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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel.No. 489031 Ex. 444

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7 October 1944

SUBJECT:- International Red Cross Message Service.

TO: - Capt. Drummond, Postal Officer, Toscana Region.

The attached instructions have been withdrawn from the Region II files and are forwarded in connection with the introduction of the I.R.C. Service in your present Region.

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

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5 October 1944

PS.16/13.79.

SUBJECT:- International Red Cross - Communications

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

Ref. your letter G-5:091.6 of 30 Sept. 44, para 3(b).

1. As a civil foreign mail service is already in operation between Italy and North Africa, provision for the use of military channels for I.R.C. normal communications between Italy and Algiers does not seem to be required (Vide para. 2 of your letter).

2. If this is agreed an amendment will no doubt be issued to all concerned.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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4 October 1944

PS. 16/13.78.

SUBJECT:- I.R.C. - Communications between agencies.

TO: - Postal Officer, Southern Region
Postal Officer, Lazio Region
Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of an A.F.H.Q. letter setting out the up-to-date position.
2. Postal Officer Southern will please verify with the Naples Delegation that they are advising the Rome and Palermo Agencies.

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

Copy to:- Major McKean, Civil Censorship Office.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Communications
(Pats) 9761

G-5: 091.6

30 September 1944

SUBJECT: International Red Cross - Communications.

TO : Naples Delegation
International Red Cross
38 Via Tasso, Naples

1. With reference to your letter of 14 Sept 1944, the arrangements notified in this HQ letter G-5-080-1 of 12 Feb 44 are hereby cancelled.

2. The normal method of communication between I.R.C.C. agencies shall be by the civilian mail service whenever available.

3. Pending the resumption of civilian external foreign mail services between Italy, North Africa and South France, the use of military channels for communications between

- a) Rome, Naples, Palermo Delegations and Marseille Delegation, IRC; and in reverse
- b) Rome, Naples, Palermo Delegations and Algiers delegation and in reverse
- c) Algiers Delegation and Marseille Delegation, IRC, and in reverse will be permitted.

4. In cases of emergency or where there is cause for correspondence between agencies with the minimum of delay, military channels between all agencies may be used subject to the following conditions and procedures

a) Emergency Service.

By message; messages to be delivered

- 1) In Rome to Allied Censor Control Office
Piazza Cola di Rienzo, 29
- 11) in Naples to Allied Censor Control Office
Ferrovie Post Office
via Novara

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- iii) in Algiers to Military Liaison Officer
H.Q. North Africa District.
- iv) in Marseille to Chief Censorship Liaison
Officer
c/o 16 P.I.D., RASC, BNAF

b) Rapid Service.

By Air Dispatch Letter Service; letter to be delivered, open, to the addresses given in para 4 (a) above.

Material from Sicily and Sardinia must be sent to Naples for onward transmission.

It is understood that the IRCC will not resort to either of the above methods of communication except when facilities as indicated in para 2 above would entail unjustifiable delay in relation to the importance of the material to be communicated.

5. It will be at the discretion of the Allied Censorship Control (or Liaison) or Military Liaison Officers receiving material for transmission to return it for transmission by civilian mail service if in their opinion the facilities requested under para 4 (a) and (b) above are not fully justified.

6. The addresses of the IRCC Delegation Offices concerned are:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| a) Rome | Via Sardegna, 79 |
| b) Naples | Via Tasso, 38 |
| c) Palermo(Sicily) | Piazza Castelnuovo, 50 |
| d) Sardinia | c/o Prof. Dott. Antonio
CARDIA, CAGLIARI |
| e) Algiers | 107 bis: Rue Michelet |
| f) Marseille | Hotel Astoria, Bd: Garibaldi, 10 |

7. You are requested to notify your agencies of the arrangements herein made.

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8. Regarding the provisions for cable communications between delegations and Head Office Geneva, these will be the subject of further instructions in due course.

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

W. Driffield-White
W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

Copies to:- HQ ACC
G-2 (C.G.)
Br. Res. Minister's Office
Office of U.S. Political Adviser
Signal Center (A&DLS)
HQ - 6th Army Group

Director	
D. Director	
Chief. Telecoms	
Chief. Postal	
H. Q. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	<i>Wm</i>
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date *3/10/44*

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bops*

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Major Green will inform
D.R.C. Largo Carita Naples
of loading instrs.

If they have not been informed
will advise them to contact
Movements Naples.

GLH

30 Sep 44

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SECRET

Communications

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COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

MOV SYRACUSE MOV CASTELLAMARE INFO AFHQ CITE PHGM MIDEAST
PORT COMDT NAPLES 557 30D +++
MOV NAPLES

W74/29

MOV NAPLES

ROUTINE

MOV 18

SEP282000A

ADDRESS CONTD+++ 61 EU RAF OCAS NAPLES SSTLO NAPLES COMMUNICATIONS SC

ACC TN SUBCOMM ACC

- SECRET. 1. SS VASCO WILL LOAD FOR MIDEAST AS FOLLOWS. ALL TCHS DMZ
2. AT CASTELLAMARE. MFC 2. ORD 16. RAF 15. ITALIAN RED CROSS
NEGLECTABLE. (Keep to the top.)
3. AT AUGUSTA. RN AMN 400.
4. AT SYRACUSE. ORD 350.
5. AGREED.

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COMMUNICATIONS SC

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Director	
De Dir. or	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
Ch. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Cld.	

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POST COMBAT NAPLES 559 BOD +++
NOV NAPLES

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SEP 28 2000A

ROUTINE

ADDRESS CONTD+++ 61 EU RAP GCAS NAPLES SSTLO NAPLES COMMUNICATIONS SC
ACC TN SUBCOMM ACC

SECRET. 1. SS VASCO WILL LOAD FOR MIDEAST AS FOLLOWS. ALL TONS DE/
24 AT CASTELLAMARE. MFO 2. OLD 16. RAP 15. ITALIAN RED CROSS
NEGLECTIBLE. (Naples to Naples)
3. AT AUGUSTA. RN AMN 400.
4. AT SYRACUSE. ORD 350.
5. AGREED.

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Director	
Chief of	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
Chief, Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clk.	

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
UFFICIO PRIGIONIERI, RICERCHE E SERVIZI CONNESSI

Prot. N. **44076/12**

Risposta N.

Oggetto

Allegati

Roma, li 4 Settembre 1944
VIA PUGLIE, 6 - Telex 41.530-484.876
Telefoni: 480678554 (PRIGIONIERI) ROMA

COLONEL HEAD
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Sub-Commission Post and Transport
R O M E

Dear Colonel,

I thank you very much for the arrangements made by you in regard to the transportation of the 37 cases of books and medicine addressed to the various camps where Italian prisoners of war are residing.

As Captain Macdock has no doubt informed you, the cases have left Rome yesterday morning by train to Naples and I have duly advised the Naples Red Cross Committee of their dispatch and made all arrangements in connection with same, pending the departure from Naples.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation on this matter.

I remain dear Colonel.

Your sincerely

Cassius

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Sub-Commission Post and Transport
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Your sincerely

Cassini

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489081 Ext. 144

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20 September 1944

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SUBJECT: - Communications facilities I.R.C.

TO: - R.C. and H.C. Section.

Reference is made to your 455/49/01 of Sept. 14th.

1. This Sub-Commission is not directly concerned with the question of transmitting I.R.C. correspondence by A.C.C. services to areas in which the normal civil mail services are not yet operating. It may be mentioned however that P.O.R. correspondence and some Red Cross message forms are forwarded by A.C.C. courier service to the Provincial Commissioners of such areas for distribution amongst Post Offices (for delivery to callers) as opportunity can be found. Some form of censorship would require to be provided for it if it were decided to allow I.R.C. correspondence to be distributed through similar channels.
2. So far as the civil mail service ~~area~~ is concerned, it is considered very doubtful if there are many cases in which the restricted courier services now operating in the greater part of that area would afford any quicker service than the civil mail (e.g. Naples - Bari : Daily mail service - Bi-weekly courier). Express letter services are operating, and civil air mail facilities are also available between certain mainland centres and Sicily and Sardinia. For such of the I.R.C. correspondence as may be addressed to individuals at outlying addresses, the civil mail is undoubtedly the better proposition. It is perhaps open to doubt whether the I.R.C. have obtained the latest information from the Italian Postal authorities of the full facilities now operating, and it is felt that only in any specific cases in which civil mail transit time is shown to be abnormal, and could be bettered by a courier service, should any consideration be given to permitting the use of the latter in preference to the former.

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S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POSTAL SECTION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

16 September 44.

P. 154/640

SUBJECT : I.R.C. Messages.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission. HQ. ACC.

1. With reference to my P. 154/636 of 2nd Sept 44 you may be interested to know that at the offices of the Naples Delegation I have seen a copy of a recent letter from the Ministry to the Rome Magazziniere Centrale giving instructions for supplies of forms to be sent to Campobasso and Foggia.

2. Dr. Burkhard has written to G5 AFHQ requesting rapid services etc. to the Marseilles Delegation.

HEADQUARTERS

17 SEP. 1944

A. C. C.

W.H.G./faf.

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

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DELEGATION
= Naples.=
38, Via Tasso
Tel: I2-295

Naples,

A.M/

Le Sept. 14th 1944.=

To: H.Q.

Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Extention to Marseille of
I.R.C. Communications.

We beg to enclose copy of our letter
addressed to-day to Commanding Officer
G-5 A.F.H.Q.

P. Burkhardt
(P. Burkhardt)
Delegate C.I.C.R. = Naples.=

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

Ref: 455/49/CA

14 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Communication channels and travelling facilities
for I.R.C.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission ✓
Air Force Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Refugees Branch

1. There is forwarded to you copy of a letter dated
6th September sent to the Acting Chief Commissioner by the
Italian Red Cross.

2. The I.R.C. are requesting certain privileges which
at present are granted to the British Red Cross and the Ame-
rican Red Cross. It would be appreciated if you will consi-
der the letter insofar as it affects your Sub-Commission or
Branch and let us have your views and comments thereon as
soon as possible.

John W. Fisher Maj
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NORMAN W. FISKE.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

Rome, September 6, 1944.

Il Presidente Generale

prot. 11952/G.

Captain E.W. Stone (U.S.N.R.)
Acting Chief Commissioner
A.C.C.

Copy for the information of:
Director of War Relief A.R.C.
(attention of Mrs. Pelegrin)

SUBJECT: Communication channels and travelling facilities for I.R.C. officials.

The work of reorganizing the Italian Red Cross and of reviving some of its most essential activities meets, under present circumstances, with the greatest difficulties owing to lack of I.R.C. transportation & about 98% of which has been removed by Nazi-fascists or destroyed in the war - and to slow postal communications.

Under the circumstances, I venture to submit that the A.C.C. meet the IRC. needs in this respect by considering the possibility of granting the following facilities:

- a) a standing authority for IRC. officials of high rank-namely the President, the Secretary General and the National Secretary General of IRC. Volunteer Nurses - to travel by air.
- b) authority for certain IRC officials - to be named on each occasion - to use W.D. vehicles in order to reach and return from certain IRC. region and travel within that same region for service purposes.
- c) authority for certain IRC. vehicles - the numbers of which shall be notified on each occasion - to receive petrol from Allied service stations: the petrol to be signed for not by driver but by the IRC. official using car
- d) authority for official IRC. H'quarters mail to use -subject to any rule that shall be framed by the competent authorities- ACC. communications lines to and from areas where postal communications have not yet been restored or are still too unreliable or slow for an Association, like the IRC, struggling to revive its activities all over Liberated Italy under the present most difficult conditions.

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I will be extremely grateful if the above requests will be given your favourable consideration.

Dott. Zanotti Bianco
President Gen. I.R.C.

Subject :- Red Cross Medical Supplies and Books for Italian P.O.W.

To :- Communications Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
A.F.O. 394.

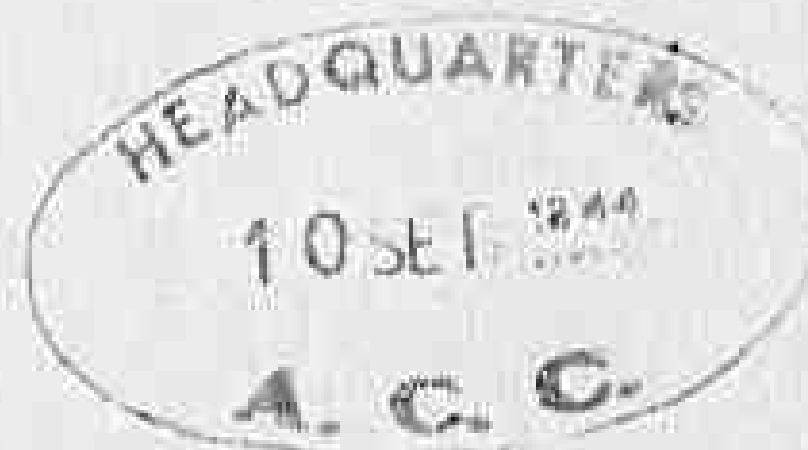
Communications SC
9306
H.Q. MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY (SHIPPING).
STORES AND M.T.
TELE. DIAL 52859.
VACANT 157.

QMS/1.
8 Sep 44.

Reference your BS.16/13.67. dated 4 Sep 44.

1. Will you please note for future applications for shipping space,
separate sets of Freight Forms 'S' will be required for each destination.

GCO/LJM.



Copy to :- Movements, H.Q. A.A.I.

W. A. G. H. G. (H).
Lt. Col. *W. A. G. H. G. (H).*

Noted
W. A. G. H. G. (H).
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Communications Sec.
HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POSTAL SECTION
APO 394, U.S. Army. *64*

P. 154/636

2 September 44.

SUBJECT : IRC Messages.
TO : Communications Sub-Communications ACC.

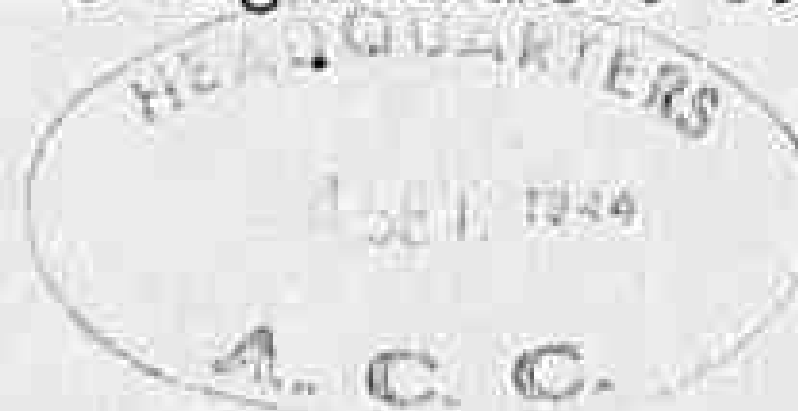
1. On receipt of the attached correspondence from Campobasso visited the IRC Delegation at Naples with a view to ascertaining what are the arrangements consequent on the opening of the Rome Delegation.

2. I learned from M. Mathieu that the Naples Delegation now serves the 15 Provinces which comprise the Southern Region and that letters regarding Campobasso and Foggia had already been sent to the Ministry and to Lt. Allen. A copy of the letter to the latter is connected.

3. I also ascertained that a Circular n. 2411/1110 was issued by the Ministry on 16 August 1944 modifying the accounting but not the requisitioning arrangements detailed in Circular n.27 of 23 March 1944.

4. It is stated at Naples that the last consignment of 300.000 forms was received from the printers in June and was sent to the Magazziniere Centrale then at Salerno.

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W.H. Green
W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer. *#13*

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POSTAL SECTION
APO B94, U.S. Army.

2 September 44.

7866.

P. 154/635.

SUBJECT : International Red Cross Message Forms.
TO : The Provincial Directorate PP.TT., Campobasso.

1. With reference to your letter 7866 of 29th August the IRC Delegation Naples has written to the Ministry of Communications asking that the necessary forms and working instructions be given to the Campobasso and Foggia Directorates.

2. The Delegation will arrange for the sale of forms through the Italian Red Cross to cease as soon as the Post Offices in the Provinces are in a position to operate the scheme.

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

W.H.G./faf.
Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission ACC.
Lt. Allen., Postal Officer Region V.
Provincial Directorate PP.TT., Foggia.

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TRANSLATION.

1. Con riferimento alla vostra lettera 7866 del 29 Agosto la Delegazione di Napoli della Croce Rossa Internazionale ha scritto al Ministero delle Comunicazioni chiedendo che siano date alle direzioni di Campobasso e di Foggia i moduli e le istruzioni necessarie.

2. La Delegazione provvederà a far cessare la vendita dei moduli tramite la Croce Rossa Italiana, appena gli Uffici Postali nelle dette Province saranno in condizioni di operare tale progetto.

This reference is made to your letter 7866 of 29 August 1958. The Delegation of Naples has written to the Ministry of Communications asking that the necessary forms and working instructions be given to the Campobasso and Foggia Divisions.

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W. H. G. Allen, Esq.,
Colonial Office, Room 10,
Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.
Copy to: Communications Sub-Committee, Room 10,
Colonial Office, Room 10,
Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

TO: Postal Officer Region 3
FROM: A.M.G. Region 5
DATE: 28 August 1944

Major Green,
will you be good enough to forward the
attached letter from the Provincial Director
of Posts at Campobasso to Dr. Burkhardt, Inter-
national Red Cross, Naples.

The International Red Cross agent in Rome
has advised me, the International Red Cross in-
formations engineers for this Province will be
handled from Naples.

Apparently as yet nothing has been done
about this Province by Dr. Burkhardt.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

A.J. Allen
A.J. ALLEN

2nd Lt. Cav.

Postal Officer Reg. 5

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AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI., NAPOLI

N. 7866

Uff. Gabinetto.

Campobasso 29/8/44.

Al: Maggiore W.H.Green Postal Officer Region 3.
Napoli.

Oggetto : Moduli Croce Rossa Internazionale.

Gli Uffici Postali di questa Provincia di Campobasso non sono forniti di moduli della Croce Rossa Internazionale, da vendersi al pubblico a L.15 ciascuno e da valere per corrispondere con i civili dimoranti nella parte dell'Italia tuttora occupata dai Tedeschi.

Si prega di esaminare se questa Direzione può essere fornita dei moduli anzidetti per la distribuzione agli uffici della provincia, e nell'affermativa si prega provvedere e dare le relative istruzioni inerenti alla contabilità e pagamento.

Si allega una lettera del Sig. Lt. Cav. A.J. Allen, Postal Officer Region V.

IL DIRETTORE PROVINCIALE
(Giulio Ricoveri)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 499081 Ex. 444

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CGLH/cc

13.16/13.67.

4 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Red Cross Medical Supplies and Books for Italian P.O.W..

TO: - HQ. Movements, Naples.

1. Further to DQMS (B) A.A.I. Letter Nov/5/441/2 of 6 Aug 44.
2. It was not possible to arrange for the consignment of medicines and books to be forwarded to Castellammare by 8 Aug 44, and the suggestion made in Nov/5/441/2 of 6 Aug 44. (copy attached for your reference) has now been complied with.
3. The packing cases have been despatched by Rail to Naples and will be collected and stored at the Italian Red Cross Committee's premises at Largo Cardita', Naples, to await instructions for delivery to the Port for shipment.
4. Four copies of Freight Form "B" are forwarded herewith and one copy has been sent to HQ Movements A.A.I.

C. G. L. Whaddock
Capt
S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:- HQ. Movements A.A.I. (1 copy of Freight Form "B" attached)

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FREIGHT FORM 'S' (C.M.F.)

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Item No.	Stores	D.W. Tons	Meas. Tons	Despatch Depot.	Date ready for Despatch.	Destination of Stores	Consignee	Auth ship
1 - 20	Books							
21	do							
22 - 25	do							
27, 28, 32	do							
30 - 33	do							
34 - 36, 29	do							
37 - 40	do							
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Date:

FREIGHT FORM 'S' (C.M.F.)

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C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
D.W. Tons	Meas. Tons	Despatch Depot.	Date ready for Despatch.	Destination of Stores	Consignee	Authority for shipment and priority	Remarks including details of any dangerous cargo and heavy or awkward lifts.

See sheet two

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Maltese Red Cross
Committee
LAFRO CAMPAIGN
MILITARY

6
September
1944

IRELAND
BRITISH ARMY

AFRICA

PHOENIX
U.S. ARMY
AFRIC

Belastine

INDIA

INDIA
SOUTH AFRICA
EAST AFRICA

INDIA 22 PALLMALL
London

0 0 Camp of MUSE

0 0's Camps

0 0's Camps

STO New York
0 0 Camp and
2000 Galvo

0 0 Camp

0 0 Camp and

INDIA Malindi

INDIA Bombay

INDIA in S. Africa

INDIA in S. Africa

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A.A.I.
Nov/5/44/2
of 6 Aug 44 and
2 Aug 44

INDIA

Brigadier,
Bombay

FREIGHT FORM 'S' (C.M.F.)

Beigebildet,
Bismarck.

