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- Any objection to French sending mail by Air N. Africa to Italy.
- Italy on occasional planes.
- Prefer to wait until regular service is possible.

- Introduction of service from Tripoli to Italy.
- Does AGO want question of service to Tripoli raised with Air Priorities.
- Reminder.
- Have already raised with MAIT. Request that support be given.
- To MAIT supporting AG proposal.
- Ref. proposal to MAIT. AGO discussing with Air Ministry.
- AGO approval. Mail to be handed to AGO. 60 g.f. per KIP.
- to whom should accounts be sent?
- Seeking lower charge.
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- For consideration of reduction.
- That currency will AGO require.
- Suggesting that actual question of presentation of accounts be left in abeyance as in shipping case where AFHQ ruled that it would be unwise to ask for specific admission of liability in isolated cases.
- 60 g.f. is standard charge.
- To advertise service.
- Italian E.O. must admit liability.
- If question of liability insisted upon what currency will be required.
- Service could start 1st January.
- Proposed date.
- Asking suspension.
- Agrees unwise to press for admission of liability but has wired to COS (MAIT 453).
- Quotes signal from COS saying AGO anxious to have Italian AGO's admission of liability.
- Presumably no reply yet to MAIT 458 (see 47) cannot service start and leave question of payment in abeyance?
- To confirm that Italian E.O. be asked to admit liability (in view of AGO doubts in MAIT 453).
- Copies of letters from E.O. agreeing to start service on basis of 60 g.f. charge.
- Considers correspondence enclosed with 63. Sufficient admission of liability will pass to AGO for AGO.
- Accounts to be presented to Italian Ministry P.T. What currency expected?
- To AGO. Correspondence from Ministry and information to whom accounts to be presented.
- Not satisfied and insists on specific undertaking to pay.
- Request for specific agreement today.
- Confirmation that statement of liability required.
- Letter from Italian E.O. admitting liability.
- Approving commencement of service 23 April 1945.
- Authorising service. See 15 line each page.

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- General.
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 - Notify commencement. Fee 15 Lwe each gramme.
 - Signal introducing freight charges. Quotes as example civil mail. Requests for transportation to be made to WFOUSA.
 - Request that case be submitted for extension of British Air mail services to Italy.
 - Reminder and request for service to Cairo for P.W.

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni
Ispett. Gen. Movimento Postale

Commissione Alleata
Sotto-Commissione per le
Poste e le Telecomunica-
zioni.- Via Veneto - ROMA

Lettera ----- Dir. II Dir. II
Aut. A. 495164/P.A.

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Repubblica A. P. 14.78/CS
del 7 Aprile 1945

OGGETTO:

Posta civile Italia - Tripolitania

Nel ringraziare codesta Commissione Alleata
dell'interessamento spiegato in merito alla isti-
tuzione del servizio postale aereo fra l'Italia
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



Direzione Generale Poste Telegrafi
 Ispektorato Generale Mandamento Postale
 Divisione II Sez. 2^a

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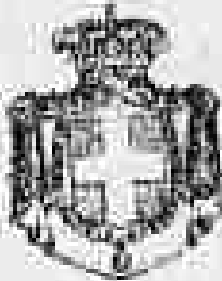
TELEGRAMMA

~~APERTURA SERVIZIO POSTALE~~
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 POSTE NAPOLI FERROVIA
 PER CONOSCENZA : POSTMOV NAPOLI

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Roma, 17 APR 1945

*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*
Ispett. Gen. Movimento Postale

Commissione Alleata
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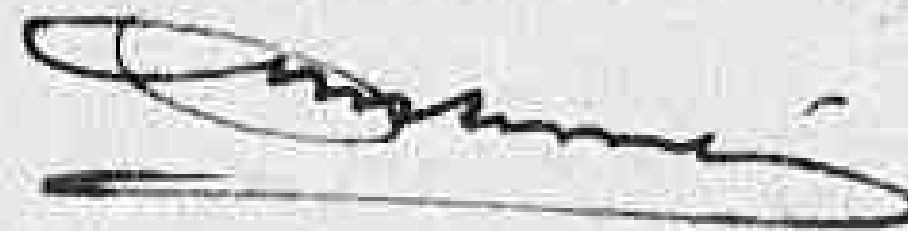
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



Direzione Generale Poste e Telegrafi
 Ispettorato Generale Movimento Postale
 Divisione II Sez. 2^a

14 APR 1945

TELEGRAMMA

DIRPOSTEL PROVINCE ~~SOTTO CONTROLLO GOVERNO ITALIANO~~ *PERTE SERVIZIO POSTALE*
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SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO



Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

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Direzione Generale Poste Telegrafi
Ispettorato Generale Movimento Postale
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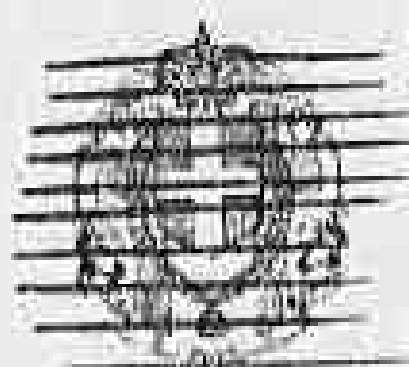
OGGETTO:

COMUNICATO PER LA STAMPA

Dal 23 Aprile 1945 potranno aver corso, per via aerea, le corrispondenze postali (lettere e cartoline), dirette in Tripolitania, di peso non superiore ai 40 grammi, escluse quelle raccomandate, escluse quelle a contenuto commerciale, ed escluse altresì quelle dirette ai prigionieri di guerra. La soprattassa speciale per il trasporto aereo delle corrispondenze dall'Italia liberata per la Tripolitania è di L.15 per ogni 5 grammi di peso, oltre la normale francatura, stabilita in L.5 per i primi 20 grammi e L.3 per i porti successivi.

La soprattassa anzidetta dovrà essere soddisfatta con l'applicazione di francobelli di posta aerea, ed, in mancanza, di quelli comuni.

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ROYAUME D'ITALIE

Postes et des Telecommunications
Ministere des Communications
 DIRECTION GENERALE DES POSTES ET DES TELEGRAPHES
 Inspectorat Général du Trafic Postal
 Service II Division II Section

N°495164/P.A.

Annex N°

Rome, le 17 Avril 1945

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J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que, à partir du 23 Avril 1945, seront admises au transport aérien, entre l'Italie et la Tripolitaine, les lettres et les cartes postales dont le contenu soit exclusivement familial, et dont le poids ne soit pas supérieur à 40 grammes, exclus les objets recommandés et exclus aussi les correspondances directes aux prisonniers de guerre.

Pour le transport aérien de la correspondance susdite est établie la surtaxe de Lit.15 par 5 grammes de poids, outre le normal affranchissement pour les correspondances directes à l'Etranger.

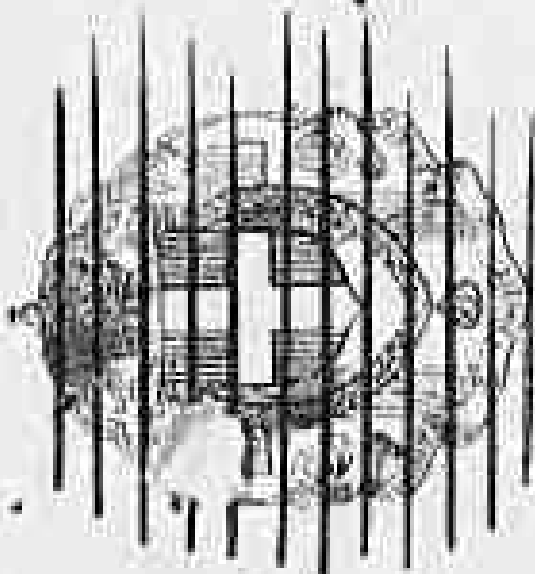
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Au Bureau International
 de l'Union Postale Universelle à

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POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

SCHEMA DI DECRETO INTERMINISTRIALE CONCERNENTE LA DETERMINAZIONE DELLA SOPRATTASSA AEREA SPECIALE PER LE CORRISPONDENZE DALL'ITALIA LIBERATA DIRETTE IN TRIPOLITANIA.

IL MINISTRO SEGRETARIO DI STATO PER LE POSTE E LE TELECOMUNICAZIONI
DI CONCERTO COL MINISTRO SEGRETARIO DI STATO PER IL TESORO

Visto l'art. 3 del Codice Postale e delle Telecomunicazioni approvato col R. Decreto 27 Febbraio 1936, N. 645;

Visti gli art. 271 e 272 del Regolamento dei Servizi Postali, Titolo Preliminare e Parte I, approvato col R. Decreto 18 Aprile 1940, N. 689;

Visto il protocollo finale delle disposizioni relative al trasporto delle poste-lettere per via aerea, allegato alla Convenzione Postale Universale conclusa a Buenos Aires il 23 Maggio 1939, e approvata col R. Decreto 8 Aprile 1940, N. 1283;

Riconosciuta la necessità di determinare la soprattassa speciale per il trasporto aereo delle corrispondenze dall'Italia liberata per la Tripolitania;

DECRETA :

Articolo Unico

Con effetto dal 25 Aprile 1945, data d'inizio del servizio postale aereo civile Italia - Tripolitania, la soprattassa speciale per il trasporto aereo delle corrispondenze dall'Italia liberata per la Tripolitania è stabilita in lire quindici (Lit. 15) per ogni cinque grammi di peso, oltre la franchigia normale stabilita per le corrispondenze dirette all'Estero.

Il presente Decreto verrà comunicato alla Corte dei Conti per la registrazione, e sarà pubblicata nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno.

Roma, li.....

Il Ministro Segretario di Stato
per il Tesoro

Il Ministro Segretario di Stato
per le Poste e le Telecomunicazioni

TRANSLATION

495164/P.A.

17 April 1945

Subject : Italy - Tripolitania Civil Mail.

We thank your Commission for the interest shown in as regards the institution of the air postal service between Italy and Tripolitania, and we include herewith:

1. - Copy of the Interministerial Decree referring to the introduction of the special air charge for correspondence posted in liberated Italy to Tripolitania.
2. - A copy of the communication to the press.
3. - A copy of the telegram by which we issue to the subordinate Prov. Directories and the Naples Ferrovia P.O. ~~xxx~~ the instructions you sent us with your letter P.14.78/CS and with the similar previous one PS.16/14.27 of 27 Oct. 44.
4. - A copy of a letter by which we inform the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, of the institution of the service.

As regards the mail addressed to P.O.W., still in concentration camps in Tripolitania, this Ministry must say that it would have been its desire to extend the service introduced for civil mails, also to P.O.W. mails. If it has not yet been possible to realize this, our Ministry hopes that the question might be examined with the usual benevolence: we will appreciate to be informed of the conditions under which the service might be operated.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

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Telegramma

14 Aprile 1945

Dirpostel Provincie aperte Servizio Postale
 Poste Napoli Ferrovia
 Per Conoscenza : Postmov Napoli

No 495164/P.A. - ISPOSTMOV 2/2 - Decorrenza 23 Aprile saranno ammesse al trasporto aereo lettere et cartoline non raccomandate dirette Tripolitania, peso non superiore grammi 40 et aventi carattere esclusivamente epistolare.

Servizio non riguarda Frigionieri di Guerra.

Sopratassa aerea est fissata lire 15 ogni 5 grammi oltre francatura ordinaria stabilita per corrispondenze dirette estero.

Dovunque impostate corrispondenze aeree per Tripolitania saranno concentrate esclusivamente Napoli Ferrovia che provvedera' inoltrarle mediante dispacci numerati indirizzati CIVIL POSTAL CENSOR TRIPOLI confezionati unico involucro preferibilmente seta aut tela mako'.

Peso complessivo dispaccio dovra' essere segnato nella etichetta e nella distinta da consegnarsi unitamente spedizione al BRITISH BASE ARMY POST OFFICE NAPOLI.

Non essendo stata determinata periodicita' servizio est lasciato al criterio prudenziale Napoli Ferrovia stabilire frequenza previi consultazioni et accordi con anzidetto BRITISH BASE ARMY POST OFFICE.

Assicurare adempimento.

SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO

TRANSLATION

To : Prov. Directions open to Postal Services.
 Naples Ferrovia P.O.
 and for information to : Naples Postal Movement Section

From 23rd April letters and postcards, not registered, addressed Tripolitania, weighing no more than 40 gms, containing personal communications only, will be admitted to air transportation.

The service does not concern P.O.W. mail.

The air charge is fixed in 15 lire per each 5 gms., besides the ordinary postage rate established for foreign correspondence.

Air mail to Tripolitania will be concentrated from all Post Offices to Naples Ferrovia, which will arrange to forward them by numbered despatches addressed to CIVIL POSTAL CENSOR TRIPOLI made up in one wrapping possibly of silk or cotton.

The gross weight of the despatch will be marked on the label and on the Bill to be handed over with the mail to the BRITISH BASE APO NAPLES.

The periodicity of the service has not been fixed and it is left to the discretion of Naples F. to fix this after consultation and in agreement with the above BRITISH BASE APO.

Please give acknowledgement.

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

TRANSLATION

Notification to the press.

