressed "Freedom for HUC" and deciphered in clear French "Lib".

d. Workers need not be "hated in England," nor must he be addressed "Came of I.C. action, J.A.R."

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5. Provincial Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the ecclesiastical authorities in their provinces with the contents of this Memoranda. No information may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to prepare Memoranda No. 4 and 5.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

11. Lt. Colonel;

Researcher's Commitment:

DI-2000-1521

2008-09-27

*Draft, revised from Lt. Col. Scott,
The hands of AFHQ & Italian
Supreme Command. Further advice awaited -
HXL 8/3/44*

Subject: Mail and Correspondence - Italian Troops in Army Areas (Over Active Areas).

1. Correspondence posted by Italian troops.

(a) All private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command.

(b) Whenever possible all private mail from Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in the areas defined in sub para 1 (c) will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(c) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub para 1 (b) above it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Comando Centrale Militare, BASE CENSOR 7, C.M.F." and handed in to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.

(d) At Italian Field Post Offices in Army or Corps Areas all private mail posted there will be made up in sealed bags, labelled "Comando Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F.", and handed over to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office from which incoming mail is collected for transmission to the addressee. U.S. Base APO's at Bari and Naples will transfer all such bags or packages to the British Base A.P.O.

(e) The conveyance of private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in Army or Corps Areas by any other means than that specified in sub paras (b), (c) & (d) is forbidden. Private correspondence from members of the Italian Forces serving behind the areas specified above will continue to be posted at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices as at present, and will not be accepted at British or U.S. A.P.O's.

(f) Mails reaching Comando Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F. will be collected by the Italian Civil Postal Authorities for onward transmission through the Italian Civil or Military Postal system.

(g) Only postcards and ordinary letters not exceeding 90 grammes in weight may be posted by Italian Service personnel. Newspapers, packets and parcels are forbidden, and registration of letters is not available.

2. Correspondence with Italian troops in Army and Corps Areas.

(a) Private mail addressed to Italian officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reale) serving in British or U.S. Army and Corps Areas may be posted by Italian civilians at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices which are authorized to be open.

(b) The service will be confined to postcards and letters as specified in para 1 (g) above.

(c) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with Italian Units will be the same as that used prior to the move of the Unit into British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas (i.e. the former "P.M." number will continue to be used).

(d) The address for Italian officers and other ranks attached to British or

Carabinieri (Real) serving in military areas (a.s. the former "P.M." number will continue to be used).

(b) Whenever possible all private mail from Italian officers and other units (including Carabinieri Real) serving in the areas defined in sub para 1 (a) will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(c) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub para 1 (b) above it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Comandante Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F.", and handed over to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses.

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(c) The postal address for letters sent to personnel serving with Italian Units/Regts will be the same as that used prior to the move of the Unit into British or U.S. Army or Corps areas (a.s. the former "P.M." number will continue to be used).

(d) The address for Italian officers and other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units will be simply the P.M. number used by the Italian Unit to which they are affiliated unless they can conveniently collect mail from the latter. The title of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached will not be given.

(e) All correspondence as detailed above will be passed by Allied Comms Central Offices operating with the Civil Postal Service and will then be circulated to the Ufficio di Concentramento (Italian Base Army P.O.) at either Bari or Naples.

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(e) The Ufficio de Concentramento will make up sealed mails for the Italian Field Post Office in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas and will transfer these to the British Base APC's at Bari or Naples or the U.S. Base A.P.O. at Naples by arrangement with the British or U.S. Army Postal Services for onward conveyance to the nearest British or U.S. A.P.O. from which it will be collected by the Italian Field Post Office.

(g) Letters bearing the PM number only in the address (sub para 2 (d)) will be made up at the Ufficio de Concentramento into bags or packages addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7" and will be transferred to the British Base A.P.O. at Bari or Naples.

(h) Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 will maintain a record of the British or U.S. Headquarters or Unit to which Italian officers or other ranks using the "P.M." address are attached (sub para 2 (d)), will redirect letters accordingly, and return them to the British Base Army Post Office. Such letters will then be put in course for delivery to British Units or transferred to the U.S. Base Army Post Office for delivery to U.S. Units.

3. Action to be taken by Italian Units or Personnel in Operative Area.

(a) Italian Headquarters or Units in possession of a Unit Censor Stamp issued by Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F. and situated in British or U.S. Army or Corps areas will appoint a post orderly to deliver and collect mail from the nearest Italian Field Post Office.

(b) Units not in possession of such a C.C.M. stamp will deliver their mail to the nearest Italian Unit holding one. If this entails hardship, a request for a C.C.M. stamp may be addressed to the Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7, C.M.F. stating reasons and giving location, strength, nearest holder of a C.C.M. stamp.

(c) Italian officers or other ranks attached to British or U.S. Headquarters or Units, and who have no Italian HQ or Unit address which they can use will not indicate in their private letters the name of the Headquarters or Unit to which they are attached but only the "P.M." address. They will, however, enclose a piece of paper showing correct British or U.S. military address, in order that Censura Centrale Militare may extract and record for purpose of forwarding return mail. Any change of address will be similarly notified.

(d) Until Italian Unit Censorship Regulations are published or Unit Censor stamps are issued the following procedure will be followed:

(i) Italian officers will censor their own troops' mail and will frank each envelope with their signature in the lower left hand corner. They will similarly frank their own mail.

(ii) Italian officers will ensure that the regulations regarding the posting of mail in British and U.S. Army and Corps Areas are strictly adhered to and that private mail is not despatched by any other means.

(iii) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

4. Action to be taken by Italian Supremo Command: (a) Publish Censorship Rules for "Operative Area".

to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7" and will be transferred to the British Base A.P.O. at Bari or Naples.

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(iii) They will explain to their troops the procedure which is being followed to enable them to correspond with their families and friends in Italy and overseas.

4.

Action to be taken by Italian Supreme Command:

(a) Publish Censorship Regs for "Operative Area".
(b) Publish Censura Centrale Militare an Order of Battle of those HQs and units in the "Operative Area" for whom Unit Censor stamps are required. The present location and P.M. No. should be shown against each proposed holder of a Unit Censor Stamp, which should be restricted to those in British or U.S. Army and Corps Areas.

5.

Action to be taken by Censura Centrale Militare:

(a) Issue Unit Censor Stamps.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT

SALERNO, 28 MARZO 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLE POSTE E TELECOM.

S A L E R N O

N. 5/82/976

Risposta al N. PS. 16/3/47
DEL 17-2-44

OGGETTO: SPEDIZIONE IRREGOLARE DI CORRISPONDENZA NON CENSURATA.-
Spedizione irregolare di corrispondenza non censurata

IN RISPOSTA A FOGLIO EMARGINATO,
TRASMETTIAMO, IN COPIA, LETTERA DEL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA CHE CHIARISCE OGNI CIRCOSTANZA.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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N. 5/82/976
Risposta al N. PS. 16/3/47
DEL 17-2-44

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if irregular forwarding of correspondence is not censured

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COSTANZA.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Handwritten signature]

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With reference to your letter above mentioned, attached is a letter of the Ministry of the Navy explaining the circumstances.

With my to you letter of 5/22/68 of the 23rd Feb.

The alleged concerning office in Toronto, back in early
untrustable in the conduct of heavy works, used, informed
that knowledge of the various proceedings and to that
Office full standards has been entered on the matter,
for the subsequent measures.

"Conquered" there "came to" exclude any fault, and
the state is likely of "Exclusion" (unreliable) private concerns.

There was been in contact with officials and private concerns, but
to be considered, since that also because of the fact that we
parted with everyone's services were not yet well known as
to the personnel.

But it has been found that everything was given was
in that private concerns.

Functions now seem to even at in further the
the environment.

The Minister

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RISERVATA PERSONALE 743

NR. S/8.2/828

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
GABINETTO

N. 109 DI PROT.

6 MARZO 1944

OGGETTO: SPEDIZIONE IRREGOLARE DI CORRISPONDENZA NON CENSURATA.-AL DIRETTORE GENERALE PP.TT.
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI SALERNO

RISPOSTA FOGLIO S/8.2/650 IN DATA 23 FEBBRAIO.

L'UFFICIO CENSURA ANGLO-AMERICANO DI TARANTO, PARTICOLARMENTE INTERESSATO DEL CONTROLLO DELLA POSTA DELLA R. MARINA, AVEVA INFORMATO QUESTO MINISTERO DELLA IRREGULARITÀ IN PAROLA E A DETTO UFFICIO SONO STATI RICHIESTI MAGGIORI DETTAGLI IN PROPOSITO ONDE PROVVEDERE DI CONSEGUENZA.

LE INDAGINI ESEGUITE TUTTAVIA SEMBRANO ESCLUDERE QUALSIASI COLPEVOLEZZA, MA SOLAMENTE TRATTARSI DI LEGGEREZZA PER CUI È STATA INCLUSA CON POSTA UFFICIALE, NON CENSURABILE, POSTA PRIVATA, CIÒ IN CONSIDERAZIONE CHE LE NORME SUL SERVIZIO POSTALE E DI CENSURA NON ERANO ANCORA A PERFETTA CONOSCENZA DEL PERSONALE.

RISULTA PERÒ CHE NULLA DI INCRIMINABILE O CENSURABILE SI TROVASSE NELLA POSTA IN PAROLA.

SONO STATE DATE DISPOSIZIONI PER EVITARE IL RIPETERSI DEL LAMENTATO INCONVENIENTE.

IL MINISTRO
FTO DE COURTEN

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REGION II HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

20 MARCH 1944

SUBJECT:- DELAY TO CIVIL MAIL FOR ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH
8TH ARMY

TO:- POSTS AND TELECOMMS. SUB-COMMISSION (FOR MAJOR HEAD)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONIC REQUEST, ENQUIRIES INTO THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN MADE AND CONTACT MADE WITH MAJOR PERTUSATI (ITALIAN APO LECCE) LT. COL. NORMES, ALLIED MILITARY MISSION, AND MAJOR PATERNOSTER (ITALIAN APO BARI).

UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, THE CORRESPONDENCE IS DUE TO BE CIRCULATED WITHIN THE ITALIAN CIVIL POST OFFICE TO BARI AND IS THEN HANDED TO THE ITALIAN POSTA MILITARE, BARI. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WHOLE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE IS FORWARDED FROM THE POSTA MILITARE, BARI TO NAPLES ^{for onward} IN TWO WEEKLY DESPATCHES. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW THE CORRESPONDENCE IS DISPOSED OF THEREAFTER.

IT APPEARS THAT DELAY MUST ARISE IN FORWARDING THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO NAPLES AND THE QUESTION OF AVOIDING THIS TRANSFER BY HAVING THE CENSORSHIP DONE AT BARI HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED BY THE ITALIAN APO WITH THE ALLIED MILITARY MISSION, WHO HAVE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, REFERRED THE MATTER TO A.P.H.Q. BUT A REPLY HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

I AM SATISFIED THAT NO UNDUE DELAY OCCURS IN THE ITALIAN CIVIL POST OFFICE.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND *Capt*

CAPTAIN
REGIONAL POSTAL OFFICER
FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

3 March 1944

File: RPO 311.18



Subject: Vatican Mail.

To : Director, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission, Rear HQ, A.C.C.,
APO 394, U. S. Army. ✓

1. As a result of a conference held with His Excellency Bishop Di Leo of Palermo regarding the despatch of Vatican mails the following points arose and request you clarify the position.

