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Postage Stamps (A)

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

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LA Col Hood:

June 28, 1944

Bearer, Comm. To Bianco, has an
idea regarding issuance of a victory stamp.
As this is a major policy I am
referring him to you.

W. L. Mason
Dyot also

Comm. Bianco informed verbally that
idea not acceptable at the moment.

W. L. Mason

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REAR HQRS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SMH/ee

PS. 16/7.79.

6 July 1944

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SUBJECT:- Postage Stamps

TO:- D.D.A.P.S. , G.H.Q. , M.E.F.

1. Herewith are specimen postage stamps as requested in your P/Civ/1260 of 9 May and 19 June. (and also as sent to Berne).

They comprise:-

(a) Allied Military Postage issue (in use only in Sicily) : 9 denominations.

(b) Italian Government issue : 1 denomination.

2. A certain number of ordinary Italian stamps (of the normal issue still in use in Italy) were overprinted by the Regional Commissioner for Naples. Supplies of these have been out of stock for some time, and specimens cannot be obtained.

for the Director, Communications Sub-Commission

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
C.P.C.

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Comms L.C.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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TBJ/seb

G-5: 123-4

23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control
Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to MGS 123-5
of 13 May enclosing original request from
DDAPS, GHQ, MEF, P/Civ/1260 of 9 May for
action.

2. A reminder has to-day been re-
ceived from Mideast (P/Civ/1260 of 19 June)
a copy of which is attached. Will you
please state the position?

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

[Signature]
T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Incl:
as above.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

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GHC MEF
P/Civ/1260

19 Jun 44

Military Govt. Section,
AFHQ BNAF

Ref my letter P/Civ/1260 of 9 May 44 and your letter
MGS.123-5 of 13 May addressed to Headquarters Allied Control
Commission, APO 394, the specimen stamps requested have not
so far been received. It would be appreciated if you would
do what you can to expedite their despatch.

(Sgd) ?????
Major RE
(H.W.Barnes)
for DDAPS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGS: 123-5

TBJ/cags
13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Attached is original request from
DDAPS, GHQ, MEF, P/Civ/1260 of 9 May with
which it is requested you will deal direct.

For the Chief of Section:

Hold for me.
Send

Specimen

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

Incl: as above

Copy to: GHQ, MEF.

HEADQUARTERS
21 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

DIRECTOR	<i>PS/16/7</i>
D/DIRECTOR	
S. O. (1)	
S. O. (2)	
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CH. DEPT.	
<i>Recd 22.5.44</i>	

SUBJECT:- Postage Stamp

Military Government Section
AMHQ.

I shall be glad if you will arrange to forward to this Directorate three specimens of each type and denomination of Postage Stamp brought into use in Allied Occupied Italy and Sicily since the recent restoration of the civil Postal Services there.

H. W. Barnes
Major R.E.
(H.W. Barnes)
for DDAPS.

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5 July 1944 78

PS. 16/7.78.

MEMORANDUM -

1. The Communications Sub-Commission feels that the possible evils of the situation are much overstressed. Is there really such a market for these stamps as make it possible, by their re-sale, to set up a worth while credit in a neutral country?

2. In any case:

(a) Cannot ~~the~~ importation be prohibited?

(b) Overprinting of existing stocks might be undertaken - although we are against it from a purely postal stand point - but duplication of the overprint by the Germans would probably occasion no great difficulty if they have sufficient to gain by it.

(c) The issue of a new series of stamps is impracticable at the moment; but it is a course which the Italian Government may wish to follow when they have jurisdiction in Rome and access to materials and printing facilities there. The point has been put to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

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Copy to Dr. Fawcett

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

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PS. 10/7.77.

5 July 1944

SUBJECT:- Postage Stamps.

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

1. Ample stocks of ordinary Italian stamps will be available in Rome, and it is the intention that they only will be used when postal services in newly opened provinces are resumed. All stocks of Republican overprint stamps and postcards should be called in as soon as services start, and sealed and held by Provincial Directors, pending receipt of further instructions by them.

*Note: Rome Region
already advised verbally.*

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
C.P.C.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY
NAPLES OFFICE

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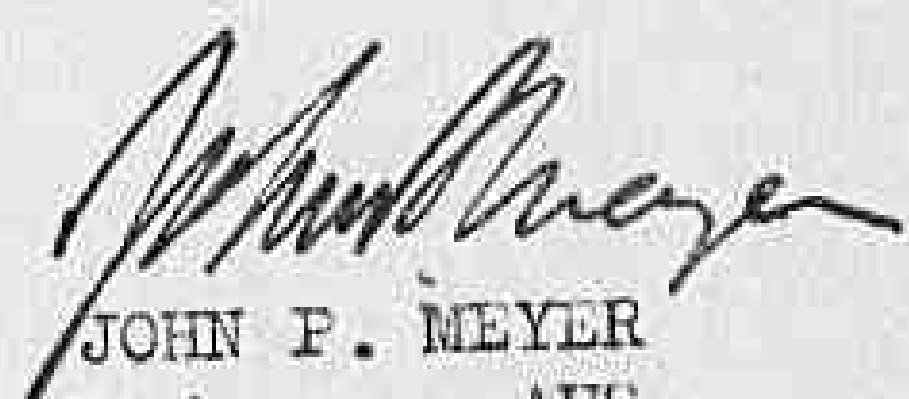
Ref:AFN/250/395

14 June 1944

Subject : AM Stamps held by AFA Naples

TO : Postal Branch
Communications Sub-Commission
Rear HQs ACC.1. Ref your letter PS.16/7.73 dated 11 June 1944 re:
AM Stamps held by AFA Naples.2. Our records agree with figures noted in above dated
letter. To keep records correct, following is a list:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Number</u>
15 Cent.	4.580.000
25 Cent.	4.620.000
30 Cent.	4.740.000
50 Cent.	3.080.000
60 Cent.	5.880.000
1 lira	5.090.000
2 lire	3.750.000
5 lire	3.840.000
10 lire	3.800.000


JOHN P. MEYER
Major AUS
AFA - NAPLES

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-2 (Advanced Intelligence)
c/o Peninsular Base Section
APO 782, U.S. ARMY

10/33

9 June, 1944.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT D-40

Naziist Republican Postage Stamps

1. From investigations made in towns recently taken by the Allies, it appears that the Postal Service in GERMANY-occupied territory SOUTH of ROME ceased functioning about 15 Jan 44. For this reason the regulation regarding the overprinting of old stamps was not enforced in these areas. Consequently, the normal stocks of the old stamp, without overprinting, can be found in towns SOUTH of ROME, and in these areas no overprinted stamps are available. In the areas where the regulation was enforced, however, it would appear extremely unlikely that any stocks of the old stamp without the overprinting will be available.
2. The attached samples of the overprinted stamps were obtained from a refugee who bought them in TURIN.

Only one can
be in.

for E.J.C. CAVE,
Major, G.S.,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION:

A.T.H.Q., G-2 (3 copies)
P.W.B., ("D" Section) (3 copies)
A.C.C. (Information Division) (3 copies)
(Answers your 2450/Info, of 5 June 44.)

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9 June, 1944.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT D-90

Fascist Republican Postage Stamps

1. From investigations made in towns recently taken by the Allies, it appears that the Postal Service in GERMAN-occupied territory SOUTH of ROME ceased functioning about 15 Jan 44. For this reason the regulation regarding the overprinting of old stamps was not enforced in these areas. Consequently, the normal stocks of the old stamp, without overprinting, can be found in towns SOUTH of ROME, and in these areas no overprinted stamps are available. In the Areas where the regulation was enforced, however, it would appear extremely unlikely that any stocks of the old stamp without the overprinting will be available.
2. The attached samples of the overprinted stamps were obtained from a refugee who bought them in TURIN.

*Over one can
get it.*

of 1/2 page (1/2 page)

for R.J.C. CAVE,
Major, G.S.,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION:

A.T.H.Q., G-2 (3 copies)
P.W.E., ("D" Section) (1 copy)
A.C.C. (Information Division) (3 copies)
(Answers your 2450/info, of 5 June 44.)

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RECEIVED

RECEIVED BY INFO DIV ACC
Date 6/11 Time 11:00
Signature Info-102

PS 16/4.

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

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17 June 1944

PS. 16/7.74.

SUBJECT:- A.M. Postage Stamps.

TO:- Lt. Krull, Postal Officer, Region I.

1. Re. your RPO 344.14. of June 12th.
2. The general postage stamp policy may become modified by favorable conditions for supplying Italian stamps which have been found to exist in Rome. In these circumstances it is not desired to issue further supplies of A.M. postage stamps from the bulk stock held here unless and until they are required immediately. In view of this and of the comparatively large stocks still held in Palermo, no action will be taken here for the present.

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[Signature]
S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
C.P.O.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

12 June 1944

RPO 311.14

Subject: Postage Stamps

To : Major Head, Chief Postal Officer, Rear Hq., A.C.C.
APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Reference to your communication of 7 June 1944 (PS. 16/7.72),
above subject.

2. There has been some errors found in the record of postage stamps
kept by Capt. Alasia. Examination of the stock on hand has been made and the
following report is correct.

15 cent.	-	3,600,000
25 cent.	-	2,400,000
30 cent.	-	3,600,000
50 cent.	-	2,400,000
60 cent.	-	4,800,000
1 Lira	-	2,400,000
2 Lira	-	3,000,000
5 Lira	-	3,000,000
10 Lira	-	3,600,000

3. Request that my order of 2 June be filled and shipped due to the
uncertainty of transportation.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. E. Krull
A.E. KRULL
1st Lt. AGD
Regional Postal Officer

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REAR HQS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission

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11 June 1944

PS. 16/7.73.

SUBJECT:- Allied Military Postage Stamps.

TO:- Allied Financial Agency, Region III.

1. Shown below are the approximate numbers of Allied Military Postage Stamps, which our records indicate are at present being held by AFA in Naples.

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Number</u>
15 Cent.	4.580.000
25 Cent.	4.620.000
30 Cent.	4.740.000
50 Cent.	3.080.000
60 Cent.	5.860.000
1 lira	5.090.000
2 lire	3.750.000
5 lire	3.840.000
10 lire	3.800.000

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2. The above amounts are based on the number received in the last shipment from Washington, less the number subsequently sent to Sicily.

3. Based on your records, would you please inform the Postal Branch of this Sub-Commission of the actual number and denomination of Allied Military postage stamps which are on hand at this time.

C. I. J.

Charles I. Turner
Captain, AGD.
Postal Branch 3541

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

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PS. 16/7.72.

7 June 1944

SUBJECT:- Postage Stamps.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region I, A. C. C.

1. Reference is made to your communication of 2 June 1944
(RPO 311.14), above subject.

2. In his monthly report for April, Capt. Alasia stated that
Allied Military postage stamps in the following denominations and
amounts were on hand:-

15 Cent.	-	4,200,000
25 Cent.	-	5,400,000
30 Cent.	-	4,800,000
50 Cent.	-	4,800,000
60 Cent.	-	5,400,000
1 Lira	-	3,000,000
2 Lira	-	3,600,000
5 Lira	-	2,400,000
10 Lira	-	3,600,000

note:
Knull's report for May
shows no change except
as follows:
15 - 3,600,000
25 - 4,800,000
30 - 4,200,000
50 - 3,600,000
C.I.T.

3. Will you verify this information and advise if stamps in
the denominations and amounts you requested are actually needed.

C.I.T.

Charles I. Turner
Captain, AGD,
Postal Branch

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

2 June 1944

RPO 311.14

Subject: Postage Stamps.

To : Major Head, Chief Postal Officer, Rear Headquarters A.C.C.
APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Request that stamps, in accordance to amount quoted below be sent to Palermo.

(a)	Denominations	Quantity
	15 Cent.	3,600,000
	25 Cent.	3,000,000
	30 Cent.	3,000,000
	50 Cent.	4,800,000
	1 Lira	3,000,000
	2 Lira	1,800,000
	5 Lira	1,800,000
	10 Lira	1,800,000

For the Regional Commissioner

A. E. Krull
A.E. KRULL
1st Lt. AGD
Regional Postal Officer

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RPO 311.14

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

2 June 1944

Subject: Postage Stamps.

To : Major Head, Chief Postal Officer, Rear Headquarters A.C.C.
APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Request that stamps, in accordance to amount quoted below be sent to Palermo.

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	50 Cent.	4,800,000
	1 Lira	3,000,000
	2 Lira	1,800,000
	5 Lira	1,800,000
	10 Lira	1,800,000

For the Regional Commissioner

A.E. KRULL
1st Lt. AGD
Regional Postal Officer

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

26 May 1944

RPO 311.14

Subject: AMG Stamps

To : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Rear HQ, ACC,
APO 394

Attention: Postal Section.

1. Per request contained in your cable, Ref No 2803, dated 24th May 1944 enclosed are copies of Memo issued by D.C.F.O., regarding issuance of all denominations and copies of your instructions to Italian Post Office.

For Regional Commissioner

G.A. Alasia
G.A. ALASIA
Captain AGD
Regional Postal Officer

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- 1 -2 Copies of Memo of D.C.F.O.
- 2 -2 Copies of Instructions to P.O.

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DIRECTOR.	
D/DIRECTOR.	
S. O. (I).	
S. O. (P)	<i>6.1.1.</i>
CENSORSHIP.	
CHIEF CLERK.	
<i>Recd 29.5.44.</i>	

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21 October 1943

Memo.A.M.G. Stamps

The denominations which have been printed are:-

15c. 25c. 30c. 50c. 60c. 1 L. 2 L. 5 L. 10 L.

The postal services available to date have so far only necessitated the issue of those denominations underlined.