From 23rd April 1945 postal correspondence (letters and postcards) may be posted ~~by~~ as air mail, addressed to Tripolitania, weighing no more than 40 gms., excluding registered communications of a commercial nature, and correspondence addressed to P.O.W..

The special air charge for air transportation of correspondence from liberated Italy to Tripolitania is of 15 lire per each 5 gms., besides the normal postage rate, fixed in 5 lire for the first 20 gms. and 3 lire for the additional 20 gms.

The above charge will be paid by the application of air mail stamp, or, in lack of these, with ordinary stamps.

Interministerial Decree referring to the special air overcharge for correspondence from liberated Italy to Tripolitania.

Having seen Art. 9 of the Postal and Telecomms Code approved by the R.D. 27 Feb. 1936 No 645.

Having seen Art. 271 and 272 of the Regulations of Postal Service, Preliminary Part and Part I, approved by the R.D. 18 April 1940 No 639.

Having seen the final minutes of the dispositions relating to the transport of mails by air, attached to the Universal Postal Convention agreed at Buenos Aires on the 23 May 1959, and approved by the R.D. 8 April 1940 No 1283.

Seeing the necessity of fixing the special overcharge for the air transportation of mails from Liberated Italy to Tripolitania.

WE DECREE

With effect from 23 April 1945, date ~~of commencement of the service~~ of ~~the beginning of the service~~ ~~with start~~ commencement of the civil air mail service Italy → Tripolitania, the special overcharge for air transportation of correspondence from liberated Italy to Tripolitania is fixed in 15 lire per each 5 gms of weight, besides the ordinary postage rate applying to correspondence addressed abroad. The present Decree will be passed to the Corte dei Conti for registration and will be published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale.

The Minister of Treasury

The Minister of Posts and Telecomms

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

7 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your P.14.77.CS of 31 March and two inclosures.

2. Inclosed is copy of P/641 from BPD, AFHQ, to this Section, dated 4 Apr., from which it will be seen that it is desired to commence this service on 23 April, and that DAPS, War Office and DDAPS, GHQ, MEF, are being so advised.

3. Confirming telephone conversation Majors Green and Byles this date, it is understood that Communications S/C will approach Italian Government to ask that arrangements be made by them for commencement of service on date mentioned above.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
see para 2.

Julius Byles
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Major, F.A.

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Date 9 APR 1945

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/641.

4 Apr 45.

Subject:- Air Mail Service - Italy - Tripolitania.

To:- G-5, AFHQ.

1. Ref. Communications Sub Commission letter P.14.77 CS of 31 March and telephone conversation of 3 Apr (Byles - Ryland spoke) it is confirmed that the guarantee given by the Italian Postal Administration is satisfactory.

2. In the circumstances it is agreed that the service should be scheduled to commence on 23 April 45, and perhaps you would ask the Communication Sub Commission to arrange accordingly. The D.A.P.S. War Office and DDAPS, GHQ, MEF, are being advised of the position separately.

/s/ A.W.C. RYLAND
/t/ (A.W.C. RYLAND)
Lt-Col., R.E.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.14.78/CS

7 April 1945

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 495138/PA of 30th March 1945.

1. I am glad to inform you that authority has now been received for the Air Mail service to commence under the agreed conditions.
2. The commencing date for the service will be the 23rd April.
3. As originally arranged the despatches should be made up at the Naples Ferrovia Post Office, addressed to the "Civil Postal Censor, Tripoli" and handed to the British Army Base Post Office at Naples with the relative way-bill. The overall weight of the mail should be shown on the way-bill and on the bag label or envelope.
4. It is suggested that the frequency of the despatch should be left to the discretion of the Naples Ferrovia Office in the light of the traffic and in consultation with the British Army Base Post Office.
5. It is assumed that the air mail fee will be 15 lire for each 5 grammes as originally proposed but, if any variation in this charge is proposed perhaps you will let me know as soon as possible.
6. In the instructions to your offices and in the relative notices in the newspapers no doubt you will make it clear that the service does not apply to Prisoners of War in Tripoli. If you wish to raise the question of an air despatch for correspondence addressed to Prisoners of War in Tripoli, separate proposals should be submitted.
7. Please issue the relative instructions concerning the commencement of this service to the Provincial Directorates in Military Government territory where postal services are in operation as well as to those under your direct control.

Copies to:

G-5, A.F.H.Q. (ref telephone message
Major Byles)

British Army Postal Directorate
Q/o No. 15 Base APO, CMF.

Civil Censorship (for information)

Regional Commissioners: Umbria-Marche, Toscana, Venezia Regions (attn Postal Officer)

WHL
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.14.77.03

31 March 1945

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Air Mail.

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

Reference your 344.1 of 26 March 1945.

1. I enclose the original letter (with translation) in which the Under Secretary of State for the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications gives the required undertaking to pay the British Post Office conveyance charges at the rate of 60 gold francs per kilo.

2. Copies of this correspondence have been sent to the British Postal Directorate as desired.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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- 1 - P.14.73/03 of 27 March to Under Secretary.
- 2 - 495153/P.A. from Under Secretary.

Copy to:

British Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q. (attn Col. Ryland)
O/o 15th Base Army P.O., *CAF*

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MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi
Ispettorato Generale del Movimento Postale

495138/P.A.

30 Marzo 1945

OGGETTO : Posta aerea Italia-Tripolitania.

Alla Commissione Alleata, Sotto-Commissione per le Comunicazioni.

Non senza sentitamente ringraziare codesta Commissione Alleata per l'interessamento spiegato al fine di conseguire una rapida e soddisfacente soluzione dell'importante problema relativo al ristabilimento delle comunicazioni postali fra l'Italia e la Tripolitania, si ha il pregio di rendere noto che la condizione posta con la lettera surriferita, riflettente il comenso di 60 franchi oro da corrispondere al Servizio Postale Inglese per ogni kilogrammo (peso lordo) di posta aerea caricata, e' senz'altro formalmente accettata.

Si dichiara altresì che saranno del pari accettate tutte quelle altre condizioni che Codesta Commissione Alleata riterrà opportuno fissare, sia riguardo alle modalità con cui il servizio dovrà svolgersi da parte degli Uffici Italiani, sia riguardo al pagamento delle fatture, a misura che esse saranno presentate per la relativa liquidazione.

Si resta, dopo ciò, in attesa di conoscere sotto quale data potrà essere iniziato il nuovo servizio, che dovrà essere notificata con non meno di 15 giorni di preavviso per le necessarie modifiche tariffarie.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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TRANSLATION768
30 March 1945

Subject: Italy-Tripolitania Air Mail.

We heartily thank the Allied Commission for the interest shown in order to reach a rapid and satisfactory solution of the important problem relating to the re-establishment of postal communications between Italy and Tripolitania; we have the honour to inform you that the condition stipulated in your letter P.14.73/CS of 27 March 1945, referring to the compensation of 60 gold francs to be paid to the British Postal Service for each kilo (gross weight) of air mail loaded, is definitely and formally accepted.

We also declare that we will similarly accept all the other conditions which the Allied Commission considers opportune to fix either as regards the rules to be followed by the Italian Post Offices, or as regards the payment of the relative bills, as they come to be presented for payment. We remain after the above, waiting to know on which date the new service can be commenced, pointing out that such date should be notified at least 15 days in advance, to allow the necessary arrangements for the adjustments of the rates.

The Under Secretary of State

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

JB/cjm

28 March 1945

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Alcom, APO 394.
 (Att: Maj. Green, Communications S/C)

1. Reference telephone conversation this subject yesterday, Majors Green and Byles.

2. It is confirmed that this Section desires a statement, and translation thereof, from the Italian Government to the effect that their postal administration agree to pay the British General Post Office at the rate of 60 gold francs per kilo for all mails conveyed by air from Italy to Tripolitania.

3. A copy of such statement, and translation thereof, should be sent to the British General Postal Directorate, AFHQ, c/o 15th Base Army P. O., C.M.F., Attention Lt. Col. RYLAND. These will be forwarded at once to the British G.P.O. and as soon as their approval is received a date for commencing the service can be fixed and Mideast notified thereof.

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

Julius Byles
 JULIUS BYLES
 Major, FA.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 53206
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Message Centre No: D/6310
 Date Time Rec'd: MAR 290730A
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEC
 TO: MIDEAST INFO ALCON ROME

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RESTRICTED.

ITALY to TRIPOLITANIA Airmail service is subject. Reference your 04/98604 of 24th March.

Resumption of this service is being delayed pending a firm and specific agreement by Italian Government undertaking to pay British Government for carrying of these mails at rate of 60 gold Francs per kilogram. This agreement when received must be forwarded to UK for approval. As soon as that approval is given and notified to this HQ, service may commence and you will be advised of firm date. Hoped that arrangements will have been completed so that service may be commenced within 2 or 3 weeks.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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URGENT

In reply
refer to: P. 14.73/CS

27 March 1945

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Air Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 495657 PA of 22 February 1945.

1. I have been instructed to ask you to furnish a specific undertaking to the effect that the Italian Postal Administration agrees to pay the British Post Office at the rate of 60 gold francs per kilogram for all mails conveyed by air from Italy to Tripolitania.

2. On receipt on this undertaking arrangements will be made for it to be forwarded to London by rapid means and I hope that the commencement of the service will then be authorised.

for J.L. Henderson
for J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Italy and Tripolitania Air Mail.

27 March Major Byles G-5, AFHQ said by telephone that British Postal Directorate is not satisfied that the terms of the Ministry's letters are sufficient and they are not prepared to send them to the G.P.O.

It was requested that the Under Secretary be asked to furnish a specific agreement by the Italian Postal Administration to pay the British Post Office at the rate of 60 gold francs per kilo for all mails conveyed by Air from Italy to Tripolitania.

The original of this agreement (with translation) is to be sent to G-5 and a copy to Lt. Col Ryland British Army Postal Directorate, C/O 15 Base APO CMF.

Major W. H. Green.

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G-5: 311.1

25 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Italy to Tripolitania Air Mail.

TO : British Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q.
(Attn: Lt. Col. RYLAND)

1. Reference your 1/641 of 27 February
2. Inclosed herewith are:

a. Translation of letter from Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications to Communications Subcommittee, Allied Commission, ref: S/8-3/4386 of 9 December 1944.

b. Translation of letter from and to the same parties, ref: 1500 IGM of 19 December 1944.

3. These letters appear to acknowledge the charge of 60 gold francs per kilo. The Communications Subcommittee in a letter to this Section of 26 February consent, referring to them, "They obviously imply an acceptance of the terms quoted. A request for an additional and more specific undertaking to pay might evoke surprise, to say the least."

4. The accounts for conveyance of the air mail can be presented to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

JB
JULIUS RYLES,
Major, F.A.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

Inclst:
See para. 2.

Copy to: A.C. Allied Commission,
(Attn: Communications Subcommittee.)

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In reply
refer to: P.14.70.03

21 March 1945

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail.

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

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Reference your P/T/152 of 18 March 1945.

1. The points of difficulty referred to in my P.14.56/03 of 7th February have not yet been finally settled between A.F.H.Q. and the G.P.O.

2. I think that the case is now in its final stage, but I cannot estimate the date when authority will be received for commencement of the service.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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21 March 1945

In reply
refer to: P.14.69/CS

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Air Mail.

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

Reference your G-5 311.1 of 18th March 1945.

1. The accounts for conveyance of the air mail can be presented to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.
2. The actual technicalities of the method payment will need to be settled and in this connection attention is drawn to P. 14.42/CS of 18th December 1944, which pointed out that information is required as to the currency in which the British Post Office expects to be paid.

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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SUBJECT:- Air Mail Service.*Redlined*

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18 Mar 45

The Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.Copy to:- Civil Affairs Branch, GHQ MEF.
Chief Administrator, HQ BMA Tripolitania.
Controller of Civil Posts, Tripolitania.

Reference your letter P.14.56/CS of 7 Feb 45, the continued absence of an Air Mail Service from Italy to Tripolitania is giving rise to considerable concern. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will let me know what the present position is and if you will let me have an estimate of the probable date of the introduction of the service.

*Wainwright*Lt.-Col. RE,
(H.N. PICKERING),
for DDAPS./VLM.
HJ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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18 March 1945

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference our G-5: 311.1 of 8 March, inclosing copy of British Postal Directorate P/641 of 27 February, and your reply P.14.66/CS of 13 March.

2. Before the BPD's letter can be answered this Section must be informed as to which Italian Government authority the British P.O. should present its accounts for payment.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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13 March 1945

In reply
refer to: P.14.66/CS.

Subject : It-ly-Tripolitania Air Mail.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 8th March 1945.

1. No objection is seen to the copies of the correspondence being forwarded to the General Post Office as proposed as there is every desire on the part of this Commission and the Italian Postal Administration that the service should commence without further delay.

2. It is observed that the Postal Directorate's letter of 27th February reverts to the question of the presentation of accounts, and it is urged that any technicalities as to payment should not be allowed to stand in the way of the early introduction of the service (see P.14.42/CS of 18th December 1944).

For the Chief Commissioner

W.H.G.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

8 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Italy to Tripolitania Air Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your P/14/63/CS of 28 February.

