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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, U. S. Army

GPC/ccs

19 May 1945.

CCB/150/ 968

SUBJECT: Red Cross and P/W mail from Albania.

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

1. Arrangements have been made to reroute certain International Red Cross and P/W mails between Geneva and the Balkans, and agreement has been reached with SHAFF for the censorship of these mails. The volume of these mails is small.

2. This headquarters has assumed censorship responsibility for those mails exiting Albania, Bulgaria, Roumania, and Yugoslavia. Arrangements have been made to route them through Transadriatic Mail Section at Bari for censorship. At present, transportation facilities are available only for mails exiting Albania.

3. Request that arrangements be made to effect 100 per cent. censorship of these mails. After censorship, the correspondence should be forwarded through existing channels to the Naples IRC Delegation for disposal.

For the A C of S, G-2:

THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt Col, GSC,
G-2 (CC) Sec.

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Raccomandata

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
 -UFFICIO "I"-
 Ispettorato Censura Militare
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Nr. 117206 /4 Cens. di prot.

P.M.3800, 10 Maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Concentramento posta militare 3800.=

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TELECOMUNICAZIONI E POSTE

=Per il Sig. Colon. J. L. HENDERSON=

- 1)-Dal 5 corrente tutta la corrispondenza spedita da civili e militari nei territori ammessi al servizio postale é concentrata dagli uffici postali civili dei capoluoghi di provincia alla P.M.3800 (Roma).
- 2)-La suddetta corrispondenza, prima di essere inoltrata alla P.M.3800, é sottoposta a censura dagli uffici postali dei capoluoghi di provincia presso i locali U.M.C.G. (ove esistono).
 Quella impostata nelle provincie in cui la censura é stata soppressa é avviata alla P.M.3800 senza essere censurata.

Considerato:

- a)-che la corrispondenza da civili e militari che affluisce alla P.M.3800:
 -o é stata gia censurata in partenza nelle provincie di origine (compresa quella di Roma e provincia, già sottoposta a censura dall'ufficio postale di Roma Ferrovia)
 -o proviene da provincie in cui la censura é stata soppressa e quindi non é soggetta a censura;
- b)-che l'U.M.C.G. di Roma verrebbe ad esercitare una supercensura sulla suddetta corrispondenza, già censurata o esente da censura
- c)-che il passaggio attraverso l'U.M.C.G. di Roma ne ritarderebbe l'inoltro.

Vi proponiamo, tenuto ~~anche~~ conto che le operazioni belliche sono cessate:
 -che la corrispondenza da civili e militari che affluisce alla P.M.3800 sia senz'altro inoltrata a destinazione, senza essere sottoposta ad ulteriore censura presso l'U.M.C.G. di Roma.-

IL CAPO SEZIONE
 (Ten.Col. Paolo Ducrest)

[Signature]

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Translation on the back

ITALIAN ARMY STAFF
I.A.I. 4th Section
Inspectorate Military Censorship

Nr.117206/4^ Cens.di prot.

P.M.3800, 10/5/1945

SUBJECT: Italian Base Army P.O.3800 (Concentramento P.M.3800).--

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

att: Colonel J.L. Henderson

- 1)- From May 5 all private mail addressed to Italian Officers and Other ranks by civilians in the areas where postal service is admitted, is transferred from civil Post Offices of the province chiefplaces to P.M.3800 in Rome.
- 2)- All private mail, as above specified, is previously censored by the Post Offices of province chiefplaces in the local U.M.C.G. (where they exist).
The mail posted in the provinces where censorship has been suppressed is transferred to P.M. 3800 without previous examination.

Considering

- a - that all correspondence with Italian troops collected by P.M.3800 is -or previously censored by the local Post Offices in the provinces (included the correspondence from Rome and province, censored by the Post Office of Rome Station)
-or not to be censored as posted in those provinces where censorship has been suppressed.
- b - that the U.M.C.G. of Rome should exercise a further censorship on the above mentioned correspondence, previously examined or not subject ~~to~~ examination;
- c - that the passage through the U.M.C.G. of Rome would delay the onward conveyance;

we propose, as war is over, to put in course for delivery all correspondence addressed to Italian troops by civilians, collected by P.M.3800, without passing a further examination by U.M.C.G. of Rome.

PAOLO DUCROS Lt.Col.
Commanding Officer
4th Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

JHH/epc

17th May, 1945

P.H.73.CS

SUBJECT: Italian Base Army F.O.3800 (Concentramento F.M.3800)

TO: Italian Ministry of War
I.A.I. 4 Section
Att: Lt.Col.F.DUCROS

Reference your 117206/A dated 15th May, 1945

1. There is no objection to the procedure proposed.
2. It is probable that in a few days instructions will be received to cease censorship of the internal mail of the Italian Armed Forces generally, though certain areas may be excepted.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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The following Censorship Stations have been closed on May 1st 1945

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SIENNA
PERUGIA
FOGGIA

Postal
Postal and Telegraph
Postal and Telegraph
Postal

See C.105/76

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Communications Sub-Commission
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P.4.76.CS

4 May 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Italian Civilians
to Allied Addresses.

TO : Civil Censorship group .

Reference P.4.73/CS of 17 April 1945 a copy of an
instruction being issued by the Italian Ministry of Posts
and Telecommunications is connected.

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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

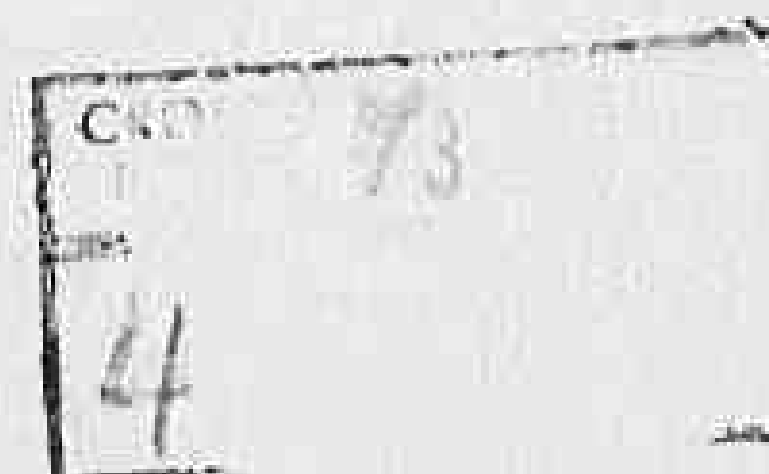
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British Army Postal Directorate A.F.H.Q.
AG Postal AFHQ.



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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Roma 30 APR 1945 114

Sezione IV *Dir. I* *L. I*
Rel. N. 828626/406343=C.R.
Allegati 1

OFF. LE COMMISSIONE ALLEA-
TA = POSTE AND T.C. SUB-
COMMISSION = Via Veneto

Rapporto *f. A.* *P. 4.73.C.S.*
del 17.4.45

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze spedite dai civili agli
Alleati.

CON FIRMA

Con riferimento alla lettera sopra
indicata, si ha il pregio di partecipare che è
in corso di pubblicazione nel Bollettino di que-
st'Amministrazione la circolare di cui si unisce
copia, riguardante le corrispondenze spedite dai
civili agli Alleati.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Date 2 MAR 1945



*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Divisione IV *Sez.* I *Sub.* I
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Dispositivo f. N.

Oggetto: Corrispondenze con indirizzi per Alleati.

CIRCOLARE DA PUBBLICARSI NEL BOLLETTINO

Com'è noto, è proibita la corrispondenza fra civili e truppe alleate trovantisi nell'Italia continentale.

Al riguardo si avverte però che tale norma non si riferisce alla corrispondenza di privati indirizzata a Comandi Alleati. Si avverte inoltre che vi sono disposizioni per le quali militari alleati sono autorizzati a ricevere corrispondenze da propri parenti residenti in Italia e tali corrispondenze vengono indirizzate al Censore della Base.

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Ciò stante, considerato che i dipendenti uffici non sono in grado di giudicare se e quali corrispondenze del genere non debbano avere corso, si dispone che le corrispondenze stesse siano regolarmente inoltrate, lasciando alle Autorità Al_ leste la facoltà di fermare e restituire quelle che contravvengano ai divieti esistenti.

Gli uffici si limiteranno ad informare il pubblico, che ne facesse richieste, circa il divieto di cui sopra.



IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

F.to: MUSUMECI

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Translation

30 April 1945

Subject: Correspondence from Civilians to Allied.

Reference P.4.73/CS, we inform you that the Circular, of which copy is enclosed, in going to be published in the Bollettino of our Administration, concerning the correspondence from civilians to Allies.

The General Director.

Circular which will be published in the Bollettino

As it is known, correspondence between civilians and allied troops on the Italian Mainland is prohibited. ~~any~~ Concerning the matter, we advise that ~~said~~ regulations ~~do~~ not ~~apply~~ refer to ~~correspondence of private~~ correspondence addressed to Allied Commands. We also advise that there are orders ~~by~~ through which allied soldiers are authorized to receive correspondence from their own relatives living in Italy and such correspondence ~~is~~ is addressed to the Base Censor. Therefore, considering that the dependant office are not able to judge if, and which, correspondence should not be forwarded, we have arranged that ~~that~~ these correspondences be regularly circulated, leaving to the Allied authorities the authority to hold and return those ~~which infringe~~ which infringe the existing prohibition. The offices will limit themselves to inform the public, which may make requests, about the above prohibition.

The General Director.

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

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29 March 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. In reply to your Memo P.4.68/CS, 19 March 1945, concerning the disposition of pre-occupation mail, Civil Censorship Group feels that the turning over of this mail to the local post-office after examination is entirely logical for the following reasons.

2. Pre-occupation mail can generally be divided into three main categories: a) mail between areas where postal service is authorized; b) mail between areas where postal service is not authorized; c) mail "condemned" because of Fascist origin or similar reasons.

3. The disposition of the above mail, by categories, is as follows: a)...released to postal channels; b)... to be released by the post-office as soon as service is authorized; c) ... sent to post-office to await final disposition. The reason for sending the first two classes of mail to the post-office is obvious.

4. The principal reasons for sending the "condemned" mail to the local post-office to be held are:

- a. This mail is condemned by Censorship on the basis of security requirements. It has been the practice of Allied Censorships to release such mail when security is no longer a consideration.
- b. It is visualized that, upon the cessation of hostilities, a decision will be reached to turn over to the Italian post-office the disposition of all such mail; at which time deliverable matter will be released, and non-deliverable material will be treated as regular "dead-letters."
- c. In view of the above, the local post-office becomes the logical agency to hold such mail.

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5. Another important factor making inadvisable the storage of this mail at the local Censorship office is the fact that such offices will be closed as the line advances; in which case the mail would then have to be handed over to the local post-office, or else transported to a collecting point, from which it all would someday have to be moved again to local postoffices.

6. The case cited about the disposition of condemned PW mail cannot be applied to civil mails, because PW mail comes definitely under military jurisdiction, it does not contain documents and records which may be eventually needed, and its treatment is not open to the same criticisms that may be levelled at the handling of civil mails.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.4.73/OS

17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Civilians to Allied Addresses.

TO : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. It would appear that there is some misunderstanding on the part of certain Post Office personnel with regard to the action expected of them in connection with the regulation that correspondence from Italian civilians is not permitted when both parties are on the mainland of Italy.

2. In the first place it should be made clear that this regulation refers to private correspondence to individual members of the Allied forces and is not intended to prevent Italian civilians using the civil post to communicate with Allied official addresses. There are also provisions under which certain soldiers are allowed to receive correspondence from near relatives in Italy, such correspondence being addressed to the Base Censor.

3. In any event the civil Post Office staff is not in a position to judge from a military address whether the addressee is or is not on the mainland and any correspondence for Allied military addresses should therefore be forwarded through the approved channels. It is the responsibility of the Allied authorities to stop and return any correspondence which infringes the regulation and the Civil Post Office staff should confine themselves to advising any members of the public who enquire on the subject.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:

Civil Censorship Group.
British Army Postal Directorate.
A.G. Postal, A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

4 April 1945

G-5 337.4-5

SUBJECT : Withdrawal of Allied Commission personnel from Italian
Government territory - correspondence with Italian agencies.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 12 of the Minutes of the meeting on the above matter held 23 March at this Section.
2. WFOUSA Circular 6 of 1945 makes it clear that the general prohibition on U.S. Troops communicating by post with Italian civilians does not extend to official correspondence and confirmation has been obtained that the prohibitions contained in GROs 99/44 as amended by GRO 337/44 are intended only to apply to private correspondence.
3. It can be taken, therefore, that there is no objection to Allied military authorities communicating with Italian civilians by post on official matters.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Col.

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3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Evasion of Censorship

TO : 426th CIC Detachment
APO 794 U.S. Army

1. As per attached letter forwarded to this Office it has been discovered that a private courier is transporting mail from the Rome Province in evasion of Censorship.

2. Forwarded for your information and action.

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Frank A. Urgino
FRANK A. URGINO

1st Lt. P.A.

Allied Censor Control Officer

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1 LTR Amministrazioni
Poste e Telegrafi
16 March 1945

- COPY TO: Major GREEN
Postal Officer

*File P4. Seen by Col Henderson.
Pointed out that there is no order which
prohibits correspondence being transmitted other than
through the post.*

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AMMINISTRAZIONE POSTE E TELEGRAPHI

Ufficio Postelegrafico di Pitigliano

Addì 16 Marzo 1945

RISERVATA

Informo codesta Direzione che da qualche tempo, profittando della Corriera SIAT giornaliera Pitigliano-Roma ha preso enorme sviluppo il trasporto abusivo di corrispondenza postale da parte sia dei fattorini che dei passeggeri; in tal modo eludendo il servizio di censura, sia pure con lo scopo precipuo di realizzare indubbiamente un notevole vantaggio di tempo.

Il sistema fu dapprima usato solo sporadicamente quando ancora la provincia non era ancora allacciata con mezzi normalissimi; mentre oggi è organizzato come un servizio pubblico, tanto che a Roma un portiere di pitiglianese raccoglie la corrispondenza per quindi convogliarla a Pitigliano, ove appena giunta viene in parte recapitata dai singoli passeggeri, mentre l'altra è recapitata a domicilio da una improvvisata portaflettere, la facchina stessa dell'Autopostale SIAT certa NICCI Carolina, la quale si distingue dal portaflettere regolare per il solo fatto che mentre questo è pagato dall'Amministrazione IT, l'altra è solitamente pagata di volta in volta da chi riceve la lettera. Sembra che per tale recapito sia fissata addirittura una tariffa. Per quanto particolarmente riguarda i fattorini si è constatato che essi invadono spesso le lettere invece di farne la consegna, in modo che figurano pazienti da qui, comunque senza subire censura.

