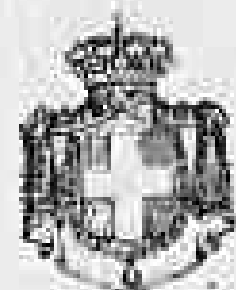


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**URGENTE**

Roma 28 MAG 1945

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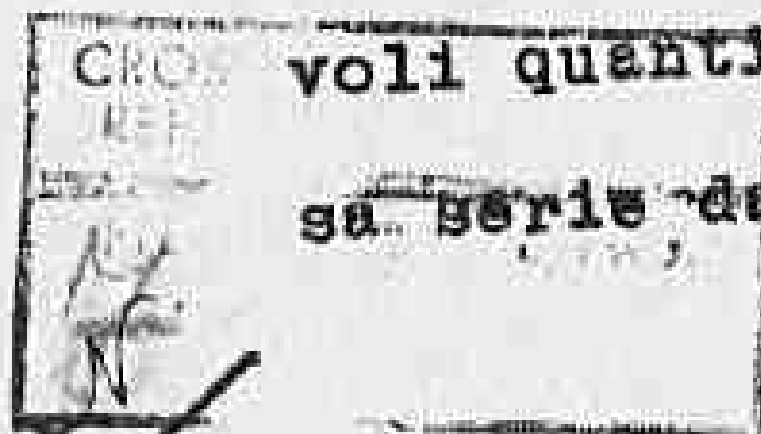
OGGETTO Carte valori postali.

CON FIRMA

Per opportuna conoscenza, si partecipa a codesta On. Commissione che l'Officina carte valori dell'Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato in Roma ha incominciato ad effettuare al Magazzino Centrale delle C.V.P. la consegna della nuova ristampa dei francobolli della serie ordinaria da lire 2, con la testa d'Italia turrita e senza i fasci littori.

In proposito è stato verbalmente comunicato al Magazzino anzidetto che nella prossima settimana sarà effettuata la ristampa di notevoli quantitativi dei francobolli della stessa serie da lire cinque e da lire dieci.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



Date

TRANSLATION

23th May 1945

SUBJECT. : Carte Valori Postali.

For your information, we inform you that the Carte Valori workshop of the Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato in Rome has already started to issue, at the Carte Valori Postali Central Storehouse the new re-impression of stamps of the 2 Lire ordinary series with the towered head of Italy (Italia turrita) and without the fascist emblems.

It has been verbally communicated to the above Storehouse that, during next week, the re-print of noticeable stocks of stamps of the same 5 L and 10 L series will be effected.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR.

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1057  
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 291300

Message Centre No: E/2928  
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 301040  
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION POSTAL DIV SIGNED ALASIA  
 TO : ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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(For POLETTI)

1. Please instruct this office regarding rates and supply of postage stamps for foreign mails.
2. Letter of Postal Officer EMILIA Region is not clear. Am awaiting instructions from your office.

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 Chief, Telecoms  
 Chief, Postal  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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RECOMMENDATION ALLIED COMMISSION  
 ADV 374  
 Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 7.234/31

31 May 1945

Subject: Supply of stamps for North of Italy.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

1. For convenience the present arrangements agreed to as regards the initial supplies of stamps for North Italy are detailed below:-

2. At Rome the original order was for :-

30 million stamps at 15 c.  
 15 million " " 25 c.  
 30 million " " 1 lire

and a second order was placed for:-

30 million stamps at 50 c.  
 30 million " " 1 lire  
 50 million postcards at 50 c.

3. These stamps are being produced at the rate of about 5 million a day and distributed as fast as transportation permits to offices in Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and other areas.

4. The rate of production and your commission has not yet permitted the supply of stamps from Rome to Venetia Region where Republican stamps are still in use.

5. To meet the emergency it was agreed with you that Rome should continue to concentrate on the production of low denomination stamps for the present and that Area would assist by

- (a) Supplying 2 lire and 5 lire stamps for all the north
- (b) Assist with the supply of lower denomination stamps for Venetia and part of Emilia.

The arrangements under (b) is necessary mainly from the point of view of speed of distribution. As regards both (a) and (b) whatever is being made by this office to dispose of the stamps whenever space can be obtained on air services to the north.

6. The detailed arrangements to carry out the proposals in para 5, are as follows:-

(a) EMILIA REGION

Bags of 50 c., 1 lire, 2 lire and 5 lire stamps to be made up. Inner bag to be addressed to Provincial Director, Bologna; and outer bag to Lt. Governor, EMILIA REGIONAL OFFICE, EMILIA REGION, A.S.O.

One of these bags to be delivered each morning, until further notice, by 8.30 a.m. to the ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, Allied Commission, Headquarters.

(b) VENETIA REGION

Bags of 50 c., 1 lire, 2 lire and 5 lire stamps to be made up.

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addressed to Provincial Director, MALAYA, in outer bags addressed to  
MAJOR TURNER, REGIONAL POSTAL OFFICE, PENANGA REGION, AG.  
About ten of these bags to be kept available at the same Ferravia Office  
ready for despatch, at short notice, to Allied Commission, Headquarters.

(c) Other Northern Provinces

Bags of 2 lire and 5 lire stamps to be made up addressed to  
Provincial Director Milano, in outer bags addressed to CAPT. ALBERTI, REGIONAL  
POSTAL OFFICE, LOMBARDIA REGION, AG.  
About ten of these bags also to be kept at same Ferravia office ready for  
despatch to Allied Commission, Headquarters.

7. As the notice of availability of accommodation on the air services  
is often very short, and as a good deal of trouble is being taken here to  
arrange this transport, it is essential that there should always be someone  
available at the same Ferravia office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
who is able to give authoritative answers to questions as to the number of these  
bags on hand and the possibility of sending them to the Corporations Building.  
Values of stamps on hand should not be shown on the outer bag label.

8. These arrangements are regarded as entirely exceptional to provide  
a rapid distribution of the varieties of stamps most needed, and it is not  
desired to interfere with your normal system of meeting detailed requisitions  
from individual provinces.

9. Copy of this letter is being sent to Postal Offices for information.  
They should report immediately any modification in the foregoing arrangements  
is desirable.

*W. H. Green*  
*Major*  
J. L. HARRISON  
Colonel,  
Director. 5.88

Copies to: R. G. Italia Region (attn Postal Officer)  
" Liguria " " "  
" Lombardia " " "  
" Venetia " " "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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BY AIR

28 May 1945

P. 7.235/CS

Subject: Postage Stamp Supplies.

To : R.C. Lombardia Region (attn Postal Officer)

1. With reference to Lt. Stenahers' letter R I X/PO/21 of 21 May, I find on return to Rome that the position is not quite as reported.
2. There is in Rome a quantity of 2 lire and 5 lire stamps which I will arrange to send forward by air as space permits to Postal Officers Lombardia Region (for Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria) and Venetia Region, and by road courier to Postal Officer Emilia Region.
3. It would be better, therefore, if Novara continued to concentrate on 50 c. and 1 lire stamps until the North's likely demands for these are met.
4. Emilia Region offices should if possible be supplied with 50 c., 1 lire and postcards from Novara.
5. For Venetia an attempt will be made to supply 50 c. and 1 lire stamps by air from Rome but postcards will have to go from Novara.
6. There is at present no 3 lire stamp in the Italian series and it will be necessary to make up this denomination with stamps of smaller values.
7. Please keep this Headquarters informed as to the progress of printing and distribution from Novara and regarding paper supplies etc.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

J. L. HENDERSON

Copies to:

R.C. Emilia Region (attn Postal Officer)  
" Venetia " " "  
" Piemonte " " "

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Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS

LIGURIA REGION

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

Ref.Pl/8

26 May 1945.

Subject: Overprinting of Postage Stamps.

To : Communications sub Commission H.Q. *A.C.*

1. During my first visit to Savona, it was *learned* that, at the instigation of a local Philatelic Society, the Prefect had issued a decree (*by decree*) ordering the overprinting of Republican Stamps with the wording: "C.L.N. Savona". *Altogether* denominations of stamps had been so overprinted but only 4 denominations were still available. Most of the others had been bought up by Philatelists although, unfortunately, some had been *used* to frank letters etc.

2. The Prefect was interviewed and informed that such local overprinting was irregular and should not have been authorized; his reply was that as no A.M.G. Officer had arrived in Savona when the matter was proposed, he had taken the decision himself.

3. All the stamps still available were impounded against my receipt and are now in my custody.

4. A somewhat similar situation had occurred at Imperia. The Prefect had issued a decree ordering the overprinting of Republican Stamps with the *wording* "Poste Italiane" Imperia Liberata 24.4.45." *the stamps have been taken by the Prefect for his position.* On the occasion of my visit, the Prefect was away for several days but it was gathered that the overprinting had not been completed. I left written instructions that the stamps must not be placed on sale and must not be regarded as valid stamps but should be sent to me. *A further report on the Imperia case will be sent later.*

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. DRUMMOND.

CAPTAIN.

that, at the instigation of a decree (copy attached) ordering the the Prefect had issued a decree (copy attached) ordering the overprinting of Republican Stamps with the wording: "C.L.N. Savona". <sup>Relogio</sup> ~~Altogether~~ denominations of stamps had been so overprinted but only 4 denominations were still available. Most of the others had been bought up by Philatelists although, unfortunately, some had been <sup>used</sup> to frank letters etc.

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3. All the stamps still available were impounded against my receipt and are now in my custody.

4. A somewhat similar situation had occurred at Imperia. The Prefect had issued a decree ordering the overprinting of Republican Stamps with the <sup>wording</sup> ~~wording~~ "Poste Italiane" Imperia Liberata 24.4.45." <sup>1/2 stamp has been taken by the Prefect for his function.</sup> On the occasion of my visit, the Prefect was away for several days but it was gathered that the overprinting had not been completed. I left written instructions that the stamps must not be placed on sale and must not be regarded as valid stamps but should be sent to me. <sup>A prefect's report in the Imperia case will be sent later.</sup>

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. DRUMMOND.

CAPTAIN.  
Regional Postal Officer.

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IL PREFETTO DELLA PROVINCIA DI SAVONA

Preso atto dell'istanza prodotta dal Circolo Filatelico del Brandale, il quale onde commemorare l'ormai raggiunta e da lungo tempo auspicata libertà democratica e in particolare l'attività svolta a tal fine dal Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per la Provincia di Savona, mediante l'apposizione in sovrastampa delle sigle C.L.N. Savona sui francobolli in vendita presso gli Uffici Postali e le aziende; considerato il carattere patriottico dell'iniziativa e ritenuta pertanto opportuna la realizzazione della suddetta proposta

D E C R E T A

Si autorizza il Circolo Filatelico del Brandale e per esso la Commissione appositamente costituita, a farsi promotrice dell'apposizione in sovrastampa della dicitura "C.L.N. Savona" del Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per la Provincia di Savona sui francobolli in vendita presso gli Uffici Postali e le relative aziende.-

SAVONA, li 30 Aprile 1945

IL PREFETTO

f<sup>o</sup> Francesco Bruzzone

Prefettura di Savona - Uffici Amministrativi.

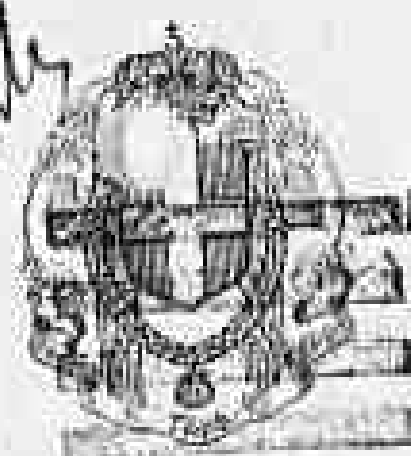
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# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

## Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. II  
 Prot. N° 419479 Allegati  
 Risposta al f. N°

Roma, 12 3 MAG 1945

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
 Communications  
 Sub Commission

OGGETTO: Servizio postale per  
 l'estero. Francobolli e car-  
 toline.

-R O M A-

CON FIRMA

URGENTE

Si è preso nota di quanto codesta Commissione ha comunicato col paragrafo 1 della nota sopra distinta.

Quanto al paragrafo 2 della nota medesima, devesi significare che nella serie dei francobolli ordinari in corso non sono compresi quelli da L.3 e da L.4.

Presso il Magazzino Centrale delle C.V.P. esiste invece una larga disponibilità di francobolli della R.S.I. da cent.25 con soprastampa Lire 2; e l'Officina Carte Valori di Roma ha già iniziato la consegna al magazzino medesimo di una ristampa del francobollo da Lire 2 (vignetta: testa d'Italia turrita) senza i fasci littori.

Si è inoltre avuto il preavviso che entro la prossima settimana verrebbe effettuata anche una larga ristampa del francobollo da Lire 5, attualmente esaurito.

Si assicura infine che si è interessato il Provveditorato Generale dello Stato per il sollecito allestimento di un nuovo tipo di cartolina postale per

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l'estero da L.3 (in sostituzione di quello da centesimi 75 usato prima degli aumenti di tariffa).

Non appena possibile saranno approntate spedizioni di francobolli da L.2 e da L.5 e di cartoline da L.3 per Milano, Novara, Torino, Genova e Bologna, e ne sarà data tempestiva notizia a codesta Commissione.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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TRANSLATION.

SUBJECT. : Postal service for abroad. Stamps and Postcards.

We have duly noted what you have communicated to us in para 1) of the abovementioned letter.

Re. para 2 of same, we inform you that the 30 and 40 stamps are not included in the series of ordinary stamps actually in force.

At the C.V.P. Storehouse there is a large amount of R.S.I. stamps of 25 centesimi, overmarked 20; and the Carte Valori workshop of Rome has already started the delivery to the above storehouse of a re-impression of the 20 stamps (design: testa d'Italia turrita) without the fascist emblem.

We have also been informed that within next week a large re-impression of the 50 stamps, actually exhausted will be effected.

Finally, we assure you that the Provveditorato Generale dello Stato has taken an interest in order to hasten the print of a new type of Post card for abroad of 30 (in substitution of those of 75 centesimi, used before the new tariff increase)

As soon as it is possible, delivery of 20 and 50 stamps and of 30 postcards will be effected to Milano, Novara, Torino, Genoa and Bologna, and notice will be given in due time to your Commission.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
EMILIA REGION

24 May 1945

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In reply  
ref to RIX/PO/21SUBJECT: Carte-Valori.  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia.  
(attention Postal Officer)

1. This Officer has just been informed by means of telephone from Lt. Col. ROUTH of the Communications Sub/Comm in Rome that no stamps (other than the value of 1 lire) will be available to the north from the Posts and Telegraph Ministry in Rome.

2. Lt. Col. ROUTH particularly desires that 1 £ and 5 £ stamps be produced in large quantities at Novara for a proposed opening of a service from Italy to foreign countries. The tariff on this proposed service will be 8 lire for 40 grammi. Design of the stamps which Lt. Col. ROUTH requests is to be the same as the design of those used south of the economic line.

for the Regional Commissioner

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GEORGE J. SLEICHER  
1st Lt., Signal Corps  
Regional Postal Officer

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
EMILIA REGION

24 May 1945

In reply  
refer to RIN/PO/21

SUBJECT: Carte-Valori  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia.  
(attention Postal Officer)

1. This Officer has just been informed by Communications Sub/Comm that no stamps (other than the value of 1 lira) will be available for the use of Emilia Region from Rome, and was advised to obtain them from Milan (Novara).

2. Attached is a chart of the stamp needs of the provinces of Emilia Region. Special priority should be given to stamps of the value of 25 centesimi, 50 centesimi, 1 lira, and 2 lire.

3. The province of Piacenza has no stamps to begin service. Parma has a

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supply for only 6 days from this date. Sacks of stamps, addressed specifically for the Provincial Directors of these two provinces, should be sent as quickly as possible. The Milano-Bologna courier is suggested as a means of transport. This officer requests that he be informed when the stamps have been sent.

*JS.*

GEORGE J. SLEICHER  
1st Lt., Signal Corps  
Regional Postal Officer

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PRIME NEEDS OF EMILIA REGION PROVINCES IN STAMPS  
24 May 1945

| Stamps    | Piacenza | Parma  | Reggio E. | Modana | Bologna | Ferrara | Raven. | Forlì  |
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| 0,25      | 300000   | 200000 | 200000    | 200000 | 250000  | 200000  | -      | -      |
| 0,50      | 500000   | 400000 | 400000    | 400000 | 250000  | 200000  | -      | -      |
| 1,00      | 500000   | 400000 | 300000    | 300000 | 100000  | 200000  | 200000 | 200000 |
| 2,00      | -        | -      | -         | -      | -       | -       | 400000 | 400000 |
| 5,00      | 200000   | 200000 | 200000    | 200000 | 300000  | 200000  | 200000 | 200000 |
| Postcards |          |        |           |        |         |         |        |        |
| 0,60      | 45000    | 45000  | 10000     | 40000  | 50000   | 50000   | 100000 | 40000  |
| 1,20      | 90000    | 90000  | 90000     | 40000  | 50000   | 50000   | 100000 | 40000  |

George J. Gidyczar  
1st Lt. Signal Corps  
Regional Postal Office

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 7.231/CS

25 May, 1945

Subject: Report on Piacenza Postal Services - Requisitions for  
Carte Valori required at Piacenza.

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

1. A report by the Provincial Director of Piacenza is enclosed for your information.
2. Requisition for Carte Valori required at Piacenza is attached for attention.

*J.L.*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
EMILIA REGION

24 May 1945

In reply  
ref to RIX/PO/21

SUBJECT: Carte-Valori.  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia.  
(attention Postal Officer)

1. This Officer has just been informed by means of telephone from Lt. Col. ROUTH of the Communications Sub/Comm in Rome that no stamps (other than the value of 1 lire) will be available to the north from the Posts and Telegraph Ministry in Rome.