2. Attached for information is copy of British Postal Directorate P/641 of 27 February which is in point.

3. This Section is in agreement with paragraph 2(b) of the Postal Directorate's letter. In this connection it appears to this Section unlikely that the British Treasury and the Foreign Office were unaware of the policy aspect raised in MAT 458 and that the view that the charge is one falling outside the Armistice terms presumably warranted in their minds the decision to press for specific acknowledgement of the charge and that without prejudice to the broad principle of non-acknowledgement.

4. It would appear that the correspondence from the Italian authorities enclosed with your memo. would constitute a sufficient acknowledgement. Subject therefore to any further comments you have to make it is proposed to forward to the British Postal Directorate a copy of the Italian correspondence in order that they may forward it to London to clear the matter.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
H Q Comd O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

Incl: as above.

W. B. Jackman
Recd.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

27 Feb 45.

Subject:- Civil Postal Services. - Italian

P/641

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

1. As you are aware, tentative arrangements have been made for the introduction of a Civil Air Mail Service from Italy to Tripolitania. Correspondence posted in Italy will be handed over by the Italian Post Office to the British Base Army Post Office in Naples for onward conveyance by air.
2. (a) The British Post Office is anxious to obtain an acknowledgement from the Italian Government of its obligation to pay the British Post Office for the service at the rate of 60 Gold Francs per kilo. The question of obtaining this acknowledgement was referred to you by the C.C.S. Washington in TAM 454 dated 6 Feb, 45.

(b) It should perhaps be mentioned that the British Treasury and the British Foreign Office support the Post Office view that this acknowledgement should be obtained before the service is commenced. The view is held that the charge in question is a routine one falling outside the Armistice terms.
3. Arrangements for the introduction of the Air Mail Service to Tripolitania have been completed as far as the British Army Postal Service is concerned; it is understood that the Italian Post Office is also ready to start the service.
4. In the circumstances it would be appreciated if you would say whether the acknowledgement referred to in para 2 above, has been obtained and, if so, perhaps you would be good enough to supply this Directorate with a copy of it. It would also be appreciated if you would say to which Authority the British Post Office should present its accounts for payment.

/s/ A.W.C. RYLAND

(A.W.C. RYLAND)
Lt.-Col., R.E.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/bs

28 February 1945

In reply
refer to: P.14.64/CS

Subject : Air Mail, Italy-Tripolitania.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 495057 PA of 22 February 1945.

1. I can assure you that this Sub-Commission is equally anxious that a solution should be found to the difficulties which caused the deferment of the introduction of this service.

2. Important points of principle are involved, but the matter is being pursued at the highest level and it is hoped to obtain authority to commence the particular service at an early date.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.14.63/03

28 February 1945

Subject : Italy to Tripolitania Air Mail.

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

Reference your letter 311-1 of 15th February 1945.

1. Enclosed are the original letters (with translation) in which the Italian Postal authorities
(a) Agreed to set up the service on the basis of a conveyance charge of 60 gold francs per kilo
(b) Notified the fixing of an air mail fee related to such charge (we having advised them in the internal that no reduction was possible).

2. (a) Our concern that there might not have been a complete tie-up somewhere between this particular case on the one hand, and the general issue of giving specific acknowledgement of liability on the other, was fostered by the feeling that the Postal Directorate had referred the Tripolitania case (only) to the G.P.O. London, and that the G.P.O. reply (referred to in your letter of 7th February) had not been co-ordinated with the MAT 458 problem.

(b) Finance Sub-Commission incline to this view and have referred the point to their Financial Adviser at A.F.H.Q.

(c) For our part, and in view of the opening sentence of para. 2 of your letter of 15th February, we have no objection to G.P.O. being replied to as you suggest, if you consider that the copies of correspondence enclosed will meet the case. (They obviously imply an acceptance of the terms quoted. A request for an additional and more specific undertaking to pay might evoke surprise, to say the least.

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L.H.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecoms.
TO : Allied Commission - Communications Sub-Commission.
DATE: 19 December 1944.
Ref.Nº: 1500 IGM.
SUBJECT: Air Mail Service Italy-Tripolitania.

Reference your P.14.40/CS of 16th December 1944.

1. On the basis of the standard rate of 60 gold francs per kilo, we have established an air mail surcharge of 15 lire for each 5 gms., in addition to the normal 2.50 lire stamp for ordinary mail.
2. The service could begin on the 1st of January.
3. We forward for your examination and approval, the notifications which we will issue to the dependent Provincial Directions IP.TT. and to the public, through the Press.

Please let us have your reply.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

(FANO)

TRANSLATION

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From: Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

To: Allied Commission - Communications Sub-Commission

Date: 9th December 1944

Ref. N°: 8/8-3/4386

Subject: Air Service from Italy to Tripolitania.

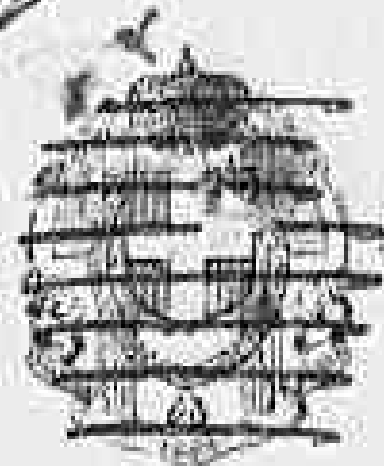
Ref. your P.14.33/CS of 5.12.44. We apologise for the inconvenience caused as a result of two letters having been sent you on the matter (N° 910959 P.A. of 24 Nov. and 8/8.3/4122 of 27 Nov.), the former prepared by the Service concerned, and the second by this Secretariat.

Actually, the latter meets the situation better, because the rate of 10 lire would hardly cover the air transportation cost, considering, as you rightly point out, the weight of bags, string, wax and other incidental weights forming part of the mails.

In any case, independently of the points raised in both letters, the fact remains that, even if it should not be possible to reduce the transportation charges which you requested for such air mail, we will, without more ado, give our approval to the introduction of the service in question, fixing an adequate and proportionate surcharge which will probably be, in any case, a good deal higher than the one which you mention as being in force in Tripoli (30 lire for each 15 gms.) (with the new rates, letters of 15 gms. to Tripoli are likely to cost 45 lire). In any event we will await a reply from you, after which we will be pleased to go into the matter further. We apologise again, and thank you for the information furnished.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi
 ISPETTORATO GENERALE DEL MOVIMENTO POSTALE

Servizio ----- *Dir. II* *Sez. II*
 Prot. N° 495057 P.A. *Allegati*
 Risposta al f. N°
 del

Roma, 22 FEB. 1945

Al On. Commissione Alleata
 Sotto-Commissione per le Poste
 e le Telecomunicazioni - R O M A

OGGETTO:

 Posta aerea civile Italia - Tripolitania

Continuano a pervenire a questo Ministero vive premure, da parte di Enti e di privati, perchè non sia ulteriormente ritardata l'attivazione del collegamento postale aereo fra l'Italia e la Tripolitania, che avrebbe dovuto effettuarsi, secondo le intelligenze intercorse, con inizio dal 12 Gennaio, e del quale fu poi disposto il differimento con lettera di codesta Commissione Alleata N° P.14.48.CS, del 27 Dicembre 1944.

Si prega di voler riprendere in benevolo esame l'importante questione, che investe gli interessi morali e materiali di numerose famiglie di nostri connazionali, e di far conoscere, con gentile premura, le determinazioni che avrà ritenuto opportuno di adottare al riguardo.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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22 February 1949

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mail Italy-Tripolitania

Requests continue to arrive to this Ministry, on behalf of Agencies and private firms, asking that the activation of the air postal connection between Italy and Tripolitania be not further delayed; this service ought to have been operated, following agreements had beginning on the 1st of Jan.; and was delayed with your P.14.48/CS of 27 December 1944.

We beg you to kindly re-examine the important question that concerns both the moral and materials interests of many families of our nationals and please let us know, as soon as possible, the decisions concerning the matter.

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MEMO -

20th February 1945

P.I4.61/CS

Major Timmons Finance Sub-Commission.

Ref. today's conversation.

Attached are copies of:-

G-5 letters of 22 Dec., 7 Feb., and 15 Feb.
Our letter of 10 Feb. to G-5.

Please advise on any developments as soon as possible.

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Communications Sub-Commission

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G-5: 311.1

15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your P.14.58/cs of 10 February.

2. The CCS has apparently chosen to deal with the Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail case independently of the main issue raised in our MAT 458. Thus in January, the CCS requested additional information on the freight charges referred to in MAT 458 and this Section is still awaiting an answer from the Minister of War Transport on which to base a reply to the CCS query. In the absence of CCS policy instruction to the contrary, this Section will continue to adhere to the position set forth in MAT 458, namely that in general specific acknowledgment by the Italian Government of isolated charges is undesirable.

deals with freight charges

3. The clear intent of CCS in the signal referred to in our memo of 7 February however was to require the Italian Government to give an acknowledgment of their obligation to pay the specific set of charges eventually. It appears that the notification referred to in your para 2 (1) would meet the CCS requirements. It is suggested therefore, if you agree, that reply be made to the cable that the appropriate acknowledgment by the Italian Government has been given and that a signed copy of it will be sent to the General Post Office through mail channels.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T.B. Jackman
W.C.P.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 311.1

11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your P/14/57/CS of 7 February.
2. Attention is called to memo G-5: 311.1 of 7 February, reporting substance of CCS cable which would appear to be in point.

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.14.56/Ga

10 February 1945

Dear

Italy - Tripolitania Civil Air Mail

1. Your letter G-5, 311.1 of 7th February 1945 (which has crossed with my P.14.57/G3 of the same date) raises some doubts as to whether the previous correspondence on this matter (in particular your 183.542 of 22nd December 1944) has been lost sight of.
2. For your convenience I enclose a précis of the main points of the case. If, from this past history, you share my doubts that C.C.S. are dealing with the case independently of the main issue raised in your MAT 458, you will no doubt wish to verify the actual position. If I am wrong (or alternatively if the point is cleared favourably) we can
 (i) ask the Italian Post Office for a specific acknowledgement of obligations -but they have already notified us in writing that they are prepared to set up the service on the terms which we quoted, and that will perhaps be regarded as meeting the case.
 (ii) Start the service at a few days notice.

Yours

Lt. Col. T.B. Jackman
G-5, A.F.H.Q.

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Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail - Precis 58 B

1. P.641 of 26 October from British Postal Directorate to A.C.

British Post Office gave authority for service, subject to charge of 60 gold francs per kilo; asked to which authority accounts should be submitted.

2. P.14.34/33 of 10 December 1944 A.C. to British Postal Directorate.

Reference submission of accounts: Pointed out the general policy outlined in G-5's letter of 5 October 1944 re. charges for conveyance of mails, and suggested that same principles should apply.

3. P.641 of 15 December from British Postal Directorate to A.C.

Stated that the question of payment of accounts was raised on instructions from British P.O..

4. P.14.42/33 of 18 December 1944 A.C. to G-5.

Enclosed copies of correspondence; indicated that Italian P.O. will fix its Air fee on the basis of the charge stipulated by British P.O. asked in what currency accounts should be paid if the decision is that this case should be dealt with separately from the general issue.

5. P.14.45/33 of 19 December A.C. to British Postal Directorate.
(Copy to G-5).

Advises that Italian Government accepted charge of 60 gold francs as basis for Air mail fee. Service to be advertised to start 1st January 1945.

6. 24 December 1944 Telephone message from British Postal Directorate.

Asked that the service be suspended until the question of the presentation of accounts be cleared with British Post Office.

7. G-5: 383.8-2 of 22 December 1944 from G-5 to A.C..

Agreed that case similar to the general issue raised by Finance Sub-Commission; that immediate settlement of accounts or specific acknowledgement of selected charges would be unwise, and that decision awaited from C.C.S..

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Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail - Preols (continued)

8. P.14.57/06 of 7 February 1945 A.G. to G-5.

Asked whether service may start leaving matter of payment in abeyance.

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ITALY - TRIPOLITANIA CIVILIAN MAIL - PRECIS

- (1) G-5:CGI.6 of 13 August 1944 TO ALLIED COMMISSION asking what progress had been made with provision of Italy-Tripoly on service.
- (2) PS 16/14. 20 of 17 August 1944 TO G-5 Enclosing correspondence on the Subject.
- (3) G-5 CGI.6 of August 1944 to HQ MARF GMP Enquiry as to position.
- (4) P 644 of 27 September from Brit Postal Directorate to A.C. Matter has been referred to British P.O.
- (5) (1) P 644 of 26 October from British Postal Directorate to A.C.
British Post Office gave authority for service, subject to charge of 60 gold francs per kilo: asked to which authority accounts should be submitted.
- (6) 30 October: the terms were submitted to the Italian Post office which welcomed the service but asked for consideration to be given to a reduction in the conveyance charge.
- (7) P.14.34/CS of 5 December 1944 A.C. to British Postal Direct. Querying whether reduction is possible
9 Dec. 1944 Italian P.O. advise they are willing to set up the service on terms already notified by us if no reduction possible.
- (8) (2) P 14.34/CS of 10 Dec 1944 A.C. to British Postal Directorate Reference submission of accounts: Pointed out the general policy outlined in G-5's letter of 5 October 1944 re. charges for conveyance of mails, and suggested that same principles should apply.
- (9) P 644 of 13 December 1944, from British Postal Direct. to A.C.
No use raising question of reduction of charges.
- (10) (3) P 644 of 15 December 1944 from Brit. Postal Direct. to A.C.
Stated that the question of payment of account was raised on instructions from Brit. P.O.