Ho segnalato il fatto perché toras evidentemente è discepolo del decoro del nostro servizio, e non ultimo, perché lo stesso pubblico inghiottisce la pillola pagando per la consegna di una lettera cinque, 10 o 15 lire, per successivamente se ne legge.

Aggiungo che rav Agersi alle Autorità locali è perfettamente inutile, se non dannoso; mentre sarebbe salutare che lo stesso Ufficio provinciale dell'A.S.C. disponesse una severa azione repressiva al momento della partenza della Corriera da Roma Castro Pretorio o al suo rientrare per Viterbo.

A meno che non sia possibile l'istituzione di un piego da qui per Roma ferrovia, e in tal caso creando la necessità di cercare un mezzo più rapido dell'attuale avviamento, cesserebbe automaticamente anche l'abus.

Con osservanze.

Firmato BECHERINI

Certified True Copy

Frank A. Ursino
FRANK A. URSINO

1st Lt. F.A.

Allied Censor Control Officer

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Civil Censorship policy in Italy after end of organised resistance in Europe.

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COB/1000 of 20 March 1945 from G-2, A.F.H.Q.

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24 March 1945

MEMO

In reply
refer to: P.4.69/C3

Subject : External Mail Services - Restriction on contents.

To : Civil Censorship Group.

May be interested in the enclosed extract from
the U.K. Post Office Circular of 21 March 1945.

For Director Communications Sub-Commission

*W. H. Green
Major*

I Enc: Extract from P.O. Circular.

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EXTRACT FROM POST OFFICE CIRCULAR OF 21 MARCH 1945

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN MAILS

POSTAL PACKETS FOR FRANCE, BELGIUM AND OTHER COUNTRIES ABROAD.
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Much inconvenience and additional work is being caused to the Censorship Department (1) by the receipt of packets containing matter which can only be sent under Censorship permits but for which Censorship permits have not been obtained; and (2) because inquiries of post offices as to what may be sent, and under what conditions, are being referred to the censorship department (the majority of these inquirers ask whether it is permissible to send foodstuffs, clothing or money).

Counter officers are reminded that a censorship permit is required for the despatch of goods and commodities, photographic prints, most kinds of printed matter, etc., to France and Belgium and to the other countries mentioned in section 6 of the postal censorship supplement (No. 7 of the postal series in the counter compendium) issued with the P.O.C. of 13.9.44. Letter packets which obviously contain articles for which a censorship permit is required should not be accepted over the counter at a post office unless they bear permit address labels printed in red on a white ground on the lines of the specimen shown in section 5 of part 1 of the postal censorship supplement referred to above.

Applicants should not be referred to the Censorship authorities for information which is available by reference to the Post Office Guide, or to notices P 2222 E and P 2222 E (NI) on exhibition at post offices in Great Britain and Northern Ireland respectively or to the counter compendium supplements mentioned in this Notice. General information regarding the restrictions on exports by post is contained in the supplement on that subject issued with P.O.C. 8742 (No. 1 of the postal series in the counter compendium).

Persons who ask whether the goods they wish to send will require an export licence should be referred, NOT TO CENSORSHIP, but to the Controller, Export Licensing Department, 4, Fenchurch Avenue, London, E C 3.

It is prohibited to send foodstuffs (including tea, coffee, chocolate and confectionery of all kinds), whether in tins or not by post, to any destination abroad (including Eire).

The position as regards sending remittances abroad is stated in part B of the Miscellaneous supplement issued with P.O.C. 17343 (No. 9 of the postal series in the counter compendium).

(P.O.C. 21.3.45.)

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MEMO

19 March 1945

In reply
refer to: P.4.68/23

Subject: Disposal of "Condemned" Correspondence.

Extracts from "Civil Censorship Postal Manual".

Page 27 (408) Pre-occupation Mail.
(e) All pre-occupation Fascist internal mail from and to Fascist party members and organization units, as well as from other related organizations will be condemned after examination.

Page 59 (811) Disposition of Letters.
Condemned letters when held at the Station are likely to be misplaced. Where there is a strong possibility that the actual letter will at some later date be required by a user agency for further action said letter will be forwarded to Civil Censorship Group Headquarters.

To : Civil Censorship Group.

1. In view of the fact that considerable accumulations of pre-occupational mail are likely to be found at the large Postal distributing centers in the North it seems desirable to settle the treatment of mail "condemned" by Censorship.

2. It has apparently been the practice in some cases to return such correspondence to the Post Office to be "withheld from course".

3. In my opinion this procedure is unsatisfactory and I think that if censorship condemns correspondence it is a censorship responsibility to dispose of the correspondence or to hold it until it can be handed to the Post Office for normal treatment i.e. delivery to addressee or return to sender.

4. In this connection it is interesting to note the comparable instructions in the case of Prisoner of War censorship:-

"Condemned" letters. Condemned communications that form the subject of comment sheets will be numbered with the number of the corresponding comment sheet and retained permanently on file. All other condemned communications will be destroyed after 90 days without record".

(CCB/1040/651 of 7 March 1945)

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5. Your comments would be appreciated.

For Director Communications Sub-Commission

W. H. Green
major
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Postal Censorship withdrawn Aquila Pescara and Teramo on 31st March
1945. (C 107.70 CS of 19 March)

W.H. GREEN
Major.

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Foreign Mails

Note : Civil Censorship Group is now examining a portion of the external civil mail at present sent to Censorship at Liverpool and New York. This is to afford experience of external censorship work.

W.H. GREEN, Major

19th March 1945

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Censorship of Yugo Slavia P/O and Internee mails.

Note : Censorship of correspondence:

(a) to and from Yugo-slave prisoners of war held in Germany, and

(b) to and from Yugo slave prisoners, civilian and military Internees held in Switzerland

is performed under the direction of A.C.C.O. Transadriatic Mail Section Bari.

W.H. GREEN
Major

19 March 1945

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TRANSLATION

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From: Under Secretary of State P.P. TT.
 To: Allied Commission - Communications 14 March 1945
 Subject: Censorship Service.

As your Commission is aware the service of Censorship in Sardegna, already suppressed in Nuoro Province, is still operated in Cagliari and Sassari Provinces. Considering that, due to the displacing of war operations, not a great amount of troops have remained there; that there are no longer airfields and that sea traffic for the ports of the Island is insignificant, we beg you to examine in agreement with the competent ~~authorities~~ Allied ~~and~~ authorities, if it would be possible to suppress this service also in the two Provinces of Cagliari and Sassari. The constant and kind interest shown by your Commission to improve postal services, lets us hope that this proposal will be taken to heart and that your good offices will be used with the purpose to quicken considerably the circulation of correspondence within the Island and between the same and the Mainland.

Under Secretary of State

Original to Civil Censorship Group.
on 17. 3. 45

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 333

29th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: C.105.59.CB

Subject: Illustrated Postcards

To: Stato Maggiore Generale
Ufficio "I"
Ispettorato Censura Militare

1. Reference is made to Italian Inspectorate of Military Censorship communication 111232/4, dated 26th January, 1945.

2. There is no objection to the use of illustrated postcards, such as the samples attached to your letter in the internal mails. Although the use of illustrated postcards is forbidden in the "avviso" to the public, Civil Censorship Group will advise its stations to pass the material, if otherwise innocuous. However, it is not advisable to remove the restriction from public notices for other reasons of control. The removal of the restriction may lead to flagrant use of many types of cards that would contravene security.

3. Illustrated postcards will not be permitted in the external mails.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: C.C.G. (your file CCG/1020 of 29th Jan. refers).
Postal Officer

Jan 31 1945

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

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12 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Censorship of Mail Addressed to the Holy Father.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.
ATTENTION: Col. J. L. Henderson,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to Liaison Division letter 105/233/L, dated 7 December 1944, Vatican Note No. 85966/SA, dated 4 December 1944 and letter of His Excellency Myron C. Taylor.

2. The designation "Verificato per censura 1008" indicates the letter was censored at Palermo. Civil Censorship Group has no stamp which reads "Examiner 148". The latter may be an Italian unit stamp used by the Stato Maggiore Generale operated stations.

3. Palermo station was transferred to the Stato Maggiore Generale 15 September 1944. Hence, it is assumed the letter in question was opened by a censor under that organization.

4. Civil Censorship Group directives and those of the Stato Maggiore Generale exempt mail to and from His Holiness, the Pope, from censorship.

5. A letter directed to the Stato Maggiore Generale, this date, requests a full report.

for *Adm. J. Perrone*
A. J. PERRONE
Commander, USNR,
Acting Civil Censorship Officer.

Director
D Director
Chief, Tele. Rm.
Chief, Postal
H. Q. Com. O.
Asst. Chief Postal
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ALLIED COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to : P.4.59/CS.

11 December 1944

Subject : Censorship Areas.

To : A.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region (att. Postal Officer)
A.C. Lazio-Umbria

1. Postal Telegraph Censorship in Littoria, Frosinone, Viterbo, Chieti and Rieti, will cease 18 December 1944.
2. Transfer of executive operation of postal and telegraph censorship in AQUILA, PESSARA and TERAMO to Italian censorship will take effect 18 December 1944.

By Command of Commodore Stone.

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

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APO 394, U. S. Army

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9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Areas.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your C.107.52.CS., dated 8 December 1944.
2. Postal and telegraph censorship in Littoria, Frosinone, Viterbo, Chieti and Rieti will cease 18 December 1944.
3. Transfer of executive operation of Postal and telegraph censorship in Aquila, Pescara, and Teramo will take place 18 December 1944.
4. All Allied personnel involved and the Italian Stato Maggiore Generale will be formally notified immediately. Preparation for the moves, with all parties concerned, had been initiated 24 November 1944.

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

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

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CCG/1024-35

7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Receipt of Mails from Abroad.

TO : Colonel J. L. Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-
Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.
Attention: Captain Maddock.

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1. Reference is made to your PS 16/4-56, dated 3 November 1944.

2. Henceforth, the Allied Censor Control Officers of Naples and Rome will make inspections of incoming mails from abroad at the Ferrovia Sorting Office of their respective cities. The inspections will be made when notified by the postal authorities that mail has arrived.

3. If the mail must necessarily be conveyed to the Censorship Office arrangements will be made for a post office employee to undertake the postal routine work in the Censorship Office.

4. The Allied Censor Control Officers of Rome and Naples will be notified of this procedure.

5. The problem of Way Bills has been discussed with Captain Maddock by telephone and a solution is pending.

6. Returned herewith are five (5) Way Bills forwarded to this organization by Captain Maddock for observation.

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Copy to Lt. Ursino - Rome
Copy to Captain Morris - Naples.

R. N. Allman

R. N. ALLMAN
Major, IC
Acting Civil Censorship Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
APO 394
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IS. 16/4-56

3 November 1944

To : Civil Censorship Officer
Censorship Group HQ.

Subject: Receipt of mails from abroad
Examination by Censorship Officer

1. Considerable difficulty is being caused to the Postal Officials at some sorting office through the present arrangements made in connection with the Censorship examination of incoming mail from abroad.

2. Whilst it is recognised that the full normal postal routine cannot be fully carried out by the officers examining the mail, everything should be done to avoid confusion to the Postal Staff when the mails are transferred to the Civil Post Office Staff.

3. In the cases under report, it will be readily recognised that the some Post Office were unaware of "the number of bags" advised in any of the despatches to which the five accompanying "Bills" (feuille d'avis) refer, for in each case these advices were retained by the Censorship Office instead of being sent to the Post Office with the correspondence contained in the relative despatches. The dates of arrival are uncertain as the Bills have not been stamped with a date stamp.

4. In some instances it is stated; that a mail originally received in say 4 bags is transferred to the sorting office in two or three bags. A check of the number of bags received, is essential, as an advice of non-receipts has to be sent to the Originating Office.

5. The Post Office have to prepare records of weight of mail received under the separate headings of "civilians" and "POW" arrivals. Particulars of such weights are usually recorded on the neck label of each mail bag, but the relative labels are rarely again attached to the bags after opening in the Censorship Office.

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6. In the cases of the Bills numbered 1 and 2 (in red) it will be seen that the mails to which these advices refer are due to have been dealt with at Naples and not Rome. Although the headings have been partially deleted, serial numbers "78" and "93" cannot have been yet reached in the New-York - Rome series. Naples in the meantime has without doubt reported the non-receipt of these despatches to New York.

7. To avoid all such irregularities, can it please be arranged for instruction to be given to the officers responsible for opening the mails, to preserve the normal make up of the mail, re-tie the corresponding label to the bag to which it refers, and replace the bill in the bag in which it was received. Under ordinary international postal arrangements the label of the bag containing the Bill is additionally marked with the letter "B", but at present when the mail is received at the Post Office no indication remains to show in which bag the Bill is to be found and an unsuccessful search is often made of all the correspondence. If necessary a Postal Officer from this Sub-Commission would explain the necessary procedure to be followed.

8. If in your opinion these 3 tails of work of a purely postal nature would cause difficulties to the Censorship personnel, will you consider the following possibilities in re-arranging the present routine.

(a) Recognising that incoming mail is only examined to verify that it has been censored and not a complete Censorship of the correspondence, could not the examination be made at the Rome Ferrovia Sorting Office. On arrival of the mail at the Sorting Office, the Censorship Office could be informed by telephone and a Censorship Officer proceed to the Ferrovia Office and complete the necessary examination, whilst the Postal routine matters would be undertaken by the Post Office personnel.

(b) If the mail must necessarily be conveyed to the Censorship Office, could arrangements be made for a Post Office employee, (to be detailed by the Director of the Ferrovia on being informed by telephone from the Censorship Office of the arrival of foreign mail), to undertake the postal routine work in the Censorship Office.

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9. The importance of this work is especially stressed at the present time, as it is possible in the near future for registered correspondence to be included in the mails received from abroad.

C. J. Maddock
Capt

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

Copy to:- A.O., Lazio - Umbria Region (for Postal Officer)

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

16 October 1944.

CCB/1051/503

SUBJECT: Mail of Yugoslav Personnel in Corsica.