Date:

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Italian Red Cross Committee LARIO CANIERA ITALY	6 Sept. 1944	INDIA INDON NORTH AFRICA MEXICO NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA NORTH AFRICA NORTH AFRICA	TWO DUNKERQUE TWO GENEVA TWO JOHANNESBURG TWO LONDON TWO RAIL HALL 55 LONDON TWO WASHINGTON U.S.A. TWO ALGERIA TWO AMSTERDAM	Q. H. H. H. H. A.A.A. Nov/5/44/2 of 6 Aug 44 and 5 Aug 44	1944
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Ergebnisse,
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Sheet One

Freight Form 'S' (Cm 7)

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Item No.	Stores	D W Tons	Meas Cm	Despatch Depot	Date Ready for Despatch	Destination of Stores	Consignee	Authority for shipment and Priority
1-20	Books					ENGLAND	IRCC 55 Pall Mall London	
21	do					BELGIAN-CONGO	O.C. Camp of NGOLE.	
22-25	do					AUSTRALIA	O.C. Camps.	
27, 30, 31								
50, 71								
26, 28, 29	do			Italian Red Cross Committee LARGO CARITA NAPLES	6 Sep 44	RHODESIA	O.C. Camps.	Movements A.S. Nov/5/44 of 6 Aug + 8 Aug
32, 42		2cc	2cc			U.S AMERICA	ARC New York	
33-41	do	sheet	sheet			EGYPT	OC Camp + IRCC Cairo	
42-46	do	Tiro	Two			PALESTINE	OC Camp	
47	do					KENYA	OC Camp + IRCC Nairobi	
48, 49+	do					INDIA	IRCC Bombay	
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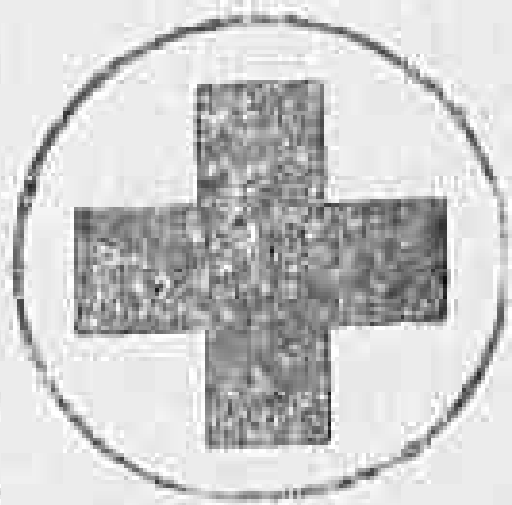
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D W Tons	Means Tons	Despatch Depot	Date Ready for Despatch	Destination of Stores	Consignee	Authority for shipment and Priority	Remarks including date of arrival and date of departure
200 sheet Two	200 sheet Two	Italian Red Cross Committee LARGO CARITA NAPLES	6 Sep 44	ENGLAND BELGIAN CONGO AUSTRALIA RHODESIA U.S.AMERICA EGYPT PALESTINE KENYA INDIA SOUTH AFRICA EAST AFRICA	IRCC 55 Pall Mall London O.C. Camp of NGULE. O.C. Camps. O.C. Camps. ARC New York OC Camp + IRCC Cairo OC Camp. OC Camp + IRCC Nairobi IRCC Bombay. IRCC in S. Africa IRCC in E Africa	Movement A.A.S. Nov 5/44 1/2 d/ 6 Aug 44 + 8 Aug 44	NIL

Continued Sheet 2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
72-75	MEDICINES			Italian Red Cross Committee LARGO CARITA NAPLES	6 Sep 44	INDIA	IRC BOMBAY	Movement aad Mos 5/44/2 of 6 Aug 44 + 8 Aug 44
76-78	do					EGYPT	IRC CAIRO.	
79-80	do					SOUTH AFRICA	IRCC JOHANNESBURG	
81-83	do					KENYA	IRCC NAIROBI	
84	do					ENGLAND	IRCC 55 Pall Mall LONDON	
85	do					U.S. AMERICA	IRCC WASHINGTON U.S.A	
86	do					NORTH AFRICA	IRCC ALGIERS	
87	do					EAST AFRICA	IRCC ASMARA	
		Total	Total					
		4 1/2 tons	17 1/2 tons					

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C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
		Italian Red Cross Committee LARGO CARITA NAPLES	6 Sep 44	INDIA	IRC BOMBAY	Movement aad 1205/5/44/2 of 6 August + 8 August	NIL
				EGYPT	IRC CAIRO		
				SOUTH AFRICA	IRCC JOHANNESBURG		
				KENYA	IRCC NAIROBI		
				ENGLAND	IRCC 55 Pall Mall LONDON		
				US. AMERICA	IRCC WASHINGTON USA		
				NORTH AFRICA	IRCC ALGIERS		
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UFFICIO PRIGIONIERI, RICERCHE E SERVIZI CONNESSI

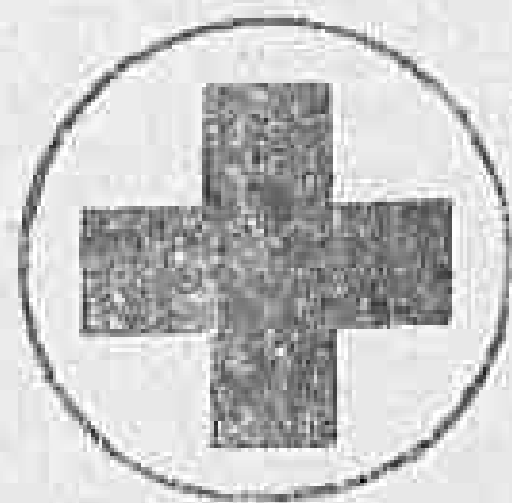
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H - Consignée -
(Books)

Cases numbered	1 to 20.	To the Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee- Pall Mall 55 London
"	33 to 41.	To the American Red Cross- New York(for the various camps in the U.S.A.
"	51 to 61.	To the Delegats of the Intern.Red Cross Committee - Bombay - India
"	62 to 66.	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Nairobi -Kenya
"	48 to 49.	To the Leader of the Calo I.T.A.- KENYA
"	69 to 70.	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - in East Africa
"	22.	To the Leader of the Camp n.8 New Calles of South (Australia)
"	23.	To the Leader of Camp n.5 Myrtleford Australia
"	24 to 27.	To the Leader of the Camp of Liverpool Australia
"	30. & 50.	To the Leader of the Camp of Cowra(Australia)
"	71.	To the Leader of the camp n.7 - Australia
"	31.	To the Leader of the Camp 11 a Tatura (Australia)
"	26. & 28.	To the Leader of the Camp n.3 South Rhodesia
"	29.	To the Leader of the Camp n.8 South Rhodesia
"	32.	To the Leader of the Camp of Lusaka (North Rhodesia)
"	42.	To the Leader of the Camp n.4 (Rhodesia)
"	43.	To the Leader of camp n.309 (Egypt)
"	44 to 46.	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee Cairo (Egypt)

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(Books)

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"	44 to 46.	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee Cairo (Egypt)
"	67 to 68.	To the Delegats of the Intern.Red Cross in South Africa
"	21.	To the Leader of the Camp of Ngule (Belgian Congo)
"	47.	To the Leader of the Camp Premier Settlement Wilkaem - Palestine -



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H - Consignées
(medicines)

Cases numbered 72 to 75	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross - Bombay - India
" " 76 to 78	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross - Cairo - Egypt
" " 79 to 80	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Johannesburg (South Africa)
" " 81 to 83	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Nairobi (Kenya)
" " 84	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Pall Mall 55 London E.W.C.
" " 85	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Washington U.S.A.
" " 86	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Algiers (North Africa)
" " 87	To the Delegats of the International Red Cross Committee - Asmara - East Africa



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FREIGHT FORM 'S'

A - Item no.	N.87 cases numbered from 1 to 71 and from 72 to 87
B - Stores	Books and medicines (from 1 to 71 books and from 72 to 87 medicines)
C - D.W. Tons	4.500
D - Meas. Tons	706 cubic feet
E - Despatch Depot	Italian Red Cross - Committee - Naples (Comitato Provinciale della Croce Rossa Italiana - Largo Carità - Napoli)
F - Date ready for Despatch	
G - Destination of Stores	England - Kenya - India - Belgian Congo - Australia - South Rhodesia - North Rhodesia - Egypt - Palestina - South Africa - East Africa - North Africa - U.S. America.-

H - Consignées
To the Delegates of the International Red Cross Committee and to the Leaders of the p.o.w. camps in the countries as specified above "G" - as per detailed list attached.

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PS 16/13.

Sgt.

Boots for Prisoners of War

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To Mrs. A. L. Pellegrin
American Red Cross
Civilian War Relief
Room 220 Hotel Bernini
Piazza Barberini
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legale Subcommittee
APO 394

ACC/4014/1/L

GGH/ap.
12 Aug. 44

REQUIREMENTS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 384
Tel. No. 489081 Rm. 444

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76.14/19.65.

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Application for transport.

TO: • A.D.S.P. • R.A.A.G.
(for attention of Major R.S. WILSON)

The following details are submitted in connection with urgent request for transport.

1. Unit Telephone No.
Communications Sub-Commission, Rome.
Allied Control Commission
Rome 489081 Rm. 444
2. (a) Name of Officer
(b) Place of reporting
Capt. C.G.L. Indick
I.R.C.G. • P.O.W. Information Bureau
Rm. 6 Via Puglia, Rome.
3. Location of address
Via Puglia • landing from Via Sardegna
to Via Rondeggi.
4. Requested date and time
Rm. 4 Sep 44 • 0900 hours (see Remarks)
5. Destination
SAN SAPIENZA Station • Via Prencetina
Rome
6. Description of load
87 packing cases of books and medicines
7. Approx. weight
4 1 tons.
8. Duration of Detail
approx 3 hours
9. Number of vehicles required
Two 3 tons suggested
10. Any special reason for priority
(1) Arrangements completed with Reg.
Movements Rome, for conveyance by rail
to Naples.
(2) Shipping space already allocated
Naples to Algiers by Movements A.A.I.
(Nov/512/2 dated 6 and 8 Aug 44)
11. Any reason why civilian drivers None
are not suitable
12. Remarks

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TO: • A.B.S.S. • R.A.A.G.
(For attention of Major R.S. WINGS)

The following details are submitted in connection with urgent request for transport.

1. Unit Telephone No. Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Central Commission Rome 489081 Rm. 244
2. (a) Name of Officer Capt. C.G.L. Macdonald
(b) Place of reporting I.R.G.C. P.O.S. Information Bureau No. 6 Via Puglia, Rome.
3. Location of address Via Puglia, landing from Via Sardegna to Via Boncompagni.
4. Requested Date and Time Mon. 4 Sep 44 - 0900 hours (see Remarks)
5. Destination FOR SAPIENZA Station - Via Pontetina Rome
6. Description of Load 57 Packing cases of books and references
7. Approx. weight 4 1/2 tons.
8. Duration of Detail approx 3 hours
9. Number of vehicles required Two 3 tons suggested
10. Any special reason for priority (1) Arrangements completed with eq. Movements Rome, for/throughout by rail to Naples.
(2) Shipping space already allocated Naples to Algiers by Movements A.A.I. (Nov/5/1/2 dated 6 and 8 Aug 44)

11. Any reason why civilian drivers are not suitable None

12. Remarks

The whole case has been arranged by this Sub-Commission on behalf of the Italian Red Cross P.O.S. Department. The suggested time and date is given as arrangements can be made to provide civilian personnel to load and unload the packing cases, at the particular hour on Mon 4 Sep.

C.G.L. Macdonald Capt

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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Message
Center

Region 3

26/7/44

Dearhead

I saw AFHQ people at Caserta yesterday.

The LHQC rapid messages will
go from Reg 3 to ^{G-5} Caserta & they will send
on to North Africa Dist which have been
given instructions

Driffeld White is in G-5.

The alternate-day service to Rome is now
becoming inadequate for the normal mails. Is there
any early prospect of the use of the train?
I will send details later. when I am
sure that the present surplus is not exceptional

Yrs
W. S. Green

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 144

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PS. 16/13.62.

25 August 1944

SUBJECT:~ Visit of I.R.C.C. Representative.

TO: ~ Headquarters Region V. A.C.C.
(for attention Admin. Officer)

Would you please arrange to notify Lt. Allen, Region V Postal Officer (at present probably visiting Provincial Post Offices in your area) that the representative of the International Red Cross Committee is visiting Aquila on Tuesday or Wednesday 29th or 30th August 44 in connection with the advance supplies of message forms and would like to meet Lt. Allen to arrange re-distribution of the forms in readiness for authorisation of the service.

C. S. Haddock
Capt
/s. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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Communication

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To: International Red Cross
From: AMG. Region 5
Subject: International Red Cross Enquires
Ref: 517/6
Date: 22 August 1944

1) Enclosed are 33 messages (concerning the whereabouts of civilians in enemy occupied territory) on unauthorized forms. The forms were put out by some well meaning but ill advised people. These forms were given away not sold. Rather than delay further the collecting of the requested information it is suggested that these forms be sent on and the payment for said service be collected on delivery of the reply. It is believed this is the best solution for a difficult problem. Please advise me as to your thought on this matter.

2) If you will be good enough to make a list of these (sending me a copy) I will see that your account is properly credited.

3) There are two other points that are not clear to me on which I hope you can help me.

(1) How far forward may these forms be used? I have never received any Official Clearance on these for any place in Italy by A A I or anyone else.

(2) May these be used for civilian internees?

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
S.J. ALLEN

2nd Lt. GAV. J. J.

Postal Officer

Copy to: Communications Sub-Com. *[initials]*

" " Italian Red Cross Aquila

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FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
A.J. ALLEN
2nd Lt. Cav. 333
Postal Officer

Copy to: Communications Sub-Com. *[Handwritten mark]*
" " Italian Red Cross Aquila

RECEIVED
23 MAR 1947
A.C.C.

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TRADUZIONE

1) Acciusi alla presente sono 33 messaggi, riguardanti il luogo di residenza di civili in territorio occupato dal nemico, redatti i moduli non autorizzati. I moduli sono stati evidentemente messi in giro da qualche persona ben pensante ma male informata. Tali moduli venivano distribuiti gratuitamente. Piuttosto che ritardare ulteriormente la raccolta delle informazioni richieste si suggerisce che detti moduli vengano inoltrati e il pagamento per il detto servizio venga riscosso alla consegna della risposta. Si pensa che questa sia la migliore soluzione per un problema difficile. Vi prego informarmi sul vostro punto di vista al riguardo.

2) Se voi volete avere la compiacenza di fare una lista di questi (mandandocene una copia) vedrò che il vostro conto sia giustamente accreditato.

3) Vi sono altri due punti che non sono chiari per me, per i quali spero possiate aiutarmi.

(1) Per quanto tempo saranno usati questi moduli?

Io non ho mai ricevuto alcuno schiarimento ufficiale su questi per nessun posto in Italia dall'A.A.I. o da alcun altro.

(2) Possono essi essere usati per i civili internati?

PER IL COMMISSARIO REGIONALE

A.J. ALLEN

2nd Lt. cav.

Ufficiale Postale

To: Provincial Directors of Post and Telegraphs Aquile, Chieti,
Pescara, Teramo.
From: AMG. Region 3
Subject: International Red Cross Messages
Ref: 517/6
Date: 22 August 1944

Communicating Sub-Com
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23 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

(1) You will very soon receive for distribution through ^{out} your Province International Red Cross message forms and circulars advertising this service printed by the International Red Cross.

(a) These circulars and message forms will be distributed through out the Province with clear cut instructions as to their use and handling to include the following:

1) These forms may be used only by civilians making inquiries about other civilians residing in enemy occupied territory and only. These forms will not be accepted when addressed to persons in Allied countries.

2) These forms will be sold exclusively by the Post Office at a cost of 15 Lire each.

3) These forms once sold to the public will not be repurchased by the Post Office.

4) The forms will be sold to branch offices at a cost of L. 14.75.

5) The Post Offices will collect, dispatch (in a separate bundle unfolded) and deliver the forms.

6) Provincial Directorates will monthly make payments using current accounts of L. 14 to the International Red Cross 35 Via Campana, Rome, L. 1 to the local Italian Red Cross, L. 1 will

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remain in the Provincial treasury to cover expenses. The
 1st payment will be for 25% of the stock received.
 (7) A detailed record will be kept, using the numbers on the
 forms, as to the quantity of forms each office received.
 (8) On sale the clerk will affix the stamp of his office in
 the upper left corner near the Red Cross.
 (9) These forms will be dispatched along with other mail, but
 in separate bundles, to the International Red Cross House.
 (10) Forms should initially be distributed to offices according
 to the population and to every 10 persons should be sufficient
 at the start after the original issue requisition may be
 filed twice each only.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
 and Lt. Col.
 Postal Officer

Copy to

Communications Sub-Com.
 International Red Cross

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Riceverete al più presto per la distribuzione negli uffici
 della vostra Provincia i moduli per moduli della Croce Rossa
 Internazionale e la circolare con l'annuncio di questo servizio
 stampato della Croce Rossa Internazionale.

2) Questo circolare e moduli per moduli saranno distribuiti
 nell'ambito della Provincia con chiare istruzioni riguardanti
 il loro uso, con cui sarà da includere le seguenti:

Il primo modulo saranno consegnati solo ai civili che
 avevano notizie di altri civili residenti soltanto nel territorio
 compreso dal modulo. I moduli non saranno consegnati ai indi-
 vidui e persone residenti nei paesi alleati.

II) I moduli

2) I moduli una volta venduti esclusivamente dagli Uffici Postali al costo di L. 15 ciascuno.

3) I moduli una volta venduti al pubblico non saranno riscoperti dall'Ufficio Postale.

4) I moduli saranno ceduti alle esecuzioni al prezzo di L. 14.75.

5) Gli Uffici Postali raccoglieranno, spediranno (in un sacco separato non piegato) e distribuiranno i moduli.

6) Le Direzioni Provinciali effettueranno mensilmente il pagamento mediante conti correnti della percentuale di lire 2 alla Croce Rossa Internazionale Via Camparini 77 Roma di lire 1 alla Croce Rossa Italia e ritireranno nella tesoreria Provinciale e copertura delle spese. Il primo pagamento sarà effettuato per il 26 per cento della fornitura ricevuta.

7) Sarà tenuto un dettagliato elenco, secondo i numeri che sono sui moduli che ogni ufficio riceverà.

8) Al momento della vendita l'impiegato opporrà il timbro a data del posto superiore sinistro del modulo, vicino la Croce Rossa.

9) I moduli saranno spediti insieme all'altra posta, ma in pacchi separati, alla Croce Rossa Internazionale Roma.

10) I moduli potrebbero essere inizialmente distribuiti agli Uffici secondo la popolazione in ragione di 1 ogni 20 abitanti potrebbero essere sufficienti per l'inizio. Dopo l'emissione originale le richieste possono essere inoltrate solo due volte al mese.

PER IL COMISSARIO REGIONALE

A.D. ALBA

2nd Lt. OSV.

Postal Officer

- 4) I moduli saranno ceduti alle succursali al prezzo di L. 14.75.
- 5) Gli uffici postali raccoglieranno, spediranno (in un unico separato non piegato) e distribuiranno i moduli.
- 6) Le Direzioni Provinciali effettueranno mensilmente il pagamento mediante conti correnti della percentuale di Lire 2 alla Croce Rossa Internazionale, Via Campana 29, domicilio Lire 1 alla Croce Rossa Italiana, e Lire 2 rimanendo nella tesoreria Provinciale e copertura delle spese. Il primo pagamento sarà effettuato per il 26 per cento della fornitura ricevuta.
- 7) Sarà tenuto un dettaglio elenco, usando i numeri che sono sui moduli che ogni ufficio riceve.
- 8) Al momento delle vendite l'impiegato apporre il timbro e data del lato superiore sinistro del modulo, vicino la Croce Rossa.
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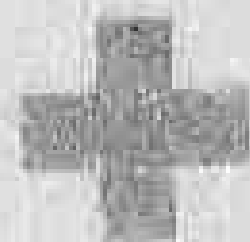
PER IL COMISSARIO REGIONALE

Ad. ALLEN

and At. Dev.

Postal Officer

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

CIVILIAN WAR RELIEF

Col. HEAD
Communications Division
A.C.C.

Home, August 10, 1944

Dear Sir:

Attached is the declaration from the IRC. regarding
the books they wish to send to prisoners of war in the
British Empire and in the United States.

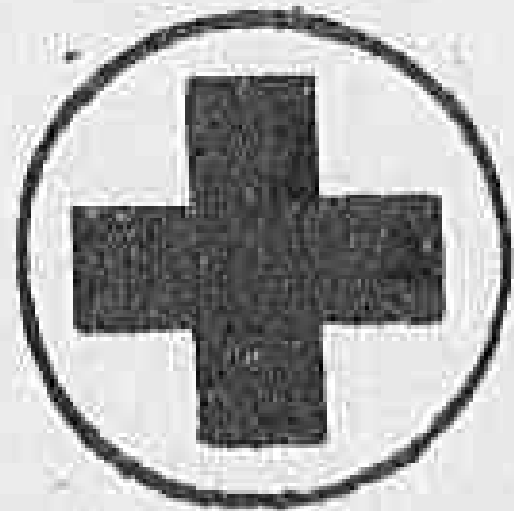
Sincerely yours,

Alice L. Peleguin
(Mrs.) Alice L. Peleguin
Assistant to the Director

Bernini

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
UFFICIO PRIGIONIERI, RICERCHE E SERVIZI CONNESSI

August 8th, 1944.

DECLARATION

We hereby declare that all the books contained in the cases to be forwarded to Italian Prisoner of War, through the American and British Red Cross, do not contain any description whatsoever regarding the fascism or in any way favourable to it, but only lectures of study and novels.

The total of the cases is 60, of which 6 for the American Red Cross and 54 for the British Red Cross.



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To Communications S.C.

This letter was delayed
in transmitting to your office
due to the ambiguous reference.

T/S Gessalpi
Adj. Sec.

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Subject :- Red Cross Medical Supplies
to Italian P.O.W.

Allied Control Commission.
A.P.O. 394

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
MOV. 5/441/2.

8 Aug 44.

1. Your PS/16 13.55 of 2 Aug. Further to our Mov 5/441/2 of 6 Aug. as it is not possible for you to forward above consignment to Castellammare by 8 Aug, enclosed herewith are copies of P.P.S. Six copies for each consignment to be completed, 4 of which to be sent to Hq Movements Naples and 1 copy to us.