2. His Excellency states that he despatched to MGS, AFHQ through the normal Vatican channel, established by HQ, A.C.C., Ref/AMC/327 dated 22 January 1944, messages addressed to occupied Italy and these were returned to him by AFHQ. He now desires to know whether he is permitted to forward these directly from here to the church authorities in liberated Italy. These will of course be first censored locally.

3. It must be remembered that he cannot use the ordinary mails as the weight limit is established at 90 grams and these would be packets exceeding the established weight.

4. He is likewise requesting from the Italian Government the privilege of free mailing as he claims that all his services are gratuitous and he cannot afford to pay the postage rates.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

*See instructions
pending. H. Alasia
advised in separate
papers. [Signature]*

G. A. Alasia
G. A. ALASIA,
1st Lt., AGD,
R.C.P.O.

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*Seen: Col. H. [Signature]
Maj. H. [Signature]*

Received 9th March 44.

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To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.
From: Telecommunications and posts sub-commission.
Subject: Vatican Communications.
Reference: PS/16/3/71 : 20th March, 1971.

1. Two copies are attached of an instruction issued by ACC Headquarters to Regional Commissioners.
2. Information will be given to the ecclesiastical authorities by the Regional Commissioner in each Region, in accordance with para. 7 of the instruction. You may however wish to inform the Ministry which is concerned with Vatican matters of this channel of communication.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and posts sub-commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

18 March 1944

Ref/25/23/CA.

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V,
VI, VIII, IX,
S.C.A.Os. 5th and 8th Armies.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.

2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, subject to the following provisions :

- (a) The Communications must, for the present, originate only South of the Northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.
- (b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.
- (c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.
- (d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "FREEDOM FOR INC", and dispatched in clear franked "VII".
- (e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CASE OF INC SECTION, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows :

- (a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their Province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioners.

(b) Regional Commissioners will dispose of the communications as follows :

- (i) Mail will be addressed as stated in para. 2 (e) and forwarded by normal official mail service.

- (ii) Radio messages will be forwarded to ACC Signals, Naples, franked "VATICAN MESSAGE", in addition to "VII" vide para. 2 (d) above.

4. The necessity for restricting the volume of communications is emphasised. The restriction may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time

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4. The necessity for restricting the volume of communications is emphasised. No indication may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to transmit communications.

5. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on the subject.

Received 19 MAR 44

Seen Col. H. H. [Signature]
Maj. W. [Signature]

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6. Regional Commissioners of Regions I and II will please note that the instructions contained in AMF 327 of 27th January 1944, and 25/6/CA of 11th February 1944, are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Vatican channels (private communications other than Church mail and Prisoner of War mail) are provided for in this HQ Memorandum 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944.

7. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions with the contents of paras. 2 and 6 above.

See 89

Stallwood
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: -----

FROM: FREEDOM

TO: FATIMA

W/C NO: 5/20

REF NO: 66731

FILED: 194452

REC'D: 200430



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(TO FATIMA REPEATED AGENT SIGNED GINE CITY PHOS REF OUR 61383 OF 7 MARCH)

REQUEST YOU ENSURE COMMUNICATIONS BOTH BY MAIL AND RADIOS WITH VATICAN ARE RESTRICTED TO OFFICIAL ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS ONLY. FIRST CONSIGNMENT SUCH MAIL RECEIVED HERE CONTAINED MUCH PRIVATE AND PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE. COMMUNICATIONS UNLESS OFFICIAL WILL ORDINARILY BE SUPPRESSED HERE.

ACC DISTRIBUTION:

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Info - D. C. C.

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Secur - Col. H.
Maj. H.

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Note Due to lag between
month of 63 and close
of 70.

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Recd. 20th Mar. 44.

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To: Director, Army Sub-Commission AGO. Main Hq. (MIA) Leguille (Tocco).

From: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Subject: Italian Military Personnel Correspondence.

Our Ref: RA/16/3/68. 19th March 1944.

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1. It is understood from the Army Sub-Commission at this Hq. that you have not received the original of the copy letter dated March 6th attached. You will be aware, from Captain Drummond's recent visit, that the matter which you raised is being dealt with.

2. A meeting of representatives of interested Allied and Italian authorities was held on March 11th, and the second enclosure outlines a scheme drafted by Lt. Col. A. Scott, A.S.A.P.S., to meet the position. So far as the Italian civil post office is concerned, their part is quite a straight forward one. With the somewhat more involved aspects of British and American Army Post Office functions, and with them that of Conscription, Colonel Scott is now dealing and it is expected that the comprehensive scheme will be in operation very shortly.

J.L. Henderson.
Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission Rear Hq.
(For Lt. Col. Quin-Smith.)

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*Telecom & Post 4960**63*

FROM: H. AGNE

TO: FATIMA

INFO: FREEDOM

I (B) 465



REF FREEDOM FRGS 61383 DATED 7 PARA 2 A. Consider forward Limits for communications with Vatican should be same as those applicable to Civil Communications facilities generally viz northern boundaries of Provinces Bari Potenza Avellino Salerno Plus enclaves Naples City and Benevento town

THI 08/2315A

SENT NH 1905 0505

RECD NH 1905 0505

A.C.C. Dist

Action - C. A. B. (12)

Seen: - Col. H.

Maj. H.

Info - D.C.C.

Telecomm & Posts

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Received 9th March 44.

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ALLIED AIRLIFT MISSIONS... BEGINNING 1944

REF NO. 16/19
 FILED 16/19
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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES BY MAIL AND RADIO WITH THE VATICAN MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES IN ITALY, GERMANY, AND SAARLAND SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS AS IN PARAS 2.3.4. (TO FAMILIAR WITH ACFT SIGNALS AND CITE THIS REFERENCE YOUR 1741 OF 31 DECEMBER).

PARA 2.3.5. RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH MAIL AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. (A) ACFT-MAIL MAY BE OPERATING TO FORWARD LINES THROUGHOUT FROM WHICH COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE DISPATCHED. ACFT MAY ALSO DIRECT FOR REASONS SECURITY THAT COMMUNICATIONS SHALL NOT BE INITIATED IN CERTAIN UNDEFINED AREAS BEHIND FORWARD LINES. (B) ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS. (C) NO COMMUNICATION WILL BE PERMITTED EXCEPT WITH THE VATICAN BUT ALL MUST PASS THROUGH THIS HEADQUARTERS.

PARA 3. RADIO. (A) MESSAGES MAY BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONLY. (B) MESSAGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED PREVIOUSLY FOR INFO, AND WILL BE DISPATCHED IN CLEAR FRAMED FIL TO THE TRANSMISSION BY LINE CABLE. (C) MESSAGES WILL BE SUBJECT CENSORSHIP HERE. (D) SUCH MESSAGES AS MAY BE RECEIVED WILL BE REPRODUCED HERE BEFORE RETRANSMISSION BY DIRECT RADIO LINE WITH VATICAN. NO INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES OF PERIOD FOR TRANSMISSION. (E) MESSAGES TO VATICAN WILL BE CERTAINLY INCLUDED IN A VMT SERIES COMMENCING NUMBER 1. (F) SIMILARLY MESSAGES FROM VATICAN ARE TO BE IN PAY SERIES.

PARA 4. MAIL. (A) LETTERS NEED NOT BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH. (B) MAIL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED CARE OF THE SECTION AFHQ, AND WILL CORDIALLY BE SUBJECT CENSORSHIP HERE. (C) MAIL WILL BE COUNSEL TRACKED FROM HERE UNDER OUR ARRANGEMENTS AND WE EMPHASIZE RESTRICTIONS RESTRICTED VOICES.

PARA 5. REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING TERRITORIAL RESTRICTIONS AGREED WITH ACFT (VMT PARA 2) (A), AS NO INTEND TO NOTIFY VATICAN THAT COMMUNICATIONS MAY COME BE ADDRESSED TO SET AREA AS THESE WOULD BE PASSED FOR INSPECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

PARA 6. ABOVE DIRECTIONS SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT ARE DISTINGUISHED FROM AND ARE NOT INTENDED AHEAD EXISTING FACILITIES AFFORDED VATICAN BY FORUMATION SERVICE.

Info.....Dep C C

ACC DIST.....ACTIV.....C A ET.....2

69 - message from Freedom requesting no to ensure it.
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16/19/44
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3 March 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War in French, British and American hands in Africa.

TO: Major Head, Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission

1. Lt. Motroni confirms that his instructions provide for the items for prisoners in French hands to circulate to Controles Techniques Tunis labelled, P.O.W.

2. He is uncertain how such items are distinguished but will ascertain tomorrow when the sorting staff are available.

3. Italian Prisoners of War in British and American hands are distinguished by camp numbers.

100 - 199	American
200 - 299	British

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer Region III

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3 March 1944

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SUBJECT: Circulation of Correspondence from Italian Troops to Civilians.

TO: Major Head, Telecommunication & Postal Sub-Commission

1. It has come under notice today that correspondence (several hundred items) from Italian troops with 8th. Army has reached the British Base Censor in Naples (apparently via PM 185 at Bari and British APO channels).

2. Base Censor has sent this to Civil Censor at Naples for treatment.

3. Most of the items are for the four provinces of south-east Italy and the datestamps are 16th. January, to 19th. February.

4. It is thought that a better arrangement would be for such correspondence to be Base Censored on the Bari side and then handed direct to the civil Post Office.

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN

Major

Postal Officer Region III

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EWS/msp

10 January 1944

In reply
refer to: 311.1

SUBJECT: Mail Service to and from Members of the Italian Forces in Italy.

TO : The Under Secretary of State, Telecommunications and Posts.

Herewith, for advance information, is a copy of a communication relating to the above subject. The arrangement outlined, so far as it affects the British APO and Naples, cannot be introduced until 15 Army Group have given their confirmation, but perhaps you will make any preliminary enquiries which may be necessary. It is the intention that mails collected by the Civil Post Office at Naples from the Italian APO there would be transferred to Salerno for disposal as with the mail from the British APO.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

COPY: /mip

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Copy for British
LSB
EWB/mar/mms

In reply
refer to: AG 311.1
TC/6/1

9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mail Service to and from Members of the Italian Forces in Italy.

TO : C C A O AMG 15 Army Group
(For attention of Col. Grafftey-Smith)

1. Attached is copy of a letter 3088/SE HQ 15 AG dated 19 December sent to AFHQ Adv Admin Ech.

2. Representations have been received from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts Italian Government towards effecting delivery of the correspondence concerned, a step which is now rendered practicable by the developing restoration of civil mail services.

3. It is recommended that steps may be taken to have the following relative arrangements introduced:

a. Mails posted by Italian forces through British A.P.O.'s.

British APO Naples to transfer mail to the Allied Forward Censor Control Officer there (who would be instructed to transfer it to the local Civil Post Office). The latter, after withdrawing mail for the Naples city delivery, would forward the remainder to Salerno for distribution via the internal mail service.

Posted mails concentrated by the Italian APO at their APO's at Bari and Naples, would be collected by the Civil Post Office for distribution after censorship.

b. Mails posted by civilians addressed to Italian Forces.

Such mails to be collected through the Civil Post Office, and after censoring, transferred to the British APO Naples. The latter to extract correspondence for the Units which they serve and hand over the balance to the Italian APO at Naples for onward transmission.

4. Please advise if the procedure outlined can be applied without difficulty so far as 15 Army Group is concerned.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain U S N R
Vice President Communications Section

1 Incl - As referred to in para.1.

cc Maj Colville INC
Capt Dixon - Censorship (G Special Forces) 15 AG
Under Secy of State, Telecom & Posts (for advance info)

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Subject: Mail from Italian Units in
15 Army Group Area

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HQ 15 Army Group
C.M.F.