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

1. There are 5000 troops in Corsica of Yugoslav origin. These Yugoslavs were formerly German prisoners or escapees from Yugoslavia and have been organized into cooperative Slav Companies. All communications from these troops to their families in Yugoslav or Istrian territory have been dispatched through the Vatican. Mail sent by these units already a year ago and long to their homes, has not been acknowledged as received through any channels.

2. In order to expedite the delivery of this mail, AG Postal has agreed to move the mail between Bari and Corsica by U.S. Army Postal Service as long as an U.S. APO is maintained in Corsica. The U.S. Army postal service will handle such mails only in packages or bags and will not accept individual pieces which might become mixed with U.S. Army mail.

3. Mails from Yugoslavia to Corsica will be made up in packages or bags by SOM, Administrative Echelon, or other organization at Bari before being deposited in U.S. APO 540 which will be the APO used. The packages or bags will be labeled, Hq. NORBS, Yugoslav Mail, APO 386, U.S. Army. Such packages or bags will be forwarded to Hq. NORBS for delivery.

4. Mails from Slav troops in Corsica to Yugoslavia must be made up by Hq. NORBS or other organization and labeled, Postal Officer, APO 540, U.S. Army, Deliver to Hq. SOM. Such packages or bags will be forwarded to APO 540 for delivery to the proper organization. Hq. SOM may not be the proper address but is used as a sample address.

5. The service will not be extended to parcel mail.

6. The above plan is receiving a very favorable reaction at AFHQ. However, it is deemed advisable that plans for censorship be considered in advance of final decision to alter the routing of this mail. G-2 (CI)

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requires that a 100% check be made of this mail as a condition to allowing the plan to be put into effect. This subsection is withholding any consent to the opening of the service until it is ascertained whether the Transatlantic Section can handle it, or if it cannot handle it the earliest date when it can be ready. Your early comments will be appreciated.

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

THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Communications Censorship.

*Original
to C.C.O.*

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PS.16/4.55.

18 October 1944

SUBJECT: Foreign mails - Languages.

TO: - R. C. : Toscana Region (for Postal Officer)
Venezia Region

1. There is now no restriction on the use of any language in civilian mails for abroad. The standard public notices for issue when services re-open should be modified accordingly, the second sentence of the "Modalita'" section being extended to read: "..... stabilite per l'interno, eccetto che non vi e alcuna limitazione circa la lingua in cui le lettere possono venire scritte."

2. The internal mail regulation is unchanged.

By command of Camdore Stone

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: File PS.16/25.225.

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File No. 16/15.

23 September 1944

SUBJECT: - Foreign Mail Consistency Regulations.

TO: - Major Secretary of State for Facts and Figures.

1. Advice has been received today that the use of any language is now permitted in correspondence for abroad. (The existing restriction on internal mails remains unchanged).

2. Will you please instruct all concerned as necessary at the first suitable opportunity (e.g. when the next addition to the public notice is being circulated), that newspaper publicity may be given to the relation forthwith.

✓
S. J. HEND
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Section

Copies to: - Postal Officers, Regions IV, V (for attention)

Major McKean C.O.O. (Re. 300/102-96 of 22 Sept.)

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

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22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Amendment of Postal Censorship Regulations.

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

1. Enclosed find copy of letter dated 18 September 1944, file CCB/1055, from Communications Censorship, G-2, AFHQ relating to use of French language by civilians in Italy.

2. Subsequent phone conversation with Major Boyle of Communications Censorship reveals that they are primarily interested in external mail in relation to this subject.

3. The position of the Group has been that it is considered undesirable to permit languages other than Italian and English in the internal mails, although where encountered, letters written in other languages will be passed. In conformity with this policy the present regulations prohibit the use of languages other than Italian and English.

4. With respect to external mails, it has always been considered impractical to limit the languages used. This point is not specifically covered in the existing regulations and therefore the following additional regulation is recommended:

In EXTERNAL mail the use of any language is permitted.

5. If the foregoing is approved, it is requested that it be incorporated in the postal notices that are published by the Regional Commissioners. In addition, it is suggested that appropriate publicity be given through the medium of the daily newspapers.

Gordon W. McKean
GORDON W. McKEAN,
Major, Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

Copy to file: CCG 18.

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

CCB/1055

18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Languages Which May Be Used by Civilians in Italy for Correspondence.

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

1. The question of allowing the French language to be used by civilians in Italy in writing letters has been raised through the Office of the British Resident Minister.

2. It is known that instructions to A.C.C.O.'s state that letters in foreign languages will not be returned to sender but the following suggestion is put forward for your consideration.

A notice in the press to the effect that there is no restriction on the use of the French language for external mail.

3. It would be appreciated if you would let us know if this is agreeable as we wish to inform the British Resident Minister's Officer.

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

THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Communications Subcorps.

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31 August 1944.

AG 311.7/065 CBI-O

SUBJECT: Censorship of Communications, Italian Prisoners of War Held by Germany.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, subject, "Censorship of Communications, Enemy Prisoners of War", file AG 321.9/394 INC-M, dated 29 April 1943, which is amended and supplemented by the instructions herein.

2. a. Paragraph 4, above cited letter, is changed by substituting therefor the following:

"The personnel of this section will be assigned to the Peninsular Base Section for Prisoner of War Censorship duties. The address of the section will be Prisoner of War Censorship Section, APO 512, United States Army."

b. Paragraph 6, above cited letter, is amended in accordance with provisions of preceding subparagraph.

3. Mail to and from German held Italian prisoners of War and their families in Italy will be examined by the Prisoner of War Censorship Section, APO 512.

4. Pursuant to the above, the Prisoner of War Censorship Section is authorized to organize a separate section employing not in excess of 150 Italian civilians for the examination work under the direct supervision of officers of the section.

5. Civilian employees will be hired in accordance with established procedures of the Allied Control Commission and G-2 (CI), AFHQ.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Christie
R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGHQ
Acting Adjutant General.

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To: Provincial Direction of Salerno and for information
ACC. Communications.

Following on our Circular N° 153 and 154 dated 14th June 1944, it is notified that, by arrangements of A3C3C2, on and from Oct. 1st, internal civil censorship will be suspended for correspondence of your Province.

Therefore, the arrangements issued by the above Circular will be extended to your territory. The Censorship Office at Salerno will be closed following on the arrangements which will be issued by the Allied Censorship Group Hqs.

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15 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Transmission of stamps by philatelists.

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

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There has reached this office, "for information", a copy of a representation submitted to you by a number of philatelic dealers in Palermo. To assist in your handling of the matter, it is desired to confirm that the transmission by post of postage stamps, by philatelists, is at present prohibited under Allied Censorship regulations.

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G. H. HEAD
Lt.Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

TRADIZIONE-

Abbiamo ricevuto, per conoscenza, copia di una domanda indirizzata da alcuni Filatelici di Palermo. Perche' vi serve di norma nel trattare la questione, ci sembra opportuno confermarvi che la trasmissione per posta di francobolli da parte di filatelici e' attualmente proibita dai regolamenti Alleati di censura.

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

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13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps by Post.

TO : Lt. Colonel S. H. Head,
Chief Postal Officer,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference is made to your PS.16/4.43, dated 11 September 1944.

2. Under "Special Instructions #7", dated 10 March 1944, drawn by Civil Censorship Group and disseminated to all Allied Censor Control Officers, the transmission of stamps by philatelists is prohibited.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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4 September 1944

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SUBJECT: Censorship in Rome of Iberian and Swiss Mail.

TO : Brigadier, B.G.S.(I), Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. In compliance with request contained in your letter of 1 September 1944, file AAI/1146/G/1(c), above subject, the following information is submitted:

Approximate Volume of Mail: It is estimated that outgoing volume will approximate 1,000 letters per week. No figures are available on incoming mail but the figure of 1,000 letters per week is being used for the basis of our plans. It is anticipated that the volume of both outgoing and incoming mail will rapidly increase as additional areas are opened to postal facilities. The increase will continue at a greater ratio, the further north we go, due to the greater consensual and social intercourse of Italian and Swiss nationals in the northern provinces.

Location of Mail: The unit is known as the S.P.S. Unit and is located in the Rome postal censorship station. It will occupy separate rooms, to which entry will be barred to all but members of the staff. The unit will be under the direct command of the Allied Censor Control Officer, Rome.

Censorship Personnel: The staff will consist of the following:

Chief Censor	: M/Sgt Mario Wax	
Deputy Asst Censor:	T/4 Joseph L. Pardo	5037
Deputy Asst Censor:	T/5 Henry J. Amate	
Examiners	: 6 Italian nationals.	

The Chief Censor is an accomplished linguist in Italian, French, with limited knowledge of German and Spanish and has had considerable experience in censorship matters, as well as possessing a comprehensive background in foreign banking and financial matters. T/4 Pardo, prior to his induction into the Army, was employed in the office of the District Postal Censor, New York, as a foreign language examiner. His language qualifications are Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. T/5 Amate is fluent in Spanish and a limited comprehension in Italian. Both, T/4 Pardo and T/5 Amate, have been engaged in the S.P.S. work since its inception in January of this year. Authority for the employment of Italian nationals in the

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ensorship of this type mail was received from Communications Censorship and G-2, AFHQ, such personnel to be employed by Allied Control Commission and to be paid from Allied funds. Because of the anticipated volume, it is not considered practical to use U. S. or British military personnel for the actual reading of this mail.

Vetting of Examiners: All Italian nationals used in this section have been vetted by F.S.S. It is understood that this vetting consists of a name check against Fascist lists, criminal records and security suspect lists. No individual character investigation is made. Where practical, Civil Censorship Group maintains telephone surveillance of such examiners.

Censorship Treatment: Mail is delivered by the post office to the Rome station, where it is sent directly to S.P.S. Unit and checked against the Watch List by U. S. Army personnel. The Watch List comprises the Red and White Italian Lists and special lists provided by Imperial Censorship and U. S. Office of Censorship. Following this, the mail is broken down as to languages and names and handed to the D.A.C.s who distribute it to appropriate examiners who will read letters broken down alphabetically. Hence, the same examiner will read letters addressed to surnames A to C etc. In this manner the addressees will be well known to a specific reader. Upon completion of examination the mail is returned to the D.A.C.s unsealed. A card index will be maintained for all letters, incoming and outgoing. The Italian nationals of the S.P.S. Unit work the early shift, from 0800 to 1400. Upon their departure, the Chief Censor and the two D.A.C.s effect a re-examination of a percentage of the mail. Upon the completion of this re-examination, the mail is then sent to the Laboratory Unit at Civil Censorship Group Headquarters and given a 100% chemical testing. Following this, the envelopes are sealed, and the mail bagged and sealed and dispatched directly from Civil Censorship Group Headquarters. The personnel utilized at the laboratory is entirely U. S. military personnel. The Italian examiners at the S.P.S. Unit are distributed between two tables with a D.A.C. at each table so that their work is constantly under the closest scrutiny. When not actually engaged in answering questions or editing comment sheets the D.A.C. participates in the examination of mail himself.

2. The principal source of danger in the handling of this type mail, is the possibility of some censorship employee surreptitiously slipping a letter into the outgoing mails. The safeguards taken against this are:

- (a) Close supervision of examiners while the mail is being read.
- (b) Segregation of the unit from rest of Rome station.

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- (c) Re-examination of a percentage of mail.
- (d) Sealing of envelopes and dispatching from Civil Censorship Group Headquarters, rather than from home station.

3. Outgoing mail on completion of censorship will be turned over to the British or American A.P.O. for onward dispatch. The exact routing that the mail will take is not known at the present, but as soon as this is ascertained, a separate report will be submitted.

4. The entire question of S.P.S. mail has been the subject of close study and discussion between Civil Censorship Group and Communications Censorship Branch, on the premise that since it was external mail it fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of AFHQ. Your query apparently treats the matter as an entirely new subject. It is requested that this headquarters be instructed as to the proper command channel through which these matters should proceed.

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

Copy to: G-2 (Communications Censorship), AFHQ.

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Subject: Censorship in ROME of IBERIAN and SWISS Mails.

Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ A.C.C. APO 394.

AAI/1146/G/I(c)

Ref AAI/1146/G/I(c) dated 1 Sep 44.

1. It is requested that a short report concerning the methods proposed for censoring the a/m mails be submitted to this HQ for comment before the date specified, 15 Sep 44.
2. It would be of particular interest to know what nationals will be used as examiners of this mail, particularly to and from Switzerland.
3. Approximate figures as to expected volume of these mails would be of interest, as would a general idea regarding the routing.

C.M.F.

1 Sep 44.

/s/ R. H. Dickson,
Major, G.S.
For
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(1),
A.A.I.

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William M. Brunner
WILLIAM M. BRUNNER,
Captain, C.C.

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PS.16/4.43.

11 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Postage stamps by post.

TO: - Major McKean, Chief Censorship Officer.

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1. Arising from a representation submitted by Italian philatelists in Palermo, will you please say whether, and if so under what definition, the transmission of postage stamps by internal civil mails is precluded. (For foreign mails they presumably come under the heading of "Financial documents").

2. It is stated that three years or so ago the Fascist Government imposed a veto on both internal and external transmission, and it is against this - and not against Allied regulations - that the interested parties are appealing.

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S. H. HEAD
Lt.Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communication Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

To : Ministry of Communications
and for information
To : A.C.C. - Communications S.C.

The under signed stamp dealers, living in Palermo, make application to your Ministry to suspend, in the whole of Liberated Italy the arrangement, issued by the Fascist Government 3 years ago forbidding to include in registered and insured letters, internal and foreign, postage stamps for philatelists.

It is understood that in the liberated areas there are no more reasons for such an arrangement, and, by the way, we have been unactive after three years; this has made our present financial position impossible.

Stamp commerce was and is our only system to gain honestly our life.

We are certain that your Ministry, in cooperation with the A.C.C. to which the present is addressed for information, will take interest in the above matter.

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RACCOMANDATA

Comunicazioni 2/c
 Palermo, 22 Agosto 1944
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AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI - Direzione Generale PP.TT.
 Servizio IV° - Sezione I° - Divisione I°

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e, per conoscenza:

Alla Spett. Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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I sottoscritti commercianti di francobolli per collezione dimoranti nel Comune di Palermo a mezzo della presente istanza chiedono a Codesto Spett. Ministero che venga abrogata, in tutta la zona dell'Italia liberata, la disposizione emanata dal nefasto governo fascista, tre anni or sono, circa il divieto di spedire per corrispondenza (lettere raccomandate o assicurate) in Italia e all'estero francobolli per collezione.--

Ciò perché si ritiene che nella zona liberata non sussistano più le ragioni che avranno suggerito un simile provvedimento e perché é da tre anni che gli esponenti non svolgono nessuna attività in merito il che non ha fatto che aggravare la loro precaria situazione finanziaria che al momento é insostenibile, dato che detto commercio rappresentava e rappresenta la unica loro risorsa per guadagnare onestamente la vita !