Various requests for complete sets of stamps (on purchase) are being received, however, and it has been decided now to place the complete series on sale - in Palermo at the outset and later in the Province as further supplies are distributed.

R. B. MENAPACE,
Lt. Col.,
D.C.F.O.

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COPY

Postal Section
AMGOT

1 November 1943

INSTRUCTION No. 5The Principal Inspector,
Palermo.AMGOT Postage Stamps of 2, 5, and 10 Lire.

A small supply of the above stamps may now be sent to all Provinces when further supplies of other denominations are being sent. The Provincial Director should be instructed to advise all offices selling these higher value stamps that not more than 5 of each may be sold to any other member of the public.

S.H. HEAD,
Maggiore,
Controllore Servizi
Postale
3633

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Equals British RESTRICTED

COMMUNICATIONS
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ROUTINE

ACC HEAR

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RPO. 3 1 1 14

ARISING FROM YOUR RPO THREE ONE ONE POINT ONE FOUR OF ONE NINE MAY PARA FOUR PD
TO IRS FOR STUBBLEBINE FOR HANCOCK FOR ALASKA FROM ACC HEAR FROM HEAD SIGNED
MACFARLANE PD REQUIRE COPY OF FILED MEMO SIGNED BY DOFO RELATING TO DECISION
TO PUT DENOMINATIONS QUOTED ON SALE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER

AUTHENTICATED:

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 File
- 1 DGC
- 1 DCC
- 1 Adj Main
- 1 Communications

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

19 May 1944

FILE; RPO 311.14

Subject; AMG Postage Stamps
To ; Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Rear HQ,
ACC, APO 394,
Attention; Postal Section

1. Per your request contained in letter PS/16,7,62, dated 15 May, 1944, the following information is submitted.

2. Checking the Postal files here and also your Report on Postal Services, dated 8 November, 1943 to Brigadier General McSherry, I find that the Official date of the issuance of 15 cent AMG stamps in Palermo was August 24, 1943, for the 25,30,50 cent and 1 Lire stamp the official date was Sept. 17, 1943. Regarding the 60 cent, 2,5, and 10 Lire, if you recall, there was no official date of issuance. The only date obtainable from the records here is the date that we received the first supply from AMFA; that date was October 20, 1943,

3. For your information and record the official date of resumption of mail service between Sicily and occupied Italy was Jan. 1, 1944. The official date for the resumption of international mail service was February 16, 1944.

4. Would appreciate having your opinion regarding the official date that should be considered on the issuance of 60, 2, 5, and 10 Lire.

For the Regional Commissioner

See 70.

DIRECTOR.
DIRECTOR.
S. O. (I).
C. P.
CHIEF CLERK.
CHIEF CLERK.

Registered in 23/5/44

G.A. ALASIA
Captain AGD
Regional Postal Officer

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

26th May 1944.

In reply refer
to: PG/16/7/68.

Subject: Postage Stamps.

To: R.C. and M.G. Section, A.C.C. Main Headquarters.

1. The following details have been received, from the Information Division, regarding postage stamps at present in use in German occupied Italy:-

"Stamps used are as pre-Armistice with an overprint 'Repubblica Sociale Italiana'; a Fascio covers part of the King's face. Stamps printed by the R.S.I. also exist with anti-monarchical inscription."

2. Arising from this, a further enquiry has been sent to the Information Division as per copy attached. — 67

3. As between the earlier anticipated alternatives of using either normal Italian stamps or those of the A.M. Postage issue, there now arises this new feature. The continued use after Allied occupation, of the "Repubblica" over print stamps has some obvious political objections, and from a philatelic point of view it would open up the way for the normal acquisition of rare letters bearing both Allied and enemy overprint issues. (This may of course happen in any event as it cannot be ensured that stamps of any particular issue are not sold by Postmasters either before or after "freezing" instructions reach them; neither could stoppage in course of transmission be fully effective - assuming such were constitutional).

4. The present intention is to continue the use of ordinary Italian stamps for so long as they may be available, and to follow that with the introduction, if and when necessary, of the A.M. Postage issue. An adequate initial supply of the latter is available, but the question of calling for replenishments of some denominations is being kept prominently in mind for attention as soon as further information is available.

5. In view of what has already happened at Naples it is thought well to bring these new aspects under notice.

J.L. Henderson,
Colonel.

Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosure.

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REAR HQRS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission

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25 May 1944

PS/16.7.67.

SUBJECT:- Intelligence Reports - Postal

TO:- Director, Information Divn., A.C.C. HQ. Main

1. The information given re. postage stamps in the second para of your 2162/INFC of May 23rd, is of particular importance in relation to future policy and provision.

2. It would be extremely helpful if some further information could be obtained as follows:-

(a) Specimens of the R.S.I. overprinted and anti-monarchically inscribed stamps.

(b) Were stocks of stamps which were held at the larger centres either called in for overprinting, or destroyed. (In other words, might we expect that there will still be some reasonable stocks of non-overmarked stamps available at Post Offices when we occupy them - last minute destruction excepted of course).

Head
S. H. HEAD

Major

for Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: Extract AFHQ G-2 Intelligence

TO : Communications S.C.

1. The attached information was extracted from reports sent to the Information Division, A.C.C., by extract AFHQ G-2 Intelligence

Registered in 24/5/44

PS/16/4.

See 67-68.

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S.O. (I).
S.O. (P).
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.

2162 / INFO
23 May 1944

ERR *Ke*
Capt
JOHN V. HINKEL
Major, M.I.
Director,
Information Division

3. POST

In late February a letter from MILAN TO SPEZIA took two or three days, but a letter from MILAN to FLORENCE took as much as 15 days. A very strict censorship is imposed on telegrams and time of transit varies between 2 and 15 days. Prices are as pre-Armistice.

|| Stamps used are as pre-Armistice with an overprint "Repubblica Sociale Italiana"; a Fascio covers part of the King's face. Stamps printed by the R.S.I. also exist with anti-monarchical inscription. ||

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. II.

DIREZIONE GENERALE POSTE TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV

N. 403786

Risposta al N.

Comm. Stc.
Salerno, 8 MAG 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE CONTROLLO ALLEATO

di

SALERNO

OGGETTO: -. Ritiro valori. -

Presso la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi di Campobasso è giacente un sacco contenente marche per le assicurazioni sociali spedito da Roma fin dai primi di settembre, che non potrà proseguire per Avellino - dove era diretto - per le contingenze belliche.-

Poichè tali valori debbono essere somministrati ad altre Direzioni postali che ne sono sprovviste, si prega codesta Commissione voler rilasciare il nulla osta per il ritiro e, nel contempo concedere il permesso per recarsi fino a Campobasso al nostro Funzionario SASSANO VITTORIO munito di tessera Ministeriale n.30366.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications

Posts and Telegraphs

File No. 463736

Salerno, 8th May, 1944.

To: A.C.C. of Salerno.

Subject: Withdrawal of Securities.

A bag containing social Security stamps sent from Rome until the beginning of September is in the Provincial Posts and Telegraph Office of Campobasso. This bag was directed to Avellino but could not be forwarded there because of war contingencies.

Since these securities must be distributed among the other Post Offices which don't have them, we wish to ask the Commission to kindly issue a permit for their withdrawal and at the same time give our official, Sassano Vittorio, the permit to go to Campobasso. The number of said official's Ministerial card is 30366.

The Under-Secretary of State.

DIRECTOR.	
DIRECTOR.	<i>W.H.</i>
S.O. (1).	
S.O. (2).	
CENSORSHIP.	
CHIEF CLERK.	<i>J</i>
<i>Recd 12.5.44</i>	

Mag. Head:

I agree to withdrawal of stamps but see no reason for issuing a permit for a man to go get them.

File 7.

BHH/epc

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

May, 1944.

In reply
refer to:

PS/16.7.63

Subject : Allied Military Postage Stamps.

To : Scott Publications Inc.

The Chief Commissioner regrets that it is not possible, at the present time, to furnish the information asked for in your enquiry of April, 12th, addressed to Capt. Alasia of this Commission.

S.H. HEAD
Major
COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMISSION
Postal Section

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SHH/epc

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

15 May, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16.7.62

Subject : Allied Military Postage Stamps.

To : Postal Officer, Region I.

1. The copy letter received with your RFO 311.14 of April 12th, does not give the postal address of Messrs. Scott Publications INC. The accompanying reply to their application is accordingly sent to you to be dated and forwarded.

2. For record purposes here, please quote, from the files left with you, the dates on which the various denominations were first put on sale in Palermo.

of AMG stamps.S.F. HEAD
Major
Communications Sub Commission
Postal Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

File: RPO 311.14

4 May 1944

Subject: AMG Postage Stamps

To : Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissioner, Rear HQ,
ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Attached is a letter received at this office inquiring regarding the issuing of AMG stamps.
2. As the information requested is for use in the official listing of a stamp catalogue I believe the information should be supplied by your Headquarters.
3. Accordingly forwarded for any action you care to take.

For Col. Auther N. HANCOCK Regional Commissioner

G.A. Alasia
G.A. ALASIA
Captain
Regional Postal Officer

Encl-
1-Copy of Letter

Action 62, 103.

DIRECTOR	<i>7</i>
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S. O. (T)	
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SCOTT PUBLICATIONS

April 12, 1944

Lt. Guido Alasia
Co. A, 2675 Regt.
A. C. C.
A.P.O. 394
Postmater, N.Y.

Dear Lt. Alasia:

A Mr. Threcher has sent to me your card with notation of your address and stated that you would be willing to furnish me with certain information regarding the issuance and useage of the Allied Military Government stamps used in Sicily and perhaps elsewhere, as well as the subsequent Italian stamps purportedly overprinted and used by the Armies of Occupation. I would be very glad to have the answers to following questions; that is, if you feel at liberty to do so:

1. What are the first days of issue?
2. Were any stamps other than the Allied Military Govt. stamps issued or used by our Armed Forces?
3. Were soldiers permitted to use any of the various stamps on their own Mail?
4. Were soldiers permitted to send any of these stamps back to the United States or England?

Any other data you can give me will be appreciated.
This is desired in connection with listings in our Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Very truly yours,

SCOTT PUBLICATIONS, INC.

HUGH M. CLARK 3513

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File: EPO 311/4

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Sicily Region Headquarters
APO 394

22 April 1944

Subject: Postage Stamps for Philatelists.

TO : Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissioner,
Rear Headquarters, ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Enclosed are applications for AMG postage stamps from
philatelists.

2. Forwarded per your request.

For Colonel HANCOCK:

Returned 2/3

See —

G. A. Alasia

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

Encl. 7 letters

Director	
Director	
SC 1)	
SC 2)	
Car. Insp. (D/	
Ch. Clerk	
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File 7.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount or note</u>
Sgt. D.W. Waters	Section R/1 G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon B.N.A.F.	5/-
GNR. H. PAYNTER 1580679	B.H.Q. 218/72nd Regt. H.A.A.R.A. C.M.F.	10 Lire
Pvt. L.G. Roberts	35th Transport Sq. A.T.C. APO 695 c/o PM.N.Y.N.Y.	no money
Sgt. L.I. Schreiber	P.O. Box 150, Elizabeth New Jersey, U.S.A.	2 notes 9¢ each
A.G. Oldinquist	1650 Sherwin Ave. Chicago, Illinois U.S.A.	1 note 9¢
Louis DiLucca	284 Graham Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.C.	Stamps
Sgt. L.I. Schreiber	P.O. Box 150, Elizabeth, New Jersey, U.S.A.	One dollar
Alfred J. Jolson	456 Crestwood Rd. Fairfield Conn. U.S.A.	V-mail
G. Borg - Myatt ESG.	33 Cospicua Rd. Pawla, Malta	No money

Major Head.
above record for your retention.

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 Application for stamps (received from
 Region I) returned to sender with
 standard slip.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 594

58
--3 May-----1944

PS/16.7.58

Reference your letter of 22 Feb. 44

The Chief Commissioner regrets that your request to be supplied with postage stamps of the Allied Military Postage issue cannot be complied with. ~~xxx~~ Neither the Postal Order value. 5/- which accompanied your application ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of 5.12.43, or the application itself, were received.

G. Borg-Myatt Esq.

33 Cospicua Rd.

Pawla,
Malta.

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

SHH/ec

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PS/16.7.57.

24 April 1944

SUBJECT:- Postal Meter machines.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region III.

1. There is no objection to the use of either the SIMA machine to which your letter TP.14/71 refers, or any other which holders may wish to bring into use again.
2. The prominent fascist emblem incorporated in the design of the die should however in all cases first be sufficiently cut down as to prevent its reproduction.
3. Attached for information is a copy of a relative communication from Dr. Fano.
4. Following upon discussions on the fascist emblem aspect, Dr. Fano is now taking up the question of eliminating the "Fascist gear" type from all obliterating stamps. Further advice regarding this will be forwarded in due course.

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

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417.

Translation No. 261

Ministry of Communications
General Director
PP.TT.

Salerno, 19 April, 1944

To: ACC Telecoms Sub-Comm.

Salerno

File No. 403099/1/1
Reply to No. PS/16.7.48 of 10th April, 44.

and for information To:
Prov. Office of Post.
3rd. Div. Napoli.

Subject : Stamp Machine.

Referring to the letter numbered above, this Under-Secretary has no objection to the release of the "SIMA" stamp machine now being used by the National Institute of Social Welfare.

It is necessary, however, that the Provincial Office of the Post make known the existing credit relative to the stamp machine in question.

We add furthermore that in that part of liberated Italy under Italian Government other offices have renewed this method of postage as regards those Agencies or Firms which made requests for it since the procedure in question does not concern a service but rather one of the various means of collecting postal taxes.

