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Separate Subsection - Naples Ferrovia - Sorting Office

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

P. 61.41.08

7th February 1946

SUBJECT: Naples Ferrovia Sorting Office.

TO: Director General Posts and Telecommunications.

1. The British Army Post Office will shortly be in a position to return to your Administration some of the accommodation they are occupying at Naples Ferrovia Sorting Office.

2. The five small rooms on the first floor of the building, in the front, will be available for use by you in early March. The APO will erect a partition in the corridor to ensure access for their staff to the lavatory at the end of the corridor, which is being retained by them. This will necessitate entrance to the last room in the corridor being by way of the next room, and not the door in the corridor. The doors to the rooms in the rear of the first floor, opening on the corridor, will remain locked as the APO is retaining these rooms. It is suggested that the Director, Naples Ferrovia, be instructed to get in touch with the Officer commanding the British APO at the end of this month and make definite arrangements for taking possession of these rooms.

3. The small Messing hut adjacent to the two Messing huts already in use by you may be taken over by your Administration immediately. The doors of this hut open into that part of the premises which the APO is retaining and must therefore remain padlocked, but the partition between this hut and the ones occupied by you can be removed, permitting entrance from the huts already occupied by you. This may be done immediately but the Officer commanding the APO should be informed before the work commences.

4. In addition the APO will move the barbed wire barricade separating their part of the loading platform from that part occupied by your Administration. The barricade will be re-erected on the APO side of the camp in the platform, thus making available to you a large extent of the platform and also a reasonably large covered area abutting on the platform which should be suitable for sorting purposes.

Copies to:

British Postal Directorate
C/o 15 Base APO, G.F.

C-5, AFHQ
HQ Naples Liaison Group AG, APO 394

E.H. SUTTON
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.



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P.61.39/CS

22nd October 1945

Subject: Release of Hutting - Italian Government.
To : A.M.C. Naples Zone.

Reference P.61.34 of 5th October 1945.

1. It is understood from the Ministry of Posts and Telecomms that there has been some difficulty in arranging for the withdrawal of the huts from Cascello owing, it is stated, to the lack of a release order by the Director of Engineering Stores.

2. As G-5 : 680.3 of 3rd October stated that you would be informed when the huts were ready for collection and as the authority for release was given in 6282/2 (Maint) of 10th October addressed to D.S.S. it is not quite clear what difficulty has arisen. Would you please clear with D.S.S.

3. The delay may have proved useful owing to the turn-over of another and more suitable portion of Naples Port to the Civil Authorities which may considerably affect the question of the best site for the erection of these huts.

WHR

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:

G-5 : A.F.H.Q. (ref. 680-3 of 3rd October 1945)
Director General Posts and Telecommunications.

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18th October 1945

P.61.33/CS

Subject: Huts for Post Office use at Naples Port.
To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference my P.61.35 of 5th October 1945.

1. Unless you have already been informed on the subject please telegraph to your Naples Directorate for information whether collection of the huts from Cancelli has been arranged.
2. Please also ask for an estimate of the date by which they can be erected and ready for use.

with
H.H. ROUDIER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:
G-3 : AFHQ (ref. G-3 : 630-3 of 3rd October)
A.M.G. Naples Zone (ref. P.61.34 of 6th October)

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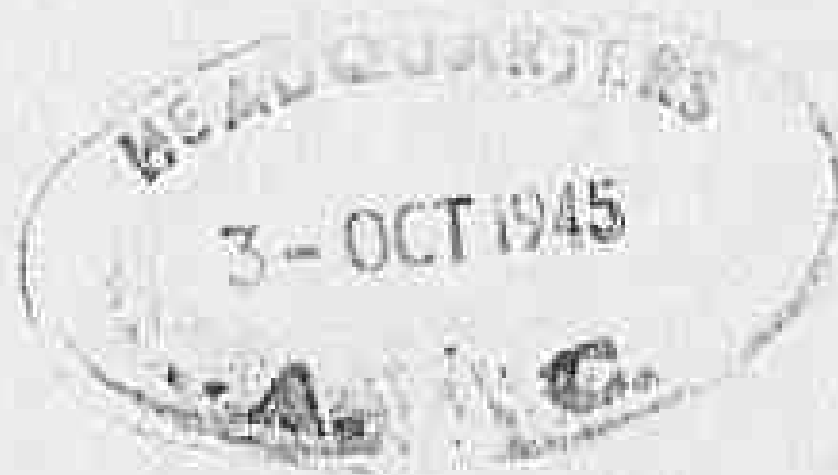
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ET PC COMANDO ALLEATO

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Seguito precedenti telegrammi informasi che est stato accettata offerta altri due capannoni esistenti smontati a cancello. Poiche data trasporto a NAPOLI est fissata non oltre 15 corrente pregola provvedere prima di tale data accordo ferrovie at rittiro trasporto et consegna NAPOLI.

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BRITISH POSTAL DELEGATE,
c/o 15 BASE A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

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Subject:- Romney Huts - 15 Base APO.

4 Oct 45.

To:- Major W.H. Green,
Communications Sub-Commission
HQ Allied Commission,
APO 394,
C.M.F.

The two Romney Huts situated at 15 Base APO were duly
handed over to the Italian Civil Postal Administration on 1
Oct 45.

A copy of the transfer 'State' is attached.

W. B. Style

(W.B. STYLE)
Capt. RS,
for D.P.A.P.S.

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15 Base A.P.O.
C.I.P.

Subject :- Transfer to Italian Civil Postal Administration
Two Romney Huts - Authority AFM.
At 680. 1/225 (Maint) - C

Romney Huts Station Sorting Office.

Handed over to the Italian Civil Postal Administration

2 Romney Huts at the a/m premises.

Conditions of Huts :

Sound.

Fittings etc. :

18 Electric points
(4 lamps only)

2 Rollers.

R. Bailey

(R. BAILEY), Major
OC 15 Base A.P.O.

Taken over from the O.C. 15 Base A.P.O., *Sub. 2* Romney
Huts as described above.

Antonio De Manassis
Procuratore Provinciale

Director Central Civil Post Off.
Naples.

1.10.45.

/R.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

5 October 45

P.64.35.05

SUBJECT: Release of Hutting - Italian Government

TO : Director General Postg and Telecomms.

In confirmation of telephone conversation today re release of two Romney huts for use at Civil Post site.

AMG Naples Zone HQs will be informed when the huts are ready for collection and the Provincial Director Commendatore Fedele should be instructed to contact AMG Naples.

Ch Snoddock
Capt

H.H. SUDNER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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P.61.34.CS

5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Hutting - Italian Government.

TO : AMG, Naples Zone.

Copies of correspondence from AFHQ referring to the release of 2 Romney Hits are forwarded for your information.

Commandatore Fedele, Naples Posts and Telecomms Provincial Director has been instructed to contact you regarding the matter.

H. H. Souder
H.H. SOUDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.



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G-5: 680.3

3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Hutting- Italian Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Attached is a copy of an authority for release of Hutting to the Provincial Director of NAPLES Post Office.

2. AMG. NAPLES will be informed when the huts are ready for collection from CANCELLO. The consignee should be instructed to contact AMG Naples.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl: as above ref
6282/Q(Maint) dtd
1 Oct. 45 fr GHQ, CMF
Q(Maint) Branch.

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C. O. BENSON
Major, R.A.

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G.H.Q. C.M.F.
Q(Maint) Branch

6282/Q(Maint)

TEL: FREEDOM 392

SUBJECT: Release of Hutting - Italian Govt

1 Oct 45

TO : DES

1. Authority is granted for the release of two Romney huts to the Italian Civil Post Office for use in the Civil Post at NAPLES.

2. The consignee will be CONNENDATORE FEDELE, Provincial Direction of NAPLES Post Office.

3. The consignee will collect from ES(B)D CANCELLO on receipt of instructions.

/s/ ????????

/t/ I. D. FORSYTH, Major
for Brigadier,
Q(Maint)

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29th September 1945

P.61.33/CS

Subject: Naples Ferrovia Post Office Accommodation.
To : Director General Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to my P.6.197/CS of 21st September 1945 and confirming telephone conversation.

1. Information has been received (by telephone) from the British Army Postal Directorate that the large Romney hut adjacent to the Naples Ferrovia Office will be available for use by the civil Post Office on 1st October.

2. Please instruct your Naples Provincial Director to make the necessary agreement with the British A.P.O. regarding the transfer and any necessary alterations in the fences.

3. It may be considered desirable to arrange for a new doorway to be cut in the back of the hut to give direct access to the station platforms. Such work will not, however, be undertaken by the Army and would need to be done under civil arrangements.

H. H. Scudder
Capt

H. H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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Copies to:
British Army Postal Directorate
Zone Commissioner A.M.G. Naples.

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21st September 1945

P.6.197/GS

Subject: Naples Post Office Accommodation.