8088/SF
19 Dec 43

AFHQ ADV ADMIN ECHELON

1. It is requested that the necessary instructions may be issued so as to comply with a request received from Censorship Branch, AFHQ, which is shown as follows:

(a) All mail from Italians serving under British Officers in 15 Army Group area (i.e. Pack Coys. etc.) to be made up in bags before handing to Allied APO, bags to be closed and clearly labelled to Allied Censor Control Officer, TARANTO. N.

(b) All mail from units of the Italian army serving in 15 Army Group area to be made up in bags before handing to Allied APO's, bags to be closed and clearly labelled to Allied Censor Control Officer, TARANTO.

(c) All units concerned to obtain necessary bags, fasteners and labels from Allied APO's.

2. Message GR 56. 1/3855 from ADAMS FLAMBO refers in part.

(SGD) E.S.N. HEAD, Lt-Col, G.S.,
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

Copy to: INC Censorship Branch,
A.F.H.Q.

COPY: /mip

X. How Naples.

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SENA HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 334

6th March, 1944.

In reply refer
to: 14/16/3/51

Subject: Correspondence from Civilians for Italian Military Personnel.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission, APC, Main HQ.

1. Arising from your letter AQ/16 of February 19th Captain Grimaldi of this sub-commission is making enquiry at Bari and at Lecce (Major Fortuna). SMH, Postal section, HQ/51 in order to obtain further necessary details towards the complete linking up of the civil and military postal services. We will then discuss the matter with your Sub-Commission.
2. Information which has already been made indicate that a certain amount of correspondence is duly circulating, but further information, not available here, is necessary before precise instructions can be issued to the civil postal officials in the provinces by the Italian postal authorities.

3. The correspondence concerned is subject to censorship in the province of Bari, and it is not at the moment at all clear that British Censorship is necessary. If not it should be possible to simplify the routing shown on the diagram received with your letter, and to speed up the transmission of the mail accordingly. According to present information, concentration on Naples is only necessary in the case of correspondence from Italian military personnel - vide copy of letter attached. In relation to the distinction drawn in paras (a) and (b) of the letter, it is understood that certain Italian units are served by British APCs, in which case separate provision may have to be made for some of the correspondence.

4. Perhaps you will be good enough to let Captain Grimaldi see this letter when he arrives.

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J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Ports Sub-Commission.

29 Feb 1944

SUBJECT: MAIL FOR ITALIAN TROOPS.

TO. MAJ S.H. Head TELECOMS *POSTAL SUB-COMMISSION.

(1) Lt Motroni has seen PM 3400 and the officer in charge assures him that they receive only 5th Army items which are disposed of through forward PM's by means of motor cycle couriers.

(2) The O/C PM 3400 assumes that 8th Army items are going to Bari I do not know how civil PO's make this discrimination as Sig. Cammarota (Naples sorting Office) says that he does not hold a location list Naples receives a few hundred items from offices in the south each week. These are presumably the items referred to in (1).

(3) Achart shewing the distribution from PM 3400 is being obtained and a copy will be forwarded.

W.H. Green

W.H. Green

MAJOR

Postal Officer Reg. III

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23 FEB 1944SUBJECT: Mail for Italian Military Personnel

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILL (LECCO)
AQ/16

19 Feb 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.

1. Italian Force HQ under command Eighth Army represents that Italian units under command are NOT receiving private mail.

2. It is thought that this is due to :
(a) Lack of facilities for civilians to send letters to Italian tps in Eighth Army zone,

or :

(b) Delay in chain of transport of mail from civil post offices to Allied Base Censor, NAPLES and thence to Eighth Army zone.

3. Appendix A contains a letter from this HQ to AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon putting forward a plan for obviating the delay pointed out in para 2 (b) above.

Appendix B contains a diagram giving the movement of mail from civilians to Italian tps in Eighth Army zone.

4. Ref para 2 (a) above. May I be informed what, if any, facilities there are for civilians in Allied occupied Italy, Sicily, or Sardinia, to send mail to Italian tps in Eighth Army zone.

5. The matter is one of considerable urgency as recent cases of desertion of Italian tps are considered due to lack of news from home for four months. Troops have gone home for news which failed to reach them through the post.

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Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

TVS.

23 FEB 1944

SUBJECT: Mail from Italian Military Personnel. APPENDIX A

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCO)
AQ/16
Feb 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

1. It has been represented by Italian Army GHQ that the present postal system in operation for Italian tps in Eighth Army area is unsatisfactory in that a long delay occurs in having to send the mail across ITALY to NAPLES for Allied censorship.
2. The morale of the tps concerned is suffering from lack of news from home and consequent desertions are attributed to it.
3. It is requested, therefore, that mail from these units may be collected by Italian Army Post Office PM 185 at BARI and censored by the British Base Censor in the same town prior to disposal through normal civilian postal services.
4. The same system is recommended for incoming mail.
5. The adoption of this scheme is strongly recommended and I should be glad to have an early notification of your approval.

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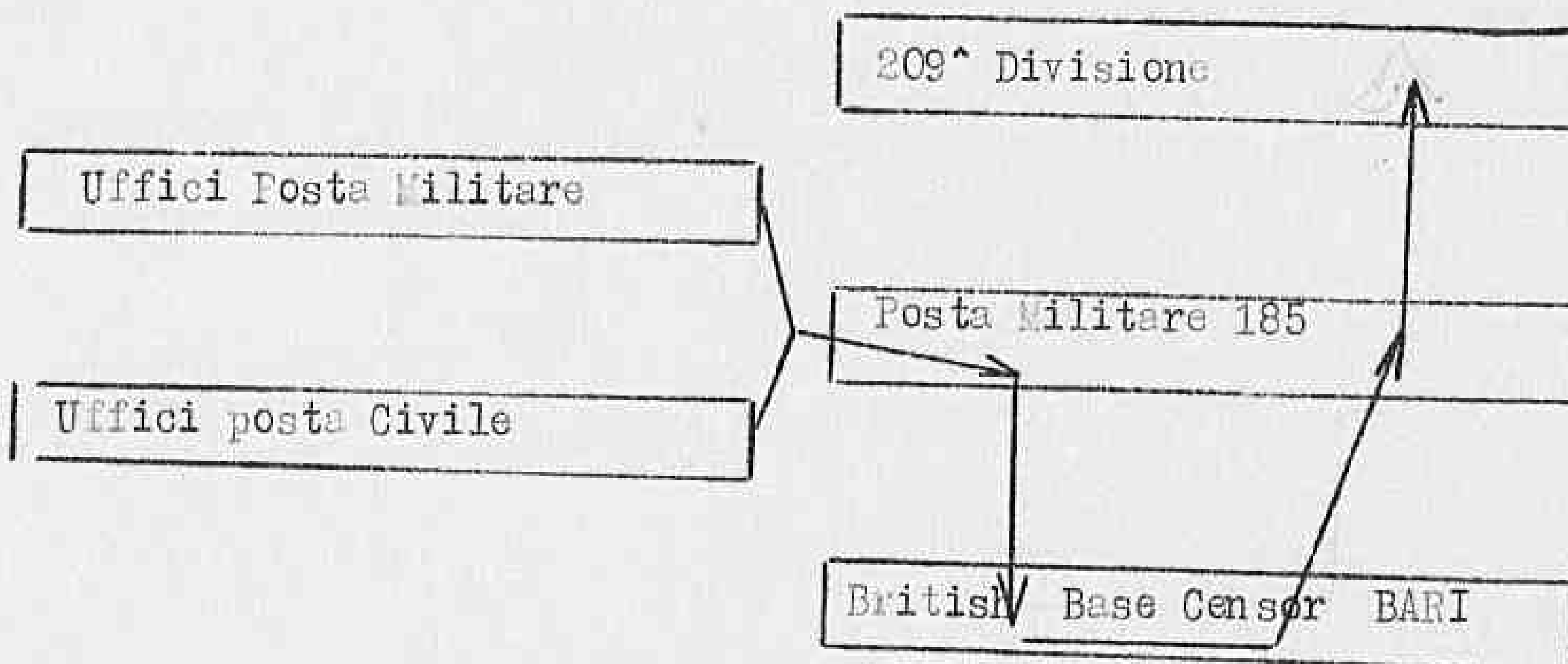
Sgd FJ NOAKES
Lt Col
for
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

APPENDIX B

SCHEMA DEL SERVIZIO POSTALE CON LA 209^a DIVISIONE.

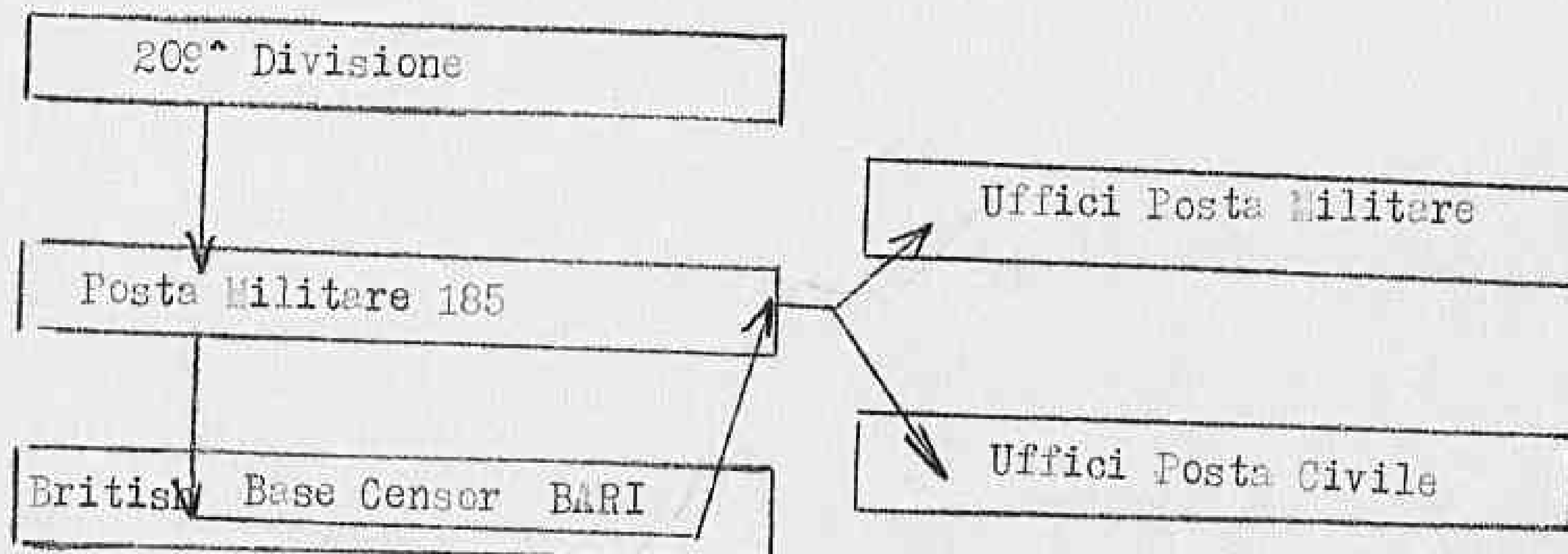
DAL PAESE ALLA 209^a DIVISIONE

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TRANSLATION THE RUCTION AND BEING FURNISHED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTORY
OF STATE OF THE TOWN OF TOTAL MADE BY MEANS OF ALLIED AIR TRANSPORT
REVENUE 1134

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Ric. D'Ambrosio

Plum. PBS Trappia copia (1130/24)
(Volume III) for the American Army
with plane note.