2. Lt. Col. ROUTH particularly desires that 1 ¢ and 5 ¢ stamps be produced in large quantities at Novara for a proposed opening of a service from Italy to foreign countries. The tariff on this proposed service will be 8 lire for 40 grammi. Design of the stamps which Lt. Col. ROUTH requests is to be the same as the design of those used south of the economic line.

for the Regional Commissioner

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Date 26 May 1945

*George J. Sleicher*  
GEORGE J. SLEICHER  
1st Lt., Signal Corps  
Regional Postal Officer

DIREZIONE PROVINCIALE  
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI  
DI BOLOGNA

21 May 45

In reply

refers to RIX/PO/21 A 2 G

SUBJECT: Carte-Valori

to : Allied Commission, Comm S/C  
(attention Postal Officer)

1. Attached for forwarding to  
Ministry of P. & T. are:

(a) Requisition carte-val - Piacenza

" " - Ravenna

Not required  
but stick already  
sent

(b) " (duplicate of other copy sent)

(c) Piacenza Report to Postal Officer,  
Emilia

Sent to Ministry  
26 May 45  
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George J. Slesinger  
1st Lt, Signal Corps  
Postal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 7.228/CS

19 May 1945

Subject: Postage Stamps and Postcards for North Italy.

To : The Director-General, Ministry of Posts and Telegrams.

1. Large supplies of postage stamps and postcards will be required in the North of Italy very soon, and at very short notice.
2. A report has been received to the effect that postage stamps of an old design (values Lire 1 and 15 and 35 centimes) and postcards, impressed with 50 centimes stamp, are being printed at Novara for use in the Provinces of Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria. (Two specimens of each of the stamps in question are enclosed for inspection. Specimens of the postcards have not yet been received).
3. Existing Republican Fascist postage stamps and postcards will continue to be used in the Province of Emilia, as a temporary measure.
4. No information has yet been received as to what postage stamps and postcards will be used in the Province of Venezia. A report is awaited.
5. You have already agreed to recognise Republican Fascist postage stamps and postcards. Perhaps you will take steps to ensure that the various stamps and postcards it is now proposed to use in the north, until more satisfactory arrangements can be made, will be recognised, and that letters and postcards on which they are used shall not be surcharged (taxed).
6. The fact that the rates of postage in the north are considerably lower than those in the south, and the use of different stamps, will cause some difficulty and confusion, but, if postal services between the north and the south are to be resumed at the earliest possible moment, this is unavoidable. So far as internal postal ~~postal~~ services are concerned, the difficulty and confusion can be largely overcome by the issue of clear instructions to all concerned.
7. As regards external postal services, however, it is quite impossible to have rates of postage and postage stamps in the north different to those in the south of Italy. Therefore, until the rates of postage in the north are raised to the level of those in the south, and postoffices in the north are supplied with postage stamps issued by Rome, the question of extending the external postal services to include the Provinces of Lombardia, Piemonte, Liguria, Emilia and Venezia cannot be considered.

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8. In this connection, it is observed that the external rates of postage in the South of Italy are the minimum allowed under Article 34 of the Universal Postal Convention, and that the Italian Postal Administration has taken full advantage of its right, under II of the Final Protocol of the Convention, to reduce by 20% the postage rates prescribed by Article 34, and to round down its rates to suit its currency.

9. In the circumstances on the assumption that external postage rates in the north will be increased shortly and so that there should be no delay in restoring postal services to other countries, consignments of postage stamps and postcards for use in the external services, should be prepared forthwith, and held in readiness to be sent to Milan, Novara, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and to any other offices you may consider necessary, at short notice.

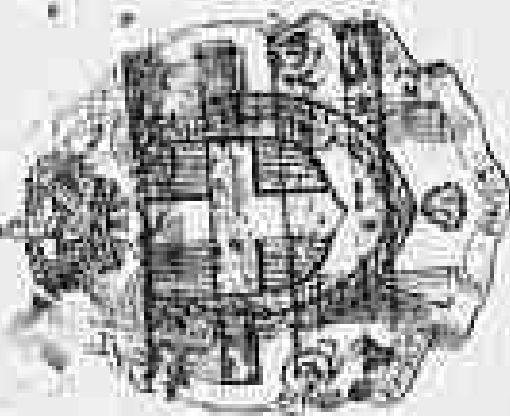
10. This Sub-Commission will make arrangements for these consignments to be sent forward so soon as it is notified that they are ready to be collected.

*R.H.*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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Ministero delle  
POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

SERVIZIO IV - Div. I.

Prot. N. 406547/V. 3

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CON FIRMA

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION

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OGGETTO: Vendita di francobolli ai filatelici.

In relazione ai paragrafi 1 e 2 del foglio sopra indicato, devesi far presente a codesta On. Commissione che la quantità dei francobolli in corso che viene assegnata all'Ufficio Filatelico per la vendita ai collezionisti e ai commercianti è minima, rispetto alle disponibilità del Magazzino Centrale delle Carte Valori Postali; e che la vendita dei valori in cartoncino (cioè cartoline postali e bollettini per pacchi) da parte dello stesso Ufficio è sempre stata quasi negativa.

D'altronde è da considerare che mentre le quantità acquistabili presso il Filatelico sono limitatissime, i collezionisti e i commercianti, senza declinare il loro nome e la loro qualità, hanno la possibilità di procurarsi fogli interi di francobolli in corso rivolgendosi a qualsiasi ufficio postale.

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Con riferimento poi ai paragrafi 3 e 4 della stessa nota P.7.

CON FIRMA

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION

R O M A

OGGETTO: Vendita di francobolli ai filatelici.

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Con riferimento poi ai paragrafi 3 e 4 della stessa nota P.7. 219/CS, si assicura di avere disposto che il Filatelico trasmetta a questa Direzione Generale, per la restituzione all'origine, le richieste di acquisto di francobolli qui pervenute, o che perverranno in seguito, da filatelici residenti nei Paesi esteri.

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Si confida, però, che il divieto concernente le rimesse di denaro da altri Paesi per l'Italia possa essere presto revocato; il che, col consenso della Censura, permetterebbe anche all'Amministrazione delle Poste di accettare le richieste di acquisto e di rinviare della valuta pregiata, migliorando così la situazione del proprio bilancio.

In proposito questo Ministero ~~sirpennante~~ anzi ~~si~~ confida nel cortese autorevole interessamento di codesta On. Commissione.

P. I L M I N I S T R O



## Translation

15 May 19

Subject: Sale of stamps to philatelists.

Ref. paras 1 & 2 of your P.7.219, we must point out to your Commission that the quantity of ~~stamps~~ current stamps which are assigned to the philatelic office for sale to collectors and traders, is of no importance, considering the disposal of the Central Magazzino of ~~Carte e Valori~~ Postal Carte e Valori.; and that the sale of valuables on cards (that is to say postcards and bulletins for parcels) on behalf of the same office has nearly always been negative.

On the other hand it must be considered that while the quantity ~~stamps~~ that can be bought at the Philatelic ~~is~~ very restricted, the collectors and traders, without revealing their name and position, are in possibility to obtain entire sheets of current stamps from ~~every~~ every post office. Furthermore, we have good reason to believe that very soon the Carte e Valori Officina of the Poligrafico dello Stato can supply the Central Store in larger quantity, so to be able to face any request, also on behalf of the Northern Regions.

Ref. paras 3 & 4 we assure you that we have arranged so that the philatelic office will transmit to their General Direction, so to return to the origin, the request ~~of~~ ~~stamps~~ that reached here, to buy stamps, and any other requests which may still arrive from philatelists living in foreign countries. But, it is hoped, that the prohibition concerning remittances of money from other countries to Italy may be soon abolished; ~~and~~ this, with the Censorships' permission, would allow this Administration to accept requests to buy and to collect estimable values, improving ~~this~~ the condition of our own balance. Concerning ~~the~~ above, we count on your ~~authoritative~~ ~~kindly~~ kind and authoritative interest.

for The Minister,

no but why  
encourage  
sales by providing  
facilities etc?  
only about 3  
months ago they  
quit a shortage

for this  
purpose, sale of  
stamps

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C. 18

Interview with Director General on 28 Apr 45.

226

112,000,000 postage stamps available for first requirements. Lower values will be overprinted to provide more of the values most needed.

More stamps are being printed on paper on hand, but gum is poor. They expect to find supplies of Republican stamps which they will overprint. They suggested local overprinting to save time. To objection that this would mean variations in overprints and cause difficulties, they replied could not say what exactly would have to be done without knowledge of actual position. They suggested senior postal official be attached to each Postal Office to arrange overprinting etc.

They are preparing stamps for post cards.

New stamps would be authorized sooner possible, but about 2 months would elapse before they could be produced.

Postcard position very bad. Printing firm promised to press production. Industry Sub Commission might be asked to assist.

About 4,000,000 postcards in stock. 160,000 (to be confirmed) sent to Bologna. 100,000 to Milan for distribution - Genoa, Turin 600,000 air mail postcards being overprinted.

List of stocks on hand will be sent in on 30 Apr 45.

Bonds etc had to be specially printed for each office.

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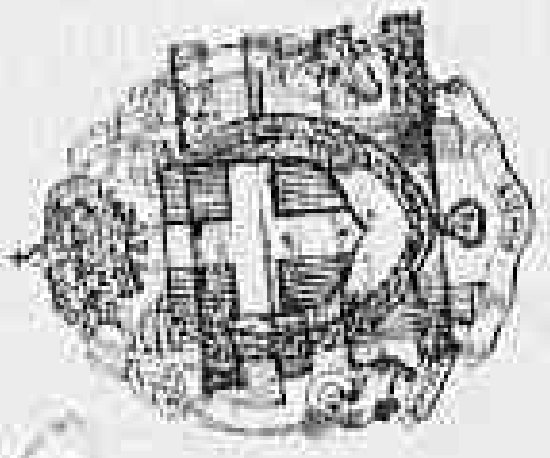
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Annual requirements

1500,000,000 postage stamps  
175,000,000 post cards

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# Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV - Div. I

IN CORSO

ELENCO DEI FRANCOBOLLI, DELLE CARTOLINE E DEI SEGNETASSE ESISTENTI PRESSO IL MAGAZZINO CENTRALE DELLE C.V.P. ALLA DATA DEL 28 APRILE 1945.

Francobolli ord.

| Quantità |            |
|----------|------------|
| 2, 10    | 12.000.000 |
| 0, 30    | 14.000.000 |
| 0, 35    | 1.100.000  |
| 0, 50    | 850.000    |
| 0, 60    | 2.450.000  |
| 1, -     | 14.300.000 |
| 1, 20    | 13.500.000 |
| 2, -     | 9.000.000  |
| 2, 50    | 1.900.000  |
| 2, 55    | 2.400.000  |
| 3, 70    | 3.500.000  |
| 10, -    | 280.000    |
| 20, -    | 1.000.000  |
| 25, -    | 200.000    |
| 50, -    | 150.000    |

per Posta Aerea

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| 0, 50 | 36.350.000 |
| 0, 75 | 5.900.000  |
| 0, 80 | 780.000    |
| 10, - | 500.000    |

Cartoline

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| 0, 50            | 260.000   |
| 0, 50+0, 50 R.P. | 920.000   |
| 0, 75            | 1.070.000 |
| 0, 75+0, 75 R.P. | 450.000   |
| 1, 20            | 180.000   |

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| 0, 60 | 630.000 |
| 0, 70 | 647.000 |

Segnatasse

|       |           |
|-------|-----------|
| 0, 10 | 1.380.000 |
| 0, 25 | 1.770.000 |
| 0, 30 | 3.000.000 |
| 0, 40 | 1.700.000 |
| 0, 50 | 7.250.000 |
| 0, 60 | 7.440.000 |
| 1, -  | 5.990.000 |
| 2, -  | 6.150.000 |
| 5, -  | 990.000   |
| 10, - | 1.011.000 |
| 20, - | 870.000   |

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| 0,50 | 38.650.000 |
| 0,75 | 5.900.000  |
| 0,80 | 780.000    |
| 10.- | 500.000    |

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| 0,50           | 260.000   |
| 0,50+0,50 R.P. | 920.000   |
| 0,75           | 1.070.000 |
| 0,75+0,75 R.P. | 450.000   |
| 1,20 soprast.  | 180.000   |

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| 0,10 | 1.380.000 |
| 0,25 | 1.770.000 |
| 0,30 | 3.000.000 |
| 0,40 | 1.700.000 |
| 0,50 | 7.250.000 |
| 0,60 | 7.440.000 |
| 1.-  | 5.990.000 |
| 2.-  | 6.150.000 |
| 5.-  | 990.000   |
| 10.- | 1.011.000 |
| 20.- | 870.000   |

29 APR 1945

IL CAPO SERVIZIO REGGENTE



HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: 88/18

Date: 5 May 1945

SUBJECT: "A.M.G." Overprinting on Postage Stamps.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. Reference to your P.7.210/CS, <sup>of 20 April</sup> I attach the translation of a letter which I have received from the local C.T.L.N. I have also interviewed three members of the Reconstruction Committee referred to, Signor Peve-relli (an advocate), 9 Via Tornabuoni, Signor Vannini who is connected with the Azienda di Turismo, Piazza Strozzi, and Count Baciocchi, 28 Via de' Bardi.
2. As is known, a proposal for the overprinting of stamps to assist the Ponte Santa Trinita fund was made some time ago and was refused.
3. Subsequently, members of the Committee saw Brigadier General Hume, shewed him samples of the overprinting proposed and asked if he could assist. I understand that General Hume stated that the matter should be referred to Rome for the necessary authority. This was done; the proposal and the samples of stamps were conveyed to Minister Ruini who was asked to interest himself.
4. It was gathered that the proposed plan is to have the stamps officially issued and used as ordinary postage stamps for a period of two months. At the end of this period the stamps would be withdrawn from sale at Post Offices, but would be sold to philatelists and the proceeds from this sale to philatelists would go to the Santa Trinita bridge fund. This is not an uncommon arrangement in Italy.
5. I have explained to the promoters who, incidentally, are most responsible men, that the aim of A.C./A.M.G. is to avoid the creation of philatelic curiosities and that the proposed overprinting will not be agreed to. I am satisfied that the overprinting of these specimens was done solely to further the proposal and had no other object, and that no such stamps have been sold or are on sale.
6. *The specimen stamps are returned herewith.*

For the Regional Commissioner,

*R.S. Drummond*  
R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,

Regional Postal Officer.

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Copy to:-

Economic Section for information (Reference P.7.210/CS of 20 Apr 45)

T R A N S L A T I O NCOMITATO TOSCANO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

Ref.5723

24 April 1945

TO:- Capt.R.S. Drummond,  
C/o Provincial Direction, Posts and Telegraphs, Florence.

We point out that the proposal of overprinting a set of stamps issued by the Republican Government, and the relative sale with overprice to assist the fund for the building of the Santa Trinita bridge of Florence, has not been done by the C.T.L.N., but by the Committee for the Reconstruction of the province of Florence under the protection of the C.T.L.N.

Following a colloquy the Committee had with Brig. General Hume, the President of the C.T.L.N. wrote to the Secretary of State, On. Ruini, recommending the issue to be authorised.

Such issue would have been of a great help to increase the funds necessary for the reconstruction of the bridge destroyed by the Germans.

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The President of the Committee,



## MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

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Servizio IV° Div. I Sez. I

Roma, -7 MAG 1945

Prot. 1830031/406437/MA.

Risposta al f. N. P. 7.191/C.S.

del 27/2/1945

OGGETTO:

Macchine affrancatrici

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB  
COMMISSION

ROMA

CON FIRMA

In relazione alla nota sopra distinta, si trasmette, in copia, una domanda prodotta dal sig. Mario Coccia, il quale chiede nuovamente che gli sia concesso il permesso, da parte di cotesta Commissione Alleata, per poter entrare, unitamente al meccanico Alberto Merli, nelle città di Firenze, Pisa e Ancona per procedere ai lavori di defascistizzazione e riparazione delle macchine affrancatrici colà esistenti.

Risulta infatti che le Direzioni P.T. delle provincie sopra citate, in seguito a premure di numerosi utenti, richiedono la presenza di meccanici specializzati della Società concessionaria per rimettere a punto le macchine stesse al fine di poterle riutilizzare.

Ciò stante, si prega cotesta Commissione di volere riesaminare con benevolenza la richiesta predetta e far conoscere le proprie determinazioni al riguardo.

*Replied by telephone*  
*Administrative attention to*

*over P. 7.221/C.S. 7/7 May*

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio

Dir.

Sez.

Roma 28 aprile 1945

Prot. N°

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Risposta al f. N°

del

// la Direzione Generale P.T.

Servizio IV° = Div. I

OGGETTO: Macchina affrancatrice

In relazione alla nostra precedente richiesta, tenente ad ottenere l'autorizzazione per il nostro titolare e per i due meccanici di potersi recare nelle provincie di Firenze, Pisa e Ancona per le lavorazioni inerenti alle macchine affrancatrici, la scrivente confida che, data la nuova situazione, possa essere accordato quanto in precedenza richiesto.

Si fa presente che innumerevoli utenti di macchine affrancatrici postali e le Direzioni Provinciali delle provincie di cui sopra seguitano a scrivere sollecitando l'andata dei meccanici.

Si prega contestata On. Direzione, nell'interesse del servizio delle macchine affrancatrici postali, di volersi interessare presso il Comando Alleato per ottenere quanto richiesto in oggetto e in appresso si trascrivono i dati dei due permessi richiesti:

MARIO COCCIA = domiciliato in Roma = Via Borelli 1 =  
Tessera postale di riconoscimento  
N° 788460.

ALBERTO MERLI = domiciliato in Roma = Via della Mar-  
ranella N° 19 = tessera di identità  
N° 11765385

Fiduciosamente ci si rassegna.

DITTA MARIO COCCIA  
F.to Mario Coccia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

8th May 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.223/03

Subject : Republican Postcards at Bologna.  
To : R.C., Emilia Region (attn Postal Officer)

Reference Capt. Drummond's proposal of 2 May 1945 (copy to you)  
that 700,000 postcards found at Bologna be overprinted.