(11) P. 14.4 of CS of 16 December 1944 A.C. To Italian Post Office Informing Italian P.O. that it is not possible to obtain a reduction in the conveyance charge and asking to be informed when corresponding Air Mail fee has been fixed.

(12) P. 14.42/CS of 18 December 1944 A.C. to G-5
Enclosed copies of correspondence; indicated that Italian P.O. will fix its Air fee on the basis of the charge stipulated by British P.O. asked in what currency accounts should be paid if the decision is that this case should be dealt with separately from the general issue.

(13) P. 14.45/CS of 19 December 1944 A.C. to Brit. Postal Directorate.
Copy to G-5)
Advised that Italian Government accepted charge of 60 gold francs as basis for Air Mail fee. Service to be advertised to start 1st January 45.

(14) 24 December 1944 Telephone message from Brit. Postal Directorate.
Asked that the service be suspended until the question of the presentation of accounts be cleared with British Post Office

(15) G-5. 383.8-2 of 22 December 1944 from G-5 to A.C.
Agreed that case similar to the general issue raised by Finance Sub-Commission; that immediate settlement of accounts or specific acknowledgment of selected charges would be unwise and that decision awaited from C.O.S.

(16) P. 14.57/CS of 7 February 1945 A.C. to G-5.
Asked whether service may start leaving matter of payment in abeyance.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.14.57/53.

7 February 1945

Subject : Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

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

Reference your G-5: 383.8-2 of 22 December 1944.

I. Presumably a reply has not yet been received to your MAT 458. The matter is dragging on rather now, and we have had a further enquiry from D.D.A.P.S. HQ. M.E.F., pressing for the service to start. The financial aspects involved are of course rather far reaching, and a decision may perhaps not be forthcoming for a while yet. If you consider that further delay is likely, could the matter be pursued in the direction of the G.P.O. (or Air Ministry) leaving the matter of payment in abeyance for the moment? On such a basis the Italian Postal authorities could be told that the question of payment for the service is under further consideration, but that they should preferably fix their Air Mail letter fee on the basis of an eventual 60 gold francs per kilo transportation charge.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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7 February 1945

In reply
refer to :P.14.56/C3.

Subject : Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

To : D.D.A.P.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Reference your P/T/152 of 31 January 1945.

1. The introduction of the service was deferred at the minute, in consultation with A.F.H.Q. Postal Directorate and G-5, on an accounting issue. Steps were taken to stop local press notifications, and it is not known how a premature notification came to be made on a radio broadcast. *Last*

2. It was hoped that the hold-up would not be a protracted one. We are now pressing for a clearance. In the meantime you may consider it desirable to have suitable information circulated in Tripolitania.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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7 February 1945

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. A signal has been received from CCS stating that it is understood that a civilian air mail service from Italy to Tripolitania has been arranged at a charge of 60 gold francs per kilogram. The signal then states that before starting the service the General Post Office are anxious to obtain acknowledgment from the Italian Government of their obligations to pay the charges eventually. The signal requests that arrangements be made with the Italian Government for the necessary acknowledgment to the General Post Office to be given.

2. Your comments on the above are requested as a matter of urgency.

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.



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Date 9/2/45.

SUBJECT:- Air Mail Service.

CHQ. RECP.
P/T/152

31 Jan 45

The Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your letter P14.45/CS of 19 Dec 44, although the civil air mail service from Allied Occupied Italy to Tripolitania was due to start on 1 Jan 45, no despatch has so far been received at Tripoli.
2. The Controller of Civil Posts, Tripolitania, states that the public in that Territory has learnt of the introduction of the service through a radio broadcast from Italy. In view of this and of the strong demand which has existed for such a service for some time, the non-arrival of the expected air mails seems likely to give rise to general dissatisfaction.
3. In the circumstances perhaps you will confirm that the service has been introduced as intended and that mails may be expected in the near future.

W. H. Barnes

Major RE,
(H.W. BARNES),
for DDAPS.

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EXTRACT from P.I5.393 A of-
letter from British Postal Directorate (Col. Roskell)
of 28 January 45

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So far as external air services are concerned if A.C., G-5 and their opposite numbers in London obtain approval through DAPS, Air Ministry and the British Post Office for a particular air service at a specified charge and DAPS gives us the OK, we would put the mails on the planes.

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Attention is invited to WAR DEPARTMENT Circular 451. 1944 and AGWAR Radio to this Headquarters. A paraphrased extract is as follows:

Subject is revenue traffic on air transport command.

Effective 1 January 1945, charges will be made for certain of the traffic carried in accordance with the 5th paragraph WD Circular 451. Certain traffic which may have been doubtful propriety (?) as an expense of the WAR DEPARTMENT has been heretofore authorized as military traffic by Army agencies. You should review practice in this regard. Cited is example, the case of diplomatic and civil mail. In accordance with 5th paragraph WAR DEPARTMENT Circular 451, mail and other traffic should be transported without reimbursement only when the cost of such transportation is an appropriate charge against NAVY DEPARTMENT, WAR DEPARTMENT or OCS funds. End of extract.

All requests for transportation of traffic over ATO facilities, for which cost of transportation does not fall under lend lease or subparagraph A or B of paragraph 5 WAR DEPARTMENT Circular 451 will be referred to this Headquarters for approval. These provisions will be placed in effect immediately.

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 H. J. L. (To O)
 A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 G-4 (1) Communications
 File (2) Fleet

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 BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

3 Jan 45

Subject: MAILS POW SHIPY IN ALLIED HANDS.

To: HQ Allied Commission
 Communications Sub-Commission
 C.M.F.

1. The information contained in your letter P.15.307/CS dated 6 Dec 44 has been communicated to EDAPSME who replied suggesting you may wish to consider the possibility of having the correspondence endorsed "By air from Egypt" and prepared accordingly.
2. The introduction of such a service would of course necessitate air conveyance costs being paid to the Egyptian Post Office.
3. When the question regarding international payments by the Italian Govt in respect of charges in connection with postal services has been settled, no doubt the civil Air Mail services from Italy will be developed and all air outlets will be available for correspondence addressed to POW.

(R.H. ROSEKILL)
 Lt Col. R.E.
 for EDAPS

Copy in P. 15 391/CS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Communications Sub-Commission

19 January 1945

In reply
refer to : P.14.50/CS.

Subject : External Civil Air Mails.

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

1. In our letter P.16.14.16 of 15 July 1944 (copy attached for ready reference), enquiry was made regarding the possibility of Italy participating in certain civil air mail services but no reply has been received to date.
2. The matter is again brought under notice, not only on account of the interest which this Sub-Commission has in keeping services abreast of related developments, but with regard also to aspects raised by the A.F.H.Q. British Postal Directorate in the accompanying copy of relative correspondence.
3. The suggestion that letters from Italy to Prisoners of War in countries circulating to Cairo, should be prepaid ^{and} ~~super~~scribed for onward transit "By air from Egypt" raises of course several points for close examination as does also the other question mentioned of a general development of civil air mail services with Italy.
4. It is not proposed to go into details at this stage, unless it can be intimated that there is at least a fair prospect of such schemes being favourably viewed in principle, and workable in practice (so far as arrangements outside our control here are concerned).
Will you please advise.

For the Chief Commissioners

h.w.d.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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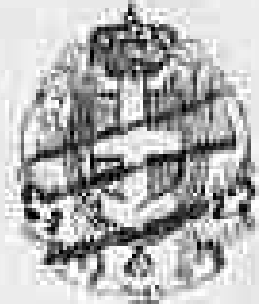
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British Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q., D.M.F. (Re P.660 of M.45)

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ispett. Gen/le Mov. Post.

*Allied Commission
Posts And Telecommunications
Sub - Commission*

R O M A

*Servizi: Sp. II D. II
Det. N. 911022/PA, Allegato I*

*Ripetuto N. P. 14.44/C.S.
del 19.12.1944.*

OGGETTO: Posta aerea Civile Italia e Tripoli-
tania.

A seguito della surriferita vostra lettera con la quale ci comunicavate di aver trovato soddisfacente lo schema delle istruzioni telegrafiche da impartire agli Organi periferici per il funzionamento del servizio aeropostale tra l'Italia e la Tripolitania, vi rendiamo noto che dette istruzioni ebbero corso con telegramma circolare del 23 dicembre u.s.

Successivamente, a seguito delle eccezioni da voi ricevute in via breve, le istruzioni anzidette sono state revocate col telegramma circolare di cui vi rimettiamo copia.

Mentre vi avvertiamo che abbiamo parimenti sospeso il corso del comunicato alla stampa, che avevate già approvato, rimaniamo in attesa di conoscere sotto quale data il servizio in questione

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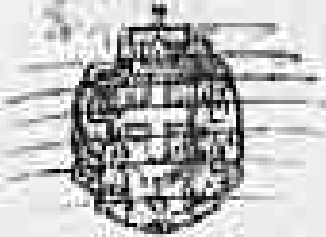
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Divisione Generale Poste e Telegrafi
 Ispektorato Generale Movimento Postale
 Servizio Div. Sez.
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3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Civil air-mail Italy-Tripolitania

Following your P.14.44/CS of December 19, 1944 in which you told us that you had formed satisfactorily the scheme of telegraphic instructions to be issued to the French Offices for the operation of the air mail service between Italy and Tripolitania, we inform you that said instructions have been issued in the circular telegram on December 23rd.

Later on, following the alterations you notified us by telephone, the above instructions were cancelled by the circular telegram of which a copy is enclosed.

While we inform you that we have also suspended the press notification which you had already approved we are awaiting to know on which the service shall be regularly commenced.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.14.48.CS.

27 December 1944

Subject : Italy - Tripolitania Air Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Confirming conversation with Dr. Fano (on 24th Dec.) and subsequent telephone messages, a request has been received that the introduction of this service be deferred pending settlement with the British Post Office, of certain points of principle which have arisen.

2. It has been requested that commencement of the service should not be delayed unduly on this account.

SEE 46 HQ. W.H.G.

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

Copies to :

G-5, A.F.H.Q.
British Postal Directorate A.F.H.Q.

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G-5: 383.8-2

22 December 1944

SUBJECT: Air Mail - Tripolitania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your P/14.42/CS of 18 December.
2. The problem raised is similar to the one raised in your P/15/298/CS of 3 December which has been referred to CCS for decision in MAT 458 of which copy was sent to you (attention Finance Sub Commission).
3. This Section concurs in the view expressed by your Finance Sub Commission that settlement now or specific acknowledgment of selected charges by the Italian Government would be unwise since they may later argue they are not liable to charges to which they did not specifically agree.
4. A further communication will be sent to you on receipt of a reply to MAT 458.

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

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
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24 December 1944

MEMO:

Tripoli Air Mail.

Brit. Postal Directorate asks.

Capt. Bedloe rang up to say that the question of the immediate payment for the Air Service had been referred to the G.P.O. D.D.A.F.S. asks that we try to suspend the issue of notices regarding the commencement of service.

Dr. Fano seen. He believes that newspaper notices have been issued but will try to stop them.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFM 394
Communications Sub-Commission

19 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.14.45/GA.

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Civil Air Mail.
To : British ~~Postal Directorate~~ AFM 394

1. Reference your P/41 of 13 December 1944 the Italian Post Office, accepting as basis the conveyance charge of 60 gold francs per kilo, has fixed the air mail fee for this service at 15 lire for each five grams in addition to the normal postage.

2. Instructions have been given for the overall weight to be shown on the bag label or envelope as well as on the way bill.

3. The service will be advertised to commence on 1st January 1945.

4. At the outset the despatch will be made weekly from Naples Ferrovie and that office is being instructed to consult the British Base AFM as to the best day of the week for handing over.

WJH

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

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DDAFS G.H.Q., M.S.F.

Controller of Civil Posts, HQ RMA Tripolitania.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel. 489081 Ext. 444

19th December, 1944

F.14.44/53.

Subject : Italy - Tripolitania Civil Air Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. With reference to your 1500 10th of 19th December, it is noted that the air mail fee for the new service will be 15 lire for each five grams in addition to the normal postage.
2. The proposed commencing date (1st January) is approved.
3. The draft instructions and notice for the newspapers appear to be quite satisfactory.
4. It is suggested that Naples Ferrovia office should consult the British Base APO as to the best day of the week for handing over the despatch.

W. H. Green
Major

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

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Direzione Generale delle Poste
e dei Telegrafi
Ispettorato Generale del
Movimento Postale
Segreteria -

Roma. 19 Dic 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecomms.
Sub-Commission

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OGGETTO : Servizio aereo Italia Tripolitania.