Regarding the removal of the fascist emblem engraved on the die of the machine in question we wish to inform you that precise orders were timely issued by the General Office of Posts and telegraphs, so that no machines should be using such emblems.

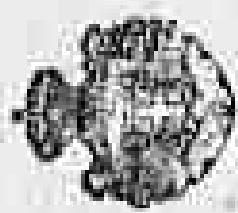
However the Provincial Offices have been notified accordingly in order to insure that these orders have been complied with disclosing also if there are any stamp machines requiring the removal of said incision.

The Under-Secretary of State.

M. Fano

Director	
D. Director	
SC 1)	
SC 2)	
Ca. to imp. O.	
Ch. Clerk	
Recd. 22.4.44	

See 57. 35. 8



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PR. II

Salerno 19 APR. 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione alle Telecomunica-
zioni SALERNO
e per conoscenza:
Alla Direz. Prov. le Poste NAPOLI
Rep. 3.

N. 403099/1/1

Risposta al N. PS/IS.7.48 del 10/4/44

OGGETTO: Macchina affrancatrice

Con riferimento al foglio sopra distinto nullo osta da parte di questo Sottosegretariato, e che la macchina affrancatrice "SIMA" in uso presso l'Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale con sede in Napoli, venge sbloccata.

E' necessario però che la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste suddetta faccia conoscere il credito esistente relativo alla macchina affrancatrice in questione.

Soggiungesi inoltre che nelle altre Direzioni dell'Italia libera-
ta e restituita al Governo italiano tale metodo di affrancatura è sta-
to ripristinato nei riguardi di quegli Enti o Ditte che ne fecero ri-
chiesta in quanto la procedura in questione non concerne un servizio
ma bensì uno dei vari mezzi di percepire le tasse postali.

Per quanto riguarda l'asportazione dello stemma fascista inciso
sul punzone delle macchine in questione significasi che vennero impar-
tite a suo tempo precise disposizioni della Direzione Generale Poste
e Telegrafi di Roma di modo che nessuna delle macchine stesse dovreb-
be avere in atto detti stemmi.

Comunque in data odierna sono state interessate in merito le
Direzioni Provinciali affinché assicurino l'ottemperanza delle dispo-
sizioni suddette facendo inoltre conoscere se vi siano ancora macchine

Con riferimento al foglio sopra distinto nulla osta da parte di questo Sottosegretario, a che la macchina affrancatrice "SIMA" in uso presso l'Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale con sede in Napoli, venga sbloccata.

E' necessario però che la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste suddetta faccia conoscere il credito esistente relativo alla macchina affrancatrice in questione.

Soggiungesi inoltre che nelle altre Direzioni dell'Italia liberata e restituita al Governo italiano tale metodo di affrancatura è stato ripristinato nei riguardi di quegli Enti o Ditte che ne fecero richiesta in quanto la procedura in questione non concerne un servizio ma bensì uno dei vari mezzi di percepire le tasse postali.

Per quanto riguarda l'asportazione dello stemma fascista inciso sul punzone delle macchine in questione significasi che vennero impertite a suo tempo precise disposizioni della Direzione Generale Poste e Telegrafi di Roma di modo che nessuna delle macchine stesse dovrebbe avere in atto detti stemmi.

Comunque in data odierna sono state interessate in merito le Direzioni Provinciali affinché assicurino l'ottemperanza delle disposizioni suddette facendo inoltre conoscere se vi siano ancora macchine affrancatrici per le quali si dovrà procedere ad asportare l'incisione di cui trattasi.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

(M. Fano)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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21 April 1944

13053/F

SUBJECT: AMG Postage Stamps

TO: Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

1. Reference letter PS/16.7.51 dated 13 April 1944, relative to the cost of AMG postage stamps

2. It is the view of the Finance Sub-Commission that the question of the cost of printing AMG postage stamps should not be taken up with the Italian Government at this time. AMG stamps fall into the same category as AM lire, insofar as printing costs are concerned, and the question of who shall bear such costs is a matter for later discussion, as part of a wider financial settlement.

Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
Director	
SC 1)	
SC 2)	
Comptroller	
Chief Clerk	
<i>Recd 23.4.44</i>	

I. W. Foley
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission
for: D.S. ADAMS, Col., C.E.,
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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Telecoms + Posts
(Rear HQ)
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

6 April 1944

File: RAO 311.14

Subject: Italian Postage Stamps.

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

- To
A.F.
not
received*
1. Attached for your information and per your request a list of existing Italian stamps in the province of Caltanissetta - Enna.
 2. Other lists were attached to my monthly report which was already forwarded to you and the remaining lists will be forwarded as soon as received.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

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

Incl:-
1 - List of Italian Stamps.

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

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PS/16.7.51

13 April 1944

SUBJECT:- A.M.G. Postage Stamps.

TO:- Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Hqs. Main.

- 1.- This Sub-Commission was notified by A.F.H.C. on Dec. 27th last that revenue accruing from the sale of A.M.G. postage stamps would be retained by the Italian Postal authorities, who were notified accordingly.
- 2.- Information was not given on the point of liability for the cost of printing the stamps, but it is gathered indirectly that such charge is to fall upon the Italian Government.
- 3.- Will you please advise whether, if this is correct, the appropriate authority has been informed, and / or whether a notification to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs is called for. The question of shipping charges must presumably remain in abeyance.

See 55

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

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

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13 April 1944

PS/16.7.50.

SUBJECT:- Applications for Postage Stamps from philatelists

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

- 1.- This Headquarters has been in consultation with Allied Force Headquarters regarding the policy to be followed in dealing with the applications from persons abroad who wish to be supplied with "Allied Military Postage" stamps.
- 2.- It has been decided that in the exceptional circumstances in which these stamps have been provided and are being used, any such applications should be refused, and remittances returned with an intimation to the effect that the circumstances do not permit of compliance with the request.
- 3.- The procedure indicated in the preceding paragraph will be followed in respect of any applications of this nature which may be addressed to and received by this Headquarters. It is requested that similar action be taken in respect of any similar cases which may reach your Central or Provincial Administrations.
- 4.- So far as requests for Italian postage stamps are concerned the matter is of course left in your hands, but you will no doubt agree that apart from the currency feature, it would be undesirable that the present short supply of such stamps should be further depleted by sending any of them out of the country.

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

*Copies handed to
Postal Officers (5).*

S.H.
17.4.44

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JLB/epc

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

11 April, 1944

In reply
refer to: PS/16/7/49

Subject: Philatelists.

To: R.C. & M.C. Section.

1. Reply approved from AFHQ HQS also concurs with action proposed in para 2 of letter of 16 March.

2. Action will therefore be taken by this Sub-Commission to implement paras 2 and 6 of the letter.

J.L. Henderson
Colonel

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

Encl: One letter.

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

SHH/ec

PS/16.7.48

10 April 1944

SUBJECT:- Postage meter franking machines.

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

1.- With ref. to the accompanying copy application, will you please say if you see any objection to the operation of the postage meter service in Naples or elsewhere. Has it been resumed in any of the offices under your direction?

2.- It is proposed that the Fascist symbol should be removed from the dies before they are brought into use again.

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

See 56.

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

SHH/ec

PS/16.748

10 Aprile 1944

OGGETTO:- Macchine affrancatrici.

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

1.- Con riferimento alla domanda che si allega in copia,
vi prego di farmi conoscere se non avete nulla in contrario al
l'impiego delle macchine affrancatrici a Napoli ed altrove.
E' stato tale servizio riattivato in qualcuna delle Direzioni
sotto il vostro controllo?

2.- Si propone che lo stemma fascista sia rimosso dagli
stampi, prima di impiegare nuovamente le macchine.

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

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COPIA /ec

16.7.48

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA
SOCIALE
Sede di Napoli - Seg.

Napoli 18 / 3 / 1944

NR 11052

OGGETTO:- Macchina affrancatrice "SIMA".

Alla Posts and Telecomms. Commission A.C.C. Napoli.

In data 28/1/44, un funzionario della Direzione Provinciale delle RR.PP. di Napoli, in nome e per conto della suddetta Amministrazione, bloccava, sino a nuova disposizione, la macchina affrancatrice "SIMA" in dotazione all'Ufficio Protocollo di questa sede.

Allo scopo di affrancare con celerita' la posta in partenza e data anche la attuale difficulta' di acquisto dei francobolli, si prega codesto corando perche' voglia disporre lo sblocco ed il ripristino dell'uso della suddetta macchina affrancatrice "SIMA".

IL REGGENTE
F.to dott. Elia Alamiro

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

6 April 1944.

TP.14/ 71

SUBJECT : Franking machines.
TO : The Telecoms and Posts Sub-Commission.,
Salerno.

1. Is any objection seen to the machines being brought into use with the existing dies which bear the Fasces, please?

2. The same emblem appears, but less prominently, on some of the ordinary postage stamps on sale.

3. Apart from this there are considerable advantages to be gained from the use of the machines in view of the difficulty in obtaining stamps.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

Copy to :

Major Osman
Finance Branch A.C.C.

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File 7.

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ADMINISTRATION
POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS., 3° REPART.,
NAPLES.

3 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Franking machines.
TO : Major GREEN.

1. No objection has been seen by this Administration regarding the resumption of the use of franking machines.

2. All the dies now in use, are for all the machines, similar in design to the attached specimen, which has been returned with the letter of Istituto Nazionale di Previdenza Sociale.

The Provincial Director.

AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI., 3° REPARTO.
Napoli.

3 April 1944.

TP.14/48.

OGGETTO : Uso delle macchine affrancatrici.
ALLA : Commissione Alleata di Controllo., 3 Regione.,
Napoli.

1. Da parte di questa Amministrazione, non vi é alcuna obiezione a che sia ripristinato l'uso delle macchine affrancatrici.

2. Gli stampi ora in uso, sono per tutte le macchine simili per il disegno all'esemplare alligato che si rinvia, insieme alla lettera dello Istituto Nazionale di Provvidenza Sociale.

IL DIRETTORE PROVINCIALE.

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

29 Marzo 1944.

TP. 14/

OGGETTO : Uso delle macchine affrancatrici.
AL : Direttore Provinciale PP.TT., Napoli.

1. Da parte vostra o'è qualche obiezione a che sia ripristinato l'uso delle macchine affrancatrici?
2. Per favore, gli stampi ora in uso, sono tutti simili per il disegno all'esemplare alligato? Per il Commissario Regionale:

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

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PREVIDENZA SOCIALE

SEDE DI NAPOLI

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*Istituto Nazionale ~~xxxxxxx~~
della Previdenza Sociale*

DIREZIONE GENERALE ROMA

Sede di Napoli

Segreteria

N° 11082

Napoli, 18.3.1944

N° _____
OGGETTO
Macchina affrancatrice
"SIMA"

Post. and Tel. Communication
Commission A.C.C.

NAPOLI

In data 28.I.44, un funzionario della Direzione Provinciale delle RR.PP. di Napoli, in nome e per conto della suddetta Amministrazione, bloccava, sino a nuova disposizione, la macchina affrancatrice "SIMA" in dotazione all'Ufficio Protocollo di questa Sede.

Allo scopo di affrancare con celerità la posta in partenza e data anche l'attuale difficoltà di acquisto dei francobolli, si prega d'adestato Comando perchè voglia disporre lo sblocco ed il ripristino dell'uso della suddetta macchina affrancatrice "SIMA".

*Handed to Postal officer
Reg III by ACC Fin
26/3/44*

IL REGGENTE
(dott. Elia Alamiro)

Alamiro

Allo riparto indicare numero e data della presente

COPY

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FATIMA (HQ REGION III ACC)

26 MARCH 1944

SECRET

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ROUTINE

POLETTI

REGION I (FOR AFA PALERMO)

LEAVING NAPLES FOR PALERMO SHIP NINE SEVEN TWO MAYA WITH
TWENTY THREE BOXES ABLE MIKE POSTAGE STAMPS AND FIVE BOXES ABLE MIKE LIRE
PAREN TO REGION ONE FOR ABLE FOX ABLE PALERMO FROM FATIMA FOR POLETTI SIGNED
MACFARLANE PAREN ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL TWENTY SEVEN MARCH CAPTAIN RANDALL
CUSTODIAN

Copy to:

Telecom & Posts Subcom

Seen: Col. H. W
Maj. H. 3504

FILE PS 16/7

Recd. 30 Mar. 44.

L. V. Montant, Jr.,
2nd Lt., A.G.D.
Adjutant

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

*Telecoms & Posts
Recd HQ,
U-2784*
TBJ/as

24 March 1944

MGS: 123-4

SUBJECT: Applications for Stamps from Philatelists.

TO : HQ, ACC.

1. Reference is made to letter PS/16/743 of 16 March received from The Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

2. In the view of this Section the procedure indicated in paragraphs 2 and 6 of the letter above referred to is the correct one to follow. In connection with this it is pointed out that the dealing in stamps by members of troops has been forbidden, that the U.S. War Department has expressed the view "that there is insufficient legal authority to permit the sale within the United States", and that to allow of it would mean large quantities of stamps being sent to Italy merely to be sent out again.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Major

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

Recd. 28th March 1944.

File 7X

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A.C.C. Hqrs.
Telecoms. and Posts Sub-Commission
PS/16.7.45. 19 March 1944

SUBJECT:-Applications for AMG stamps from Philatelists

TO:- Postal Officer, Sicily Region

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1. The letter of December 5th (containing a Postal Order for five shillings) to which the attached copy letter of 22 Feb. refers, has not reached this Hqrs. If it is with you, please forward it here, together with any other similar applications.

2. Also attached, for information, is a copy of a communication sent to A.F.H.Q. on this subject.

S.H. Head
S.H. HEAD
Major

Telecoms. and Posts Sub-Comm.

