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June. Sept.

c/s-c/ Postal Section

External Surface Mails - Civil + POW

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June - Sept. 1944

BRITISH

From POST OFFICE CIRCULAR - July 1944

Postal Service to Italy

The restricted service announced in P.O.C. 16.2.44 has now been extended to Rome City and to the Vatican City State.

From POST OFFICE CIRCULAR - August 1944

Postal Service to Italy

The restricted service announced in P.O.C. 16.2.44 has now been extended to the province of Rome and the provinces of Campobasso, Littoria, Frosinone, Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and Foggia.

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RESTRICTED

ROUTINE

COM SUB.COMMISSION

ANSWER TO YOUR FOX NINE THREE ONE FIVE ONE IS IN AFFIRMATIVE FOR RIETI
ONLY PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACCHQ FROM HEAD SIGNED STONE
PAREN STILL AWAITING SECURITY CLEARANCE OTHER TWO PD NO OBJECTION
INCLUDING THOSE ALSO IN ADVISE TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR IF EARLY CLEARANCE
LIKELY

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SECRET

COMMUNICATIONS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: FOR ACTION ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 53/07

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: P93151

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 071002B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHGG

CONVERSATION HEAD-JACKMAN IS REFERRED TO CAN EXTERNAL MAIL BE ACCEPTED

YET FOR PROVINCES ASCOLI, RIETI AND VITERBO.

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT SEP 071410B

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel.No. 489001 Ex.444

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PS.15/15.157.

6 September 1944

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. mail

TO: - Postal Officer, Southern Region

1. The information given in your P.152/527 of 30 Aug. appears to clear up all the outstanding uncertainties.

2. As you have already provided for the Naples Sorting Office requirements, reprinting of the form will be held in abeyance until Rome commences to function as an Office of Exchange. It is proposed that the entries for Sections VII, VIII, IX will then read:-

	<u>Col. 2</u>	<u>Col. 3</u>	<u>Col. 4</u>	<u>Col. 5</u>
VII	Naples or Rome	P.O.W. (American Camps)	<u>Rome despatch</u> NAPLES (P.O.W.)	<u>At Rome</u> Naples Ferrovia
VIII	Naples or Rome	P.O.W. (British Camps)		
IX	Naples or Rome	P.O.W. (Enemy Camps)	<u>NAPLES despatch</u> P.O.W. Censor Naples	<u>At NAPLES</u> P.O.W. Censor ship Office

You may find it convenient to adopt the enclosure bag arrangement at Naples forthwith.

3. With regard to incoming correspondence from P.O.W. - whether from BNAF, GEF or other camps - addressed to civilians in enemy occupied parts of Italy (para. 5 of your letter), the progress of recent army operations suggests that in the long run it would now be more expeditious to retain such correspondence in this country for eventual despatch direct, rather than to hand it back to Censorship for re-transmission via Geneva. Failing any contrary views which the Censorship Unit may hold (strictly speaking the items are at their prior disposal) the alternative course indicated should now be followed. Please report developments.

4. Four additional copies of the Chart and Foot Note are forwarded as requested.

S. H. HEAD
Lt.Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Then
advise
Dr. Fano.

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
NEW YORK.

CONFIDENTIAL.

August 18, 1944.

AIR MAIL.

Postal Officer,
Headquarters,
Region 3, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394,
Care Postmaster, New York, New York.

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My dear Sir:

With further reference to your communication of July 31, 1944, please be informed that 84 bundles, consisting of a total of 644 Italian parcel post sacks, were turned over to the New York Embarkation Army Post Office on August 17 for dispatch to Naples, Italy by the first opportunity.

Any additional such sacks received here will be returned to Italy in regular course.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Goldman
Postmaster.

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Communications

TRANSLATION.

Con riferimento alla vostra comunicazione del 31 luglio, 1944, mi é grato informarla che il giorno 17 agosto 84 pacchi, per un totale di 644 sacchi postali italiani sono stati restituiti al "New York Embarkation Army Post Office", per essere spediti a Napoli, con il primo mezzo a disposizione. Altri sacchi che in seguito si riceveranno qui, saranno regolarmente spediti in Italia.