A vostra lettera P.I4.40/03 del 16 corrente:

1. Sulla base della tariffa fissa di 60 franchi oro al chilo, si è stabilita la soprattassa unitaria aerea di lire 15 ogni 5 grammi, oltre alla normale francatura di lire 2.50 per posta ordinaria.
2. Il servizio potrà aver inizio col 1° Gennaio p.v..
3. Si inoltrano per l'esame ed approvazione, le comunicazioni che si sono predisposte per l'invio alle dipendenti Direzioni Provinciali P.T. e per la diffusione al pubblico per mezzo della stampa.

Pregasi riferimento cortesemente sollecito.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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ALLE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI POSTE E TELEGRAFI
SOTTO CONTROLLO ITALIANO
et p.c. POSTE NAPOLI FERROVIA

A datare dal 1° Gennaio 1945 è ammesso l'inoltro per via aerea delle corrispondenze dirette in Tripoli= tania con la francatura normale di lire una et sopra= tassa aerea di lire 15 ogni cinque grammi.= Queste cor= rispondenze, dovunque impostate, dovranno essere concen= trate presso ufficio postale Napoli ferrovia che prov= vederà inoltro mediante aviodispaccio numerato indiriz= zato "Civil Postal Censor Tripoli", confezionato unico involucro.= Peso complessivo dispaccio dovrà essere indicato sull'etichetta e nelle distinte, da consegnarsi unitamente al dispaccio al "British Base Army Post Office di Napoli".= Il servizio per ora sarà settimanale.=

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COMUNICATO ALLA STAMPA 43C

A datare dal 1° gennaio 1945 è ammessa la spedizione per via aerea delle corrispondenze postali dirette in Tripolitania verso il pagamento della sopratassa di lire 15 ogni cinque grammi di peso, oltre la normale francatura di lire una. = La sopratassa dovrà essere soddisfatta con l'applicazione dei francobolli di posta aerea o, in mancanza, di quelli comuni. =

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19 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Air Mail Service Italy-Tripolitania.

Ref. your P.14.40/38 of 16 December 1944.

1. On the basis of the fixed tariff of 60 gold lire. per kilo. we have established an air mail surcharge of 12 lire for each 5 grams, in addition to the normal 1 lire stamp for ordinary mail.

2. The service could begin on the 1st of January.

3. We forward for your examination and approval, the notifications which we will issue to the dependent Prov. Directions I.T. and to the Public through the Press

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To Prov. Dir. P.T. Under Italian Government Control

From the 1st of January 1945, it is allowed to forward by air mail correspondences directed to Tripolitania, with a normal 1 lire stamp and air mail over tax of 15 lire for each 5 gms.

Wherever place these correspondences will be posted they must be concentrated to the Naples Ferrovia P.O., which will forward them by means of air despatch numbered and addressed "Civil Postal Censor Tripoli". Made up is one covering. The whole weight of blu despatched must be shown on blu label and on the lists, which must be delivered together with the despatch to the British Base Army P.O. of Naples. For the time being the service will be weekly.

COMMUNICATION TO THE PRESS

From January 1st 1945 despatch by air service of postal correspondence directed in Tripolitania is allowed - by means of an overtax of 15 lire for each 5 gms, beyond the normal 1 lire stamp.

The over tax must be satisfied applying air mail stamps, and where lacking, common stamps will be applied.

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED COMMISSION
 PO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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18th December 1944

In reply
 refer to : P.I4.42/CS

Subject: Air Mail to Tripolitania.

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

1. In connection with the proposed introduction of an Air Mail Service from Italy to Tripolitania a charge of 60 gold francs per Kilogramme will be due to the British Post Office for conveyance by service aircraft.
2. The Italian Post Office will fix the relative Air Mail fee for the service on the basis of this charge.
3. In the attached correspondence enquiry is made by the British Postal Directorate as to the presentation of accounts for payment and, as this reopens the general question dealt with in your letter of 5th October, it is considered desirable to submit the case.
4. If it is decided that this payment for air conveyance should be dealt with separate from the general issue of conveyance charges for Italian mails it will be necessary to ascertain in what currency the British Post Office expects to be paid.

For Chief Commissioner

WHL
 J.L. HENDERSON
 Colonel
 Director

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- Inc 1 - Copy of P/641 of 26 Oct 44
 Inc 2 - " " letter of 5 Oct 44 from G-5
 Inc 3 - " " P.I4.37/CS of 10 Dec 44
 Inc 4 - " " P/641 of 15 Dec 44

Copies to : British Postal Directorate
 Finance Sub-Commission

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRE ORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/641.

Dec 44.

Subject:- Civil Postal Administrations - Italian. /S

To:- HQ Allied Commission,
Communications Sub-Commission, CMF.

Reference your P14.37/CS dated 10 Dec 44 and enclosure
P.A.O. dated 5 Oct from G-5 AFHQ.

1. The information contained in my letter of even number dated 26 Oct 44, regarding the charge payable in respect of the conveyance of civil air mail between Italy and Tripolitania, was furnished in accordance with instructions received from the British Post Office, London.
2. The authority given for the establishment of the air mail service in question is subject to the Italian Postal Administration admitting liability for all charges incurred at the rate quoted for conveyance of the mails on British aircraft. Similar arrangements are already operating with the French in North Africa and other captured Italian territory.
3. The British Post Office has called for a weekly statement containing the necessary particulars to enable accounts to be rendered and the authority to which the accounts should be presented for payment. Settlement would be made on the same basis as other International Post Office Accounts which have no bearing on the War effort or its implications.

R.N. Roskell
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(R.N. ROSKELL)
Lt-Col., R.E.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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RECOMMENDATIONS
MILITARY COMMISSION
PO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

16 December 1944

In reply
ref r to : P.14.40/03.

subject : Italy - Tripolitania Air Service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.
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1. With reference to your S/S.1/4306 of 9th December, it has not been possible to obtain a reduction in the standard rate of 60 gold francs per kilo quoted by the British Post Office.
2. Please inform this Sub-Commission when you have decided on the amount of relative Air Mail fee and are ready to advertise and commence the new service.
3. At the commencement it is thought that one despatch per week should suffice.
4. The mail should be made up at Naples addressed to the "Civil Postal Sector Tripoli." In this case over-bagging need not be carried out.
5. The overall weight of the despatch (including bag or envelope) must be shown not only on the label or envelope, but also on the way-bill which must be passed with the despatch to the British Base Army Post Office at Naples.

W.H. Green

J.L.H. DERRIN
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

13 Dec 44.

Subject :- Civil Postal Arrangements - Italian-
Air mail to Tripolitania

P/641

To :- Allied Commission
(Communications Sub Commission).
CMF

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Reference your P.14.34/C3 of 5 Dec.44.

1. It should be explained that the charge of 60 gold francs per kilo for the conveyance of air mail is the standard rate quoted by the British Post Office in the correspondence connected with the proposed service from Italy to Tripolitania. No purpose would be served by seeking a reduction in the rate.
2. If the Italian Postal Authorities agree to operate the service at rate quoted, you will no doubt signify agreement in writing to this Directorate.
3. It would be necessary for the despatches to be way-billed in passing from the Italian Post Office to the British Base APO, Naples, and for the overall weight of the mail and bag or envelope to be entered on the waybill, as well as on the bag label or envelope. The particulars of weight thus obtained would be passed by this Directorate to D.A.P.S. London for the Accountant General's Department of the British Post Office, in order that the necessary financial adjustment may be made.

R.N. Roswell

(R.N. ROSWELL)
Lt.Col., R.E.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Sottosegretariato di Stato alle Poste
e Telecomunicazioni
S e g r e t e r i a

Roma, 9 Dicembre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SUB-Commission

R O M A

S/8-3/4386

Oggetto: Servizio postale aereo
Italia-Tripolitania.

In riscontro alla Vostra lettera n. P14.33/CS in data 5 Dicembre 1944, Vi chiediamo venia dell'inconveniente occorso circa le due lettere (n. 910959 P.A. del 24 novembre e S/8.3/4 122 del 27-11) da Voi ricevute sull'argomento, spedite la prima dal servizio interessato, la seconda direttamente da questa Segreteria.

Effettivamente però la seconda risponde più evidentemente alla realtà in quanto la tariffa di £.10 non compenserebbe neppure l'aliquota del trasporto aereo, considerando quanto Voi giustamente ponete in rilievo circa il peso dei sacchi, spago, ceratacca e dei pesi accessori necessariamente inviati unitamente alla corrispondenza.

Indipendentemente ad ogni buon conto dalle eccezioni mosse dall'una e dall'altra lettera, resta il fatto che qualora non sia possibile ridurre l'indennità di trasporto da Voi richiesta per l'invio aereo della posta suddetta, noi daremo senz'altro il nostro benestare all'inizio del servizio di cui sopra, stabilendo l'adeguata e proporzionale tassa di porto e che comunque sarebbe di gran lunga superiore a quella da Voi accennata come in vigore a Tripoli in £.30 per ogni 15 gr. (con le nuove tariffe le lettere di 15 gr. per Tripoli dovrebbero costare £.45).

Restiamo ad ogni modo in attesa di vostro cortese riscontro compiacendoci di deliberare al riguardo non appena ricevuto lo stesso.

Vi rinnoviamo le nostre scuse e porgiamo i nostri ringraziamenti per le informazioni forniteci.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ec

10th December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.I4.37/CS

Subject: Air Mail to Tripolitania

To : D.A.D.A.P.S.
British Postal Directorate,
A.F.H.Q. ; C.M.F.

1. With reference to your P/641 of 26 Oct. 44 and para. 4 of my P.I4.34/CS it is not proposed to raise at this stage the question of the actual procedure for the presentation and settlement of the accounts for air conveyance.

2. Presumably the same principles are involved as those referred to in the attached letter of 5 Oct 1944 which dealt with charges for surface conveyance.

For Chief Commissioner

W.H. Green
for J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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M E M O -

P.I4.36/C3

10 December 1944

Subject: Civil Air Mail Service
From Italy to Tripolitania.

To : Finance Sub-Commission

1. Reference I3053/F of 6th December 1944.
2. There is no indication in the correspondence as to the currency in which the British Post Office expects the air conveyance charges to be paid.
3. The point appears to be covered in principle in the marked portion of the attached letter of 5 Oct. from G-5, which referred to surface conveyance charges.
4. It is now considered that the matter can be allowed to rest unless and until any of the accounts referred to are actually received.

W.H. Green
Major

for Director;
Communications Sub-Commission

I Inc Copy of letter of 5 Oct 44 from G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
TEL: 478604

6 December 1944

13053/F

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mail Service
from Italy to Tripolitania.

TO : Director, Communications
Sub-Commission. ✓

1. I refer to your P.14.32/GS. of 5 December, 1944.

2. We should like to know whether the G.P.O., London, has given any indication of the currency in which it would expect the civil air mail service charges to be paid. It is probable that sterling will be specified but it would be well if London were queried on this point.

3. It is, of course, necessary that the Italian Government consent to making such payment out of the limited foreign exchange resources at their disposal. I would suggest that the Minister of Communications discuss the financial implications of the proposed service with the Ministry of the Treasury. The latter can in turn take up with Finance Sub-Commission any necessary technical financial arrangements.

A. J. Grubbey Hunt
Colonel

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

5 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.14.34/CS.

Subject : Air Mail to Tripolitania.

To : D.D.A.P.S.
British Postal Directorate
A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

1. The information given in your P/641 dated 26 Oct. 44, has been passed to the Italian Postal authorities. From the accompanying copy of another letter sent to them it will be gathered that they consider the conveyance rate unduly high in relation to the resultant economic rate which would be payable by users of the service.- Perhaps you will say whether a reduction is practicable.- We see vide para.5 of your letter - no strong reason to take exception to the conveyance rate proposed assuming always that it is no higher than the charge made to the Tripolitania Administration for their similar service to Italy.

2. In the event of no reduction being allowed, it is thought that the Italian Postal authorities will be likely to adopt the 10 lire rate - subject to confirmation by a special law or a Ministerial Decree.- In such case there will be a rather striking variation between the Italian and Tripolitanian charges. (Quoted from GHQ MEF letter P/Civ./159 of 25 April 44.)

3. On the point of despatching arrangements, the mail would be handed over to the British A.P.O. at Naples, in a sealed bag or envelope according to volume.

4. Information regarding the presentation of accounts will be furnished shortly.

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

SMH/bs

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

5 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.14.33/CS.

Subject : Air Mail to Tripolitania.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. The point mentioned in your two letters on the above subject are noted. (918959 P.A. dated 24 Nov., and 5/8.3/4132 dated 27 Nov.)

2. It is agreed that, calculated on the air transportation rate notified to you, the nett charge for each 5 gms. of bulk mail (though not necessarily for each letter and making no allowance for the weight of the mail bag) would be 10 lire.

3. Your two letters are not entirely in accord as to whether 10 lire or 15 lire per 5 gms. would be an appropriate postal rate to call upon the public to pay, but in neither case, under present conditions, can we feel fully in sympathy with the view that the figure is unduly high. - A separate criterion by which to judge this to some extent would be the amount of air mail correspondence at present being posted from Tripolitania, at the minimum rate there applying of 30 lire per 15 gms. per letter; and 14 lire per postcards

4. Your request for consideration of a reduction in the transportation rate has been referred to the appropriate authorities, but it is considered rather doubtful that a way may be seen to agree to a lower figure than the 60 gold francs per kilo already quoted.

h. h.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

MEMO

5 December 1944

In reply
refer to : F.14.32/C3.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Arrangements are in hand for a civil air mail service from Italy to Tripolitania.- Mails will be carried by Service Aircraft, subject to a conveyance charge of 60 gold francs per kilo, payable by the Italian Postal Administration.- Accounts will be rendered by the Accountant General's Dept. G.P.O. London.