PBS cannot issue - 2105
message signature from
Palermo (Mancuso) Lt. Appalto
informant Plot Plot 1. This 1134.

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A.C.C. Hqs.

Telecomms. and Postal Sub-Commission

Salerno 29th-Feb.-1944

SUBJECT:-Italian Naval Mail from Maddalena

TO:- The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications

1. We have been notified that all the mail posted by Italian naval units at La Maddalena will be 100 % censored at La Maddalena. Thereafter the disposal will be as follows:

For Italy and Sicily

To be sent to Taranto (via Cagliari and Lecce by air) for Base censorship and Allied re-examination, and then released for general distribution and delivery.

For Sardinia

To be sent to Sassari for Base censorship and Allied re-examination, and then released for delivery.

2. Will you please instruct the offices concerned as necessary. The detailed arrangements for dealing with the correspondence at La Maddalena, Sassari and Taranto should be made in consultation with the Allied censorship office at those places.

S.H. HEAD

Major

Copies to:-

Major Colville

Comando Supremo S.I.M. (for information of Ten. Lombardi)

A.C.O. Hqs.
Telecomms. and Postal Sub-Commission

Salerno 29-2-1944

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OGGETTO:-Posta Italiana della R. Marina della Maddalena

A S.M. il Sottosegretario per le Comunicazioni Radiopostelegrafoniche

esp. c. Al Major Xiville
Al Comando Supremo S.I.M. (all'attenzione del Ten. Lombardi)

1. Ci e' stato notificato che tutta la posta inviata a La Maddalena dai comandi e reparti della Marina italiana sara' censurata al 100 % alla Maddalena. Per il dispositivo della circolazione sara' il seguente:

Per l'Italia e la Sicilia
Sara' inviata a Taranto (via Cagliari e Lecce, per aereo) per la censura da parte della Base ed il riesame da parte degli Alleati, e poi sara' restituita per l'indirizzo a destino.

Per la Sardegna
Sara' inviata a Sassari per la censura da parte della Base e per il riesame da parte degli Alleati, e poi sara' restituita per l'indirizzo a destino.

2. Vi prego impartire agli uffici interessati le necessarie istruzioni. Gli accordi particolareggiati circa il trattamento della corrispondenza a La Maddalena, Sassari e Taranto dovrebbero essere presi in considerazione con gli ufficiali alleati di censura nelle rispettive localita'.

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S.H. HEAD
Major

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Civil Censorship Section
APO 550, U. S. Army

11 February 1944

CCS/105-25

Subject: Routing of Italian Naval Mail from La Maddelena.

To : Major John W. Colville, G.S.,
Censorship Liaison Officer,
c/o Allied Control Commission,
Naples, Italy.

1. Mail from Italian Naval personnel stationed at La Maddelena will be 100% censored at that station and given onward transmission as follows:

a. Mail for the Italian Mainland and Sicily will be sent to Taranto for base censorship and Allied re-examination.

b. Mail for Sardinia will be sent to Sassari for base censorship and Allied re-examination.

2. You are requested to have the postal authorities at Sassari instructed to route all such mail through the Sassari censorship station.

Gordon W. McKean
GORDON W. MCKEAN
Major Cavalry
Deputy Civil Censorship Officer,
ITALY

Copies to:
Lt. Carpentini at Taranto.
Lt. Lazzarini at Sassari.

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*Copy of instructions to Comando Supremo S.I.M.
For Attention of TEN. LOMBARDI*

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Subject : Civilian Mail Carriers.

Communications Section A.C.C.

379 TELECOMMS. SEC

Movements
A.F.H.Q.
Adv Adm Echelon
Mov 3/115

17 Feb 44

Passes for Italian postal couriers to travel on military passenger trains will in future be issued in bulk by D.G.M.R. to Communications Section A.C.C. for distribution, on receipt of a list of personnel authorised by Flambo.

PS/6/3
Copy to :
D.G.M.R.
Movements West Italy

Recd 20 Feb 44.

D.W. Hasley

Brigadier C.M.R.

D.Q.M.G. (Movements)

Seen:- Col. G.
Col. P. H.

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Allied Control Commission.

17.2.44

Subject; Irregular despatch of Uncensored correspondence.
To; The Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs.

The following copy of a message received regarding
the irregular despatch of uncensored ^{mail} from the Ministry of
Marine to Spain and Portugal is forwarded for your information

The circumstances appear to call for investigation.
and perhaps you will be good enough to advise me of the result
of the enquiries which you will no doubt cause to be made.

"Gibraltar reports receipt for onward transmission of uncensored
mail to Iberian Peninsular and Italian service personnel in
Spain and Portugal. This despatched from Taranto Ministry of
Marine. Same should not be released without censoring."

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Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Comm

17 FEB 1944

U.S. CONFIDENTIAL Equals British CONFIDENTIAL
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE/SK

SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHING

TO: IBS FOR SEARS FOR MCKEAN RPT ACC

M/C NO: 11/16

REF NO: 52318

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GIBRALTAR REPORTS RECEIPT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION OF UNCENSORED MAIL TO IBERIAN PENINSULA AND ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL IN SPAIN, PORTUGAL. THIS DISPATCHED FROM TARANTO MINISTRY OF MARINE. SAME SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT CENSORING. INVESTIGATE AND REPORT CIRCUMSTANCES BY LETTER.

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Col. P.

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Headquarters
Allied Air Force - Mediterranean
APO 104
(Near Catania)

Priority letter
to: 25/4/43

19th Air Force, USA

Subject: Italian Official Mail.

To: The Mediterranean Air Transport Service,
Gompedone Airport, Italy.

1. Arrangements exist for the carriage of Italian Government official mail on the M.A.T.S. service from Naples to Bari, Palermo, Algiers, etc.
2. It is required to arrange for the collection of this mail on arrival at the Gompedone Airport for forwarding to the new post of the Italian Government at Salerno.
3. It is requested that you be good enough to permit the bearer of this letter to make the necessary local arrangements with your A.I.S. office. The names of the bearers are:

Lieutenant A.S. Antonio Giani (Italian Navy)
Captain Rinaldi (Italian Army)

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J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Group

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JWC/drr

5 February 1944

TO: Chief of Communications Section,
HQ, ACC, APO 394

Reference your memo of 1 Feb. The Censorship Regulations for Italian troops in forward areas were amended by your section to conform with existing postal regulations with concurrence of INC, AFHQ. Meanwhile, the Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito had a number of comments to make which were referred to me through the Comando Supremo. It is obvious that further amendments and clarification are necessary in order that these instructions be made applicable and intelligible to the Italians.

As I am leaving here tomorrow for Palermo and thence to Algiers by 10 Feb., I am taking a proposed Italian version of these instructions to AFHQ for approval. Meanwhile, it is suggested that General Basso's censorship instructions, dated 10 Jan, should prove adequate.

J. W. Colville
J. W. COLVILLE
Major, G.S.

cc: ACC Salerno
Major Driffield-White

By Telegram

Can see the previous correspondence in B.?

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Col. P.

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ROUTINE

FATIMA FROM HENDERSON

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL EARLY ADDRESS TELEGRAMS TO TOWNS IN SICILY CONNECTED
BY TELEPHONE PD TO DISTNO FOR AMG REGION TWO FOR ROAD RPTD ITS FOR AUS
REGION ONE FOR ROAD FROM FATIMA FROM HENDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PD
MESSAGES WILL BE SENT BY TELEGRAPH TO REGGIO WHERE YOU SHOULD ARRANGE
FOR THEM TO BE PASSED BY TELEPHONE TO THEIR DESTINATION PD KINDLY CONFIRM
ARRANGEMENTS MADE PD NEW SUBJECT PD CAPTAIN COLLYER WILL BE SENT SHORTLY
TO REGION TWO TO WORK WITH GARLOCK PENDING TRANSFER OF LATTER FROM THIS
THEATRE WHEN COLLYER WILL REPLACE HIM PD GARLOCK SHOULD ATTEND TELECOMMS
MEETING ACC BEAR HQ ON TWENTY FIRST FEBRUARY

AUTHENTICATED:

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ERNEST J. CHIOCCA
C/O. USA
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

8 February 1944

File: RPO 311.18

Subject: Vatican

To: Mess M. Spofford, A.C.C., APO 394.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received at this office from AFHQ, stating Vatican mail forwarded from this HQ is being returned as the directive issued from your office conflicts with present arrangements.
2. This office is holding all mail addressed to the Vatican pending further orders from your HQ.

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLLETTI:

G. A. Alasia
G. A. ALASIA,
1st Lt., AGD,
Regional Postal Officer.

Encls:

- 1 Copy of Letter, HQS, AFHQ
- 1 Copy of Directive, HQ AMG

1 Copy to Postal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Accur - Col. H. S. 40
Col. P.

*Discussed with Col. Spofford,
who will be issuing further instructions
on receipt of reply to a. v. l. enquiry
which he has sent to AFHQ. File in 11/3.*

Received 12 Feb. 1944.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MCS 311.18

3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Mail.

TO : Commanding Officer, Co. A, 2675th Reg't, Allied
Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Mail sent to this Section under the enclosed shipping tag is being returned for delivery to Civil Censorship Section, INC, APO 550. All such mail should be so routed in the future.

2. The directive, copy attached, issued by Headquarters, Allied Military Government conflicts with present arrangements for dealing with Vatican Mail.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

S/ C. I. TURNER,
T/ C. I. TURNER,
Captain, AGD.

Encls:

1 Shipping Tag

1 Hq., AMG Directive of 22 January 1944.

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See memo to AFHQ
for info
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Recd 2 FEB 1944

22 January 1944

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Ref/AMG/327.

SUBJECT: Communication through Vatican Channels

TO : R.C.A.Os, Regions I and II

1. Under arrangements made by AFHQ, certain types of mail can now be sent from persons living in those portions of Italy occupied by the Allies and in Sicily through channels.

2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:

- (a) Official church mail.
- (b) Private communications.
- (c) Prisoner of War Mail.

Such mail will be delivered by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in each province to the S.C.A.O. of that province. It will be transmitted to the office of the proper R.C.A.O. as and when received.

3. The R.C.A.O. of Region I will send all such mail directly to M.G.S., AFHQ, appropriately marked, as and when it is received by him from the provinces. The R.C.A.O., Region II, will send such mail to these Headquarters as and when it is received by him for retransmittal to M.G.S., AFHQ. Censorship, where applicable, will be the responsibility of AFHQ. Accordingly, no local censorship is required.

4. It is requested that this directive be transmitted to all S.C.A.Os as quickly as possible.

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Chas M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: RFO 311.18

8 January 1944

Col Dunsen

Subject: Vatican Mail.

To : Postal Sub-Commission, A.C.G., A.C.G., APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. In reply to your cable NR 1866, Fatima from Stone, Signed Joyce, regarding the position of postal and telegraph service from Sicily to Vatican, I wish to state that at the present time there is no service available. I.N.C. has received instructions that as this service is considered external it is not permitted. We are holding all mail addressed to the Vatican.

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

G. A. Alasia
G. A. ALASIA,
1st Lt., AGD,
Regional Postal Officer.

Seen by: Capt. Stone
Col. D.

Received 16 Jan 44.