It has now been decided that the rate of postage on postcards  
from Bologna shall be reduced (P.23.34/03 dated 8 May 45 refers) and  
the question of overprinting the postcards in question does not there-  
fore, arise.

By command of Rear Admiral Stone

*RL*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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Copy to : Capt. R.S. Drummond  
Postal Officer,  
Liguria Region

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AHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

8th May 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.222/CSSubject : Recovery of postage stamps removed from Rome.  
To : R.O. Venezia Region (att: Postal Officer)

The Director General, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, reports that in 1945 large stocks of postage stamps and "carte valori" were removed from the Philatelic Office, Rome to the north of Italy. He understands that these stocks, worth several million lire, are now in a Philatelic office in Venice, and enquires whether they can be traced and placed in safe custody until arrangements can be made for their return to Rome.

A copy of his letter is attached. — 222 B-2

If the stocks in question can be found, please arrange for them to be safeguarded until they can be returned to Rome.

By command of Rear Admiral Stone

  
J.L. HEDMERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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Ministero delle Poste  
e delle Telecomunicazioni

3 MAG 1945

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Posts and T.C. Sub Commis-  
sion ROMA

Arrivo IV  
Ind. N. 406439. V. 3  
Allegati

Supplemento N. 1

OGGETTO Ricupero carte valori postali asportate  
dai nazifascisti.

URGENTE

Come a codesta Commissione è noto, tut-  
te le carte valori postali, in corso e fuori  
corso, per un importo complessivo di molti  
milioni di lire, che si trovavano giacenti  
presso l'Ufficio Filatelico di questa Ammi-  
nistrazione in Roma, nell'inverno del 1943,  
per ordine del Ministero nazifascista di  
quel tempo, furono asportate e trasferite  
nell'Italia settentrionale.

Dato l'incalzare degli avvenimenti di  
guerra, e l'imminente totale liberazione  
delle provincie del Nord, si prega codesta  
Commissione di voler esaminare la possibi-  
lità di disporre che dette carte valori -  
le quali potrebbero costituire per questo  
Ministero un cospicuo cespite di entrata -  
vengano recuperate e messe sotto sicura cu-  
stodia per essere poi rispediti a Roma.

A quanto consta, l'Ufficio Filatelico  
dell'Amministrazione Postale della sedicen-  
te repubblica sociale sarebbe stato aperto  
a Venezia.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Translation

3 May 1945

URGENT

Subject: Salvage of postal valuables carried away by the nazi-fascists.

As your Commission well knows, all the postal valuables, in/and out of circulation, ~~xxxx~~ of a total amount of several million lire's which were on hand at the Philatelic Office of this Administration in Rome, following on orders of the nazi-fascist Ministry, during the winter in 1943, were carried away and transferred to northern Italy.

Owing to the ~~change~~ quickening of ~~xxxxxx~~ war events, and the imminent and total liberation of the northern provinces, we beg your Commission to examine any possibility to arrange that such carte valori, which could constitute for this Ministry a considerable source of income, be salvaged and put under a sure custody to be despatched, further on to Rome.

~~xxxx~~ It appears that the philatelic Office of the so-called social republic was open at Venice.

The General Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHL/bs

7 May 1945

P.7.221/CS

Subject: Stamping Machines - Removal of Fascist Emblems.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference my P.7.189/CS of 22 February and your 630031.405  
301/M A of 17 February.

The necessary permits for Mr. Caccia and his technician  
to visit parts of Toscana Region could now be obtained from the  
Questura.

*WHL*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

Copy to:  
R.C. Toscana Region (attn Postal Officer)  
ref 88/1/9 of 25 April 45

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

220  
Date: 2 May 1945

File Ref:

SUBJECT: Republican Postcards.

TO: Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. There are on hand at Bologna some 700,000 *postcards* of specimen A enclosed; it will be observed that they are of 30 centesimi. The image on the postage stamp is that of a former Italian patriot Mazzini and is not objectable apart from the republican slogan and the fasces.

2. It would be a simple matter to delete the republican slogan etc. as shown on specimen B, but the value would still remain of 30 centesimi and postage stamps of either 30 or 90 centesimi would have to be added. This would result in a considerable consumption of postage stamps which are in short supply.

3. In the circumstances, it would be preferable that the cards be altered as shown on specimen C. 75% being converted into L.1.20 value and 25% 60 centesimi. Will you please say if this course is agreed to?

4. The necessary arrangements would be made for the resultant alteration to the Bologna accounts.

For the Regional Commissioner,

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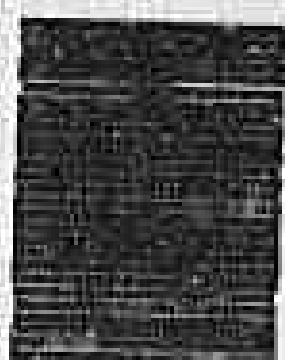
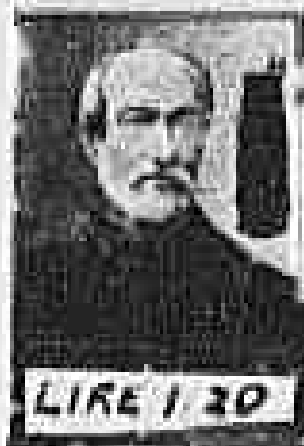
*R.S. Drummond*

R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,  
Regional Postal Officer,  
on detached duty at Bologna.

*Copy to  
Regional Postal Officer, Emilia Region.*

*P.S. You will no doubt reply to Regional  
Postal Officer, Emilia Region with compliance  
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CARTOLINA POSTALE



Specimen C.

CARTOLINA POSTALE



Specimen C.

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stolen and the money.  
 and is not objecting what from the laboratory  
 search is that of a former Italian before knowing  
 they are of 30 centimes. The price on the postage  
 of about 40 centimes. It will be observed that  
 there are on hand at Bologna some 100,000

to communications and communication, headquarters, United Commission,  
 under laboratory postage.

ONE 3 MAY 1942

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
 POSTAL REGION  
 HEADQUARTERS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

RACR/bs

4 May 1945

P.7.219/CS

Subject: Sale of Postage Stamps to Philatelists.

To : The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

With reference to your letter No. 163454V.I of the 3rd of May, 1945.

1. In view of the difficulties already being experienced in providing adequate supplies of postage stamps for the prepayment of postage, this Sub-Commission does not favour the provision of special facilities for the purchase of stamps by philatelists and dealers. Rather should it be the aim to restrict such sales.

2. It is not yet known what demands for supplies of postage stamps may be received from Post Offices in the newly liberated provinces of northern Italy. These might be heavy and seriously increase the present difficulties.

3. Censorship regulations prohibit the inclusion of postage stamps in the Italian external mails. Demands for supplies, received from philatelists and dealers in other countries, could not, therefore, be met.

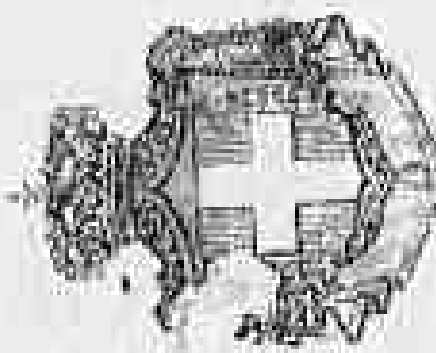
4. Further, the remittance of money from other countries to Italy is prohibited at present, and the value of postage stamps ordered could not be remitted to your Administration.

*R.H.*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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*Ministro delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

POSTE E TELEGRAPHI

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI  
SERVIZIO IV DIV. I SEZ. I

Prot. N. 168454. V. I

3 MAG 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
ROMA  
AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE  
ROMA  
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
ISPELTORE CENSURA MILITARE  
ROMA

OCCORRENZA: Vendita di francobolli per collezione. 8.37

Del 2 maggio p.v. verrà rispedito l'Ufficio Milite-  
lico dell'Amministrazione Postale, che in un primo tempo,  
effettuerà la vendita di certe valori postali in corso di va-  
lidità; e che, non appena possibile, avrà l'incarico di ven-  
dere anche le carte valori fuori corso rimaste disponibili.

Siccome è probabile che richieste di acquisto per-  
vengano anche da parte di collezionisti e da commercianti re-  
sidenti in Paesi esteri, si desidera conoscere se tali rione-  
ste potranno essere senz'altro soddisfatte, o se e quali spe-  
ciali modalità dovrebbero in proposito essere osservate.

Si prega pertanto l'On. Commissione Alleata, il Mi-  
nistero delle Finanze e l'Ispettorato Generale di Guerra pres-  
so lo Stato Maggiore Generale di voler favorire al riguardo,  
per quanto di competenza, le comunicazioni che riterranno op-  
portune.

/ IL MINISTRO



DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI  
SERVIZIO IV DIV. I S.M.I.

Prot. N. 168454.V.1

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
ROMA  
AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE  
ROMA  
CABINETTO  
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
ISPettorato CENSURA MILITARE  
ROMA

3 MAR 1945

Oggetto: Vendite di francobolli per collezione. 3.37

Dal 2 maggio p.v. verrà riaperto l'Ufficio Filatelico dell'Amministrazione Postale, che in un primo tempo, effettuerà la vendita di carte valori postali in corso di validità; e che, non appena possibile, avrà l'incarico di vendere anche le carte valori fuori corso rimaste disponibili.

Si come è probabile che richieste di acquisto per vengano anche da parte di collezionisti e da commercianti residenti in Paesi esteri, si desidera conoscere se tali richieste potranno essere senz'altro soddisfatte, o se e quali speciali modalità dovrebbero in proposito essere osservate.

Si prega pertanto l'On. Commissione Alleata, il Ministero delle Finanze e l'Ispettorato Censura di Guerra presso lo Stato Maggiore Generale di voler favorire al riguardo, per quanto di competenza, le comunicazioni che riterranno opportune.

IL MINISTRO

*[Signature]*

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Translation

3 May 1945

Subject: Sale of stamps for collections.

As from May 2nd the Philatelic Office of the Postal Admin. will be opened again; which at first will carry on the sale of valid ~~of~~ postal ~~valuable~~ valuables; and as soon as possible, will be in charged also of the sale of carte valori at disposal, out of circulation.

As it is probable that demands of purchase may come from collectors or from traders living in foreign countries, we would like to know if such demands can be satisfied, or/and which special regulations should be followed concerning the matter.

We therefore beg your Commission, the Ministry of ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~and~~ Finance and the War Censorship Inspectorate to General Headquarters, to issue, following their competences, ~~the~~ any communication they will consider opportune.

The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: 88/1/9

Date: 25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Postage Meter Machines.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Hq., A.C.

1. Reference your P.7.189/CS of 22 February, requests have been received from Siena and Pisa for mechanics to come forward in connection with repairs to certain machines.

2. In view of the altered circumstances, perhaps arrangements could now be made for representatives from the Concessionary ~~the~~ company to visit provinces in this Region (excluding Apuania, Lucca, Pistoia).

For the Regional Commissioner,

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| Director           | _____ |
| D/Director         | _____ |
| Chief Telecoms     | _____ |
| Chief Postal       | _____ |
| H. Q. Coms. O.     | _____ |
| Asst. Chief Postal | _____ |
| Censorship         | _____ |
| Chief Clerk        | _____ |

*R.S. Drummond*  
R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,  
Regional Postal Officer.

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Date 29/4/45

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Extract from:  
Italia Nuova of 26. Apr 45

# EXHIBITION OF NEW STAMP PROOFS

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Italy needs new stamps which will not offend anybody's political sensibility, and which should represent the ideal of our democratic revival. The Postal Administration has seen to this question which has opened a competition to choose the best compositions. 67 designers have partaken to this competition which was closed on April 15th, and the best drawings are now exhibited in the premises of the Italian Philatelic Centre at 155, via Rasella. Anybody can go to see them, except for a short interruption today for the meeting of the ~~judging commission~~ judging commission, the exhibition will be open till next Sunday. We have been to ~~the~~ the exhibition; it is ~~arranged~~ smartly arranged in two big saloons. The proofs are grouped by mottoes (the names of the exhibitors are hidden hereunder), in small show windows. On a first glimpse ~~immediately it is apparent that~~ the new democratic sensibility ~~appears~~ which animates the artist appears evident; allegorical views representing freedom are alternated by other representing the revival of Italy. In many drawings the sign of a real artist hand is evident although very often the artists have lingered too much on the particulars, so to render a drawing which must be reproduced on few square millimeters, rather confused.

## EXCELLENT IDEAS

These are the first impressions; further on we have examined more attentively the proofs. There are some ones that ~~are~~ really worthy of approval, and particularly those which are ~~marked~~ signed with the motto "It is lovely to go on living after death", where some excellent ideas are expressed through an evident design rich of chiariscuro. Also the series signed "Italy at work" is based on very good ideas; the idea of representing the ~~inhabitant~~ population of various ~~regions~~ Italian Regions while they are intent on the work of reconstruction; the pale drawing, however, makes this series not very appreciable ~~for~~ the purpose of ~~its~~ its reproduction for stamps. It would be too long to describe here all the proofs; we limit ourselves to those which appear to be most worthy. And our ideas correspond to those of many of the visitors; we have looked through the album where the ~~visitors~~ <sup>visitors</sup> may express their opinion, and have interviewed some of them; ~~the series~~ <sup>the series</sup> ad Everybody spoke about the series "Italy at Work" and "It is lovely to go on living after death"; ~~the series~~ <sup>the series</sup> They also liked the proof no. 63. For us the design was too small and the frame too old fashioned; "Voluntas et Ars" and "Per Aspera ad Astra" were appreciated. Criticisms were not missing: there was the "campanilista" (lover of his own town) who was disappointed because amongst the Regions of "Italy at Work" his own Region was missing; there was a gentleman who liked practicable things and who sustained that the most comfortable stamps are always those who bear in the middle a big and evident number. With these words you will have a vague idea of what is the exhibition and ~~the stamps~~ of the stamps which very soon you will ~~put~~ put on your letters. If you want to know ~~some~~ more we advise you to visit the exhibition, the entrance is free and ~~anybody~~ <sup>anybody</sup> nobody will deny you a sheet of paper to express your opinion.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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21 April 1945

P.72A13.CS

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

TO : 36013242 Sgt. W.L. Davidson, Jr.  
Med Sec, AFHQ, APO 512. U.S. Army

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With reference to your enquiry of 17th April 1945.

All postage stamp, which were used only in Sicily, have been withdrawn from sale, and no stock of them has been retained by the Italian Post Office, or by this Sub-Commission, for the purpose of supplying collectors.

RA

J. I. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Allied Commission  
APO 394, c/o Postmaster,  
U. S. Army.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

2601 3212  
Sgt. W. L. Davidson, Jr.  
Med Sec, AFHQ, APO 512,  
U. S. Army.

(Sender's complete address above)

17 April 1945.

Gentlemen,

It is my understanding that a series of stamps in the following denominations were issued by the ACC during the period between the initial Allied landings and the time that the Italian postal system reverted to civilian control:

15¢ pale orange  
25¢ pale citron  
30¢ light gray  
50¢ light violet  
60¢ orange-yellow  
1L light yellow green  
2L deep rose  
5L light blue  
10L buff

I am anxious to add the above-mentioned stamps to my collection. Any information which you may have which would enable me to procure them would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*William L. Davidson, Jr.*  
William L. Davidson, Jr.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY  
V-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT TOP?

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1943 O-21145-3

36013242  
 FROM: Sgt. W. I. Davidson, Jr.  
 Med Sec, AFHQ, APO 512,  
 U. S. Army.



V...— MAIL

TO:

Allied Commission  
 APO 394, c/o Postmaster,  
 U. S. Army.



*Communications* 8/4  
*(Postal Dir)*

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V-Mail service provides a most rapid means of communication. If addressed to a place where photographing service is not available the original letter will be dispatched by the most expeditious means.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Write the entire message plainly on the other side within marginal lines.
- (2) Print the name and address in the two spaces provided. Addresses of members of the Armed Forces should show full name, complete military or naval address, including grade or rank, serial number, unit to which assigned or attached and army post office in care of the appropriate postmaster or appropriate fleet post office.
- (3) Fold, seal, and deposit in any post office letter drop or street letter box.
- (4) Enclosures must not be placed in this envelope.
- (5) V-Mail letters may be sent free of postage by members of the Armed Forces. When sent by others postage must be prepaid at domestic rates (3c ordinary mail, 6c if domestic air mail service is desired when mailed in the U. S.)

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Memo -

(211)

POSTAGE STAMPS

A.F.A. were asked on 18th April 1945 to suspend the destruction of the reserve stock of A.M. stamps held at Naples.

It was confirmed that the stock at Palermo has been burnt, but those at Naples are still intact. The total value at Naples is stated to be about 13 million lire.

Major GREEN

50.5.45

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 391  
Communications Sub-Commission

SH/CS 210

P.7.210/CS

20 April 1945

SUBJECT: Overprinting Stamps "AMG".

TO : R.C. Toscana Region (attn Postal Officer).

1. With reference to the enclosed correspondence and specimen overprinted stamps, please draw the matter to the attention of the AMG authorities concerned who will wish to ascertain who is responsible for the unauthorized overprint and take any necessary action.

2. P.7466/CS of 18 January to AMG 5 Army (copy to you) refers to the original proposal for the issue of such stamps.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

WTR  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

3 Inc.:

- 1 Specimen Stamps.
- 2 Copy of letter from Reconstruction and Translation.
- 3 Copy of routing sheet.

Copy to:  
Economic Section.

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C O P YROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Subject : Over-Printing of Ital. Soc.  
Rep. Stamps.

No. 1 -

17 April 1945

From: Economic Section

To : Communications Sub-Commission

1. Mr. Antolini remarks that since this is in your bailiwick you will want to handle.
2. He asks that you let him know your decision in order that he may inform Minister Rinaldi.