P.14/631

5 Settembre 44.

^{Southern}
HQ, Region 3, ACC APO 394. 1st Ind.

TO : Provincial Director PP.TT., Naples.

Per conoscenza.

W.H.G./fdf.

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

Copies to :

* Communications Sub-Commission. X
Naples Ferrovia.



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Napoli 26/8/44.
Alla : Direzione Provinciale PP.TT., Napoli.
e per n. al
Sig. Maggiore W.H.Green. Prefettura., Napoli.

Oggetto : Sacchi in restituzione da New York.

Con riferimento alla lettera P. 14/607 dell'11 agosto scorso dell'Ill.mo Sig. Magg. Green riguardante la spedizione da New York di 21 balle di sacchi vuoti affettuata il 9 corr., confermo l'arrivo, con tale mezzo, dei 429 sacchi vuoti, di pertinenza della nostra Amministrazione. Tali sacchi, nella ripartizione che ne è stata eseguita, comprendono però 94 sacchi comuni di diverso tipo e per il resto sacchi a fasce verdi stampigliati e numerati e di diversa grandezza appartenenti rispettivamente 37 a Roma ferr., 76 a Milano ferr., 100 a Genova ferr., 104 a Torino ferr., 16 a Bari ferr., e 2 a Bologna ferr.

Mentre provvedo per la spedizione a Roma ed a Bari di quelli appartenenti a questi ultimi uffici resto in attesa di disposizioni per gli altri qualora non possa essere accordata autorizzazione per il loro impiego eccezionale come sacchi comuni.

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE.
Cammarota.

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ROME UL
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CENSORSHIP EXTRACT

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Letter dated 15 April 44

FROM:- General Direktion der Post-
Telegraphen und Telephonverwaltung
Bern - Switzerland

TO:- Direzione Generale
delle Poste - ~~Bari~~ BARI.
Italy

SWISS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN ITALY

" The exchange office in CHIASSO 2, will, every Monday from the 17th Apl inst, form a despatch centre for the offices of Palermo and Bari, the former covering direct sendings to SICILY, the latter those for SARDINIA and district above mentioned. These will be forwarded via the air lines N-22/K ZURIGO-STOCARDA-LISBON (SWISS AIR DEUTSHE LUFTHANSA) and after by the usual channels of transport via GREAT BRITAIN. If this service should be organized in the opposite direction, sending should be directed to CHIASSO 2, sendings for the whole of SWITZERLAND being included in these. "

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 324
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 444

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PS. 16/15.254.

5 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Civil mails for Spain etc.

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

1. With effect from Sept. 15th, all correspondence to and from SPAIN, SPANISH MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, SWITZERLAND and TANGIERS will be censored in ROME and not in Naples. Will you please therefore issue instructions that all outgoing letters and postcards for these countries be circulated to Rome accordingly, in bundles labelled "S.P.S.". These bundles should be handed over to the Allied Censorship Control Officer, which will deal with the making up of the mail and the transfer of the bags to the Army Post Office. As part of this new arrangement, we have been advised that direct mails will be made up, in both directions, between Italy and the five countries affected.

2. So far as direct mails from the five countries to Italy are concerned, we have advised A.P.H.C. that the only arrangements which can be made here are through Rome, and that relative notification will be sent there. Will you accordingly please prepare, and submit to this office, as soon as possible, for onward transmission, a telegram to Rome to the effect that mails from Spain, Spanish Morocco, Portugal, Switzerland and Tangiers, for Sicily, Sardinia and the postal services area in Italy, should now be sent direct, addressed "Allied Censorship Control Officer, ROME, (Via Napoli)".

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S. H. JENN
Lt. Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copies to:-

Postal Officer, Southern Region — see 165 6882
Postal Officer, Region IV
Major Nelson, Chief Censorship Officer

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Eatevi correntisti postali.