To : The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to my P.6.191 of 9th September.

1. I am glad to inform you that Allied Force Headquarters have now approved the compromise proposals made by this Sub-Commission with the result that the following accommodation at Naples will be made available for the civil postal services: -

(a) Central Post Office
About 15 of the requisitioned rooms on the first floor.

(b) Naples Portoria Office
A large double Romney hut, with a floor space of about 6,000 sq feet, standing immediately adjacent to the sorting office.

2. Please inform your Naples Provincial Director and ask him to keep in touch with Lt. Col. Ryland of the British Army Postal Directorate (located in Central Post Office Naples) and to report developments.

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H.M. SCUDER 34.1
Lt. Colonel, M.C.O.
Director.

Copy to:

Executive Commissioner
(with copy of P.61.26 of 8th September and
AG.680.1/225 Q Maint of 19th September).

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17th Sept 45

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USE OF HUTS AT NAPLES STATION AS PROPOSED P SIX ONE STOP
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COMMUNICATIONS S/C
19 September 1945 (3)

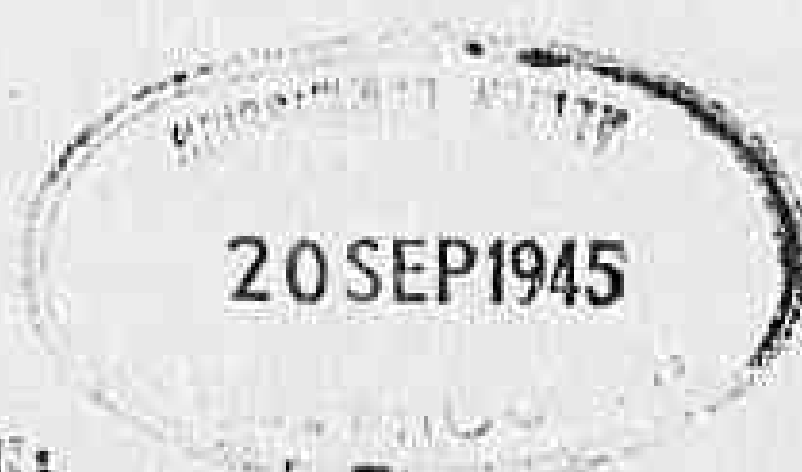
AG 680.1/225 Q(MAINT)-C

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Accommodation, NAPLES

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to your P.61.26.63 dated 8 September 1945.
2. The proposals suggested in paragraph 5 of your above mentioned letter are agreed.
3. It is hoped that this compromise will be sufficient to overcome the present immediate necessities of the civil postal accommodation in NAPLES.
4. Meanwhile the problem of finding alternative accommodation for the Base Post Office is being investigated and you will be informed immediately when any further accommodation becomes available at the Station Sorting Office.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:



R. H. Freese
R. H. FREESE
Major, AGO
Asst Adjutant General

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P.61.29.CS

19 September 1945

SUBJECT: Naples Sorting Office

TO : Zone Commissioner AMG Naples.

Reference unnumbered letter of 3 September
(handed to Col. Pennycuik).

Is any information now available please on
the questions raised concerning the availability
of accommodation in 61 via Medina for use by the
Italian Censorship if the removal of that organisation
from the Sorting Office becomes necessary?

W.H.
H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

1 Inc.: Copy of letter of 3 September

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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19th September 1945

P.61.28/C3

Subject: Italian Postal Services - Accommodation Requirements at Naples.
To : G-5 : A.F.H.Q.

1. From various enquiries it would appear that some confusion has arisen as to the different points at issue concerning Italian Postal Services and Practices in Naples. The following summary may help to clarify the situation:-

2. Proposal to relieve Army Post Offices of the responsibility for the conveyance of Italian civil mails to foreign countries.

The latest reference is P.47.573 of 14th September. No serious question of accommodation is involved in this case so far as the existing restricted foreign letter post service is concerned. It is merely a question of evolving machinery to enable the Italian Post Office to obtain the necessary shipping information; to pay conveyance charges etc. under the present abnormal shipping and port conditions. These mails are already sorted and bagged by the Italian Post Office and are at present handed to the Army Post Offices for shipment with Army surface mails.

3. Proposals to restore foreign printed paper, commercial paper, blind literature and other postal services authorised by Postal Convention.

There is strong pressure from U.S. and U.K. and other foreign administrations for the early resumption of these services to and from Italy. Their reintroduction will involve demands for additional sorting office space especially at Naples to deal with the sorting of these bulky types of correspondence in the inward and outward direction. P.61.26 of 8th September has a bearing on this case.

4. Gift Parcel Post Service from U.S.A.

This service is being operated under considerable difficulties owing to the lack of a warehouse at the Naples port where the large quantities of bags arriving could be put under cover and in security at the time of unloading and bulk breaking operations performed.

There are strong appeals for the extension of the service to all parts of Italy and also for the introduction of similar or normal parcel services to Italy from the British Empire. These extensions of service would considerably increase the requirements mentioned for warehouse accommodation at the port and also involve the provision of parcel office accommodation at the Naples station for the bag-opening and sorting of parcels to be distributed by civil trains ex Naples. P.61.26 of 8th September P.23.195 of 15th September 1945 and message 5539 of 17th September refer.

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Restoration of normal parcel post (instead of or in addition to the special gift parcel service) would probably involve additional accommodation requirements at the port for customs examination purposes.

For the QUARTERMASTER.

WHL
H. H. SCHUBERT
Lt. Colonel, Sig. Co.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT : Naples Sorting Office Accommodation.

TO : Zone Commissioner, AMG Naples.

1. As the British Army Base Post Office cannot at present relinquish the accommodation it occupies at the Italian Station Sorting Office, other alternatives must be considered to enable the Italian Post Office.

a) to deal with the increasing volume of gift parcel traffic from the U.S.A.

b) to agree to the re-establishment of foreign printed paper, newspaper, commercial paper and other secondary services which the Allied Governments wish to resume.

2. As regards 1(a) I am in negotiation with the British APO Directorate as to the possibility of giving the Italian the use of a large double Romney hut (about 6000 sq. ft.) which stands just outside the sorting office.

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3. To provide the accommodation needed under 1(b) it may be necessary to consider removing from the upper floor of the Sorting Office the Italian Military Censorship which deals with the censorship of outgoing foreign mail. This censorship occupied about half the upper floor of the Italian portion of the Sorting Office and has also overflowed into rooms 301 to 311 at the Questura building. Before the desirability of such a removal can be decided upon, it is proposed, to consult civil censorship group and AFHQ as changes in censorship policy may be imminent.

4. There is sufficient space to accommodate the whole of the Italian Military censorship and the associated civil postal sorting work connected with the foreign mails in the

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accommodation available on the upper floors of 61 Via Medina. The lower floors of this building are being used by the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment. It would therefore be appreciated if it could be ascertained whether there would be any difficulty in arranging the derequisitioning of that portion of the premises not used by P.W.C.D. should it be decided that the Italian Censorship must be removed from the sorting office.

W. H. GREEN,
Major,
Chief Postal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

P.61.26.CS

8 September, 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Accommodation Naples.

TO : Asst Adjutant General A.F.H.C.

1. Reference your A.G. 680.1/225 Q(Maint) - O of 25th August.

2. The action proposed to derequisition the accommodation on the first floor of the Central Post Office Naples is much appreciated and will permit the development of a scheme for the reestablishment of the Foreign telegraph work of Italoable within this building and a much improved layout of the administrative offices of the Naples Provincial Postal Directorate.

3. Unfortunately, however, the proposal does nothing to solve the much more serious problem caused by lack of sorting office space. The fact that the Army is not able to find suitable alternative accommodation for the Base Post Office is an indication of the unlikelihood of such accommodation being found for Civil postal purposes.

4. The difficulties caused by the requisitioning of nearly one half of the actual sorting Office space at the Station are accentuated by the fact that the Civil Post Office is also deprived of its accommodation at Naples Port. The main Port Post Office has been destroyed and a second post Office in that area is in use by the 8th Port Battalion as a carpenter's shop and, in any case, the Port Battalion (quite understandably) does not wish the Post Office or any civilian agency to establish its own accommodation, services, and personnel in the Military Port area. The distant portion of the Port which has been transferred to Civil administration and where the considerable volume of civil parcel mail

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from America is now landed (often at night) is nothing more than a desolate waste and the one or two repairable buildings in that vicinity have been earmarked by the Port Commandant for sheltering merchandise awaiting shipment.

5. The problem has been discussed on the spot by the Chief Postal Officer of this Commission and representatives of the British Army Postal Directorate and the following expedients are proposed to overcome at least some of the difficulties of the present situation.

(a) Central Post Office. Derequisition only half instead of all the rooms under requisition on the first floor. This would permit the Post Office to carry out the more urgent portions of the project mentioned in para 2 above and at the same time leave about 15 rooms available for the Allied bodies at present accommodated there - including the British Army Postal Directorate.