2. Please (a) say whether or not the accounts *should be* rendered direct to the Italian Authorities for certification and payment; (b) confirm that machinery exists for settlement.

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For Director, Communications Sub.Comm.

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Roma 24 NOV. 1944

Ministero delle Comunicazioni
 DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI
 Ispettorato Generale Movimento Postale

Allied Commission
 Communications
 Sub-Commission

Divisione II Sez. 2^a
 Servizio
 Prot. N. 910959 P.A.

P.S. 16/14.27
 30 Ottobre 1944

Oggetto Servizio postale aereo fra l'Italia
 e la Tripolitania.

Questa Amministrazione, a nome dei vari
 Comitati di profughi dalla Libia e rispettive
 famiglie, manifesta la sua gratitudine per l'at-
 tenzione rivolta da codesta Commissione Alleata
 allo studio del progetto relativo alla istitu-
 zione di un servizio postale aereo fra l'Italia
 e la Tripolitania.

Per quanto attiene alla spesa di 60 frs-
 oro per ogni kilogrammo, al lordo, di corrisponden-
 za aerea trasportata, poichè codesta stessa Com-
 missione Alleata chiede di conoscere, in proposi-
 to, il parere di questa Amministrazione, si fa os-
 servare che, per assorbire, con la riscossione dei
 sovrappagamenti aeree da applicare alle corrispon-
 denze in partenza per la Libia, il costo del re-
 lativo trasporto, valutato in Lit. 1980 per kilo-
 grammo (dato che la quotazione del franco-oro,
 quale viene indicata dal Ministero del Tesoro, è
 di Lit. 33), occorrerebbe fissare in Lit. 10 la
 sovrattassa da riscuotere per ogni 5 grammi di
 posta aerea, il che costituirebbe per gli utenti
 un onere tutt'altro che trascurabile.

Si prega, pertanto, codesta Commissione
 Alleata di esaminare la convenienza di sopporta-
 re una congrua riduzione alla spesa per il tra-

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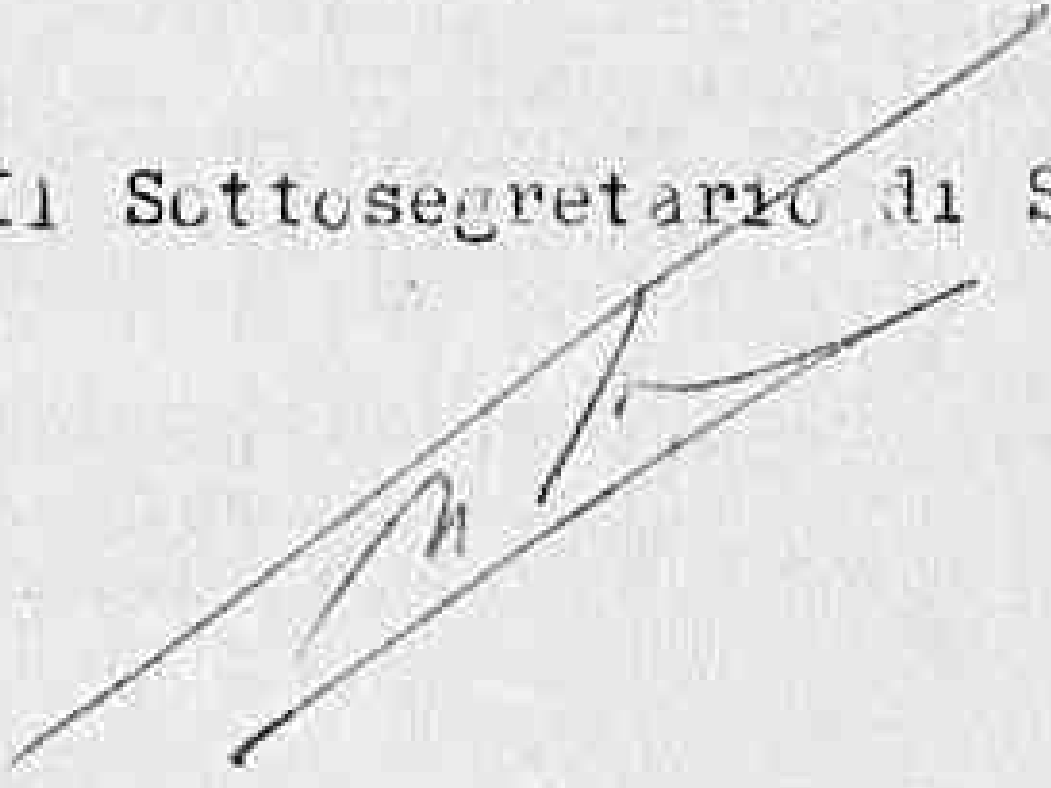
sporto dei dispacci aerei, che permettesse in conseguenza, una corrispondente riduzione delle soprattasse.

Comunque, a prescindere dalle decisioni che codesta Commissione Alleata sarà per prendere al riguardo, resta stabilito:

- 1) Che il solo Ufficio cui dovranno affluire le corrispondenze in partenza per la Libia sarà quello di Napoli-Ferrovia, il quale, naturalmente, corrisponderà col locale Servizio Postale dell'Armata Britannica;
- 2) Che i pesi di ogni singola spedizione, da formarsi secondo i casi e con busta mod. 147 PA e con sacchetto di tela makò, saranno annotati, di volta in volta, come d'uso, sulle distinte in doppio esemplare, e riprodotti sulle etichette dei dispacci, in guisa da offrire al Servizio Postale dell'Armata Britannica la massima della garanzia;
- 3) Che le fatture relative alle prestazioni eseguite saranno, di mese in mese, presentate a questo Centrale Ufficio della Posta Aerea, a cura del quale verrà emesso il relativo mandato di pagamento.

Si rimane in attesa di ulteriori comunicazioni, nonché di conoscere quale sarà la frequenza del servizio, e, possibilmente, gli orari dei voli.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato



31 B. 31 B

14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Air mail service between Italy and Tripolitania.

This Administration also on behalf of various Committees for refugees from North Africa and their families, expresses its gratefulness for the attention your Commission has shown towards the study of a plan relating to the resumption of an air-mail service between Italy and Tripolitania.

As regard to the expense of 60 gold Frs. for each Kilog. of correspondence transported by air mail since the Commission has asked to know what this Administration thinks about the matter, we point out the fact that to cover with the collection of the air charges to be applied to outgoing correspondence to Libya, the cost of the relative transport, estimated in Lit. 1990 per Vilos (since the valuation of the gold fr. as it is indicated by the Ministry del Tesoro, is of Lit. 35) it would be necessary to charge 10 Lit for air transportation for each 5 gms, which would establish for the public a charge not to be neglected at all.

We therefore ask this Commission to kindly examine the convenience of applying a suitable reduction to the expenses for transportation of air despatches, that would consequently allow a correspondent reduction of the charges.

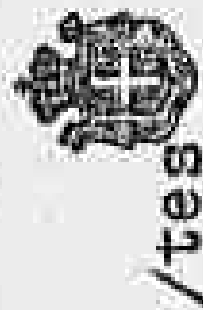
Nevertheless excluding from the decisions that this Allied Commission will take on the subject it is established as follows:

1° That the only office to which out going correspondence to Libya shall be concentrated will be Napoli - Ferrovia, which naturally, will keep in touch with the Local Postal Service of the British Army.

2° That the weight of each despatch, which will be made up or in an envelope 147 P.A. or in a suitable box depending on the volume of mail, will be marked, as usual, on the duplicate records and also on the labels in order to offer the British A.P. Service the maximum guarantee.

3. That the bills relative to the services performed will be delivered, month by month, to this Central Air Mail Office, which will issued the relative payment order.

We are awaiting further communications, and we would also like to know which will be the frequency and possibly the time table of the Service.



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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Roma, 27 novembre 1944

Prot. N° S/83/4122

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

R O M A

OGGETTO: Servizio posta aerea

Italia - Tripolitania.-

Abbiamo ricevuto la vostra lettera n.
16/14.27 PS in data 30 ottobre e il relativo sollecito
n. 16/14.29 PS in data 24 novembre 1944.

E' superfluo per il Governo Italiano esprimere quanto sarebbe a lui gradito poter riprendere con la massima sollecitudine il servizio di posta aerea Italia-Tripolitania. L'unica questione che ha richiesto il più attento esame, è l'affrontamento del problema a tale servizio relativo e inerente al prezzo di trasporto richiesto da cotesta Commissione nella cifra di £.60 frs.oro per Kg., che, rapportata a £.33 per frs.oro, corrisponde -- a 2.000 lire a Kg. equivalente cioè solo per la parte aerea a 10 £. per ogni 5 grammi.

Da tale cifra consegue la considerazione che il francobollo per la posta aerea diretta in Tripolitania dovrebbe essere non inferiore a 15 lire, cosa per la quale sarebbe necessaria una legge apposita o una disposizione Ministeriale che a prima vista appare quanto mai gravosa.

Prima di proporre al Consiglio dei Ministri una disposizione del genere, saremmo a pregare cotesta Commissione di volersi interessare allo scopo di limitare la cifra richiesta per tale trasporto, ad una quota più aderente alle nostre tariffe postali e che solo sarebbe da noi sostenibile se contenuta nella cifra di 20 frs.oro al Kg. equivalente a 600 lire.

Tale gravame di trasporto sarebbe da noi sostenibile con il quasi totale versamento a titolo trasporto aereo dell'attuale valore del francobollo aereo per l'estero.

Vi saremmo vivamente grati se, in merito a

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Servizio posta aerea
Italia - Tripolitania.-

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Vi saremmo vivamente grati se in merito a quanto sopra, vorrete cortesemente riferirci.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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30 R. 30 B
Rome, 27 November 1944

SUBJECT: Air Mail Service - Italy-Tripolitania

We have received your letter No 16/14.27 P.S. dated 30 October 1944 and its corresponding letter of remind No 16/14.29 P.S. of November 14, 1944.

It is superfluous for the Italian Government to express how glad it would be to resume as soon as possible the air mail service between Italy and Tripolitania. The only question that requires a most attentive examination is to meet the problem relating to this service and concerning the price requested for transport by your Commission, of the sum of L. 60 gold frs. per Kilog. which on the base of 33 lire per gold frs. correspond to 2,000 lire a Kilog. therefore equivalent only for the air service to 10 lire for each 5 gms.

It appears, from the consideration of this figure, that the pre-payment for air mail addressed to Tripolitania should be at least 15 lire, for which a special law or a Ministerial decree should be necessary, imposing a rate which appears most irksome.

Before proposing to the Council of Ministers such a disposition, we ask your Commission to take a kindly interest in order to limit the amount requested for the said transport, to a spare more suitable to our Postal rates, and which we could only support if kept in the limit of 20 gold-frs. per Kilog. equivalent to 660 lire.

Such Transport charge could be supported by us paying for air-transportation nearly the total actual amount of foreign air mail pre-payment.

We will be very grateful if you give us acknowledgement on said matter, and so let us know your opinion. 5980

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR P.T.T.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : I6/I4.29 PS.

24 November 1944

Subject : Italy-Tripolitania Air Mail Service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommas.

It is desired the above noted service should
be brought in to operation as soon as practicable.- May
we expect an early reply to our letter PS.I6/I4.27
addressed to you on October 30th ?

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

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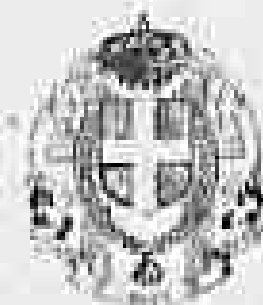
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Comunicazioni

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Direzione Generale Poste e Telegrafi

Ispettorato Generale Movimento Postale

Divisione II Sez. 2^a

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Deposito al f. N.

del

Oggetto Servizio postale
civile con l'Africa Settentrionale

Le "Unioni Profughi e danneggiati d'Africa" delle sedi di Siracusa e di Catania si sono rivolte a questo Ministero per l'attivazione del servizio di posta aerea per l'Africa del Nord, come già esiste dall'Africa per l'Italia.

Se ne dà notizia a codesta Commissione con preghiera del possibile interessamento, e di far conoscere se e come la richiesta potrà essere accolta.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
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2, September 1945

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SUBJECT: Civil postal service to North Africa.

The Union of Refugees from Africa of the towns of Siracusa and Catania have addressed to this Ministry an application for the air service from North Africa to Italy be extended to the reverse direction.

We notify you the above, for any possible action, begging to let us know if and how the request can be satisfied.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR P.T.

MEMO

30 October 1944

PS.16/14.28.

SUBJECT:- Air Mail service Italy Tripolitania.

TO: - Chief Censorship Officer, C.C.C.