File

Mem.
Lt. Alasia reported verbally 18.4.44 that the
had not received either this reference
or the letter to which it refers.

See 58.

LICENCE NO. 188.

THE DIRECTOR OF POSTS,
Office of the Military Adminis-
trator,
Occupied Enemy Territory,
Administration,

I T A L Y.
=====

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G. BORO MYATT,
35, Oospicua Roe
Pavla,
Melta.

OPENED BY
EXAMINER DD/44

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P.C. 12.

POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

Enclosure mentioned *Copy of letter*

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was missing when the letter was opened. Before making
enquiry of the Post Office, please ascertain definitely
from the sender of the letter whether the article in question
was actually enclosed. If so, the sender should make
enquiry of the Postal Administration of the country in
which the letter was posted, mentioning that the enclosure
was missing when the letter reached the British Censor.
The cover of the letter, and, if possible, such of its contents
as were received, should accompany any communication
to the Postal Administration.

No compensation is given for the loss of the contents
of a letter for or from a foreign country, unless the letter
was insured (not merely registered) with the Post Office.

17 CENCE NO. 188

33 Cospicua Road,
Pawla,
Malta.

22nd February, 1944.

The Director of Posts,
Office of the Military Administrator,
Occupied Enemy Territory Administration,
Italy.

Dear Sir,

Can a reply now be given please to my letter Registered No. 1066 dated 5th December, 1943 which contained a Postal Order No. ^{F1}96 091597 for five shillings (5s/-d) to cover the cost of sets of postage stamps issued for postal service in Occupied Italy. A copy of the letter is attached for your information and retention.

I am a philatelist and, therefore, I am most anxious to obtain a complete set of stamps issued in Occupied Italy. In fact I am all out to obtain all stamps which have been issued in all Occupied Territory and stamps issued by all Free Nations, i.e., Yugoslavia, Poland, etc.

Thanking you for your kind attention and hoping for a letter containing the desired stamps, 5502

Yours faithfully,

G. Borg-McAtt

(G. BORG-McATT).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

TELECOMM
1854
CIT/eg

14 March 1944.

MOB 123-4

SUBJECT: Allied Military Postage Stamps

TO : Headquarters, Region I, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Receipt is acknowledged of the 2700 Allied Military postage stamps value 5940 lire, forwarded with your letter (APO 311.14) of 9 March 1944.

For the Acting Chief of Section

C. I. TURKIN
Captain, AGO

cc
Hq. (Rear), ACC
APO, Region I

Seen: - Maj. W. H. H. H.

PS 16/7. Received 18/3/44

SWS/sjs

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TO:

Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

FROM:

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT:

Philatelist - Applications for stamps.

REFERENCE:

TS/16/7/43 : 16th March, 1944.

1. A philatelist in Italy has written asking to be furnished, against payment, by postal or air, with a supply of AFG postage stamps. The restoration of the International mail service opens up the way for the receipt of AFG and the Italian Post? Administration of further similar applications, as it is desired to settle the policy which shall be followed.

2. So far as this Headquarters is concerned, and in relation to the features of currency transmission and availability of stamp supplies, the Administration is definitely to return such applications with a statement to the effect that the circumstances do not at present permit of compliance.

3. On the other hand it is felt that the question should not be disposed of summarily, in view of the fact that even during the present time philatelic dealings are maintained in territories in which special war-time stamps have been issued (e.g. Tripolitania, and in view also of the worldwide recognition given by postal administration to the interests of the philatelic fraternity).

4. Such general relative information as is available here is contained in the accompanying copy of correspondence which was furnished semi-officially by the Controller of Posts, S.M.A., Tripolitania.

5. So far as the currency aspect is concerned it would apparently be practicable to bring clearing and collar remittances to account, on the basis of the existing rate of exchange, but other currencies would not be readily convertible, or redeemable.

6. Although the line of action indicated in para 2 seems to be the desirable one to take, and it is proposed to follow it unless AFHQ desire to modify it, the Italian Postal Administration would be expected to conform, so far as AFG stamps are concerned. They could be left to deal, as they saw fit, with any applications which might come to hand for Italian stamps, provided that no large transfer of currency was concerned.

J. L. BENNETT
Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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File: RFO 311.14

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

9 March 1944

Received 15/3.

Subject: AMG Stamps.

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

1. Acknowledge receipt of your cable 2433. I have despatched today by air registered mail the stamps requested in your cable.

2. For your information there is attached a copy of the letter to MGS, AFHQ.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

G. A. Alasia.

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

Incl:-

1 - Copy of Letter, AFHQ.

→ file 16.7

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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1 - Copy of Letter, AFHQ.

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File: WFO 511.14

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SIXTH REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

9 March 1944

Subject: AMG Stamps.

To : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with your request for AMG stamps enclosed is the following amount of stamps:-

<u>Number</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Value</u>
300	15 Cent.	45 Lire
300	25 Cent.	75 Lire
300	30 Cent.	90 Lire
300	50 Cent.	150 Lire
300	60 Cent.	180 Lire
300	1 Lira	300 Lire
300	2 Lire	600 Lire
300	5 Lire	1500 Lire
300	10 Lire	3000 Lire
Total		5940 Lire

2. For accounting purposes arrangements have been made with AFA, whereby they will arrange with the Chief Accountant for the accounting of these stamps. I have, in the meantime, given a temporary receipt to the Italian Post Office.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

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

Incl:-

1 - 5940 Lire of AMG Stamps.

Copy sent to:-

HQ, A.G.C., APO 394.
AFA, Region I.

SECRET

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FATIMA 1808

FATIMA

8 MARCH 1944

SECRET

10050 GRAFTON-SMITH

PRIORITY

IBS

APPROVE SUGGESTIONS MADE YOUR LETTER TWO MARCH PD
 PAREN TO IBS FOR ASIA CHARLIE CHARLIE REGION ONE FOR ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY
 RETURNED FROM FATIMA FROM ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY HEADQUARTERS SIGNED MACFARLANE
 PAREN AGREE YOU SEND FIVE ZERO BOXES FROM YOUR STORE IN ADDITION FOUR EIGHT TWO
 SIX NOW ROGER EIGHT ZERO SIX BUT SUGGEST YOU RETAIN FIVE ZERO NINE DENOMINATION
 AND SEND ONE OR TWO NINE DENOMINATION INSTEAD PD AGREE ALSO YOU SEND THREE
 ZERO BOXES POSTAGE STAMPS PD ADVISE PARTICULARS OF STAMPS

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Placed.
 Arrangement re. stamps
 now cancelled.

L. T. Montant,
 2/Lt. AGD
 Asst Adjutant

Charbonnel.
 Major Penwick.
 11. Hankins.

→ File A/16.7.

SECRET

9 MAR 1944

BY FAST AIR COURIER

A.C.C. Hys.

Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

12 March 1944

PS/16.11

SUBJECT :- General postal matters

TO :- Lt. Alasia, Postal Officer, Region I

1. Dr. Fano, the Italian Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms., is on his way to Sicily to confer with yourself and Sign. Georgianni. Shortly after Dr. Fano's return I expect to be calling a conference of all Regional Postal Officers at this H.Q. (There are now Major Green, Region III; Capt. Drummond, Region II; and 2 Lt. Allen, unattached)

2. These are three particular points which I should like you to deal with:

(a) Italian Postage Stamps: The details of stocks on hand, as asked for in my letter of Jan. 28th, have not been received. Dr. Fano has however had some information direct. It is now the accepted policy that, so far as is possible, current Italian stamps will be used in Italy and Sardinia (AMG in Sicily). Therefore it is desirable that some stocks of Italian stamps should be got across from Sicily to Italy (and later some to Sardinia, where present stocks are apparently sufficient for 2 - 3 months). Please fix up with Dr. Fano accordingly. Additional stocks of AMG stamps are due to be sent to Sicily (via AMFA) in the next few days.

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If you have any urgent representations on any of these, or other, points, please let me know via Dr. Fano. Otherwise they can be dealt with at our Postal Conference.

S.H. HEAD

Major

Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

M. F. J. HORS.
TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

PS/16.7/40

14 FEBRUARY 1944

SUBJECT :- POSTAGE STAMPS

TO:-THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POSTS AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AS YOU ARE AWARE, ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND TO BRING
OVER FROM SICILY SUPPLIES OF ITALIAN POSTAGE STAMPS FOR
USE IN ITALY. UNTIL THOSE SUPPLIES ARRIVE IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT THERE MAY BE TEMPORARY SHORTAGE IN NAPLES. CAN SOME
TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT BE MADE TO MEET THIS PLEASE;

S.H. HEAD
MAJOR

TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

COPY TO :- MAJOR GREEN, POSTAL OFFICER, REGION III

→ File.

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C.C. Hqrs.
TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

PS/16.7

14 FEBBRAIO 1944

OGGETTO:- FRANCOBOLLI

A S.E. IL SOTTESGRETARIO DI STATO PER LE COMUNICAZIONI
RADIOPOSTELEGRAFONICHE

COME SAPETE, SI STANNO PRENDENDO ACCORDI PER PORTARE
DALLA SICILIA UN QUANTITATIVO DI FRANCOBOLLI ITALIANI
PER USARLI NEL CONTINENTE. PRIMA CHE QUESTO RIFORMIMENTO
ARRIVI, È POSSIBILE CHE NAPOLI RIMANGA TEMPORANEAMENTE
SPROVVISTA DI FRANCOBOLLI.

SUPPREGA DI ADOTTARE QUALCHE ESPEDIENTE PER FAR TEM-
PORANEAMENTE FRONTE ALLA SITUAZIONE.

S.H. HEAD
MAJOR
TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

COPIA AL: MAJOR GREEN, POSTAL OFFICER, REGION III

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

11 MAR 1944 1724

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Seen: Col. H. J. [initials]

Maj. H. [initials]

7th March 1944.

Ref: 127/35/CA.

Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

To: ~~S. G. H. G. [illegible]~~

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Reference your letter of 19th February 1944.

1. I am obliged for your full and careful reply to my letter. To deal with the first paragraph first, the matter was referred to you personally, not of course to AMG 5th Army as such, as it was appreciated that the policy direction on the subject would have been given by you when you were in charge of AMG, Region III.

2. I am unable to agree with you over the correctness of the policy which was followed in the restoration of postal services in that Region. Postal services are clearly ones which require a unified policy within any territory served or shortly to be served by one postal directorate, and local authorisations of special kinds of stamps and of different rates of postal charges must inevitably cause, and in fact are now causing confusion when the time comes to widen the scope of the services.

3. Overprinting may be necessary in certain circumstances, and has been used in the past, but not normally in such a small scale as to limit the issue to one town. The effect has in fact been to create a "Black Market", the 35 centesimal stamp being on sale in dealers and even outside the Post Offices at 50 lire almost immediately after its production. The overprinting, being made within such a restricted area, would actually have had little effect on stopping the sale of stolen stamps as these are valid everywhere outside that area.

4. It is unfortunate that the efforts to obtain stamps from AMG, Palermo, were unavailing. No request actually reached the postal officer there.

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11 MAR 1944

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6. It was, of course, quite out of order for you to authorise a postage rate different from that previously in force without reference to higher authority.



Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission. ✓
(Ref. your PS/16/7 dated 27th February 1944).

SHH/tjj

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

4th March, 1944.

In reply refer
to: PS/16/2/85

Subject: Postal Service - Notifications to Universal Postal Union.

To: Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. Forwarded herewith in relation to your letter DSJ/CIE/JV of January 9, are three communications from the Italian Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts addressed to the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, Berne. Although only brief information is furnished in these communications, it is thought that they meet requirements under present war-time and fluctuating conditions. In forwarding them, A.F.H.Q. may wish to define more precisely the scope of the foreign mail service.

2. The following points arise in connection with postage stamps:-

- (a) In addition to the 50 centesimi (ungummed) stamp of which specimens have been furnished, a very small supply of Italian stamps were overprinted for use in Naples (20c, 35c and 50c denominations). Post office stocks of these were quickly exhausted and specimens are not now available. It is unlikely that such stamps will be used to any extent for foreign mails.
- (b) Region I has been asked to forward direct to AFHQ, MSG, 300 stamps of each of the nine denominations of the AMG stamps in use in that Region. The supplies coming to Naples for Italy will be held in their sealed containers until such time as it may be necessary to bring them into use on the mainland.

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J. L. Henderson
Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

(Copy for file 7)

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ROUTINE

FATIMA REAR

IBS FOR SEARS

PLEASE SEND TO AFHQ MGS BY AIR FOR UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION PURPOSES PAREN
TO IBS FOR SEARS FOR HANGCOCK ACC FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HENDERSON SIGNED
MACFARLANE PAREN THREE HUNDRED OF EACH DENOMINATION OF AIR POSTAGE
STAMPS PD CONFIRM DESPATCH

See 42.
AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiocca
E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA
Asst Adj

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PEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: PS/16/7

Subject:

Stamps.

To:

Executive Commissioner, Regional Control and Military
Government Section, HQ, ACC, Naples.

be based.

Reference attached correspondence .

I append a suggested draft on which a reply might

I should be grateful for a copy of the reply made.

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

JLH/tjj

27th February, 1944

21st February, 1944.

COPY

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Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

To: Postal Sub-Commission.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to ask that you will read:-

(a) his letter dated 10th February on the subject of the issue of overprinted stamps;

(b) the reply received from SCAC, AMG, 5th ARMY.

2. Will you then please discuss this matter with him.

Signed: I. E. CARR
Captain,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

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Ref:

10th February, 1944

Brigadier General Hume, AMG, 5th Army.

Subject: Issue of overprinted stamps.

1. It has been reported to me that Italian postage stamps with the overprint 'Governi Militare Alleato' have recently been on sale for a limited period in Naples.