(b) Station Sorting Office. If the British Army Postal Directorate were allowed to remain in the Central Post Office and did not have to transfer its Accounts Section and strong room to the Base A.P.O. arrangements could be made by the Directorate to allow the Civil Post Office to have the sole use of a large double Romney hut which stands adjacent to the Sorting Office. The use of this hut which has a floor space of about 6000 sq ft, while not a complete solution to the problem, would be of considerable assistance to the Civil Post Office.

6. It is hoped that the foregoing proposals can be approved as the risks to the civil parcel traffic from U.S.A. under the present unsatisfactory conditions are causing much anxiety.

Copies to: H.Q. Number 3 Dist
C.O. S.D. F.B.S. AFHQ
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British Army Postal Directorate AFHQ
A.G. Records AFHQ
A.M.G. Naples Zone
Executive Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission
C.A.O. AFHQ

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner

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All'UFFICIO POSTE DI
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C.A. Posts And Telecommu-
nications Subcommittee;
Via Veneto - Roma

Resposta al f. N.

del

OGGETTO Ufficio di Napoli Ferrovia

Si trasmette copia della nota n. P. 61.

23/C S del 14/8 della C.A. riflettente la *causa*
di giorni subbrati
di cotesto Ufficio da parte della Censura.

Pregasi *informare* quanto prima possibile
circa l'uso che sarà stato fatto dagli ambienti
restituiti.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Directo
U/Interno
Chief. Telecoma
Chief. Posta
H. Q. Com. O
Asst. Chief. Posta
Censorship
Chief. Clerk

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H.A.C.

14 agosto 1945

P.61.23/CS

OGGETTO: Ufficio anastamento a Napoli.-

AL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO PER LE PP. LL.

1. - Sono stato informato che è stato disposto che l'Ufficio Censura liberi e renda disponibile per le necessità della posta parecchie delle stanze di copiatura e parte della grande stanza del piano superiore dell'ufficio Napoli ferrovia.

2. - Nel confermare quanto sopra vi preghiamo assicurarvi che dello spazio aggiunto, in tal modo reso disponibile, sia fatto il miglior uso possibile.

F/to: MASS. GREEN

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OGGETTO: Ufficio assistente a Napoli.-

AL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO PER LE PP. TT.

1. - Sono stato informato che è stato disposto che l'Ufficio Censura liberi a rendo disponibile per le necessità della posta parecchie delle stanze di copiatura e parte della grande stanza del piano superiore dell'ufficio Napoli ferrovia.
2. - Nel confermare quanto sopra vi preghiamo assicurarvi che dello spazio aggiunto, in tal modo reso disponibile, sia fatto il miglior uso possibile.

F/to: MASS. Geronzi

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Note: Naples are using Archives room as
writing room

(Movement is still outstanding)
Part of City office retained in small
and is used for dealing with
incoming mail from US which contains
valuable items (see letter from US)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

25 August 1945

AG 680.1/225 Q(MAINT)-0

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Accommodation, NAPLES.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to your P.61.22.CS, dated 23 July 1945.

2. The Military are at present in occupation of the following Italian Civil Postal Service accommodations in NAPLES:

a. NAPLES Station Sorting Office. About 40% of the available floor space in use as the British Main Base Post Office.

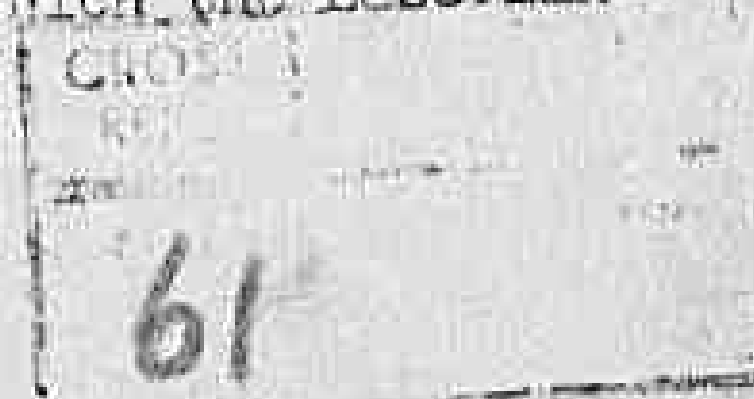
b. NAPLES Central Post Office. Certain rooms on the first floor are occupied by the British Postal Directorate, the US Base Censor and the I&E Section, Peninsular Base Section as offices.

3. The continued occupation of these premises has been investigated most carefully and the premises in question have been inspected by an officer from this headquarters.

4. Arrangements are now being made to vacate all accommodations at present under military requisition in the Central Post Office. It is expected that these offices will be vacated by 15 September. This move will separate the British DDAPS from his Base Office and make close supervision of its operations difficult. It is hoped, however, that the vacation of these offices will assist the Civil Service in overcoming, to some extent, their present difficulties.

5. Investigation of the routing of mail, both within the theater and from external sources, shows that NAPLES is still the main center for postal communications for letter traffic and is likely to be so for as long as it remains the terminal for air transport services. Parcel traffic, with the development of overland routes to the UK, is moving gradually to MILAN. Unfortunately, this will not ease the position in the Station Sorting Office as parcel mail has, for some time, been handled in huts erected on waste ground some two miles away.

6. It is, therefore, necessary, at least for the time being, to retain the Base Post Office in NAPLES and, in consequence, it is regretted that the accommodation occupied in the Station Sorting Office cannot be vacated until alternative accommodation has been found and equipped, to which the Base can transfer its activities.



Date

AFHQ ltr, AG 680.1/225 Q(Maint)-0,
dated 25 August 1945 (Cont'd)

7. The problem of finding this alternative accommodation is being vigorously pursued and you may rest assured that the accommodation will be vacated as soon as a solution has been found. In the meantime, the DDAPS has arranged a meeting with a member of your Commission responsible for the Civil Postal Service, to see whether there is any way in which the Army can assist that Service in the intervening period.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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R. A. STUKEY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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P. 61.23/CS

14th August 1945

Subject: Naples Sorting Office.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

1. I am informed that it has been arranged for the censorship to vacate and make available for postal purposes several of the clerical rooms and part of the large room on the upper floor of the Naples Ferrovia Office.

2. You may wish to confirm this and ensure that the additional space thus made available is put to the best use possible.

WHL

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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P. 61.22.08

23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Naples Sorting Office
TO : G-5: A.F.M.C.

Reference your letter 383.5-2 of 13th July 1945.

1. It is desired to lodge a strong protest against the attitude adopted towards the continued requisitioning of these premises.

2. The importance of these premises to the restoration of the Italian Civil Postal Services has been stressed by this Commission many times and it is considered that the continued denial of their use to the Italian Government is now entirely inconsistent with the policy expressed in IAW 593.

3. It is not known to what extent space requirements of the British Army Postal Service at Naples are affected by recent and prospective alterations in the disposition of the Army and in the methods of conveyance of Army Mail but it is obvious that those requirements should be much reduced as compared with those operative during the campaign in Italy.

4. In any event it is the case that the Italian Government cannot introduce the expansion of postal services favored by the Allied Governments unless additional sorting office accommodation is obtained and it is considered that there is no justification at this stage of events for placing on the Italians the difficult task of obtaining and adapting alternative accommodation while its own premises are being diverted to other purposes by the Allies. The only equitable course would appear to be for the British Army Postal Service to seek alternative accommodation to meet its new requirements. If nothing more suitable is available perhaps the question of sharing accommodation with the American Army Base Post Office - whose space requirements must also have been considered - can be considered.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.8-2

13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Naples Sorting Office

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission APO 394

This Section is informed that the de-requisition of this Sorting Office is not likely in the near future as 15 Base APO will remain in Naples as long as UK air terminals are located in the vicinity which it not likely to be changed.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

[Handwritten Signature]
C. J. MACMILLAN,
Major, P. C.



Date

Director	
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Chief, Teleoms	
Chief, Postal	<i>WHE</i>
H. Q. Comm. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Comms. Ship	
Chief Clerk	

Memo. This apparently is intended as a reply to para 4 of P 23.143 of 29 June & verbal representations made concerning the release of these premises
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHL/ems

4th July 1945

P.6.171/CS

Dear Harvey

Naples Sorting Office

I am not sure whether I mentioned to you the other day, when we were discussing the possibility of the Base A.P.O. moving from Naples, that in such an event the Italian Post Office would, I am sure, be very glad to be given an opportunity of purchasing any useful sorting fittings which you might not need to take North.

The huts which you had built adjacent to the sorting office would also be very useful in connection with proposed expansions of foreign parcel services; the normal premises for those services at the port being destroyed or requisitioned.

Would you please bear the above in mind in connection with any plans you are making.