Certi che Codesto Gn. Ministero, con l'autorevole appoggio della Spett. Commissione Alleata di Controllo, alla quale la presente é inviata per conoscenza, vorrà prendere in benevole considerazione quanto sopra esposto, sentitamente ringraziamo e qui sotto ci firmiamo.--

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Loannis Kumbax

Per la Ditta L. Gollo
Isidoro Lito

Di Lorenzo Wilkes

Raccomandata

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Per la Ditta L. Gollo

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27 August 1944

PS.16/4.42.

SUBJECT:- Naples Stamping Machine.

TO: - Postal Officer, Region III

1. Lt. Morris, A.C.C.O., will be contacting you re. para. 4 of your P 14/? dated August 18th.
2. The Censorship Branch here favour the suggestion, but I have advised them that if they wish to adopt it, it will be expected that they arrange the provision of a stamp die.
3. The Italian Post Office has been asked to provide the working parts needed.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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PS.16/4.42.

27 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Naples Stamping Machine.

TO: - Postal Officer, Region III

1. Lt. Morris, A.C.C.O., will be contacting you re. para. 4 of your P M/? dated August 18th.

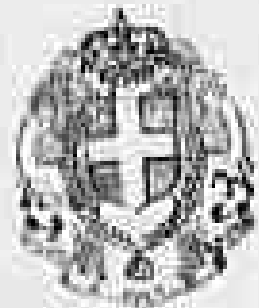
2. The Censorship Branch here favour the suggestion, but I have advised them that if they wish to adopt it, it will be expected that they arrange the provision of a stamp die.

3. The Italian Post Office has been asked to provide the working part needed.

S. H. HEAD
Lt Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Roma 18 AGO 1944

Mod. 167

A.C.C. Post and
Telecommunications
Sub Commission
R O M A

Inviato IV G. 1 L. 1
Post. N. 820667/CR
Allegati

Risposta al PS/16.4.38
del 10/3

Oggetto: Indicazione, sulle corrispondenze, del
mittente e del suo domicilio

In risposta alla lettera sopradistin-
ta, si assicura che, in adesione al desiderio ma-
nifestato da codesta SottoCommissione, sarà di-
ramato apposito comunicato alla stampa, col qua-
le si rammenta al pubblico che su qualsiasi og-
getto di corrispondenza deve essere apposta la
indicazione del mittente e del suo domicilio.

~~Si restituiscono gli allegati.~~

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Signature] 5379 F. 4

[Handwritten note:]
Reference the above letter we can from that a
notice will be issued to the Press reminding
the public that the name & address of the
sender must be marked on each item.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
1 TO 394
Tel. No. 43 9081 Ex. 444

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19 August 1944

ES.16/4.40.

SUBJECT: Censorship arrangements.

TO: Postal Officer, Region III
Postal Officer, Region IV
Postal Officer, Region V
Postal Officer, Region VIII

1. In the Censorship station allocation as notified in this office letter ES.16/4.35, of July 20th, "Termi" in col. 1 should now be amended to "Nietti".

S. H. WOOD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: Major McKean, Chief Censorship of files.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A PO 37h
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RS.16/4.40.

19 August 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship arrangements.

TO: Postal Officer, Region XII
Postal Officer, Region IV
Postal Officer, Region V
Postal Officer, Region VIII

1. In the Censorship station allocation as notified in this office letter RS.16/4.35. of July 20th, "Dami" in col. 1 should now be amended to "Rioti".

S. H. M. D
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: Major McKern, Chief Censorship of Rome.

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ES.16/4.39.

10 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Sender's addresses on correspondence.

TO:- Comando Supremo - S.I.M. - Ispettorato Ufficio Censura
Militare.

1. The course proposed in your letter No. 60668/0 of 2 August 1944 is concurred in, and the necessary steps are being taken.

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

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

Comms. 6449

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N° 60668/O-Cens.di prot.

P.M.135, li 2 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza ordinaria priva di cognome, nome ed indirizzo del mittente.-

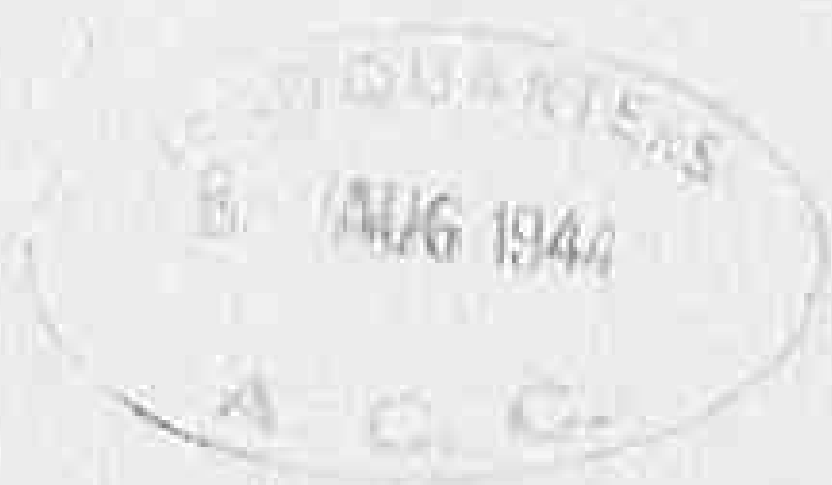
SUB: ordinary correspondence looking return address

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste - APC 394

Pro-memoria di servizio per il Sig.Col.J.L. HENDERSON
(riferimento nostro 60598/O-Cens. del 29 luglio)

SEGRETO - SECRET

1. Seguito colloquio avuto dal T.Colonnello COLETTI di questa Sezione con il sig.Capitano DI BELLA circa i provvedimenti da adottare nei confronti della corrispondenza ordinaria priva del cognome, nome ed indirizzo dei mittenti, sottoponiamo al Vostro parere la comunicazione che questo Ispettorato riterrebbe utile fare inserire nella stampa quotidiana delle varie provincie.
2. Qualora Voi foste d'accordo, Vi preghiamo volerci far conoscere se codesta Commissione disporrà direttamente per l'inserzione nella stampa o se dovrà provvedervi questo Ispettorato. In questo caso Vi chiederemo la procedura da seguire.==



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

[Signature]

allegato 1

(da fare inserire nella stampa più diffusa delle provincie liberate)

MODALITA' DA SEGUIRE PER LA CORRISPONDENZA CIVILE

- Si rammenta al pubblico che ogni tipo di corrispondenza privata, dovrà portare sulla busta, chiaramente scritto (margine superiore del triangolo gommato per la chiusura) il cognome, nome ed indirizzo del mittente.
- La corrispondenza inoltrata non in conformità di quanto sopra, verrà ritardata nell'inoltro al destinatario. =

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TRANSLATION

From : Comando Supremo - Censorship Section
To : A.C.C. - Communications S.C.

Ref. our letter N° 60598/0 Cens dated July 29th

1. Following on conversation between Lt.Col. Coletti, of this Section, and Capt. Di Bella, on measures to be taken for ordinary correspondence not bearing the full name and address of the sender, a communication is submitted, which this Section consider useful to be sent to the daily press in the various provinces.
2. If you agree, please be good enough to tell us if you will deal with the issue of the notice through the press, or if this Section must deal with it. In this case we will ask you which is the ~~system~~ routine to be followed.

Lt.Col. Ducros

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(to be inserted in the most diffuse newspapers in liberated provinces)

Rules to be followed with civil correspondence.

- It is reminded that all private correspondence must bear on the envelope, clearly written (on the superior part of the ~~envelope~~ section) the full name and address of the sender.
- Correspondence posted not conforming with the above will be desied.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 - Ext. 444

10 August 1944

PS. 16/4.38

Subject: - Postal Regulations.

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

1. Please see the accompanying copies of a letter from Col. Ducros and of our reply. Perhaps you will be good enough to arrange for the widest possible newspaper publicity to be given to the matter. On the understanding that this can be done through a central news agency, it is desired that those provinces in Allied Government territory which are concerned be included.

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

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24 July 1944

PS.16/4.37.

SUBJECT:- Pre-occupation mails.

TO:- Postal Officers, Regions VI, V, VIII, IX

1. In order that all concerned may know how the position stands in relation to the release of pre-occupation mail, it has been arranged with the Censorship Branch that each Provincial Director will be informed by a Censorship Officer when the final examination of such correspondence at the Capoluogo has been made. Also, the Postal Branch is to be similarly advised as the examination for each complete province are concluded. This information will be passed on to Postal Officers.

2. Apart from any POW items, released mail should not, of course, be put into circulation until the civil mail service is resumed.

S. H. BRAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer

Copies to:- Major McKean
Reserve File

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel No. 489801 - Ext 444.

20th July 1944.

In reply refer
to: PS/16/4/35.

Subject: Censorship Arrangements.

To: Postal Officer, Region IV.
Postal Officer, Region V.
Postal Officer, Region VIII.

1. It has now been notified that censorship arrangements for forward areas will not provide for a Censorship station in each Province. The allocation of such stations will be as follows:-

Censorship station	Controlling Provinces of:-
Rome Terni Perugia	Rome, Frosinone, Littoria, Viterbo. Terni, Rieti. Perugia.
Chieti Aquila Ascoli Ancona	Chieti, Pescara, Teramo. Aquila. Ascoli, Macerata. Ancona, Pesaro.
Siena Grosseto Livorno Firenze Massa-Carrara	Siena, Arezzo. Grosseto. Livorno, Pisa, Lucca. Firenze, Fistoia. Massa-Carrara, La Spezia (Reg. 10.)

Region IV

Region V

Region VIII

2. Broadly speaking, the NON-Censorship capitals will have to send their correspondence to the most convenient Censorship station(s) operating, according to transportation connections, and destination. But, in order to reduce, as far as possible, the amount of correspondence so diverted from its natural distribution channels, the Censorship Branch have agreed to place, at the subordinate province capitals, personnel who will select a percentage of the province postings to go forward for censorship. These, as indicated, may be circulated between two or more censorship stations, if advantageous and practicable. The balance can go forward independent of censorship considerations.

3. Under the conditions now being met, no little ingenuity will be called for in setting up the mail circulation system, which will inevitably vary for a time as facilities develop. The fullest use should be made of the Italian inspection personnel on this work. The geographical layouts of the province capitals in Regions IV, V, and VIII rather lend themselves to the eventual provision of "up and down" or "circular" trunk road services in each Region, serving most of the capitals, and it is suggested that intercommunications on such lines rather than on a radial basis be developed. A short link would then be required between the services in contiguous Regions. Such restricted rail services as may become available would of course be in those areas in which certain Provinces are small and/or under advantageous to have one

Postal Officer, Region V.
Postal Officer, Region VIII.

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Region V Chieti Aquila Ascoli Ancona	Chieti, Pescara, Teramo. Aquila. Ascoli, Macerata. Ancona, Pesaro.
Region VIII Siena Grosseto Livorno Firenze Massa-Carrara	Siena, Arezzo. Grosseto. Livorno, Pisa, Lucca. Firenze, Pistoia. Massa-Carrara, La Spezia (Reg.10.)

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4. In order to assist in co-ordinating inter-Regional services, Postal Officers concerned are asked to furnish their general observations as soon as they have been able to weigh up the situation. They should throughout, maintain direct contact with one another in arranging services of common interest.

S.H. HEAD,
Lt. Colonel.
Chief Postal Officer.

Copy to: Major McKean, C.C.O.

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PROVINCIAL CHART

<u>ROME</u> ✓✓	RIETI ✓✓	<u>TERNI</u> ✓✓	<u>CHIETI</u> ✓✓	<u>AQUILA</u> ✓✓
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Littoria ✓			Teramo ✓	
Viterbo ✓				
<u> Grosseto</u> ✓✓	<u>ASCOLI</u> ✓✓	<u>ANCONA</u> ✓✓	<u>LIVORNO</u> ✓✓	<u>FIRENZE</u> ✓✓
	Macerata ✓	Pesaro ✓✓	Pisa ✓	Pistoia ✓
			Lucca ✓	
<u>BOLCNA</u>	<u>FERRARA</u>	<u>PIACENZA</u>	<u>FORLI</u>	<u>REGGIO (Emilia)</u>
			Ravenna	Parma
			Rimini	Modena
<u>VERONA</u>	<u>COMO</u>	<u>MILANO</u>	<u>PAVIA</u>	<u>GENOVA</u>
Brescia	Bergamo			Alessandria
Crema	Sondrio			Savona
Mantova	Varese			

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LIST OF ACCO'S AND ADDRESSES

1. 1st Lt. Benjamin Reseto
c/o Hq. 310 Service Group
Cagliari, Sardinia
2. 1st Lt. Alfred Otranto
Hq. Island Base Section
3. 1st Lt. Joseph P. Garrotto
c/o Allied Control Commission
Via Margherita 40, Palazzo Carduccio
Taranto, Italy
4. 1st Lt. Richard Garzarelli
1st Lt. Henri Ayres
c/o Allied Control Commission
Bari, Italy
5. 1st Lt. Frank Bonasera
c/o Allied Control Commission
Benevento, Italy
6. 1st Lt. Louis D. Leah
No. 34 Post Office Bldg.
Naples, Italy
7. 1st Lt. Peter Carpentieri
c/o A.M.G. Foggia Province
Lucera Nr. Foggia
8. 2d Lt. G.S. Petrucci
A.M.G. Provincial Hq.
Campobasso, Italy
9. 1st Lt. Alfred Iazzarini
2d Lt. Frank Ursino
Lt. Boulton
Via Cola di Rienzi 29
Rome, Italy (Telephone 377665)

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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13 July 1944

CCG/15301-9

SUBJECT: Censorship of Mail of Italian Prisoners of War in German Hands.

TO : A. C. of S., G-5, AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Reference your letter 6 July 1944, CMS/TBJ/mit, above subject.

2. It is agreed that the only possible method of censoring the present volume of mail from and to Italian Prisoners of War in German hands, is through the use of properly vetted Italian personnel. The Commission is prepared to accept responsibility for this censorship upon being furnished the supervisory Allied personnel as set forth in your letter.