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PLEASE SEND EARLIEST BY AIR PARTICULARS PAREN TO IES FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR
POLETTI AND FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE PAREN OF LATEST POSITION
 REGARDING POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE FROM SICILY TO VATICAN

AUTHENTICATED:

 ROBERT E. DOE
 Major, A.O.D.
 Secretary of the Commission
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- 2 - AG Files
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Capt. Stone

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IBS FOR ROGERS FOR SEARS TO FATIMA FOR JOYCE TO FARGO
FOR SPOFFORD TO FABLE FOR DUNLOP

Monsignor Walter S. Carroll will visit your headquarters shortly to concert
plan for establishing communications between Vatican and Bishops in your areas.
Request you should facilitate his mission. Final approval of plan rests with
this headquarters.

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Message sent to Region I Jan 6
for Coler's information there.

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ROUTINE

FATIMA

FREEDOM FOR INC (CENSORSHIP) RPTD IBS FOR HOOVER
RPTD FLAMBO FOR DICKSON (CENSORSHIP)

ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION CONSIDERED DUE TO LACK OF NORMAL
CIVIL POSTAL FACILITIES PD TO FREEDOM FOR INC PAREN CENSORSHIP PAREN RPTD IBS
RPTD FLAMBO FOR DICKSON PAREN CENSORSHIP FROM FATIMA FROM COLVILLE SIGNED JOYCE
PD DEFINITION OFFICIAL MAIL APPEARS CLEAR AND ABUSES SHOULD CEASE WITH RESUMPTION
CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS AND AS RESULT STRICTEST WARNING ISSUED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS
CONCERNED BY MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS PD ALL OFFICIAL LETTERS TO BE STAMPED AND
SIGNED BY OFFICIAL OFFICE OF ORIGIN PD NEW SUBJECT PD COMPLETE POSTAL REGULATIONS
ALREADY PRINTED AS POSTERS AND AWAITING DISTRIBUTION ALL POST OFFICES WERE
WITHHELD PENDING AUTHORISATION FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE PD PUBLIC CONSEQUENTLY
UNAWARE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING RETURN ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AND INSURED MAIL
PD UNLESS FOREIGN SERVICE IS SHORTLY TO BE RESUMED PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION
OF NEW POSTERS WILL BE NECESSARY TO SUPPLY INFORMATION AT PRESENT RELEVANT

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE 540
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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- 2 - AG
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FATIMA FROM STONE

FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD HQ AMC AGMF

PARA ONE REGULATIONS RECEIVED WITH YOUR LETTER MGS ZERO ZERO ZERO POINT SEVEN
 THREE DASH TWO OF ONE NINE JANUARY MENTION DISSENTMENT OF REGISTERED AND INSURED
 LETTERS ONE PAROLE ONE PRINTED MATTER ETC PD TO FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD HQ AMC
AGMF FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE PD TRANSMISSION OF SUCH
 ITEMS BY ITALIAN CIVIL MAILS PAREN THROUGH WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE TO PASS PAREN
 IS NOT PERMITTED FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CIVILIANS PD ASSUME NO SPECIAL
 CONCESSIONS FOR ITALIAN TROOPS INTERMED ONE AND WE DO NOT FAVOUR SUCH PD PROPOSE
 THEREFORE DELETE ALL MIMICRING REFERENCES FROM REGULATIONS PD DO YOU CONCUR
 QUERY PD PARA TWO DO YOU AGREE THAT POSTAL FACILITIES TO AND FROM ITALIAN TROOPS
 CONCERNED BE LIMITED PAREN AS IS APPARENTLY ITALIANS PRESENT UNDERSTANDING PAREN
 TO POSTCARDS AND LETTERS UP TO FIFTEEN GRAMS WEIGHT ONE BOTH FREE OF POSTAGE PD
 PARA THREE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE THAT REGULATIONS SHOULD SPECIFY ACTUAL FACILITIES
 AVAILABLE.

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
 Major, A.S.D.
 Secretary of Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS

Military Government Section

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WGS: 000.73-2

19 January 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship of Mail from Italian Units in 15 Army Group Area.

TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission.

1. It is the opinion of the responsible authorities at this Headquarters, in which H. 15 Army Group concurs, that the regulations issued by the Italian Command for the control of censorship in the Italian Army are not adequate to safeguard security.

2. You are requested, therefore, to forward the attached Unit Censorship Regulations, prepared by IMC Section at this Headquarters, to the Italian Government, with instructions that they shall be promulgated to all Italian troops, and to all civilians accompanying or serving with the Allied Forces, in 15 Army Group Area. The regulations, of which three copies are forwarded herewith, have been agreed by H. 15 Army Group.

Incl: as above.

Copy to:

HQ AFM, Allied Central Mediterranean Force
 (with one copy of regulations)

H, AMG, CMF
 (with one copy of regulations)

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 IMC

U. S. JACKLING
 Lt. Colonel

* Only one copy received at HQ. This has been amended in accordance with messages # 33 + 34 & handed back to Major Charles, who is dealing with Italian Govt.

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CITE CITE FILING

REC'D : Jan 181618A

TO : PATIMA FOR STONE RPTD TO IES FOR SAIL FOR FINN (CIVIL CENSORSHIP)
TO FILPOT FOR DICKSON (CENSORSHIP) FOR INFO

30 - Appears to conflict ours and 15 Army Group instructions does your
1998 of 16 January para 1. Mail from troops in 15th Army Group area
to be unit censored thence routed through Naples for base censorship.
Provincial commissions do not exist in 15 Army Group area. If Baker
can arrange are agreeable base censorship Naples and Bari as suggested
by you but consider this is matter for decision entirely by 15 Army
Group and Baker. Paras 2 and 3 already agreed to

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Gen MacFarlane)
- 1 - Comm. Section) INFO
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Col. Bissman

Seen by: Capt. Stone
Col. D. ffo
Col. M. ---

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FREEDOM FOR CENSORSHIP AND RPTD IBC FOR HOOVER
RPTD 15 10 FOR DICKSON (CENSORSHIP) FROM COLVILLE

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ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY ITALIAN COMMAND FOR UNIT CENSORSHIP AND MILITARY
 BASE CENSORSHIP AT PROVINCIAL CAPITALS IN FORWARD AREAS PD REAR AREAS PRESENT
 DIFFERENT ASPECT BEING TAKEN ONE PAPER TO SCATTERED UNITS AND GROUPS OF SOLDIERS
 ENGAGED MANUAL LABOUR PAPER TWO PAPER DISTANCE OF CIVIL POSTAL SERVICE WHICH
 SOLDIERS CAN USE BY STAMPING LETTER AND GIVING CIVILIAN ADDRESS PD TO FREEDOM
 FOR CENSORSHIP AND RPTD IBC FOR HOOVER RPTD ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP DICKSON PAPER
 CENSORSHIP PAPER FROM ESTABLISHMENT COLVILLE NAMED JOYCE PD CONSIDER CONDITIONS
 REAR AREAS SUCH THAT NO SECURITY DISTINCTION EXISTS BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND
 CIVILIANS EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIED UNITS WHICH MIGHT MERIT SPECIAL ATTENTION BY
 ARRANGEMENT WITH POSTA MILITARE PD MILITARY MAIL AT PRESENT BEING HELD UP
 THROUGH LACK OF CENSORS IN VIEW PRESENT REQUIREMENT TO CENSOR MILITARY MAIL REAR
 AREAS ONE TWO TWO PER CENT PD YOUR AGREEMENT TO SAME TREATMENT FOR CIVILIAN
 AND MILITARY MAIL REAR AREAS WOULD RELIEVE MAIL CONGESTION AND PERSONNEL PROBLEM
 CONSIDERABLY PD HAVE REQUESTED HIGH COMMAND ISSUE SPECIAL ORDERS EMPHASISING
 NECESSITY OF NOT LINKING LOCATION IN ADDRESSES ^{WITH} POSTA MILITARE NUMBER WHEN
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OUTGOING CABLE TO FREEDOM FROM COLVILLE; CONTINUED

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGS 311.1

30 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Civil Communications

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission ✓
Headquarters, Allied Military Government

Attn: Captain Stone
Lt. Col. Prodgers
Major Head

1. Attached are copies of two directives issued by the British Postal Directorate, AFHQ, relative to communications posted in British APOs for civil addresses in Italy, Sardinia, and Sicily.

2. These directives, which were issued without the concurrence of this Section, are forwarded to your headquarters for such comment you desire to make.

C. J. Turner, Capt.
for
D. S. JACKLING
Lt Colonel

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Encls:

APO/Civil arrangements - Italy 28-12-43

APO/Civil arrangements - Sardinia and Sicily 28-12-43

Copies to:

INC Civil
A G Postal
DDAPS
Hq., AMG, 15th Army Group

Seen: Capt. Stone
Col. D. *Seen*

Received 2 Jan 44

File in 16/3.

Discussed at AFHQ. No action necessary. Improving of more complete information on correspondence from troops to civilians vice versa. *ltd* (3)

COPY

SUBJECT:- Mail - APO/Civil Arrangements -
Italy

To:- List "F"

1. Members of the Allied Forces are forbidden to write to civilians in Italy. Any private mail as distinct from official mail bearing Civil addresses in Italy will be refused by A.P.Os. If any such mail escapes notice and is found in course of sorting, it will be given RLB treatment at the relative Base APO. Such letters will be endorsed "No postal service" and returned to the sender.

2. Special arrangements have been made in order that units of the Italian Forces may communicate by post with their families in Italy.

3. The procedure will be for Italian units to enclose all private mail (however addressed) in a bag to be tied; sealed and labelled "Allied Censorship Control Taranto". In cases where Italian units are being served postally by British Army Post Offices such sealed bags for Taranto may be accepted at British Army Post Offices and sent to or as for Base APO 6 (Bari) through APO channels.

4. DADAPS No. 2 District CMF will arrange for the bags to be transferred unopened to the offices of the Allied Censorship Control at Taranto.

Copy to:- Mil. Govt. Sec., AFHQ
Censorship Branch (INC) AFHQ
Chief Base Censor, CMF
AG(Postal)
ADAPS Flambo
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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
B.N.A.F.
P57/1
Dec 43

(R.E. EVANS)
Colonel,
D.D.A.P.S.

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1 JAN 1945

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
B.N.A.F.

Subject:- Mail - APO/Civil Arrangements - Sardinia
and Sicily. P57/1.

To:- List "F".

28 Dec 43.

1. A restricted civil postal service exists in Sicily and Sardinia. It is limited to surface letter post. The u/m services are not available :-

Letter Packets
Newspapers
Parcel Post
Registration or Insurance
C.O.D.

2. Ordinary surface letters for civil addresses in Sicily and Sardinia may forthwith be accepted at British Army Post Offices throughout the Command.

3. Postage rates will be :-

Not exceeding 2 ozs.	Free
Exceeding 2 ozs, not exceeding 3 ozs.	6d
Each additional oz.	1½d

4. Circulation in the Field will be to, or as for, Base APO in the "Foreign" labelled bundle.

5. At Base APOs in CMF and BNAF, all letters for civil addresses in Sicily and Sardinia will be passed to Base Censor, On release, circulation will be -

(a) Sardinia	-	to Base APO 6.
(b) Sicily	-	to S.563.

6. The civil Offices of Exchange will be Bari Civil - taking mail for Sardinia, and Palermo Civil - taking mail for Sicily. Sealed despatches will be made up at Base APO 6 and S.563 respectively.

7. Amendments to Foreign Circulation list and postage rates will be issued in due course.

Copy to:- Mil. Govt. Sec., AFHQ.
Censorship Branch (INC), AFHQ.
Chief Base Censor, CMF.
1 C. (Postal)

(R.E. EVANS)
Colonel,
D.D.A.P.S., A.F.H.Q.