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To: Lt. Col. W.C. HARVEY R.E.
British Army Postal Directorate
C/O No. 15 Base A.P.O.
C.M.F.

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P.23.143/CS

29th June 1945

Subject: Parcels from Italian P.W. to their Families in Italy

To : G-5 : A.F.H.O.

Reference your G-5 303.8-2.

1. It is fully realised that the artificial restriction of international postal services to particular countries of origin or to particular cities in the country of destination is distinctly undesirable. At the present time the Italian Post Office is under considerable political pressure from interested parties in this country and in other parts of the world, especially the U.S.A., to extend the scope of the parcel service to afford a country-wide distribution. There is also a good deal of agitation for the restoration of printed paper services to and from foreign countries which, even if restricted to 500 grammes as suggested in Item 523, would considerably add to the traffic in "correspondence" (in the sense of Article 53 of the Postal Convention).

2. The Italian Post Office is extremely anxious to restore its normal services but is faced with two major obstacles - lack of transportation facilities and lack of accommodation, at Naples.

3. As regards transportation, a countrywide civil parcel post service must hang on the framework of a train service with adequate facilities for the despatch and receipt of the parcels at all stations. Naples also has watched the present operation of Italian local and long distance train services can imagine that favorable conditions exist at present. Whether there will be adequate rolling stock available to allocate for this purpose is presumably a matter for the Italian Government to decide in the light of its other future commitments. In this connection it could be asserted that the transmission of parcels to individual addressees with all its accompanying requirements of space for sorting and manipulation, varying traffic etc., is probably one of the most extravagant ways of using rail transport for the distribution of goods.

4. The accommodation problem at Naples has been reported on many occasions the most recent representations having been made in 8765/11/003 of 24th December 1944 and 8765/23/AC of 28th February 1945. The importance of the work which the British Base Post Office has performed in the half of the Naples Civil Sorting Office which it occupies is fully recognised by this Sub-Commission but the fact remains that the continued requisitioning of these premises and the lack of any indication when they will be released is a great obstacle to the restoration of these civil postal services which make considerable demands on floor space. This Sub-Commission has been placed in the invidious position of having to urge the Italian Post Office to consider the requisition alternative accommodation which is an obviously an unfair solution in view of the fact that

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the Army is obviously in the better position to do any necessary requisitioning work of repair or adaptation, and provision of road transport required to compensate for the loss of a location at the Railway station. It is not known whether at this stage the disposition of the army in Italy requires the maintenance of the Base Post Office in Naples but in any case it is strongly urged that the question of accommodation should be taken into immediate review with the object of fixing the earliest possible date for the reversion of these premises to their normal use.

WTC
For the Chief Commissioner.

H. H. SCUDMER
Lt. Colonel, Sg.C.
Director.

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AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.137/CS

22th June 1945

Subject: Naples: Space Required for Parcel Post Service from U.S.A.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to your 321729/M of 16th June 1945.

1. The report by Inspector Schivo does not appear to present to you a very clear picture of the situation regarding premises at Naples, or of what he has in mind in the way of providing additional accommodation for parcel post work.

2. The position at the time the postal representative of this Sub-Commission was withdrawn from Naples, was as follows:-

(a) Naples Port Office

Almost completely destroyed and in any case the site of this building was in the Military area of the Port where civilian organisations were not permitted to operate.

(b) Naples Ferrovia

One half of the building was in possession of the British Army Post Office. It was used as the main Base Post Office for the British Army in Italy. This portion of the premises was fitted throughout with British sorting fittings and a much heavier traffic in letters and parcels was being dealt with there than in the half of the building used for the Italian service. In addition large semi-permanent huts had been erected for postal work outside the building. Although this Commission has made many attempts to obtain possession of this part of the premises for your Administration, it is considered that there is little prospect of such attempts being successful as it is very unlikely that the removal of this busy Base Post Office to other premises would be undertaken at this stage of events. It was for this reason that in my P.23.103/CS of 23th April 1945 you were advised that in considering extensions of services it would be well not to count on the early de-requisitioning of these premises.

The other half of the premises, previously in possession of the Military Railway Service, had been de-requisitioned after a great deal of effort on the part of this Sub-Commission and was being used for the Civil Postal services and Civil Censorship. The whole of the ground floor and the smaller of the two sorting rooms on the upper floor were available for postal operations. The large sorting office on the ground floor was of ample size for any letter sorting work that Naples was likely to be called upon to handle, but a great deal of space was wasted through obsolete fittings and methods. Transit accommodation was admittedly crowded at times. The sorting room on the upper floor was only partly used for the Foreign Section.

P.23.137/CS of 22th June 1945
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3. There is a prospect that the Censorship may soon be able to release some of the accommodation it occupies on the first floor of the Ferrovia Office, but that is not likely to solve your problem in connection with the expansion of the parcel service, which needs large halls at ground floor level at the Port and at the Central Station.

4. It is not known whether you have seriously considered and discussed with the Italian Railway authorities the possibility of obtaining suitable accommodation for this work in the Station buildings themselves, or have surveyed the possibility of alternative accommodation in the vicinity.

5. As regards the Port, it is understood that the situation there has changed in that certain parts have been transferred to Italian control. The receipt and treatment of civil imported supplies is now largely in the hands of Italian Government Agencies, and it may be worth while for you to discuss your problems in dealing with parcel mail arrivals with the Istituto per il Commercio Estero, the functions of which are described in the attached copy of A.C. Shipping Instructions No. 12.

H. H. SCUNNER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

1 Inc.:
Copy of A.C. Shipping Instruction No. 12.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio L.P. Dir. I Sez. I
Prot. N° 821729/Allegati N° UNO

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OGGETTO: Napoli Ferrovia -
Locali per i pacchi
provenienti dall'America.-

Roma, 4 6 GIU 1945. 17

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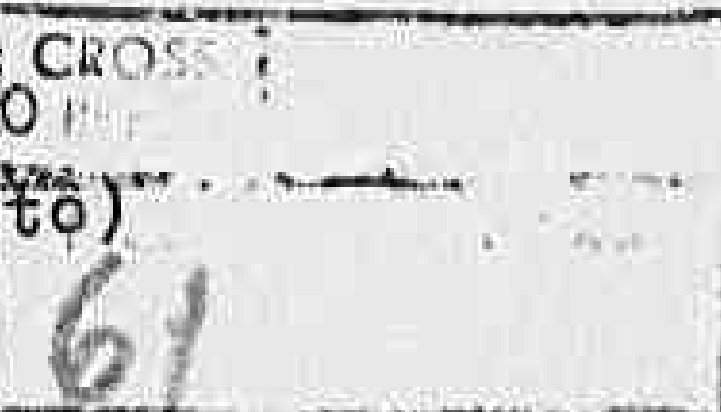
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Si rimette, in copia, l'unito rapporto dell'Ispettore Superiore Schivo di quest'Amministrazione, dal quale si rileva che l'insufficienza dei locali a Napoli Ferrovia intralcia il regolare svolgimento del servizio pacchi provenienti dall'America, ritardandone il loro inoltro a destinazione.

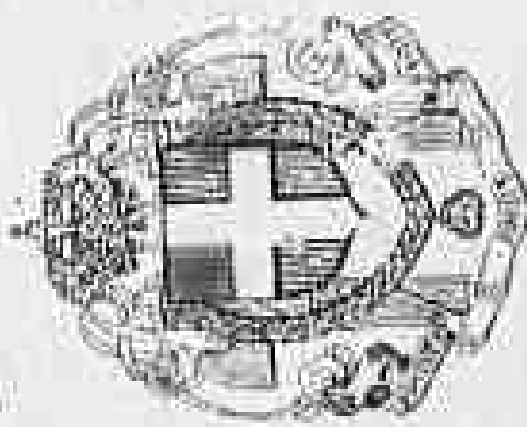
Poichè è nota l'importanza che viene attribuita dagli alleati a questo servizio, che effettivamente è di grande sollievo per la popolazione, si prega di voler esaminare la urgente necessità e quindi disporre che la Commissione Alleata, installata nei predetti locali di Napoli Ferrovia, restituisca a quest'Amministrazione almeno una parte dei locali da essa occupati, tenendo anche presente che, come risulta dall'unito rapporto, la predetta Commissione avrà modo - di certo - come potersi convenientemente sistemare in altri caseggiati vicini.