3. The point that was raised in our previous letter and reiterated here, is that the Prisoner of War censorship detachment in Algiers has specialized in this type of censorship for some while and presumably is better qualified to supervise and control this operation directly. Since it is proposed to draw the supervisory Allied personnel from the detachment, no economy of manpower is achieved under the proposed plan. Further, it is our understanding that the Prisoner of War censorship detachment may possibly move to Naples, in which case, direct supervision would be possible and some economy of manpower achieved. 2.67

4. In event that it is decided to have Civil Censorship Group, Italy operate the unit, authorization is requested to send Major McKean to Algiers to discuss with Major Melton current developments in Prisoner of War censorship and to interview the officers who are proposed for the supervisory jobs.

5. In the estimate of staff required, the readers are listed as Italian NCOs. It is not considered possible to use this type personnel for reading mail. The ultimate decision as to whether to use Italian officers or civilians will depend on the availability of the former. It is not considered desirable to limit the type of personnel which may be used.

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

Copy to file 15305

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

Ref/150/43/CA.

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship Personnel.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII & VIII.
R.C. Rome Region.

1. It is thought that Regional Commissioners might not be quite clear as to the status of the Civil Censorship personnel stationed in their Regions.
2. These officers and men are not assigned to any Region but are centrally controlled by the Civil Censorship Group under the Communications Sub-Commission. They are, however, under the Regional Commissioner in whose Region they are stationed for local discipline and administration.

GWIS/RAC.

For Shipp etc

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner. 2566

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission - Reference conversation
Col. Henderson - Lt. Col. Shipp.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

*Comms SC**2521**32*

TO: FATIMA REAR FOR HENDERSON FOR ACTION REPEATED FOR INFO TO HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
ARMIES ITALY SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 36/30
 FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CINC CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
 REFERENCE No: FX 66012 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 29/1611 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHNC

WHOLE QUESTION OF CENSORSHIP OF MAIL FROM ACC TO VATICAN UNDER DISCUSSION WITH STAFF
 SECTIONS CONCERNED REUR 2959 AND ALLIED ARMIES ITALY L(B) 480. WILL FORWARD FINAL
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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

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1 June 1944.

PS/16.4.22.

P.16/278

SUBJECT : Censorship.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

1. I enclose two reports in accordance with para 3 of
PS/16.4.22.

2. In these cases most of the bundles concerned were made
up by Posta Militare and there may be some uncertainties arising
from the fact that the treatment of correspondence from Italian
troops posted in Field Post Offices in non operational areas is
not covered the memorandum which accompanied PS/16.3.81 of 21st
April 1944 to the Undersecretary.

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

W.H.G./idf.

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TRANSLATION

FROM:- Naples Railway Station Post Office
TO:- Major Green

26.5.44

SUBJECT:- Uncensored correspondence.

With reference to your notification n^o 16/2/10 dated May 13rd I forward you a report mod. 13 concerning the forwarding of uncensored correspondence from the Office of Cagliari Railway Station, notwithstanding the labels ~~xxxxxx~~ are marked "Censored"

REPORT mod. 13

Against the Post Office of Cagliari Railway Station.
In the air despatch from Cagliari Railway Station we have found labelled bundles made up by P.M. 50 and 72 offices and by Cagliari Railway Station, containing correspondence addressed to civilians, censored and uncensored. Included are labels of the bundles and of the bag.

FROM :- Naples Railway Station Post Office
TO:- Major Green

SUBJECT:- Censored and uncensored correspondence.

Following on my note 586 dated 26th of May attached is an other report compiled by this office relating to censored and uncensored correspondence found in the air despatch incoming from Lecce Rly Stn. It will be noted that, whilst the labels are marked "verificato per censura" the correspondence included in bundles has no indication of having been censored.

REPORT -

Against the Post Office of Cagliari Rly Stn.
In the air despatch from Lecce Rly Stn we have found some labelled bundles made up by the offices of P.M. 50, 72 and 219 and Cagliari Rly Stn containing correspondence not showing any marks of Censorship. While the labelled bundle from Cagliari Rly Stn. contained censored and uncensored correspondence, in the bundles from the above mentioned P.M. offices the only label was marked by Censorship, while each item in the bundles did not bear any mark at all by Censorship.

Included on labels of bundles

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Napoli Addi 26 Maggio 1944

AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFIAl Sig. Maggiore Green
R. Prefettura

Direzione Prov. di Napoli

Napoli

Ufficio Sezione Tecnica Mov.

Prot. N. 592

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati Varii

del

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze censurate e non censurate

A seguito nota 586 del 23 c. rimette un
altro verbale compilato da quest'ufficio per
corrispondenze rinvenute nel dispaccio aereo
di Lecce Ferrovia censurate e non censurate.

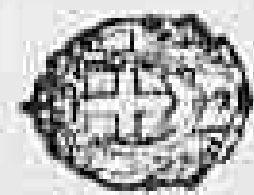
E' da notare che sebbene gli etichettati
portino il bollo di " verificato per censura "
le corrispondenze contenute nei mazzi etichet-
tati non hanno nessuna indicazione che dimo-
stri l'avvenuta censura.

L'ISPETTORE TECNICO DEL MOVIMENTO

Ord. 75 foglio 2.442.000 del 2.9.42 XX 516h. Credito del Fabbro. Napoli

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Amministrazione delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Direzione Prov. di

Ufficio di

CIRCOLARE N.

OGGETTO

24-5-94

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*Si accludono la etichette
dei viaggi per posta*

*L'autore firma
L. Martini R. co*

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DO 311.1

DSH 337
13 JUN 1944

11 June 1944

Subject: Internal Civil Censorship

Dear Sig. Corabona:

It has been decided that internal civil censorship will cease in the territory under the administration of the Italian Government except in the following Provinces:

- a. Mainland: Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Salerno
- b. Sicily : Palermo, Siracusa
- c. Sardinia: Cagliari, Sassari

This will apply to Postal, Telegraph and Telephone communications.

The Ministry of Communications is therefore requested to arrange forthwith that Postal and Telegraph communications are no longer passed to the offices of censorship in the areas defined in para 1.

The Italian Supreme Command is requested to arrange for the closing of the censorship offices in the areas concerned.

MILTON W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Avv. Francesco Corabona
The Minister of Communications
Italian Government

cc: U.S. The Minister of the Interior
Communications Sub-Commission (2)

See 16 21 36

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

13 June 1944

Ref:P/2/

SUBJECT : Foreign Mail Censorship

TO : ACC Postal & Telecommunications Sub-Commission
(For Lt.Col. Head)

Refee your PS/16.4.26 of May 44.

The necessary instructions have been issued and
correspondence for Spain Portugal Switzerland and Spanish
Morocco is now being circulated to Naples.

For the Regional Commissioner.

C.G.L. Maddock Capt.

C.G.L. MADDOCK.

Capt.

Reg: Postal Officer

16 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

DIRECTOR	
INDIRECTOR	
S. O. M.	
S. O. P.	
CENSORSHIP	
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MESSAGE/msr

SVC/RELAY NO.

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PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: IBS FROM BONSTEEL FROM HANCOCK

TO: ACC FOR HENDERSON FOR HEAD



M/C NO:

REF NO: S-11481

FILED: JUNE 14/45B

REC'D: JUNE 15/330B
ACC Courier

Will Prisoner of War mail destined for North Africa be forwarded without
 censorship after 15 June.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 File
- 1 Float
- 1 DCC Info
- 1 Communications ACTION

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S. O. (T).
S O P)
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.
<i>Recd. 15.6.44</i>

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*will Maj. McKean
 get ring. Col. Blair
 Phone no. 2225.*

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED POSTAL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

Communications
Sub-Commission
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23 May 1944.

P. 19/236

SUBJECT : Revision of Censorship in certain cases.
TO : The Provincial Directors, Velling and Naples.
P.R.T.

1. In order to reduce delay it has now been agreed that correspondence posted in a distant commune for delivery in that same commune or in a contiguous commune need not be sent to the Capoluoghi for Censorship.

2. To obtain the full advantage of this concession it will be necessary for you to give careful consideration to the possibility of establishing direct dispatches between Post Offices in the same or contiguous communes.

3. When such mails are established it may be possible for you to cancel some of the direct dispatches from the Capoluoghi to small places in your Province and circulate the correspondence to centrally situated offices for disposal in the local mails referred to in (2).

4. It must be clearly understood that correspondence between non contiguous communes must continue to be sent to the Capoluoghi for Censorship and also that local correspondence posted in the Capoluoghi itself is still to be sent to the censor.

W. H. H. H.
Major
Postal Officer.

W. H. H. H. / 1944
Copies to : Communications Sub-Commission X
DIRECTOR. Lt. McLeod, Lt. Bonasera and
S.O. (1). Lt. Allen.
S.O. (2)
CENSORSHIP. *See*
CHIEF CLERK.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ARMY POSTAL CONTROL DIVISION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

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23 Maggio 1944.

R. 15/ 236

OGGETTO : Esenzione della Censura in taluni casi.
AI : Direttori Provinciali P.T., Napoli ed Avellino.

1. Allo scopo di ridurre il ritardo, si è venuto ora all'accordo che non è necessario per la censura, inviare ai Capoluoghi la corrispondenza imbucata in un lontano Comune per il recapito nello stesso o in un contiguo Comune..

2. Allo scopo di ricavare tutti i vantaggi da questa concessione, è necessario che esaminiate attentamente la possibilità di istituire dispacci diretti fra Uffici Postali nello stesso Comune o in quelli contigui.

3. Quando tali dispacci saranno istituiti vi sarà possibile abolire i dispacci diretti dai Capoluoghi a qualcuno dei piccoli paesi nella vostra Provincia e avviare la corrispondenza a quegli Uffici che sono situati centralmente per includerla nei dispacci locali di cui al paragrafo (2).

4. Si deve chiaramente intensificare questa corrispondenza fra i Comuni NON contigui si deve continuare ad essere inviata ai Capoluoghi per la Censura e che anche la corrispondenza locale impostata nei Capoluoghi stessi deve essere inviata ancora alla Censura.

W.H.G./laf.

W.H.G.
W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

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REAR HORN.

A. C. C.

Communication Sub-Commission

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R5/15.4.36.

23 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mail censorship.

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

1. Provision has now been made for civil mails for Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Spanish Morocco to be censored at Naples as well as at Palermo. Correspondence for these places from Sardinia and the Balearic Islands should therefore now be circulated to Naples.

2. Will you please advise all concerned.

S. H. REED
Major,
C.P.C.

Copy to :- Postal Officer, Region I
Postal Officer, Region II
Postal Officer, Region III

TRANSLATION -

1. È stato ora disposto che la corrispondenza civile per la Spagna, il Portogallo, la Svizzera ed il Marocco Spagnolo sia censurata a Napoli come a Palermo. La corrispondenza per quei paesi proveniente dalla Sardegna e dal continente, dovrebbe ora pertanto essere instradata su Napoli.

2. Vi prego di voler informare chi di dovere.

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REAR HRRS.
A. C. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

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23 A
12 May 1944

P3/16.4.23.

SUBJECT:- Censorship.

TO:- The Undersecretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Re. para 5 of the attached copy letter.

The relaxation of censorship now permitted will allow of direct exchange of mails between contiguous communes. It should also afford the opportunity for using some suitably placed Post Office as "distribution centres", to which mails for two or three communes can be sent from the Provincial Hqs. in one common despatch, instead of in separate despatches as at present. Perhaps you will advise your Provincial Directors to pursue this point, stressing at the same time, that correspondence between non-contiguous communes must continue to be passed through Censorship.

S. H. HEAD
Major

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HEAD MRS.

A. S. C.

Communications Sub-Commission

SHH/ea

12 Maggio 1944

PS/16.4.23.

OGGETTO:- Censura.

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

1. Con riferimento al paragrafo 5 della lettera di cui si
allega copia.

La previsione ora concessa circa la censura consentiva lo
scambio diretto della corrispondenza fra comuni contigui. Potrebbe
anche dimostrarsi opportuno usare alcuni uffici postali opportuna-
mente dislocati, come "centri di distribuzione", a cui la posta per
due o tre comuni potrebbe essere inviata dal capoluogo in un solo
distacco e non, invece che in distacchi separati come attualmente.
Se lo ritenete il caso disponete che le Direzioni Provinciali dipen-
denti studino questo punto, sottolineando, nello stesso tempo, che la
corrispondenza fra comuni non contigui deve continuare a passare attra-
verso la Censura.

S. M. HEAD
Major

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REAR HQRS.
A. G. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

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PS/16.4.42.

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO: Postal Officer, Region I
Postal Officer, Region II

1.- Ref. the attached translation of a report from the Provincial Director, Naples.

2.- The Civil Censorship Group has been asked to take up the matter from their angle; but it is not by any means certain that the postal officials are not to some extent responsible. It may well be that correspondence is being despatched without having been referred to Censorship - a matter of some seriousness if such is the case. Some sharp checks should accordingly be made of mails which are just on the point of being despatched, and observed failures reported.

3.- Any office receiving from another province correspondence which does not bear one or other of the two Censorship stamps will now be required to raise an irregularity report on the office concerned, forwarding it through the Central Administration or the Postal Officer, Region III as appropriate.

S. H. HEAD
MAJOR

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Copies to:-

Dr. Pano - For favour of issuing instructions as per para. 3.
Postal Officer, Region III. (re. P 16/194 of 5.5.44.)

REAR HQS.
A. C. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

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PS/18.4.22.

8 Maggio 1944

OGGETTO:- Censura.

Agli Ufficiali Postali della A.C.C.
nelle Regioni I e II.

1.- Con riferimento alla allegata traduzione di un rapporto inoltrato dal Direttore Provinciale di Napoli.

2.- Il Civil Censorship Group e' stato pregato di affrontare la questione dal suo punto di vista; ma non e' per niente accertato che gli ufficiali postali non siano in parte responsabili. Potrebbe darsi benissimo che la corrispondenza venisse inoltrata senza essere sottoposta alla Censura - e se questo e' il caso la questione sarebbe abbastanza seria. Alcuni controlli saltuari saranno di conseguenza fatti su dispacci che stanno per essere spediti, riferendo le eventuali mancanze controllate.