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Colonel,
D.D.A.P.S., A.F.H.Q.

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Chief Base Censor, CMF.
A.G.(Postal)
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To: McClelland Bureau

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1. Ref. APO/Civil Arrangements - Italy 28-12-43
2. For Taranto and Naples
3. Para 3. should read 'Italian units in forward areas'. It is only Italian military mail from ~~that~~ 15 Army Camp Area which is to be routed to Naples
4. APO/Civil Arrangements - Sardinia, Sicily
 - a. Para 2. ~~for~~ 'throughout the Command' read 'in Sardinia, Sicily'. Correspondence between Allied troops and civilians is permitted only within these areas
 3. ~~These~~ ²⁵³¹ Copies of both these directives have been sent to INC Civil Area and, presumably, ~~as per the~~ any necessary action from the Ambassador's viewpoint

R.C.

LDD/hd

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24 January 1944

In reply refer to:
ACC-PS/16/3-28

Subject: Postal Service for the Italian Mission in Algiers

To: HQ Allied Force Headquarters, Military Government Section

1. Reference is made to ACC message 1894 of 9 January and AFHQ message FHMGB 27019 of 11 January. 18 19

2. Attached is copy of instructions and translation, S/S.3/415 dated 19 January 1944, issued by the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government, to all government departments relative to above subject. 27

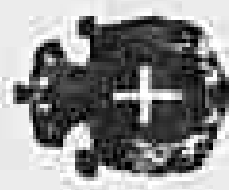
ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice President
Communications Section

2 Incls:
As above

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21 JAN 1944

P.M. 151, 20 gennaio 1944



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

BRINDISI

N. 5/8.3/

Risposta alla lettera

N. PS/16/3 del 13/1

OGGETTO: Posta ufficiale del Governo Italiano.-

In riferimento al foglio sopracitato si trasmettono N. 3 copie delle istruzioni riguardanti la posta ufficiale del Governo Italiano.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.M. 151, 19 gennaio 1944

N. S/8.3/415

Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO: Servizio di
corriere per la
Missione Italiana
in Algeri.

AL MINISTERO DELLA REAL CASA
ALLA SEGRETERIA DEL CAPO DEL GOVERNO-
ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO
A TUTTI I MINISTRI E SOTTOSGEGNATARI
AL COMANDO SUORE
ALL'ISPettorato GENERALE R.E.
ALLO S.M.R.E.
ALLO S.M.R.M.
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A parziale modifica delle norme comunicate al riguardo ed in conseguenza ad analoghe disposizioni ricevute dalle autorità Alleate, si rende noto che tutta la corrispondenza dai vari Ministri e Comandi diretta alla Missione Italiana in Algeri, deve essere messa in tante buste separate, non sigillate e con il seguente indirizzo:

" TO THE CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN MISSION TO AFHQ - ALGERI ".

Tali buste saranno consegnate alla Segreteria della Presidenza del Consiglio, la quale avrà cura di riunirle giornalmente in un unico plico chiuso, che sarà consegnato all'Aiutante Generale della Commissione Alleata di Controllo per il successivo incitro, con il seguente indirizzo:

" POUCH OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION AFHQ ".

Viene segnalato che tale corrispondenza potrà essere sottoposta ad eventuale censura (in alto loco), come già ora praticato per la posta diplomatica italiana.

IL SOTTOSGEGNATARIO DI STATO

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OGGETTO: Servizio di
corriere per la
missione italiana
in Algeri.-

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO
A TUTTI I MINISTRI E SOTTOSEGRETARI
AL COMANDO SU RENO
ALL'ISPEZIONE GENERALE R.E.
ALLO S.M.R.E.
ALLO S.M.R.M.
ALLO S.M.R.A.

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P. C. C.

IL CAPO DELLA SEGRETARIA PARTICOLARE

[Signature]

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
T.to Fano



TRANSLATION

MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATIONS
n. S/8.3/415
Subject: Postal service for
the Italian mission in Algiers.

To

As a partial modification of the procedure already made known to you and subsequent to similar arrangements received by the Allied Authorities, we bear notice that all correspondence of the various ministries or commands sent to the Italian Mission in Algiers must be placed in separate envelopes, unsealed and with the following address:

"To the Chief of the Italian Mission th AFHQ - Algiers"

These envelopes will be consigned to the Secreteriat of the Presidency of the Council which will have them daily enclosed in a single closed bundle, which will be consigned to the Adjutant General of the ACC for forwarding, with the following address:

"Pouch of the Italian Government - to the Military Government
Section AFHQ."

It has been indicated that such correspondence can be subjected to eventual censorship (in alto loco), as is already the practise with the Italian diplomatic post.

Undersecretary of State, Fano
25-7

Seen: Capt. Stone _____
Col. D. _____
Col. M. _____

Received 22 Jan 44.

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SUBJECT: Mail Service to and from Members of
the Italian Forces in Italy.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

TO: Vice President,
Communications Section,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

AMG/313/75.
15. Jan. 44.

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Reference your AG 311.1 TC/6/1 of 9. Jan. 44.

I write to inform you that the matter has been discussed with Lt. Col. RODGERS who is making the necessary arrangements in Naples, in order to implement the procedure outlined in your letter.

1 At Kennell Post

for Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

See

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This is a reply to #24

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17 Jan

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1 copy

10 January 1944

In Reply
Refer to : 311.1SUBJECT : Mail service to and from Members of the Italian Forces in Italy
TO : The Under Secretary of State, Telecommunications and Posts*24*

Herewith, for advance information, is a copy of a communication relating to the above subject. The arrangement outlined, so far as it affects the British APO and Naples, cannot be introduced until 15 Army Group have given their confirmation, but perhaps you will make any preliminary enquiries which may be necessary. It is the intention that mails collected by the civil Post Office at Naples from the Italian APO there would be transferred to Salerno for disposal as with the mail from the British APO.

ELLERY W. STONE,
Captain, U.S.N.R.
Vice-President,
Communications Section

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EWG/MST/IMS

In reply
refer to: AG 311.1
TC/6/1

9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mail service to and from members of the Italian Forces in Italy.

TO : C C A G AG 15 Army Group
(for attention of Col. Graffey-Smith)

1. Attached is copy of a letter 8088/GE HQ 15 AG dated 19 December sent to AFHQ Adv Admin Rep.

2. Representations have been received from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts Italian Government towards effecting delivery of the correspondence concerned, a step which is now rendered practicable by the developing restoration of civil mail services.

3. It is recommended that steps may be taken to have the following relative arrangements introduced:

a. Mails posted by Italian forces through British A.P.O.'s.

British APO Naples to transfer mail to the Allied Forward Censor Control Officer there (who would be instructed to transfer it to the local Civil Post Office). The latter, after withdrawing mail for the Naples city delivery, would forward the remainder to Salerno, for distribution via the internal mail service.

Posted mails concentrated by the Italian APO at their APO's at Bari and Naples, would be collected by the Civil Post Office for distribution after Censorship.

b. Mails posted by civilians addressed to Italian Forces.

Such mails to be collected through the Civil Post Office, and after censoring, transferred to the British APO Naples. The latter to extract correspondence for the Units which they serve and hand over the balance to the Italian APO at Naples for onward transmission.

4. Please advise if the procedure outlined can be applied without difficulty so far as 15 Army Group is concerned.

EMERY W. STONE
Captain U S N R
Vice President Communications Section.

1 Incl - As referred to in para.1.

cc Maj Colville LMC
Capt Dixon - Censorship (G Special Forces) 15 AG
Under Secy of State, Telecom & Posts (for advance info)

See 23
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Subj: Mail from Italian Units in
15 Army Group Area.

HQ 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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8035/AF.

19 Dec 40.

Attn: Adv Admin Section.

1. It is requested that the necessary instructions may be issued so as to comply with a request received from Censorship Branch, AFM, which is shown as follows:-

- (a) All mail from Italians serving under British Officers in 15 Army Group area (i.e. Pack Coys. etc.) to be made up in bags before handing to Allied APO, bags to be closed and clearly labelled to Allied Censor Control Officer, TARANTO. X.
- (b) All mail from units of the Italian army serving in 15 Army Group area to be made up in bags before handing to Allied APO's, bags to be closed and clearly labelled to Allied Censor Control Officer, TARANTO. X.
- (c) All units concerned to obtain necessary bags, fasteners and labels from Allied APO's.

2. Message GR 56, P/1855 from ADAPS PLANTO refers in part.

X. No. 1855

(SGD) E. S. N. READ, Lt-Col. G.S.,
Major-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

Copy to: DGC Censorship Branch,
C.M.F.

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13 January 1944

In reply
refer to: PS/16/3

Subject: Official Italian Government Mail.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts,
Italian Government.

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1. As a result of our letter X/6/1 dated 8 December 1943, subject "Courier Service for Italian Mission in Algiers" which was sent to Italian Liaison Office ACC, outgoing official mail is being forwarded through the Adjutant General Office ACC to the Italian Military Mission at AFHQ.

2. In connection with the above arrangements for the despatch of official mail, we failed to provide you with the necessary details. It is respectfully requested that instructions be issued from your office to all Government Departments of the Italian Government to the effect that all outgoing official mail will be separately bagged, envelopes unsealed, as is now the case with the diplomatic mail, and delivered to the Adjutant General of the Allied Control Commission for onward despatch.

3. The Adjutant General will address the mail to the Military Government Section AFHQ and forward same via APLS. This action will insure that the mail will receive censorship, if any, on a high level, as is now accorded Italian diplomatic mail.

4. Will you please forward three copies of the instructions issued by you to Italian Government Departments to the Commission for our record.

ALLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR

Vice-President
Communications Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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 12 JAN 1944
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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO: 3/12

CLASS: RESTRICTED

REF NO: 27019

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: JAN 111534A

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FMMS
 REFERENCE YOUR 1894 OF 9 JANUARY
 TO: FATIMA FOR JOYCE FOR STONE RPTD
 ISL BASE SEC FOR SEARS FOR HOOVER

REC'D: JAN 120255A

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attached
 You should proceed as in para 3 of letter quoted, provided such action still acceptable to you. Matter discussed with INC here who concur.

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- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Captain Stone - ACTION

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Seen:- Capt. Stone _____
 Col. D. *See*
 Col. M. _____

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Received 12 Jan 44

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PATINA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HQS FOR BALCH RPTD TBS FOR SEARS FOR HOOVER

INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE TO BE GIVEN TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RELATIVE THEIR
OUTGOING MAIL AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH THREE LETTER STONE TO BALKER JANUARY THREE
NOT LEAVE IT TO BALKER FOR HQS FOR BALCH RPTD TBS FOR SEARS FOR HOOVER
PATINA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE
TO HOOVER OF INC WHILE HERE STATED SITUATION REQUIRES CLARIFICATION BY HIM IF NO
ACTION IN MATTER WILL BE TAKEN FROM HERE ENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS
INC

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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Excludes British CONFIDENTIAL

APO 394

3 January 1944

Dear Major

Thank you for your letter of the 29th ultimo. I recognized your good work in the dispatch we duly received straightening out the Sicilian mail situation.

Regarding censorship of Italian official and diplomatic mail. Mr. Gaccia, Vice President of the Political Section, assures me that he sees all outgoing diplomatic correspondence and he forwards it with a covering memorandum to MGS. I do not think that there has been any appreciable amount of other outgoing official mail, but such as there is has been forwarded through our AG office to the addressee -- the Italian Military Mission at A.F.H.C. It has not been censored here.