Sarà gradito un cortese sollecito riferimento al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO
(Mario Cevolotto)



Date



Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni

POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
DEI TELEGRAFI

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

ISPETTORATO SUPERIORE

MOVIMENTO POSTALE

N. 151/S.

OGGETTO

Locali per Napoli Ferrovia

ROMA 28.5. 45

ISPETTORATO GENERALE MOVIMENTO POSTALE

=SEDE=

Constata l'insufficienza dei magazzini che nell'edificio Centrale di Napoli sono adibiti al lavoro relativo ai pacchi dono provenienti dagli Stati Uniti d'America al quale attende l'Ufficio Porto (i cui locali alla Marittima furono requisiti dal Comando Alleato) insufficienza che si lamenta ogni giorno di più e che intralcia il regolare svolgimento del servizio, che va assumendo proporzioni davvero grandiose, insisto nella proposta, altre volte fatta, di rivolgere nuovamente alla Commissione Alleata le più vive preghiere affinché si compenetri della necessità urgente ed imprescindibile di restituirci almeno parte degli ambienti di quell'Ufficio Ferrovia occupati da loro uffici che possono trovare collocamento in altri caseggiati.

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L'ISPETTORE SUPERIORE CENTRALE

F.to SCHIVO

Divisione Generale Poste e Telegrammi
Servizio Lavori e Rassegna
Divisione 1^a Sezione P.

Per copia conforme



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F.to SCHIVO

Ufficio Generale Poste e Telegrafi
Servizio Lavori e Manutenzione
Divisione I^a Sezione I^a

Per copia conforme

IL CAPO SEZIONE

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Translation

16 June 1945

Attached herewith is a copy of a report of Inspector Schivo, from which report it appears that the insufficiency of the premises at Naples Ferrovia hinders the regular operation of the parcel service in arrival from America, and delays their further forwarding to ~~destination~~ *very important* destination.

As you we'll know ~~how important~~ this service is considered by the Allies, which really is of great help for the people, we beg you to examine the urgent necessity and then arrange that the A.C. who are in the above premises, return to our Admin. at least a part of the premises which they have occupied, bearing in mind that, as the attached report shows, the A.C. will surely be able to settle conveniently in other near by buildings. Your reply will be appreciated.

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Translation

28.5 .45

Subject: Premises for Naples Ferrovia.

Having ascertained the insufficiency of the stores which in the Central Building at Naples are used for the work concerning the ~~xxxxxx~~ gift parcels arriving from USA to which the Port Office attends to (who's premises at the Marittima where requisitioned by the Allied Command), insufficiency which ~~xx~~ is complained of more and more each day, and that hinders the regular operation of the service, which is reaching really great proportions, I insist on the proposal, previously made, ~~mm~~ to again renew to the Allied Commission the request, which is most urgent, to return to us at least part of the premises of that Ferrovia Office occupied by their offices which can find room in other buildings.

The use of same would ^{facilitate} the carrying out of the sorting of the bags of gift parcels for the various destinations and the immediate forwarding of those for Rome, Vatican City and Palermo,

It would also make possible the actuation of other services, as ~~parx~~ for example the printed matter correspondence, which owing to the lack of space is now absurd to try and operate .

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.
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Ref: 8765/23/EC.

28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: MAPLES Post Office.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. I refer to my 8765/11/008 of 24 December 1944 and to your reply G-5: 680.3-4 of 10 January 1945.

2. In your letter of 10 January you said that the question of the MAPLES Post Office should be left over until the publication of the instruction on "Coordination of Military and Civilian Requirements for Local Resources". This instruction has still not been issued, but, in any case, in the form in which the Chief Commissioner recommended it should be issued in a DO letter to the CAO on 31 January, the paragraph dealing with derequisitioning was omitted because this subject was covered under the procedure laid down in Appendix "B" to the Minutes of the I.C.C. Drafting Committee meeting of 11 January 1945. This Appendix "B", however, does not apply to such premises as the MAPLES Post Office and only has to do with industrial premises.

3. We are, therefore, back to where we started and I would ask you to reconsider my letter of 29 December 1944, para 4 in particular, where I said that it was strongly urged that there should be a definite policy of seeking alternative accommodation for the present Allied occupants.

4. I should be most grateful if you could give this matter your immediate consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: NAPLES Post Office.

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Date: 11 March 1945

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Ref: 8765/11/CCS.

SUBJECT: Naples Post Office.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

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Chief Postal	<i>WJG</i>
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Chief Clerk	

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24 December 1944.

1. With reference to your 680.3-4 of 5 December 1944, I cannot agree that the matter should be allowed to rest on the decision given by Q(Maint). Nor can I accept the general ruling laid down in the last paragraph of the Q(Maint) letter. It is precisely this attitude which the Allied Commission has to combat with regard to requisitioning of buildings. You will remember that at the meeting of the Industrial Co-ordination Committee it was stated by one of the Commission's representatives that possession of buildings by military units is regarded as nine-tenths of the law whatever instructions may be issued. Is this not a typical example?

2. I appreciate that the possible future requirements for transit and other accommodation in NAPLES presents a problem to those concerned, but I feel that this does not justify the assumption of an entirely negative attitude towards the release of buildings proper to Italian public services. In particular the final sentence of the letter 607/8/Q(Maint) of 4 December 1944 makes the release of any accommodation dependent on what seems to be a very intangible factor.

3. The Post Office Administration in NAPLES has suffered greatly in the matter of destruction, damage and requisitioning of its premises, and loss of stores and fittings. NAPLES is and will continue to be a key point in the Italian postal system, especially as regards overseas communications, and each Italian province and each newly liberated country which is opened for postal business and every restoration of additional services (such as commercial, financial correspondence, parcel post, registered and insured letters, etc) has its effect on space requirements at NAPLES and constant increases in traffic will certainly take place.

4. In these circumstances, while it is not assumed that the Post Office premises referred to in P.682/CS of 30 November 1944, can be vacated immediately by the Allied occupants, it is strongly urged that there should be a definite policy of seeking alternative accommodation with a view to restoring to their original use these buildings essential to the rehabilitation of the economic life of the country.

5. May the last para of Q(Maint) letter be withdrawn.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: Command Sub-Com.
RC, Southern Region.

MSW
Brigadier
Chief of Staff
for the Chief Commissioners

MEMO -

P.6.86/C3

14th December 1944

Subject: Naples Post Office Premises.

To : C. of H.

1. Attention is drawn to the attached correspondence dealing with the question of the requisitioning of Post Office premises in Naples.

2. It is appreciated that the possible future requirements for transit and other accommodation in Naples presents a problem to those concerned, but it is felt that this does not justify the assumption of an entirely negative attitude towards the release of buildings proper to Italian public services. In particular the final sentence of the latter C/P/ (Joint) of 4th December, makes the release of any accommodation dependent on what seems to be a very intangible factor.

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5. It would be appreciated if this could be represented at a higher level than this Sub-Commission has been able to interest, in view of the impasse at present reached.

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

Enc. : Copies of 3 letters.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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5 December 1944

G-5: 680.3-4

SUBJECT: Naples Post Office Premises.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your P/6/82/CS of 30 November. A copy of this was passed to Q (Maint) on receipt with a supporting memo.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of 6076/8/Q(Maint) of 4 December from which it will be seen that it is not possible at the present time to consider the release of either the Italian Central Post Office or the Sorting Office buildings.

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

T. B. Jackman
LT Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
as above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

6076/8/2(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 392

4 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Accommodation - NAPLES Post Office
Premises.

TO : G-5

Reference your 680.3-4 dated 3 Dec. 44.

1. We regret that at the present time it is not possible to consider the release of either the Italian Central Post Office or Sorting Office buildings.
2. Far from there being a prospect in the reduction in accommodation requirements, the converse is the case.

In spite of the fact that certain buildings may shortly be given up by PES, all these will be absorbed by the requirements for increased transit and leave personnel, various long outstanding storage commitments and the move of 3 District HQ to Naples.

In addition, any decision to release a building must be considered in relation to our Post Hostility plans and these are not yet firm.

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62L. WHISTON, Major,
for Major General,
G-4 (B). 3392

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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In reply
refer to : P.6.82/08

30 November 1944

Subject :- Naples Post Office Premises.

To :- G - 5 , A.F.H.Q.

1. In view of the prospect of a reduction in the accommodation requirements for military purposes in Naples, and the possibility of reallocating premises, it is requested that the question of de-requisitioning the Italian Central Post Office and Sorting Office buildings may be considered.

2. The general position is as follows:

(a) Naples Central Post Office.

A suite of 33 rooms on the first floor is occupied by the British Army Postal Directorate, the American Base Censor, and other A.F.H.Q. detachments. The release of this accommodation would enable the Italian Civil Post Office Provincial Directorate to minimise the difficulties under which certain of the civilian activities are at present operated, due to the fact that much of the Central Post Office is unusable on account of war damage, while some sections of the accommodation in use by the Italians are in an unsafe condition.

(b) Naples Station Sorting Office (Napoli Ferrovia)

Over one half of this Office is occupied by the British Army Base A.O. The section available to the Italian Civil Post Office and the associated Allied Censor Control is no longer adequate for their purposes. Already certain clerical sections, whose work is an integral part of the sorting office organisation, have had to be outoused, with consequent inconvenience and loss of efficiency. The position will become worse in the near future owing to increases in the civil mail traffic resulting from progressive extensions of the Postal Services operating area, prospective increases in the weight limits for inland and foreign traffic, and - most important of all - the requirements of the new parcel post service from the United States, the scope of which may conceivably have to be extended.