2. It is advised that the consignment be concentrated in Naples area in order to take advantage of first opportunity.

Brig.
D.C. (Mov).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 333

9th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: Cs/16/13.57

Subject : International Red Cross Telegrams.

To : Dr. Arnaldo Iuvini.
Inter-national Committee of the Red Cross.
55 Via Campania
Rome.

Your official telegrams to other Int. Red Cross
Committees should be filed with message center of Rome Area
Allied Command, Piazza Venezia. Messages may be filed for
Sima India and message GV17M from Sima is returned herewith.

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

Incl: One telegram.

Col Henderson

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SUBJECT:- Red Cross Parcels for Italian P.O.W.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
Mov 5/41/2
6 Aug 44

To:- H.Q. Movements, NAPLES.

1. Confirming conversation FORTUNE/THORNBAC. Herewith copies of correspondence received from ACC in connection with above.
2. A.C.C. have been requested to have consignment forwarded to CASTELLAMARE to arrive not later than AM 8 Aug. Their representative in NAPLES will contact your H.Q. to-morrow.

Summalt
F- Brig.
D.M.G.(M).

ET/

Copy to: ACC for Col. Scudder
A.P.O. 394 ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 444

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2 August 1944

PS.16/13.55.

SUBJECT:- Red Cross Medical Supplies for Italian P.O.W.

TO:- 4 Movements A.A.I.

1. Application has been made by the International Red Cross, Rome, to dispatch 16 packing cases of medicines containing medicines, from I.R.C. Rome to C.I.R.C. Algiers for forwarding to destinations in Egypt, India, South Africa, England, and United States of America.

2. Section G 5 of A.F.H.Q. sees no objection to facilities being given subject to shipping space being available for this purpose (Copy letter G5/311.16.2 attached refers)

3. The total consignment amounts to 1 3/4 shipping tons.

4. Will you please say if space can be made available at an early date. The conditions re. the necessary guarantees of contents and packing details will be assured before consigning.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

30 July 1944

G-5 311.16-2

SUBJECT: Red Cross medical supplies for POW

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your PS/16/13.52 of 26 July.
2. This section sees no objection to facilities being given to the movement of the packages referred to subject to shipping space being available which can be spared for this purpose and to necessary guarantees being given as to the contents and to them being properly packed for transport.
3. It is suggested you contact Q Movements AAI and ask whether space can be made available giving particulars of the shipping space required (1 shipping ton = 40 cubic feet). It is felt that it may well be possible to arrange this for shipments destined east of Italy but Q Mov AAI would advise you.

4. The correspondence is returned herewith.

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

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

DIRECTOR
DEPUTY DIR.
S. G.
A. C.
C. C.
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Recd. 1.8.44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 444

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26 July 1944

PS.16/13.53.

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. medical supplies.

TO:- Dr. A. Lavini, Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa.
55, Via Campana, Rome

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1. With reference to our discussions and your letter/AI/mh of July 19th and 22nd, the question of forwarding the packing cases of medicinal supplies through other than civil post channels is receiving attention.

2. So far as the ordinary parcels for Internees are concerned, I understand that these items have now been collected back by the Italian Red Cross authorities.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel.No. 489081 Ex444

PS.16/13.52

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: - Red Cross medical supplies for P.O.W.

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

1.- Attached are original letters from the International Red Cross delegate regarding a consignment of packing cases of medical supplies for P.O.W. camps mostly in Africa. -

2.- The matter seems to be one in which we should accede to the request, but owing to the size and weight of the packages they cannot be sent through civil mail channels. (There is no civil parcel post).

3.- The case is submitted therefore in relation to the granting of the request and to alternative transportation arrangements.

For Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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

Encl. 4 -

CASSE CONTENENTI PACCHI MEDICINALIS2
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<u>DESTINAZIONE</u>		<u>PESO</u>	
1	Egypt	Kg.40	90 lbs
2	Egypt	37	83
3	Egypt	23	52
4	India	35	78
5	India	29	65
6	India	20	45
7	South Africa	45	101
8	South Africa	19	43
9	East Africa	44	99
10	East Africa	36	81
11	East Africa	11	25
12	England	33	74
13	U.S.A.	14	32
14	Africa Francese	22	49
15	Asmara	17	38
16	India	25	56
17	Germania	m 3-	
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Re: Parcels for prisoners of war lying in Rome at the Italian Red Cross Information Bureau, 6, Via Puglie. -

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COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE DELLA CROCE ROSSA
DELEGAZIONE IN ITALIA



Inter Arma Caritas

RIF.: AL/mdh.

Si prega menzionare nella risposta

ROMA, li July 19, 1944.

55, Via Campanie - Telet. 43839

Indirizzo telegrafico "INTERCRUX - ROMA."

Lt.Col.S.H.Head
Chief Postal Officer,
Communications S.C.
A.C.C.

Re: Parcels for prisoners of war lying in Rome
at the Italian Red Cross Information Bureau, 6, Via
Puglie.

*Following upon
rebal application*

Referring to your request, we beg to send you
herewith a copy of the letter dated July 10, sent by the Italian
Red Cross to the British and the American Red Cross and from
the latter forwarded to us.

As far as the parcels containing medicines are
concerned we shall not forget to let you know as soon as
possible the sizes and weights of the 16 packing cases.

The Deputy-Delegate of the International
Red Cross Committee:

(Dr. A. Luvinio)

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Encl: 1.

CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

Comitato Centrale

Ufficio Segr. Generale -

481-054

prot. n. 11777/G

oggetto: Parcels for p.o.w. lying in Rome.

Roma July 10, 1944

To the British and American Red Cross
War Relief
R O M E.

I. Parcels containing medicines.

16 packing cases containing such parcels for Italian p.o.w. are lying with the I.R.C., P.O.W. Information Bureau, 6 Via Puglia-Rome.

Contrary to the procedure in the case of ordinary parcels containing food, clothing, books, etc., which are forwarded through ordinary postal channels, parcels containing medicines should be forwarded through the national Red Cross and the International Red Cross Committee, because a special guarantee as to the content is required by the organization accepting these parcels.

The Allied competent authorities are earnestly requested to allow these parcels to be despatched in the usual way i.e. from I.R.C. Rome to C.I.C.R., Algiers and from there on their destination.

II. Parcels for Italians interned in Germany.

4623 parcels are lying at the Rome Railway Station (Termini) addressed to internees in Germany.

Another small consignment of 400 is still at the P.O.W. Bureau 6, via Puglia.

Since Rome was liberated it has not been possible to forward them in any way.

The Allied competent authorities are earnestly requested to suggest a procedure that will enable the I.R.C. to resume the regular forwarding of these P.O.W. parcels to Germany.

Il Segretario Generale C.R.I.
Ugo Theodoli.

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Not since the
Allied occupation
import of food
and clothing
is permitted.
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These have
since been
taken back
by the I.R.C.
Sept 2

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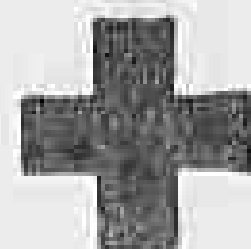
Q. par. 11

put into shipping
An 1 Shipping ton = 40 cubic feet.

THX.

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COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE DELLA CROCE ROSSA



DELEGAZIONE IN ITALIA

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Inter Arma Caritas

ROMA, 4 July 22, 1944.

55, Via Campana - Telef. 49039

Indirizzo telegrafico "INTERCRUX - ROMA."

RIE: A.I./mdh.

Si prega menzionare nella risposta

Lt. Col. E.H. Head,
Chief Postal Officer,
Communications S.C.
A.C.C.

Re: Parcels for prisoners of war
lying in Rome at the I.R.C.

With further reference to our
letter of July 19, 1944, we beg to enclose
herewith a list giving measures, weights and
volumes of the 16 packing cases of medicines.

Regarding the food and clothing
parcels for Italian internees in Germany,
they are all provided with the special label
issued by the camps in Germany.

(Dr. A. Muvini)
Deputy Delegate of the International
Red Cross Committee.
Central Italy.

Encl: 1.

Cases containing medical boxes
CASSE CONTENENTI PACCHI MEDICINALI.

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Destinazione	Length Lunghezza	Width Largh.	Height Altezza	Weight Peso	Volume
N.1 <i>Egypt</i> EGIPPO	cm. 70	cm. 47	cm. 48	Kg. 40	m ³ 0,158
N.2 <i>Egypt</i> EGIPPO	75	46	44	37	0,152
N.3 <i>Egypt</i> EGIPPO	76	45	33	23	0,120
N.4 INDIA	61	50	40	35	0,122
N.5 INDIA	76	46	33	29	0,115
N.6 INDIA	60	48	36	20	0,104
N.7 SOUTH AFRICA	62	55	53	45	0,181
N.8 SOUTH AFRICA	75	47	35	19	0,123
N.9 EAST AFRICA	85	55	38	44	0,178
N.10 EAST AFRICA	65	46	52	36	0,163
N.11 EAST AFRICA	55	37	30	11	0,061
N.12 <i>England</i> INGHILTERRA	87	48	30	33	0,125
N.13 U.S.A.	50	42	23	14	0,048
N.14 AFRICA FRANCESE	60	45	27	22	0,073
N.15 ASMARA	57	46	35	17	0,092
N.16 INDIA	62	55	30	25	0,102
				450	m ³ 1,917
N.17 GERMANIA	75	47	35	21	0,123

 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton

70.6 cu ft

1 m³= 1.3058
cu yds.

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

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Subcommission
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5 July 1944.

P.311/21
P.154/412

SUBJECT : I.R.C. Message Service.
TO : Postal Officer Rome Region.

1. I enclose a copy of the latest instructions on the subject.

2. A little while ago at the request of the Communications Sub-Commission I saw Dr. Burkhard with a view to ascertaining his intentions regarding sale of farms etc, the new Provinces but he was then unable to give definite information. I hear that since then he has been to Rome and I intended to see him again.

3. If you already have the necessary information as to the proposed arrangements I should be glad to have details.

W.H.G./fcl.

DEPUTY DIR.
DIRECTOR.
S.O. (1)
S.O. (2)
CENSORSHIP
CHIEF CLERK
Re. 4 6/7/44

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

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission.
Rear Hqs., A.C.C. (ref. 16/19/2.).

f memo with you

*PS 16/13/40
16/19/2*

of 303 May.

PS 16/13

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

P-311.21

30th. June 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Information.

TO : Postal Officer, Region III,
ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. This office is contemplating to institute the International Red Cross message service within this Region. Could you please furnish us with the correct address to which we are to despatch these forms, after they have been censored.

For the Regional Commissioner.

G. Alasia.
G. ALASIA
CAPT. A.G.D.
POSTAL OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

DIRECTOR, APO 394 U.S. Army.

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CHIEF CLERK.

16 June 1944.

PS. 16/13/46.

P. 154/ 327

SUBJECT : ~~IRC Communications Service.~~
TO : Communications Sub-Commission., Rear Hqrs ACC.

1. I saw Dr. Burkhard on 13th instant and arranged for a large quantity of IRC Message forms for Rome to be censored and sent forward with the first postcard despatch.
2. In view of the rapid advance towards the North the IRC are holding the forms for 21 Provinces outside the Postal Service boundary.
3. Dr. Burkhard is in some difficulty in making suggestions for the extension of the service because of this lack of information as to the means of communication and the position both as regards Post Office services and Red Cross organizations in the newly liberated territory. He has already asked Brigadier Lush to be allowed to visit Rome to contact the IRC delegation there and desires also to visit several of the Capoluoghi on the way.
4. In theory he would prefer that the service be expanded on the lines agreed for Prisoner of War mail in forward areas. I see no reason why the forms should not be sold at Post Offices as soon as connections are available from the Provincial Capital for financial services.
5. I would suggest that it is now essential that each Region outside Postal boundary should be asked to keep the Communications Sub-Commission informed as to courier services working within its territory. This information (which can only be obtained satisfactorily from within the Region) could then be coordinated at Headquarters and the resultant complete picture should be very valuable.
6. I have asked Lt. Allen to let me have this information as soon as possible in respect of Region 5 as I am not at all clear at the moment how Foggia and Campobasso should be served in future
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Capt Talbot has agreed that, while the service continues to operate from Naples, the once weekly courier may be used for P.O.W. mail.

W.H.G./idf.

W.H. Green

W.H. GREEN

Major

Postal Officer.

HEAD HQS.
A. G. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

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31 June 1944

PS. 16/13.48.

SUBJECT:- Courier Services.

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

1. In connection with the "pre-mail service" distribution of I. & C. messages and blank message forms, and POW letters, it is necessary to have information regarding the Region / Province from which Courier services are to be set up.

2. Please keep this HQS. advised accordingly, sending copies of the relative notifications to the Postal Officers of all other Regions directly affected.

3. As and when appropriate arrangements may be made direct between Postal Officers for the inter-transmission of the items mentioned in para 1.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
C. I. C.

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

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

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13 June 1944.

P. 124/ 319

SUBJECT : International Red Cross Messages.
TO : Capt. Alasia., Postal Officer.,
C.A.S. 5 Army AMS.

1. I have ascertained that the IREC delegate in Naples has on hand a large number of 25 word messages from Rome City.
2. Some of these are several months old having been to Algiers and returned to Naples.
3. It would I think look very bad if the postcards posted under the new service got prior delivery and I am therefore arranging for these IREC messages to be censored and sent on in a bag addressed to Allied Censor Control Rome.
4. Perhaps you will collaborate with Motroni in arranging delivery.
5. Now that the postcard service is available there should be no more IREC messages for Rome from this area.
6. Similarly if the IREC delegate in Rome has got old messages on hand for the postally "open" areas in Italy we could arrange disposal if you can send them to Naples.

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

W.H.G./idf.
Copies to :

Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Censor Control Naples.
Allied Censor Control Rome.
Dr. Burkhard.



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

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8 June 1944

PS. 16/13.46.

SUBJECT:- I.R.C. Communications Service.

TO:- Major Green, Postal Officer, Region II

Now that further territory is opening up, the above service will require further consideration. Will you please see Dr. Burkhard and ascertain what his ideas are as regards future form printing and distribution arrangements, and continued operation of the service by the I.R.C. in advance of the mail delivery limits.

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

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

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PS. 16/13.45.

4 June 1944

SUBJECT:- Communication for IRCC, Naples.

TO:- International Red Cross Committee, 38 Via Tasso, Naples.

1. The attached letter has reached this Sub-Commission for forwarding.

2. It is requested that the IRC representatives abroad be advised to use the civil mail address of the IRCC in Naples without any reference to a military unit or APO number.

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Charles I. Turner
Captain AGD
Postal Branch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
APO 512

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26 May 1944.

SUBJECT : International Red Cross Mail.

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

1. The attached letter reached this branch, could you arrange for its delivery to Dr. Burkhardt.

2. It is felt that his attention should be drawn to the connection of the APO 400 and Naples in the address. It is suggested that he inform his correspondent that in future she should use the Naples address without any APO number.

DONALD D. HOOVER,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Communications Censorship.

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

26 May 1944

Ref/25/54/CA

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Communications, other than Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The procedure at Appendix "A" is forwarded for your information.
2. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions of these arrangements and in particular the Vatican representatives in Palermo, Naples and Cagliari should be contacted.
3. Reference is made to 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944 and 25/23/CA of 18 March 1944.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copies to:

G-5 Section, AFHQ
Political Section (Mr. Reber)
Admin. Section
Communications Sub-Commission.
Monsignor Carroll.

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File 13

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25/54/04

(A) VATICAN SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory)

- Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.
- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that;

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(b) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).

- i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples Palermo and Gagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.

11. Forms then to be dealt with as in item 7(ii) + (iv) + (v) + (vi).

ii. After individual censorship of each form, Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

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(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).

- i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.
- ii. Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) of (A) except that the bags to be labelled:

International Red Cross Committee,
Algiers.

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, via Algiers).

- i. Bags containing forms will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at these three places.

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11. After censorship, the forms will be collected by the International Red Cross for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

11. International Red Cross will then hand the forms back to the Civil Post Offices at the three places mentioned for forwarding and delivery.

Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy and the Islands.

Such services as have been available are now temporarily suspended.

26 May 1944.

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
GENÈVE

INTER ADMA CARITAS

DELEGATION

Naples. Via Tasso, 38.

Subject: Civil Messages and Inquiries.To: H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

We send copy with all particulars about our Civil Messages and Inquiries Services, as they are working in Southern Italy.--

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGECopy to:*St Paul Bankland.*

- 1) H.Q. Allied Control Commission
- 2) A.M.C.-Commissioner Region III
- 3) H.Q.-Public Health and Welfare
- 4) H.Q.-Red Cross Civilian War Relief
- 5) H.Q.-American Red Cross
- 6) H.Q.-British Red Cross

DIRECTOR	
D/DIRECTOR	
S. O. (I)	
S. O. (P)	
CENSORSHIP	
CHEF CLERK	
<i>Recd 21.5.44.</i>	

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPIES

Naples, May 19th 1944.

Reference to : Our letter dated March 4th 1944

addressed to : H.Q. A.C.C.-
A.M.G.- Commission Reg. III
A.R.C.
B.R.C.

subject : Civil Messages and Inquiries

We beg to resume these two Services, and detail how they are actually working in Southern-Italy.

Considering that no normal postal service is acting

between :

- a) Allied and / Allied controlled Territories
 - b) Germany - Japan and/controlled Territories
- and in order to give the opportunity for civilians to communicate between Territories as sub para a with Territories as sub para b.-

and in the reverse

the International Red Cross has established the following Services :

A= Civil Message Forms-Service
These Forms can be used as follows :

- 1= Only civilians - and no military persons - have to appear to be both senders and addressees, and their full addresses are to be known and clearly and completely put on the forms.
 - 2= No more than 25 words can be written on strictly familiar character with no reference to finances, war and political matters.
 - 3= The forms are sold in Southern-Italy to the fixed price of lire 15.-each
- a) in all Provinces where the postal service is opened :
by the local P.C. and posted there-
 - b) in the Provinces where the postal service is not yet opened :
by the Italian Red Cross-Offices - and collected by the same for forwarding to our Office.

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Naples, May 19th 1944.

B.= Inquiry Service =

This traditional International Red Cross service can be used by people who do not know the actual address of the persons they want to correspond with, in order to get news regarding health and whereabouts of same.=

Such inquiries must be started only by relatives of the enquired, and in cases there are serious motives to be anxious about them.

In Southern-Italy the Enquiry-forms (distinct forms for civilian and for military persons) are handed over from the International Red Cross to the Provincial Offices of the Italian Red Cross to deal with.

Therefore : any enquiry has to be handed over - with all particulars which are requested to the Italian Red Cross Offices. - These offices will forward the carefully filled up enquiries to the International Red Cross, according to very strict instructions.=

- No charge is due for the Inquiry-service.-

The International Red Cross - to which both the Forms :

A/ Civil-Message Form = B/ Enquiry Forms

are channelled, deals as for :
sorting, forwarding to Geneva - to the addressees
and in the reverse.=

Of course : The International Red Cross Office :
receives from Censor Control Officer ^{JO} the mail coming in
delivers to " " all the mail going out

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPLES

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPLES

Naples, Via Tasso, 38

Telef. 12295

Telegr. "INTERCROIXROUGE"

-Naples-

S. Saul

Translation

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994, U.S. Army.

*Communications
Receivables
ACC
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17 May 1944.

P. 154/220

SUBJECT: Servizio Messaggi della Croce Rossa Internazionale.
TO: The Provincial Director Posts and Telegraphs.,
Avellino.

1. Please furnish the following information:

(a) Whether you received the copy of Circular N.27 issued by the Ragioneria Centrale on 23rd March 1944 and forwarded with my letter TP.154/44 of 27th March.

(b) Whether the necessary relative instructions have been issued to the dependent offices in your Province.

2. ~~for~~ It will be seen from paragraph 3 of Circular N.27 that the supplies of forms for use in Avellino Province are due to be obtained from the Deposito Carte Valori di Napoli.

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

W.H.G./fdf.

*To Communications sub-commission
Receivables ACC*

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P.13

HMAN HES.

A. C. S.

Communications Sub-Commission

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20 May 1944

PS/18.13.41-1243

SUBJECT:- Vatican and International Red Cross communications, other than Ecclesiastical correspondence.

TO:- A.C. & M.C. Section, A.C.S. H.Q. main

1. Attached are copies (brought by hand from M.G.S., AFHQ) of correspondence setting out the arrangements now made for the handling of the subject items. Also attached is a copy of the notification sent to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs. - 40
2. Copies of the correspondence have been conveyed to Monsignor Carroll (at the 300th Federal Hospital, Naples) but it has not been possible to discuss the position with him or with Mr. Reber (Political Section Naples) who is also closely interested in the Vatican service.
3. It will no doubt be desired to notify Regional Commissioners of the Vatican service facilities, in amplification of A.C. and M.G.S. letter no 25/23/3A of March 18th 1944. They will presumably notify their local ecclesiastical authorities independently of any information issued by Mons. Carroll.

J. L. MESDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy (without enclosures) to:- AFHQ, MGS

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F. 613

PS 613.41-9.3

MEMORANDUM -

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Standard 25-word written communications, between civilians in Allied occupied Italy and:-

- i. (M) Enemy occupied territory
- ii. (M) Prisoners of war in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE - (Excluded)

← (1) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)
(a) Forms to be handed by Vatican representatives to the ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICER at either NAPLES, or PALERMO, or CAGLIARI.

(B) After individual Censorship of each form, ACCO's at 3 places indicated will hand forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label bags:-

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
ALGIERS.