Refce the attached P/641 of 26 Oct. 44 from British Postal Directorate A.F.H.Q..

As the internal bags containing civil correspondence to Tripolitania, now despatched by surface mail, are directly addressed to the Civil Postal Censor, Tripoli, there would appear to be no alterations necessary because of the change in the method of conveyance.

It is proposed to inform C.C.B. of this view in dealing with para. 4 of the report

Cy R. Madhock
Capt

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CMF
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 444

PS.16/14.27.

30 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Air mail service Italy Tripolitania.

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

1. A copy of the British Postal Directorate instruction No. P/641 of 26 October 44, is forwarded herewith in connection with the authorisation of a civilian Air Mail Service from Italy to Tripolitania.

2. Will you please notify me as early as possible of your decisions with regards to paragraphs 3 and 5.

3. It is assumed that Naples will be the only office of despatch.

C. J. D. Maddock
Capt

for J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Reminder - 39.

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Communications 1651

BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/641.

N Oct 44.

Subject:- Air Mail Service - Italy Tripolitania.

To:- Rear H.Q.,
Allied Control Commission,
(Communications Sub Commission),
C. M. F.

1. With reference to your P/16/14, 12 dated 27 May 44 addressed to 214 Group Adv H.Q., R.A.F. and my letter of even number dated 27 Sep 44.
2. Authority has been given by the British Post Office for the establishment of a civilian air mail service from Italy to Tripolitania.
3. A charge of 60 gold francs per Kilogramme will be made for conveyance of the mail by Service aircraft. The mail carried will of course be subject to the normal priorities procedure.
4. Censorship A.F.H.Q. will be responsible for any security regulations considered necessary and no doubt the arrangements will be co-ordinated with that Branch before introduction of the service.
5. The accounts will be based on particulars of the gross weights of correspondence carried furnished to the A.G.D., O.M.B., Headquarters General Post Office, London, by this Directorate. It would be appreciated if you will kindly confirm that you are in agreement with the charge to be levied and say to which authority the accounts should be presented for payment.
6. To facilitate the handling of the mails the gross weight of each despatch should be shown on the bag label or outer address of the mail, and against the relative entry on the waybill tendered when the mail is transferred to the British Army Postal Service.
7. Particulars of the date of commencement of the service and the office/a making up despatches will no doubt be furnished in due course.



W. Evans

(R.E. EVANS)
Colonel,
D.D.A.P.S.

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(R.E. EVANS)
Colonel,
D.D.A.P.S.

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

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PS.16/14.25.

14 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Civil mail Palestine.

TO: - No. I Sub-Section
Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission, C.M.F.
for attention of Capt. J.B. BLACK

Re:ce yours DE/34 of 21st September 44 addressed
to APO Brindisi, and further to the reply sent you by
D.D.A.P.S. A.F.H.Q. under reference P/641 dated 5 Oct. 44.

This Sub-Commission has no knowledge of any civilian
or special Air Mail Service between Italy and Palestine.
All correspondence for that country is forwarded by surface
despatches and routed via Cairo.

Cly L Maddock
Capt

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

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/641.

5 Oct 44.

Subject:- Mails - Arrangements with
Civil Postal Administrations -
Italian.

To:- Rear HQ,
Allied Control Commission,
Communications Sub Commission,
C. M. F.

1. The enclosed copy of a letter ref. DP/34 dated 21 Sep 44 received from No.1 Sub Section, Internee and Displaced Persons Sub Commission is thought to be proper for your attention.

2. A copy of my reply to No.1 Sub Section, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub Commission is attached and no doubt you will furnish any necessary information direct.

Copy to:- File.
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Isaac
Director (C.H. ISAAC)
D. Director Major, RE.
Chief. Tel. D.A.D.A.P.S.
Chief. Postal for D.D.A.P.S.
H. Q. Coms. ☒
Asst. Chief Postal
Chief Clerk
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No.1 SUB-SECTION
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C M F

DP/34
21 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Ex-Internee Mail to Palestine.

TO: APO BRINDISI

1. We understand there is an air mail service from Italy to Palestine for the use of ex Internees of Italian Government. Will you please give details as follows :-

- (a) cost and whether to be British stamps.
- (b) whether Censorship to be carried out by this Sub-Section and unit censorship stamp to be used.
- (c) any special marking to be on envelopes to distinguish from other mail.

(SGD) ??????

J.B. BLACK,
Captain, DAA & QMG
No.1 Sub-Section.

BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/G.1.

5 Oct 44.

Subject:- Mails - Arrangements with Civil
Postal Administrations - Italian.

To:- No.1 Sub-Section,
Internees & Displaced Persons Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

Reference your DP/34 dated 21 Sep 44 addressed to A.P.O.
Brindisi.

1. The Army Postal Service has no information concerning postal facilities to Palestine for ex-internees of the Italian Government.
2. Your enquiry has been passed to the Communications Sub Commission, Rear HQ, Allied Control Commission, who have been requested to reply to you direct.

W. Isaac
(C.H. ISAAC)
Major, RM.
D.A.D.A.P.S.
for D.D.A.P.S.

Copy to:- Rear HQ, Allied Control Commission,
Communications Sub Commission, CMF.
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Communications (P. 5th)

BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

Subject:- Air Mail - Tripolitania - Italy.

To:- Rear HQ
Allied Control Commission,
Communications Sub Commission,
C.M.F.

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27 Sep 44.

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Reference your PS 16/14.12 dated 27 May 44 addressed to
CC 214 Group Adv HQ RAF and passed to this Directorate by
Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Air Forces on the 24 Aug 44.

1. An interim reply has been received from the U.K. to
the effect that the British Post Office is not likely to raise
objection to the introduction of air mail services from Italy
to Tripolitania.

2. At present the matter is under discussion with the Air
Ministry and you will be informed as soon as a decision is given.

R.N. Roskell

(R.N. ROSKELL)
Lt.Col., R.E.
for D.D.A.P.S.

Copy to:- File.

Director

D. Director

Mr. Telecoms.

Chief Postal

Mr. Q. Coms. O.

Chief Postal

Mr. G. Coms. O.

Chief Clerk

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Date 29/9/44

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29 Sep 44

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From: Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.A.F.
 To: British Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q., C.A.F.
 Copy to: A.F.H.Q., C-5 Section, APO 512.
 Headquarters Allied Control Commission, APO 394/
 Date: 24th. August, 1944. 1464
 Ref: MAAP/1045/35/Orig.

Civil Air Mails - Tripolitania.

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from H.Q. Allied Control Commission, Headquarters No. 214 Group and A.F.H.Q. C-5 Section, relative to the inauguration of a civil air mail service from Bari and Palermo to Tripolitania.

2. It is regretted that the original correspondence has been overlooked on the files at this Headquarters.
3. Will you please deal with the matter direct with the authorities concerned.

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 H.Q. Whitehead,
 Air Vice Marshal,
 Air Officer i/c Administration

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

20 August 1944

G-5: 091.6

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mails - Tripolitania.

TO : HQ MAAF, CMP (Org Mails Branch)

1. Reference is made to HQ ACC PS/16/14/18 of 12 August referring to their letter of May 27 which was passed on to you by Officer Commanding 214 Group RAF under his reference 214G/915/2/org of 31 May.

2. You will be aware that civil air letter service to Italy is functioning from Tripolitania and there is naturally concern there that the service is not functioning in the opposite direction.

3. It is requested that you will be good enough to reply on the matter to this Section at an early date.

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

TBJ
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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

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17 August 1944

PS.16/44.20.

SUBJECT:- Civil Air Mail Services.

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

Ref. your G - 5 : 091.6 of August 13th.

1. As will be seen from the accompanying copies of relative correspondence, the question of an air mail service to Tripoli was raised in May, and a remainder sent on August 12th. (with copies to M.E.F.).

2. There has been no indication here of a public demand for the service, but in view of the M.E.F. information, and the absence of a reply from M.A.A.F., it might be agreed that a supporting letter should be sent from A.F.H.Q.

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

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*Communications**S/L**22*ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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13 August 1944

G-5: 091.6

SUBJECT: Postal Services.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to this Section's 091.6 of 14 May concerning the possibility of instituting an air mail service to Tripoli.

2. GHQ MEF have reported that there is a very strong demand in Tripolitania for the provision of an air mail letter service from liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia particularly in view of the fact that the air mail service operates to Italy from Tripolitania.

3. MEF have asked this Section what progress has been made with the arrangements for the provision of an air service and what prospects there are of its introduction in the near future.

4. Will you please reply to this Section on the points raised in paragraph 3.

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

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Major

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMONWEALTH
APO 994
Tel. No. 487081 Ex. 444

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12 August 1944

PS.16/14.15.

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mails - Tripolitania.

TO: - Hqs. M.A.A.F., C.M.F. (Org. Mails Branch).

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It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to our enquiry of May 27th, of which a copy is attached.

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

Copy to: D.D.A.P.S. • C.H.C. • M.E.F.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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15 July, 1944

PS.16/14.16

SUBJECT:-Civil Air Mail service with Italy.

TO : G-5. A/P.H.Q.

1. The following information has been received:-

"London, July 13 - The British Post Office announced that civil air mail service was resumed yesterday from Britain to Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Tunisia, Algeria, Tangiers, and French and Spanish Morocco.

The resumption of the service, stated the Associated Press, was a result of the Allied air domination of western Europe. (PWB)"

2. In view of the fact that that new civil air mail will serve Tunisia and Corsica, it is felt that to extend it further to Italy might be quite a practicable proposition. There is no doubt that such a facility would be much appreciated by the civil population of Italy - particularly if connections with mails to and from the United States and North Africa could be afforded - and there would be a prestige value aspect. (There would of course be the feature that civilians would have a facility at present denied to the British forces, but this will seemingly now apply for North Africa in any event).

3. It is desired that the project be put forward, either from G-5, or direct from this Headquarters (in the latter case to Civil Affairs War Office ?).

4. The following advance comments are made on the question of Air Mail rates. The charge for an Air Mail letter from Tripolitania to Italy is 1s/3d (AFHQ letter MCS 091.6 of May 2nd refers) and this rate will, it is assumed, also apply to the new service now introduced. Enquiries towards affording a reverse service from Italy to Tripoli are in hand with

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MAAF, as regards availability of aircraft space, and transportation charges. The latter would normally be the essential factor determining the appropriate postage rate, but, as a guide if and when it comes to the point generally, we should be glad to know if there exists any inter - Empire/national understanding that similar rates will be charged in both directions. The Italian equivalent of 1/3 would be 27 AW lire, (as compared with the surface minimum rate of 21 lire - which latter is 100 % above the prewar figure).

5. AFHC letter MGS 091.6 of 22 April, and subsequent correspondence, has a bearing on the general question in relation to Air mails from French North Africa.

✓
J. L. Henderson
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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From : Headquarters, No. 214 Group, R.A.F. C.M.F.
To : Headquarters, M.A.A.F. C.V.F. (Org Mails Branch)
Date : 31 May 1944.
Ref : 214G/915/2/223.

1. Herewith copy of a letter dated 27th. May 1944, reference P.S. 16/14.12, addressed to this Headquarters from Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission (Communication Sub-Commission).
2. This matter is passed for your attention, as it is not within the province of this Headquarters to deal with it.

J. M. King

for P. B. SKINNER, P/Lt.
Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding,
No. 214 Group, R.A.F. C.M.F.

Copy to:- Rear Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
(Communication Sub-Commission).

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DIRECTOR. *[initials]*
D. DIRECTOR. *[initials]* REGION II HEADQUARTERS,
S. O. (D). ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
S. C. P. *[initials]*
CENSORSHIP.
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Ref. P.2.

27 May, 1944.

To: ~~Communications~~ sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, ACC.

Subject: Civil Air Mail from Tripoli.

1. Reference your FS/16.14.6, civil air mails are now reaching Bari from Tripoli. So far free mails have arrived and these have reached the Bari civil Office via No. 6 Depot, British APO.
2. The British APO has a detachment at the airport for dealing with Army air mails and this detachment is handling the incoming civil mail from Tripoli as received, sending it to the APO sorting office which transfers it to Bari Civil Post Office.
3. As regards the proposed outgoing civil air mail, Bari to Tripoli, the British APO has no objection to accepting it from Bari civil but it is understood that there is no direct air service to Tripoli; mails would have to be routed via Egypt.

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R. S. Drummond
R. S. DRUMMOND,
Captain.
Regional Postal Officer. *(F. 14)*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 894

27th May, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16/14/13

Subject : Civil Air-Mail Service, Tripoli - Palermo - Bari.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. Reference your No. 802110 dated 24th May, 1944, enquiries have been made of the Allied Censor Control Officer at Bari (and also of the Army Base Post Office in case there had been some error in forwarding the mail), but there appears to be no basis for the statement made in your letter.

2. The mail was received and dealt with by the Allied Censor Control Officer and was passed to the Italian Postal authorities before 24 hours had elapsed.

3. The bag is stated to have contained only a few letters.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC #394

27th May, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16/14/13

Subject : Civil Air-Mail Service, Tripoli - Palermo - Bari.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. Reference your No. 502110 dated 24th May, 1944, enquiries have been made of the Allied Censor Control Officer at Bari (and also of the Army Base Post Office in case there had been some error in forwarding the mail), but there appears to be no basis for the statement made in your letter.