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

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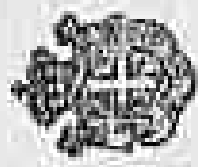
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From: Yr Fano.

To: Prov. Directions & Inspectorates for Mail
movement at NAPLES & PALERMO.

ACC ~~not~~ notes that Palermo ~~Post~~ Railway Post Office will make up despatches to foreign Offices including better - Ball and marking weight on labels - Repe a former Telegram it is reminded that Palermo Railway Office ~~is~~ will sort foreign correspondence on behalf of Naples Railway Office, and it will make up sealed mails in labelled bundles or, if necessary in closed unsealed packs, and include them in the despatch to Naples - The latter will include such mails in despatches to foreign O/E, ~~make~~ as it is the only Office dealing with ~~the~~ these despatches and recording relative weights. Offices concerned will give acknowledgement.

The Under Secretary -



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Prot. N°

5/8.3/2418

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Posta estera per la Russia.

3 settembre

1944

Alla

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub Commission

APO 394

A pronto riscontro della vostra lettera
PS.16/15.148 del 2 corr. Vi allegiamo telegramma che
Vi saremmo grati di voler trasmettere alla Direzione Ge-
nerale delle Poste Russe in riscontro a quanto comunicato.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

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MARCAVIAZ DIRECTION DES POSTES

MOSCOU

SUIVANT VOTRE TELEGRAMME RECEVRONS AVEC GRAND PLEAISIR DEPECHE CLOSE
DE LA RUSSIE CONTENANT CORRESPONDANCE DESTINEE ITALIE LIBREE (SICILIE
SARDAIGNE ET TOUTES PROVINCES LIBREES OUVERTES AU TRAFIC INTERNATIONAL)
STOP INUTILE VOUS INFORMER NOTRE VIF DESIRE RECEVOIR AVEC POSTE CIVILE
TRES ATTENDUE POSTE PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE.

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~~IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO~~

1 allegato

~~NARCO SVLAZ~~ DIRECTION DES POSTES

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FANO

Communications 151

DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
LONDON POSTAL REGION
KING EDWARD ST., LONDON E.C.1.

Ref. P.14/534
1599/Italy

19 August 1944

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st July 1944, concerning the return of empty bags belonging to the Italian Administration, I have arranged for all such bags on hand in London to be returned with the next mail to Naples. There are approximately 500 including those that have been held since the outbreak of hostilities.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Controller.

Major W.H.Green.

— . T R A D U Z I O N E . —

Con riferimento alla vostra del 31 Luglio 1944, circa la restituzione dei sacchi vuoti appartenenti all'Amministrazione Italiana, ho provveduto perchè tali sacchi, trattenuti a Londra, siano tutti inviati a Napoli con la prossima spedizione. Sono approssimativamente 500 includendo quelli trattenuti sin dall'inizio delle ostilità.

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1st Ind.

September 1944

Hqs. Southern Region, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Controller .

Major W.H. Green .

- . T R A D U Z I O N E . -

Con riferimento alla vostra del 31 Luglio 1944, circa la restituzione dei sacchi vuoti appartenenti all'Amministrazione Italiana, ho provveduto perchè tali sacchi, trattiene e Londra, siano tutti inviati a Napoli con la prossima spedizione. Sono approssimativamente 500 includendo quelli trattiene sin dall'inizio delle ostilità.

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1st Ind.

September 1944

Hqs. Southern Region, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army .

TO : Provincial Directorate PP.TT. Naples .

..... per conoscenza .

WHG/pg.

W.H. GREEN

Major

Postal Officer .

Copies to : Communications Sub-Commission
Naples Ferrovia .

MEMORANDUM
ALLIED CONTROL OVER ITALY

AD 334

Tel. No. 40921 Ext. 444

HRV/ee

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RG. 14/15.150.