No. 2 -

19 April 1945

From : Communications Sub-Commission

To : Economic Section

The same proposal was put forward by the Azienda Autonoma di Turismo of Florence (via 5th Army A.M.G.) in December last, and was refused after full consultation with the Ministry of Posts and Telecomms. which is strongly opposed to local overprints in present circumstances. In the opinion of this Sub-Commission it is particularly desirable that A.G. or A.M.G. should not in any way be implicated in the creation of philatelic curiosities, however commendable may be the motive.

The unauthorized over printing of stamps as in the attached specimen is contrary to article 24 of the Codice Postale e delle Telecomunicazioni. Moreover the overprinting of the specimens with the indication "A.M.G." is very strongly deprecated and the stamps have been withdrawn and forwarded to the A.M.G. authorities for investigation of the extent of such overprinting and for necessary action.

C O P Y

COMITATO INTERMINISTRIALE  
per la Ricostruzione  
Il Presidente

APPUNTO PER IL PRESIDENTE ANTOLINI

Il Comitato toscano di Liberazione Nazionale desidera ottenere dal Ministero del Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni l'autorizzazione alla stampigliatura di alcune serie di francobolli emessi dal Governo fascista repubblicano, secondo i modelli allegati.

L'iniziativa avrebbe un grande interesse per tutti i fiorentini. Il sovrapprezzo del francobollo infatti andrebbe a costituire un fondo per la ricostruzione del ponte di S. Trinita', opera del Michelangelo e dell'Annunziata distrutto dai tedeschi nella notte del 2 Agosto 1944.

F.to RUINI

## TRANSLATION

INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
The President

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ANTOLINI

The Tuscan Committee of National Liberation is anxious to obtain from the Ministry of Posts and Telecomms. permission to overprint some series of stamps issued by the Republican Fascist Government, according to the models enclosed.

This enterprise would be of great interest to all Florentines. The overprice of the stamps would go to constitute a fund for the reconstruction of the S. Trinita' bridge, created by Michelangelo and Annunziata, and destroyed by the Germans during the night of the 2nd August 1944.

Sgd. RUINI

MEMO

P.7.209/CS

7 April 1945

Subject : A.M. Stamps.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

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Ref. your 13053/P of 16 August 1944 you may wish to have  
a copy of the enclosed letter from the Ministry of Posts and  
Telecomms concerning the issues and withdrawals of A.M. stamps.

WHL  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

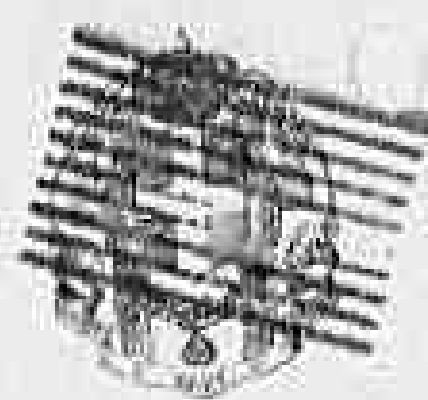
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Inc. Copy of letter 328491.V.3 of 4th April and Translation.

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*Ministero delle Comunicazioni*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI  
IV°  
SERVIZIO SEZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

Divisione I Sez. I  
Det. V. 828491.V.3  
Allegati

CON FIRMA

Commissione Alleata  
Posts and Telecommunications -  
Sub Commission

Via Veneto R O M A

Risposta al P. del 21.8.44  
Dir. Sez. P.S. 16/7.101

OGGETTO Francobolli dell'A M G O T

In relazione alla lettera sopra distin=  
ta si comunicano, qui di seguito, i dati riguardanti i fran=  
cobolli A.M.G. forniti dall'A.F.A. di Palermo e quelli re=  
stituiti alla medesima:

FRANCOBOLLI RICEVUTI;

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Date 5 APR 1945

Si prega di restituire per posta allegata con sede appropriata e indicare sulla risposta  
L. C. di Palermo e la Direzione di cui si risponde.

STAMPATO IN ITALIA

## FRANCOBOLLI RESTITUITI

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La Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Palermo é stata soltanto ora in grado di partecipare i dati suesposti, avendo l'A.F.A. richiesto la consegna dei francobolli in pacchi da 50.000 pezzi dello stesso taglio, ciò che ha importato un lungo lavoro per lo smistamento di tutti i francobolli, in gran parte in frazione di foglio, ricevuti dalle altre Direzioni.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

( M. FANO )

## TRANSLATION

328491.V.3

4 April 1945

Subject : A.M.G. stamps.

Ref. your letter 1S.16/7.101 of 21.8.1944 listed below are particulars concerning A.M.G. stamps supplied by A.P.A. of Palermo and the quantities handed back to that Office:

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The Prov. Direction of Palermo has been able only now to give us the above particulars, because the A.P.A. requested that the stamps be delivered in bundles of 50,000 pieces of the same denomination, and this has provoked a long work of sorting all stamps handed back by the Prov. Directions, generally in incomplete sheets.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHE/bn

31 March 1945

In reply  
refer to: P.7.207/CS

Subject : Postage Stamps - L. 1.75 overprinted L. 2.50.

To : R.C. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).

Reference P.7.168/CS of 20 January 1945 to Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm. (copy to you) a telegram has been sent by the Ministry to all Provincial Directorates notifying the general issue of the above mentioned stamps.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

WJL

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHL/bs

29 March 1945

In reply  
refer to: P.7.204/CS

Subject : Postage Stamps and Carte Valori of the Republican Government.

To : R.G. Umbria-Marche Region (attn Postal Officer)

Reference your 517/6 of 25 March 1945.

1. Provincial Directorates should be left free to exchange the RSI stamps under the terms of the Ministry's telegram.

2. No exceptional arrangements as to denominations or discounts should be introduced locally.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stamps

*W. H. Green*  
*Mayer*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMG/AC  
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION  
C. S. F.

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| Comms. Stamps       |  |
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| Chief. Post         |  |
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| Asst. Chief. Postal |  |
| Censorship          |  |
| Chief Clerk         |  |

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TO : Communication Sub Commission.  
FROM : AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.  
SUBJECT: Postage Stamps and Carte Valori of the Fascist Republic.  
REF : 517/6.  
DATE : 25 March 1945.

Reference your letter P.7.198/CS of 19 March 1945. Attached is a copy of the instructions sent to all Provincial Directors in this Region concerning the handling of Fascist Republican stamps.

This Office is in complete agreement with the idea that Fascist Republican stamps should be withdrawn from circulation at the earliest possible moment.

It is suggested that these stamps be replaced on a 4 to 1 basis because of the second doubling of the postage rates (effective April 1st.) 1/4 to be cancelled on the exchange and the other 3/4 ths to be billed to the Directorates/

For the Regional Commissioner

*A. J. Allen*  
A. J. ALLEN  
1st. Lt. Cav.  
Postal Officer.

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Date 25 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMG/AC  
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION  
C.M.F.

TO : Provincial Director of Posts and Telegraphs Aquila, Chieti,  
Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli P., Macerata, Ancona, Pesaro.

FROM AMG/AC Region 5.

SUBJECT : Fascist Republican Stamps.

REF : R5/517/5.

DATE : 29 July 1944.

- 1) On receipt of this you will order all Fascist Republican Stamps returned to the capoluogo where they will be stored until further notice.
- 2) All sale of Fascist Republican Stamps is strictly forbidden.
- 3) You will acknowledge receipt of this letter in writing.

For the Regional Commissioner :

A. J. Allen  
2nd. Lt. Cav.  
Postal Officer.

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TRANSLATION

- 1) A ricezione della presente disporrete che tutti i francobolli della Repubblica Fascista vengano raccolti nel capoluogo dove saranno immagazzinati fino a nuovo ordine.
- 2) La vendita di tali francobolli è rigorosamente proibita.
- 3) Accuserete ricevuta scritta della presente.

HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: 88/1/9

Date: 23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps and Carte Valori of the Republican Government.  
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. Reference your P.7.198/CS of 19 March, a copy of the instructions has been sent to each Provincial Direction in this Region with instructions to act on it forthwith.

2. The instructions previously given by me to Provincial Directors were as follows: "Republican postage stamps - overprints or new issues - are no longer valid and should be withdrawn from all Post Offices as soon as possible and held at the Capoluogo pending further instructions. They should not be sold or disposed of without my authority". These instructions form part of the general instructions given on initial contact with Provincial Directors; at this stage also, the "Guide" is handed over. So far as I have been able to gather, no other instructions have been given either by Army A.M.G. or Province A.M.G.

3. I see no objection to the work of exchanging the stamps being put in hand as soon as possible before postal services are resumed. This has, in effect, been done in the past except that exchange of stamps held by secondary sellers has not been allowed. The only question is whether the instructions might be issued earlier. My view is that contact with Provincial Directors P.T. can be established by Postal Officers reasonably early and that the instructions should continue to be issued by these Officers. In certain cases some time may elapse before Provincial Directors (or A.M.G. Officers) can contact all offices in a Province - this is the position now in Lucca Province - but this is inevitable.

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For the Regional Commissioner,

*R.S. Drummond*

R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,

Regional Postal Officer.

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MEMO

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F.7.201/CS

Subject: Request by Central National Bank, Chicago, purchase of Italian Stamps.

To : AFA, Finance Sub-Commission.

With reference to the attached correspondence and conversation Major Green - Lt. Giunta.

1. In the opinion of this Sub-Commission the request should be refused on the following grounds:-

- (a) Censorship regulations prohibit the inclusion of postage stamps in the Italian external mail service.
- (b) There are difficulties in connection with the printing of stamps in Italy and wholesale dealing in these by foreign buyers would add to these difficulties.

2. Some doubt is felt as to the genuineness of the reasons advanced for the purchase and it is difficult to see where the "great benefit" to the bank's customers and their relatives would arise. Even with the increased rates of postage which come into effect on the 1st April, the postage on an ordinary letter from Italy to the U.S. will only be 5 lire and it is hardly reasonable to suppose that a person in receipt of a remittance would be unwilling to pay this when writing in acknowledgement.

3. It was certainly not necessary before the war to resort to this type of business for the reasons stated because any person in the United States when writing to Italy could enclose in his letter an International Reply Coupon which could be exchanged at any Post Office in Italy for an Italian Postage Stamp. This service is however suspended at present.

2 Inc:

- 1 Letter 2 Feby National Bank of Chicago to Bank of Sicily.
- 2 Letter 21 March Bank of Sicily to AFA.

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

29 March 1945  
Communications Sub-Commission  
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BANCO DI SICILIA  
Direzione Servizi di Banca

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Palermo, 21 March 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Allied Financial Agency  
APO 394

We submit to you copy of a letter received by the Central  
National Bank, Chicago, Ill. dated February 2, 1945.

Before effecting any remittance of Italian stamps to foreign  
correspondents, we wish to receive your prior authorization to  
that effect and your instructions as to the procedure to be fol-  
lowed.

We thank you in anticipation, and remain  
Faithfully yours,

BANCO DI SICILIA-DIREZIONE GENERALE  
/s/ Undecipherable /s/ Undecipherable

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CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK  
in Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

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February 2, 1945

Bank of Sicily  
Direzione Generale  
Palermo, Sicily  
A.P.O.N. 4400, Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen :

It has been our practice before the war to purchase through our correspondents in Italy, Italian postage stamps for the purpose of selling them to our customers who in turn mailed such stamps to their relatives on the other side, thus providing them with necessary postage.

We are of the opinion that resumption of such service will be of great benefit to our customers and their relatives in Italy and will contribute to the development of friendly attitude among the people of Italy.

We have taken up this question with proper authorities in Washington and we were advised that such procedure will be in order.

In this connection we would like to ask for your kind cooperation in purchasing for us 10,000 stamps of Lire 2,50 or 20.000 stamps of Lire 1,25 denomination.

You will kindly advise us of the expenses incurred by you in this transaction and we shall immediately credit your account for the amount involved.

We trust that you will find a way to assist us in the above matter and we wish to thank you in advance for your usual kind cooperation.

Yoursvery truly

Signed: Thomas Seritelli

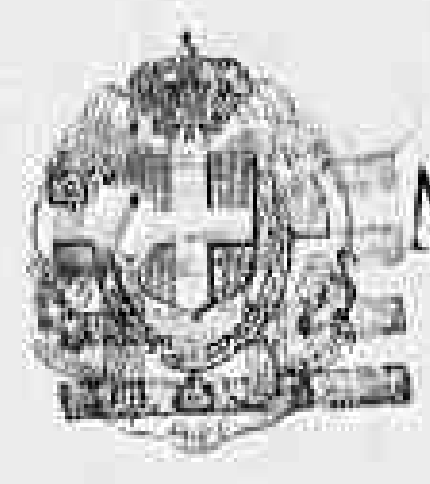
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

CON FIRMA *Off. 167*

26 MAR 1945 (200)

*Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I*  
*Prot. N° 406000/405786 N. 3*  
*Richiesta al f. N° P. 7.198/C S.*  
*del 19.3*

*Roma.*

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
ROMA

OGGETTO: Carte valori postali  
del Governo repubblicano.

Si è preso atto di quanto codesta On.  
Commissione ha comunicato con la nota sopra distinta,  
una copia della quale è stata inviata a questo Mini-  
stero per conoscenza.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

( BANO )

Your letter P. 7.198/C S. of which a  
copy has been sent to us for information,  
has been noted.

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# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

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Servizio IV - Div. I - Sez. I  
Prot. N° 828370 V 3 Allegati  
Risposta al f. N°

Roma 22 MAR 1945

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UN. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
ROMA

OGGETTO: Carte valori postali  
soprapagate.

CON FIRMA

Per opportuna notizia, si partecipa a cede\_ sta Un. Commissione che in seguito alle nuove modifica\_ zioni alle tariffe p.t. testè deliberate dal Consiglio dei Ministri, si è reso necessario disporre che i fran\_ cebelli da cent.20 e da cent.45 emessi dalla R.S.I. ven\_ gano rispettivamente soprapagati con l'importo di L.1,20 e di L.2 anzichè di L.0,60 e di L.1.

Si è reso necessario disporre altresì che le cartoline da cent.15, e quelle da cent.30 già munite di soprapaga con i fasci della R.S.I. vengano sopra\_ stampate col valore di L.1,20.

Opportuni accordi al riguardo sono stati già presi con il Provveditorato Generale dello Stato.

Nell'occasione si soggiunge che le sopra\_ stampe dei francobelli di posta aerea da cent.25 e del\_

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le cartoline postali da cent.30 non potranno più effet-  
tuarsi, perchè presso il Magazzino Centrale delle Carte  
valori postali non è rimasta alcuna giacenza nè di detti  
francobelli, nè di dette cartoline. Ciò per il fatto che,  
mentre vi erano richieste urgenti di forniture da parte  
delle Direzioni Provinciali, l'Officina era stata costret-  
ta a sospendere la produzione dei francobelli e delle car-  
toline per mancanza di carta filigranata e di cartoncino.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

( FALLO )

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| Chief Postal       | ..... |
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Date 22 MAR 1945

To Bureau with Priority  
Sent by post.

## TRANSLATION

Subject : Overprinted stamps etc.

For your knowledge we inform your ~~Sub-Commission~~ that following the new alterations of the postage rates now approved by the Council of Ministers it has been necessary to arrange that the 20 cent. stamps and the 25 cent. stamps issued by the R.S.I. be respectively overprinted with the value of 1.20 and 2.00 lire instead of 60 cent. and 1 lira.

It has also been necessary to arrange that the postcards of 15 and 30 cent., already overprinted with the "fascio" of the R.S.I., be re-overprinted with the value of 1.20 lire.

The necessary arrangements have already been made with the Provveditorato Generale dello Stato.

With the occasion we also inform you that the overprinting of the air postage stamps of 25 cent. and of the postal postcards of 30 cent. will not be operated, because the Magazzino Centrale Carte Valori has none more of these stamps and postcards on hand. X This follows the fact that while urgent requests of supply were received from the Provincial Directions, the workshop had been obliged to suspend the production of stamps and postcards, because of the lack of watermarked paper and card.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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U.S. ARMY MILITARY DIVISION  
170 194  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply  
refer to : P.7.194/21

19th March 1945

Subject : Postage stamps and Carte Valord of the Republican Government.

To : 1. L. Abruzzi-Marche Region (1st. Postal Officer)  
" Toscana " "  
" Venezia " "  
" U.C.A.O. " 5th Army.  
" " 8th Army.