(c) ACCO's will ~~stamp~~ ^{mark} bag labels with either "Verificato per Cen-
tura" or "A.C.S." stamp.

(d) Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand bags over to United States APO for despatch.

(e) No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:-
Naples 17/3, Naples 17/3, Naples 17/3.
(Despatch N° 17; 3 Bags)

← (2) Incoming - (From enemy occupied territory, via Algiers)

(a) Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at NAPLES, PALERMO and CAGLIARI, addressed to THE ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICERS at those three places.

(b) After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the LOCAL VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

NOTE - The following arrangements are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia:-

- (i) ^{and aggregation} Collection of outgoing forms and handing over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three control centres mentioned.
- (ii) Collection from Censorship Officers and delivery to addressees, ^{Subsequent} of incoming forms.

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(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE - (Excluded)

← (3) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)

(a) Forms to be handed by IRC delegates at Naples, Palermo and

(A) VATICAN SERVICE - (Continued)

←-(1) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)

(a) Forms to be handed by Vatican representatives to the ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICER at either NAPLES, or PALERMO, or CAGLIARI.

(B) After individual Censorship of each form, ACCO's at 3 places indicated will hand forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label bags:-

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
ALGIERS.

(c) ACCO's will ~~stamp~~ ^{mark} bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or "A.C.S." stamp.

(d) Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand bags over to United States APO for despatch.

(e) No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:-
Naples 17/3, Naples 17/3, Naples 17/3.
(Despatch N° 17; 3 Bags)

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- (i) ^{them} Collection of outgoing forms and handing over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three control centres mentioned.
(ii) Collection from Censorship Officers and delivery to addressees. ^{Subsequent} of incoming forms.

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(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE - (Excluded) 5579

←-(3) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)

(a) Forms to be handed by IRC delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICER.

(b) Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1 (b)(c)(d)(e) EXCEPT that bags to be labelled:-

International Red Cross Committee
ALGIERS

←-(4) Incoming - (From enemy occupied territory, via Algiers)

(a) Bags containing forms will arrive at NAPLES, PALERMO and

CAGLIARI addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at those three places.

(b) After censorship, the forms will be collected by the IRC for sorting into Provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

(c) I.R.C. will then hand the forms back to the Post Offices for forwarding and delivery.

FIXED TEXT RADIO MESSAGES
(i) Italians. POW in North Africa and Italy, and
(ii) German in occupied territory.
between
and from
Liberty
between
friends

(c) Details of the service at present to the available have been furnished to the P.O.W. Camp Commandants, who forward and receive the relative forms through official or APC channels.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594

16 May, 1944

In reply
refer to:FS/16/13/39

Subject: Italian Civil Postal Service.

To: Headquarters, No. 3 District.

38.

Reference your letter 6/CSI dated 14th May.

1. A postal service has been in operation from King's Italy to Great Britain since February 16, 1944.

2. The service also includes America and other allied and most neutral countries, and is also extended in Italy to include Naples Province (up to the R. Volturno) and Avellino Province.

3. The service is limited to personal correspondence (commercial correspondence is forbidden), and letters are limited to 50 grams in weight.

4. Detailed regulations can be seen in any civil post office.

5. The International Red Cross is not intended to cover such mail, but a special service for enemy and enemy-occupied countries, dealt with under different regulations.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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

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EG/16.13.40.
EG/16.13.40.

May 1944

SUBJECT:- Vatican and IRS communications.

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

1. Various changes regarding the handling of Vatican and I.R.C. forms have now been made; the finally agreed procedure is now to be as indicated in the accompanying memorandum. Will you please issue the necessary instructions to Palermo and Cagliari (with a copy to Bari for information).

2. It will be seen that :-
(a) Outgoing Vatican forms are now to be forwarded from separate centres in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.
(b) The forwarding of bags addressed "c/o Military Government Section, AFHQ" is discontinued.

A. R. HEAD
Major

Copies to :- Postal Officer, Region III (to instruct Naples)
Major MacKean, Civil Censorship Group.
P.O's II and III

TRADIZIONE

1. Varie modifiche sono ora state fatte circa il trattamento dei moduli del Vaticano e della Croce Rossa Internazionale, e la procedura definita in conclusione e' quella indicata nel pro-memoria allegato. Vi prego di impartire le necessarie istruzioni a Palermo e Cagliari (con una copia a Bari per conoscenza).

2. Noterete che:-
(a) I messaggi del Vaticano in partenza devono ora essere inoltrati da tre centri diversi per il continente, la Sicilia e la Sardegna.
(b) L'inoltro dei sacchi con l'indirizzo "c/o Military Government Section, AFHQ" e' sospeso e modificato.

7.12.13

SUBJECT : Postal Communications

DIRECTOR
D/DIRECTOR.

S O (T)
S O P

Postal Sub Commission,
ACC

CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 6
6/GSI
14 May 44

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1. May this HQ please be informed of the following :-

Do channels other than the International Red Cross exist whereby an Italian civilian resident in King's Italy may communicate by letter with a civilian living in Great Britain ?.

TCT/HDH

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Action 39

Townsend

(T O TOWNSEND) Capt
for Maj Gen
Comd

File 13

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

SNH/ec

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PS/18.13.37.

14 May 1944

SUBJECT:- I.R.C. Forms.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region III.

1. Avellino have reported that no IRC forms have yet reached them. It was provided that supplies would be sent from the Naples Provincial Directorate. Please ensure that this is done in future cases, for all A.C.C. provinces concerned. In the meantime a consignment of forms is being sent to Avellino from Salerno.

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S. H. HEAD
Major

Copy to :- The Undersecretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

TRADUZIONE

OGGETTO:- Moduli della Croce Rossa Internazionale.

1. Avellino riferisce di non aver ancora ricevuto i moduli messaggi della Croce Rossa Internazionale. Era stato previsto che i moduli sarebbero stati mandati dalla Direzione Provinciale di Napoli. Vi prego di assicurarvi che così verrà fatto in futuro, per tutte le provincie interessate della A.C.C.. Nel frattempo un quantitativo di buoni viene inviato ad Avellino da Salerno.

Share - File in F. 16.13.

JLM/epc

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

27 April, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16.3.58

Subject: Vatican and International Red Cross Mails.

To: A.F.H.Q., M.G.S.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 14 April, 1944, (HQS 091.6), in accordance with which this Sub-Commission has received the re-addressed bags of various types of mail and messages (35 bags in all).

2. Whilst the bags for the I.R.C. were originally addressed C/O HQS, several others as indicated in the following paragraph, were not, and it is not at all clear how these came to be delivered to HQS. This point is of interest in relation to complaints which have been received of non-receipt of mails.

3. The contentment of bags comprised the following:

a. Two from Palermo to Tunis, clearly labelled. (one label is attached).

b. Two from Palermo to Cairo, clearly labelled. (one label is attached).

c. One clearly labelled "Service d'Information du Vatican, peres Blanc, Maison Carree, Alger", and bearing a Censorship stamp. (Label attached).

d. One clearly labelled "Provost Marshall, Sousse, Algiers (POW)". (Label attached). The contents had been censored.

e. One - labelling uncertain - contained censored mail for Pantelleria (due to circulate via Tunis).

f. One contained censored messages from POW in North Africa on standard I.R.C. I.C.W. message forms. A number of censored Vatican messages for radio transmission were also enclosed.

g. Seven bags labelled "I.R.C.O., C/O Military Government Section A.F.H.Q." One of the labels, all of which bore the Censors stamp, is enclosed.

h. Thirteen addressed "HQS - Vatican messages". contents censored.

i. Ten containing Vatican or I.R.C. messages, original label address not known.

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4. The form of address for the I.R.C.C. items - para 3 (c) - was in accordance with the latest instructions of 15th March, 1944, and message no. 46037 of 1st February.

5. These I.R.C.C. messages cannot be sent through "the normal overseas civil postal service" as stated in para 2 of your communication quoted above, for the following reasons:

a. They are addressed to enemy occupied territories, to which the postal service from Italy does not operate.

b. The transportation charges from Algiers to enemy occupied territory and return are one to be paid by the I.R.C.C. under separate arrangements made by that organization.

6. With regard to the handling of Vatican messages, reference is made to your communication of April 11, and message no. 469741 of 9th April. A system will have to be adopted that now in effect for I.R.C.C. messages between civilians, for the same reasons as given in the previous paragraph. Arrangements are being discussed with Monsignor Carroll regarding the collection, delivery, and censorship of Vatican messages in Allied occupied Italy. The handling of such messages beyond that stage is outside the scope of this Sub-Commission. However, assistance will be given toward developing a workable plan, but it is re-iterated that no obligation or duty is seen to rest upon this Headquarters for the transmission of communications of this nature to other than a Vatican representative.

7. The contents of the 35 bags in question were found to be in conformity with the original labels. In those cases in which the latter had been re-used. All the correspondence concerned has been disposed of, with the exception of nine bags of Vatican messages addressed to enemy occupied Italy. These are being held awaiting the discussions with Monsignor Carroll, who is at present in hospital. All of the I.R.C.C. forms have been re-bagged (6 bags) and sent forward addressed again to "I.R.C.C. C/O RGS, AFHQ", in accordance with your instructions above referred to. One bag containing packages, addressed to the White Fathers, Maison Carree, Algiers, has also been forwarded C/O R.C.S. This will probably be the channel to be followed for Vatican messages.

8. Should any further such mails reach RGS they will no doubt be forwarded here, in view of our message no. 3607 and the information given herein. It is difficult to appreciate why this particular consignment was so forwarded. It is very apparent

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27 Apr. 84. Continued.

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that a joint and firm understanding needs to be reached on the matter of these services generally, and it is proposed that as soon as the position can be cleared up with Monsignor Carroll, Capt. Turner shall visit AFHQ towards that end.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

NOTE: Your cable No. F57864 has been received; the bags referred to above had already been dispatched.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

D/jjr

14 April 1944.

MGS-091.6

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Standard
25-word messages.

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

Reference is made to your 2557 of 30 March, and to our P29741 in reply thereto. Our memorandum MGS: 091.6 of 11 April addressed to the Vatican Information Bureau, Algiers, with copy to you also refers.

1. There have been received in this Headquarters, addressed to Military Government Section, some thirty mail sacks containing in the main Vatican Information Service Standard 25-word messages, but also a number of International Red Cross messages of the same type. These messages are for various destinations and it appears that the majority have been censored.

2. Endeavours have been made to arrange for their onward transmission but as neither this Section nor INC, AFHQ, have the facilities for sorting, packing, and re-addressing so large a number, and as the Controles Techniques decline to undertake this labour, we have been unable to despatch the messages to their final destinations. It would seem that the messages should have been censored, sorted, and packed in Italy for despatch by the Italian postal authorities through the normal overseas civil postal service, and should not have been addressed to this Headquarters.

3. In the circumstances, therefore, there is no alternative but to return all the bags to you with the request that the messages shall be checked to ensure that they have been subjected to censorship, and that afterwards they shall be delivered to the Italian postal authorities for sorting, packing, and despatch. Bags will be addressed -

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

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Standard
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Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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

and will each contain one copy of this letter. It is regretted that this procedure has to be adopted but provided the correct procedure is followed in future there should be no repetition,

For the Chief of Section:

D. G. Walker
D. G. WALKER
Major.

Copy to: - G-1 (B)
INC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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Telecoms Posts
APRIL

MSG Center No : 8/23
 Classification : RESTRICTED
 Precedence : ROUTINE
 From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
 To : IBS FOR STUBBLEBINE FOR MCKEAN

Date | Time Rec'd : 23/0206B
 Date | Time Sent : 22/1938B
 Reference NR : F36118
 Cite : THINC

REQUEST THAT INSTRUCTIONS FORWARDED ON HANDLING OF INTERNATIONAL
 RED CROSS RAPID MESSAGES BE ADHERED TO. ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICER
 AT NAPLES IS SIMPLY NOTING THAT ENVELOPE GOES THROUGH STATION AND DOES
 NOT CENSOR. MESSAGES SHOULD BE CENSORED AND PASSED TO ALLIED CONTROL
 COMMISSION.

ACTION COPY

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

10 April 1944

PS/16.13.33

SUBJECT:- International Red Cross.

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

- 1.- RE. your RPO 311.19 of March 31st.
- 2.- Attached for information is a copy of a communication relating to the despatch, by non-postal channels of books to North Africa for P.O.W.
- 3.- It is considered that in the case which you submit, somewhat similar arrangements should be made i.e. for despatch through official mail channels, though not necessarily by air. The matter should be referred to the Regional Commissioner accordingly.
- 4.- It will be necessary to keep the Censorship officer advised.

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

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In reply refer to:
DCC 383.6

24 March 1944

SUBJECT:- Parcels for Italian P.O.W.

Dear General Orlando, There has been some confusion over the permission given to you by Lt. Gen. MacFarlane to send parcels to the Italian P.O.W. in North Africa. Apparently this has been interpreted as a permission for personal parcels to be sent to individual prisoners, and some parcels have been handed into Post Offices for transmission. This was not intended.

The permission given is for a bulk carriage of gift parcels for the Italian P.O.W. in North Africa to be made from any suitable place in Italy to the Italian Liaison Mission in Algiers for distribution by them. The parcels may not contain any food or clothing, and will normally be restricted to books, pamphlets, newspapers and similar material. They will not be addressed to individual persons.

All arrangements for collection, transportation and distribution will be made by the Italian authorities, the transportation being made by Italian planes, up to a maximum of one plane a fortnight (for the first journey three planes are permitted), authorization for the journeys being obtained from the Air Sub-Commission (Air Commodore Foster), subject to operational availability.

It will be necessary to arrange for Allied censorship on the consignments; if you will let me know where the parcels are being collected, this will be arranged.

Yours very truly,

Signed, ELLENY W. STONE
Captain, USSR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellence General Taddeo Orlando, cc:
The Under-Secretary of State for War
Italian Government.

Air Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Com.
Censorship Liaison Officer

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

31 March 1944

File: WFO 311.19

Subject: International Red Cross.

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

1. Attached is a copy of a request received at this HQ, submitted by the local International Red Cross agency.

2. As the request contained therein is not permitted under the existing international postal regulations and since, according to the statement of Mr. Kuhne such is permitted under the International Red Cross agreement, this request is submitted to your office for recommendation and remarks.

For Lt. Colonel HANCOCK:

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

Incl:-

1 - Copy of Letter of I.R.C.

Action for 33A

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

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Recd. 4th April. 1944

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COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

DELEGATION

Palermo, 30 March 1944
ma/

TO : Lt. Alasia
Post Officer
Palermo

SUBJECT :

Study-books to be sent to the Delegation of the International Red Cross Committee at Algiers (request coming from the French Division General Boissau, chief of the General Direction and Inspection of Axis P.O.W in Africa).

1. I hand you herewith copy of a letter addressed to the Civil Censorship Authorities of Allied Forces in Palermo.

2. I should be thankful if you would on your turn examine the possibility of mailing this unique shipment of books.

3. It concerns a shipment from the International Red Cross Committee Delegation at Palermo, to the I. R. C. C. Delegation in Algiers, and does not concern personal parcels for prisoners of war.

4. I am at your disposal for the orders to give with regard to the size and weight of the parcels, to be confectioned in the most practical manner for being transported.

5. I should be grateful to you if would give me as soon as possible an answer about item 4. -

GEORGES KUHN

Attached : 1 copy.

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Palermo, 30 March 1944
ma/

TO : Lt. Jackson
Civil Censorship Section
Palermo

Subject: Study=books to be sent to the Delegation of the International Red Cross Committee at Algiers (request coming from the French Division General Boissau, chief of the General Direction and Inspection of Axis P. O. W. in Africa).

1. The I.R.C.C. Delegation of Algiers has forwarded me a request from the French Division General Boissau, chief of the General Direction and Inspection of Axis P.O.W. in Africa, asking of this I. R. C.C. Delegation for Sicily to send some study books and writing materials to be put at the disposal of Italian Officers, Prisoners of War in French hands, who wish to improve their knowledges.

2. I am able to find at Palermo almost all the scientific books asked for. (New books).

3. I refer to art. 39 of the Prisoners of war Code (Genova Convention of 27/1/1929).

4. I intend to make parcels of books grouped, if possible, by branches; weight and dimensions of the parcels will be the most practical as possible with regard to censuring and to transportation from Palermo to Algiers.

5. The parcels would be addressed to the I. R. C. C. Delegation in Algiers. They are not personal parcels for P. O. W.

6. A general list of the books will be handed to the competent Censure and

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Palermo, 30 March 1944

2. To: Lt. Jackson

Transportation Offices of Allied Forces in Palermo.

The same list would be filed also to the I. R. C. C. Delegation at Algiers. No list, neither complete nor fragmentary, would be included in the parcels.

7. Thus it would be one unique mailing of about 100 to 150 volumes.

I try actually to gather in Sicily second-hand books to be sent to Italian prisoners of war in Northern Algeria and other countries; but for the moment this is only a project; when it will be more concrete, it will be examined again, with the competent Censure and Transportation Authorities.

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NAPLES, March 31th 1944



COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE a.f.
DELEGATION

Naples
38, Via Tasso

To/ Major HEAD
A.C.C.
Postal-Telecomm.- Sub-Commission.

Dear Mr. Head.

- Our Delegation received the letter dated March 25th 1944 of the Italian Ministry of Communications, stating the conditions agreed for the selling of Civilian-Message Forms through all the Italian Post-Offices. - There are two points yet to be settled:
1. We never spoke of a sum to be retained by the Italian Ministry of Communications for a guarantee: on the contrary, our Delegation agreed to be paid only the forms sold every month instead of receiving immediately the amount of the forms handed over to the Central Post-Office.
 2. The selling of the forms in Naples and the other territories under control of A.M.G. can start immediately through the Italian Post-offices, but arrangements have to be agreed by our Delegation with A.C.C. Officers only as for:
 - a) stopping the Credito Italiano forms - a certain number being without serie-numbers and Naples Post-Offices being not efficient enough-
 - b) arranging the selling and circulation of Message-Forms in territories with no postal service.
- As a matter of fact, Col. Norman E. Fiske H.Q.A.C.C.-R.C. & M.C. Section is already dealing on that point. #/

I enclose/

1. copy of the letter dated March 25th of the Italian Ministry of Communications to our Delegation;
2. copy of our letter dated March 31st to the Italian Ministry of Communications.

Will you, please, point out to Exc. Fano that our objections are justified, and make him agree soon, in order that the Civil-Message Forms selling through the Italian Post-Offices may start with no further delay.

With many thanks and kind regards
Yours sincerely

Burkhard

copy enclosed letter March 23rd -

Memo:
Major Frascetta has been
in Burkhard at Naples today
checked up all points.

Settled

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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From I.R.C. to In Fano 31 March 1944

1.- It does not seem justified your request of holding a amount from the first payment, which - in our opinion - should be made entirely, as the following ones - This teleoperation delivery in advance forms and receives correspondent amount when forms are sold with a monthly accounting = Perhaps you may OK to your subordinate offices to cover the amount of unsold forms held by the offices at the end of each month

The General in function of the Central Committee in Geneva forbid absolutely to this teleoperation to ^{viaggi} undertake in any way, also temporary - amounts

Due to the I.R.C. the oral arrangements with you never we spoke to hold such amounts.

2.- The sell through Credits Helvetic hand officers in Naples city) will cease an arrangements that are being taken between this teleoperation and A.C.C., being the territory under A.C.C. control (last part of your in function in 27) and this in relation with the particular position of Naples, ~~and~~ the few post offices existing and forms without real number) still available, which could not be used in the post offices. ^{SSP & control} Therefore the Post Offices in territory under ^{SSP & control} must be in function by you to accept outgoing

1. - It was our understanding that a payment, which - in our opinion - should be made entirely, as the following ones - This telegraph delivery in advance form and receives correspondent amount when prints are sold, with a monthly accounting - Perhaps you may ask to your subordinate offices to cover the amount of unsold forms held by the offices at the end of each month.

The General in function of the Central Committee in Geneva, which refers to this telegraph to ^{relate} ~~relate~~ in any way, also temporary - amounts due to the I.R.C.

For all arrangements with you, never we have to hold such amounts.

2. - The well known Credit to Holms (head offices in Naples city) will cease on arrangements that are being taken between this telegraph and A.C.C., being the territory ^{under} A.C.C. control (last part of your in function in 27) and this in relation with the particular position of Naples, ~~and~~ the few post offices existing and forms without and (number) will be available, which could not be used in the post offices.

Therefore the Post Offices in territory under ^{the} A.C.C. control must be in function by you to accept outgoing messages also if not close stamped.

From Tr. Fano to I. R. C.

25 - March 64

The administrative contacts concerning mortgage service will be ~~regulated~~ regulated every month with payments to the Central Region of this Ministry will make on two ^{cas} in Naples & Palermo (for Sicily & Sardinia) of which you will be good enough to tell us the number; the basis will be of 13 lire for each form.

1. The payments will be notified to you every time and record of forms issued ~~to~~ each Province will be attached.

From the amount of the first payment a conventional amount will be held, corresponding to the fourth part of forms is need to cover the amount of unsold forms held by the offices at the end of each month.

Please inform us of the date on which the first delivery of forms will be operated to the Form ~~are~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ of the Provincial Section in Naples with the agreement that in the same day will cease the issue of forms through the offices of Credito Italiano.

The Undersecretary of State.

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DELEGATION NAPIES

Napoli, 31 marzo

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ON. MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale P.P.M.

COPIE
SALERNO

Naples

38, Via Tasso

Rif. N. S/8.3/941

OGGETTO : Servizio messaggi della C.R.I.

Questa Delegazione ha ricevuto la lettera 25 corr. di cote-
sto On. Ministero e gli allegati, e si dichiara di accordo col con-
tenuto.