4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Foreign Mails

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

1. Attached is a copy of an A.A.I. communication dated Sept. 1st which, it is understood, is based on a AFM Letter No 311.7/06/784X-0 of Aug. 31st 1944.

2. Up to the present, civil mail for the countries concerned is being forwarded in bulk to the U.K. after consignment in Italy.

3. (a) The instruction that such mail should now be ~~despatched~~ ^{sent} from MAIL "direct to those countries" cannot be complied with without further information.

(b) The British Postal Directorate (to whose civil mails are handed over for shipment) advise that they have no direct outlet to any of the countries concerned.

(c) A sealed mail bag can readily be made up by the Italian postal authorities (at Naples) for each of the five countries - but notification is required of the ~~form~~ ^{bag} to which the bag should be addressed (with some such designation preferably as "Bureau de Postes")

(d) These five bags can be forwarded, either individually or enclosed in an outer bag, via air to one of the intermediate ports with which the British (or American) APC's have direct contact from Italy - but details of such routing, and of the designated address, are required first.

4. Perhaps information on these points can be ascertained and furnished to this HQ. The change is due to take effect on Sept. 15th. In the absence of prior consultation, it was not possible to raise these matters earlier.

5. The present setting up of desired arrangements for direct despatches ~~from~~ the same countries to Italy is not within the direct control of this HQ., but notification is being sent to the Universal Postal Union at Bern.

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which, it is understood, is based on a NFE letter of 311.7/55788-0 of Aug. 32nd 1941.

2. Up to the present, civil mail for the countries concerned is being forwarded in bulk to the U.K. after consignment in Italy.

3. (a) The instruction that such mail should now be dispatched from ITALY "direct to these countries" cannot be complied with without further information.

(b) The British Postal Directorate (to whose civil mails are handed over for shipment) advise that they have no direct outlet to any of the countries concerned.

(c) A sealed mail bag can readily be made up by the Italian postal authorities (at NAPLES) for each of the five countries - but notification is required of the form to which the bag should be addressed (with some such designation presumably as "Duroni de Posto")

(d) These five bags can be forwarded, either individually or enclosed in an outer bag, via or to one of the intermediate ports with which the British (or American) BPO's have direct contact from Italy - but details of such routing, and of the designated address, are required first.

4. Perhaps information on these points can be ascertained and furnished to this HQ. The change is due to take effect on Sept. 15th. In the absence of prior consultation, it was not possible to raise these matters earlier.

5. The inter-setting up of desired arrangements for direct despatches from the same countries to Italy is not within the direct control of this HQ., but notification is being sent to the Universal Postal Union at Bern.

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Lat. N. 11.44

S. H. ROAD
14.301.

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:-

MR. A.A.L. (re. AAI / 1146/6/1 (e) of 1.9.41)

Postal Directorate, A.A.L. HQ.
(re. communication 14.001. Head - Major Ash)

* G.A.S.

Individual Directorate

Public Directorate in outer bag

" Duroni de Posto

Basel

(Via Alghero)

Alghero "

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

Communications Sub-Comm

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1 September 44.

P. 152/621

SUBJECT : Delay to correspondence from POW Camp 371.
TO : Mr. A. Mathieu.,
International Red Cross.,
Via Tasso 38 - Naples.

1. With further reference to your letter of 24th August the Army Post Office Authorities have asked me to convey to you an apology for the delay to letters addressed to you from Camp 371. This delay is thought to have been due to certain difficulties which, earlier this month, interfered with transfers to the Civil Post Office.

2. It is stated that the position is now normal.

3. I have made one or two personal checks in the last day or two on the sorting of correspondence addressed to Camp 371 and hope that this will have a good effect.

W.H.G./faf.

Copy to :

Communications Sub-Commission Hq. ACC. X

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

PS/16/15

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

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FS. 16/15. 148.

2 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign Mails - Russia.