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The requirements of the British Base APO are fully appreciated, as is also the fact that difficulty may still be experienced in finding them suitable alternative accommodation. In view however of the changing situation, and the points mentioned, it is felt that the present time is opportune to consider restoring to the Italian Service the unrestricted use of the sorting office, especially as the lack of adequate civil mail road transport makes it particularly desirable that civil mail work should be conducted under one roof and actually in the station precincts.

For the Chief Commissioner



J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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APO 394
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PS. 16/6.75.

24 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Naples Post Office - Accomodation.

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

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Attached for your general information is a copy of a report relating to the position existing at Naples, certain aspects of which were discussed at our recent meeting.

It is felt that it would be very helpful if a representative from the Accomodation Section of your office were to visit Naples in order to get first hand information on the position and requirements there.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION A.C.C.

10 October 1944

P II

SUBJECT:- Naples Buildings cases

TO: - Communications Sub-Commission HQ. A.C.C.

(1) I enclose for your information copies of a report which I asked the Naples Economo to submit, shewing what action he had taken to get the various premises (and particularly the Ferrovia) in working order.

(2) Special attention is drawn to para 3 Illuminazione - a very pressing matter. It would appear that the officer dealing with this case at the Ministry is unaware of the large stock of 150 volt lamps in possession of the Administration at the Central Economato.

W. H. Green
W. H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer

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AMMINISTRAZIONE
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Napoli
Economato

Napoli - 2/10/1944

AL Magg. Green, Postal Officer, Napoli

OGGETTO:- Relazione sistemazione Ufficio Posta Ferrovia.

Con lettera No 98/P.R. del 18 luglio 44 il Dirigente l'Ufficio di Posta Ferrovia, Cav. Cammarota, partecipava a questo Economato che, in seguito all'autorevole e personale interessamento di V.S. Ill.ma, l'Ufficio di Poste Ferrovia si era potuto installare nei vecchi locali al Corso Novara fin dal 14 luglio c.a.. Le condizioni in cui trovavansi i locali, a cagione degli eventi bellici, erano disastrose: scalinate con marmi divelti o spezzati, gabinetti di decenza impraticabili, mancanti di apparecchi igienici e di lavandini; aperture prive di porte, finestre senza vetri, infissi senza serrature e senza chiavi, impianti di illuminazione devastati, avanzi di mobili ecc. ecc..

Con lettera No. 12701/587/EC del 1 Agosto 44 questo Economato interessava l'Ufficio del Genio Civile e la Sezione Lavori delle Ferrovie dello Stato, informandone contemporaneamente il Ministero, - per la esecuzione dei lavori necessari per riattare i locali e gli impianti meccanici, per l'applicazione dei vetri alle finestre e per la fornitura delle lampadine. Nessuna risposta si ebbe dagli organi anzidetti, e perciò, tenuto conto del carattere di assoluta urgenza che rivestivano i lavori suddetti, anche in vista dell'imminente trasferimento, dal centro alla Ferrovia, dell'Ufficio di Censura Alleato - questo Economato, avvalendosi delle facoltà concesse al Direttore Provinciale, di poter disporre, cioè, prestazioni e lavori indilazionabili entro i limiti di spesa di lire 5.000,00 provvedeva alla maggior parte delle opere richieste, e soltanto in misura assai ridotta per quanto concerneva i vetri e le lampadine; giacchè il Genio Civile non trovava modo di risolvere l'arduo problema.

A parte i lavori di riattivazione di tutti i locali dove si svolgono i servizi - al Centro ed alla periferia - lavori che fin dal 1 luglio furono sommariamente elencati nella lettera di questa Direzione No. 12701/587/EC diretta al Genio Civile, alla Sezione Lavori delle F.S. e per conoscenza al Ministero Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio, i problemi che attendono, senza ulteriore indugio, una soluzione immediata, si sostanziano nei seguenti:-

1. VETRI ALLA FERROVIA ED AL CENTRO.-

Riuscite vane le richieste rivolte al Genio Civile e tenuto conto dell'elevatissimo costo di essi, con lettera No. 20621/1559/EC del 15 Settembre 44 questo Economato pro-

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poneva al Ministero la utilizzazione dei vetri ancora rimasti intatti, togliendoli dai telai dei corridoi interni dell'edificio centrale ed applicandoli con opportuni adattamenti di legno compensato, alle finestre delle varie stanze. Si è tuttora in attesa che il Ministero autorizzi la spesa relativa. Con telegramma No. 292/64 del 27/9 u.s. venne sollecitata la risposta al Ministero.

2. ILLUMINAZIONE.-

Con lettera No 320493/SU del 11 Agosto u.s. il Ministero Servizio II cui, con nota No 10519/723/EC fin dal 11 luglio veniva comunicato il prezzo ed il fabbisogno delle lampadine, chiedeva nuovi preventivi più economici. Con telegramma No. 3664 del 6 Settembre, questa Direzione rispondeva segnalando l'impossibilità di trovare lampadine su questa piazza e con successivo telegramma No. 12564 del 12/9 si comunicava il fabbisogno minimo e più urgente di lampadine. Soltanto con espresso No. 320993/S.U. del 28 settembre u.s. il Ministero, dopo di aver fatto presente che esso non provvede alla fornitura di tale materiale, soggiungeva che questa Direzione poteva rivolgersi ad altre ditte fornitrici delle sedi viciniori. Intanto per i bisogni immediati la Direzione di Bari veniva autorizzata a spedire a questo Economato 30 lampadine da 25 candele, 10 da 60 e 5 da 100. Quantitativo questo assolutamente inadeguato per fronteggiare il fabbisogno di Poste Ferrovia, di Arrivi e Distribuzione e di tutti gli altri Uffici di questo Edificio Centrale.

3. RISCALDAMENTO.-

Trattasi come per le lampadine di una questione che interessa tanto i locali del Centro quanto quelli della periferia compresi gli uffici della Censura Alleata colà installati. Con lettera No; 21139/EC del 22 settembre, si è interessato il Genio Civile, la Sezione Lavori delle F.S. ed il Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio del Ministero, perchè venga esaminata la possibilità di risolvere prontamente la questione.

4. SGOMBRO MATERIALE DAGLI SCANTINATI DELLA FERROVIA.

Si è dovuto soprassedere alle opere di sgombero dell'ingente materiale degli scantinati di poste ferroviarie essendosi in attesa che il Comando Artiglieria ed il Genio Militare eseguano un sopralluogo per accertare se in detti scantinati siavi qualche mina tedesca. Intanto con lettera No. 29993/EC/1606 del 23/9/44 è stata interessata la Sezione Lavori delle F.S. ed il Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio del Ministero - informandone anche la S.V. Ill.ma con copia della lettera stessa - per la chiusura degli scantinati di Poste Ferrovia come da richiesta del Dirigente dell'Ufficio stesso.

5. IMPIANTI ELETTROMECCANICI ED ALTRO.-

Con lettera No. 22063/EC/1179 del 23 settembre si è interessata la Sezione Lavori delle F.S. ed il Genio Civile rispettivamente per la riattivazione degli impianti meccanici (montacarichi ecc.) e per la costruzione di una rampa di accesso dal piano stradale a quello dell'Ufficio di Poste

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Ferrovia. Si è in attesa di provvedimenti.

6. UFFICIO ARRIVI E DISTRIBUZIONE.-

Con lettera No. 21619/EC del 21/9/44 si è data comunicazione al Genio Civile, alla Sezione Lavori delle F.S. ed al Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio del Ministero di tutti gli inconvenienti segnalati dall'Ufficio Arrivi e Distribuzione che vietano colà il regolare svolgimento dei servizi specialmente a cagione delle infiltrazioni di acqua piovana in quei locali, per mancanza di vetri e per la deficienza di lampadine. Per quanto riflette il detto Ufficio va ricordato che fin dal 21 agosto 44 con lettera No. 18935/1193/EC furono sollecitati gli organi suddetti allo stesso scopo, nonché il Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio del Ministero che, a sua volta, con foglio No. 354879/354782/DG del 1/9/44, sollecitava la Direzione Generale delle F.S. e l'Ufficio del Genio Civile di Napoli. Nessun esito si è avuto da tali sollecitazioni.