Si permette però di fare le seguenti eccezioni :

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Le istruzioni generali del Comitato Centrale di Ginevra vietano in modo assoluto a questa Delegazione di vincolare - in modo qualsiasi, anche temporaneo - somme di proprietà del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa.

Nei verbali accordi presi con cotesto On. Ministero mai si ebbe a fare accenni a simili trattenute.

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Pertanto gli uffici postali dei territori sottoposti al controllo del Comando Alleato dovranno ricevere istruzioni da cotesto On. Ministero di accettare i moduli in partenza ancora approvati di bollo e data, in deroga al § 7 capoverso della citata circolare N.27.

OGGETTO : Servizio messaggi della C.R.I.

Questa Delegazione ha ricevuto la lettera 25 corr. di cote-
 testo On. Ministero e gli allegati, e si dichiara di accordo col con-
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o/o

Napoli, 3 marzo 4

Voglio N.2

Naples

38, Via Tasso

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Ciò in particolar modo anche perchè sono in corso trattative per il servizio messaggi attraverso organi dell'I.C.O. nelle regioni attualmente prive di servizio postale (Voggia, Campobasso ecc.).

Questa delegazione ritiene che cotesto On. Ministero vorrà dimostrare il suo alto spirito di collaborazione e comprensione dichiarandosi di accordo sui due punti sopra rilevati.

L'inizio della consegna dei moduli a Napoli potrà effettuarsi a partire dal giorno di lunedì 3 Aprile. La signorina Richter & Co. - Via Fra Gregorio Carafa al Reclusorio N.35 - Napoli - (telefono 53-4981) intende consegnare nei propri locali i moduli si funzionari del Deposito Carte valori di Napoli, i quali pertanto dovranno recare l'occorrenza per la riconfezionatura dei pacchi. Voglia pertanto cotesto On. Ministero impartire gli ordini opportuni per il prelievo.

La consegna dei moduli a Palermo, che questa delegazione reputa già in atto praticamente, dovrà essere richiesta direttamente da cotesto On. Ministero alla Delegazione di Palermo del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa - Piazza Castelnuovo, 50 - Palermo--.

Questa Delegazione darà avviso al pubblico del servizio messaggi attraverso gli Uffici Postali non appena avrà ricevuto da cotesto On. Ministero, con qualche giorno di anticipo, la indicazione della data esatta in cui detti uffici saranno provvisti - in linea di massima - dei moduli per il pubblico.

Ad evitare incertezze o cattivo uso dei moduli questa delegazione si permette di allegare uno schema di avviso al pubblico che cotesto On. Ministero potrà utilizzare, se lo crede conveniente, per la affissione in tutti gli Uffici Postali, con le aggiunte o variazioni che crederà opportuno fare.

Voglia compiacersi cotesto n. Ministero di riscontrare la presente e gradire intanto i più vivi ringraziamenti anche a nome del Comitato Centrale del C.I.C.R. - Ginevra - per l'alto spirito di collaborazione e di comprensione dimostrato in ogni sede delle presenti trattative.

Con i sensi della più alta considerazione.

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COMITÉ INTERNAT UNAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPLES

Salerno, 25 marzo 1944.

ALLA DELEGAZIONE DEL COMITATO
DELLA CROCE ROSSA INTERNAZIONALE.
Via Sasso, 38. Napoli.

C o p i a .

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale PP. TT.

N.S./B.2/941
Allegati 2.

Oggetto: Servizio messaggi della C.R.I.

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In relazione agli accordi verbali intervenuti in merito alla organizzazione del servizio messaggi della C.R.I., che l'onore di codice, per conoscenza, un esemplare delle due circolari con le quali si è partito disposizioni esecutive alle Direzioni Provinciali P.F. e di assicurare nel contempo, che per quanto riguarda questa Amministrazione il servizio può avere subito inizio.

I rapporti finanziari derivanti dal servizio messaggi saranno regolati al mese in mese con versamenti che la Ragioneria centrale di questo Ministero farà effettuare sui due conti correnti di Napoli e di Palermo (Sicilia e Sardegna), di cui codesta Delegazione sarà sorvegliare il numero in base al prezzo di L. 13 (trecento) a modulo.

I versamenti verranno partecipati di volta in volta a codesta Delegazione e saranno accompagnati dall'elenco dei moduli distribuiti in ciascuna Provincia.

Dall'ammontare del solo primo versamento verrà trattata una somma convenzionale, pari al quarto dei moduli distribuiti e coperture del valore di quelli invenduti ciascuna presso gli uffici alla fine di ciascun mese.

Si prega fornire un cortese esposto ai confermi e far conoscere la data in cui sarà effettuata la prima consegna dei moduli al Deposito Carte Valori delle Direzioni Provinciali di Napoli, Bari, Potenza, Catanzaro, che dello stesso giorno cesserà la distribuzione dei moduli messaggi da parte degli uffici del Credito Italiano.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO.

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPLES

Salerno, 23.3.44.

C o p i a .

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale P.P.T.

ALLA DIREZIONE PROVINCIALE P.T. CAGLIARI
AL MAGAZZINO CENTRALE CARTE VALORI

SALERNO
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AL DEPOSITO CARTE VALORI

N. 1615/8250 di prot.

e per conoscenza:

All. A.C.G.H. e.

Telecoms and Post Sub-Commission

SALERNO

ALLA DIREZIONE PROVINCIALE P.T. SALERNO

OCCETTO: Servizio messaggi della
Croce Rossa Internazionale.
Disposizioni per gli uffici
distributori.

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I moduli per il Magazzino Centrale Carte Valori potranno anche essere consegnati in pacchi o sacchi suggellati al Deposito carte valori di Napoli.

Il controllo delle qualità dei moduli forniti verrà eseguito presso le sedi dei rispettivi magazzini e depositi con le modalità stabilite dai regolamenti postali per il controllo delle carte valori.

Si prega assicurare adempimento.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
P/te: Fano.

P.e.e.
IL RAGIONIERE GENERALE REGIONALE
(V. PRASCHETTI.)

OCCORRE: Servizio messaggi della
Croce Rossa Internazionale.
Disposizioni per gli uffici
distributori.

ALL' A.C.G.H. e
Telecoms and Post Sub-Commission
SALERNO
ALLA Direzione Provinciale P.T. PALERMO

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P.C.C.
LA RAGIONIERA CENTRALE RACCOMANDA
(V. PRASCHETTI.)

IL SOTTOSCRITTO, DI STATO
F.to: Fano.

C O P Y .

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
DELA C J G E
DELEGATES

HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C.M.G. Section.
Apr 396

23 March 1944.

Ref 36I/15/CA

Subject: International Red Cross.

TO: SCAG 5 Army
SCAG 8 Army
SCAG Reg V (2 copies).

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1) The International Red Cross has arranged for its Civil Message, the Enquiry, and P.O.W. correspondence services to be carried out through the medium of the Italian Postal Services in those parts of Italy where postal services are now in operation. An announcement giving details of these services will be issued in a few days.

2) There remains the 5th and 8th Armies areas and Foggia Province in which the Italian Postal Services are not operating but where the need for the facilities afforded by the International Red Cross is equally pressing.

3) Provisions is required for the following:

I) Receipt from the International Red Cross, Naples, of Civil Message forms (originating in enemy territory) their distribution to addresses and their collection and return to the International Red Cross Naples, after the reply has been written on the back of the forms.

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IV) The selling of International Red Cross Civil Message forms at 15 Lire each to those wishing to correspond with persons in enemy occupied territory and the forwarding of the forms to the International Red Cross Naples.

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4) All censoring of incoming and outgoing correspondence is done in Naples. There is no objection to the use of the Italian Red Cross or any other responsible agency in carrying out this work. The only transaction in which money is involved is that detailed in par 3 (IV) above.

5) Please inform this Hq. at a very early date how you propose to deal with this correspondence in your area, so that the necessary details can be forwarded to the International Red Cross in Naples and appropriate for the handling of the small sums involved.

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Copy to: The Delegate of
the International Red Cross
28, Via Assolombarda, Naples

NORMAN FISKE
Colonel Deputy Executive Commissioner

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

TP 154-27

March 1944.

SUBJECT : International Red Cross Messages.

Dr. Burghard.

Dear Dr. Burghard:

I enclose a copy of the instructions for the message scheme which I have received from Major Head.

He has asked Dr. Fano to draw up the working instructions for the Italian Post Offices and I will let you know as soon as these have been issued and a commencing date can be fixed.

I hear that in Sicily your colleagues task is being made more difficult by persistent misuse of the forms for messages addressed to civilians in Allied or neutral countries to which the ordinary foreign service is available. You may wish to stress in any publicity you give to the scheme the fact that the message service is intended only for enemy occupied territory.

Yours sincerely,

W.H.GREEN
Major
Postal Officer

Copies to :

✓ Major Head, Telecoms and Postal Sub-Commission., Salerno.
Lt. Motroni, Allied Censor Control, Naples.
Lt. Bonasera " " " Avellino.
Lt. Allen, Postal Officer

File 13.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

20 March 1944

MGS: 080-1

SUBJECT: International Red Cross - Communications.

TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission.

Reference is made to our MGS 080-1 of 12 February addressed to the Algerian Delegation, International Red Cross, and to our memorandum of the same reference and date addressed to your Headquarters.

1. The question of censorship of IRCC communications classified as "Emergency" and "Rapid" in the first of our memoranda referred to above is now under discussion at this Headquarters. Until such time as you are notified of the decision in this matter it is requested that you will ensure that such communications are subjected to censorship before despatch to the Military Government Section.

2. The censorship offices to which these communications should be delivered for scrutiny are as follows:

<u>Sicily</u>	- Civil Censorship Section, APO 550.
<u>Italy</u>	- Allied Censor Control Offices, Naples.
<u>Sardinia</u>	- Allied Censor Control Offices, Cagliari.

3. "Rapid" communications initiated by the Algerian Delegation and forwarded by this Section will similarly be routed to whichever of the Censorship Offices is appropriate for scrutiny prior to delivery. "Emergency" communications will be censored here prior to despatch.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

[Signature]

D. G. WALKER
Major

Copy to:
HQ, Allied Control Commission, Region VI, ENAF
HQ, Allied Control Commission, Region I, CME
G-2
INC

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

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Note: Major Green arranging
relatively for Naples.
Major Colville putting matter up
to INC for standard inkling. to answer.
Sent 23/3

Recd. 23 Mar. 44.



Re: Hq.

A.C.C.

Telecons & Postal S.

PS 16.13.28

Sub. International Red Cross. Official communication.

To: R.C. M.G.S.

SHH

1. Attached are copies of correspondence received from HQ M.G.S. regarding the transmission of official messages & correspondence between the I.R.C.C. Officers & their delegates at Naples, Palermo, Tagliari.

2. The arrangement which HQ M.G.S. have set up requires (vide para. 2 of their covering letter) that outgoing messages & letters from this end should be subjected to "close scrutiny" before dispatch. As a temporary measure, Major Gen. Postal Officer Region III, has been providing for this requirement.

but as he is not located in the same building as the message center, has frequently to be out of his office, it is not a convenient arrangement for either party. In any event it is considered that the necessary scrutiny provision should be the responsibility of an officer in A.C.C. Headquarters, and perhaps arrangements can be made accordingly.

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L.D. Henderson

Copied to:
Major Green, Postal Officer, Region III.

Memorandum:

Informed today for Capt. Turner that these "official" messages must be censored on this side. Directive in course of preparation at AFHQ.

Advised Major Green that Mr. Burkhead should accordingly hand such messages to Comwding Office. Also should in turn hand over to message center.

H.A.H.

23.8.44

The Allied authorities bring to our notice
~~enclaves of~~ ^{that} official mail of British Red Cross will
~~be marked with~~
a red rubber stamp formed by two
concentric circles, with the ~~the~~ respective
diameters of 60 & 44 mm. - ; in the
central area there is a red cross, whose
arms are both 29 mm long.

Between the two circles is the sentence
"British Red Cross & St. John War 888"

Organisation."

The Provincial Directories will come dispositions
in order to ensure that such correspondence
may circulate free of postage -

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SALERNO, 16 MARZO 1944

CIRCOLARE N° 21

N° S/8.3/834 BI PROT.

OGGETTO: CORRISPONDENZA DELLA CROCE ROSSA BRITANNICA

A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI P.P.TT. LORO SEDI

E, PER CONOSCENZA:

A.C.C. TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION
SALERNO

LE AUTORITÀ ALLEATE COMUNICANO CHE LE RUOTE DELLA CORRISPONDENZA UFFICIALE DELLA CROCE ROSSA BRITANNICA, SARANNO CONTRADDISTINTE DA UN TIMBRO IN ROSSO FORMATO DA DUE CIRCONFERENZE CONCENTRICHE, RISPETTIVAMENTE DI 00 E 44 M/M DI DIAMETRO; NELL'AEREA CENTRALE TROVASI UNA CROCE ROSSA A BRACCI UGUALI, LUNGI M/M 29.

TRA I DUE CERCHI È RIPORTATA LA SCRITTA:

" BRITISH RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN WAR ORGANISATION "

SI PREGANO LE DIREZIONI IN INDIRIZZO DI VOLER DISPORRE AFFINCHÉ LA SUDETTA CORRISPONDENZA SIA ACCETTATA IN FRANCHIGIA.-

D'ORDINE DEL
SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



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A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI P.P.T.T. LORO SEDI
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SALERNO

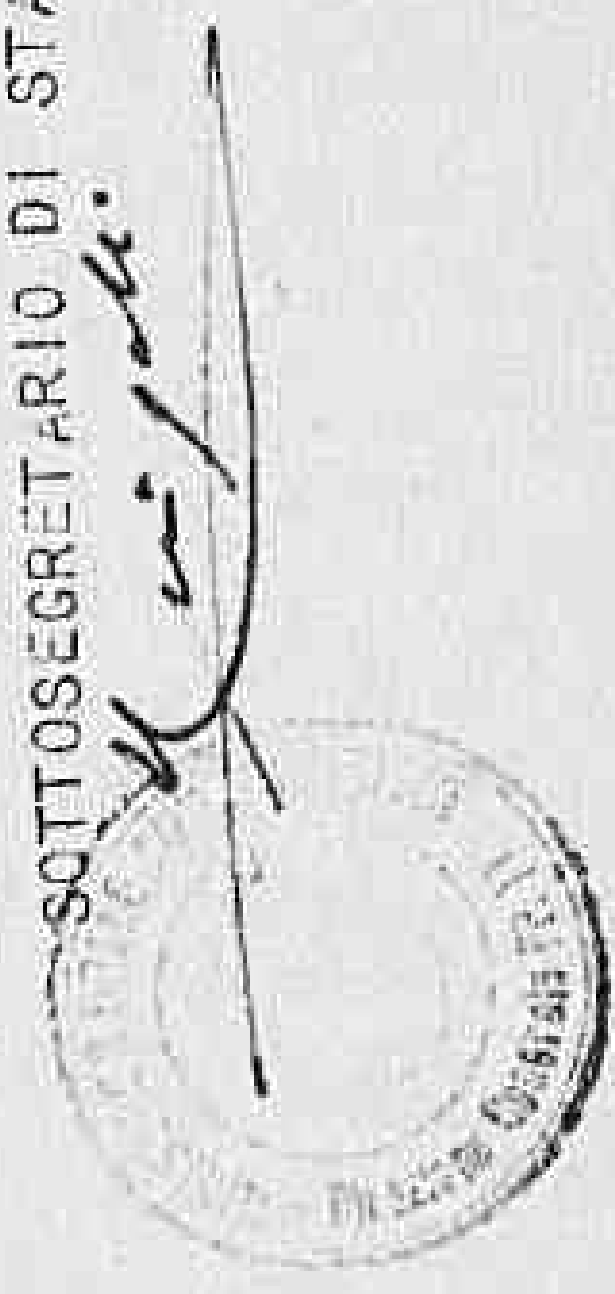
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" BRITISH RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN WAR ORGANISATION "

SI PREGANO LE DIREZIONI IN INDIRIZZO DI VOLER
DISPORRE AFFINCHÉ LA SUDETTA CORRISPONDENZA SIA ACCETTA-
TA IN FRANCHIGIA.-

D'ORDINE DEL
SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



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A.C.C. Hqs.
Telecomms and Posts Sub-Commission

PS/16.13

10th March 1944

SUBJECT:- British Red Cross correspondence

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

It has been arranged that the envelopes of official correspondence from the British Red Cross organisation at Naples will bear an official stamp marking as per the specimen attached.

This will presumably ensure that such correspondence will not be surcharged on delivery, but if, to ensure this, you consider it advisable to issue instructions accordingly, perhaps you will be good enough to do so.

S.H. Head
S.H. HEAD
Major

Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

Copy to :-

Major Green, Postal Officer Region III

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P.S. 13
A.C.C. Hqrs.
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

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10 March 1944

OGGETTO:- Corrispondenza della Croce Rossa Britannica

A S.E. il Sottosegretario di Stato per le Comunicazioni
Radiotelegrafiche

Sono stati presi accordi che le buste della corrispondenza ufficiale della Croce Rossa Britannica, uffici di Napoli, porteranno un timbro ufficiale simile al campione allegato.

Si ritiene che questo debba essere sufficiente per far sì che la corrispondenza non sia tassata alla consegna, ma, per maggior garanzia e se lo ritenete opportuno, vi saremo molto grati se vorrete emanare istruzioni in merito.

Handwritten: H. H.
S.H. HEAD
Major
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Comm.

Copia al Major Green Ufficiale addetto alle Poste
Regione III
Handwritten: P. 1000

A. . C. Hqrs.
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

PS/16.13

9 March 1944

TO:- Displaced Persons Sub-Commission Record Bureau
Attention Mr. Parrington

SUBJECT:- Red Cross Messages

It is confirmed that official B.R.C. letters bearing the stamp impression shown in your of March 6th should pass through the civil post free of postage. Intimation to this effect has been sent to the Italian postal authorities, who will issue special instructions if necessary.

We are still without word from AFHQ on the outstanding points regarding I.R.C. message charges etc., but I cabled them yesterday asking for a reply as soon as possible. I am hoping that we may hear in advance of the meeting which is being held here tomorrow with Dr. Bucknold; but I will in any case advise you as soon as the present uncertainties are disposed of.

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

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Record Bureau
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

6th March 1944

Postal Sub-Commission
A.C.C. HQ.

Attention Major S.H. Head.

Red Cross Messages.

Thank you for the information given in your letter of 26 Feb. 44 concerning Italian Postal Services.

Please refer par.4. It is very greatly appreciated that I can send official correspondence concerning Red Cross Messages through these channels free of postage. The envelopes will be franked back and front with official stamp, as below. Is this satisfactory?

Will it be understood that Italian Post offices accept this stamp and send the letter free of postage as from the date of your letter, 26 Feb 44, as I feel sure that you will appreciate that it would be most undesirable for the Red Cross reputation if the addressee was asked to pay postage on receipt of letter.

I am very grateful for your help and shall be glad to have your approval and confirmation on these points.

Thomas Farrington

Thomas Farrington. B.R.C.S.
Controller Record Bureau.

S. I have no word yet from AFHQ about the cable sent to them asking that the charge of 15 lire for Red Cross Messages be agreed, as approved by Dr Burchard IRCC and myself, and asking the IRCC in Sicily to adjust their charge of 11 lire to 15 lire. Have you received a reply to your cable? 7.1

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A.C.C. Hqs.

Telecomm. and Posts Sub-Commission

8-March-1944

PS/16.13

SUBJECT:- I.R.C. Messages

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

It has been agreed with Dr. Buckhard in Naples
that Red Cross enquiry messages for southern Italy
which have been received from enemy occupied territory
will be delivered through the post. Will you please
advise Provincial Director that replies handed in by
the public should be sent to Naples, where they will be
handed back to Dr. Buckhard

S.H.
S.H. HEAD
Major

Telecomm. and Posts Sub-Comm.

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A.C.C. Hqs.
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

8 Marzo 1944

OGGETTO:- Messaggi della Croce Rossa Internazionale
A S.E. il Sottosegretario di Stato per le Comunica_
zioni Radiopostelegrafoniche

Sono stati presi accordi con il Dott. Buckhard in
Napoli che i messaggi per la richiesta di notizie indi_
rizzati all'Italia del Sud che sono stati ricevuti dal
territorio occupato dal nemico saranno recapitati attra_
verso la posta. Vi prego di avvertire i Direttori Provin_
ciali che le risposte presentate dal pubblico dovranno
essere inviate a Napoli dove saranno consegnate al Dott.
Buckhard.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 33, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

TP 154/13

18 March 1944.

SUBJECT : International Red Cross - Communications.
TO : Major Head, Telecoms and Postal
Sub-Commission.

1. The copy of M.G.S. 080-1 12 February 1944
has been withdrawn and the original is returned
herewith. 13A.

2. There is no indication on the original
that there is any record of this communication at
ACC Main Headquarters and to safeguard the position
regarding close scrutiny perhaps it would be advisable
to refer the letter to RC and MGS with a suggestion
that the "rapid" service messages be handed to someone
at Provincia Building who will have this responsibility.

3. Alternatively, the messages can continue to
be brought to Region 3 Headquarters and I will dispose
of them but I cannot guarantee to be always available
in the office or to be able to get them transferred
quickly to the Provincia Building Message Centre.

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer, Reg. 3.

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18 MARCH 1944

A. C. C. HQRS.
TELECOMMS. AND POSTAL SUB-COMMISSION

PS/16.13

SUBJECT :- INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MESSAGE SERVICE

TO:- POSTAL OFFICER REGION I { THROUGH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
 " " " III
 " " " VI

1. ATTACHED ARE (A) A COPY OF A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE PROCEDURE NOW TO BE FOLLOWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A.F.H.Q., (B) A COPY OF A COVERING MINUTE TO DR. FANO.