1. Enclosed for information is a copy of an instruction concerning the steps to be taken in connection with the withdrawal of Republican Government stamps issued by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs to Directorates for action when a Province is transferred to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

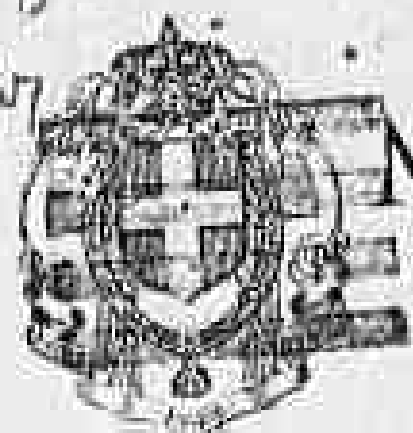
2. In view of the desirability of withdrawing such stamps at the earliest possible moment, Directorates of Provinces "open" for postal delivery in Military Government territory should be instructed to act on the instruction immediately and submit the return to the Ministry without waiting for the transfer of the Province to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

3. Even in those Provinces where Postal services have not been resumed there appears to be no reason why the work of exchanging the objectionable stamps should not be put in hand as soon as the offices are open for financial services and communications are available. It would, indeed, appear to be an advantage if the Post Office Directorates could proceed with this work during the slack periods of current services are resumed. Acquisitions for supplies of current stamps for "forward" Provincial Directorates, to be used in exchanging those of the Republican issue could be forwarded through this Sub-Commission. Your views on this matter are invited and it would be appreciated if it could also be stated what instructions have hitherto been given to Post Offices in forward areas concerning the "pressing" or withdrawal of Republican stamps.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone

J.L. HANDEMAN  
Colonel  
Director





# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
 Prot. N° 405786 V3 Aff. legale  
 Risposta al f. N° 278193/cs  
 del

Roma, -9 MAR 1945

Commissione Alleata  
 Posts and Telecommunications  
 Sub Commission VIA VENETO  
 ROMA

OGGETTO: Emissione e soprastampa  
 dei francobolli del governo repubblicano

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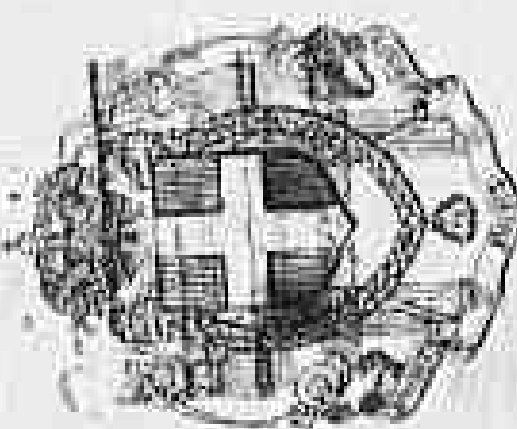
In relazione alla lettera sopra distinta,  
 si trasmette, qui unita, copia di una circolare  
 riguardante i francobolli in oggetto, diretta alle  
 Direzioni delle Poste delle provincie amministra-  
 te dal Governo Italiano, che sarà pubblicata in  
 un prossimo bollettino di questa Amministrazione.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO  
 (FAMO)

Subject: Forwarded & overprinted republican stamps -  
 Ref your P. 7.193/cs we include herewith copy of a  
 circular concerning the above stamps,  
 addressed to the Administrations of Provinces  
 under Italian gov. control, which will be  
 published in a bulletin of our  
 Administration  
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Date 10 MAR 1945



*Ministero delle Comunicazioni*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV - Div. I - Sez. I  
N. 405786.V.3

Roma, 11 - 8 MAR 1945

Alle Direzioni Prov. P.T.  
Oggetto: Carte valori postali della R.S.I.

Si dispone che le Direzioni P.T. delle provincie che, a mano a mano, vengono restituite all'amministrazione del Governo italiano provvedano - ove non lo abbiano già fatto - a cambiare sollecitamente ai dipendenti uffici o ai rivenditori secondari (esclusi i privati) le carte valori postali emesse e soprastampate dalla R.S.I. -

Ultimato tale cambio, le Direzioni parteciperanno alla Div. I Sez. I del Servizio IV della Direzione Generale P.T. la quantità dei singoli tipi di francobolli e degli altri valori in carta, distintamente in fogli interi e in frazioni di foglio, nonché dei biglietti postali e dei valori in cartoncino; e continueranno a tenere giacenti i valori stessi, in attesa di disposizioni.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO  
( Fano )

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MINISTERO DELL'AMMINISTRAZIONE  
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV-Div.I-Gen.I  
N. 405786.V.I.

Roma, 8 Marzo 1945

Alla Direzione Prov. P.T.  
Oggetto: Carte Valori Postali della R.S.I.

Si dispone che le Direzioni P.T. delle provincie che, a mano mano, vengono restituite all'amministrazione del Governo Italiano provvedano - ove non l'abbiano già fatto - a cedere sollecitamente ai dipendenti uffici e ai rivenditori secondari (escluso i privati) le carte valori postali emesse o soprastampate della R.S.I.

Ultimo a tale scopo, le Direzioni parteciperanno alla Div. I. Gen. I del Servizio IV della Direzione Generale P.T. la quantità dei singoli tipi di francobolli e degli altri valori in carta, distintamente in fogli interi e in frazioni di foglio, nonché dei biglietti postali e dei valori in cartoncino; e continueranno a tenere giacenti i valori stessi, in attesa di ulteriori disposizioni.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato  
(Fano)

TRANSLATION

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Subject: R.S.I. Stamps.

It is hereby arranged that the Directions of the Provinces which, from time to time are restored to the Italian Government Administration, will arrange - if they have not previously done so - to substitute all stamps etc., issued or overprinted by the R.S.I. held by all subordinate offices or secondary sellers (excluding private). When the change has been completed, the Directions will notify to the Div. I, Gen. I of Service IV of the General Directions, the quantities of each type of stamps etc., keeping separate complete sheets from fractions of sheets, as well as postcards and postal folded cards, and stamps etc. will be held pending further instructions.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ba

10 March 1945

In reply  
refer to: P.7.196/C3.

Subject : Postage Stamps.

To : Martin Radoff Esq.  
240 G South Arlington Avenue  
East Orange N.J.  
U.S.A.

With reference to your postcard dated 18th February 1945.

1. All Postage Stamps, which were used only in Sicily, having been withdrawn from sale, and no stock of these stamps has been retained by the Italian Post Office or by this Sub-Commission for the purpose of supplying collectors.

2. Ordinary Italian Stamps are now in use throughout liberated Italy, owing to shortages in supply it is not possible for the Italian Post Office to dispose of these to overseas philatelists.

*WJH*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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FROM: ROMA  
 TO: COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

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 CENTRALE CARTE VALORI POSTALI ROMA.

4/1 MAGAZZINO CENTRALE CARTE VALORI POSTALI PROVVEDA DINAMICAMENTE TUTTE DIRPOSTE  
 PRIMO PROVVEDA FRANCOBOLLI LIRE UNA CENTESIMI SETTANTACINQUE SOPRESTAMPATI LIRE SUL  
 CENTESIMI CINQUANTA. SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FIANCO

*central store for stamps etc. will issue to all Prov. Directions  
 a first supply of 1,75 stamps overprinted*  
 2.50 - **ACTION**  
 Mr. Sec.

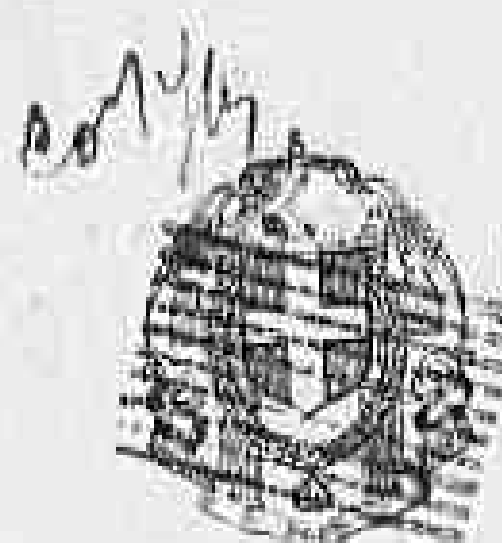
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

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Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
Prot. N° 405698-V.2 Allegati  
Risposta al f. N° 22767-6284-21.8  
del 17.2.45

Roma, 3 MAR 1945

Alle DIREZIONE PROV. LE P.T.  
MACERATA

OGGETTO: Vendite francobolli  
ai filatelici.

c.p.c.  
ALLA ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
ROMA

Il quesito fatto con la lettera sopra indi-  
cata, circa la possibilità di vendere ai filatelici  
francobolli per collezione, deve essere rivolto al Co-  
mando Alleato, dal quale codesta Direzione dipende.

Ad ogni modo, questo Ministero, in conside-  
razione della attuale scarsezza di carta filigranata,  
occorrente per la stampa delle carte valori postali, è  
di parere contrario all'accoglimento della richiesta  
predetta.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO  
(FATO)

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3 MAR 1945

TRANSLATION

Subject : Sale of stamps to philatelists.

The query made in your 22767-6284 of 21.8.44 concerning the possibility of selling stamps for collections to philatelists, must be addressed to the Allied Command from whom this Direction depends.

Anyway, this Ministry considering the actual scarcity of watermarked paper which is needed for printing the postal "carte valori" is not of the opinion to grant the said request.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

193

3rd March 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.193/GS

Subject : Republican Government issue and overprinted  
postage stamps.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Will you be good enough to inform me what steps  
are being taken with regard to supplies of the above  
noted stamps which may be on hand in provinces at such  
time as they are transferred to Italian Government  
jurisdiction.

*h.c.*

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to : P.7.192/CS

1st March 1945

Subject : Postage stamps - New issue competition.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Ref. your 829330 V 3 of 2nd February 45.

1. Copies of the notifications were forwarded, on Feb. 3rd, to Regional Commissioners of A.M.G. territory and Florence, for issue at their discretion.

2. No objections have been received, and it is assumed that all the notices have been exhibited.

*hrl*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Col., Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/bb

27 February 1945

In reply  
refer to: P.7.191/05

Subject : Stamping Machines: Removal of Fascist Emblems.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Following my P.7.189/05 of 22 February 1945, a list of the machines at present held in the Toscana Region is connected.
2. It is reported that the fascist emblems have not yet been removed in all cases but instructions have been issued that this must be done before a machine is restored to use.
3. In view of the large number of these machines - nearly 200 in Florence Province alone - it would seem that the proposed inspection by the concessionaire and one mechanic would be a lengthy business.

WHL  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

Copy to: R.O. Toscana Region (Inf. Postal Officer).

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

190

22 Feb. 1945

Ref. 88/1/30

Subject: Postage Meter Machines.  
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

Ref. your P.7.160/CS of 4 January, lists of the machines in the operating provinces of this Region are herewith.

The fascist emblems have not yet been removed in all cases but instructions have been issued that this must be done before a machine is restored to use.

For the Regional Commissioner,

*R.S. Drummond*

R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,  
Regional Postal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to : P.7.189/CS

22 February 1945

Subject : Stamping Machines: Removal of Fascist Emblems.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Poststand Telecomms.

With reference to your 830031.405 301/MA of 17th  
February 1945.

1. It is agreed that in view of the reasons mentioned it is desirable that the concessionaire and his mechanic should be allowed to inspect the machines as soon as possible. At the present moment; however, it is not practicable to obtain the necessary permit and the visit will need to be deferred.
2. While circumstances over which he has no control prevent Sig. Coccia from carrying out his obligations in this matter he cannot, of course, be held responsible for any defective functioning of the machines.
3. I enclose a list giving details of the machines in Ancona Province and will furnish similar data when available in respect of the other Provinces.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

Copy to:

A.G. Abruzzi-Marche Region (inf. Postal Officer).  
" Toscana " " "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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WHG/ba A

In reply  
refer to : P.7.188/13.

22 February 1945

Subject : A.M.G. Stamps.

To : Major G.W. Fischer  
H.Q. 74th AAA Brigade  
APO 654 U.S. ARMY

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Reference your letter of 4th February.

A.M. Postage Stamps, which were used only in Sicily, have been withdrawn from sale and replaced by ordinary Italian Stamps. No stock of these stamps has been retained by the Italian Post Office or by this Commission for the purpose of supplying collectors.

In any event it has been necessary to decline to undertake to meet requests by overseas philatelists for stamp supplies.

Your Money Order is accordingly returned herewith.

WJH  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
74th ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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APO 654, US Army  
4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: AMG Occupation Stamps.

TO : Allied Military Government, Postal Dept, Rome, Italy.

1. Enclosed is a money order for \$1.44 (144 Lire) for which request to blocks of eight of each of the AMG stamps. Believe these come in 15, 25, 30, 50 & 60 cent. and 1, 2, 5 & 10 Lire values.

2. It will be greatly appreciated if this request can be filled, as these stamps are not procurable except at exorbitant prices on New York Market.

*C.W. Fischer*  
C.W. FISCHER  
Major, CAC  
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The Min. Sec. has changed again his mind <sup>possibly</sup> for political  
reason - Proposed that this arrangement <sup>not</sup> be not  
applied in A.M.C. Territory - D2 Agreed.  
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dirigenti provincie sotto controllo governo italiano eta per conoscenza  
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vittime politiche ad affilare direttamente uffici postali capoluogo  
vendita chiudilettera et pagine album per raccolta tutto uffici postali  
avvertano acquirenti avorre chiudilettera esclusivamente a tergo buste  
punto questa amministrazione resta estranea rapporti fra comitato et uf-  
fici postali circa consegna et ritiro contabilizzazione pagamento et  
aggio favore rivenditori  
sottosegretario stato fano = 181 57 183 180

Further to our circular telegram 233180 of 10 Feb. the Prov. Directors should  
authorize representatives of the Committee for Political Victims to hand over directly  
to the P.O.s in "capoluoghi" "chiusi lettere" - stamps and album pages for sale -  
P.O.s. should advise purchasers to use "chiusi lettere" only on the back of the  
envelopes - This Administration will have nothing to do with relations between the  
Committee & the P.O.s. for handing over, with details, accounting and payment  
of percentage to sellers - Min. Sec. E. 7

# Fatevi correntisti postali.

Pagamenti e riscossioni in tutte le località del Regno. Fra correntisti i pagamenti e la riscossione mediante postagiù sono eseguiti senza limitazione di somma ed in esenzione da qualsiasi tassa

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMG/AC  
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION  
C.M.F.

TO : HQ.AC. COMMUNICATION SUB COMMISSION.  
FROM : AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.  
SUBJECT: Postage Meter Machines.  
REF : 517/6/7.  
DATE : 16 February 1945.

1. Reference your letters P.7.160/CS of 4 January 1945 and P.7.177/CS of 3 February 1945.
2. Attached is a list of all machines previously in the Province. Five Machines were removed by Fascists, one was sent to Milano for repair and one n.31 apparently never arrived at its destination.
3. The Fascist emblems have been removed from all machines now in the Province.

For the Regional Commissioner :

*A.J. Allen*  
A.J. ALLEN  
1st. Lt. Cav.  
Postal Officer

Attached : I-list of meter machines.

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Date 18/2/45  
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## ELENCA DELLE MACCHINE ATTACCATRICI ESISTENTI IN ANCONA E PROVINCIA

| N. | INTESTAZIONE                             | TIPO E N.<br>MACCHINA         | DESTINAZIONE | ANNOTAZIONE                                                                                      |
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| 1  | Credito Italiano                         | Francotip-280                 | Ancona       | Spedita a milano per riparazioni. Non tornata.<br>(Sent to Milano for repairs did not come back) |
| 2  | Cassa Risparmio                          | Sima It. 1873                 | Ancona       | Sfollata a Treia (Macerata).<br>(Removed to Treia Macerata)                                      |
| 3  | S.A. Farmac. It. Russi                   | Francotip A-834               | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 4  | Banco Napoli                             | Sima 12-204                   | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 5  | Cassa Risparmio                          | Sima It. AX-143               | Jesi         |                                                                                                  |
| 6  | Banca Naz. Agricul.                      | Francotip 9276                | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 7  | Consorzio Agrario                        | Sima It. AX-1095              | Jesi         |                                                                                                  |
| 8  | S. An. Cartiera                          |                               | Fabriano     |                                                                                                  |
| 9  | Pietro Milani                            | Francotip 9950                | Ancona       | Sfollata a Osimo<br>(Removed to Osimo).                                                          |
|    | Belisario Leone                          | Francotip Nignon 11275        | Ancona       | Sfollata a Loreto<br>(Removed to Loreto)                                                         |
| 10 | I.N. Previdenza Soc.                     | Sima It. 12-3024              | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 11 | Angelini e Ferranti                      | Francotip 17607               | Ancona       | Sfollata per ignota destinazione.<br>(Removed north destination unknown).                        |
| 12 | Unione Industriali                       | Sima It. 1539                 | Ancona       | " " " " " "                                                                                      |
| 13 | Mostra N. Merc. Pesca                    | Parva Sima 5008               | Ancona       | Ended from 1943(?)                                                                               |
| 14 | Federaz. Fasc. Combat.                   | Sima It. X-1140               | Ancona       | Removed north destination unknown).                                                              |
| 15 | Fed. Naz. Artigiani                      | Sima It. X-1614               | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 16 | Mutua. A.D. Inf. Agricol.                | Francotip Mignon              | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 17 | Ammin. Provinciale                       | Sima It. X1714                | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 18 | Romani Romolo                            | Parva Sima 5082               | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 19 | Unione Commercianti                      | Francotip Postitalia M. 3-523 | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 20 | E.N. Cooperazione                        | Sima It. AX-1161              | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 21 | Cons. Macellai per le Carni.             | Parva Sima A X-1032           | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 22 | Banca Lavoro                             | Francotip C. 4 25021          | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 23 | S2A. A. Ferrov. - Carbo Metal "Fecan"    | Sima AX-8031                  | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 24 | Ist. Naz. Assicurazioni                  | Sima AX-1032                  | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 25 | Ditta Sentinelli Reginaldo               | Parva Sima 5347               | Fabriano     |                                                                                                  |
| 26 | Unione Eserc. Elettr.                    | Postitalia M 3-602            | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 27 | Consor. Prov. Prodotti Agr. Zootechnica. | Parva Sima 5174               | Ancona       | Cessata il 31/1/1945<br>(Ended from 31/1/45 ?)                                                   |
| 28 | La Commerciale "Magnet ti e Duca"        | Sima It. XII 2059             | Ancona       | Sfollata a Numana<br>(Removed to Numana)                                                         |
| 29 | Cav. A. Frittelli                        | --                            | Ancona       | Sfollata a Candia<br>(Removed to Candia)                                                         |
| 30 | Banco Roma                               | Francotip C4 25059            | Ancona       |                                                                                                  |
| 31 | Cassa Risparmio di Fabriano              | Sima A 10 N.                  | Fabriano     | Not consegnata<br>(Never delivered)(?)                                                           |