7. LAVORI AI MAGAZZINI DEI MATERIALI POSTALI E TELEGRAFICI E DEI MOBILI.-

Il 15 giugno 1944 fu rilevato che la porta del magazzino dove è depositato il materiale postale e telegrafico, era stata forzata e venne riconosciuto urgentissimo provvedere alla immediata esecuzione di opere atte a garantire la sicurezza dei locali stessi. Con lettera No. 315/EC dello stesso giorno fu interessata la Sezione Lavori F.S. a provvedere in conseguenza. La relativa perizia risulta inviata al Ministero fin dal 19 luglio, e si è tuttora in attesa che il Ministero stesso sollecitato con foglio No. 14609/1530/EC del 12/9/44, approvi la relativa spesa di L. 55.000,00

8. TRAMEZZI PERICOLANTI AL 1 PIANO DELL'EDIFICIO CENTRALE (Ufficio Corrispondenza e Pacchi).

Un lungo tratto di tramezzi a pian terreno dell'Edificio Centrale è pericolante. Con lettera No. 1181/EC del 16/8/44 veniva urgentemente interessato il Genio Civile perchè avesse provveduto alle opere di consolidamento ed alla demolizione dei detti tramezzi.- Il 25 agosto u.s., con foglio pari numero, è stato sollecitato il detto Ufficio, e soltanto dopo che il Sottosegretariato alle Poste, S.E. Fano, con espresso No 354910/D.G. del 4 Sett. 44 ne ebbe sollecitato gli organi competenti, l'ufficio ~~centr~~ locale del Genio Civile con nota No. 14454 del 8 Sett. 44 assicurava che entro il più breve tempo possibile sarebbero state eseguite le opere di consolidamento. Finora però ancora nulla è stato eseguito.

L'ECONOMO PROVINCIALE
(Iudovico De Marini)

Naples 2/10/1944.

TO : Major W.H. GREEN, Postal Officer, Naples.
 FROM : Economo.
 SUBJECT : Report accommodation Post Office Ferrovia.

By letter N.98/P.R. of the 12th July 1944 the Acting Director of the Post Office at Ferrovia, Cav. Cammarota, informed this Economo that, after your authoritative and personal interest, the Ferrovia Post Office was accommodated in the old premises at Corso Novara since 14th July last. The conditions in which the premises were, because of the war events, were disastrous: front-steps with marbles uprooted or broken; water-closet unpracticable, without hygienic apparatus and without basins; doors missing, windows without glasses, furniture without locks or keys; lighting plants devastated, residue of furniture etc...

By letter n. 12701/587/EG of the 1st August 1944 this Economo appealed to the Genio Civile and the Section of works of the State Railways. (informing the Ministry at the same time) for the execution of works needed in order to restore the premises and mechanical installation, for the application of glass to the windows and for the supply of electric lamps.

We received no answer from the aforesaid organizations and, therefore, considering the character of absolute urgency which the requested works required also considering the immediate transfer of the Allied Censorship Office from the Central Building to the Ferrovia - this Economo, availing itself of the allowances granted to the Provincial Director, that is to be able to dispose of prestations and works not exceeding the limit expense of L.5000.00 provided for the majority of the work requested and, only in a very reduced way, as regarded glass and lamps; as the Genio Civile did not find a way to resolve the difficult problem.

Apart from the work for the restoration of all the premises where the services are being operated - at the Centro and at the periphery, works which since the first days of July were summarily listed in the letter of this Directorate N. 12701/587/EG addressed to the Genio Civile, to the Section of Works W.P.S., and for information to the Ministry of Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio - the problems which are awaiting, without further delay, for an immediate solution are the following:

1. Glass at the Ferrovia and Centro Offices.

As the requests to the Genio Civile have been useless and considering the very high cost of the glass by letter N.20621/1559 of the 15th Sept. last, this Economo proposed to the Ministry to use those panes of glass which are still intact, taking them away from the window-frames of the interior passages of the central building and fitting them with proper adaptations of wood compensate, to the windows of the several rooms.

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By telegram N. 292/64 of the 27/9 last the ministry answered promptly.

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2. Lighting.

By letter N.320493/SU of the 11th August last the Ministry, service II, to which we communicated the price and the number of electric lamps needed by letter N. 10519/723 EC on the 11th July, asked for new and more economical estimates. By telegram N. 3664 of the 6th Sept., this Directorate answered bringing into their notice the impossibility of finding electric lamps on our market and by the successive telegram N.12564 of the 12/9 we communicated the minimum and more urgent number of electric lamps.

Only by express letter N.320993/SU of the 28/9 last the Ministry, after brought to our notice that the don't provide for the turning of such material, added that this Directorate might have asked other contractor firms of the very near places.

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3. Heating.

This is as for the lamps, a question which concerns both premises at Centro or those of the periphery included the offices of the Allied Censorship there installed. By letter N.21139/ES of the 22nd Sept. we appealed to the Genio Civile, Section of Work FF. SS. and the Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio of the Ministry in order to have the possibility of having resolved promptly the question by them.

4. Removal of material from the basement at the Ferrovia O.

It has been necessary to suspend the removal work of the very great quantity of material from the basement of poste ferr. pending a visit to the spot of the Comando Artilleria and Genio Militare in order to ascertain if in the foreseen basement there is any gas in mine.

In the meantime by letter N.29993/EC/1606 of the 3rd Sept. 44. we appealed to the Section of Work FF. SS. and Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio of the Ministry - informing also you by copy of the same letter - for the locking of the basement of posta ferrovia as requested by the Director of the same office.

5. Electrical and mechanical installations and other.

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6. Arrivi e Distribuzioni Office.

By letter N. 21619/EG of the 21/9/1944 we informed the Genio Civile and Section of Work FF. SS. and Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio of the Ministry of all the inconveniences brought to notice of the Arrivi e Distribuzioni Office which stop the regular working of services especially because of the infiltration of rain-water in those premises, owing the lack of glass and deficiency of lamps.

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So far as the aforesaid Office is concerned it is reminded that since the 21 August 44 by letter 16935/1193/30 we hastened the above mentioned organizations for the same purpose, and also the Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio of the Ministry, which on their side, by letter N. 354879/354782/DG of the 1/9/1944, hastened the General Directorate FF.SS. and the Genio Civile Office of Naples. We have had no result from these solicitations.

7. Works for Stores of Postal and Telegraphic material and furniture.

On the 15th June 1944 it was perceived that the door of the stores where the postal and telegraph material is deposited, had been forced and it was acknowledged to be very urgent to provide for the immediate execution of works such as to guarantee the security of the same premises.

8. Partitions in danger on the 1st floor of the Central building. (Corrispondenze e pacchi Office).

A long line of partitions on the ground-floor of the Central Building is in danger. By letter N. 1181/10 of the 16th Aug. 44 we appealed urgently to the Genio Civile so that they might have provided for consolidation work or for the demolition of the above said partitions. On the 25/8 by letter of the same number, we hastened the aforesaid Office, and only after that the Undersecretary for Posts, H. E. Tano by express letter N. 350910/DG of the 4/9 last hastened the competent organizations, the local office of Genio Civile, by letter N. 14434 of the 8th Sept, gave assurance that in the shortest time possible the consolidation work would have been carried out. But up to this date nothing has been executed.

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THE PROVINCIAL ECONOMO
Ludivico De Marinis.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P O 394, U.S. Army.

10 August 1944

P: 11/573

SUBJECT : Transfer of Allied Censor Control from Naples
Central Post Office to Naples Ferrovia Sorting Office.
TO : Allied Censor Control Officer Naples.

1. Confirming the information given by telephone the rooms reserved for you at the Ferrovia Office will be ready for occupation this weekend.
2. Arrangements have been made for a Region III vehicle to be at your disposal for the removal on Monday next 14th August.
3. The actual details regarding time the vehicle is to report etc. should be settled with Lt. Zerra 22 Via Col. Lahalle. (Tel. 54229)

W.H. Green
W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

W.H. Green.

Copies : Communications Sub-Commission. *ACC* X
Provincial Director PP.TT. Naples.

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

PS 16/6/57

P. 11 / 444

16 July 1944

SUBJECT : Naples Stazione Ferrovia Sorting Office .
TO : Communications Sub-Commission HQ. A.C.C..

(1) On 12th July, I obtained possession of that portion of the above premises which was occupied by American troops .

(2) In view of the fact that the accommodation position in Naples is at present chaotic and representatives of incoming formations are in search of all available space, it was necessary to move very quickly and I was obliged to instruct the Sorting Office people to transfer quickly without waiting for the detailed consideration which I should have liked to give to questions of allocation of space and layout .

(3) The premises themselves are very disappointing as the main sorting rooms are dark and the lighting fittings are all missing . There are no sorting fittings in the place and most of the cupboards ^{in the sorting rooms} have had shelves and in some cases the doors removed apparently for firewood by the succession of previous tenants .

(4) The writing and archive accommodation is good and more than sufficient for Post Office needs, but it will be very difficult indeed to include also the Censorship .

(5) I have gone carefully into the Censorship requirements with Lt. Leah and am forced to agree with him that under present conditions (including his SPS Section) he needs for the various processes eight separate well-lighted rooms , one of which must be large enough to accommodate the main body of nearly 60 censors .