2. Since AMG postage stamps are already provided to replace the Italian series when necessary and since, also, the effect of such a restricted issue is to create a scarcity value, please let me have a report upon this matter, to cover the following specific points:-

- (a) Why was such overprinting considered necessary?
- (b) What denominations of stamps were so treated?
- (c) How many of each denomination were sold to the public?
- (d) When were they introduced?
- (e) When did such issues cease?
- (f) Why were they discontinued?
- (g) Who authorized such measures?

By Command of Lieut.-General MACFARLANE.

M. LUSH
BRIGADIER,
Executive Commissioner.

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, US ARMY

19 February, 1944

Subject: Overprinted Stamps.

To: The Executive Commissioner, Main Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, APO 394, US ARMY.

1. Reference is made to unnumbered letter dated 10th Feb 44, beginning: "It has been reported to me that Italian postage stamps with the overprint 'Governio Militare Alleato' have recently been on sale for a limited period in Naples"

2. During the period that the writer was in charge of Region 3, certain Italian postage stamps were overprinted for local use, on account of a need for stamps that could be differentiated from the ordinary stamps. The entire available stock of ordinary stamps of the needed denominations was overprinted and placed on sale to the public in the Naples Post Office. Such stamps were available to the public for purchase when the writer turned over the administration of Region 3 to his successor. The overprinting was carried out because HQ AMC did not comply with our requests for a supply of the Allied Military Govt stamps that had been printed in Washington, and which are still used in Sicily.

3. The questions asked in para 2 of the letter of inquiry are thus specifically answered:

(a) "Why was overprinting considered necessary?" Answer: Because the best information available at the time indicated that many post offices had been looted and the ordinary stamps stolen, thereby making them available for use by thieves or those who later obtained them. Thus stamps might have been purchased illegally for a fraction of their face value, and even the small purchase price thus obtained would not have reached the Italian Post Office. Moreover these stamps were available to the Germans who might have made misuse of them to our detriment. The same reason existed for using special stamps in Naples as in Sicily or in any other occupied area. The use of overprinted stamps during periods of military occupation is a common and well recognized procedure, one that has been used by Britain, the United States, and many other countries.

(b) "What denominations of stamps were so treated?" Answer: The current stamps of 20, 30 and 50 centesimi were overprinted. Only these three values were overprinted for the following reason: Postage for cards and open envelopes (the only mail then permitted in Naples) was fixed at 50 centesimi, hence the stamp of that value was overprinted. The Post Office in Naples had on hand a large stock of stamped post cards of 15 and 30 centesimi value. The 20 and 35 centesimi stamps were for use on such cards, thus bringing up the total to the required 50 centesimi, and thereby making such cards available for use.

(c) "How many of each denomination were sold to the public?" Answer: The entire stock of overprinted stamps was sold to the public. The number of 20 centesimi stamps overprinted was 360,000; that of the 15 stamps was 70,000; and that of the 30 centesimi stamps was 700,000. The number of stamps overprinted was approximately the number on hand in the Post Office. The quantities of stamps remaining in the Post Office were 20 centesimi 250,000; 30 centesimi 250,000; and 50

certain Italian postage stamps were overprinted for local use, of a need for stamps that could be differentiated from the ordinary stamps. The entire available stock of ordinary stamps of the neapolese denominations was overprinted and placed on sale to the public in the Naples Post Office. Such stamps were available to the public for purchase when the writer turned over the administration of Region 3 to his successor. The overprinting was carried out because H. AMI did not comply with our requests for a supply of the Allied Military Govt stamps that had been printed in Washington, and which are still used in Sicily.

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(d) "When were they introduced?" Answer: The stamps were placed on sale in the Post Office of Naples on 10 December, 1943, having been prepared some days prior thereto.

(e) "When were they discontinued?" Answer: The writer has no

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knowledge that they were ever "discontinued". They were still on sale when the writer turned over Region 3 to his successor. Major Rogers states that the stamps were maintained on sale to the public until the supply was exhausted.

(f) "Why were they discontinued?" Answer: See last paragraph.

(g) "Who authorized such measures?" Answer: The overprinting of stamps for local use in Naples was authorized by the writer as Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region 3. It was, and is, considered a matter of regional administration.

4. The letter to which this is a reply states that A.M.G. postage stamps are already provided to replace the Italian series when necessary. They were seemingly not available for use in Naples, since every effort by the Finance Division of Region 3 to obtain them was fruitless. The writer also asked the officer in charge of Headquarters, Allied Military Government, as well as the Chief of the Finance Division thereof, to have a supply of the desired stamps sent to Naples. No such stamps were ever forthcoming, so that when the date for the opening of the Naples Post Office drew nigh, the overprinting was authorized as a substitute. On visits to Headquarters, Allied Military Government, the Finance Officer Region 3 and the Chief of Staff were, on separate occasions, told that no such stamps would be sent to Naples; and they so reported to the Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

5. The statement is made that "the effect of such a restricted issue is to create a scarcity of value." Any scarcity in the stamps is due to the whole stock having been sold - a fate that must ultimately await every issue of postage stamps.

6. If not out of keeping with existing policy, the writer would appreciate being told why this matter is thus referred to him. The sale of stamps in Naples is obviously the concern of Region 3 and not of A.M.G., Fifth Army. The letter of enquiry states that the stamps in question had recently been on sale in Naples. The writer has given such information as he has of his own knowledge, and has had to make inquiries of a Region 3 officer (Major Rogers) for the additional data.

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EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
S.C.A.O. AMG, Fifth Army.

DRAFT

Subject: Postal services in Naples.

To: Brigadier General Reno, AMB, 5th Army.

1. Reference your letter of the 19th February, 1944. I am obliged for your full and careful reply to my letter. To deal with the final paragraph first, the matter was referred to you personally, not of course to AMB 5th Army as such, as it was appreciated that the policy direction on the subject would have been given by you when you were in charge of AMB, Region 3.

2. I am unable to agree with you over the correctness of the policy which was followed in the restoration of postal services in that region. Postal services are clearly ones which require a unified policy within any territory served or shortly to be served by one postal directorate, and local authorisations of special kinds of stamps and of different rates of postal charges must inevitably cause, and in fact are now causing confusion when the time comes to widen the scope of the services.

3. Overprinting may be necessary in certain circumstances, and has been used in the past, but not normally in such a small scale as to limit the issue to one town. The effect has in fact been to create a "Black Market", the 35 centesimi stamp being on sale in dealers and even outside the Post Offices at 50 lire almost immediately after its introduction. (A factor in creating this shortage has been stated to be due to AMB officers themselves who correctly appreciated the curio value certain to result.) The overprinting, being made within such a restricted area, would actually have had little effect on stopping the sale of stolen stamps, as these are valid everywhere outside that area.

4. It is unfortunate that the efforts to obtain stamps from AMB Palermo were unavailing. No request actually reached the postal officer there, presumably being lost in transmission through Palermo channels.

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2. I am unable to agree with you over the correctness of the policy which was followed in the restoration of postal services in that region. Postal services are clearly ones which require a unified policy within any territory served or about to be served by one postal directorate, and local authorizations of special kinds of stamps and of different rates of postal charges must inevitably cause, and in fact are now causing confusion when the time comes to widen the scope of the services.

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4. It is unfortunate that the efforts to obtain stamps from AMF dealers were unavailing. No request actually reached the postal officer there, presumably being lost in transmission through various channels.

5. In regard to the rate of postage authorized by you, it cannot be admitted to be reasonable that a local authorization of an arbitrary rate should have been made, differing from that previously in force, without any advice from a co-ordinating authority.

M. LEST
Brigadier.

A.C.C. Hqs.

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Telecomms. and Postal Sub-Commission

Salerac 27th-Feb.-944

SUBJECT:- A.M.G. Postage Stamps

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

1. In connection with the arrangements for disembarking the consignment of A.M.G. postage stamps which has been ordered, it is now found that it will be necessary to take them from the ship to the A.C.C. strong room in Naples.
2. In these circumstances, and as it may not in actual practice ~~be~~ be necessary- in any event for some time - to bring them in to use, it is now proposed to retain the stamps at Naples until you may require them. Actual requirements can then be handed over at short notice. The stamps are packed in sealed boxes each containing 600.000.

→ File. PS/16/7

S.H. HEAD
Major

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Ministry of Communications

Salerno 16 Feb 44

Ref. NS/8.2/603

SUBJECT: Supply of AMG stamps

TO : ACC & Posts and Telecommunications Sub Comm
Salerno

In reference to letter on the same subject of 15 Feb, it is communicated that in the offices of Salerno, space for the storage of stamps is available.

The Under Secretary of State

Sen. Col. *dy*
Col. P. *AP*
Maj. *dy*

Recd 22 Feb 44

Ministry of Communications

Salerno 16 Feb 44

Ref. NS/8.2/603

SUBJECT: Supply of ALO stamps

TO : ACC & Posts and Telecommunications Sub Comm
Salerno

In reference to letter on the same subject of 15 Feb, it is communicated that in the offices of Salerno, space for the storage of stamps is available.

The Under Secretary of State

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

N. S/8.2/6.55

Risposta alla lettera

N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO: Approvvigionamento di
francobolli A.M.G.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

S A L E R N O

Salerno, 16 Febbraio 1944

21 FEB 44

En riferimento al foglio pari oggetto del
15 febbraio, comunicasi che negli uffici di Saler=
no sono disponibili i locali per l'immagazzinamen=
to dei francobolli di cui del foglio sudetto.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Recd. 21st Feb. 44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: Ps/16/7

28th February, 1944

Subject: AMF Postage stamps.

To: The Chief of AMFA, ACC Headquarters.

1. With regard to the consignment of 52,000,000 AMF postage stamps shortly due to arrive in this theater, it is understood following up to-day's discussions: -

- (a) That the consignment will be held in AMFA custody until such time as it may become necessary to hand it over in whole or in part to the Italian Postal Ministry (at present at Salerno).
- (b) That any withdrawals will be effected on the same basis as in Sicily, i.e. a receipt will be given to AMFA by a Postal Sub-Commission officer, who will in turn obtain a receipt from the Italian Postal authorities.

2. The following approximate replenishment of stamp stocks are required in Sicily: -

15 centesimi, 25 centesimi and 30 centesimi	- 3 million of each
50 centesimi	- 5 million

Total: 14,000,000

3. It would be appreciated if, as soon as convenient after the main consignment arrives, supplies could be forwarded accordingly by sea to AMFA, Palermo, for withdrawal as required under the standing arrangement.

4. Attached for information as desired is a summary of the postal services at present in operation.

S.H.
S. H. HEAD
Major,

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Lieut. Alasia, Postal Officer, Region I.

File.

SUMMARY OF CIVIL POSTAL SERVICES AS AT 1st MARCH 19441. INTERNAL

(a) In and between the ten Italian provinces under Italian jurisdiction, and Sicily and Sardinia.

(b) Avellino province and part of Naples and Benevento province, being added shortly.

POSTAGE RATES

	Local delivery	Delivery outside place of posting
Postcards	15 c.	30 c.
Letters (for each 15 gms)	25 c.	50 c.

WEIGHT LIMIT: 90 gms.

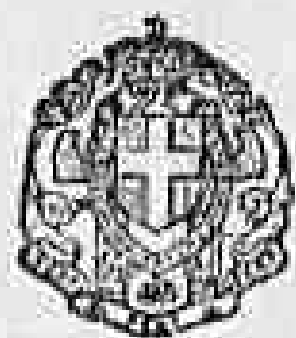
2. FOREIGN

Between the areas defined in para 1(a) and all Allied and neutral countries not occupied by the enemy.

POSTAGE RATES

Postcards	1.50 lire
Letters up to 20 gms.	2.50 "
" " " 40 gms (max)	4.00 "

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1) _____ di _____ ; addì _____ 19 _____
 Provincia di _____ ; Si 2) _____
 _____ le carte qui sotto indicate 3) _____

N. _____ di protocollo

RISPOSTA ALLA LETTERA

IL TITOLARE

Rollo dell'Ufficio

N. _____

- 1) *Direzione, Ufficio o Collettoria.*
- 2) *Si accompagnano al Ministero od alla Direzione postale telegrafica, od all' Ufficio od alla Collettoria, oppure si sono ricevute dal Ministero ecc.*
- 3) *Quando si spediscono carte, delle quali si attenda ricevuta, si aggiungono le parole: con preghiera di farne ricevuta.*

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Salem o, 16 febbraio 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
F.to Fano

P.C.C.
IL CAPO DELLA SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE

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PS 16/7/31

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SALERNO 18th-Feb.-1944

TO:- Major Green, Postal Office, Region III

FROM:- Lt. Col. Proegers, Telecomms. and, Posts Sub-Commission

In connection with the expected arrival of a consignment of
of AMG stamps, will you please ascertain from the Shipping Sub-
Commission, as early as possible the anticipated port and date
of arrival of ship HR 891 (James W. Fennin).


Lt. Col.

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U.S. SECRET Equals British SECRET
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk

C/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 28/17

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 52974

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : 171940A FEB

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMG

REC'D : 172300A FEB

TO : FARGO FOR AMGA RPTD FATIMA FOR HENDERSON

93 boxes AM postage stamps labeled Duko-P-OFD(?) - 4 will arrive on ship
 HR 891 (James W. Fannin): 15 centesimi 7580000; 25 centesimi 7620000;
 30 centesimi 7740000; 50 centesimi 7880000; 60 centesimi 5880000; 1 lira
 5090000; 2 lira 3750000; 5 lira 3840000; and 10 lira 3800000. Advise by
 radio receipt of shipment, which is in custody of Lt. G.F. Pawl(?).