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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Salerno 24 MAG. 1944

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Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione per le Poste e Tele-
grafi

N. 802110

Risposta al N. Ps/I6.I4 del 17/5/44

SALERNO

OGGETTO: Posta aerea civile da Tripoli per Palermo e Bari

In riferimento al foglio sopra distinto significasi che l'Ispettore Tecnico di Bari informa che sarebbe giunto il primo dispaccio aereo da Tripoli.

Il dispaccio stesso, però, sembra sia stato trattenuto dalla censura, perchè all'ufficio è stato rimesso soltanto il foglio di avviso, nonchè il bollettino di verificaione, con il quale è stata annunciata la prima spedizione.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(M. Pano)

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Translation No 535 - Telecomms - 25 May 1944 R. ROMANO

Ministry of Communications

Salerno 24 May, 1944

No 502110

To A.C.C. Post and Telecomms
Sub-Commission

PS.16.14 of 17.5.44

S A L E R N O

SUBJECT: Civilian air-mail from Tripoli to Palermo and Bari.

In reference to the above-mentioned letter,
Technical Inspector of Bari informs us that the first
air-mail from Tripoli has arrived.

The mail itself, however, appears to have been
retained by the Censorship, because only the notice, and the
certificate announcing the first expedition, arrived at the
office.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR IT.IT.

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REAR HQRS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Communications Sub-Commission)
C. M. F.

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PS. 16/14.12.

27 MAY 1944

SUBJECT:- Civil Air Mails.

TO:- O.C. 214 Group Adv. Hqrs., R.A.F.

1. Under authority given by DDAPS GHQ MEF, the B.M. Authority in Tripolitania has commenced a civil Air Mail service to Bari and Palermo.

2. This Sub-Commission is examining the question of affording a similar service in the reverse direction, and would be glad to have information on the following points:-

(a) Whether aircraft space can be allocated for such mails and if so within what weight limits (The incoming limits are 200 lbs weekly to Palermo and 100 lbs to Bari).

(b) With what frequency mail dispatches could be accepted (via appropriate APO's) and where.

(c) The amount of the relative air transportation transit rates.

3. If any or all of this information should be obtained elsewhere, perhaps you will be good enough to furnish the address of the relative authority.

S. H. HEAD
Major,
for Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

22 May 1944

Subject: Civil Air Mail from Tripoli.

To : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Rear HQ, ACC,
APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Receipt of your letter dated 15 May, file No. PS116.14.6 is acknowledged.
2. Upon checking the waybills at the Palermo Post Office the following information is submitted: The first despatch of airmail from Tripoli to Palermo was received at the Palermo Post Office May 15, 1944. The waybill was numbered (NO.1) and was dated at the Tripoli Post Office, May 11, 1944.
3. Todate, this is the only despatch received.

For the Regional Commissioner

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

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DIRECTOR.
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S. O. (I).
S. O. (P).
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Registered in 24/5/44.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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14 May 1944

G-5: 091.6

SUBJECT: Postal Services with Allied Occupied Italy,
Sicily and Sardinia.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of this Section's
MGS: 091.6 of 2 May.

2. In answer to the point raised, Mideast have intimated
that they cannot assist in any way on the question of the pos-
sible use for return loads of the air transport which will bring
the air mails from Tripoli but they are willing to accept any
quantity of air mail correspondence from Italy or Sicily for
delivery to Tripolitania if arrangements are made from Italy for
it to be sent.

3. In the circumstances it would appear to be necessary,
if you desire that the matter should be pursued, for it to be
taken up with the Air Priorities Board as to user of air freight
space and with the Command Accountant AAI, as to payment for the
services. Will you please indicate whether you propose to take
the matter further or desire that any action should be taken
from here.

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

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[Signature]
T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

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SUBJECT:- Air Mail Services

GHQ MEF
P/Civ/159

8 May 44

MGS AFHQ

1. Ref your MGS 091.6 of 2 May 44. the question of whether or not mails can be put on aircraft flying from Italy and Sicily to Tripoli is one which can be decided only by AFHQ or one of its subordinate HQs in Italy. I am afraid, therefore, that we can do no more in this connection other than to suggest that you approach the Air Priorities Committee which presumably exists at AFHQ for the purpose of allocating aircraft space to would-be users of air services.
2. As far as payment for the services is concerned, it is suggested that the question be raised directly with the Command Accountant, HQ Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, CMF.
3. The Postal Admin. in Tripolitania would be willing to accept any quantity of air mail correspondence from Italy or Sicily for delivery to civil addresses in Tripolitania. The only restriction concerning the quantity of mail to be conveyed by this service would be such as your Air Priorities Committee might impose.

/s/ H.N.Pickering

Lt.-Col. RE
(H. N. PICKERING)
ADAPS

/DJ

(Brought from MGS by Capt. J. J. J. J.)

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

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Ref/127/80/CA.

13 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

The attached copy of MGS: 091.6 of 10 May 1944 is forwarded for your information.

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

Received 15/5/44
15/16/44.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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4 MAY 1944
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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10 May 1944

MGS: 091.6

SUBJECT : Mail to Italy.

TO : The Inspector General of Posts
Telegraphs and Telephones,
Algiers.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 8 April Number 1074.EP.
2. This matter has received careful consideration in consultation with Allied Control Commission but it is considered that the restoration of civil air mail facilities should wait until such a time as a regular service can be provided on a basis within the provisions of the Postal Union Convention.
3. In the circumstances, therefore, mail should not be sent to Italy by the method you suggest.

For the Chief of Section:

T.B. JACKMAN, 5852
Major.

Copy to: HQ, ACC ref your 127/72/CA of 3 May.

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A. C. C.
Communications Sub-Commission

16 May 1944

PS/16.14.9.

SUBJECT:- Civil air mail from Tripoli.

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

1. AFHQ have advised that MIDEAST were due to commence the despatch of civil air mails (at air mail rates) from TRIPOLI, to PALERMO and BARI, on May 11th. Loads will be limited to 250 lbs. weekly for Palermo and 100 lbs. for Bari. Air conveyance is subject to prior right to military freight.

2. Conveyance will be made by RAF transport aircraft. The frequency of despatch is not stated (it will no doubt be variable). AFHQ's concerned should already have received advice, and instructions to transfer the mails to the Civil Post Office at the two points concerned.

3. Please report by return if and how the service is operating.

4. The question of affording a similar service in the reverse direction is being raised.

Handwritten signature
G. R. HEAD
Major

Copies to:- Postal Officer, Region III
The Undersecretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs.

TRADUZIONE-

1. L'AFHQ. ha informato che "MIDEAST" avrebbe dovuto iniziare, il 11 maggio u.s., l'invio di dispacci di posta civile aerea (a tariffa di posta aerea) da TRIPOLI, a PALERMO ed a BARI. I carichi saranno limitati a circa 100 kg. la settimana per Palermo ed a circa 50 kg. per Bari. Nel trasporto aereo il materiale militare avrà la precedenza.

2. L'incitro sarà effettuato con mezzi aerei da trasporto della RAF. La periodicità dei dispacci non è fissata (sarà certamente variabile). Gli Uffici di APC interessati dovrebbero aver già ricevuto avviso ed istruzioni per il trasferimento della posta all'Ufficio postale civile nelle due località di cui sopra.

3. Vi prego di riferire se e come il servizio funziona.

4. E' allo studio il problema di fornire un analogo servizio civile nella opposta direzione.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

MGS 091.6

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Services with Allied Occupied Italy, Sicily
 and Sardinia

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission ✓

Reference this Section's MGS 091.6 of 2 May information
 has been received from MIDEAST that the first despatches will
 be sent from Tripoli on 11 May.



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 DDAPS, AFHQ

For the Chief of Section:

DIRECTOR	<i>T. B. Jackman</i>
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2 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Postal Services with Allied Occupied Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

TO : HQ ACC. ✓

1. Attached is a copy of P/Civ/159 of 25 April received from DDAPS Mideast.

2. Enquiry has been made of Mideast whether the planes can be used for transport of mail in the reverse direction i.e. from Italy and particulars of their reply will be furnished.

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For the Chief of Section:

HEADQUARTERS
- 3 MAY 1944
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T.B. JACKMAN
Major

Copy to: INC (CCB)
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Incl: as above

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See Cable No. 2704 - 16/15.7.

CHQ MET
P/Civ/159

25 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- Postal Services with Allied Occupied
Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

Controller of Civil Posts, HQ RMA Tripolitania.

1. Authority is given for the introduction of civil air mails from Tripoli (L) to Palermo and Bari. The mails will be conveyed by RIF Transport aircraft subject to the requirements for the conveyance of higher priority military freight being met at all times. The weight of the mails to be conveyed will be limited to 200 lbs weekly in the case of Palermo and 100 lbs in the case of Bari.

2. Payment for the conveyance of these mails will be made by your Administration in the same way as payments are at present made for other Empire Air Mail Services.

3. The normal limitations at present applicable to all mails to Allied Occupied Italy, Sicily and Sardinia will apply i.e., only unregistered letters of a private nature, which must not weigh more than 40 grams and postcards of a private nature will be allowed. Commercial and financial correspondence will not be permitted.

4. The normal Empire Air Mail Postage Rates of 1/3d (30 MA Lire) per 15 grams will be adopted in the case of letters; in the case of postcards, the rate of 7d (14 MA Lire) will be applied.

5. Correspondence will be made available for local censorship before it is despatched.

6. The division of correspondence between Bari and Palermo will be the same as that made in the case of surface mails; the labelling of the mails will also be the same as that now in force for surface mails.

7. Forward correspondence will NOT be accepted from other Administrations for the present.

8. The arrangements for the despatch of the mails from Castel Benito will be the same as those which apply in the case of all other civil air mails.

9. Please arrange to include in the statement of Air Mails despatched by your Administration, which is submitted to this Directorate with your monthly Situation Report, details of the weights of mails despatched on the new Services.

10. The necessary arrangements for the introduction of the Services should be made as quickly as possible. The date on which they are to be introduced should be notified to this Directorate at least one week in advance, in order that all concerned may be advised.

/s/ Lieut-Colonel R.E.
(H.M. PICKERING)

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(H.N. PICKERING)
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(H.N. PICKERING)
for DAFS.

Copies to:- DAFS.
DAFS AFHQ (who will perhaps be so good as to arrange for the off-loading of the mails at the airports of arrival and for their transfer to the appropriate civil Offices of Exchange).

Mil Govt Section, AFHQ

D (HE) Censorship.

343, GHQ AE (ref their letter 11730/117/CA of 4 Apr 44).

30340 HQ EMA Tripolitania.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. SECTION
AFC 394

3 May 1944

Ref/127/72/CA

SUBJECT: Civil Air Mail Service from French North Africa.

TO : AFHQ, MCS.

Your reference: MGS 091.6 of 22 April 1944.

1. Whilst it is unlikely that there would be any great physical difficulty in dealing with any civil mails sent from French North Africa to Italy by occasional French planes, such an arrangement is not viewed with favor. It would be difficult to control such a service effectively, particularly if it tended to develop on an informal basis, and the question of using trans-Mediterranean Italian planes, for Italian mail, would almost certainly arise, as would the complications of using the return journeys for mails, at present routed between Cairo, Tripoli, Tunis and Algiers.

2. In any event, it would appear from para 10 of MGS letter 091.6 of December 27 1943 that an air mail fee would be payable on any correspondence carried by the suggested service, but the irregularity of this service would make compliance impracticable. The para referred to read as follows:

"They (London) further state that mails for Sweden involves the payment, to the U.K. post office, of 14,58 gold francs per kilogram (Articles 14 and 15, Air Mail provision, Postal Union Convention) this charge to be reflected in the charge made to the Italian public. London mails, containing correspondence for Sweden, should be accompanied by (question Form) AV 2. The above points are regarded as premature since air mail service has not been authorized and are submitted only for information. It was further stated that the air mail fee was chargeable for the Sardinia, Rindisi air service, unless such service was due to lack of surface communications." (Mails between Sardinia and the mainland are being conveyed by air, without additional charge, in the absence of regular surface transport.)

3. Altogether it is considered that the restoration of any external civil air mail facility should wait until such time as a regular service can be provided on a basis within the provisions of the Postal Union Convention.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394In reply refer
to: PS/16/14/2.

28th April 1944.

Subject: Conveyance of mails by air from French North Africa.

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

1. The accompanying letter MGS 091.6 of 22nd April 1944, from A.F.H.Q., MGS, raises a policy issue.
2. A draft reply is attached.

*hand*J.L. Henderson,
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

2. Enclosures.

see 3.

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Subject: Civil Air Mail Service from French North Africa.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS 091.6

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Postal Services

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. The Director of the French P. T. T. in North Africa has enquired whether there is objection to mail being taken over to Italy by such existing French planes as may fly there and thus save time in delivery of mail.

2. Censorship and G-2 here see no objection subject to the mail on reaching Italy being turned over to the civilian post office and to it having previously passed through Controles Techniques.

3. Have you any objection or comment to raise please?

For the Chief of Section:

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

HEADQUARTERS
25 APR 1944
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