3.- Ed provvedera' inoltre a richiedere che tutti gli uffici che ricevono da un'altra provincia corrispondenza che non reca neppure dei due bolli della Censura, compilino un verbale di irregolarita' nei riguardi dell'ufficio interessato, inoltrandolo attraverso la Direzione Generale PP.TT. e l'Ufficiale Postale della Regione III, e seconda del caso.

S. H. HEAD
Major

Copie a:-

S. E. il Sottosegretario per le Poste e Telecomunicazioni
(con preghiera di impartire le istruzioni di cui al punto 3.)

REAR HQRS.
A. C. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

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PS/16.4.21.

8 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Censorship.

TO:- Major McKean, C. C. Group.

1.- Attached are (a) a translation of a report sent to the Postal Officer, Region III by the Italian Postal Director of Naples Province, and (b) a copy of a resultant notification sent to Postal Officers and to Dr. Fano.

2.- Perhaps you will deal with the Censorship aspect as you consider necessary.

S. H. HEAD
Major

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DIRECTOR
D. DIRECTOR
S. D. (T)
S. O. P.
CENSORSHIP
CHIEF CLERK

Received 6/5/44

TRANSLATION

27/4/44/

SUBJECT : Non censored correspondence.

As by instructions in force, all correspondence before being despatched, must be censored, being liable to total Censorship; and this must be effected in the Capoluogo from which it departs.

As you have seen on the occasions of your visits to the Office and on departing train, I follow the issued instructions and not one of the numerous dispatches from this Office escapes censorship.

On the contrary I have observed that the Offices of Puglie, Calabria, Sicily and Salerno, include in their dispatches to this Office a considerable amount of non censored correspondence which is, among other things, intermixed with some letters which have been censored, causing in this way confusion and compelling the personnel of this Office to do selection work and causing a not inconsiderable wastage of time.

I should be glad if you would appeal to the Censorship Officer of the aforesaid places, to furnish the dispatches with the prescribed mark, thus saving time at this Office and obtaining a more prompt forwarding of this correspondence.

Thanking in anticipation,

Very respectfully,

THE ACTING DIRECTOR
(Cammarota)

Naples Ferrovia.

P 16/184

(1st Ind)

Hdqs Region 3 ACC

It would perhaps be desirable to ask Allied Censor Control Officers and Postal Officers to make a snap check of correspondence sorted ready for despatch
For the Regional Commissioner

W. H. Green
Major
Postal Officer

PS/16/4.

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A. C. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

3 May 1944

PL 16.10.1.

REMARKS:- Undeliverable correspondence.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region I
Postal Officer, Region II
Postal Officer, Region III

1.- Reference attached copy of letter sent to Dr. Fano. Para 11 of Civil Censorship Group Special Instructions No 1, issued by the C.C. Group to all C.C.C.O's, provides that the latter will retain only such correspondence as is condemned or held on purely censorship grounds.

G. H. HEAD
Major

Copy to:- Major McKean, C.C. Censorship Group.

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REAR HQRS.

A. C. C.

Communications Sub-Commission

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12 May 1964

PS/18.4.19.

SUBJECT:- Censorship

TO:- Postal Officer, Region I
 Postal Officer, Region II
 Postal Officer, Region III

1. The Civil Censorship Group's Special Instruction NS 11 provides for the following:-
 (a) Test checks by A.C.C. O's on time taken for correspondence to pass through Censorship.
 (b) Remission of Censorship on "Local commune mail".

2. In relation to 1(a) it has been agreed with C.C.C. -who will issue instructions accordingly- that C.C.C. O's will bring to the notice of Postal Officers any instances which come to light of correspondence having suffered delay before reaching the Censorship point. Such cases should be taken up with the Provincial Directors concerned, and a report sent here -for transmission to Dr. Fano when appropriate- in any outstandingly unsatisfactory instances.

3. The para of Instructions NS 11 relating to 1(b) reads as follows:-
 "c. Local commune mail -that is letters from one civilian to another civilian in the same or contiguous commune- need not be sent to the provincial capital for censorship. A.C.C. O's will so inform the Italian Postal Director, taking care that the above definition of local mail is clearly understood by the latter."
 Aspects relating to this are referred to in the accompanying copy of a letter sent to Dr. Fano.

B. R. READ
 Major

Copy to:- Major McKern, C.C.C.

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TRADUZIONE/COPIA

/eo

REAR HQRS.

A. C. C.

Communications Sub-Commission

PS/16.4.19.

12 Maggio 1944

OGGETTO:- Censura.

Agli Ufficiali Postali
delle Regioni I, II, III

1. La circolare straordinaria N° 11 del Civil Censorship Group stabilisce:
 - (a) Controlli da parte degli Ufficiali Alleati della Censura Civile circa il tempo impiegato dalla corrispondenza per passare attra- verso la Censura.
 - (b) Abolizione della Censura per la corrispondenza nell'interno di un comune.
2. In relazione al punto 1(a) sono stati presi accordi con il C. C. C. - che impartirà le conseguenti disposizioni - che gli Ufficiali della Censura comunicheranno agli Ufficiali Postali tutti i casi da essi constatati di corrispondenza che avrà sofferto ritardi prima di raggiungere la Censura. Tali casi saranno discussi con i Direttori provinciali interessati, e, se le circostanze sono particolarmente insoddisfacenti, un rapporto sarà inviato qui - per l'incoltro, per le zone di competenza, al Sottosegretariato PP.TT.
3. Il paragrafo della circolare N° 11 che si riferisce al punto 1(b) dice:-
 - a. La posta locale di un comune - cioè lettere da un civile ad un altro civile nello stesso comune ed in un comune contiguo, non e' necessario sia inviata al capoluogo per la censura. Gli Ufficiali Alleati di Censura informeranno in tal senso i Direttori provin- ciali, avendo cura che la definizione di posta locale sia chiara- mente intesa da essi.
 Argomenti che si riferiscono a questo punto sono trattati nella allegata lettera inviata al Sottosegretariato PP.TT.

S. H. READ
Major

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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MESSAGE

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SWO/RELY NO.

CLASS: IN CLEAR

PREC: NOT GIVEN

FROM: PBS FROM STUBBLEBINE FROM MCKEAN CITE PBS AG-1094

I/C NO:

REF NO: PBS AG-1094

FILED: APR 21 NPT

REC'D: APR 21 005B
Teletype

TO: FATIMA HEAR FOR HENDERSON FOR MCKEAN, DEP CIVIL CEN O
TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, REGGIO CALABRIA, ITALY FOR
LT AVILA RPT ACC, COSENZA, ITALY FOR LT LECCESE

On and after 24 April address for Hq will be Civil Censorship GROUP.
Allied Control Commission, Salerno.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - AG
- 1 - DSG Info
- 1 - DCC
- 1 - Telecma
- 1 - Lt. Palacio - info
- 1 - Lt. Morris - info

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*Major Hend**17*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Information and Censorship Section
 Communications Censorship Branch
 CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION
 APO 550, U. S. Army

10 March 1944

SUBJECT : Your letter 3/March - Allocation of Information derived from Censorship.

TO : Censorship Liaison Officer-Rear Hqs.-ACC-APO 304

1. Please inform us what type of information obtained at Naples the G.S.I. # 3 District is interested in. It is hardly possible he is interested in all Naples submission slips.
2. Please notify this office the boundaries of No. 3 District.

Gordon W. McKean

GORDON W. MCKEAN
 Major Cavalry
 Deputy Civil Censorship Officer
 Italy

*Placed Major Harada's Office
 They will notify us. ✓
 8/11/44*

10/16/44

GG/rb

File 4.

MAIL ROOMS
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MAIL ROOMS

1000 March, 1944

In reply refer
to: R/24/25

Subject: Extension of Civil Mail Services.

To: The Board of Directors, Chicago.

1. There are indications of a need for offering the public an Allied and Italian Government Registration, facilities for the registration of correspondence sent through the Civil Post. This applies more to the transmission of important documents, etc., than to valuations.

2. The position had to some extent been met in Sicily by the special arrangements there operating, under which persons may present their letters, parcels, to the civil consular offices, who arrange for their transport and forwarding for posting. This in its practice has shown a serious drawback, both to the post and to the consular office.

3. The value of the service is accordingly sought to be met by the extension of the service, it would now be opportune to transfer the normal registration service, in all circumstances in which a postal delivery service is already operating, and also in those localities to which it seems to be extended as the liberated areas expand. dependent upon the time of your reply, the question of extending registration facilities to the foreign service will be taken up separately with you, etc.

4. Perhaps it can be indicated in your reply whether any strong views are held as to the inclusion or exclusion of currency notes and other valuations in registered letters.

5. Sooner or later the question of covering a limited internal postal service will arise. At the present such a move would be impracticable, on the basis of limited transportation facilities, but your service committee would be welcome.

J. I. HARRISON
Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Postal Administration.

Copies to: AFHQ, etc.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
Postal Administration and Posts.

1. There are indications of a need for affording the public an Allied and Italian Government Possessions, facilities for the regulation of correspondence sent through the civil post. This applies more to the transmission of important documents, etc. than to ordinary mail.

2. The position has to also stress that it is likely by the special arrangements there operating, under which persons may present their letters, mail, etc. to the civil authorities carrying the mail. The contents are subject to inspection and posting. This is in practice no doubt a considerable convenience, both to the sender and to the censoring officer.

3. The view of the military authorities is to whether, given the present circumstances, it would now be opportune to restore the normal registration service. In all those cases in which a postal delivery service is already operating, and also in those localities to which it comes to be extended to the liberated areas, the Government upon the terms of your reply, the question of extending registration facilities to the foreign service will be taken up particularly with the military authorities.

4. Perhaps it can be included in your reply whether any strong views are held as to the inclusion or exclusion of currency notes and other valuables in registered letters.

5. Concerning the question of restoring a limited inland parcel service will arise. If the amount such a service would be important, on the score of limited transportation facilities, but your views on this would be welcome.

S. I. Henderson
Colonel

Director, Telecommunications and Posts and Communications

Copies to: AFHQ, etc.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

The War Secretary of State for Communications and Posts.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JWC/hft

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Re-examination Censorship personnel
TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner

1. The following regulations, issued by Lieut Colonel Hoover, were extracted from the Censorship Regulations manual in the possession of the local Allied Censor Control Officer. This extract is omitted in the copy of the same manual sent to me.

2. Allied Re-examination Unit Regulations. The Allied Re-examination unit will be governed by the regulations listed below. As the Re-examination unit is the direct responsibility of the Allied Censor Control Officer it will be his duty to see that these regulations are enforced:

a. Allied re-examiners will act as a check to determine that the postal regulations, military and naval censorship regulations issued to Italian examiners are enforced by them (Allied re-examiners will also be provided with sets of censorship regulations).

b. Mail will be distributed to the re-examiners by the Chief re-examiner. Each re-examiner will be given a bundle of letters read by one of the Italian examiners. 100% examination will be made of each bundle re-examined, but generally speaking only every third bundle will be distributed for re-examination. A rotation will be effected so that re-examiners will not continuously read letters examined by any one Italian examiner.

c. After a letter is passed the re-examiner will initial the Italian examiner's stamp appearing on the envelope.

d. Re-examiners will report violations to the Chief re-examiner and will prepare submission slips and information slips as directed.

e. Re-examiners will be given to understand that they have no connection with Italian censorship and that they will not take up any matter directly with Italian censorship personnel.

3. It will be seen, from the foregoing, that Marshal Messe has been correctly informed. The civilian re-examiners naturally do not observe the recommendations contained in para 2. sub-para e. On the contrary.

Seen: Col. H. L. Law
Col. Boon

they publicly boast of their occupation.

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

cc: Col Henderson (Telecomm & Posts)

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3 C/100

2 March 1944

In reply
refer to : 311.7

SUBJECT : Italian Censorship Personnel and Marshal Masse's letter
TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner

1. Each provincial censorship commission in Italian Government territory consists of civilian, military and, in some cases, naval censors, all of whom are censors- are responsible, through the prefect, to the Minister of Interior.

2. The above censorship personnel is required, by Allied Censor Control Officers, to censor 60% of the total volume of mail passing through the commissions. The same mail is then handed to the Allied Censor Control Officer who is required to subject it to a further 10% re-examination in order to ensure himself that the Italian censors are properly carrying out their duties.

3. The Allied Censor Control Officer, for the purpose of carrying out this re-examination, is authorized, according to A.C.S. Instructions, dated 13 Nov., to employ directly a small number of personnel "specially selected by Security". This special personnel is paid from ACC funds at rates to be laid down by ACC "having regard to the very confidential nature of their duties".

4. Italian military or civilian censors, already employed and paid by the Italian State, are not permitted, under Italian law, to receive payment from any other source. In agreement, therefore, with the Civil Censorship Section, prefects received instructions from the Ministry of Interior, dated 18 Dec 43, of which the following is a translation of the relevant passage: "The Anglo-American officers accredited to the various Censorship Commissions are authorized to select their own personal assistants either from outside the Commission or from among the Censors of the Commission itself. In the first instance, the said personnel will be paid by the Allied Authorities. In the second instance, should the personnel remaining at the disposition of the President of the Commission be insufficient, Your Excellencies should apply to the appropriate authorities for suitable replacements."

5. To make use of the services of military personnel or of censors from within the Commissions for re-censorship purposes was rejected by the Civil Censorship Section which insisted upon the principle of re-examiners being paid directly by the Allied authorities.

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

6. It is, therefore, maintained that Marshal Messe's request cannot be met satisfactorily unless the Civil Censorship Section can be induced to relinquish the principle that Censorship re-examiners must be paid by the Allied Authorities and not by the Italian Govt.

7. Lieut. Colonel Hoover frequently drew attention to "Special Morale Reports", in order, I presume, to stress the importance of the work of his Section for they were not, otherwise, connected with the matter under discussion. These three reports, dealing with the Italian Navy, Air Force and with the Italian military units in the Forward Army Zone, are prepared by Allied Censor Control Officers themselves on the basis of intercepts submitted by the whole Censorship Commission concerned.

8. The answer to Marshal Messe's letter should, in my opinion, allow for Censorship re-examiners, though working directly for the Allied Censor Control Officer, to be chosen from among Italian Army Officers, who would, naturally, continue to be paid by their own authorities. It is furthermore, considered that the efficiency and reliability of re-examination sections would be strengthened rather than diminished should Marshal Messe's complaint be remedied in this manner.