(6) Pending the artificial lighting of the largest ground floor room being put in order it has been necessary to use the biggest room on the upper floor as the sorting office , but I hope shortly to be able to transfer this work to the ground floor .

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(7) In the meantime I will try to find a solution to the problem of accomodating the Censorship as I am reluctant to give up the idea of having it in the same building . Moreover ,if it can be removed from the Central Post Office it should be possible to utilize the accomodation thus freed to reestablish the central delivery Office

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN
MAJOR
POSTAL OFFICER .

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

Dear Head ,

Naples, Post Office accomodation

You may be interested to hear a little more of the accomodation situation than I have been able to state in my letter P.11/444. As you probably know, the whole position here has been thrown into confusion by the impending arrival of very numerous and important outfits whose demands for accomodation are far in excess of what has been relinquished. As a result I have spent a very hectic week trying to keep our end up and at the same time be as helpful as possible to people such as the APO Directorate and POW Censorship Units who are all competitors for anything that is available. The chief difficulty has been to find out, in all the movements, who at any given moment has a lien on premises, and, some of the new arrivals have found out to their cost, the PBS estate people are, perhaps intentionally, vague on the subject. For instance, I have been trying to get possession of the main power Station of the Posta Pneumatica system to give us a chance to get at least some bits of ~~it~~ working and alleviate the very bad Express Letter and Telegram delivery situation. After much searching I found that the park where it is situated came under an American Special Services Organization and I got the Colonel of that unit interested and an agreement with him that I might fix details of possession and access with his Captain on the spot. It took me the best part of two afternoons to run this Captain to earth only to find that half the park had been transferred to the 7th Army HQ. and the building just came inside the half being fenced off. You will know what it is like trying to locate a particular ~~Signal~~ in a HQ on the move but I succeeded at length and, as he was interested in stamps, I got him to agree to alter his fence so as to leave our building in the Special Services area.

We were just in the nick of time to get the Ferrovia as both the APO and Censorship were pulling wires at the top and I have had to pitchfork our people in and am only sorry that I wasn't able first to give due consideration to the Censorship problem.

The Central Post Office position has been equally vague and both the APO Directorate people and myself did a lot of chasing before we found that the present holders of the keys are the 21st Fort Battalion who were just on the point of moving from the other end of the City to the Provincia. They would make no promises but held out hopes that the "General" might not need the P.O. I have tried to buy off the APO people with the Via Saluta premises from which the Provincial Director decided to move all instead of only "key" personnel. If we could get the whole of the 33 requisitioned rooms in the G.O. I think we could bring back the Conti Correnti; ease the overcrowding caused by the removal from Via Salute and still, if necessary, let the APO Directorate have about 10 rooms.

In the midst of all this I went home one night to find that I and the remnants of ACC had to clear out of the Volturmo and Toledo by the next morning. That wasted a complete half day but I am now fixed up in a billet with Reg. 3 Public Safety people at Posillipo, about 4 to 5 miles out of town. It is very pleasant but it forces me to leave the city at 5.30 pm. which may be difficult at times. The telephone number of the billet is 14190.

Sorry to trouble you with all this but I thought that you and Colonel Henderson would wish to be kept aware of the latest developments.

Yours etc.

W.H. Green
W.H. GREEN

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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18 JULY 1944

PS.16/6.58.

SUBJECT:- Accom^modation - Naples Post Office

O:- Major Green, Postal Officer, Region III

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1. The position referred to in your P.11/444 of July 16th is noted. It is unfortunate that the occupation of the Sorting Office had to be carried out under the conditions described, but it is quite evident that only the prompt action taken saved the day.

2. In view of the tenor of the accompanying relative communications, an opening for further representation from Hqs. is not seen at the moment. But if any change in circumstances which comes to your notice alters the position, please let us know.

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

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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RS.16/6.57.

13 July 1944

SUBJECT:- Sorting Office, Naples

TO:- Postal Officer, Region III 565

The attached relates to yesterday's telephone conversation.
Please report developments.

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

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

Ref/127/152/CA

12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Sorting Office - Garibaldi Station.

TO : Communications Sub-Comm. ~~_____~~

Further to conversation - Col. Henderson & Lt. Col.
Shipp copy of letter from Military Railway Service dated 9
July 44 is forwarded for your action.

DIRECTOR
D/DIRECTOR
S. O. (I)
S. O. (F)
CENSORSHIP
CHIEF CLERK
<i>Recd. 15.7.44</i>

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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*Phoned Mayor Green
16.30 - 12.7.44*

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
(Office of Director General)

A.P.O. O.400
9 July 1944.

Subject : Postal Sorting Office - Garibaldi Station.

To : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Attn: Brig. Lush
Regional Control and Military Government Section
A.P.O. 34, U.S. Army.

1. In response to your urgent request, letter 7 July 1944, file 127/150/CA, the Director General has made arrangements to release to your Communications Sub-Commission on 11 July 1944 the Postal Sorting Office at Garibaldi Station. At that time he assumes no further responsibility for the control or maintenance of this property. This property is on Italian State Railway property and has no street address. It is a part of the Garibaldi Railway Station property.

2. When at the time on 11 July 1944 you are ready to take a turnover of this property and effect the necessary exchange of instruments of responsibility, please contact Colonel James E. Guilfoyle of the 701st Railway Grand Division, which is located in the close proximity of the Garibaldi Station and the building requested.

For the Commanding General:

S.R. BEGGS
Major, T.C.
Adjutant.

cc - Chief Administrative Officer, AAI, APO 400.
CO, 701st Ry Grand Div, APO 400.

Copy to Communications Sub com. ~~2276~~
From Civil Affairs Branch

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

2nd June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: FS/16/6/49

Subject: Post Office Accommodations, Naples.

To: The Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference attached correspondence, I should be grateful if the matter could be taken up with the military headquarters under which the military railway service works.
2. The situation of the Post Office in Naples is really very bad. Nearly two million letters a month are being dealt with, and with the return to normal civil facilities (registration, insurance, express, newspaper, air-mail, etc., services have now been added to ordinary letter service and parcels services must be anticipated) and with the steady growth of foreign mail, it is essential that accommodation be provided on a scale and of a kind suitable to the service.
3. At present the sorting office is in a warehouse within a hundred yards of the station. The conditions are quite unsuitable and the accommodation inadequate for the present volume of mail; the censorship staff cannot also be accommodated in the same building, resulting in great loss of time.
4. The Post Office Sorting Office, although for obvious convenience part of the railway buildings, is of course not part of the railway service and was built for postal use. The argument in para.1 of 2nd Ind. is therefore not relevant.
5. With the recent advance and consequent move of troops out of Naples, it seems likely that alternative billets accommodations can now be found in the area.

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15 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Postal Sorting Office accommodation, Naples.

TO:- Major Green, Postal Officer, Region III.

1. Correspondence received from RC and MC Section indicates that the efforts made towards the handing back of that portion of the Station Sorting Office occupied by the 713rd Rly. Co. Bn. have not been successful.

2. The future position will be eased somewhat by the dropping, for the present, of the proposal to concentrate all foreign mail work on Naples. Please say whether, in view of this, the existing accommodation available is seriously inadequate for minimum present requirements, and if so, whether you can see any alternative means of remedying the position. In your reply please indicate, briefly, with a very rough diagram, how the incoming, outgoing, and local delivery sections of the work are catered for.

[Signature]
S. H. HEAD
Major

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

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30 March 1944.

SUBJECT : Sorting Office at Stazione Ferrovia.,
Naples.
TO : The Liason Officer with PBS,
Allied Control Commission.

1. I should be glad if you would raise with the PBS the question of finding alternative accommodation for the 713rd Railway Operating Battalion which at present occupies half of the Post Office Sorting Office at the Stazione Ferrovia.

2. I am sorry to have to disturb the unit concerned but this request is made necessary by the reestablishment of civilian Inland and Foreign Postal Services which came into effect on the 20th March and which makes essential the restoration of the Sorting Office to its primary purpose.

3. The increased postal traffic which will require to be dealt with by the Italian Post Office at Naples as the service develops will be altogether beyond the capacity of the unsatisfactory temporary premises in the Via Indipendenza where the Sorting and despatching work is at present performed.

4. Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission state that a registered letter system will shortly be approved while the introduction of parcel post service is contemplated. Moreover, it is proposed by AFHQ that the incoming Foreign mail work for the whole of liberated Italy shall be dealt with at Naples.

5. It is also ^{very} desirable that the Allied Censor Control staff, at present housed in Via d'Avalos, should now be accommodated in the Sorting Office building in order to avoid the loss of time and wastage of transport which is incurred under the present arrangement.

6. The other portion of the Stazioni Ferrovia Sorting Office is occupied by the British Army Base Post Office which is using the building for the purpose for which it was designed, and therefore has a prior claim to be left in possession.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Col. AUS
Regional Commissioner.

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