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG File
- 1 - D.S.G. - info
- 1 - Dep. Chief Comm. - info
- 1 - Telecomms & Postal - action

7580 000
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 380
 53180000

Seen: Col. *[Signature]*
 Col. P. *[Signature]*

U.S. SECRET Equals British SECRET

Received 18th Feb. 44.

A.C.C. SALERNO

Salerno 15/2/1944

OGGETTO:- Approvvigionamento di francobolli AMG

A S.E. il Sottosegretario alle Comunicazioni
Radiopostelegrafoniche

Riceveremo tra breve dall'America una fornitura di franco-
bolli AMG, e probabilmente si riterrà opportuno di consegnarli
a voi perché provvediate ad immagazzinarli.

I francobolli sono imballati in cassette di legno, e la
cubatura complessiva delle sole casse, senza considerare alcuno
spazio per la loro manovra, è di 600 piedi cubici (circa
mc. 25).

Vi prego volermi informare se negli uffici di Salerno
vi sono disponibili locali sufficienti per provvedere al-
l'immagazzinamento di una fornitura di tali proporzioni.

[Signature]
Colonel
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(near Echelon)

12th February, 1944

In reply refer
to: 29/16/2

Subject: Postal Service.
Regional General and Military Government Section
To: For R.C.A.C. R.Q. Region 4.

1. With reference to your enquiry of 14th January and your reminder PM/091.1 of 7th February. It has been decided that ordinary Italian stamps (not overprinted) should be used whenever possible, but that AIR stamps may be used if Italian stamps are not available.

2. It is confirmed that it is not proposed to re-establish parcel post until more stable conditions prevail.

3. A directive covering the various phases of postal development has been prepared, and it is hoped to circulate it at an early date. An advance copy is attached, but this has not yet received official approval.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 4 MAIN
Allied Military Government
A.P.O. 394.

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TO : Main HQ. A.C.C. A.P.O. 394 for MGS.
FROM : R.C.A.O. HQ. Region 4 ~~AMG~~ AMG.
SUBJECT : Civilian Post Card Mail.
REFER. : R4/091.1 (P)
DATE : 7 February 1944.

1. It would be appreciated if a reply to the enquiry dated 14 January 1944, copy attached, could be furnished at an early date.
2. In addition can it be stated if consideration has been given to the question of fixing National Postage rates for Italy and if so ^{can} a copy of the ruling be supplied to this Headquarters.

M. Carr
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
R.C.A.O. Reg. 4. AMG MAIN

1 Incls.

Seen - Col. P. Lee

Received 10th Feb. 44.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 4 MAIN
Allied Military Government
APO 394.

TO : A.M.G. 15th Army Group.
FROM : R.C.A.O. HQ. Region 4 Main.
SUBJECT : Civilian Post Card Mail.
REFER. : AMG 4/E/1040/2
DATE : 14 January 1944.

1. In considering a proposal to open civilian post card mail service in FOGGIA province it was ascertained that three types of stamps are now in use in occupied Italy: viz:-

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- (b) NAPLES CITY - Italian stamps overprinted "Governo Militare Alliato".
- (c) SOUTHERN ITALY (Region 2) - Italian stamps.

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TO: A.M.G. 15th Army Group. (Cont'd)

4. In all the circumstances it is recommended that ordinary stamps, where available, should be used for post cards, and where not available, supplies of Special A.M.G. stamps be transported to the area concerned. It is understood that the whole question is under consideration by the Allied Control Commission.

5. No consideration has been given to the question of parcel post requiring stamps of larger denomination as it is presumed that no attempt will be made to introduce such a service until conditions reach a more normal state.

6. May this Headquarters please be notified as early as possible of the policy to be followed?

(Sgd) M. Carr, Brigadier.
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
R.C.A.O. Reg. 4. AMG MAIN

Reproduced: 6 February 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Rear Echelon)

JLH/TJJ

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9th February, 1944.

In reply refer
to: P8/16/2

Subject: Postal and Telecommunications Services in Region 3.
To: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Your attention is drawn to the arrangements that have been made in the Naples area on both postal and telecommunications services, which should not, in the opinion of this sub-commission, have been concluded without reference to higher authority, and which, by diverging from the systems in force in the rest of Italy, are causing considerable confusion.

2. Postal.

(a) Stamps. - Italian stamps have been locally overprinted "Governo Militare Alleato" for use within Naples. This action has not been taken elsewhere and has resulted in the creation of philatelic curiosities and a stamp "Black Market" with discredit to the Allied administration, and will cause considerable confusion in the establishment of inter-provincial and foreign mail services.

(b) Rates. - A rate of postage of 50 centesimi on postcards and open letters for local delivery within the Naples area has been authorised. This rate is entirely arbitrary and not in accordance with the rates elsewhere.

3. Telecommunications.

Rates. A new system of charging for telephone service has been authorised within the Naples area. Besides altering the system in force elsewhere, the net result has been a rise in rates of about 300 per cent, creating a very difficult situation for the resumption of centralised control.

4. Conclusion.

Apart from the question of the correctness of the above instructions it seems evident that local actions on such matters is in any case inadvisable and should not have been undertaken without reference.

A general directive on these matters is being issued, which will require amendment or cancellation of the local instructions, but I should be grateful if the attention of Region 3 could be drawn to the subsequent difficulties caused by their actions for their future guidance.

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JLH

J. L. Henderson, Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Forward Echelon)
APO 394

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In reply refer to
PS/16/7/24

8th February, 1944

Subject:- Postage Stamps.

To:- Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. It is requested that agreement be made with the appropriate military authorities to publish an order placing all the public and functioning portions of civil Post Offices out of bounds to all Allied personnel.

2. It is also requested that a notice be published within the ACC/AMC organisations, pointing out that the collection by Allied personnel of the philatelic curiosities resulting from the occupation of Italy is appreciably contributing to a shortage of stamps and to the creation of a "Black Market" and reflects discredit on the Allied administration, and that this practice will cease forthwith.

3. There is no civil Post Office service available to Allied personnel, and the above regulation will not restrict any legitimate activity.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commissions

5 February, 1944

REFERENCE: PS/16/7

SUBJECT: Supply of A.M.G. Stamps

TO: Chief of AMFA, A.C.C. HQ.

1. The points referred to in paras. 1 and 3, of your letter PSB/420/367 of February 2nd, are noted.

2. The position with regard to your para. 2 is as follows:

a. AGWAR advised AFHQ that approximately 50 million AMG stamps were available and boxed ready for shipment. No details were given.

b. On January 14 th. AFHQ was asked to call over the following stocks for Italy:

25 and 50 centesimi	:	5 million each
30 and 60 centesimi	:	3 million each
1, 2 and 5 lire	:	5 million each
Total 31 million		

c. On January 28th. AFHQ were asked to call for the balance of the 50 million, to be sent to Region I, who had in the meantime reported stocks running low.

d. On February 2nd. AFHQ advised as follows:
"AGWAR advises that AMG stamps, which had previously been printed and boxed for shipment, were being sent in reply our request for stamps for Italy. Shipment consists of approximately 52 million of various denominations from 15 centesimi to 10 lire. AGWAR will advise later of marking on boxes and ship number. In view foregoing advise if additional stamps for Sicily are now needed."

from We replied to the effect that we would draw for Sicily the 52 million stamps being sent to Italy. Sicily's present requirements are restricted to the 15, 25, 30, and 50 centesimi denominations.

3. AGWAR advices will probably include information as to the make up of the consignment and it is suggested that when that information comes to hand details for the disposal of the consignment

be settled verbally.

W. L. Broad
for J. L. Henderson
Colonel
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commissions.

Go see to;

Postal Officer, Region I.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING

2 FEB 1944

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MESSAGE /arr

M/C NO : 1/2

REF NO: 46046

FILED : FEB 011851A

REC'D : FEB 020139A

SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : SIGNED CINC CITE FINGS REFERENCE FATIMA 2204 of 28 JANUARY

TO : FATIMA REAR FOR STONE AND HEAD REPEATED IBS FOR ALG FOR ROGERS FOR POLETTI

AGWAR advises that ALG stamps, which had previously been printed and boxed for shipment, were being sent in reply our request for stamps for Italy. Shipment consists of approximately 52 million of various denominations from 15 centecimi to 10 lire. AGWAR will advise later of markings on boxes and ship number. In view foregoing advise if additional stamps for Sicily are now needed. *See reply 722 of 4 Feb. in file 725161.*

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG Files
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Comm Sec
- 1 - Major Head

Seen:

Col. H.

Col. M.

Col. P.

*My**AP*Note

Italy require
 3 million each at 15, 25 & 30c.
 5 " " 50c.

Let's

Received 4 Feb. 44.

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Memo:

Postage Stamp Supplies in Larderia

See footnote on letter of 30 Jan. to Capt.
Turner in file PS 16.2.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
APO-394

REF: FAH/ 420 1367

2 February 1944.

Subject : Supply of new A.M.G. Postage Stamps.

To : Vice-President,
Communications Section,
Allied Control Commission.

1. In reply to your A.G. 311.1-PS/16.7.16, dated 29 Jan 44, it is noted that 31 million new AMG postage stamps are being requested from AGWAR, for shipment to AMFA, Naples.
2. AMFA sees no objection to handing the entire stock over to the Italian Government authorities as you suggest. Furthermore, if storage facilities should prove inadequate, AMFA is prepared to hold the stock or part of it in store until delivery is required, as was done in Sicily.
3. For our information and guidance can you please say :-
 - (a) How many stamps of the various denominations have been ordered.
 - (b) In how many boxes the shipment is likely to be packed.
4. As you are aware, all stamps delivered from AGWAR must be taken up in AMFA's books at their face value, and AMFA will require receipts for all deliveries made.

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

O.V. CLAIRBORNE,
Lieut. Colonel,
Chief, Of AMFA.

Col. HENDERSON.

Telecomm. & Post. Lts. Com.

148. ACC. SALERNO.

Inwarded for reply action.

2 FEB 1944

[Signature]
Capt. RA.
Staff Officer Communications Sect.

Postage File

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In reply refer to:

PS/16.2

AG 311.1

30 January 1944

Subject : Foreign Postage Rates

To : The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications

1. You will already have received, through your representative, our verbal notification that the postage rates to be applied to the foreign mail service when it commences, will be:

Postcards - 1.50 lire

Letters - 2.50 lire (20 grams) & 4 lire (40 grams)

2. That information is hereby confirmed, but it is necessary to explain that the question of maintaining the rates quoted is under consideration in Washington and London, with regard to the appropriate application of the International Postal Convention in relation to postage rate equivalents.

3. Arrangements are in hand for the supply of approximately 30 million AMR postage stamps, for use in Italy as may be found necessary. Information is being obtained regarding the stocks of Italian stamps which are available in Sicily, and it is understood that you are collecting similar information in respect of the ten provinces concerned in Italy. It is suggested that as soon as this information is available a preliminary plan be agreed upon regarding the disposition of both the AMR and Italian stamps. We have received confirmation that the Italian Government will receive the revenue accruing from the sale of AMR postage stamps.

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para. 7.

LESLIE W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice - President
Communications Section 61

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

LWD/AMG/ard
24 January 1944

Ref/AMG/327.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Postal Officer

TO : Advance Headquarters, A.G.C., Brindisi (Attention Major Head,
Postal Officer)

1. Enclosed is copy of letter written this day to Chief of Staff of Headquarters concerning Sito Marabito and his prospective establishment in Catania as a Postal Officer. Lieut. Alasia wishes you to make every effort to see that Smiter Marabito does not come to Catania as a Postal Officer.

2. Lieut. Alasia has also reported from Region I the following items which may require attention from your office:

(a) He states that almost no mail is coming to Sicily from the mainland.

(b) He states that he needs further instructions regarding the procedures, if any, to be followed in connection with International Mail.

(c) Angot postage stamps in Sicily are running very low. Of the 50 centesimi stamps, 600,000 are available whereas the post office has requested one million two hundred thousand. He desires to know whether further use is to be made of Angot postage stamps or whether they will be superseded by the Italian stamp on the turnover.

3. It is requested that you take these matters up with Lieut. Alasia, either directly or through these Headquarters, whichever is the most expeditious means.

* For action
see original
in PS. 16.2.

CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Colonel, A.G.C.
D.C.C.A.S., AMG, 3460

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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28 January 1944

AG 311.1
P.S. 16-7-17

Subject: Postage Stamps

To: Lt Alasia, Postal Officer, Sicily Region

1. As indicated in our message no. 2204 to AFHQ, which was repeated to you, further supplies of AMG stamps (approx. 20million) have been requested for Sicily.

2. Please advise as soon as possible what numbers and denominations of current Italian stamps are held at each of the Province Headquarters, towns in Sicily.

S.H. Head
S. H. HEAD
Major
Postal Section ACC

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29 January 1944

In reply
refer to: AG 311.1
ES/16.7/16

Subject: AMG Postage Stamps.

To : AMFA, ACC HQ, CMF.

1. To meet urgent requirements for Italy, AFHQ MG3 have asked AGWAR to supply 31 million AMG postage stamps. The address for the shipment has been given as AMFA, ACC HQ, Naples. *no objection see 20*

2. Subject to any interim considerations which may arise, it is the intention to hand these stocks over to the Italian Government en bloc. Perhaps it will be stated whether any objection is seen to such an arrangement, and whether, if storage facilities should give rise to difficulties, an alternative arrangement similar to that which was applied in Sicily might be applied.