2. THE IRC DELEGATE IN YOUR REGION SHOULD BE MADE ACQUAINTED WITH THE DETAILS GIVEN, AND:

(I) ITALY AND SARDINIA : BE INFORMED THAT THE SERVICE MAY BE ESTABLISHED AS INDICATED IN PARA 3 OF THE LETTER TO DR. FANO.

(II) SICILY: BE ASKED TO BRING THE SERVICES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMENCED INTO LINE.

3. APART FROM ANY ISSUES AFFECTING MAJOR POLICY OR CENSORSHIP, ANY POINTS OF DETAIL MAY BE DEALT WITH DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE IRC AND THE ITALIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES (REGION I, III AND VI)

4. PLEASE REPORT IN DUE COURSE WHEN THE NEW SERVICE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED OR THE EXISTING SERVICE MODIFIED.

[Signature]
 S.H. HEAD
 MAJOR
 FOR DIRECTOR, TELECOMMS.
 AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

*Copied to:-
 Postal Officer, Region II - Thru RC.
 (For information)*

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Cn H. — *[initials]*

A. C. C. HORS.
TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

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SUBJECT:- INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MESSAGE SERVICE

TO:- THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMS.

1. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE PROCEDURE NOW TO BE FOLLOWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

2. WILL YOU PLEASE:-
(i) ISSUED SUCH OPERATING AND ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY, FOR THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY AND LET ME HAVE FIVE COPIES FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DIRECTORS IN THE OTHER TERRITORY AFFECTED.

(ii) SETTLE SUCH ACCOUNTING CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS AS ARE CONCERNED DIRECT WITH THE IRC.

3. THE A.C.C. POSTAL OFFICERS WILL BE ACQUAINTING THE THREE I.R.C. DELEGATES WITH GENERAL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATEMENT, AND INFORMING THEM THAT THE SERVICES AS OUTLINED MAY BE COMMENCED AS SOON AS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING IT REACH THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS.

[Signature]
S.H. HEAD

MAJOR

TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMMISSION

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A. C. C. H.Q.
TELECOMMS. AND POSTS SUB-COMM.

PS/16.13

PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION OF
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MESSAGE FORMS
IN ITALY, SICILY, SARDINIA

1.- INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN COLLABORATION BETWEEN AFHQ AND THE IRCC ALGIERS, FOR ITALY (DR. BURKHARD, NAPLES) AND SICILY (MR. G. KUHNE, PALERMO). AN I.R.C. AGENCY IS NOT BEING ESTABLISHED IN SARDINIA, BUT DR. CARDIA, PRESIDENT OF THE SARDINIAN BRANCH OF THE ITALIAN RED CROSS, WILL FUNCTION FOR THE IRCC SO FAR AS THE IRC MESSAGE SERVICE IS CONCERNED.

2.- MESSAGE FORMS WILL BE PRINTED AT NAPLES (FOR ITALY) AND AT PALERMO FOR SICILY AND SARDINIA (DR. CARDIA WILL PURCHASE HIS SUPPLIES FROM MR. KUHNE)

3.- THE FORMS WILL BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC AT POST OFFICES, AT A CHARGE OF 15 LIRE EACH WHICH AMOUNT WILL COVER ALL THE RELATIVE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY ALL DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. (THE FIGURE OF 11 LIRE AT PRESENT CHARGED IN SICILY, FOR THE SERVICE ALREADY STARTED, WILL BE RAISED TO 15 LIRE). OF THE 15 LIRE, 13 LIRE WILL BE CREDITED BY THE ITALIAN POST OFFICE TO THE IRC, WHO WILL IN TURN TRANSFER AN APPROPRIATE PROPORTION TO THE ITALIAN RED CROSS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONTROL OF PAYMENTS FROM THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES TO THE IRC (IN RESPECT OF THE THREE TERRITORIES CONCERNED) WILL BE CENTRALISED ON THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POST AND TELEGRAPHS AT SALERNO. THIS POINT HAS YET TO BE SETTLED.

4.- THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE AREAS OPEN FOR CIVIL MAIL SERVICES AND ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ITALY AND ABROAD.

5.- THE TREATMENT OF THE FORMS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

OUTGOINGS:

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| <p>I</p> <p>(I) DELIVERED BY PRINTERS
(TO)</p> <p>(II) POST OFFICE DIRECTORS AT
NAPLES AND PALERMO:
(WHO WILL DISTRIBUTE TO)</p> <p>(III) P.O. DIRECTORS OF OTHER
PROVINCES
(WHO WILL DISTRIBUTE TO)</p> <p>(IV) ALL POST OFFICES</p> | <p>II</p> <p>PRINTERS TO PREPARE ADVICE NOTE IN
TRIPPLICATE FOR EACH CONSIGNMENT.
ONE COPY TO BE RECEIPTED, AFTER
CHECKING AND HANDED BACK TO THE PRINTERS; ONE COPY TO BE HANDED TO IRC;
AND ONE COPY RETAINED BY POST OFFICE.</p> <p>DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS TO BE
RECORDED BY ALL CONCERNED.
ISSUING POST OFFICE TO DATE STAMP
EACH FORM AT TIME OF SALE.</p> |
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(V) AFTER HANDING BACK TO
POST OFFICES
THE FORMS WILL CIRCULATE BACK TO

(VI) IRC NAPLES, PALERMO, CAGLIARI

(FOR TRANSMISSION THROUGH THE
ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICER, TO)

(VII) IRCC DELEGATION ALGIERS
C/O MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION A.F.M.Q.

IRC TO ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN RED
CROSS FOR FORMS TO BE VERIFIED,
AND THEN SORTED OUT ACCORDING TO
COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.

IN BAGS OR PACKAGES.
NO POSTAGE REQUIRED.

INCOMING -

(I) FROM IRCC ALGIERS
(THROUGH)

(II) ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICERS
AT NAPLES, PALERMO AND CAGLIARI
(TO)

(III) IRC OFFICES
(THEN TO)

(IV) POST OFFICE
(FOR ONWARD DISTRIBUTION AND
DELIVERY)

IRC WILL WITHDRAW ANY CORRESPON-
DENCE FOR THEMSELVES AND ARRANGE
FOR THE FORMS TO BE:

(A) CLEARLY MARKED WITH AN ARROW
TO SHOW RETURN ADDRESS
(B) DIVIDED UP AND BUNDLED (WITH
LABEL) ACCORDING TO PROVINCES.

6.- THE RED CROSS DELEGATES AT NAPLES, PALERMO AND CAGLIARI WILL ARRANGE FOR
SUITABLE NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC.

S.H. HEAD
MAJOR

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /msr

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO :

CLASS: NOT GIVEN

REF NO: GR 153

PREC : NOT GIVEN

FILED : MAR 161050A

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMS

REC'D : MAR 161135A
Via Teletype

TO : FATIMA REAR FOR HENDERSON RPTD CG SOS/NATOUA FOR G-2
Reurad 2474 of March 14

1. Your proposals relative civilian IRC messages in agreement MGS letter of 13 March except points of Censorship. Messages for Geneva from Italy, Sicily and Sardinia circulated through IHCC, Algiers must pass censorship by Allied Censor Control Officers at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari. Messages between Geneva and IHCC, Algiers both directions will be censored North Africa. Messages from Geneva circulated through IHCC, Algiers for Beckhard, Kuhne and Cardia will be routed thru ACC Naples, Palermo and Cagliari.

2. IHCC here advises Cardia will purchase message forms from Kuhne and fees from sale of forms in Sardinia will be allocated to IRC same ratio as in Italy and Sicily.

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- 1 - Telecommunications ACTION

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Maj. H. *[Signature]*
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E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO USA
Asst Adj

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POST AIR SERVICE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS 11 MAR 1944
Military Government Section

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MGS: 080-1

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13th March, 1944

SUBJECT: International Red Cross Communications

TO : Headquarters (Rear),
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your PS/16/13/9 of 22 February 1944, above subject, and Fatima Rear message R 1/7 of 7 March 1944.

2. As far as can be ascertained no general regulations have been promulgated relative to the assessment and allocation of International Red Cross message charges for communications between civilians of enemy countries. The initiation of such communications by the International Red Cross is based upon the Tokio project of 1934 known as the "DRAFT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE STATUS AND PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS OF ENEMY NATIONS LOCATED ON A TERRITORY BELONGING TO OR OCCUPIED BY A BELLIGERENT NATION". This draft agreement provides for news between enemy civilians as follows:

PART III. - OF CIVILIANS OF ENEMY NATIONS LOCATED FOR THE TIME BEING ON THE TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY A BELLIGERENT NATION

RULE 19.- The High contracting parties besides pledge themselves to observe the following provisions.

c) Civilians of enemy nations will be given the facility to send to and receive from their relatives located inside the boundaries of the occupied territory, news of a strictly private character.

The same facility will be given them as concerns letters going abroad subject to dispositions applied to the whole population of the Occupying nation.

3. The Algerian Delegation of the IRCC have advised that although the above agreement has never passed the draft stage, the provisions referred to are being followed by most countries.

4. No reference is made in the draft agreement relative to the

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Maj. H. [initials]*

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assessment or allocation of any charges for such messages.

5. Instructions have been issued by the Algerian Delegation to the IRC representative in Sicily to increase the price of such messages to 15 lire in order to provide a uniform price throughout Allied Occupied Italy.

6. It is suggested that the allocation of charges between the International Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, and the Italian Postal Service be covered by an overall agreement between the interested parties. The revenue accruing to the International Red Cross is to cover their cost of handling, including the transportation charges in both directions.

7. This Section has been advised by the local IRCC that these message forms are normally sold only through post offices. A communication received by them from Dr. Burkhard states that no agreement as yet had been made with the Italian Postal Service for the sale of such forms, but that such an agreement was contemplated.

8. The items referred to should be circulated through Algiers as at present, as they are packaged here and shipped to Geneva in International Red Cross mail bags. Items from Geneva are received in bulk, with three separations being made in Algiers before forwarding to the representatives in Sardinia, Sicily and Naples.

9. It is the understanding of this Section that the two lire at present being credited to the Italian Postal Service in Sicily is for the purpose of handling such forms by the post office and the subsequent delivery after a reply from the addressee has been received. The local IRCC delegate states that the incoming messages will be placed in envelopes in the event an agreement is not reached with the Italian Postal Service regarding the delivery of such messages in their present form.

10. Your inquiry regarding Dr. Cardia (Sardinia) is covered in MGS letter OBO-1) of 29 February 1944.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

C. I. Turner
C. I. TURNER,
Captain, AGD.

Copy to: Algerian Delegation, IRCC,
107 bis rue Michelet, Algiers

Regional Commissioner, ACC, Palermo

Headquarters (Main), ACC.

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FATIMA REAR

FREEDOM RPTD IBS

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Dispatched 071237

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MESSAGES PD ITALIAN MINISTRY INTERIOR AND DOCTOR
BURGHARD PRESSING FOR EARLY DISCUSSIONS HERE TO CLEAR UP OUTSTANDING POINTS
PD TO FREEDOM FOR MBS RPTD IBS FOR SEARS FOR HANCOCK ACC FROM FATIMA REAR
FROM HENDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PD PLEASE CABLE REPLY EARLIEST TO OUR LETTER
PS SLANT ONE SIX SLANT ONE THREE SLANT NINE OF FEBRUARY TWO TWO PD BURGHARD HAS
STARTED SERVICE FOR NAPLES CITY CHARGING ONE FIVE LIRE AND SELLING FORMS FOR
PRESENT THROUGH NONDASH POST OFFICE AGENCY PD IS THERE ANY REGULATION RELATING
TO AFFIXING STAMPS TO MESSAGE FORMS AT TIME OF SALE TO PUBLIC BY POST OFFICES
QUERY THERE ARE ARGUMENTS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST CMA IN RELATION TO ACCOUNTING
AND STAMP SUPPLIES

AUTHENTICATED:

J. J. Chicco
J. J. CHICCO
CWO USA
Asst Adj

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INTERNATIONAL
DELEGATION NAPLES

Telegrams & Posts
Recd 149
Naples, March 4th 1944.

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Subject : Civil Messages and Inquiries
Service started in Naples-city

HEADQUARTERS
5 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

To : H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

We send copy of the instructions given to the public about those two services.-
As it may be pointed out all the inquiries have to be - as a rule - channelled through the mentioned offices of the Italian Red Cross, to be forwarded to us.-
We enclose copies of both the inquiries-schemes :
a) for civilians
b) for military persons or civilian internees
only on the purpose to let know the full particulars which must be given in both the cases before any inquire may be started by our Delegation.*

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DELEGATION NAPLES

Copy to :
H.Q. Allied Control Commission
A.M.G. Commissioner Region III
A.R.C.
B.R.C.

Recd. 5th March 44.

Seen:- Col. H. J. ...
Maj. H. J. ...

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DÉLEGATION NAPLES

Naples, March 4. 1944.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

= DELEGATION NAPLES =

We communicate to the public that the office of the Delegation of Naples has organized - for the moment only for Naples - the following services, for which we indicate the rules:

= CIVIL MESSAGES =

These Messages are exclusively reserved for the civil population, in substitution of the letters which cannot be transmitted; they must contain not over 25 words, referring to family news, with the exclusion of any hint to politics, war and finances.

Their use is therefore excluded for correspondence with war prisoners or civil internees, the common post channels being admitted for them, in the ways already in use.

Civil Messages may be forwarded to all the countries occupied by Germany and its allies, and therefore also to North and Central Italy, through the International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva.

Beginning from next Monday - March 6. - the special Schemes of the Red Cross for this service of Civil Messages will be sold by all the Agencies of Naples of the Credito Italiano at the price of Lire 15 (fifteen) for each scheme. The cost of the schemes comprehends also the answer to the Messages which will be sent by air mail, whenever it will be possible. The sum will be divided among the Italian Post, the Italian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva.

Addresses both of the inquirers and of the addressees must be compiled with the greatest exactitude and clearness and possibly written in print-like characters.

Inquirers must deliver the compiled schemes to the following Collection Centres, established by the Provincial Committee of Naples of the Italian Red Cross:

Ufficio Provinciale C.R.I.	* Via Ventaglieri 77
Posto di Fronte Soccorso C.R.I.	= Piazza Municipio (Pal. S. Giacomo)
" " " "	" = Piazza Mergellina (Pal. IV Funicolare)
" " " "	" = Vomero-Via Solimene 74
" " " "	" = Portici-C. Garibaldi 308

Such Centres will be open every day from 9 to 13.

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Naples, March 4. 1944.

= INQUIRIES SERVICE =

Inquiries both on military persons and on civilians may also be started at the above mentioned Collection Centres of the Italian Red Cross of Naples.

Such inquiries - which require an extremely difficult work by the International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva - must be started only when the inquirer ^{ignores} the sort and actual address of some person, and has serious motives to be anxious about him.

As a rule, this service is reserved only to the close relatives of the researched persons.

In case of extreme, proved, urgency, it is possible to ask a tele-graphical inquiry from the Delegation of Naples of the International Committee of the Red Cross - Via Tasso, 38 -. This way of inquiring is however rather expensive. = Office-hours: from 9.30 to 11.30 every day, except on Sundays.

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As soon as the Delegation of Naples of the International Committee of the Red Cross will be enabled to organize its work with the Post Offices of the various Provinces, and with the local Committees of the Italian Red Cross, it will inform the public through the Press, so that as soon as possible the whole South of Italy may profit of the two above mentioned services.=

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DELEGATION NAPLES

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Infer Arma Caritas

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DELEGATION

NAPOLI - Via Tasso, 38

Demande d'enquête
Civile
(non interne)

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Personne recherchée
Ricerca di Persona

Nom _____
Nome _____
Prénoms _____
Cognome _____
Date et lieu de naissance _____
Data e luogo di nascita _____
Fils de _____
Paternità _____
Nationalité _____ Religion _____
Nazionalità _____ Religione _____
Si naturalisé, indiquer date et nationalité d'origine _____
Se naturalizzato, indicare data e la nazione di origine _____
Si dénationalisé indiquer nationalité d'origine _____
Se denazionalizzato, indicare la nazione di origine _____
Célibataire - marié - veuf - divorcé (biffer ce qui ne convient pas).
Celibe - sposato - vedova - divorziato (cancellare quello che non conviene)
Profession _____
Professione _____
Dernière adresse connue _____
Ultimo indirizzo conosciuto _____

Demandeur
Richiedente

Nom _____
Nome _____
Prénoms _____
Cognome _____
Adresse _____
Indirizzo _____
Lieu de parenté avec la personne recherchée _____
Grado di parentela con la persona ricercata _____
Date de la demande _____
Data della richiesta _____

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Signature
Firma

Ecrire très lisiblement.
Scrivere a carattere stampato

Tournez S. V. P.

* Ce formulaire ne doit en aucun cas être utilisé pour la transmission de messages.
Questo formulario per nessun motivo dovrà essere usato per messaggio.

Exposé de la demande (et tous renseignements susceptibles de faciliter les recherches, tels que : composition de la famille recherchée, durée et adresse de séjours précédents, précisions au sujet du domicile professionnel de la personne recherchée ou de la firme pour laquelle elle travaille éventuellement etc.)

Risposta alla domanda (tutte le informazioni adatte a facilitare la ricerca, Esempio : Stato della famiglia ricercata, durata e indirizzo del soggiorno precedente, indicazione precisa del domicilio e professione del ricercato o del datore di lavoro ecc.)

Noms et adresses de personnes susceptibles de donner des renseignements :
Nome e indirizzo delle persone che possono fornire indicazioni :

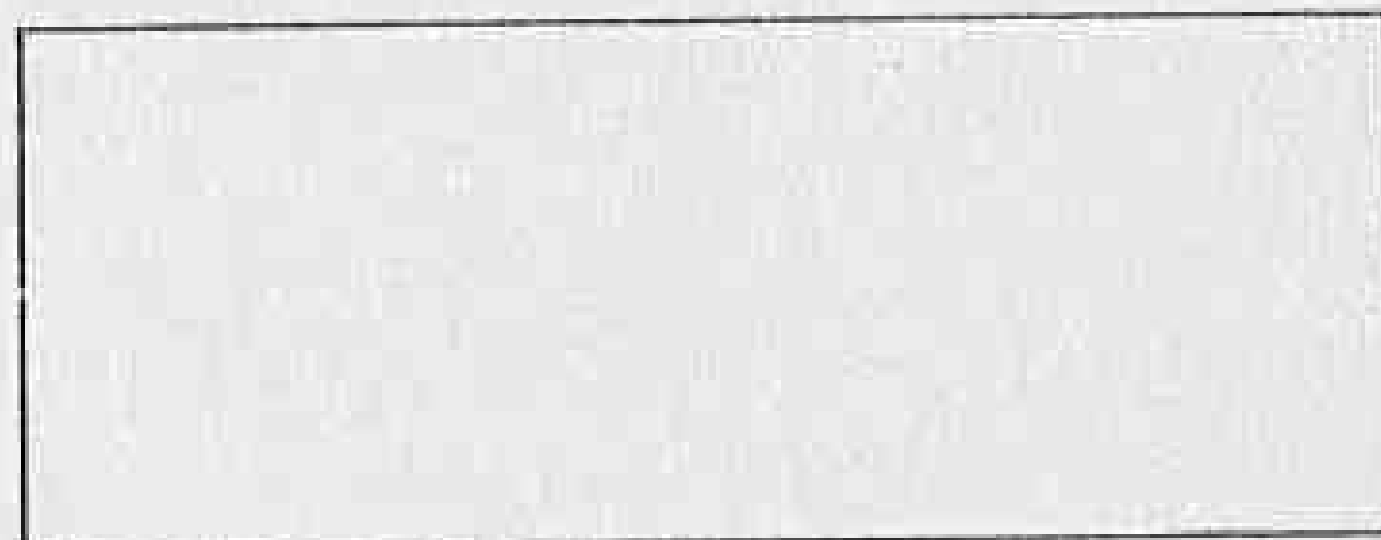


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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE
DELEGATION

NAPOLI - Via Tasso, 38

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Domanda di Richiesta - Notizie per il Personale Militare o Internati civili
Demand of Inquiry - of welfare for Military Personnel or Civilian Internees

Cognome e Nome
Name and surname
Paternità
Fatherhood
Data e luogo di nascita
Date and Place of Birth
Grado e Reparto
Grade and Military Incorporation
Luogo e Data del Disperso
Place and date of Disappearance
Campo di Concentramento o Indirizzo
Place of internment or address
Note:
Remarks:

Richiedente Nome e Cognome
Inquirer Name and surname
Indirizzo
Address

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PLEASE ANSWER OVERLEAF - PREGO RISPONDERE A TERGO

RISPOSTA
ANSWER
REPOSE

Mittente
Sender
Expéditeur

Luogo
Place
Lieu

Data
Date
Date

Risposta alla vostra domanda a tergo
Answer to your Inquiry overleaf

Bollo e Firma
Seal and signature

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CIVILIAN POSTAL MESSAGE SCHEMES = issued in Italy =

- 1) to be sold exclusively by the Post-offices at the fixed price of lire...
arrangement to be agreed in that matter with:
 - a) A.F.H.Q.Naples for the Provinces under A.M.G.
 - b) Italian post-master
 - c) Italian Red Cross.
- 2) to be posted in the normal manner.
- 3) to be delivered by the Italian Post-office = Naples = directly to
C.I.C.R. = Delegation Naples = Via Tasso 38
(special arrangements to be agreed with A.F.H.Q.Naples for the pro-
vinces under A.M.G.).
- 4) The C.I.C.R.Delegation Naples will control and hand over these message
schemes to the Italian Red Cross = Naples = in order to get them or-
dered, in regard to the addressees:
 - a) for Central-North Italy: in parcels for the single Provinces
 - b) for the others: in parcels for the single Countries.
- 5) The Italian Red Cross = Naples = will return the Messages classified to the
C.I.C.R. = Delegation Naples = which
- 6) will accompany those parcels with invoice-bordereaux for Geneva and
hand over the bags to the
Censor Office = Naples = to be forwarded.