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| 6 Banca Naz. Agricul.        | Francotyp 9276         | Ancona   | Sfollata a Osimo              |
| 7 Consorzio Agrario          | Sima It. AX-1095       | Jesi     | (Removed to Osimo).           |
| 8 S. An. Cartiera            |                        |          | Sfollata a Loreto             |
| 9 Pietro Milani              | Francotyp 9950         | Fabriano | (Removed to Loreto)           |
| 9 Belisario Leone            | Francotyp Nignon 11275 | Ancona   |                               |
| 10 I.N. Previdenza Soc.      | Sima It. 12-3024       | Ancona   | Sfollata per ignota destinaz. |
| 11 Angelini e Ferranti       | Francotyp 17607        | Ancona   | (Removed north destination    |
| 12 Unione Industriali        | Sima It. 1539          | Ancona   | unknown).                     |
| 13 Mostra N. Merc. Pesca     | Parva Sima 5003        | Ancona   | " " " " "                     |
| 14 Federaz. Fasc. Combat.    | Sima It. X-1140        | Ancona   | Ended from 1943(?)            |
| 15 Fed. Naz. Artigiani       | Sima It. X-1614        | Ancona   | Removed north destination     |
| 16 Mutua AD. Inf. Agricol.   | Francotyp Pignone      | Ancona   | unknown).                     |
| 17 Ammin. Provinciale        | Sima It. XI 1714       | Ancona   |                               |
| 18 Romani Romolo             | Parva Sima 5082        | Ancona   |                               |
| 19 Unione Commercianti       | Francotyp Postitalia   | Ancona   |                               |
|                              | M. 3-523               |          |                               |
| 20 E.N. Cooperazione         | Sima It. AX-1161       | Ancona   |                               |
| 21 Cons. Macellai per        |                        |          |                               |
| le Carni.                    | Parva Sima A X-1032    | Ancona   |                               |
| 22 Banca Lavoro              | Francotyp C. 4 25021   | Ancona   |                               |
| 23 S. A. A. Ferrovia - Carbo |                        |          |                               |
| Metal "Fecem"                | Sima AX-8031           | Ancona   |                               |
| 24 Ist. Naz. Assicurazioni   | Sima AX-1032           | Ancona   |                               |
| 25 Ditta Sentinelli          |                        |          |                               |
| Regione III                  | Parva Sima 5347        | Fabriano |                               |
| 26 Unione Eserc. Elettr.     | Postitalia M 3-602     | Ancona   |                               |
| 27 Conser. Prov. Prodotti    |                        |          |                               |
| Agr. Zootechnica.            | Parva Sima 5174        | Ancona   |                               |
| 28 La Comersiale "Mughet     |                        |          |                               |
| ti e Duca                    | Sima It. XII 2059      | Ancona   |                               |
| 29 Cav. A. Frittelli         | --                     | Ancona   |                               |
| 30 Banco Roma                | Francotyp C4 25059     | Ancona   |                               |
| 31 Cassa Risparmio di        |                        |          |                               |
| Fabriano                     | Sima A 10 N.           | Fabriano |                               |

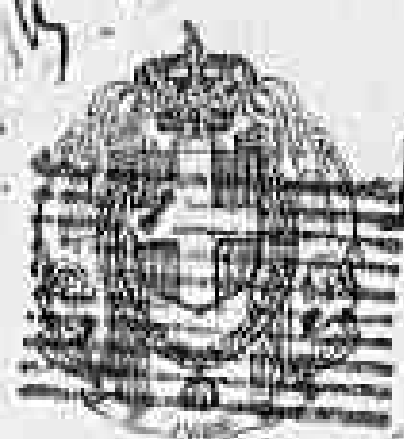
cona, 31 Gennaio 1945

Cessata il 31/1/1945  
(Ended from 31/1/45 ?)

Sfollata A Numana  
(Removed to Numana)  
Sfollata A Candia  
(Removed to Candia)

Non consegnata  
(Never delivered)(?)

Sfollata a S. Marinova  
(Removed to S. Marinova)



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Mod. 167

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
 Prot. N° 830031/4054/MA.  
 Risposta al f. N° P.7.173.G.S.  
 del 26.1.45

Roma, 17 FEB. 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
 POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
 SUB COMMISSION R O M A

OGGETTO: Macchine affranca-  
 trici - Rimozione emblemi  
 fascisti.

Si è preso atto di quanto è stato parteci-  
 pato con la nota sopra distinta.

Al riguardo si fa presente che la richie-  
 sta avanzata con la lettera N.830031/MA del 28.12.1944,  
 fu motivata dal fatto che data la lunga sospensione d'u-  
 so delle macchine affrancatrici dovute agli eventi belli-  
 ci, e la loro rimessa in funzione ad opera di persone e-  
 stranee al servizio, sarebbe stato opportuno provvedere  
 per una revisione generale delle macchine stesse da par-  
 te dei tecnici delle Società concessionarie la quale, e  
 norme di regolamento, oltre a curarne la manutenzione, è  
 responsabile in solido con gli utenti, dei danni che pos-  
 sono derivare all'Amministrazione postale per frodi od a-  
 busi dovuti all'imperfetto funzionamento delle macchine  
 in parola.

In analogia a quanto fu praticato dai rep-

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presentanti residenti a Napoli per le macchine situate nelle provincie del sud, il Sig. Mario Coccia, che ha già provveduto al riguardo, e con ottimo risultato, per le provincie del Lazio e per quella di Perugia, dovrebbe accertarsi, previo preventivo accordo con le Direzioni P.T. interessate, che i lavori di defascistizzazione delle macchine siano stati eseguiti nei modi prescritti ed a regola d'arte e che le macchine stesse, rimesse in funzione, diano assoluta garanzia di perfetto funzionamento.

Si prega, pertanto, cotesta On. Commissione Alleata di riesaminare il caso e di far conoscere le proprie determinazioni al riguardo, tenendo presente che il Sig. Mario Coccia, qualora fosse autorizzato, potrebbe essere accompagnato da un solo tecnico, anziché da due.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

( FANO )

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Date 17 FEB 1945

TRANSLATION

From : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.  
To : Allied Commission - Communications Sub-Commission.  
Date : 17.2.1945.  
Ref. N°: 83003I4053OI MA.  
Subject : Franking machines - Removal of Fascist emblems.

Your letter P.7.I73/G3 has been noted. We point out however, that the request submitted with our letter 83003I/MA of 28.12.44 was suggested by the fact that, in consideration of the long suspension in the use of franking machines, due to war events, and as the work of putting them again in service was done by persons extraneous to the service, it seemed desirable provide for a general revision of such machines by the technicians of the Concessionary Company, which, under the regulations, is responsible with the holders for the damages which Postal Administration might suffer on account of frauds or abuses due to the imperfect functioning of the machines.

In the same way as Naples representatives of the firm attended to machines in the South, Mr. Mario Coccia, (who has already provided, with the best results, for the provinces of Lazio and Perugia), should ascertain, in agreement with the Provincial Directions concerned, that the removal of emblems has been carried out properly, and that the repaired machines ensure a perfect functioning.

We beg therefore your Commission to re-examine the case and let us know your final decisions, pointing out that, if necessary, Mr. Coccia could be accompanied by only one technician instead of two.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE - 1

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 194  
Communications Sub-Commission

HHR/TS

13 February 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.184/34

Subject : Non-postage stamps.

To : R.O. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).  
" Venezia " "  
" Abruzzi-Marche " "

The attached copies of correspondence are forwarded  
for information.

There was apparently at the outset a proposal that  
a member of the Post Office staff might act as an agent for  
the sale of these "stickers", but this has not now been  
agreed to by the Under Secretary of State for Posts and  
Telegrams.

By Command of *dear* Admiral Stone. 37.3

J.L. HENDER  
Colonel,  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AND  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to : P.7.123/03.

13 February 1943

Subject : "Francobolli - Chiudillettere".

To : The Secretary  
Comitato Nazionale Pro Vittime Politiche  
Piazza Garibaldi 4 Rome.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
n° 231/03 of 31st January 1943.

According to our information, the arrangement  
which has finally been agreed to for Post Offices in the  
territory under Italian jurisdiction provides only for  
the exhibition in such offices of notices relating to the  
sale of the "stamps" by outside agencies.

This Commission would have no objection to a  
similar procedure being followed in the Provinces which  
you mention in your letter.

*h. h.*  
Colonel,  
Director.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 19 11 43 04

Message Centre No: D/1514  
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 11 11 43 04  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ITALIAN GOVT  
TO: DIRECTOR PROVINCIAL SUPPLY COMMISSION GOVERNO ITALIANO CTR.  
INFO: HQ ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS SQ

IN CURE.

4 negr consentesi esposizione altri uffici dipendenti cartelli  
propaganda vendita chindillettera pro vittime politiche et pagine album per  
venditori. Materiale propaganda sarà esst consegnato da incaricato co-  
mittato nazionale pro vittime politiche tutto documentato riconoscimento.  
Uffici postali ad evitare possibili confusioni perche chindillettera non  
sono validi. Trasmissione corrispondenza debbono astenersi da vendita  
diretta et solo tuttavia autorizzata dare indicazioni pubbliche circa  
negozii est uffici ove chindillettera possono essere acquistati.

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You have hereby authorized to exhibit in the halls of subordinate offices  
notices of propaganda for the sale of "chindillettera" stamps in favor  
of political victims and album pages for their collection. These  
propaganda notices will be supplied for by a representative  
of the national committee for political victims, exhibiting an  
identity card. - The P. O's, to avoid confusion due to  
the fact that "chindillettera" is may not be used for prepayment  
of postage rate, will not sell the stamps directly,  
but are authorized to inform the public  
of shops and offices where they can  
purchase the stamps. - The H. of S.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION  
APO 394

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION  
APO 394

2 February, 1945

R/6187

SUBJECT: Permission to issue new stamps

TO : HQ. Allied Commission  
Civil Affairs Section.

The enclosed letter<sup>23</sup> from Prince Doria as President of the Comitato Nazionale Pro Vittime Politiche.

While no objection would be raised at this HQ to the distribution of the proposed "stickers" in Perugia and Terni, we cannot answer for other Regions.

The letter is therefore sent to you for action and reply.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*A.D. Bonham-Carter*  
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER  
Lt. Colonel  
Executive Officer

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| D/Director         |  |
| Chief Telecoms     |  |
| Chief Postal       |  |
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| Asst. Chief Postal |  |
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Date *6 FEB 1945*

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COMITATO NAZIONALE PRO VITTIME POLITICHE

R O M A  
CAMPIDOCIO - PIAZZALE CAFFARELLI, 4  
TELEFONO 01-736

Roma, li 31 Gennaio 1945

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

N. 233 gg  
(da citare nella risposta)

R O M A

Questo Comitato sta diffondendo un tipo di Francobollo-Chiudiletterà riprodotte le sembianze delle più note figure dei Martiri della barbaria nazi-fascista, e tale diffusione viene anche effettuata attraverso gli Uffici Postali e Telegrafici delle Province dell'Italia liberata e restituite alla giurisdizione del Governo Italiano.

Si chiede pertanto a codesta On. Commissione di volerci accordare l'autorizzazione a poter effettuare tale diffusione anche nelle Province liberate ma ancora sottoposte alla giurisdizione di codesta Commissione stessa, con le quali sono state riattivate le comunicazioni postali e cioè :

Ancona - Arezzo - Ascoli Piceno - Firenze - Grosseto - Livorno -  
Macerata - Perugia - Pisa - Siena e Terni.

Confidando che ci venga accordato quanto sopra chiesto, distintamente salutiamo.

IL PRESIDENTE  
(Principe Filippo Andrea Doria Pamphili)

IL DOCUMENTO

*F. Doria Pamphili*

- 5 FEB 1945

TRANSLATION NO. 508

COMITATO NAZIONALE PRO VITTIME POLITICHE

ROME, 31st January 1945

R O M E

Ref. 233

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION  
R O M E

This Committee is issuing a type of "stickers" reproducing the features of the best known martyrs of the nazi-fascist barbarity, and this distribution is also effected through the Postal and Telegraphic Offices of the provinces of liberated Italy restored to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

We therefore wish to ask your Commission to authorize us to effect this distribution also in the following liberated provinces, still subject to the jurisdiction of your Commission, and with which postal communications have been resumed:

Ancona - Arezzo - Ascoli Piceno - Florence - Grosseto - Leghorn - Macerata - Perugia - Pisa - Siena and Terni.

We trust you will kindly agree with the above request. Best regards.

5708  
THE PRESIDENT

/s/ Prince Filippo Andrea Doria Pamphilj

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: .....  
 Date Time of Origin: FEB 031400A .....

Message Centre No: D/524 .....  
 Date Time Rec'd: FEB 032005A .....  
 Precedence: ROUTINE .....

FROM: ROMA .....  
 TO : AC ROMA .....

IN CLEAR.

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSION ROMA -  
 DISPOSTEL PROVINCE SOTTO CONTROLLO GOVERNO ITALIANO CPA P C COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
 POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSION ROMA TM2 PER ROMA - 4/1 PREGASI DARE  
 MASSIMA DIFFUSIONE BANDO PER POZZETTI NUOVA SERIE FRANCOBOLLI ORDINARI SPEDITO  
 CON CIRCOLARE 829330 DUE CORRENTE PUNTO COMUNICHISI EVENTUALMENTE BANDO STAMPA  
 CITTADINA -

SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO

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ACTION: Communications S/C  
 INFO: File

# ACTION

To: Prov. Directions under Italian Gov. can trial  
 & for information To: A.C. - communications -  
 Please spread as widely as possible the announcement of  
 competition for the drawings of a new set of stamps addressed you  
 with circular letter 829330 of

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Date 4/2/45

27 Feb 45  
 Asst Chief Postal  
 Chief Clerk

Perhaps you will issue the  
 announcement through the local  
 press. -

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
PO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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5 February 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.179/03

Subject : Postage Stamps - Competition.

To : S.C.A.O. 5th Army.

1. Please see the attached copy of our P.7.176/03 addressed to the Regional Commissioners of the three forward Regions.

2. Except perhaps in the case of FLORENCE it may not be considered opportune to handle the matter in provinces still under army control. One copy of the notification is enclosed, for use in Florence if desired. Further copies for the remaining army controlled provinces can be obtained and forwarded if you should so wish. If any province not yet having a postal service is included, drawings submitted would require to be forwarded to Rome through official channels.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone

*hac*  
J.L. HEIDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

Copy to : S.C.A.O. 5th Army.

*Ca. Sec.*  
*Fin. Art. Sec.*

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Message from Drummond 1285 hrs 3-2-45.

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Provincial Director P.T. Florence has received a telegram (by hand) from Ministry addressed "To Provincial Directors under control of H.H.B."

Telegram asks them to send to Rome all complete sheets of 75 centesimi & 150 centesimi stamps.

110 Drummond wants to know if this can be acted on as he usually gets anything of this kind through H.H.B.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
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3 February 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.177/CS.

Subject : Postage Meter Machines.

To : R.C. Abbruzzi-Marche Region (attn. Postal Officer)/

Have you yet been able to obtain the information  
asked for in our P.7.160/CS. of 4 January 1945?

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

3 February 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.176/US.

Subject : Postage Stamps - Competition.

To : Regional Commissioner Lazio-Umbria Region.  
" " Abbruzzi-Marche " "  
" " Toscana " "

1. Forwarded herewith are copies (with a translation) of a notification, issued by the Ministry of Communications, announcing a competition for designs for new postage stamps.

2. The notices are being distributed, by the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs, in Italian Government territory, and we have been asked that they may be similarly distributed to the Post and Telegraph Provincial Directors in A.L.G. territory. If, as is anticipated, you will have no objection to such a course (after the notices and covering letter have been marked with a Regional "Visto" if desired) perhaps it can be arranged, through your Postal Officer, for one copy to be sent to each of the Provinces of:-

Lazio-Umbria Region: Terni and Perugia.  
Abruzzi-Marche Region: Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, ~~Pesaro~~.  
Toscana Region: Arezzo, ~~Livorno~~, Grosseto, Livorno, Pisa, Siena.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

*Officer*  
\* Advise U.S. S.  
(? Negative replies)

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*Handwritten signature*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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Copy to : Civil Affairs Section.  
Monuments Fine Arts Sub. Comm.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
Prot. N° 849330 V Allegati  
Risposta al f. N°  
del

Roma - 2 FEB. 1945

1a COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SUB COMMISSION - Via Veneto

OGGETTO: Bando di concorso  
per una nuova serie di fran-  
cobolli.

ROMA

Si trasmettono a codesta On. Commissio-  
ne N.14 copie del bando di concorso per i bozzetti dei  
nuovi francobolli con preghiera, se sarà ritenuto oppor-  
tuno, di diramarli anche agli uffici sotto il controllo  
ellettato.

Tre copie sono inviate per uso e cono-  
scoenza di codesta On. Commissione.

Included herewith are 14 copies of the  
regulations for a competition relating to the  
drawings of a new stamp issue. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO  
If you do not see any objection, please  
forward them to the Office under Allied control  
Three copies are included for your  
Commissioner  
Director  
Telecoms  
Chief Postal  
M. U. Comm. O.  
Asst. Chief Postal  
Censorship  
Chief Clerk

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Date 2/2/45

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
Prot. N° 829330 V Allegati  
Risposta al f. N°  
del

Roma - 2 FEB. 1945

1a COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SUB COMMISSION - Via Veneto

OGGETTO: Bando di concorso  
per una nuova serie di fran-  
cobolli.

ROMA

Si trasmettono a codesta On. Commissio-  
ne N.14 copie del bando di concorso per i bozzetti dei  
nuovi francobolli con preghiera, se sarà ritenuto oppor-  
tuno, di diramarli anche agli uffici sotto il controllo  
alleato.

Tre copie sono inviate per uso e cono-  
scenza di codesta On. Commissione.

Included herewith are 14 copies of the  
regulations for a competition relating to the  
drawings of a new stamp issue. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO  
If you do not see any objection, please  
forward them to the offices under Allied control.  
Three copies are included for your  
Commissioner's use.