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

1. A cable has been received from Moscow as follows:-

"TO:- Rome POSTGEN -
PRIERE INFORMER POSSIBILITE RENOUVELLEMENT CONFECTION
DEPECHE CLOSE DIRECTE PAR MON BUREAU DECHANGE MOSCOU
AVEC INSERTION CORRESPONDANCES DESTINATION ITALIE STOP
CAS AFFIRMATIF PRIERE INDiquer VOTRE BUREAU DECHANGE
OU DOIT ETRE ADRESSEE LA DITE DEPECHE -

NARGONSVIAZ -

(Note: No date or ref. No. quoted)

2. It is suggested that you reply to the effect that closed direct despatches to the Naples Office of Exchange can be accepted forthwith, containing correspondence for Sicily, Sardinia and those Italian provinces notified internationally as being open for mail services.

3. You will no doubt pass your reply to this Office for reference to the Political Section in normal course.

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

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TRANSLATION

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FROM:- Moscow

TO: - General Postal Directorate - Rome.

Please inform us about possibility of making up a sealed
despatch direct from our Office of Exchange in Moscow,
including correspondence addressed to Italy.-

If in the affirmative, please notify us your Office of
Exchange where such despatch should be addressed.

NARCOMSVIAZ

Printed in London Aug 1944 (10 000 copies)

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.

INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND



This first part of this Telegram contains the following particulars in the order named:-
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 2. Plain, Cipher, and Number of Messages. Office of Origin, Number of Messages.
 3. Plain, Cipher, and Number of Messages. Office of Origin, Number of Messages.
 4. Plain, Cipher, and Number of Messages. Office of Origin, Number of Messages.

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NARO ORD7 A MOSCOU ROME POSTGEN

PRIERE INFORMER POSSIBILITE RENOUVELLEMENT
 CONFECTION DEPECHE CLOSE DIRECTE PAR MON BUREAU
 DECHANGE MOSCOU AVEC INSERTION CORRESPONDANCES
 DESTINATION ITALIE STOP CAS AFFIRMATATIF PRIERE
 INDiquer VOTRE BUREAU DECHANGE OU DOIT ETRE ADRESSEE
 LADITE DEPECHE = NARCOMSVIAZ +

MARK YOUR REPLY "Via Imperial"

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Subject: Mail for Spain, Spanish Morocco, Tangier, Portugal and Switzerland.

Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Hq. A.C.C. APC 394.

AAI/1146/G/I(c)

1. Effective 15 September 1944, all mail to and from the following countries will be censored at the Allied Censor Control Office, ROME.

Spain,
Spanish Morocco,
Tangier,
Portugal,
Switzerland.

2. The necessary postal arrangements should be made for the dispatch of the mail from ITALY direct to these countries, and from them direct to ITALY.

3. British Imperial Censorship, LONDON, are being informed of the date on which censorship will start in ROME.

C.M.F.
1 Sep 44.

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W. F. Dickson
Major R.S.
Lt General,
Chief of General Staff,
Allied Armies in Italy.

A.G.
31.7/067 6.29-0
AGD.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Ispettorato Ge. Mov. Postale

Servizio Dir. 1a Sez. 1a

Prot. 899424 C/C Allegati

Risposta al f. N°

del

Roma, -1 SET. 1944

Post and Telecommunications
Sub Commission ROMAOGGETTO Posta da e per
l'estero(Lt. Col. Head)
Via Veneto

A lettera P.S. 16/15/133 del 18 agosto : si
sono impartite agli organi periferici competenti le
disposizioni preventive e necessarie circa il trattamento
delle corrispondenze civili da e per l'estero, in transi-
to per l'Ufficio di Roma Ferrovia

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO P.T.

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Rice your letter: P.S. 16/15.133 dated 18 Aug. 44
our branch officers ^{concerned} have been instructed about
the advance arrangements covering the treatment
of civil ^{foreign} correspondence in transit in Rome
Rly. Office - The H. of. S.

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POSTAL SECTION
APO 3394, U.S. Army.

30 Aug. 44.

P. 152/ 527

SUBJECT : Prisoner of War Circulation.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission ACC.