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CIVILIAN POSTAL MESSAGE SCHEMES = coming from Geneva =

- 1) to be handed over by Censor Office to the
Delegation C.I.C.R. = Naples = Via Tasso 38.
- 2) to be sent directly by C.I.C.R. = Naples = to the addressees posted in
the normal manner (no other Censure being needed)
Arrangement to be agreed in that matter with:
 - a) Italian Post-master
 - b) A.F.H.Q. Naples for the Provinces under A.M.G.
- 3) to be returned by the addressees to the enquirers, posted in the normal
manner and delivered from Post-Office = Naples = directly to Delegation
C.I.C.R. = Naples = Via Tasso 38.
Arrangement to be agreed in that matter with:
 - a) A.F.H.Q. Naples for the Provinces under A.M.G.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGS: 080-1

DS/cgs
29 February 1944

SUBJECT: International Red Cross

TO : H.Q., Allied Control Commission

Reference is made to our letters MGS: 080-1 of 20 January and 3 February. 5B

1. Consequent upon discussions which have taken place as between the Algerian Delegation of the INCC and this Section, it is desired to clarify the position regarding the activities and organization of the INCC in Sardinia. References in the following subparagraphs are to appropriate portions of our letter of 20 January.

- (a) Dr. Cardia, President of the Sardinian Branch of the Italian Red Cross, is not a member of the International Red Cross organization, and is not covered by the terms of the Geneva Convention as applicable to members of the latter organization.
- (b) The INCC does not intend opening an agency or branch in Sardinia, but will perform its functions as specified in para 3 (a), (b), (c) and (e) through the medium of the Sardinian Branch of the autonomous Italian Red Cross (Para 2 (a)).
- (c) Dr. Cardia, not being a member of the International Red Cross, is not entitled to visit P.W. Camps (para 3(d)), nor to perform the functions of members of the International Red Cross who are covered by the terms of the Geneva Convention as applicable to that organization.
- (d) The functions which the INCC desires to perform through the medium of the Sardinian Branch of the Italian Red Cross will not extend beyond the limits of their normal activities in relation to all National Red Cross organizations, e.g. as specified in para 3(a), (b), (c) and (e).

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2. It is to be understood that, insofar as the IRCC is concerned, the above does not constitute a change of policy, and every assistance should be afforded Dr. Cardia in the performance of his legitimate functions.

For the Acting Chief of Section:


D. G. WALKER,
Major.

Copy to:
HQ Allied Control Commission, Region 6, E.N.A.F.
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INC
C-1 (A)
C-1 (B)
PMG
Civil Affairs
The Office of the British Resident Minister
The Algerian Delegation,
International Red Cross,
107 bis rue Michelet, Algiers.



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File 14/13

Memoandum

International Red Cross Message Service.

The present position is as follows:-

1. AFH have advised us of accredited IRCG representatives as follows:-

Italy	:	Dr. Burkhard, Naples
Sicily	:	Mr. Kulne, Palermo
Sardinia	:	Dr. Cardia (subject to confirmation)

2. Preparations for the commencement of the outward service are well in hand in Italy, but we are awaiting information from AFH (in response to our letter of 22 Feb) regarding charges. Dr. Burkhard was proposing 20 lire and Mr. Kulne 11 lire. The British Red Cross in Naples are working out a service for displaced persons on the basis of a rate of 15 lire. It is hoped that the IRC service will commence within about a week. Arrangements have been made for the disposal of a number of incoming forms.

3. So far as information is available a service is actually operating to some extent in Sicily. A report on Sardinia is awaited from the Postal Officer at present on a visit there, but it will be seen from para 1 that the IRCG's representative there has yet to be confirmed by AFH.

4. The broad outline of the system is that forms will be sold at all Post Offices. The public will either hand them back for transmission to the IRC or submit them direct. The IRC representative will forward the forms through postal channels via AFH to the IRC delegate in Algiers, where they will be censored and sent forward.

5. The charge raised will be divided, in agreed proportions, between the Italian Post Office, the Italian Red Cross and the International Red Cross.

S. H. Head
Major

1.3.44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AUG 394

AR/533

Geneva February 1945

In reply refer
to: PJ/16/13/9

Subject: International Red Cross Communications.

To: Military Government Section, Allied Forces Headquarters.

1. With reference to your previous communications under reference No. MGS 080-2, no information is available regarding the regulations covering :-

- (a) Assessment and allocation of International Red Cross message charges.
- (b) Method of dealing with return messages.

2. As regards (a) above, a charge of 11 lire is being made in Sicily, of which 6 lire is credited to the I.R.C.C., 1 lire to the Italian Red Cross and 2 lire to the Italian post office. Those charges appear to be arbitrary and, so far as the 2 lire for the post office is concerned, it is not clear if this amount is intended to cover postal charges in each direction.

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3. With reference to (b) above, it is desired to know if return items are required to circulate via the Delegation Headquarters at Algiers for forwarding. If so, will they be forwarded in civil mails enclosed in special Red Cross bags to be handed over to the three agents for sorting into provinces and subsequent transfer to civil postal service for delivery?

It is stated that some forms are being received bearing the Geneva Red Cross stamp impression only, and that no postage is prepaid. It can perhaps be stated if that procedure is correct.

The forms appear to vary in type and to facilitate post office handling, it would be preferable if they could be enveloped.

4. It would be appreciated if those matters could be discussed with the Delegation Headquarters at Algiers and an agreed directive issued to the Red Cross agents at Messina, Sicily and Naples and to ACC Headquarters.

It can perhaps also be stated if the agent to Messina (Dr. Gattorno) has yet been accredited, and if the I.R.C.C. can now function there.

See memo

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J. L. Manservigi
Colonel,
Director, Tel communications and Posts and Communications.

Copies to: Regional Commissioner, ACC, Palermo, Sicily.
(for Lieut. Sindis)
Regional Control and Military Government Section,
ACC HQs, Naples.

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

18 February, 1944

SUBJECT: International Red Cross

TO: Col. A. Progers.

1. I have seen Dr. Burkhard and find that at the present he has no very clear-cut ideas as to the actual details of the scheme which he desires to operate on the mainland of Italy for the transmission of the Red Cross messages. He states that he has visited the Delegation at Algiers where he was asked to discuss first with the Allied Military authorities and then with the Italian Red Cross and Post Office the possibility of operation on the lines of the Sicilian Agency.

2. He has brought from Algiers a supply of 10,000 of the message forms (copy enclosed) and states that he knows where paper is available for the printing of further forms as required. A question to be settled is whether he or the Italian Red Cross should arrange for the printing.

3. As regards the price to be charged for the forms he is of the opinion that the Sicily figure of 11 Lire is too low and suggested up to 20 Lire, stating that the Algerian Delegation had given him a free hand as regards price fixing. I informed him that I was of the opinion that to have a higher price in Italy than in Sicily would be viewed with disfavour especially on account of the possibilities opened for Blackmarket operation. If, as he suggested the Sicilian price has proved too low a more satisfactory course would appear to be for him to refer the matter to Algiers with a view to establishing a proper rate for Sicily and the mainland.

thinks that the bulk supplies are passed by

4. Dr. Burkhard has no definite information as to the accounting arrangements in Sicily but the Agent to the Post Office which retains a credit of 2 Lire and places the other 9 Lire per form to the credit of the I.R.C.C. in a special banking account. It is not clear whether the payment is made when the Post Office takes the forms into stock. As the forms bear no serial numbers the accounting arrangements seem to present certain difficulties and it will no doubt be considered desirable to have more details of the operation of the scheme in Sicily.

Seen: - Col. H. *Seen*
Col. P. *—*

Recd. 19 Feb. 44.

It is understood that in parts of France the forms are actually printed by the Post Office.

5. In Sicily the forms after posting are delivered to the International R.C.C. agent who, it is stated, then has to hand them over to the Italian RedCross for "Vetting" before he passes them forward through censorship channels. Dr. Burkhard is of the opinion that so many of the forms from Southern Italy will be badly prepared that would be advisable for the Post Office to deliver them in the first place to an Italian Red Cross office to be set up at Salerno or Naples where they could be "Vetted" and started for countries and provinces before being passed to him. He states that one of his main terms of reference is to get the Italian Red Cross working again.

6. As regards the Provinces where the postal service is working, arrangements could be made for the posted forms to be circulated to Salerno and despatched from there to Naples, and there would also be no difficulty in Naples City, but presumably it would be undesirable to commence a special Post Office service for the transmission of these forms in those Provinces where mail services are not yet operating. It might be that the distribution and collection of the forms in these areas could be effected through the Italian Red Cross but there may be accounting objections to the issue of forms from two separate sources.

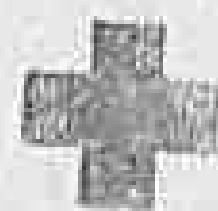
7. Dr. Burkhard is beginning to receive through I.N.C. the Red Cross Messages originating in enemy occupied territory and addressed to Southern Italy. They bear no postage stamps but have ~~xxxx~~ stamp impressions of the Geneva RedCross. These forms are being sorted into Province bundles by his people. Those for the 10 Provinces could be disposed of via Salerno and those for Naples City could be handed over for delivery but I am uncertain how the forms for Benevento, Avellino, Foggia etc. should be disposed of. The replies to such of the messages as are delivered would presumably have to follow the same circulation as may be laid down for messages originating in the areas concerned.

8. Dr. Burkhard would prefer to come to Salerno and discuss the case with the Postal Sub-Commission and the Italian ~~Red~~ Post office Cross. Both he and his assistant, Monsieur Arnaldo Mathien, speak English fluently.

authorities before he approaches the Italian Red

18/Feby 1944

W.H. Green
Major
~~Postal Officer Region III~~
Telecons Sub Commission.



Comité International de la Croix-Rouge Genève

DEMANDEUR-REQUERER-RECHIEDENTE

Nom-Name-Cognome

Prénom-Christien-Name-Name

Rue - Street - Via

Localité - Locality - Località

Département-County-Provincia

Pays-Country-Paese

Message à transmettre-Message-Testo del Messaggio

(25 mots au maximum nouvelles de caractère strictement personnel et familial - not over 25 words, family news of strictly personal character - al massimo 25 parole di carattere strettamente personale e familiare)

Date - Data

DESTINATAIRE - ADDRESSEE - DESTINATARIO

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REPONSE AU VERSO REPLY OVERLEAF RISPOSTA AL VERSO
Préciser d'écrire très lisiblement. Please write very clearly. scrivere molto chiaramente.

REPONSE

REPLY

Message à renvoyer au demandeur - Message to be returned to enquirer
 Messaggio da ritornare al richiedente.

(25 mots au maximum, nouvelles de caractère strictement personnel et
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Date-Data

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

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DSJ/DW/as

12 February 1944

MGS: 080-1

SUBJECT: International Red Cross - Communications.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission.

Reference our MGS: 080-1 of 23 January, and further to our
 MGS: 080-1 of 12 February.

1. The arrangements and procedure for the despatch of IRCC communications, as detailed in the most recent of our letters quoted above, have been agreed by INC Section at this Headquarters.

2. Although messages and letters for transmission through military channels (vide sub-para 2 (a) and (b) of our letter above quoted) need not be submitted to censorship, this Section, and your Headquarters, will be responsible for their close scrutiny and should refer to Civil Censorship in all cases of doubt.

D. S. Jackling
 D. S. JACKLING
 Lt Colonel

Copy to:

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 INC
 HQ Allied Control Commission, Region 6, B.N.A.F.
 HQ Allied Control Commission, Region 1, C.M.F.

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Received 15 Feb 44.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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IN/DG/as

12 February 1944

HQS: ORO-1

SUBJECT: International Red Cross - Communications.

TO : Algerian Delegation,
107 bis Rue Michelet,
Algiers.

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Reference your JP.P/JN 785 of 9 February.

1. It is desired to inform you that the external foreign mail service with Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia will be resumed on 16 February. Full particulars, including details of postage rates, weights, and other restrictions will be made public on that date.

2. On the resumption of the foreign mail service it is agreed that the following shall be the methods of communication between your office and IRCC agencies in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia on the one hand, and the said agencies and your office on the other:-

(a) Emergency.

In cases of emergency or of real urgency, by message. Messages to be delivered either by your office to this Section, or by your agencies to their local Allied Control Commission Headquarters.

(b) Rapid.

In cases where either your office, or agencies, have cause to correspond between one another with the minimum of delay, letters should be delivered either to this Section or to local Allied Control Commission Headquarters. Letters so delivered will be forwarded through military channels by air. It is understood that the IRCC will not resort to this method of communication except when facilities as indicated in sub-para (c), below, would entail more delay than is justified by the nature and importance of specific communications.

(c) Normal.

The normal method of communication between your office and IRCC agencies, and in reverse, shall be by the civilian mail service operating between North Africa and Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. In this connection it is desired to make it clear that the right to return to your office or agencies, for transmission by civilian mail service, correspondence for which facilities as in sub-paras (a) and (b), above, have been requested, is reserved to this Headquarters, and to Headquarters Allied Control Commission or dependent Headquarters thereof.

3. Regarding the communications which have been despatched to you by Mr. Kuhne from Palermo, and which you have not received. We will endeavour to trace these in Algiers, but if you wish to procure copies from Mr. Kuhne it is requested that you will pass the necessary instructions to him by the procedure as indicated in para 2 (b).

4. In order that the arrangements herein detailed may be put into effect without delay, you are requested to notify the IRCC agencies in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia of the arrangements which have been made.

A. T. Maxwell
A. T. MAXWELL,
Colonel,
Acting Chief.

Copy to:

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Civil Affairs
The Office of the British Resident Minister
INC
HQ Allied Control Commission ✓
HQ Allied Control Commission, Region 6, BNAF.
HQ Allied Control Commission, Region 1, CMF.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer
to: PS/16/13/8

19th February, 1944

Subject: Parcels to Prisoners of War.

To: Regional Postal Officer, Sicily Region.

1. With reference to your letter of 23rd December, 1943 number RPO.31136. There is apparently no international obligation to afford a parcel service for Prisoners of War, and in view of transport and other difficulties it is not proposed to introduce such a service at present.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of Articles 37, 38, 39 and 40, of Section IV, External Relations of Prisoners of War, of the Convention of 27th July, 1929, furnished by AFHQ.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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14 February 1944.

MGS 311.1

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Mail

TO : Headquarters (Rear) Allied Control Commission
A. P. O. 394
(Attention: Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission).

1. Reference is made to your communication (PS 16.13) of 5 February 1944, entitled "International Red Cross Services".

2. Attached are extract copies of Articles 37, 38, 39 and 40, of Section IV, External Relations of Prisoners of War, of the CONVENTION OF JULY 27, 1929, RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

3. Although Article 38 infers that prisoners of war may send parcels, both the PMG and G-1 (British) have stated that at the moment, prisoners of war in this theater are not permitted to send parcels.

4. The general instructions covering parcels for prisoners of war indicate that no parcel shall exceed 5 kilograms (11 pounds) in weight or measure more than 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

C. I. Turner

C. I. TURNER
Captain, AGD

Incls:
as above.

cc: Region I
Civil Censorship Section, INC
Lt. Colonel D. D. Hoover

See *col. 24*
col. P

Received 18th Feb 44

CONVENTION OF JULY 27, 1929, RELATIVE TO THE
TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

SECTION IV External Relations of Prisoners of War

Article 37. Prisoners of war shall be allowed individually to receive parcels by mail, containing foods and other articles intended to supply them with food or clothing. Packages shall be delivered to the addressees and a receipt given.

Article 38. Letters and consignments of money or valuables, as well as parcels by post intended for prisoners of war or dispatched by them, either directly, or by the mediation of the information bureaus provided for in Article 77, shall be exempt from all postal duties in the countries of origin and destination, as well as in the countries they pass through.

Presents and relief in kind for prisoners shall be likewise exempt from all import and other duties, as well as of payments for carriage by the state railways.

Prisoners may, in cases of acknowledged urgency, be allowed to send telegrams, paying the usual charges.

Article 39. Prisoners of war shall be allowed to receive shipments of books individually, which may be subject to censorship.

Representatives of protecting Powers and duly recognized and authorized aid societies may send books and collections of books to the libraries of prisoners' camps. The transmission of these shipments to libraries may not be delayed under the pretext of censorship difficulties.

Article 40. Censorship of correspondence must be effected within the shortest possible time. Furthermore, inspection of parcels post must be effected under proper conditions to guarantee the preservation of the products which they may contain and, if possible, in the presence of the addressee or an agent duly recognized by him.

Prohibitions of correspondence promulgated by the belligerents for military or political reasons, must be transient in character and as short as possible.

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

5 February, 1944

SEE 14A

REFERENCE: PS 16.13

SUBJECT: International Red Cross Services

TO: AFHQ. MOS.

1. The International Red Cross in Sicily, and various private individuals, have raised the question of a parcel service to Prisoners of War.

2. At the moment there is no civilian parcel mail in Sicily or Italy, and it is probable that transport limitations will preclude such being afforded for a while yet.

3. In these circumstances it is not the present intention to afford a parcel service for P.O.W. unless we are under an international obligation to do so. Can information on this aspect be obtained and furnished please. None is available here.

J.L. Henderson
for J.L. Henderson
Colonel
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission

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Copies to:

Postal office Region 1.
Lt. Col. D.J. Hoover, Civil
Censorship Section, APO 550
U.S. ARMY

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

10 Feb. 1944

Subject: Red Cross Messages

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

1. Reply to your request, Radio No. 2232, enclose two copies of letters written by the representative of the International Red Cross of Palermo, regarding the handling and accounting of these messages.

2. Should the procedure outlined in the letters be continued or should we install the procedure planned in our conference at Naples?

3. This office would also appreciate knowing whether incoming messages destined for distribution throughout Sicily should be handled by the Italian Postal Service and if so, how should they be treated (free of postage, open messages or enclosed in envelopes)?

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

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

Encl:
2 Copies of Letters from I.R.C.

Note:
Position on some points
uncertain - because letter
of 22 Feb. to AFHQ (copy
to Sicily) No reply yet - 7.3.44.
See: Col. H. P.

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Received 16th Feb. 44.

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COMITE INTERNAZIONALE DE LA
CROIX ROUGE GENEVA

Palermo 9 February 44

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DELEGATION
P A L E R M O
Piazza Castelnuovo, 50

TO: Lieutenant Alasia
Post Officer
REGION I
PALERMO

SUBJECT: Mode of working of the Red Cross
Schemes System used by the civil
population of Sicily.

The organization of the message system is usually
put into action by the national Red Cross Association.

However, when the Delegate of the International Red
Cross Committee arrived at Palermo, the President of the local
Italian Red Cross called his attention to the fact that, at
least for the present, it would be very difficult for him to
occupy himself with this organization progress; they did not
dispose of any money for the purchase of the forms, nor - at
that moment - of sufficiently experienced personnel.

The I.R.C.C. Delegate, for whom it was easier to get
the necessary authorization to buy large quantities of paper,
and who could immediately dispose of the necessary funds,
provided for the purchases and for the organization. In con-
sideration of the very urgent requests of the Sicilian popula-
tion, it was necessary, indeed, to act quickly.

The Civilian Message forms are printed in Palermo at
Bellotti's printing establishment. This establishment is still
in charge, after an experiment has been made at Catania and
another at Caltanissetta. In fact, at Bellotti's printing
office the postal message schemes cost about 30 Italian centi-
mes each, while at the other printing establishments of Sicily
their cost amounts to about 75 centimes.

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Once printed, the schemes are gathered in parcels of one thousand forms each by specialised computers of Bellotti's printing office; after which they are delivered to the Central Post Office of Palermo, where they are counted again; the Post Office issues a receipt in due form, which is handed to Bellotti's printing establishment.

The latter gives monthly communication of these receipts to the I.R.C.C. Delegation. The quantity of message forms delivered daily to the Post Office varies from one day to another; the average quantity delivered is of about 5/6000 per day. Total amount of message forms delivered from 7th January until 8th February 1944 : 191.997.

The Central Post Office of Palermo distributes the message forms to all the Post Offices of Sicily, and only these are authorized to sell same to the Sicilian population.

The sale price is Lire 11 per message form (Lire 2 for the Post Office; Lire 1 for the Red Cross and Lire 8 for the I.R.C.C. It is to be remembered that 30 Swiss centimes - which is the price asked by the I.R.C.C. of Geneva for forwarding the messages - are equal to about 9 Italian Lire. .

The sums cashed by the Sicilian Post Offices are gathered at Palermo and credited on a current account at the Post Office, opened to the Delegation of the I.R.C.C. This Delegation pays every month 1/9th of the sums received to the Italian Red Cross of Palermo.

After having filled out the message forms, people will hand same to the post office where they have bought them (viz; to any post office). The single Post Offices of the whole Island will on their turn send back the messages to the Central Post Office of Palermo, who will deliver same to the IRCC Office:

The messages are then sorted by the Sicilian Red Cross of Palermo according to the places they are addressed to. (The messages addressed to Northern Italy are sorted according to the various provinces.)

Once sorted, the messages are gathered by the Delegation of the I.R.C.C., in parcels which are put into special Red Cross bags. Every bag will contain a note specifying the detailed number of civilian messages included in the bag, and their exact destination.