ELLERY N. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section

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ROUTINE

FATIMA FROM STONE FROM HEAD SIGNED MAGFARLANE

FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD IBS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR POLETTI

SICILY REPORT: ^{AMG} STAMP SUPPLIED DURING IBS PD PLEASE REQUEST ADWAR DISPATCH
TO THEM BALANCE REMAINING FROM FIFTY MILLION AFTER ITALY SUPPLIED PD TO FREEDOM FOR
MGS RPTD IBS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR POLETTI FROM FATIMA FROM STONE FROM HEAD
SIGNED MAGFARLANE PD INVESTIGATING PRESENT POSITION RE STOCKS OF ITALIAN STAMPS
AVAILABLE

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DON
Major AGD

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Maj Head
- 1 - COMM Sec

See 16
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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G.-A.C.C.

FAST AIR SERVICE

17 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps.

TO : R.C.A.O. Sicily Region

1. Attached for general information is a copy of a report ^{dated 15 Jan.} dealing with postage stamps.

2. AFHQ have agreed that AMG stamps should continue to be used in Sicily (see 3/5425 of 6 Jan. ref.)

S. H. HEAD
Major
AMG-ACC Postal Section

Incls - as above

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W. S. Denmore.

Attached is a copy of
a report on stamps which
I submitted direct to AFHQ
(to save time). Their
reply is also attached.

21. 1. 44.

H. C. Head.
Major

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

DSJ/SHH/as

18 January 1944

MGS - 123-4

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
Headquarters, AMG, CMF.

1. The present general position regarding postage stamps, as outlined in the report, dated 14 January, from Major Head, is noted at this Headquarters.

2. No objection is seen here to the line which it is proposed to follow for the immediate future, and a request for the AMG stamps required will be sent to Washington. It is understood that this modified requirement cancels the previous one.

3. It is intended to accept London's offer regarding the distribution of Specimen Stamps.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps - Sicily, Sardinia and S. Italy.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. The following outlines the present position.
2. Four types of postage stamps are at present in use, namely:-

- (i) AMG in Sicily (54 million originally supplied)
- (ii) Italian (normal) in Italy and Sardinia.
- (iii) Italian normal, overprinted "Governo Militare Alleato" in Naples.
- (iv) Locally printed Italian (20 million, in Naples at 50c).

An extract from a Press notice relating to (iii) is enclosed.

The stamps mentioned in item (iv) are not gummed on the reverse side, and they are stated to be of "poor design".

3. The present maximum postage for internal mails (the rates for which are likely to be doubled) is 3 lire (for approximately 3½ oz.). For foreign mails the amount will be 7 lire. If several low value stamps have to be used for individual higher postage letters, stocks will be used up at an abnormal rate. It is not known how long the existing stocks of higher value stamps would last. Local printing of replenishments might not - for a time at least - be satisfactory. Supplies of paper and gum, and gumming machinery, would probably be points of difficulty. Even when Rome is reached, replenishment stocks of stamps and/or printing dies, may not be readily available. : 3453

4. Therefore, it is considered desirable to bring over to Italy, as a stand by against contingencies, the following supplies (approximately) of AMG stamps:-

25 and 50 centesimi :	5 million each
30 and 60 centesimi :	3 million each
1, 2, and 5 lire :	5 million each

5. The Italian Under Secretary ^{of State} for Telecommunications and

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Posts has indicated his view that if AMG stamps are issued in Italy, they should be overprinted "Poste Italiane", and the existing word "Italy" deleted. It would be proposed to leave such overprinting to the Italian Government, if in actual practice they wished to proceed with it.

6. The stamp situation indicated in para 2 is not regarded as satisfactory. The present postal delivery in Naples (still as yet under the control of 15 Army Group) is restricted to the city area. Extensions are likely to follow soon. If the risk of stolen Italian stamps being used on letters is a serious one, their use should strictly be vetoed also in at least those provinces adjacent to Naples. A very large number of AMG new issue Italian stamps would however be necessary to provide a substitute, and in the present absence of such a substitute there seems to be no alternative but to continue as now, and until such time as the Italian Government can itself cope with the situation - with any assistance which we may be able to give.

7. Sicily and Sardinia should, it is thought, continue the present arrangement until the Italian Government is placed in a position to play a more direct part in the matter.

8. If the general viewpoint outlined is concurred in, perhaps Washington will be asked to send the stamps detailed in para 4, by fast sea transport. The boxes should preferably be consigned ~~to Naples~~ ^{to Naples} for AMFA ACC, ~~AMFA ACC~~ ^{AMFA ACC}.

9. So far as the submission of specimen stamps to Berne is concerned, it is suggested, as London has volunteered assistance, that we accept that offer. On the assumption that such a course will be followed, the Italian Government will, in due course, be asked to furnish an adequate supply of all the stamps concerned.

1 Incl: as above.

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S: H. HEAD,
Major

AMG HQ Postal Section

*Note: Written at AMG
in course of work
fired*

Extract from Press release (Stars and Stripes or Union Jack)
in Naples (on or about December 27th, 1943).

"AMG also said that an average of 50,000 pieces of mail have been handled by the post office in Naples since Dec. 10 when it was reopened.

"In restoring post service it was found necessary to issue stamps surcharged by AMG. In the case of the United States this was done for the first time in occupied territory since the Spanish-American War.

"The supply of stamps used by AMG in Sicily was insufficient for distribution by the Naples and Salerno post offices which are the only two now operating on the mainland. As a result, Italian stamps were used after being overprinted with a special ink to make imitation impossible.

"The overprinting reads "Governo Militare Alleato" (Allied Military Government), and prevents a sort of philatelic black market since quantities of Italian stamps were stolen from the post office when the Germans evacuated Naples. The same stamps without the overprints are still in use in German-occupied Italy.

"Stamps now in use are in denominations of 50, 35 and 20 centesimi. The 20 centesimi stamps show a portrait of Caesar and are overprinted in red."

31 Dec 43

Postal Conference

Present.

For A.C.C.

Ex. Ch. Denman

Major Nead.

For Italian Govt

Mr. Franco - Under Secy for Int. Com. & Posts

Mr. —

Ex. Asst. Post.

Mr. Fano

7. Matter of stamp supply discussed. Mr. Fano stated that Italian Govt could not continue with printing stamps until paper received.

2. Mr. Fano also stated stamps printed by Govt would be with cut gum. That I.G. about

Italian Govt would be with cut gum.

not have gum or gumming machine. printed in U.S.

3. Mr. Fano suggested stamps be printed in U.S. say

4. Major Nead asked Mr. Fano - If U.S. say

they can not overprint AMG stamps now on

hand - would the Italian Govt object to use of AMG

stamps as they are?

5. Mr. Fano replied that if U.S. can not overprint

AMG. the I.G. can do it.

there is a large supply of

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dis copied from Italian Govt. This with US copying Italian Govt. This

7. Mr F suggested recommended the deletion of the word "Italy" and the overprinting ~~also~~ over the caption " Allied Military Postage " of the words. " Poste Italiane Italianae - "

8. Major Head pointed out that the RMG stamps now on hand in US are of the following values:-

9. Major Head pointed out that the ^{normal} ~~free~~ Italian postal rates progress ⁱⁿ 15 gram stages (20 grams Foreign) and in order to avoid using several small value stamps for the higher rate letters a number of denominations are required. The minimum foreign rate will probably be 5 lire.

10. Printing by the P.G. in Italy could apparently only produce ^{one} ~~one~~ denomination - 50 centesime. There is on hand at present a fairly large good stock of Italian stamps of the denomination 1, 2, 3 & 5 lire. There are over 1,000 post-offices in the 10 provinces at present counts and such stamps will have to be distributed.

Stamps now on hand in US are of the following values:-

9. Major Head pointed out that the ^{normal} Italian postal rates progress in 15 gram stages (20 grams Foreign) and in order to avoid using several small value stamps for the higher rate letters a number of denominations are required. The minimum foreign rate will probably be 5 lire.

10. Printing by the P.G. in Italy could apparently only produce ² the denomination of 1000 post-offices involved in the 10 promissory at present counts ~~on the number to which~~ stocks will have to be distributed.

11. Dr. Lano stated that the 29 is considering the question of in cream inland postal rates by 100% ~~to the~~ ~~probable effective date~~ Feb 1944.

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12. Mr I men know that the most pressing
immediate requirement of stamps are as follows.

20 million	- @ 50¢
40 "	@ 2 1/2
10 "	@ 25

13. Portal Hernia:

~~I. may need explain to Mr F that a message
has been sent to-day (3rd Dec) to start ordinary postal
service with Sandania & the 10 p.m. train -~~

I May/Keas' ask Mr F to confirm that
 interned ^{Porte} ~~semen~~ in Italy had been clearly
 started up as from 20 Dec. Mr F confirmed
 that this was the case - but stated that at
 the outset the semen would ~~only~~ serve
 mainly the larger towns such as the ~~Anglo~~ ^{Anglo} ones
 as can conveniently be reached. The semen will be
 2. Major ^{progeny} extended

2. May H. informed Dr F that our instructions from H.F.N.G. word had been sent & to security & Sandana & commence forthwith an ordinary mail seven before the movement. (I understand our hand also to be forwarded.)

B. Postal Services

+ ~~the~~ Head explained to Dr F that a message
 1. May Head explained to Dr F that a message
 has been sent ^{Swiss} ~~to start~~ ^{to start} ordinary postal
 through Sardinia & the 10 provinces.

1. Maj Head ask Dr F to confirm that
 internal service in Italy had been closely
 started up as from 20 Dec. Dr F confirmed
 that this was the case - but stated that as
 the outbreak the service would ~~only~~ serve
 mainly the larger towns & such of the smaller ones
 as can conveniently be reached. The service will be
 as soon as reasonably extend.

2. Major Provenzano

2. Maj H. informed Dr F that on investigation
 from A.F.N.G. word had been sent to Security
 & Sardinia to commence forthwith an
 ordinary mail service between the two
 and Italy (10 provinces) PW mail on hand also to be forwarded.

3. Dr F and ^{to} stated it would be necessary for
 him to send ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{to} inspectors & Reggio ~~to~~ which
 found all the mail from Security would be duplicated
 via Messina. Dr F was agreed that the govt & Reggio
 will confer with Major Head.

4. May 1st stated that the mail from South for Gladly were previously due & he dispatched by air to Brundisi. Dr F stated that the same now (as of 3/1/50) works to Lecce. That he will make arrangements at Lecce for the receipts & on word dispatched of a mail from Lecce.

5. May 11 explained that it is now necessary for Dr Fano to issue instructions & give notice to the 4 Province with respect to ~~the~~ dispatch of mail from 4 Province to Sicily & Sardinia.

6. Dr F agreed to submit instructions for region.

at piece for the receipts & one under each,

mail from piece.

5. Maj H explained that it is now necessary for Dr Tano to issue instructions & give notice to the 4 Provins with respect to ~~the~~ dispatch of mail from 4 Provins to Early & Bairdine.

6. Dr T agreed to submit instructions for review.

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JLM/arr

15 December 1943

In reply
refer to: X/6/1

Subject: Transfer of Postal Stamps from Foggia.

To: S.C.A.G., Foggia.

1. This letter will be presented to you by an officer of the Italian Army, acting under instructions from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts to the Italian Government.

2. Would you be good enough to arrange that the stamps authorised to be transferred from Foggia Post Office to the Italian Government are made available for collection by this officer.

3. Copies of the authority for the transfer by the R.C., A.M.G., 15 Army Group, and of their notification to this office of the release, are attached herewith. †

J. L. HENDERSON
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

Incl: Copies of -
Ltr AMO/313/35
Ltr AMO/313/36

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see also: - 37

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SUBJECT:- Transfer of Postal Stamps from FOGGIA.

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

Telecommunication and Post Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Brindisi,

AMG/313/36

11th December 43

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your X/6/1 of
8th December 43, and enclose a copy of my letter to the Finance
Officer, Foggia Province.

I am in agreement that the stamps should be transferred,
with the same provision as in the case of Naples, viz. that
replacement of the transferred stamps will be made when postal
communications are re-opened.

A.P. Craffey Smith
A.P. CRAFTTEY SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Transfer of Postal Station from Foggia.

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

AMC/313/35

11th December 45

Finance Officer
through S.C.A.O.
Foggia.

I enclose a copy of a letter received from The Telecommunication and Post Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, Brindisi, in which they request that permission be given for the transfer of all or such portion of the stamps in supply in Foggia.

As postal communications in Foggia will probably not be re-opened for some time, I see no objection to the proposed transfer. I will, however, intimate to the Sub Commission that the transfer is permitted only on the understanding that replacement of the transferred items will be made available when the occasion arises.

ALP
A. P. GRANFEE SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

AMC/SCB

Copy to: Telecommunication and Post Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Brindisi.

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In reply
refer to: X/6/1

8 December 1943

Subject: Transfer of Postal Stamp etc from Naples.

To: CCAO - AMB 15 AG - (Attention Lt Col Farley Smith).

1. Confirming telephone conversation Lt Col Densmore - Lt Col Farley Smith this date relative above.
2. This letter will be presented to you by Captain Guglielmo De Agostini of the Italian Army. This Officer has been designated by the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts Italian Government to go to Naples and effect the transfer of the stamp etc.
3. It will be appreciated if you will give Capt Guglielmo De Agostini written authority to take the postal supplies from the postal office at Naples and instruct him as to the proper Allied Officers he is to contact in Naples.
4. For your further information attached is copy our original request asking authority for the transfer.

Lt Col L. J. Henderson

(For) J. J. HENDERSON
Colonel

1 Incl.

Letter on

Transfer of Postal Stamps from *Naples*

Telecommunication and Post Sub-Commission

see also 37

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In reply refer
to: 7/6/4

7 December 1943

Subject: Transfer of Postal Stamps Etc. from Salerno.

To: Lt. Col. Rodgers, c/o SNAO, Salerno.

1. In the provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Taranto and Lecce where postal services are near normal, stocks of stamps have become exhausted with the result that mail is being delivered without the consequent revenue for the State.