Director  
Chief Postal  
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Asst. Chief Postal  
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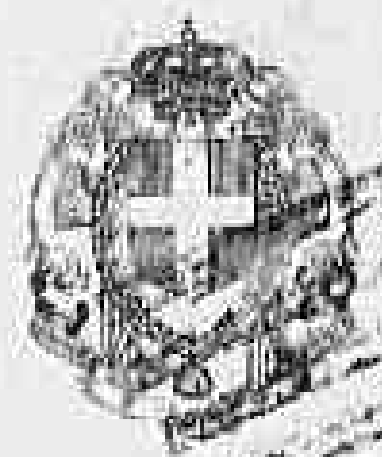
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio IV Div. Sez. I  
Prot. N° Allegati  
Risposta al 29330 V/3 1  
del

Roma - 1 FEB 1945

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OGGETTO:

Bando di concorso per una  
nuova serie di francobolli

UFFICIO DI DIREZIONE PROV. DI  
P. S. DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA  
C. P. S.  
COMMISSIONE AUTOMATA - POSTS  
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SUB COMMISSION

R O M A

Si trasmette l'unito bando di concorso  
fra gli artisti del Regno per la presentazione dei  
bozzetti delle nuove carte valori postali, con pre-  
ghiera di affiggerlo nell'atto pretorio di codesta  
Direzione e di dare ad esso la massima diffusione.

Si richiama l'attenzione di codesta Di-  
rezione sull'ultimo capoverso del bando circa l'eventu-  
ale accettazione dei bozzetti ed il loro invio a  
questo Ministero.

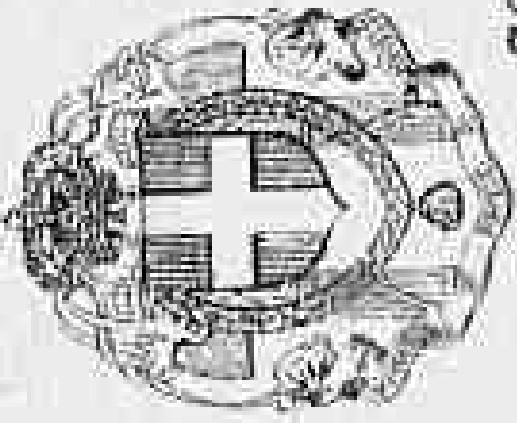
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P.C.C.  
IL CAPO SERVIZIO REGGENTE  
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# Ministero delle Comunicazioni

## DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI CONCORSO PER LA SCELTA DI NUOVI FRANCOBOLLI POSTALI

Con Decreto Interministeriale N. 183, in corso di pubblicazione, è stata riconosciuta la necessità di procedere alla emissione di nuove carte valori postali (ordinarie, espresso e posta aerea) per adeguarle alle nuove tariffe e per ispirarne i tipi alle mutate condizioni politiche del Paese.

A tal uopo è stato stabilito di bandire un concorso fra tutti gli artisti del Regno per avere un ampio campo di scelta fra i bozzetti che saranno presentati e di delegare ad apposita Commissione le relative operazioni.

Ciò premesso viene indetto un concorso fra gli artisti del Regno con le seguenti modalità:

- 1) Il concorso è indetto per la scelta di 10 bozzetti.
- 2) I bozzetti dovranno ispirarsi ai principi di libertà e democrazia che si sono affermati nel Paese in conseguenza delle mutate condizioni politiche.
- 3) I bozzetti debbono essere di formato, linearmente, 10 volte quelli del francobollo normale che sarà di mm. 17 x 21 e di mm. 36 x 21 per quelli di formato doppio (espressi ed aerei).
- 4) Ogni artista concorrente può presentare più di un bozzetto, senza limitazione di numero.
- 5) È consigliabile che i disegni siano eseguiti su fondo chiaro, e dato che i francobolli saranno ottenuti con procedimento fotocalcografico, ad un solo colore, è necessario che i bozzetti stessi abbiano contrasti piuttosto vigorosi e che siano eseguiti preferibilmente a tempera. La Commissione si riserva di farne apportare ai bozzetti le modificazioni di carattere tecnico che saranno ritenute opportune.

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In ogni bozzetto dovranno figurare esclusivamente la dicitura "Poste Italiane" e la indicazione del valore per quelli ordinari, mentre, per quelli espressi, anche la dicitura "Espresso". Sui

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bozzetti destinati ad essere riprodotti per i francobolli di posta aerea dovranno figurare le indicazioni "Italia" "Posta Aerea" oltre la indicazione del valore.

6) I bozzetti dovranno pervenire alla segreteria della Commissione presso la Direzione Generale delle Poste, Servizio IV, entro il giorno 31 marzo 1945. Essi dovranno essere contraddistinti con un motto che non ne riveli l'autore ed accompagnati da una busta chiusa, nella quale dovrà essere riprodotto il motto, contenente un foglio con le complete generalità e l'indirizzo dell'autore, oltre il motto.

7) Agli autori dei bozzetti prescelti la Commissione assegnerà per ogni bozzetto la somma di L. 20.000.

La Segreteria della Commissione, presso il Servizio IV, del Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni, è a disposizione degli interessati per eventuali chiarimenti. Tali chiarimenti potranno essere richiesti, da parte degli interessati non residenti a Roma, alle Direzioni Prov. di Lodi, le quali eventualmente potranno rivolgersi al prefato Servizio del Ministero. Ne medesimo, e richieste degli interessati che non abbiano mezzi propri per far recapitare i bozzetti, sono facilitate e ritirarli mediante apposita richiesta ed a trasmetterli al Ministero con assicurata di servizio.

TRANSLATION175  
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From : Under Secretary of State for P.P. T.T.

To : Provincial Directors under Italian Government Control

and for information to:  
A.C. Communications Sub-Commission.

Date : 1 February 1945.

Subject : Announcement of a competition for a new set of  
Postage Stamps.

Herewith is an announcement of a competition amongst the artists of the country for the submission of drawings for new postage stamps, which you will please exhibit in the hall of your Direction and bring to the notice of the public as widely as possible. Your attention is drawn to the last paragraph of the announcement, concerning the eventual acceptance of the drawings and their forwarding to this Ministry.

3538

Competition for the issue of new Postal Stamps 175E

By Inter-Ministerial Decree N° 183 in course of publication, the necessity has been recognized of proceeding with the issue of new postage stamps (ordinary, express and airmail) to conform with the new rates, and to inspire drawings appropriate to the changed political conditions of the country.

Therefore it has been decided to announce a competition amongst all the artists of the country in order to have an ample choice from the drawings submitted, and to delegate the relative operations to a suitable Commission.

Therefore a competition is announced for all the artists of the country with the following regulations:

1. The purpose of the competition is to select ten drawings.  
2. The drawings should be inspired by the principles of liberty and democracy which are held in the country as a consequence of the changed political conditions.

3. The drawings should be of a size, linearly, ten times that of the size of the normal stamp, which is mm. 17 x 21, and mm. 36 x 21 for the double stamps (express and airmail).

4. Each artist may submit more than one drawing, without limit as to number.

5. It is advisable that the drawings be made on a clear back ground, and, as the stamps will be reproduced in photogravure in one colour, it is necessary that the drawings have very strong contrasts, and be done preferably in water colour. The Commission reserves to make alterations of a technical character to the drawings, as may seem desirable.

The drawings for ordinary stamps will bear only the heading "Poste Italiane" and the indication of value, while the express stamp will also be marked "Espresso". The drawings intended for the air mail stamps will bear the indications "Italia" "Posta aerea" as well as the value.

6. The drawings should reach the Secretary of the Commission, at the General Direction of Posts, Servizio IV, not later than 31 March 1945. They should be distinguished by a motto not identifying the originator, and accompanied by a closed envelope, bearing the same motto, and containing details and address of the author, as well as the motto.

7. To the author of the drawings chosen the Commission will award a prize of 20.000 lire for each drawing. The Secretary of the Commission, at Servizio IV, Ministry of PP. IT., will supply further information to those interested. Such persons, if not living in Rome, may request such information from the local Postal Provincial Directions, and the latter will, if necessary, enquire in turn from the Servizio IV of the Ministry. If the authors have no personal means of forwarding the drawings, they may hand them over to the Provincial Directions, which will forward them to the Ministry by official insured letter.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply  
refer to : P.7.174/C3.

30 January 1945

Subject : Stamps - Florence.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1533

1. We note the views expressed in your 829806/V.1 of 25 November 1944.

2. Forwarded herewith are all of the stamps concerned which it has been possible to recover. It will no doubt be observed that a number of them are of the "segnatasse" issue, which are not normally sold to the public. The holder Sig. Fantungheri, stated that he was unable to recollect where he obtained them!

*hsl*

J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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173HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

26 January 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.173/GS.Subject : Franking Machines: Removal of Fascist Emblems.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. With further reference to your 830031/W A of 28 December, information has now been received that the fascist emblems have already been removed from the machines in Firenze and Pisa provinces and the proposed visit of mechanics for purposes other than maintenance is unnecessary so far as these provinces are concerned.

2. I will write to you again when information is received from the other provinces mentioned in your letter.

*J.L.*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTRS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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24 January 1945

Ref.88/1/30

Subject: Postage Meter Machines.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. Ref. your P.7.160/CS of 4 January,  
replies have been received from Florence and Pisa,  
the two places mentioned in para 1 of your letter.

In each case, the fascist emblems have already  
been removed from the machines. There is, therefore,  
no need for the proposed visit.

2. Full details will be furnished in respect  
of each Province as soon as they are received.

For the Regional Commissioner,

*R. S. Drummond*  
R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,  
Regional Postal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

171A

22 January 1945

Ref.88/6/16.

Subject: Postage Stamps "Welcome to the Allies"  
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. Reference your P.7.153/C.S., <sup>of 3 Dec'r.</sup> the postage stamps  
have been surrendered, and are forwarded herewith.

These are the only stamps which have been  
located in Florence. *It will be observed that a number of these  
stamps are "Segnataste" stamps which are not normally sold to the  
public. Signor Pantingheri, in being asked when he obtained them, says  
he does not remember.*  
For the Regional Commissioner,

*R.S. Drummond*  
R.S. DRUMMOND,  
Captain,

Regional Postal Officer.

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Stamps overprinted "Florence welcomes the

Allies 11.8.44."

Surrendered by Philatelic  
shop of Calamai, 15 Via  
Cimatori.

Ordinari

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| Da l. 1.--- | N° 7 |
| 1,75        | " 7  |
| 2.---       | " 7  |
| 3,70        | " 7  |

Commemorativi

R.S.I.

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| Da cent. 20 | N° 10 |
| 25          | " 10  |
| 30          | " 13  |
| 75          | " 10  |

Recapito Autorizzato

Da cent. 10 N° 10

Segnatasse

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| Da cent. 20 | N° 10 |
| 25          | " 12  |
| 30          | " 10  |
| 40          | " 10  |
| 50          | " 10  |
| Da l. 1.--- | " 10  |

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N°150.

Surrendered by the Philatelic  
Studio of Fantangheri, 6 Via  
Porta Rossa.

Ordinari

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| Da cent. 30 | " 8  |

Recapito Autorizzato

Da cent. 10 N° 2

Segnatasse

Da cent. 25 N° 7

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N°20.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*Communication*

Originator's Reference: A/1  
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 22/1430

Message Centre No: 9/9035  
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 23/1105  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SOTTOSEGRE STATO VANO  
TO: DIREPOSTIL PROVINCE SOTTO CONTROLLO GOVERNO ITALIANO E PS  
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA POST AND T C SUB COMMISSION VIA VENETO ROMA.  
MAGAZZINO CENTRALE CARTE VALORI POSTALI ROMA.

**ACTION**

IN CLEAR.

PREGASI TRASMETTERE MAGAZZINO CENTRALE CARTE VALORI POSTALI CONTO DOTAZIONE Fogli INTERNI FRACOBOLLI ORDINARI DA CENTESIMI SETTANCINQUE E DI LINEE CENTESIMI SETTANTA NET ATTENDESI RINVIAMENTO POSTA.

SOTTOSEGR STATO VANO

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Action: Communications (2)  
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*SEE 178*

*Please transmit Central Stores Card -  
the amount of quantity of duties  
of value of ordinary 45 cent. stamps &  
3 lire 70 cent. stamps. We are  
awaiting reply by post.*

HEADQUARTERS  
23 JAN 1945  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply  
refer to : P.7.169/CS.

20 January 1945

Subject : Florence - "Welcome" Postage Stamps.

To : R.O. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).

A report is awaited in respect of our  
P.7.153/CS of 3 December 1944.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
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Communications Sub-Commission

20 January 1945

In reply  
refer to: P.7.168/35.

Subject : Overprinted Postage Stamps.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. With reference to your S28370.V.3 of 18 January the Postal Officer for the Toscana Region has been asked to instruct the Provincial Directorates of Firenze, Siena and Livorno to suspend the sale of the Lire 2.50 overprinted stamps in accordance with your request.

2. As soon as the relative decree is approved you may consider it desirable to make it known that ample stocks of this issue are available and that it will not have a scarcity value.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

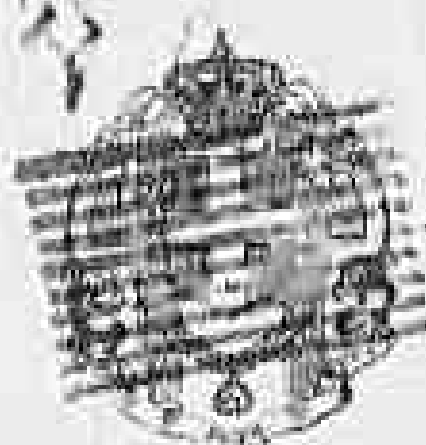
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# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
 Prot. N° 828370 V 3 Allegati  
 Risposta al f. N°  
 del

Roma, 18 GEN. 1945

16a COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - POSTS  
 AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB  
 COMMISSION - Via Veneto -

OGGETTO: Francobolli sopra\_  
 stampati.

R O M A

Come è noto a codesta On.le Commissione,  
 allo scopo di utilizzare quei francobolli il cui valore  
 non rispondeva più alle nuove tariffe in vigore dal 1°  
 ottobre 1944, ne è stata disposta la soprastampa con  
 nuovi prezzi.

Uno di essi, il francobollo da lire 1,75,  
 con soprastampa lire 2,50, è stato approntato dall'Isti-  
 tuto Poligrafico dello Stato ~~ed~~ avrebbe dovuto esse-  
 re tenuto giacente presso il Magazzino Centrale delle  
 Carte Valori Postali fino al perfezionamento del decre-  
 to che ne autorizza l'emissione.

Senonchè il detto Magazzino ne ha erronea-  
 mente iniziato la distribuzione ad alcune Direzioni Pro-  
 vinciali, le quali, a loro volta, la hanno posta in ven-  
 dita.

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Ciò ha provocato qualche speculazione filatelica, per cui si è ritenuto opportuno di sospendere la vendita del detta francobollo, fino a quando non si potrà completare la fornitura di esso alle altre Direzioni Prov.P.T. dell'Italia liberata.

Poichè i francobolli di cui trattasi sono stati forniti anche alle Direzioni di Firenze, Siena e Livorno, che sono sotto il controllo alleato, si prega codesta On.le Commissione di volerle cortesemente informare che i francobolli in questione non debbono essere messi in vendita.

Questo Ministero farà conoscere a suo tempo quando la vendita potrà essere effettuata.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(FANO)

*Cable Drummond notified by telephone 20/1/44*

TRANSLATION

167 B

18 January 1945

Subject: Overprinted Stamps.

As your Sub-Commission already knows, we have given orders to overprint with the new rates, with the purpose to use those stamps whose value does not correspond any longer to the new tariffs in force since Oct. 1st 1944.

One of these that is to say the 1,75 lire stamp, overprinted 2,50 lire, has been prepared by the Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato and it should have been kept in abeyance up to when the decree authorizing its issue, had been approved.

But the said Magazine by mistake, has commenced the distribution, and also some Provincial Directions, which in their turn have put some on sale.

Such state of affairs has provoked some philatelic speculation, and therefore we have thought best to suspend the sale of said stamp, up till when it will be possible to complete its supply to other Provincial Directions in liberated Italy.

As said stamps have also been supplied to the Florence, Siena and Leghorn Directions, which are under Allied Control, we beg your Sub Commission kindly to inform them that the said stamps must not be put on sale.

This Ministry will inform you, in due time, when the sale may commence.

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In reply

refer to : P.P. 166/63.

18 January 1964

Subject : Florence: Suggested special print of postage stamps.

To : A.A.A. 5 Army.

162

1. The proposal put forward by the Azienda Autonoma di Turismo, in the correspondence returned herewith, is not approved.

2. Discussion of the scheme with the Under Secretary of State for Italy shows that there are numerous reasons which make it undesirable for special issues of stamps to be produced locally; and it is particularly important that A.A.A. should not be implicated in the creation of philatelic curiosities, however commendable the motive may be.

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J.L. BERNARDINI  
 Colonel  
 Director.

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Letter of 15 Dec. from Azienda Autonoma di Turismo.

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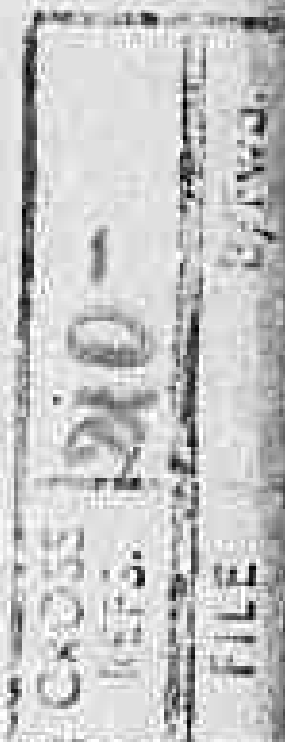
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Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission.

A.A. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).



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In reply  
refer to : P.2.106/41.  
Subject : Florence: Suggested special print of Postage Stamps.  
To : A.A.G. 5 Army.

162

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director.