J. T. COLVILLE
Major

cc to Colonel Henderson (Telecoms & Posts)

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JWC/afe

In reply
refer to: 311.7

PS/16/4/PW

24 January 1944

His Excellency The Under-Secretary of State
for Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Allied force Headquarters have asked to be provided with copies of existing Italian censorship regulations and directives. These are required as a guide by the civil censorship section at Palermo in drawing up their own regulations and coordinating them with Italian regulations.

2. Copies of the following documents are required:

- a. Postal censorship regulations for Italian examiners
- b. Italian military censorship regulations
- c. Italian naval censorship regulations
- d. Charts showing the internal organization of Italian civilian, military and naval censorship

3. It would be much appreciated if the above could be provided as soon as possible together with information regarding any planned or proposed changes in either the regulations or organizational charts.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice President
Communications Section

Copy to: H. E. Innocenti

N.S/8/3/452 - 22 Jan.1944

To A C C - Brindisi

See 10

Subject: Italian Official Mail.

Reference to your letter No. PS/16/4/10 dated 19.1.44, subject as above, we would inform you of the following:

The concept of "official mail", according to the Italian administrative system, is defined by articles 48 and 52 of the "Codice Postale e delle Comunicazioni", approved by Royal Decree of 27 February 1936 No. 645.

Therein, as a basis for exemption from postal charges, the following classifications are taken into consideration:

- a) - the "official correspondence" exchanged between State Offices and from said offices to Mayors, all of which are free of postage, provided they bear an identification of the Office of origin.
- b) - The "official mail" despatched from said Offices and from the Mayors to private individuals or agencies, the postage of which is paid by addressees, except in those cases indicated under paragraphs b); c) and d) of article 49, in which cases they are free of postage.

Consequently, in order to speak of "official mail", according to our administrative system, it is necessary:

- 1. - That it be official correspondence, i.e. communications through the postal service from a State or Mayor's office, bearing signature of the head of the office or his substitute;
- 2. - that such mail be despatched by the said office
- 3. - that such correspondence bear an external identification showing the office of origin.

It therefore is a matter of indifference whether the said correspondence is addressed either to a State or Mayor's Office or to a private individual, "Official correspondence" being considered as such whether it

originate from a State or Mayor's Office and is addressed to another such office, or from such offices to a private individual. It is thus evident that the character of the sender and not that of the addressee is what matters.

In conclusion, therefore, according to the Italian administrative system, "official mail" is always that which

originates from a State or Mayor's Office and is addressed to another such office, or from such offices to a private individual. It is thus evident that the character of the sender and not that of the addressee is what matters.

In conclusion, therefore, according to the Italian administrative system, "official mail" is always that which

- a) - treats of official matters;
- b) - is despatched from a State or Mayor's office to a similar office or to a private individual;
- c) - bears an external identification of the office of origin.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

Signed M. Fano

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. II.

P.M. 151, 22 gennaio 1944

N. S/8.3/452

Risposta alla lettera

N. S/15/416 del 19/1

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

BRINDISI

OGGETTO: Posta ufficiale italiana.-

In riferimento alla Vostra lettera N. S/15/4/10 in data 19/1/44 relativa all'oggetto Vi riferiamo quanto segue:

La nozione di "posta di ufficio" nell'ordinamento italiano risulta dalle disposizioni degli articoli 48 e 52 del Codice Postale e delle Comunicazioni, approvato con R.D. 27 febbraio 1936 n. 645.

In tali norme, agli effetti dell'esenzione dalle tasse postali, vengono prese in considerazione:

a) - le "corrispondenze ufficiali" scambiate fra gli uffici statali (e cioè spedite da un'altro ufficio) e quelle spedite dai detti uffici ai Podestà, che hanno tutte corso in esenzione da tassa, purché portino un contrassegno che ne indichi la provenienza;

b) - le "corrispondenze ufficiali" spedite da detti uffici o dai Podestà all'indirizzo di privati o di Enti, che hanno corso col pagamento della tassa a carico del destinatario, meno nei casi indicati ai capi b), c) e d) dell'art. 49, nei quali hanno corso in esenzione da tassa.

Consegue da ciò che, perché possa parlarsi di

"posta di ufficio" nel nostro ordinamento, occorre:

1) - che si tratti di "corrispondenza ufficiale", e cioè

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Resposta alla lettera
NPS/16/41Cd/19/1

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- 1) - che si tratti di "corrispondenza ufficiale", e cioè di comunicazioni a mezzo del servizio postale da parte di un pubblico ufficio, e perciò stesso a firma

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del suo dirigente o di chi ne fa le veci;

2) - che detta corrispondenza sia "spedita" dal pubblico ufficio;

3) - che la corrispondenza stessa porti un contrassegno esteriore che ne indichi la provenienza.

E ne consegue altresì che essa del tutto indifferente, invece, che la corrispondenza in parola sia indirizzata ad altro ufficio pubblico o a privati, essendovi considerata "corrispondenza ufficiale" tanto quella che da un pubblico ufficio venga indirizzata ad altro pubblico ufficio come quella che dallo stesso sia indirizzata a privati, mettendosi così in chiara evidenza che non è la qualità del destinatario ma quella del mittente che a riguardo può assumere rilievo.

Concludendo, quindi, a termini del nostro ordinamento deve parlarsi di "posta di ufficio" sempre che si tratti di corrispondenza:

- a) - che abbia carattere di ufficio;
- b) - che sia spedita dal pubblico ufficio ad altro pubblico ufficio o a privati;
- c) - che sia munita di un contrassegno esteriore che ne indichi la detta provenienza.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

19 January 1944

In reply refer to:
EB/16/4/10

Subject: Italian Official Mail

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts

1. In order that the principle may be maintained that Italian official mail is not subject to censorship, it is necessary and urgent that a clear and strict definition of official mail be provided. Will you kindly submit a proposed definition of "Official Mail."

2. No mail will in future be considered official which is not stamped and signed by an official at the office of origin.

3. Your attention is drawn to the following information from Naples regarding the abuse of official mail facilities:

a. 27 Dec 43	3 sacks official mail	16 non-official letters
28 " "	1 sack " "	22 " " "
31 " "	1 " " "	20 " " "
3 Jan 44	2 " " "	39 " " "

b. Mail removed from official packets and sacks forwarded to Prefects:

3 Jan 44	1 sack seal broken	1 non-official letter
3 " "	1 packet	1 " " "
3 " "	1 untagged sack	4 " " "

4. It is important that we forward to AFM an agreed definition of "Official Mail" today if possible. Will you therefore give this matter immediate action.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section

cc: Under-Secretary of State for the Interior

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14 January 1944

In reply
refer to: 311.13

SUBJECT: Mail posted without sender's name and address
TO: Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts

1. A considerable volume of mail is being posted without the sender's name and address.

2. Where the Chief Censor Control Officer concludes that this condition is due to insufficient notification to the public on this requirement he is, for the present, authorized to release such mail after a delay of two weeks from the time it was posted. All such mail is being 100% examined before release and a notice enclosed, reading as follows:

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questa lettera è stata ritardata dalla censura per mancanza del nome e dell'indirizzo del mittente che, secondo il regolamento vigente, dovrebbe essere a tergo della busta. Nel futuro, tutta la corrispondenza che non ha esternamente il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente sarà tolta da corso. Pregiamo l'avvisare il mittente di questo regolamento.

3. It is suggested that steps be taken to have appropriate signs posted in all post offices. After sufficient time has elapsed to permit adequate notification to the public, all mail without return address will then be condemned.

KIRBY S. STONE
Captain, USMC

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Vice-president
Communications Section

cc Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior ✓

Col DENSMORE

6 JAN 1944

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In reply
refer to 511.7

8 January 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship and official mail.

TO : Civil Censorship officer, A.P.O. 550, U. S. Army.

1. Following the decision that Italian official mail is not subject to censorship, it would seem advisable that the term "official mail" should be clearly defined.

2. There is at present some doubt regarding several categories of mail. It appears that correspondence of the Bank of Italy might be either official or commercial in so far as the bank of Italy is a part or agent of the Treasury but also transacts business of a purely commercial character.

3. Colonel Spofford, AMB, has approached me regarding a letter from the Archbishop of Naples. The Archbishop complains that ecclesiastical correspondence, the private nature of which was respected by the Germans, is being delayed and censored by Allied Censorship. Colonel Spofford hoped to satisfy the Archbishop whose attitude, he said, had been cooperative and sympathetic.

4. I advised Colonel Spofford to forward the Archbishop's letter to Lt. Colonel Hoover together with the recommendation that Censor Control officers be informed that ecclesiastical mail, which is clearly administrative, if not, in fact, diplomatic, should be considered, like that of Italian government Departments, official and not subject to Censorship.

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

Copy to: Colonel Densmore, A.C.C.
" " Censorship Branch, INC., AMB.
" " Captain Dickson "G", Special Forces, 15 A.G.

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Capt. Stone
Col. D.
Maj. R.

Received 8 Jan 44

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

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30 December 1943

In reply
refer to: 311.7

MEMORANDUM:

TO : The Under-Secretary for Telecommunications & Posts.
S.E. Innocenti, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri,
Prefettura, Brindisi.

1. Reference my memorandum of 21 December 1943, paragraph 3.
file same as above.
2. Mail from Italian units in forward areas should now be
routed to Naples instead of to Tarento for censorship.

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

Copy to: Tenente G. Lombardi
Comando Supremo S.I.M.

Lt Col Denamore, ACC ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

22 DEC 1943
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17 December 1943.

MGS 000.73-2

SUBJECT: External Civilian Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission ✓
 Headquarters, Allied Military Government
 Headquarters, Regional Allied Commissioner (Sardinia)

1. Commercial correspondence will not be permitted between Italy and any country overseas in the early stages.

2. It will be necessary that the following addition be made to the Postal Regulations under "Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but Forward Areas", forwarded with our letter, MGS 000.73-2, of 8 November 1943.

"6. The only external facilities permitted will be surface private letters and correspondence. Commercial correspondence and the enclosure of commercial papers in private external correspondence are prohibited."

Signature
Executive Officer for & in absence of
 J. C. HOLMES
 Brigadier General, G.S.C.
 Chief, Military Government Section

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 The Office of the British Resident Minister
 Army Postal Service (A)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AFG 612
Postal Services Sub-Commission

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15 November 1943

SUBJECT: Postal Censorship, Staff, and Transport.

TO : Acting Chief, Communications Section.

1. The accompanying letter from AFHQ. relates to:
 - (a) The issue of a Public Notice on Postal ^{and (ii) Telegrams.} Services restrictions.
 - (b) The appointment and payment of Italian censorship personnel.
 - (c) The provision of Transport for IAC. censorship personnel.

2. Action ^{will be} ~~taken~~ taken by this Sub-Commission as regards Region I, in respect of (a) (i) ^{after discussion at AFHQ.}

3. In relation to (b) it may be mentioned that advance steps have already been taken by the local Censorship authorities. (Capt. G.G. Simpson, C.C.C., I.S.C., Room 3, 3rd. Floor, 7th. Army H.Q.)

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J. H. Head
Major.

Acting Director Postal Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

Lt. Col. Progers.

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To: Chief of Legal Sub-Commissions
 From: Chief of Communications Section
 Subject: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications
 Date: 12 November 1943

1. Reference attached letter MGS-000-73-2 of 8 November 1943 and folio 4, "Communications available to civilians," will you please say whether you agree that this should be ~~issued~~^{issued} as a Public Notice rather than a Proclamation.

2. Your decision will apply ^{only} to territory controlled by ACC, i.e., Regions I & II.

3. An early reply is requested please.

M. Hay 2629
 M. HAY, Capt, RM
 for ACTING CHIEF OF SECTION

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To : Chief of Communications Section.
 From : Chief of Legal Sub-Commission 13th November 43

Reference above, it is agreed that the document should be issued as a public notice.

R. H. Wilmer
 R. H. Wilmer

LT. Col.

Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Communications Section

CONFERENCE NOTES

ASG/AS/32

22 November 1943.

Between:-

Lt. Col. L.D. Donamore, Rep - Communications Section ASG.
1st. Lt. L.D. Case (Inf) Rep - CCS of JNG (AFHQ)
(Civil Censorship Section of Information News and Censor-
ship - (AFHQ), Room 25, 3rd Floor, HQ 7th Army, PG Bldg).

Relative to (Secret) AGS CGO.73-2 AFHQ 8 November 1943.

Subject: "Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all
but forward~~ed~~ areas".

1. Lt. Case will submit memo to Communications Section
HQ ASG with list of Provinces in which regulations set forth
in subject letter are now applicable. As additional Provinces
under ASG, or later AGC, come under the regulations, Lt. Case's
office will notify this office and request additional assist-
ance if required.

2. Para 3 of C/106- AFHQ - (JNG) 10 October 1943 - Sub-
ject: "Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but
Forwarded Areas; discussed:-
Agreed- "Postal Regulations" only to be published.
(Later, see AGS NR-745. Do not issue.)

3. Para 4 of above discussed. ASG or AGC to pay reconser-
ship employees at rate set by ASG or AGC.

4. Vehicles and drivers to be made available November 25-
December 1 as follows:-

Six (6) passenger cars:-

- 1 - Messina
- 1 - Siracusa
- 1 - Agrigento
- 1 - Catanzaro
- 1 - Potenza
- 1 - Matera

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5. Keep Lt. Case informed as to progress.

L. B. DENDRURE,
Lt. Col, D.C. Acting
Chief Comm Section

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HEADQUARTERS
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23 November 1943

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SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all
 but forward areas.

TO: Headquarters Region I & II.

1. References-

- a. Incl. 1- W.O.S.-680.73-2 AFHQ, 8 Nov. 43, subject
 same as above.
- b. Incl. 2-6/106 AFHQ (INC), 30 Oct. 43, same subject.

2. It is directed that necessary orders and authority
 be sent to all A.M.C. S.C.A.O.'s to the effect that they shall
 order prefects of Provinces at the request of Allied Censor
 Control Officer to reconstitute Italian Censorship in their
 provincial capital by employing:

- a. Such former Italian Censorship personnel as are
 approved by Security and Allied Censor Control Officers.
- b. Such Italian personnel as are considered suitable
 by Security and Allied Censor Control Officers, it should further-
 more be made clear to the Prefect that he is responsible for
 supplying adequate clerical staff, who must be approved by
 Security and Censor Control Officers, also space and all
 facilities, i.e. typewriters, paper, stamps etc.