As a result of your letter, we are having the Under Secretary for Telecommunications and Posts issue orders to all government departments that all outgoing mail will be separately bagged, envelopes unsealed as is now the case with the diplomatic mail, and delivered to our AG for onward dispatch. We will address it to MGS and forward via A.D.L.S. We have pointed out that this will keep it out of the hands of local Italian and junior Allied censors and such censorship as it receives will be on a high level as is now accorded their diplomatic mail.

The Political Section will censor all outgoing official cables under the set-up outlined in AG 311-20 SIG-AGM dated 20 December 1943.

We will send you copies of Dr. Fano's instructions as soon as they are issued.

Tell General Holmes that I am shoving off for Naples tomorrow to confer with Dr. Grady and others on shipping and transport matters. I think the new MEDBO-WSA composition of the Shipping Sub-Commission is sound and I am very much in favor of it. Shall return here by the end of the week. Think we shall move about the 15th.

Regards and Happy New Year to General Holmes and all hands, and many thanks to you for your personal interest and assistance.

Yrs

TO: Major D. G. Walker,
MGS, A.F.H.C.

FROM: Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Communications Section,
Allied Control Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

29 December 1943

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Dear

G-2 and INC at this Headquarters have expressed concern over the routing of Italian Official and diplomatic correspondence. From time to time we receive letters from Italian Legations and other authorities outside Italy for transmission to the Italian Government, and these we have processed by INC before forwarding to your Headquarters for delivery to the Italians. The opinion here is that incoming official mail for the Italian Government is being correctly routed, but there is no certainty that outgoing mail is always subject to the same control.

Would you please be good enough to let me know whether all outgoing official and diplomatic mail from the Italians is being sent via this Headquarters, or, if not, whether you can ensure such action in future?

With the inception of the external mail service to Italy I feel that the procedure should still continue, as presumably the Government will not wish their official mail to be processed by local Italian, or Junior Allied, censors.

I was very glad of the opportunity to meet you in Brindisi, and hope that you will drop me a line if there is anything which can be done to assist you here. Since my return I have sent out a cable which should straighten out the muddle about the Sicilian mail service.

Yours,

TO: Captain E. W. Stone, USN R
Communications Section
Allied Control Commission

FROM: Major D. G. Walker,
MGS, A.F.H.Q.

Recd 25/12/43
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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

Prot. n° 907/301

P.M. 151, 20 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Servizio posta militare
in Italia.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA

B R I N D I S I

In risposta al promemoria riguardante l'organizzazione del servizio Posta Militare in Italia si comunica:

- a) Ogni grande unità (Corpo d'Armata - Divisione) ha in organico un ufficio di Posta Militare. Attualmente funzionano N° 33 uffici. Vi sono inoltre due Concentramenti, uno a Bari e l'altro a Napoli che riprende la sua attività limitata.
- b) La cooperazione con i servizi postali civili è attuata sia per quanto riguarda il ricevimento delle corrispondenze provenienti dai civili, sia per il passaggio delle corrispondenze militari dirette ai civili, sia infine per il servizio di trasporto.
- c) Il trasporto si effettua a mezzo ferrovia per il continente con i servizi di messaggeria sulle linee in funzione; a mezzo aereo tra il continente e la Sardegna, oltre ad un collegamento aereo trisettimanale fra Brindisi e Napoli.
- d) Nessuna comunicazione è stata organizzata per i prigionieri di guerra Italiani all'estero.
Sul problema è stata già da tempo richiamata l'attenzione del Comando Alleato ed è noto che sono in corso fra il Comando Alleato stesso e il Ministero delle Comunicazioni delle trattative per l'attivazione di un tale servizio.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(A. Mariotti)



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SEMI REPEATED FREEDOM

REFERENCE MY LETTER THREE ONE ONE POINT ONE DATED THREE DECEMBER TO SCOTT BAILEY
 AND TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP SMCLN ALSO MY CABLE ONE TWO NINE ONE DATED FIVE DECEMBER
 TO SAME PD IN EVENT YOUR AGREEMENT ONE FIVE ^{ARMY GROUP} SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THEIR CABLE
 EIGHT ONE ZERO SF DATED SIX DECEMBER ALL MAIL TO AND FROM ITALIAN UNITED FORWARD
 AREAS WILL BE ROUTED BY POSTA MILITARE THROUGH BRINDISI FOR ONE ZERO ZERO PERCENT
 ITALIAN CENSORSHIP WITH ALLIED CENSORSHIP SUPERIMPOSED PD AUTHORITY URGENTLY
 REQUESTED SINCE ITALIAN FRONT LINE UNITS ARE STILL WITHOUT FACILITIES PERSONAL
 MAIL AND CONSEQUENTLY NO MORALE REPORTS BEING PREPARED AS REQUESTED BY ONE FIVE
 ARMY GROUP PD TO BEAR FOR ROOPER CIVIL CENSORSHIP REPEATED FREEDOM FOR SCOTT
BAILEY DC CMA COPY TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR DICKSON CENSORSHIP BY COURIER
FROM RATERA FIVE COLVILLE SIGNED JOYCE PD NEW SUBJECT PD INTERNAL MAIL SERVICE
 IN AND BETWEEN FOUR PROVINCES CMA LUCANIA CMA CALABRIA AND SALERNO WILL COMMENCE
 TWENTY DECEMBER PD MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN FOUR PROVINCES AND SARDINIA WILL CONTINUE
 AS AT PRESENT PD TELEPHONE RESTRICTED TO FOUR PROVINCES

AUTHENTICATED:

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ROBERT E. DOE
 Major, A.G.D.
 Secretary of the Commission

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- 1 - Maj Colville

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

LDD/dfe/arr

In reply
refer to: X/6/4

8 December 1943

Subject: Courier Service for Italian Mission in Algiers.

To: Liaison Office, Allied Control Commission.

1. This is in reference to request for permission for an official courier of the "Commando Supremo" to travel once weekly (Thursday preferred) on the Bari - Foggia - Naples - Algiers plane service, in order to convey official mail to the Italian Mission in Algiers.

2. It has been suggested that the AFHQ, ADLS (Air Delivery Letter Service) courier could be used for this mission. This courier travels according to the following daily schedule:

BARI	dep	0700	ALGIERS	dep	0735
Foggia	dep	0805	Naples	dep	1340
Naples	dep	0920	Foggia	dep	1445
ALGIERS	arr	1435	BARI	arr	1530

3. It is requested that you please indicate the reasons, if any, why the services of the AFHQ, ADLS courier will not meet the requirements of the "Commando Supremo" in this matter.

Lt. Col. L. J. Henderson

(for) J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,

Telecommunications and Post Sub-Commission

See also:-

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SECRETH.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP
C.M.F.SUBJECT: Italian Government Mail.8653/4TO : Allied Commission of Control.

Ref your 311.1 of 25 Nov.

1. In reply to your request for authority for an Italian Courier to travel weekly from BARI to ALGIERS via FOGGIA and NAPLES, AFHQ have stated that the request must be originated by the Allied Control Commission.

2. AFHQ further suggest that the AFHQ, ADLS Courier could be used for this mission. This Courier travels according to the following daily schedule:

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NAPLES	dep	0920	FOGGIA	dep	1445
ALGIERS	arr	1435	BARI	arr	1530

3. It is suggested therefore that you put forward this case to AFHQ with reasons why the services of the AFHQ, ADLS Courier do not meet the requirements of the Italian Government if this is the case.

J.M.W. Martin
J.M.W. MARTIN,
Brig.G.S.

2 Dec 43.
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311.1 - Mail

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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In reply
refer to: 311.1

F 25 November 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Government Mail

TO : G.O.C. 15 Army Group

1. Your letter No. 3653/4/EGS dated 21 November 1943, authorizing the daily travel on the plane service NAPLES - BARI - TARANTO - CATANIA - PALERMO - TUNIS of an Italian Government Courier, has been received and the concession is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The Italian Government has further requested the permission for a Courier to travel once weekly only (Thursday preferred) on the BARI - FOGGIA - NAPLES - ALGIERS plane service, in order to convey official mail to the Italian Mission in Algiers, and your authorization for this concession would be much appreciated.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, U.S.A.

Italy - Mail

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8653/4/BGS

21 Nov. 43

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SUBJECT: Italian Government Mail
TO: Allied Commission of Control

In reply to your letter 311.1 of 16th November 43.

There is no objection to a place on the plane being reserved daily for an Italian Courier.

Will you please contact Captain ARMSTRONG of Movements (Air) No. 2 District (ext 132) and make the necessary arrangements direct with him.

Captain ARMSTRONG has already been told that you will be getting in touch with him on this matter.

J. M. Martin
J. M. W. MARTIN,
B.G.S.
For C.G.S.



Copy to: 2 District
(Mov)

24/11/43
Capt. Shue

but you please
inform Italian
and follow them up

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Co Rome arrived 24/11

ITALIAN OFFICE
TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

MEMO TO THE CHIEF OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

The Italian air-line Tunis-Algiers has been cancelled. Therefore, the "Comando Supremo", on account of the necessity to keep in touch with the Italian Mission in Algiers, requests authority for an Italian Officer courier make use of the Allied daily air-line.

The "Comando Supremo" would consider a weekly courier sufficient and begs to be allowed to give 24 hours notice for the necessary authority to be granted the officer courier and for the reservation of his passage on the plane.

Col. *F. Rossi*

23 Nov. 1943

To Capt. Starr in Command
10 Capt. Starr in Command
Howell for the Starr
Starr

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BRINDISI

5th December, 1943.

In reply refer
to: X/6/1

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

Subject: Italian Government Mail.

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1. This is in reference to par. 4 of this office letter, even number dated 26th November, 1943, relative to the despatch of Italian Government Mail destined for BARI - NAPLES - CATANIA and PALERMO.
2. In order that the procedure to be followed may be simplified, arrangements have been made whereby all Italian Government mail - separate bags for each airport on the service, labelled "TO BE COLLECTED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AT", are to be delivered to A.D.L.S. (Air Delivery Letter Service) office at each airport. The A.D.L.S. is responsible that the bags are placed on the proper planes.
3. It is essential that the airport destination to which the bags are consigned must be clearly shown. For your information at present Lieut. VICE (American) is in charge of the A.D.L.S. office at BARI.
4. It is regretted that there has been some delay and inconvenience to you in establishing this service. If you experience any further difficulty please inform this office.

L.D. Densmore
 L. D. DENSMORE
 Colonel, S.C.
 for
 J. L. HENDERSON
 Colonel,
 Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission,
 Allied Control Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JWG/msr

3 December 1943

In reply
refer to: 311.1

SUBJECT : Italian Military Mail.

TO : Lt. Colonel Scott Bailey, INC, AFHQ.

1. One Italian Division has recently moved from Brindisi to Caserta. Another Italian Division from Brindisi is about to move to the same area.
2. Pending the organization of Italian military unit and base censorship for forward areas, the Ministry of Communications suggests that the mail for these two Divisions, now accumulating at Brindisi and Caserta, be handled by the Brindisi Censorship Commission.
3. Authorization would also, however, be necessary for this mail to be carried between Naples and Brindisi by the existing Italian Air Service.
4. May I receive instructions regarding this suggestion as soon as possible?

J. W. COLVILLE
Major, G.S.
Attached Allied Control Commission

cc to Captain Dickson (Censorship)
15 A.G. "G" Special Forces.

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ARMY STAFF OFFICE - POSTAL SECTION.

3 Dec 43. 17A

To: Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Postal Service for Italian Forces *in the combat zone* ~~operating with Allies.~~

The First Motorised Group was transferred from S. Pietro Vernotico (Caserta) to an operational zone.