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This system allows at the same time to control the number of message forms sold and to compare same with the number pointed out by the Central Post Office.

The bags are then brought to the Civilian Censorship of Allied Forces, who will care to censor and forward same.

The first bag of Civilian messages has been despatched by this Delegation on 31st January 1944. The bag was addressed directly to Geneva.

Henceforth, after having noted the content of the letter addressed by Allied Forces headquarter, Military Government Section, on 20 January 1944, to the Delegation of the I/R/C/C in Sicily will be addressed:

"Delegation of the I.R.C.C.

Algiers

"c/o Military Government Section

A F H Q "

S/ GEORGES KUHNE

T/ GEORGES KUHNE

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COMITE INTERNAZIONALE DE LA
CROIX ROUGE GENEVA

Palermo 31 January, 1944
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DELEGATION
P A L E R M O
Piazza Castelnuovo, 50

TO: Lt. Colonel Charles
Poletti
Regional Civil Affairs
Officer
PALERMO

SUBJECT: Cable No. 2232
(Red Cross Civilian Messages at Bit. 11.)

The cable No. 2232 has just been communicated to the Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who gives the following explanations on this purpose.

Generally speaking the Civilian Messages (P M S) are dealt with by the national Red Cross, and the International Committee of the R.C; or his delegations intervene only for getting those messages forwarded to their addressees.

In Sicily the situation presented itself differently because of the communication difficulties. It was necessary to resort to the Sicilian Post, the only possibility of getting the messages distributed to the remotest localities of the Island. (This same method has been used, for instance, in Northern Africa).

The Sicilian Post asks the amount of Lire 2 per message, as an equivalent for their work, surveillance of the sale, collecting of all the Civilian Messages from Sicily to Palermo, and opening a current account.

These messages are ordered, according to their addressee places, by the Italian Red Cross, of Palermo, who gets for this work Lire 1 per message.

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On the other hand, in consideration of the continually growing extension this P.M.S. system is taking, the

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I.R.C.C. is obliged to ask the amount of 30 Swiss centimes per message in order to cover his expenses.

Since 1 Fr. is equal to Frs.S. 3.45, this amount is equal to £it. 100.
Thus, 0.30 Swiss cents are equal to about Lire 9.

is distributed as follows:

The sale price of Lire 11.
£ 2 for the Sicilian Post;
£ 1 for the Italian Red Cr.
£ 8 for the I.R.C.C.

These messages are printed at Palermo, at Catania, and at Caltanissetta, at prices varying between 0.25 £it, to 0.75 £it. per message.

These expenses are covered by the C.I.C.R.

Once ordered and delivered to the International Committee of the Red Cross, these messages are put into International Red Cross bags and handed to the Civilian Censorship, with the request to forward same by mail to Algiers (Transportation cost by airmail to the charge of the I.R.C.C.)

The first of these bags has been handed this morning to the Civilian Censorship.

S/ GEORGES KUHNE
T/ GEORGES KUHNE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

3 February 1944

MGS 080-1

SUBJECT: - International Red Cross

TO Algerian Delegation
International Red Cross Committee,
107 bis Rue Michelet,
Algiers.

Further to our letter MGS 080-1 of 20 January.

1. Approval has been granted to your nomination of Professor Dott. Antonio Cardia as agent for the IRCC in Sardinia, and you are therefore authorized either to establish an IRCC agency in that island under his control, or to arrange through him for the performance of IRCC functions, as specified in Para 3 of our letter under reference, by the Sardinian Red Cross.

2. In accordance with your request we include the following information which we have received concerning Professor Cardia: -

"Professor Dott. Antonio Cardia is reported to be professor of Surgery at the University of Cagliari and to have a private clinic as well. He has a good reputation both professionally and privately and has never concealed his dislike of the Fascist regime."

/t/ A. T. MAXWELL
Colonel, Acting Chief

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HQ. Allied Control Commission (Main)
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The Office of the British Resident Minister.

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TO : FATIMA (HEAR) REFERENCE YOUR 2231 of 30 JANUARY

1. Following was intended by paragraph 4 our MGS 080-1 of 20 January. On resumption foreign mails IRCC delegations in Italy will send correspondence of all natures through normal post offices in precisely same manner other organizations in Italy who wish to correspond overseas. Mail should be addressed to IRCC Delegation, Algiers, at same address as indicated in our letter under reference, and will be subject censorship here. On receipt by IRCC Delegation here mail will be sorted and consigned ultimate destinations under arrangements IRCC. Mail should not be consigned direct to Switzerland or any other country, but should only be despatched as above.

2. Regarding outlet for Eastern Europe via Turkey. This is matter for IRCC Delegation, Algiers, who will handle IRCC correspondence for all destinations.

3. New Subject. We have not advised Region 1 of address for foreign mail bags destined Gibraltar, but gave details here personally to Major Head who was to issue necessary instructions.

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QUERY IS THERE OUTLET FOR EASTERN EUROPE VIA TURKEY QUERY NEW SUBJECT
PD HAS REGION ONE BEEN ADVISED OF ADDRESS FOR FOREIGN MAIL BAGS DUE
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Military Government Section

DSJ/DW/cags
23rd January, 1944

MGS: 080-1

SUBJECT: International Red Cross

TO : HQ A C C
HQ AMG ACMF
HQ AMG CMF
HQ A C C, Region 6, BNAF

Reference our 080-1 of 20 January, and, in particular, para 4 thereof.

1. INC at this headquarters is unable to arrange for the censorship of IRRG messages and correspondence in Algiers.

2. Until such time, therefore, as external foreign mails are resumed, you should deliver all correspondence and messages intended for delivery through this Section to the Algerian Delegation of the IRRG to local censorship offices for processing prior to onward transmission. These local offices are:

- (a) Palermo - Civil Censorship Section, INC
- (b) Naples - Forward Censor Control
- (c) Cagliari - Allied Censor Control officer

3. Correspondence and messages forwarded from this Section to either Palermo, Naples, or Cagliari will be bagged, or otherwise packed, and consigned to the same offices as in para 2.

/s/s D.S. JACKLING,
/T/ D. S. JACKLING
Lt Col

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

20 January 1944

MES 080-1

SUBJECT : International Red Cross

TO : Algerian Delegation,
International Red Cross Committee
107 bis Rue Michelet,
Algiers

Reference is made to your letters JP.P/JW 409 of 24 December,
and JP.P/JW 440 of 30 December.

1. Approval is hereby given, subject to provisions as stated in para 2, for the establishment by the IRCC of agencies, or branches, on the Italian mainland, at Naples, and in Sardinia. Should it not be desired to establish an agency, or branch, in Sardinia you are authorized to carry out such activities as are specified in subsequent paragraphs through the agency of the Sardinian Red Cross.

2. (a) Authority for the establishment of agencies, or for the performance of IRCC functions through the medium of an autonomous Red Cross organization, is subject to the grant of approval by this Headquarters for the control of the said agencies, or the control of IRCC functions in the case of an autonomous Red Cross organization, by individuals nominated by your Delegation.

(b) (i) Approval is given for the control by Dr. P. Burkhard of the IRCC agency which you desire to establish in Naples. This agency may, therefore, be established and commence to function, as indicated in para 3, whenever you may decide.

(ii) In the case of Dr. Cardia, whom you have nominated to control IRCC functions in Sardinia, approval is withheld pending the satisfactory completion of enquiries which are now being undertaken. Until such time as you are notified of our decision in this matter, it is to be understood that this Hq does not authorize the performance of IRCC functions in that island.

3. Subject to provisions as stated in para 2, above, approval is given for the performance by authorized IRCC agencies, or by autonomous Red Cross organizations where appropriate, of the following functions. These functions may also be performed by the IRCC agency already established under the control of Mr. George Kuhne in Sicily.

- (a) Correspond by letter and telegram with your local IRCC Delegation in Algiers, through the normal censorship channels.
- (b) Distribute standard IRC twenty-five word message forms and arrange for their collection, on completion, and transmission through the normal censorship channels to your IRCC Delegation.

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(c) Receive from local Italian Red Cross authorities and transmit, as in sub-para (b), authorized private documents, family papers, PW successions, certificates of death, etc.

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(d) Visit PW Camps in accordance with established international agreement and procedure. Such visits only to be made by the individuals designated to control the agencies specified, after prior approval and arrangement with the military authorities concerned.

(e) Receive, investigate, and transmit International Red Cross welfare and whereabouts enquiries. This function to be restricted to such enquiries as are received through IRRG channels and to be distinct from similar enquiries handled by AMG.

4. Until such time as the external foreign mail service with Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia is resumed, all correspondence as specified in para 3 (a), (b), (c) and (e) between your Delegation and agencies or individuals in the said territories, and between the same agencies or individuals and your Delegation, shall be forwarded through Military Government Section. The form of address which should be used for correspondence both to and from the said territories should be:

c/o Military Government Section, AFHQ

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So soon as the external foreign mail service with Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is resumed, all correspondence should be posted in the normal manner. In this connection it is desired to inform you that it is expected that the foreign mail service will be resumed at an early date.

5. The transmission of messages as specified in para 3 (a), (b), (c), and (e) should be made either through this Section, or through local Allied Military Government Hq, depending upon the locality in which the messages are originated. This arrangement is to be regarded as permanent since it is not intended to extend cable or radio facilities to civilian organisations.

/s/ A.T. Maxwell
/t/ A. T. MAXWELL
Colonel
Acting Chief

copy to:

HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Hq AMG ACMF (15 Army Group)
Hq AMG, CMF (Naples)
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 AND SEND DETAILS BY AIR PD REFERS NOTICE ACCOMPANYING LETTER OF ONE
 TWO JANUARY FROM CAPTAIN SQUAIR ALLIED PRESS OFFICER PALERMO TO
 ALLIED PRESS CENSOR CATANIA PD TO IRS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR
 POLETTI RPTD FREEDOM FOR MGS FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED
 MACFARLANE PD WHAT IS UNDERSTANDING REGARDING PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION
 OF REVENUE FROM ONE ONE LINE CHARGE QUERY MISTER GEORGE KUNNE INC
 REPRESENTATIVE AT FIVE ZERO PIAZZA CASTELNUOVO PALERMO MAY HAVE
 COPY OF AFHQ LETTER ZERO EIGHT ZERO DASH ONE OF TWO ZERO JANUARY
 TO IRC ALTHOUGH WHICH ALSO REFERS PD OBTAINING FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING
 PARAGRAPH FOUR OF THAT LETTER IN RELATION COMMENCEMENT FOREIGN MAILED
 PD PRESENT INFORMATION FROM AFHQ IS THAT MEANWHILE IRC MESSAGES TO
 BE HANDLED OVER TO CCS INC PALERMO FOR TRANSMISSION TO AFHQ

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: RPO 311.16

23 December 1943

Rec'd 26 Jan. 1944

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Subject: Parcels to Prisoner of War.

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

1. Requests and inquiries have been received at this office from the Italian Red Cross and individuals regarding the possibility of sending parcels to Prisoners of War.

2. This office is in a position to handle and despatch parcels but is not certain whether the receiving offices are in a position to handle such a load. Another problem is the transportation problem but, I believe, if the parcels were limited in weight and the senders limited to one parcel a month the burden would not be so great.

3. Referred to you for your guidance and recommendation.

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Office of the Press Censor
APO 550, U. S. Army

12 January 1944

jwgs/pa/35-9

Subject: International Red Cross Messages and Enquiries to
Enemy-Occupied Territories.

To : Allied Press Censor, Catania.

1. Attached is copy of (a) article which is being released
to the Press in Sicily, following an agreement between the Civil
Censorship Section (INC) and the local Delegate of The International
Red Cross.

2. The onus of censorship of the messages rests upon the
Civil Censorship Section, (INC).

3. A copy of (b) instructions regarding the messages and
enquiries is also attached.

John W. Guthrie Squair
JOHN W. GUTHRIE SQUAIR
Capt. I.C.
Allied Press Censor

Copies to:
Chief, Censorship Branch, (INC) - Enclosure (a) only
Civil Censorship Section, (INC) - No enclosure
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MESSAGGI ED INCHIESTE DELLA CROCE ROSSA INTERNAZIONALE
DESTINATI ALLE REGIONI OCCUPATE DALLE FORZE DELL'ASSE.

Grazie alla cortesia ed alla comprensione delle competenti Autorità della Sicilia, il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra ha potuto istituire una delegazione in Sicilia. Questa ha aperto i suoi uffici a Palermo, Piazza Castelnuovo 50, Telefono N° 14.193; il delegato del C.I.C.R. per la Sicilia sarà il Signor Georges Kühne.

Questi ci prega di portare a conoscenza del pubblico quanto segue :

Messaggi civili : Il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa non s'incarica, in linea generale, della trasmissione di lettere in originale fra civili abitanti nei paesi belligeranti.

Tuttavia, quando la trasmissione di notizie a mezzo della posta per via ordinaria è impossibile, il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa s'incarica, nella misura del possibile, della trasmissione di messaggi di carattere strettamente personale e familiare.

Questi messaggi, che potranno essere spediti in tutti i territori occupati dalle forze dell'Asse per tramite del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra, non devono contenere più di 25 parole, e devono essere scritti su moduli speciali della Croce Rossa.

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I messaggi devono contenere soltanto notizie militari; è da escludere qualsiasi indicazione riferentesi alla politica, alla guerra o alle finanze, che in tal caso non sarebbero spediti.

E' da rilevare che questi messaggi civili non godono di franchigia postale, né il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa potrebbe assumere a suo carico le spese sempre più gravose cagionate dall'immensa circolazione mondiale di questi messaggi.

La delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa in Sicilia informa quindi la popolazione che i messaggi si troveranno in vendita al prezzo di Lire 11.- presso tutti gli uffici postali della Sicilia. Questa somma sarà ripartita fra la posta italiana, la Croce Rossa italiana della Sicilia e il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra. Si noti che il costo del messaggio vale per l'andata ed il ritorno dei messaggi che saranno spediti per via aerea ogni qual volta ciò sarà possibile.

Questo sistema serve esclusivamente per la popolazione civile (dei civili non internati); i prigionieri di guerra e gli internati civili non devono servirsene; così pure non si deve usare questo mezzo per scrivere ad un prigioniero o ad un internato civile, poiché per costoro è ammessa la posta ordinaria.

La delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa avvisa pure la popolazione siciliana che è necessario di conoscere e di indicare sui messaggi l'indirizzo preciso del destinatario.

Inchieste: Nel caso che si ignori del tutto la te di qualche persona ed il suo attuale indirizzo, e che vi fossero seri motivi d'inquietudine sul suo conto, è possibile di chiedere al Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra di aprire un' inchiesta. A tal uopo le delegazioni

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Poiché simili inchieste cagionano al Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra un lavoro enorme, raccomandiamo alla popolazione di richiederle soltanto per casi molto seri.

In casi di estrema urgenza si può pure chiedere alla delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Palermo di effettuare a Ginevra una inchiesta telefonica; dobbiamo tuttavia segnalare che questo modo d'inchiesta è alquanto oneroso.

Per quanto riguarda particolarmente i messaggi civili di 25 parole, la delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Palermo avvisa la popolazione siciliana che, per causa della scarsenza di carta, solo un piccolo quantitativo di moduli ha potuto essere messo a sua disposizione. Preghiamo quindi coloro che non avessero potuto procurarsene negli uffici postali, di voler pazientare fino ad un nuovo arrivo di tali moduli nei loro uffici postali abituali, il che non potrà tardare.

La popolazione è invitata a riempire questi moduli di messaggi a caratteri a stampatello, e, così riempiti, consegnarli a qualsiasi ufficio postale.

L'amministrazione delle Poste provvederà a farli avere alla delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Palermo, che li farà pervenire ai destinatari per tramite del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra.

La delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa si terrà a disposizione di coloro che potessero desiderare maggiori chiarimenti.

Translation 2E
Messages and Enquiries of Intl. Red Cross to the Axis-Occupied Regions

Thanks to politeness and understanding of the proper authorities in Sicily, the Geneva Intl. Red Cross Committee has been able to establish a delegation in Sicily at Palermo Piazza Estelimore 50, Tel. N. 14.193. Mr. Georges Kuhue will be the Delegate.

This gentleman is requesting us to let the public know what follows:

Civil Messages: The International Red Cross Committee, in general, do not transmit original letters between civilians of belligerent countries.

However, when the forwarding of news through the Postal service is impossible the Intl. Red Cross Committee takes care, up to what is possible, of transmission of strictly personal or family messages.

These messages, which may be sent to all Axis occupied territories through the Geneva Intl. Red Cross Committee, shall not contain more than 25 words and shall be written on special Red Cross forms.

Messages shall contain only family news; any indication referring to politics, war or finances is excepted; any message with such indications will not be forwarded.

It is pointed out that these civil messages are not free of postage and the Intl. Red Cross Committee could not undertake the increasing burden of expenses caused by an enormous world wide circulation of these messages. Therefore the Delegation of Intl. Red Cross Committee in Sicily informs the population that the message forms will be sold at the price of 11 lire in all post offices of Sicily. This amount will be divided among Italian Post Administration, Italian Red Cross of Sicily and Geneva International Red Cross Committee.

Cost of form covers both outward and inward message (enquiry and answer) which will be forwarded via air mail whenever possible.

This system is only available for civil population (civilian non internee) POW and civilian internee shall not use it; it is as well forbidden to use this service to send messages to POW or civil internee as for such people ordinary mail is available.

The Delegation of Intl. Red Cross Committee also let Sicilian Population know that, on the messages, an accurate indication of sender's address is necessary.

Enquiries: In such cases where what may have happened to any person and his (her) present address is ignored and they may have reasons for serious concern about such person, the Geneva Intl. Red Cross Committee may be asked to set up an enquiry. On this matter the Delegations of Italian Red Cross in

Sicily will give to applicants all necessary indications relating to information they will be required to give (furnish).

As such enquiries are bringing to the Geneva Intl. Red Cross Committee an enormous amount of work, it is recommended to the population to request them only for very serious cases.

In case of extreme urgency the Delegation of G.R.C.G. at Palermo may be asked to forward to Geneva a telegraphic enquiry; it is however pointed out that such enquiry is very costly.

For what relates specially 25 word civil messages the sicilian population is informed that, due to scarce paper supply, only a small amount of forms is being available. Therefore those persons who could not get any at the postal offices, will please patiently wait for next (soon expected) arrival of forms at their usual post office.

The population is requested to fill up the forms in printing and hand them to any post office.

The Post Administration will turn them to Palermo Delegation of Geneva Red Cross Committee, which will forward them to the addressee, through Geneva Intl. Red Cross Committee.

People wishing more explanations may apply to this Delegation of Geneva Red Cross Committee.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Office of the Press Censor
APO 550, U.S. Army

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21 January 1944

Subject: Italian Red Cross Messages to
Enemy-Occupied Territories.

To : Allied Press Censor, Catania.

1. By 35-9 of 12 January, refers. Enclosed here-
with, is copy of a further article which is being released
to the Press in Sicily, relating to local black-market act-
ivities regarding Italian Red Cross messages.

2. May this office please be informed should any
knowledge come to your notice of similar activities occurring
in your district.

John W. Guthrie Squair
JOHN W. GUTHRIE SQUAIR
Capt. I.C.
Allied Press Censor

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Chief, Censorship Branch (INC) AFHQ.
✓ Censorship Liaison Officer, ACC.

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A PROPOSITO DI MESSAGGI CIVILI

Il delegato del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa ha saputo che moduli per messaggi ai civili vengono venduti sul mercato nero, ad un prezzo superiore di quello fissato a Lire II.

Il delegato di conseguenza avvisa la popolazione che ha preso tutte le misure più severe contro la vendita illecita e speculativa.

TUTTO IL NECESSARIO E' STATO FATTO PER ASSICURARE A TUTTI LA DISTRIBUZIONE DI UN NUMERO SUFFICIENTE DI MODULI. E QUALORA I QUANTITATIVI LOCALI DI CARTA SI DIMOSTRASSE= RO INSUFFICIENTI PER IL FABBISOGNO? IL DELEGATO NE ORDINERÀ in altri paesi? DI MODO CHE OGNI GIORNO GLI UFFICI POSTALI SARANNO IN GRADO DI VENDERE UN CERTO NUMERO DI MODULI. A POCO A POCO QUINDI OGNI PERSONA POTRA' ACQUISTARE TUTTI TUTTI QUELLI CHE DESIDERA.

E' quindi completamente inutile di acquistare questi messaggi civili altrove all'infuori della Posta e ad un prezzo superiore a quello di Lire II.

Infine il delegato ricorda alla popolazione siciliana che soltanto i moduli di MESSAGGI CIVILI si pagano, mentre tutti gli altri moduli utilizzati da questa delegazione sono gratuiti e possono ottenersi sia negli uffici della Croce Rossa Italiana, sia in quelli della delegazione del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa.

GEORGES KUHN
delegato del C.I.C.R.
per la Sicilia

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Translation
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Relating to Civil Messages

The Delegate of International Red Cross Committee has been informed that forms for messages to civilians are sold on the black market at a bigger price than the established one of 11 lire.

Consequently the Deputy informs the population that most drastic steps were taken to prevent this abuse.

All necessary dispositions have been issued to ensure everyone a distribution of a sufficient number of forms. Whenever the local paper supply would be insufficient for the local needs, the Deputy will purchase some from other countries, so as every day the post offices will be in a condition to sell a certain number of forms. By and by, therefore, all persons may purchase all they need.

It is therefore absolutely useless to purchase these forms elsewhere than in the post offices and pay for them more than 11 lire.

Finally the Deputy reminds Sicilians that only civilian messages forms are to be paid, as all other forms used by this Delegation are free of charge and may be obtained both at Italian Red Cross Offices and at the Geneva Red Cross Committee Offices.

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