3. In connection with paragraph 4 of Incl. 2, 100-6
 directed that authority be sent to all S.C.A.O.'s to pay
 personnel selected for recensorship duties at rates to be
 laid down by S.C.A.O.'s after receiving a recommendation from
 the Allied Censor Control Officer. In setting the rate consid-
 eration should be given to the very confidential nature of the
 duties.

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of Incl. 2 it is
 further directed that S.C.A.O.'s require Prefects of the
 Provinces hereafter shown, to requisition, under Italian law,
 suitable passenger automobiles of the number herein indicated
 for the use of Censor Control Officers. Such car or cars to-
 gether with driver to be furnished by Prefect and made avail-
 able prior to 1st of Dec. 43 at the places herein indicated.
 Prefects will be responsible for the maintenance of such
 vehicles and the pay of drivers.

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5. Instructions set forth in paragraph 3 of Incl. 2, will be disregarded as instructions have been received to the effect that the regulations referred to in paragraph 3 of I.N.C. letter of 30 Oct. 43 will not be issued at this time.

6. These instructions affect all Provinces of Region I and the following Provinces of Region II:-

Reggio
Catanzaro
Cosenza

Potenza
Matera

By Command of Brigadier General McSherry

Brigadier
Acting Vice Chief of Staff

2 Incls.

Incl. 1 COS. - CGO. 732 AFHQ 8 Nov. 43, Subject as above.

Incl. 2 C/106 AFHQ (INCL), 30 Oct. 43 Same subject.

Copies to:
Lt. Case, C.C.S. of I.N.C.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

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WFO-000.73-2

8 November 1943

SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but forward areas.

TO : Chief, Allied Military Mission to the Italian Government
 Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hq, AMG
 Regional Allied Commissioner (Sardinia)

1. A letter on the above subject from Censorship Branch (INC) to the Chief, Military Government Section, under date of 30 October 1943, is herewith transmitted to you. The letter contains as inclosures projected regulations for Communications Available to Civilians and a table of Vehicles and Drivers Required by Allied Censor Control Officers. Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 point to specific action which it is requested the Hq, AMG cause to be taken in aid of the proposed censorship system. Paragraph 7 requests that assistance to the same purpose be given by the respective Allied authorities in Sardinia and in the four provinces actually under the rule of the Italian Government. Paragraph 8 requests that certain advice be given to AMG postal officers.

2. The officers to whom the present letter is directed are hereby advised that the requests of the Censorship Branch (INC) are approved. Accordingly they will, each as to the territory under his control, issue and enforce the necessary instructions to effectuate the requests of the inclosed letter.

for J. C. H. - w/d
 J. C. H. HARRIS
 Brigadier General, G.S.C.
 Chief, Military Government Section

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Incl.

Letter of Chief, Information and Censorship Section, AFHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Censorship Branch (INC)
A.F.O. 512, U.S. Army

c/106

30 October 1943

SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications
in all but Forward Areas.

TO : Brigadier General J. C. Holmes,
Military Government Section, AFHQ.

1. The following are the requirements necessary before censorship of Civilian Communications can be undertaken and it is requested that the necessary instructions and authority be issued to local representatives of M.G.S.

2. Approval has been received from the Chief of Staff to the plan already agreed by you to utilize Italian Censorship closely controlled and supervised by Allied Censor Control Officers. May the necessary orders and authority therefore please be sent to all AMG SCAO's to the effect that they shall order Prefects of Provinces at request of Allied Censor Control Officers to reconstitute Italian Censorship in their provincial capital by employing:

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3. It is also necessary for the attached Postal Regulations to be issued either as a proclamation or as a public notice whichever is considered suitable.

4. It will also be necessary for a small number of personnel specially selected by Security to be employed directly by Allied Censor Control Officer for censorship duties. May authority therefore be sent to all SCAO's to pay such personnel at rates to be laid down by AMG having regard to the very confidential nature of their duties?

5. In initial stages, a Censor Control Officer is being provided for at each Provincial Headquarters. The amount of transport available from military sources is to all intents and purposes nil and it will therefore be necessary for a small number of civilian vehicles and drivers to be requisitioned. Immediate requirements are as given in Appendix A to this letter. It is suggested that the Prefects of provinces controlled by Censor Control Officer to whom car and driver are allocated be informed that they are responsible for maintenance. May these requirements please be considered as urgent?

Similar action is requested for "King's Italy", and Sardinia

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6. Similar action is requested for "King's Italy", and Sardinia through Allied Military Mission.

7. May all AMG Postal Officers please be advised of arrangements made. Chief Postal Officer, Sicily is in agreement with these proposals.

8. A further request for action will be made in respect of areas under direct control of AMG, 15th Army Group where stricter censorship regulations will be enforced.

ROBERT A. MCCLURE,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief Information and Censorship Section
s/ by A. J. McChrystal
(Censorship)

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COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE TO CIVILIANS
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The following regulations and restrictions will be applied regarding Civil Communications:

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- (1) There will be NO communications, direct or indirect, with enemy or enemy occupied countries, other than through the official International channels.
- (2) NO use will be made of codes, ciphers, symbols, shorthand, Braille, quotations, puzzles, manuscript music, or any other form of writing which may contain a hidden or secondary meaning.
- (3) There will be NO mention or discussion of or speculation on Allied or Italian land, air or sea movements, routes, training, strength, equipment, supplies, identification of units, losses, casualties, damages suffered, installations, defences, fortifications, or any other matters of operational interest.
- (4) There will be NO mention of persons arrested or interned, movements of government or military officials or agents, rumors of aid or comfort to the enemy, current weather or weather forecasts.
- (5) There will be NO mention of matters detrimental to the prosecution of the Allied War effort.
- (6) There will be NO communications written or sent by civilians on behalf of Allied personnel.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

- (1) There will be NO parcel post until further notice.
- (2) Name and address of writer must appear on outside cover.
- (3) The following enclosures are prohibited in closed private correspondence: Picture postcards, newspapers, books or other documents (except commercial or official papers) cuttings, maps, plans, drawings, prints, photographic films or plates in any form, photographs, gramophone records or sound tracks.
- (4) All correspondence in Civil Post is liable to Censorship, there are NO exceptions.
- (5) There will be NO external air mail.

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TELEPHONE REGULATIONS.

- (1) The use of Italian or English languages ONLY is permitted.
- (2) Local and interurban telephone calls within free calling area of a master central office are permitted.
- (3) Long distance telephone calls are prohibited.

TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS.

- (1) Telegrams may be dispatched to all places within Italy where telegraphic communication is permitted.

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- (1) Telegrams may be dispatched to all places within Italy where telegraphic communication is permitted.
- (2) Foreign telegrams are prohibited until further notice.
- (3) Telegrams must be handed in personally at a Post Office by the sender who will be required to prove his identity.

<u>APPENDIX "A"</u>		
<u>VEHICLES & DRIVERS REQUIRED BY ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS</u>		
Sicily	3	Lucania
Calabria	1	King's Italy
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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13 November 1943

MGS-000.73-2

SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but forward areas.
TO : Chief, Allied Military Mission, to the Italian Government;
Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hq. AMG; Regional Allied
Commissioner (Sardinia)

Further to our letter MGS-000.73-2 of 6 November 1943,
above subject.

1. Herewith are amendments to the regulations attached to the above letter entitled "Communications available to Civilians".
2. The amendments occur in Postal Regulations, paragraph 3, and Telegraph Regulations, paragraph 1, and are as follows:

(a) POSTAL REGULATIONS

- (3) The only postal facilities permitted will be surface letters and post cards. The following enclosures are prohibited in closed private correspondence: Picture post cards, newspapers, books or other documents (except commercial or official papers) cuttings, maps, plans, drawings, prints, photographic films or plates in any form, photographs, gramophone records or sound tracks.

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(b) TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS

- (1) Telegrams may be dispatched to all places within Italy under Allied Control, where telegraphic communication is permitted.

Detached
 J. C. HOLMES,
 Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
 Chief, Military Government Section.

Copies for:-

- Hq. AMG, 15 Army Group
- G-1 (A)
- G-1 (B)
- G-2
- G-2 MATOUSSA
- INC

TO : Chief, Allied Military
Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hq. AMG; Regional Allied
Commissioner (Sardinia)

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17 October 1943

W. C. HODGES,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief, Military Government Section.

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C-1 (B)
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The Office of the British Resident Minister
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

8 November 1943

MGS-000.73-2

SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications in all but forward areas.

TO : Chief, Allied Military Mission to the Italian Government
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Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Censorship Branch (INC)
 A.P.O. 512, U.S. Army

30 October, 1943.

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SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications
 in all but Forward Areas.

TO : Brigadier General J. C. Holmes,
 Military Government Section, AFHQ.

1. The following are the requirements necessary before censorship of Civilian Communications can be undertaken and it is requested that the necessary instructions and authority be issued to local representatives of M.G.S.

2. Approval has been received from the Chief of Staff to the plan already agreed by you to utilize Italian Censorship closely controlled and supervised by Allied Censor Control officers. May the necessary orders and authority therefore please be sent to all AMG SCAO's to the effect that they shall order Prefects of Provinces at request of Allied Censor Control officers to reconstitute Italian Censorship in their provincial capital by employing:

- * a. Such former Italian Censorship personnel as are approved by Security and Allied Censor Control Officers.
- b. Such Italian personnel as are considered suitable by Security and Allied Censor Control Officer. It should furthermore be made clear to the Prefect that he is responsible for supplying adequate clerical staff, who must be approved by Security and Censor Control Officer, space and all facilities, i.e. typewriters, paper, stamps, etc.

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3. It is also necessary for the attached Postal Regulations to be issued either as a proclamation or as a public notice whichever is considered suitable.

4. It will also be necessary for a small number of personnel specially selected by Security to be employed directly by Allied Censor Control officer for recensorship duties. May authority therefore be sent to all SCAO's to pay such personnel at rates to be laid down by AMG having regard to the very confidential nature of their duties?

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20 5. In initial stages, a Censor Control officer is being provided for at each Provincial Headquarters. The amount of transport available from military sources is to all intents and purposes nil and it will therefore be necessary for a small number of civilian vehicles and drivers to be requisitioned. Immediate requirements are as given in Appendix A to this letter. It is suggested that the Prefects of provinces controlled by Censor Control officer to whom car and driver are allocated be informed that they are responsible for maintenance. May these requirements please be considered as urgent?

// 6. Similar action is requested for "King's Italy", and Sardinia through Allied Military Mission.

7. May all AMG Postal officers please be advised of arrangements made. Chief Postal officer, Sicily is in agreement with these proposals.

8. A further request for action will be made in respect of areas under direct control of AMG, 15th Army Group where stricter censorship regulations will be enforced.

ROBERT A. McCLURE,
Brigadier General, C.S.C.,
Chief, Information and Censorship Section.

by J. M. Crystal
J. M. CRYSTAL
Brigadier General, C.S.C.
Chief, Information and Censorship Section

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COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE TO CIVILIANS

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The following regulations and restrictions will be applied regarding Civil Communications:

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- (1) There will be NO communications, direct or indirect, with enemy or enemy occupied countries, other than through the official International channels.
- (2) NO use will be made of codes, ciphers, symbols, shorthand, Braille, quotations, puzzles, manuscript music, or any other form of writing which may contain a hidden or secondary meaning.
- (3) There will be NO mention or discussion of or speculation on Allied or Italian land, air or sea movements, routes, training, strength, equipment, supplies, identification of units, losses, casualties, damages suffered, installations, defences, fortifications, or any other matters of operational interest.
- (4) There will be NO mention of persons arrested or interned, movements of government or military officials or agents, rumors of aid or comfort to the enemy, current weather or weather forecasts.
- (5) There will be NO mention of matters detrimental to the prosecution of the Allied War effort.
- (6) There will be NO communications written or sent by civilians on behalf of Allied personnel.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

- (1) There will be NO parcel post until further notice.
- (2) Name and address of writer must appear on outside cover.
- (3) The following enclosures are prohibited in closed private correspondence: Picture postcards, newspapers, books or other documents (except commercial or official papers) cuttings, maps, plans, drawings, prints, photographic films or plates in any form, photographs, gramophone records or sound tracks.
- (4) All correspondence in Civil Post is liable to Censorship, there are NO exceptions.
- (5) There will be NO external air mail.

TELEPHONE REGULATIONS.

- (1) The use of Italian or English languages ONLY is permitted.
- (2) Local and interurban telephone calls within free calling area of a master central office are permitted.

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- (3) Long distance telephone calls are prohibited.

TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS.

- (1) Telegrams may be dispatched to all places within Italy where telegraphic communication is permitted.
- (2) Foreign telegrams are prohibited until further notice.
- (3) Telegrams must be handed in personally at a Post Office by the sender who will be required to prove his identity.

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APPENDIX "A"VEHICLES & DRIVERS REQUIRED BY ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS

Sicily	3
Calabria	1
Lucania	2
King's Italy	4
Total	10

To: Capt. Stone U.S.A.

From: Lt. Col. Producers

SUBJECT: Postal conditions at Salerno.

25 November 1943

With reference to previous report dated 21.11.43, resumption of mail service is still held up on censorship question.

Censorship An INC Section has been located at NAPLES, and the position at SALERNO has been discussed with them. They state that the standing regulations require at least partial censorship of any civil mail but they have wired to AF HQ asking if regulations may be relaxed in respect of local town service. They have also asked AF HQ to despatch censor staff to SALERNO. The section at Naples consists of four officers only and the volume of correspondence being dealt with (captured enemy correspondence etc) is such that none can be spared at present for SALERNO.

Stamps As regards use of stamps, Col. Hume of AMG, No 3 Region is of the opinion that Italian stamps referred to in previous report should be overprinted GOVERNO MILITARE ALLIATE. In view of expectation of Italian Govt taking over at early date, this is considered unnecessary especially in view of fact that stamps on hand are unobjectionable. They bear heads of early Caesars, present king, or figure of legendary wolf, and there is no Fascist reference. Perhaps a definite decision on the matter can be given.

Correspondence The accumulation of correspondence previously referred to is being removed for examination by INC. 20/4

Provincial Services - Transport As regards Provincial services, transfer of mails to and from towns and villages not served by railway, was previously performed by motor transport companies now no longer functioning owing either to loss or damage of vehicles or their requisitioning for other purposes. The question of finding alternative means of transport is being pursued.

Savings Bank etc. So far as Savings Bank and other financial services are concerned, the relative records are held in NAPLES and the question as to what information it will be necessary to obtain from NAPLES before the service can be resumed is being investigated.

A. Producers

Lt. Col.

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