Another division will reach the fighting area shortly and it is urgently requested that these troops be afforded facilities for writing to their families residing in Puglia and Sardinia.

The mail to and from the troops may be concentrated at Brindisi for censorship, as at this airport the regular schedule plane to Naples calls three times a week.

Maj. Soluble

2507

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE POSTALE

3. dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Servizio postale per militari italiani
in zona di combattimento.

PROMEMORIA per la Missione Alleata di controllo.

Il 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato si è trasferito da S. Pietro Vernotice a Maddaloni (Caserta), in zona operativa.

Tra qualche giorno un'altra divisione raggiungerà la zona di combattimento.

Si rappresenta l'urgente necessità di adottare un provvedimento affinché i militari combattenti possano continuare a corrispondere con le famiglie residenti in Puglia e in Sardegna.

Le corrispondenze da censurare dalle truppe per i civili e dai civili per le truppe possono essere raccolte a Brindisi, ove fa scalo la linea aerea trisettimanale della R.Aeronautica per Napoli.

magg. *F. Franchini*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

BRINDISI

28 November, 1945.

Al Sottosegretario di Stato per le Poste e Telecomunicazioni.

Argomento: Posta Ufficiale del Governo Italiano.

1. Abbiamo il dispiacere di comunicare che, quale risultato di una disposizione recentemente emessa dal Comando in Capo Alleato di Algeri, il permesso già concesso ad un corriere ufficiale del Governo italiano di viaggiare giornalmente sull'aereo Napoli, Bari, Palermo Tunisi, è stato ritirato. Lo scopo della disposizione è quello di risparmiare dei posti sull'aereo e non è quindi specificamente diretta contro l'uso da parte del Governo italiano di detto servizio ma concerne tutti i corrieri, militari o no.

2. Sull'aereo viaggierà un solo corriere il cui dovere sarà quello di prendere a carico e consegnare la posta in ciascun aeroporto.

3. Con lo scopo di permettere a codesto Ministero di prendere accordi per la consegna della corrispondenza ufficiale del Governo, è stato concesso il passaggio per due corrieri sugli aerei in partenza lunedì 29 Novembre da BARI per NAPOLI e per PALERMO; saranno pure presi accordi per il loro ritorno.

4. Codesto Ministero è quindi pregato di dare disposizioni affinché la corrispondenza ufficiale del Governo da consegnarsi in ciascun aeroporto sia messa in sacchi distinti e muniti della seguente scritta "DA CONSEGNARE AL CORRIERE DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO A". I Corrieri TO BE COLLECTED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COURIER AT che viaggeranno il 29 novembre dovranno prendere in ciascun aeroporto i necessari accordi per la regolare presa a carico da parte del Corriere Alleato dei sacchi postali da ciascun ufficio e per la consegna agli stessi uffici dei sacchi di posta in arrivo.

5. Si esprime il dispiacere di questa Commissione per le difficoltà causate dal ritiro del permesso già concesso. Si prega codesto Ministero di render noto a suo tempo a questo Ufficio se le disposizioni prese in conformità a quanto sopra esposto vengono effettuate con soddisfacente regolarità.

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J. L. Henderson

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

DRAFT

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Post.

Subject: Italian Government Mail.

1. As a result of a regulation recently issued by Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, it is regretted that permission for an Italian courier to travel on the daily plane service NAPLES - BARI - PALERMO * TUNIS has been withdrawn. The object of the regulation is to save space in the planes and is not specifically directed against the Italian use of the service, but applies to all couriers, military or otherwise.
2. One courier only will travel on the plane whose duty will be to take charge of and deliver all mail at each airport.
3. In order to enable you to make arrangements for the delivery of Italian Government mail, permission has been granted for the passage on Monday, 29 December of an Italian Courier from BARI to NAPLES and to PALERMO and arrangements will be made for their return.
4. You are therefore requested to place all Italian Government mail in separate bags for each airport on the service, labelled "TO BE COLLECTED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COURIER AT". The Couriers travelling on 29 December should make the necessary arrangements at the airports for the regular collection of the mail bags from the airport offices and for the delivery to these offices of return mail.
5. The difficulties caused by the withdrawal of the permission are regretted; it is requested that you inform this office in due course if the arrangements made in conformity with the above-mentioned method are working with satisfactory regularity.

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J. L. HENDERSON.
Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission.

Brindisi.
28 November, 1943.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BRINISI

26 November, 1943

In reply refer
to 511.1

To: The Under Secretary of State, Telecommunications and Postal
Department.

Subject: Italian Government Mail.

1. Authorization has been given by 15 Army Group for an Italian Government Courier to travel daily on the plane service NAPLES - BARI - TARANTO - CATANIA - PALERMO to convey Italian official mail, starting Monday, 29 November, 1943.

2. The present time-table of the service is as follows: -

NAPLES	0700	PALERMO	1020
BARI	0800	CATANIA	1115
TARANTO	0855	TARANTO	1345
CATANIA	1105	BARI	1440
PALERMO	1240	NAPLES	1550

3. The courier must report to the BARI airport at 0730 hours or 1400 hours, and must carry his identification papers and an authority in the form given in the attached Appendix, which will be signed by this office on presentation.

2503
ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, U.S.N.R.,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

Enclosure:
Appendix - 1

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

A.P.O. 512

The bearer is the Official Courier from the Italian Government
and is authorised to travel daily on the plane service NAPLES -
BARI - TARANTO - CATANIA - PALERMO - TUNIS for the conveyance
of official mail.

(Authority : 15 Army Group letter No. 8653/4/BGS dated 21 Nov 43.)

Received

*Don't forget to return this to the
Post Office*

*Authorized by
The Allied Control Commission
at the Post Office*

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For Action.

DADAPS No. 2 District,
6 Base Army Post Office EARL,
Base Censor (15 Army Group).

AMGOT STRIGUSE - "AUGUST 2013"

DADARS No. 1, District.
400, T. of "Postal" Unit CMT.

56 Sub Area CATANIA.
55 Sub Area "SERICUSE.

2 MINUTO.

2. UNRECD. - Pass copy to Italian Civilian Postal Authority.
REGT 15 Army Group.

105 Sub Area: TE Unit: NAD 83 UTM 18 Q UG

MOVIE (EAT).

MOVEMENTS (SICILY).

"Q" French - pass copy to Field Security.

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15 Army Group (AFHQ Admin. reg).
G (SIB) 15 Army Group.

FLAMBO.

United States

PM 5:00 Area.
Party ends in
DSTO (RMT).

151 Sub Area.

71. São José.

6 base 300 Mica.

Orinidaxton's No.

Q145 (.) Information received that AFHQ have under consideration question of station Military/Civilian Postal arrangement between SICILY and ITALY (.)

Request no further action by you on our 1362 of 31 Oct.

This message to be sent in CIPHER if liable to interception.

Orig. Instruction.
Degree of Priority 2501

Signature.

File No. 1531 Q.

III, H, I...

F. O. R.

14/5/71

Date - Time of Or

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15/11/23

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Capit. 2

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APC 512

MDT/jjf

16 November 1943.

In reply refer
to - 311.1

SUBJECT: Italian Government Mail. ✓

TO: 15 Army Group.

1. A request has been made by the Italian Government for permission for an Italian courier to travel on the daily Air Service CATANIA - TARANTO - BARI - FOGGIA - NAPLES to convey Italian official mail.
2. Would you be good enough to advise this Commission whether it would be possible to reserve a place on the plane for this service, each day if possible.

For the Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier-General, U.S.A.

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Vatican City 7

Civil Communications Censorship
Care 7th Army
Confidential

2 November 1943
G.G.S.
Routine.

Chief Censor, INC, AFHQ.

URGENTLY NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON CIVILIAN MESSAGES BETWEEN SICILY
GERMAN HELD ITALY SENT AUSPICES VATICAN X FOR SCOTT BAILEY FROM
PATTON FROM SIMPSON X CITE CCC -1 SAME FOR OFFICIAL ITALIAN NAVY
MAIL BETWEEN SICILY ALLIED HELD ITALY.

CONFIDENTIAL

TO CG 7TH ARMY

ALL MAIL SICILY REUR 399 OF 2 NOVEMBER (CITE TRIPPLE CHARLIE-1)
MAINLAND ILLEGAL. SIGNED CINC CITE PHINC RPT PHINC TO 7TH
ARMY FOR SIMPSON) CENSORSHIP FAREN REPEATED TO FIFTEEN ARMY
GROUP FOR GEORGE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FOR DICKSON AND TO BE
CONDEMNED.

SIGNED CINC
TIME SIGNED 041928A

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*Final further word from AFHQ. New
arrangement being made. Signed*

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SECRET

RECEIVED IN CODE

MSG NR 8907
MSG CEN NR
TO FARGORECEIVED AT
ISLAND BASE SECTION

SECRET
CLASSIFICATION PRIORITY
TIME OF ORIGIN 111918A
TIME OF RECEIPT 112205A
TIME DECODED 112250A
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DELEGATE IN LONDON THROUGH RESIDENT MINISTER WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS
AGREE IN YOUR AMG SIX THREE OF TEN AUGUST CAN BE EXTENDED (PAREN TO
FARGO AND FILPOT FOR AMG RPT AMG SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHQS RPT
FHQS PAREN) TO COMMUNICATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP OF NAPLES CMA BISHOPS
OF CALABRIA AND BASILICATA AND OTHER BISHOPS IN LIBERATED AREAS
OF ITALY X REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE IF POSSIBLE

*Delegate in London through resident Minister whether
arrangements agree in your AM 63 of 10 Aug can be extended
to communications with Archbishop of Naples, Bishops
of Calabria and Basilicata and other Bishops in
Liberated Areas of Italy
Request your concurrence if possible*

*(Apparently replied to "No objection")
(Inform from Major Jackson AFHQ)*

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SECRET

RECEIVED IN CODE

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AMGOT FILPOT

Aug 081200B

FREEDOM

AMGOT 63

Your 7982 of 5 Aug. From C.C.A.O.

Have arranged with approval Military Governor extend facilities communication Cardinal Archbishop to Archbishops and Bishops in occupied part of island using AMGOT and army delivery channels.

Military Governor agree communication between Vatican and Cardinal Archbishop. Agree postal and telegraphic communication with Vatican through ALGIERS in first instance. Have agreed extend facilities Cardinal Archbishop for touring in island. Prefer NO repeat NO direct radio communication between Cardinal Archbishop and Vatican until after forthcoming amphibious operation but no objection his receiving messages direct.

Postal Service LO

Herewith

11 Nov 43
15 NOV 43

B. S. O. Lums

Forward copy of cable requested.

CSO Comm. Sect
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MOST SECRET

IMPORTANT
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 886
5 AUG 43

FROM; SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS
TO; 15TH ARMY GROUP FOR AMGOT
ORIG NO; 7982

TOO; 15438/05
THI;
TOR; 03358

AGWAR TELEGRAPHS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE THROUGH APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE POPE REQUESTING THAT MEASURES BE INSTITUTED TO PROVIDE SAFE POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE ECCLESTASTICAL GOVERNMENT IN SICILY. THERE ARE 14 BISHOPS AND 5 ARCHBISHOPS IN THE ISLAND. IT IS URGED IN THIS REQUEST THAT THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE BISHOPS BE RESPECTED. WE SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS REQUEST. POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH ALGIERS.

SMC DISTRIBUTION:

AMGOT 3 ACTION
B.G.S. (1) 1

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