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# MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

*Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi*

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
 Prot. N° 405069.V.8 Allegati 1  
 Risposta al f. N° P.7.153/CS  
 del 6.1.1944

Roma, 11 GEN. 1945

ALL. ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
 POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
 R O M A

**Oggetto:** Proposta emissione  
 francobolli con soprapprezzo.

Come è addesta On. Commissione è noto, que-  
 sto Ministero non ha finora accolto alcuna nuova propo-  
 sta per l'emissione - o la soprastampa - di francobolli  
 con soprapprezzo a favore di determinate opere di benefi-  
 cenze o di pubblica utilità, in quanto ha ritenuto, come  
 tuttora ritiene, che tali speciali emissioni possano ef-  
 fettuarci soltanto dopo che avrà avuto luogo quella del-  
 la nuova serie ordinaria ( senza soprapprezzo ) per le  
 vignette della quale sarà prossimamente indetto un pub-  
 blico concorso tra artisti del Regno.

Ciò premesso, si soggiunge che l'emissione  
 dei francobolli commemorativi, con o senza soprapprezzo,  
 è disciplinata dal R. Decreto Legge 28 febbraio 1935  
 N.156 - di cui si unisce copia - il quale, allo scopo di  
 ridare prestigio al francobollo italiano che troppo fre-  
 quenti emissioni con soprapprezzi elevati avevano disore-

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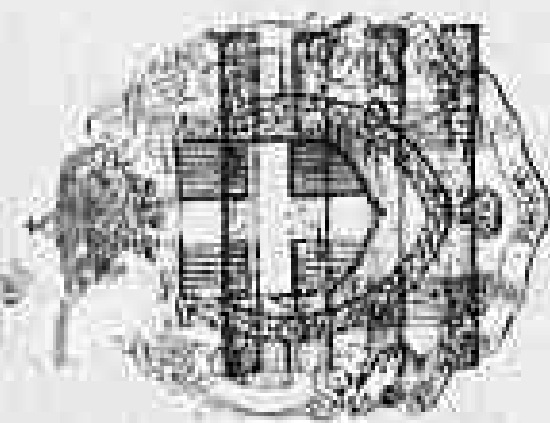
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ditato, stabilisce tra altro che i francobolli medesimi devono essere intesi a celebrare avvenimenti di straordinaria importanza nazionale, che gli eventuali sopraprezzi devono essere contenuti in limiti ristretti e che, anche dopo scaduto il termine di validità, è vietata la cessione gratuita dei francobolli stessi ai Comitati o Enti promotori della loro emissione.

Allo stato delle cose, visto il piano per la soprastampa di francobolli, emessi dalla Repubblica fascista, con notevoli sopraprezzi allo scopo di raccogliere i fondi necessari per procedere in un secondo tempo alla emissione di una serie speciale con altro sopraprezzo a favore della ricostruzione del ponte di S. Trinita a Firenze, questo Ministero si associa al parere contrario già manifestato da codesta On. Commissione nei riguardi dell'attuazione del piano stesso; tanto più che è stato già determinato che alcuni tipi di francobolli della Repubblica fascista di cui vi è larga disponibilità vengano soprastampati senza sopraprezzo per essere usati nelle provincie liberate, e che altri, la cui disponibilità è limitata, non vengano soprastampati, per evitare speculazioni filateliche.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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# Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

NOTIZIA PER DISCIPLINARE LA EMISSIONE DI CARTE VALORI POSTALI  
COMMEMORATIVE

R. Decreto-legge 28 febbraio 1935 - M. 166 ( Gazz. Uff. N. 54  
del 14 marzo 1935 ).

VITTORIO EMANUELE III

PER GRAZIA DI DIO E PER VOLONTÀ DELLA NAZIONE

RE D'ITALIA

3035

Visto ecc.....

Abbiamo decretato e decretiamo:

ART. I - La emissione di carte valori postali ad uso del Regno,  
delle Colonie italiane e delle Isole Italiane dell'Egeo, per com-  
memorare o celebrare avvenimenti di straordinaria importanza na-  
zionale, deve essere effettuata, sentito il Consiglio dei Mini-  
stri, e oltre esclusive dello Stato, senza ingerenze degli Enti o  
Comitati promotori e normalmente senza aggiunta di soprapprezzo al  
valore postale.

In ogni caso l'importo del soprapprezzo deve essere con-  
tenuto in limiti ristretti.

ART. 2 - Per la produzione delle carte valori commemorative de-  
stinate ad uso delle Colonie e per quelle destinate alle Isole i-  
taliane dell'Egeo devono adottarsi, normalmente, disegni diversi  
da quelli delle carte valori per il Regno.

ART. 3 - Le spese relative alla emissione di carte valori ecce-  
zionalmente gravate di soprapprezzo sono a carico dell'Ente o Co-  
mitato promotore.

VITTORIO EMANUELE III

PER GRAZIA DI DIO E PER VOLONTA' DELLA NAZIONE

RE D'ITALIA

3385

Visto ecc.....

Abbiamo decretato e decretiamo:

ART.1 - La emissione di carte valori postali ad uso del Regno, delle Colonie italiane e delle Isole italiane dell'Ugeo, per commemorare o celebrare avvenimenti di straordinaria importanza nazionale, deve essere effettuata, sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri, a cura esclusiva dello Stato, senza ingerenza degli Enti o Comitati promotori e normalmente senza aggiunta di soprapprezzo al valore postale.

In ogni caso l'importo del soprapprezzo deve essere con tenuto in limiti ristretti.

ART.2 - Per la produzione delle carte valori commemorative destinate ad uso delle Colonie e per quelle destinate alle Isole italiane dell'Ugeo devono adottarsi, normalmente, disegni diversi da quelli delle carte valori per il Regno.

ART.3 - Le spese relative alla emissione di carte valori ecce zionalmente gravate di soprapprezzo sono a carico dell'Ente o Comitato promotore.

ART.4 - E' vietata qualsiasi cessione gratuita di carte valori

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postali a favore degli Enti o Comitati promotori, anche dopo che ne sia cessata la validità.

Art. 5 - Il presente decreto abroga ogni altra disposizione contraria alle norme in esso contenute, e sarà presentato al Parlamento per la sua conversione in legge.

Il Ministro proponente è autorizzato alla presente

zione del relativo disegno di legge.

Ordinismo ecc.....

Dato a Roma, addì 28 febbraio 1933 - Anno XIII.

VITTORIO EMANUELE

Mussolini - Danni - Di Revel

TRANSLATION

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Subject : Proposed issue of overcharged stamps.

As you are aware, the Ministry has not till now taken into consideration any proposal of new issue or overprinting of overcharged stamps in favour of welfare activities (or for public utility), because we have thought, and we are still of the same opinion, that such special issues can be undertaken only after the <sup>issue</sup> of the new ordinary set (not overcharged), for the drawings of which we are planning a public competition between Italian artists.

In addition it is pointed out that the issue of commemorative stamps, with or without overcharge, is regulated by the R.D.L. of 28 Feb. 1935 N° 166 - of which a copy is attached - which, in order to give new "prestige" to the Italian stamp, discredited by the frequent issues highly overcharged, fixes :-

- (i) that such stamps must be intended to celebrate events of extraordinary national importance;
- (ii) that the overcharges must be limited to a low amount;
- (iii) that, also when the period of validity has elapsed, the stamps cannot be handed over without payment to the Committee or Institute which promoted the issue.

Under such conditions, after examining the plan for overprinting republican Fascist stamps, with considerable overcharges, in order to collect necessary funds to provide, later, the issue of a special set, also overcharged, in favour of the reconstruction of S. Trinita bridge in Florence, this Ministry agrees with the unfavourable opinion of your Commission.

Furthermore it must be considered that it has already been arranged for the overprinting (without overcharge) of certain types of fascist republican stamps largely available, to use them in new liberated provinces, while others, for which a low number is available, will not be overprinted to avoid philatelic speculations.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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R. L. DECREE 28.2.1935 N° 166

Regulations for the issue of commemorative stamps.

ART. 1 - The issue of postage stamps to be used in the country, in Italian Colonies and in Italian Islands of the Egean, to commemorate or celebrate events of extraordinary national importance, must be operated, after approval of the Council of Ministers, by exclusive care of the State, without interference of the promoting Committees or Institutes, and normally the stamps will not be overcharged. In any case the amount of the overcharge will be limited to a low amount.

ART. 2 - For commemorative postage stamps to be used in the Colonies and Italian Islands of the Egean normally drawings will be adopted different from the ones for postage stamps for the country.

ART. 3 - The expenses relative to the issue of stamps exceptionally overcharged will be paid by the promoting Committee or Institute.

ART. 4 - Also when the period of validity has elapsed it is forbidden to hand over the postage stamps without payment to the promoting Committees or Institutes.

ART. 5 - The present decree cancels any other instruction in contradiction with the regulations laid down in it, and will be submitted to the Parliament for its conversion in law.



*Ministero delle Comunicazioni*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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*Risposta al f. N.*  
*del*

OGGETTO: Credito di L. 1647,35  
Ufficio postale di Tavullia.

Si prega codesta Commissione di favori-  
re una risposta alla lettera pari numero del  
25 ottobre u.s., riguardante il prelevamento,  
presso l'ufficio postale di Tavullia (Pesaro),  
di francobolli da parte di un Capitano Ingle-  
se senza il pagamento del relativo importo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

A reply to our letter of 23 Oct. concerning the  
withdrawing of stamps by an British Officer at the  
P.O. of Tavullia (Pesaro) without the payment of  
the relative amount, would be very appreciated.  
The U. S. I.

HEADQUARTERS  
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6 January 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.7.163/G3

Subject : Suggested special print of postage stamps.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Attached are copies of three documents relating to a suggestion to create a fund for rebuilding a bridge in Florence by the provision and sale of overprinted postage stamps.

2. It is the intention to refuse approval to proceed with the scheme, as an improper and undesirable one. Its character is so unusual, however, according to our concepts, that we should be glad to have, before the letter of refusal is written, any particular comments which you may like to make.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13053/P

30 December 1944

SUBJECT : Proposed issue of Postage Stamps  
by City of Florence

TO : Communications Sub-Commission ✓

1. Attached, hereto, is a proposal forwarded to us through the S.F.O. 5th Army AMG, for the creation and issue by the City of Florence of a special surcharged issue of postage stamps.
2. Would you kindly deal with the matter direct; this Sub-Commission does not favour the proposal.

*A.P. Gravoey Smith*  
Coc.

Joint Director  
Finance Sub-Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
CITY OF FLORENCE

SUBJECT: Special issue of  
postage stamps.

2/58  
22 December 1944.

TO : AMG. 5th Army.

1. I enclose original and three copies of each  
of the following:

- a) Letter dated 15 Dec. 44 from Azienda  
Autonoma di Turismo.
- b) Draft decree.
- c) "Prospetto" of stamps to be issued.

2. The scheme has been approved by the Commune  
of Florence and by the Monuments and Fine Arts dept.  
of this H.Q. If you think fit will you please for-  
ward the papers for approval of the Allied Commission.

*Idem Radu W. CA.*  
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I. de L. RADICS  
Lt. Col.,  
Executive Officer.

Città di Firenze

AZIENDA AUTONOMA DI TURISMO

Firenze, 15 Dicembre 1944

AL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

F I R E N Z E

Gli Enti turistici fiorentini, allo scopo di incrementare un fondo che permetta di partecipare alla ricostruzione del distrutto Ponte di S. Trinita, chiedono l'autorizzazione alla emissione di una serie di speciali francobolli, alcuni dei quali gravati di sopraprezzo.

Gli Enti suddetti curerebbero lo studio dei soggetti e della relativa esecuzione tecnica.

Una parte di tali francobolli sarebbe messa largamente in vendita dagli uffici postali e una seconda parte, scaduto il termine di validità postale, rimarrebbe di proprietà degli Enti turistici fiorentini insieme a quelli eventualmente rimasti invenduti dagli uffici postali stessi.

Tale emissione di francobolli, anche per il suo speciale carattere, costituirebbe un ottimo mezzo di propaganda per Firenze e potrebbe produrre, se condotta con particolari criteri un vantaggio economico da destinare allo scopo anzidetto che oscillerebbe da un milione a un milione e mezzo e probabilmente anche assai di più.

Pur considerando che altre importanti ed urgenti necessità gravano in questo difficile momento sulla città di Firenze, si ritiene che la iniziativa del finanziamento della ricostruzione del Ponte a S. Trinita sia degna di essere presa in benevola considerazione in quanto essa permetterebbe di alleggerire le spese per opere pubbliche di ricostruzione mediante la contribuzione volontaria dei filatelisti di tutto il mondo i quali vorrebbero certo arricchire le loro collezioni di un francobollo, che oltre a ricordare un triste evento storico di Firenze, dovrebbe rappresentare, sia per il soggetto, sia per l'accuratezza del disegno e della riproduzione, un vero e proprio lavoro d'arte tale da competere con i migliori esemplari emessi da altre nazioni.

Allo scopo di potere fronteggiare le rilevanti spese inerenti allo studio e alla emissione di tali francobolli, emissione per la quale dovranno occorrere diversi mesi e che costerà qualche centinaia di migliaia di lire, gli Enti Turistici fiorentini chiedono l'autorizzazione di potere soprastampare una partita di francobolli emessi dalla ex repubblica sociale nel valore di

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L. 0,20, 0,25, 0,30 e 0,75 caricando una parte di essi con sopraprezzo e il valore da L. 2.= posta aerea espresso.

La dicitura della sovrastampa sarebbe la seguente:

| A.M.G.                    |   | A.M.G.                  |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| F I R E N Z E             | 1 | F L O R E N C E         |
| Pro fondo ricostruzione   | 1 | Pro fund reconstruction |
| <u>PONTE A S. TRINITA</u> | 1 | <u>TRINITY-BRIDGE</u>   |
| + L. X,Y,Z                | 1 | + L. X,Y,Z              |

Il gettito che potrebbe derivare dal sopraprezzo di questa emissione provvisoria e dalla cessione delle rimanenze che non trovassero esito presso gli Uffici postali, può considerarsi largamente sufficiente a far fronte alle spese relative all' emissione della serie pittorica in questione e a creare un fondo iniziale anche cospicuo per la ricostruzione del Ponte a S. Trinita.

IL COMMISSARIO PREFETTIZIO  
(Mario Vannini-Parenti)

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## IL COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO

Vieta la richiesta degli Enti Turistici Fiorentini tendente ad ottenere l'autorizzazione a sovrastampare e porre in vendita i francobolli postali emessi dall'ex-repubblica sociale e l'aereo espresso da L.2.=, iniziativa che permetterebbe di costituire un primo fondo per la ricostruzione del Ponte a S. Trinita;

Considerata la pubblica utilità della iniziativa suddetta

## D E C R E T O

1° - La sovrastampa dei francobolli postali già emessi dalla ex-repubblica sociale nei valori di L.0,20, 0,25, 0,30 e 0,75 e l'espresso da L.2.= per posta aerea con la soprascritta alternata sia in italiano che in inglese, alcuni dei quali con soprapprezzo con le seguenti modalità:

a) dicitura della sovrastampa, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

La sovrastampa, alternata nelle lingue italiana e inglese sul medesimo foglio sarà la seguente:

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| A.M.F.                       | A.L.G.                  |
| F I R E N Z E                | F L O R E N C E         |
| Pro fondo ricostruzione      | Pro fund reconstruction |
| PONTE A S. TRINITA +L. X,Y,Z | TRINITY BRIDGE +L.X,Y,Z |

b) suddivisione del valore:

N.60.000 pezzi da L.0,20; 0,25; 0,30 di cui 20.000 con sovrastampa ordinaria, 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.10.=; 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.20.=; 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.30.= e 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.50.= di cui metà con dicitura in inglese e metà con dicitura in italiano.

N.70.000 pezzi da L.0,75 di cui 30.000 con sovrastampa ordinaria, 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.10.=; 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.20.=; 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.30.= e 10.000 con soprapprezzo di L.50.= di cui metà con dicitura in inglese e metà con dicitura in italiano.

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N. 36.000 pezzi dell'aereo espresso da L.2.= di cui  
21.000 con sovrastampa ordinaria e 14.400  
con sopraprezzo di L.100.= di cui metà con  
dicitura in inglese e metà con dicitura in  
italiano.

2° - La validità postale dei suddetti francobolli scadrà il  
giorno 31 gennaio 1945.

3° - Del quantitativo complessivo di francobolli sovrastampati  
metà sarà consegnata all'Amministrazione delle RR. Poste di Firenze  
per essere messa in corso e venduta dagli Uffici Postali. L'altra  
metà, scaduto il termine di validità postale, sarà consegnata agli  
Enti Turistici Fiorentini insieme a quelli eventualmente rimasti  
invenduti affinché essi possano valersene allo scopo di un ulteriore  
utile.

4° - Il gettito che potrà derivare dal sopraprezzo postale  
sarà versato a cura dell'Amministrazione delle RR. Poste di  
Firenze agli Enti Turistici Fiorentini e per essi all'AZIENDA  
AUTONOMA DI TURISMO - di Firenze per il "Fondo ricostruzione del  
Ponte a S. Trinita".

5° - Le spese di sovrastampa e di emissione faranno carico  
agli Enti Turistici Fiorentini.

6° - La concessione è esente da qualsiasi tassa fiscale  
presente o futura.

7° - Dell'esattezza dell'esecuzione di quanto sopra dovrà  
essere redatto apposito verbale notarile.

Firenze, 20 Ottobre 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
ATO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply to  
refer to : P.7.161/CS.

4 January 1945

Subject : Franking machine removal of Fascist emblems.  
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 830031/E A of 28 December 1944.

1. It is considered desirable to ascertain what is the actual position with regard to the machines in Toscana Region and Ancona Province before any application is made for the travelling permits you mention.
2. Postal Officers have been asked to confirm that the Provincial Directorates are carrying out the instructions given in art. 147 of Bollettino N°7 and to obtain an up to date list showing the present location of the machines.
3. I will write to you again when this information is available.

*hull*  
J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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