2. It would appear from your report 21 November 1943, that it would be possible to transfer certain of the stock of stamps etc., on hand at Salerno for use in the four provinces indicated above.

3. Attached is list, Enclosure #1, prepared by Office of the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications of Posts, Italian Government, showing items which it is desired to transfer.

4. Will you please obtain concurrence of SNAO, Salerno and permit the transfer of the items indicated or so much thereof as in your opinion can properly be spared, with the understanding replacement will be made. We understand the Italian Government has made arrangements in Naples for the printing of certain stamps.

5. This letter is being delivered to you by Captain (English) de Agostini of the Italian Army who is prepared to effect the transfer. Any assistance you can give the captain to expedite the transfer will be appreciated.

L. H. Pensmore
(For) J. J. HARRISON 3443
Colonel
Telecommunications & Post Sub Commission

Incl: list of stamps, etc.

Copies to: SNAO, Rq ANG Region 2, Matera
Rq ANG, Salerno

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List of Postal Items to be transferred from

SALVADO

<u>STAMPS</u> <u>VALUE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
0.15	100,000
0.25	500,000
0.30	200,000
0.50	500,000
1.25	100,000
1.25 Exp.	25,000
<u>POSTAL LETTERS</u>	
0.25	10,000
0.50	15,000
<u>POST CARDS</u>	
0.15	50,000
0.30	100,000
<u>MONEY ORDER FORMS</u>	
0.10	25,000

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Ministry of Communications
Direction General of P.T.T.

4 December 1943

N. 75 Gbr.

TO MILITARY CONTROL COMMISSION
Telecommunications & Postal Section

Subject. Pass to Naples and Salerno.

Post Offices in the four Provinces have since long finished their stocks of stamps and mail is being forwarded without the consequent revenue for the State.

Naples and Salerno Offices possesses large stocks of stamps which are not being used owing to the fact that they are not authorized to correspond. While waiting for the printing of new stamps to be completed, plans have been made to send a truck to fetch a part of said stocks.

Accordingly, request is hereby made for the necessary authorization for a truck to proceed to Naples and Salerno to effect the necessary transfer.

Car Nr. 55475

Personnel: Capt. Guglielmo DE AGOSTINI
Lieut-Colonel Antonio CIOCHINO, driver
Pvt Antonio BASILE, driver
Carabiniere Domenico GRASSANO
Carabiniere Antonio DODERNA.

Date of departure: as soon as possible
A prompt reply will be very much appreciated.

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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
(M. Fano)



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.R. 151, 4 Dicembre 1943

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIMENTATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sezione Poste e Telecomunicazioni -

INDISI

N. 45/7
Risposta/alla lettera
N. del

Oggetto: Permesso per Napoli.

Gli uffici postali delle 4 province sono da tempo sprovvisti di francobolli, e la posta deve essere inoltrata senza l'entrata per lo Stato a tale snervicio conseguente.

Risultando che gli uffici di Napoli e Salerno hanno una larga scorta di francobolli, mentre per ora non sono autorizzate allo scambio della corrispondenza, in attesa della stampa già in corso dei nuovi francobolli si è deliberato di inviare colà un autocarro per ritirare una aliquota di tali giacenze.

Si prega pertanto di voler autorizzare l'autocarro "Mercedes-Benz" - targato R.E. 95475 a recarsi a Napoli nei prossimi giorni, con a bordo:

- Capitano	DE AGOSTINI	Guglielmo
- Cap. Maggiore	CICCHINO	Antonio - Conduttore
- Autiere	BASILE	Antonio - "
- Carabiniere	GRAZIANO	Domenico
- Carabiniere	DONZELLA	Antonio

Si gradirà cortese sollecito riscontro.

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IL SOTTOSCRITTORE DI STATO

[Signature]



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.M. 151, 5 Dicembre 1943

N.
Risposta alla lettera
N. del

Oggetto:

ELENCO DEI VALORI POSTALI CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

Valore	N°
0,10	500.000
0,15	200.000
0,20	250.000
0,25	500.000
0,30	500.000
0,50	500.000
1,25	50.000
1,25 (espressi)	50.000
1,75	100.000

a) - *Stampi* Francobolli da

Poste sent
b) - Cartoline per
corrispondenza da

c) - Biglietti postali
da:

Insieme stampi
ELENCO DELLE MARCHE ASSICURATIVE CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

Poste sent
a) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - disoccupazione - *disoccupazione*

da	N°	da	N°
2,85	5.000	10,55	40.000
4,50	10.000	12,75	40.000
5,15	20.000	16,30	50.000
8,30	25.000		

b) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - nuzialità e natalità: 3

da	N°	da	N°
2,35	15.000	11,65	5.000
3,90	20.000	14,70	5.000
5,45	5.000	17,60	5.000
7,20	5.000	20,65	5.000
9,45	5.000	23,20	5.000

c) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi e disoccupazione: 3

N° 5.000 per ciascun valore da: 2,35 - 3,90 - 5,45 - 7,40 -
9,55 - 11,65 - 15,10 - 17,80 - 21,10 - 23,65 -

tubercolosi e tubercolosi:

ELENCO DEI VALORI POSTALI CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

Stamp
a) - Francobolli da

Valore	N°
0,10	500.000
0,15	" 200.000
0,20	" 250.000
0,25	" 500.000
0,30	" 500.000
0,50	" 500.000
1,25	" 50.000
1,25 (espressi)	" 50.000
1,75	" 100.000

Post card

b) - Cartoline per corrispondenza da

0,15	" 100.000
0,30	" 50.000

c) - Biglietti postali da:

0,25	" 20.000
0,50	" 40.000

ELENCO DELLE MARCHE ASSICURATIVE CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

a) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - disoccupazione - *manipolazione* - *4*
nuzialità e natalità:

da	N°	da	N°
2,35	5.000	10,55	40.000
" 4,50	" 10.000	" 12,75	" 40.000
" 5,15	" 20.000	" 15,30	" 50.000
" 8,30	" 25.000		

b) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - nuzialità e natalità: *3*

da	N°	da	N°
2,35	15.000	11,55	5.000
" 3,90	" 20.000	" 14,70	" 5.000
" 5,45	" 5.000	" 17,60	" 5.000
" 7,20	" 5.000	" 20,65	" 5.000
" 8,45	" 5.000	" 23,20	" 5.000

c) - Invalidità e vecchiaia - tubercolosi e disoccupazione: *3*

N° 5.000 per ciascun valore da: 2,35 - 3,90 - 5,45 - 7,40
9,55 - 11,55 - 15,10 - 17,60 - 21,10 - 23,65 -

d) - Invalidità e vecchiaia e tubercolosi:

N° 5.000 per ciascun valore da: 1,85 - 3,30 - 4,75 - 6,30 -
8,45 - 10,55 - 13,60 - 16,30 - 19,30 - 21,85 -

Carte Postali da e verso
a Salerno

List of Postal
items to be
transferred from
Salerno

Stamps

Francobolli ordinari Quantities

Value	n.	
0.15	100.000	
0.25	500.000	
0.30	200.000	
0.50	500.000	
1.25	100.000	
1.25 Exp.	25.000	
	25	

Biglietti Postali (Postal tickets)

0.25	10.000
0.50	15.000

Contribuzione per corrispondenza

(pounds cents)

0.15	30.000	34.8
0.30	100.000	

Moduli vaglia

(Money order form)

0.10	25.000
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Note

This is list of stamps etc required from Salerno
Prepared by Major FRASCHELLI (Office Min of Comm)
Same being stamps etc which Italian Govt. desires to have
transferred Salerno to Brindisi
P.D.

Subject - Request of authorization to take stamps from Hoggie Provincial
Direction of P.T.T.

We understand that Hoggie Provincial Direction of P.T.T. is
supplied with stamps (and cannot use them because of
stoppage of mail service) as the 4 provinces (Mori - Munda
Moroto - Bore do not possess any. Therefore authori-
zation is requested to C.C.C. for it can be sent
to Hoggie & Invermayor to fetch above-mentioned supplies
of stamps.

The undersigned of P.T.T.
M. Gore

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JTH/hst

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APO 394

8 December 1943

In reply refer
to: X/6/1

SUBJECT: Transfer of Postal stamps from Foggia.
TO : C. C. A. O., AMG, 15th Army Group.

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1. In our letter X/6/1 dated 7 December 1943 it was requested that permission be given for the transfer of certain Italian postal stamps etc. from Naples for use in the Provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Taranto and Lecce. On the assumption that such transfer will be permitted by you, it is submitted that in order to meet present requirements for stamps in the four Provinces, additional supplies will be necessary.

2. It is understood that there is a supply of Italian postal stamp in the safe of the Provincial Direction Post and Telegraph, Foggia. A part of the stock is in the post office at Foggia and the balance has been removed to Torre Maggiore.

3. It is requested that permission be given for the transfer of all or such portion of these stamps as in your opinion can be spared for use in the four Provinces indicated.

4. If this request for transfer of stamps is concurred in, may instructions be issued to the effect that an A.M.G. 15th Army Group officer in Foggia arrange for the delivery of the stamps to be transferred to the Italian officer who will be sent from here. Such Italian officer will carry proper identification and official instructions.

5. It is further requested that this office be informed with respect to your decision in this matter and furnished with copy of instructions issued to your representative at Foggia.

6. May this matter please be considered as urgent.

3406
Lt. Col. L. J. Henderson
(For) J. J. HENDERSON
Colonel
Telecommunication and
Post Sub Commission



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Brindisi, 21 Novembre 943

N. 23/Gh.

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

Oggetto: Richiesta permesso ritiro francobolli dalla Direzione Provinciale
PP. TT. da Foggia=

ALLA MISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
PRESSO IL GOVERNO ITALIANO

BRINDISI
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Essendo a conoscenza che la Direzione Provinciale PP. TT. di Foggia è fornita di francobolli (pur non usandoli per ora a causa dell'attuale inattività del servizio), mentre le 4 provincie di Bari, Brindisi, Taranto e Lecce ne sono sprovviste, si chiede a codesta On.le Missione il nullaosta ad inviare a Foggia e Terre Maggiore un automezzo per ritirare tali giacenze, onde rifornirne gli Uffici suddetti.

Si gradirà cortese cenno di riscontro, che
si spera affermativo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

VITTORIO FRASCHETTI

Con M.

Oggetto: Richiesta permesso ritiro francobolli dalla Direzione Provinciale
PP.TT. da Foggia=

ALLA MISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
PRESSO IL GOVERNO ITALIANO

BRINDISI
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Si gradirà cortese cenno di riscontro, che
si spera affermativo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Quir.
Magg. VITTORIO FRASCETTI
Gen. M. -

/mf

LDD/arr

APO 394

7 December 1943

In reply
refer to: X/6/1

Subject: Transfer of Italian Postage Stamps, etc. from Naples.

To: C.C.A.O., A.M.G. 15 Army Group.

1. This is to confirm telephone conversation - Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore A.C.C. with Col. Thorn-Thorn, AMG 15 Army Group - 6 December 1943.

2. In the Provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, and Lecce where postal services are near normal, stocks of stamps have become exhausted with the result that mail is being delivered without the consequent revenue for the State.

3. Reports indicate that there is a sufficient supply of stamps, postal card, postal letters and insurance stamp at the post office in Naples, to permit the transfer of items shown in incl #1 (from Naples) and at the same time cover the limited needs at Naples until replacement can be made.

4. It is requested that such transfer be permitted. It is planned to instruct an Italian Officer, Capt. Guglielmo De Agostini, to go to Naples and affect the transfer.

5. May this matter be considered most urgent? It is understood that not only will replacement be made of the transferred items but adequate supply of required stamps etc., will be made available for Naples.

L. D. DENSMORE
Lieut. Colonel, S.C.
for

J. J. HENDERSON
Colonel,

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

Incl:
Postal Supplies - Naples

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P.L. 151, 5 Dicembre 1943

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

ELENCO DEI VALORI POSTALI CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

a)-Francobolli da	(0,10	N°	500.000
	(0,15	"	200.000
	(0,20	"	250.000
	(0,25	"	500.000
	(0,30	"	500.000
	(0,50	"	500.000
	(1,25	"	50.000
	(1,25 (espressi)	"	50.000
	(1,75	"	100.000
b)Cartoline per corrispondenza da	(0,15	"	100.000
	(0,30	"	50.000
c)Biglietti postali da:	(0,25	"	20.000
	(0,50	"	40.000

ELENCO DELLE MARCHE ASSICURATIVE CHE SI CHIEDE DI RITIRARE DA NAPOLI

a) - Invalidita e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - disoccupazione -
nuzialita e natalita;

da 2,85	N°	5.000	da 10,55	N°	40.000
" 4,50	"	10.000	" 12,75	"	40.000
" 6,15	"	20.000	" 16,30	"	50.000
" 8,30	"	25.000			

b) - Invalidita e vecchiaia - tubercolosi - nuzialita e natalita;

da 2,35	N°	15.000	da 11,65	N°	5.000
" 3,90	"	20.000	" 14,70	"	5.000
" 5,45	"	5.000	" 17,60	"	5.000
" 7,20	"	5.000	" 20,65	"	5.000
" 9,45	"	5.000	" 23,20	"	5.000

c) - Invalidita e vecchiaia - tubercolosi e disoccupazione;

N° 5.000 per ciascun valore da: 2,35 - 3,90 - 5,45 - 7,40
9,55 - 11,65 - 15,10 - 17,80 - 21,10 - 23,65 -

d) - Invalidita e vecchiaia e tubercolosi;

N° 5.000 per ciascun valore da: 1,85 - 3,80 - 4,75 - 6,30
8,45 - 10,55 - 13,60 - 16,30 - 19,30 - 21,85 -

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