1. I have discussed with the P.O.W. Censorship unit the alterations in circulation instructions necessary as a result of their removal from Algiers to Naples.
2. A copy of the Circulation chart is connected amended to include such alterations as seem desirable, and instructions have been given that similar amendments should be made to the working copies at Naples Sorting Office.
3. It will be seen that the P.O.W. Censor will accept groups VII, VIII and IX direct.
4. So long as Naples is the only Office of Exchange in Italy there is not a pressing need for the general issue of printed amendments to the columns which do not effect other offices, but no doubt these corrections will be incorporated in any new chart or amendments issued in connection with the establishment of Rome as an additional O/E.
5. As regards correspondence from P.O.W. held
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in BNAF and CMF theatres of operations I have arranged to accept this from the P.O.W. censor unsorted and, (after sorting to Province selections) return to the censor for disposal only that correspondence which is addressed to unliberated territory still served through Geneva.

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

1 Inc.- Circulation chart and notes.

*Note: If a reprint is not to be made could
we have a few ^{more} copies of the original
please.*

W.H. Green

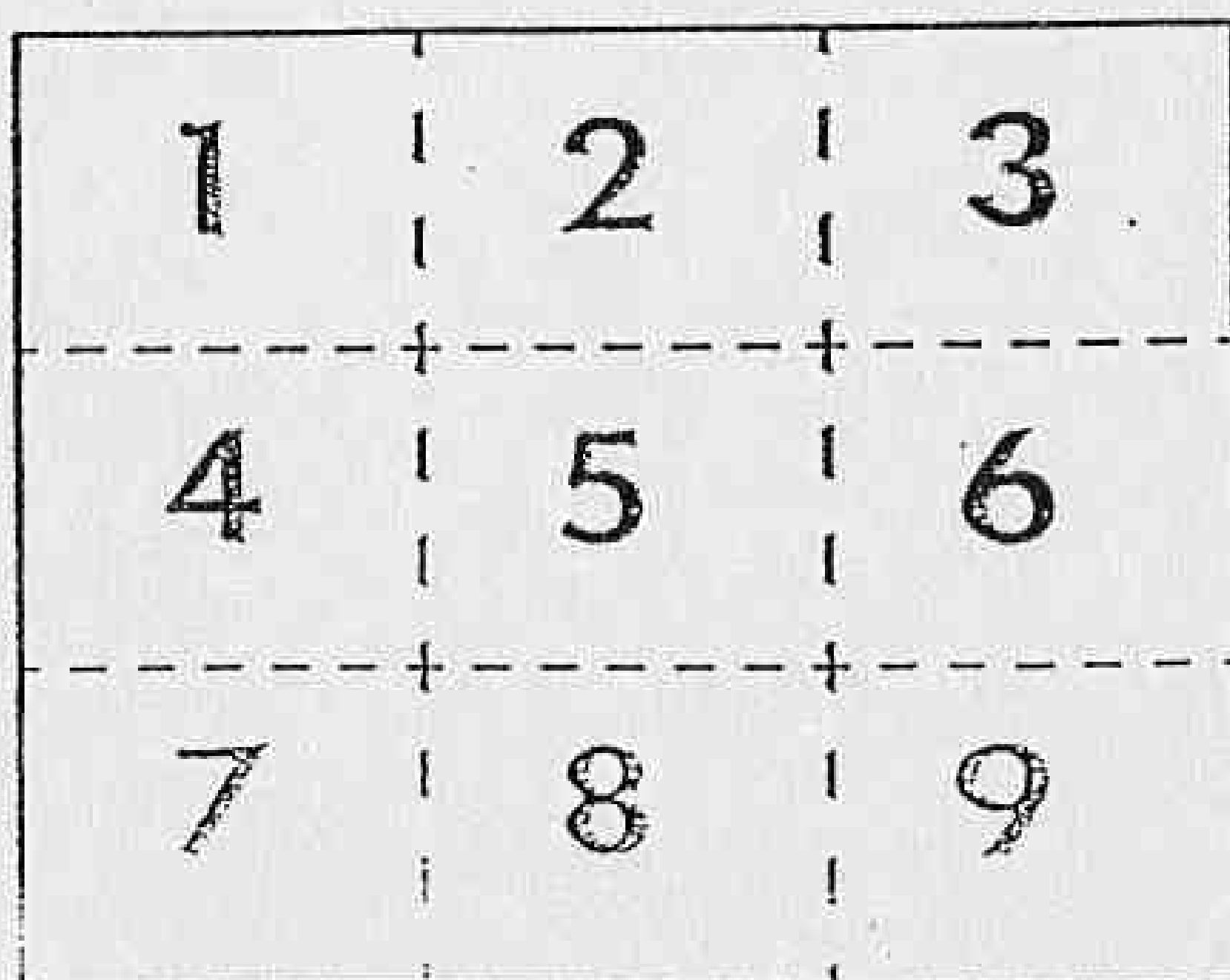
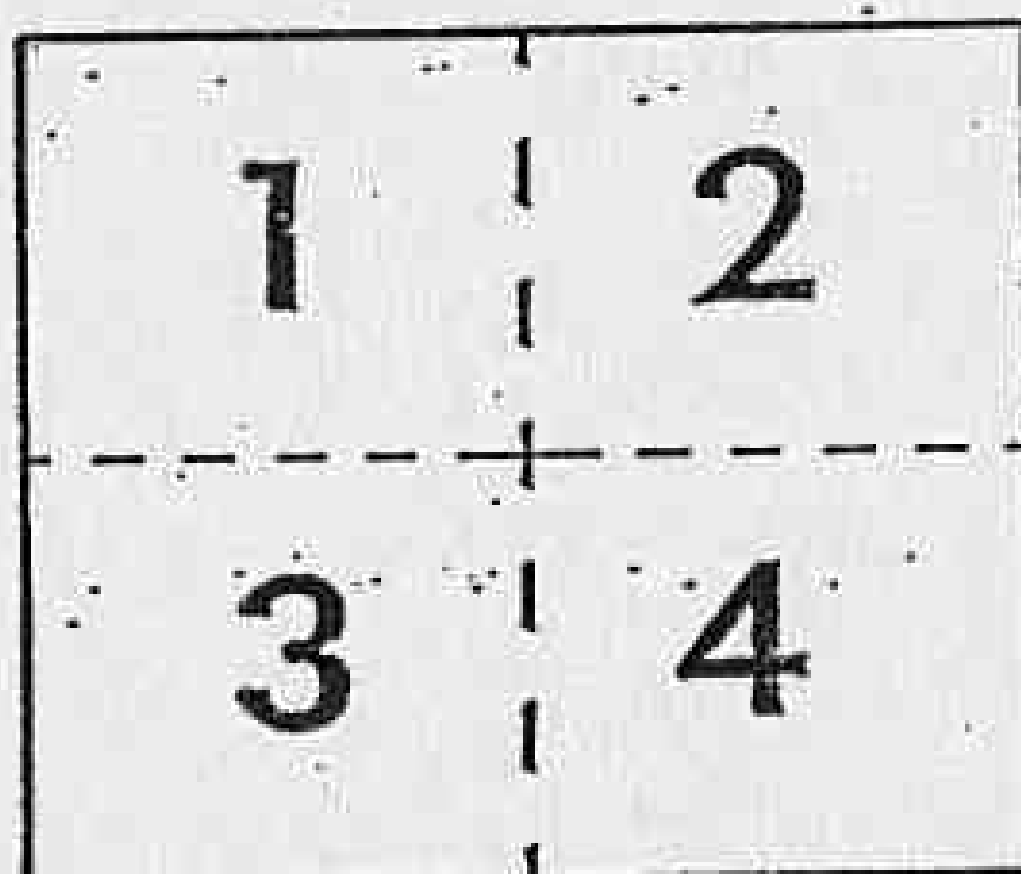
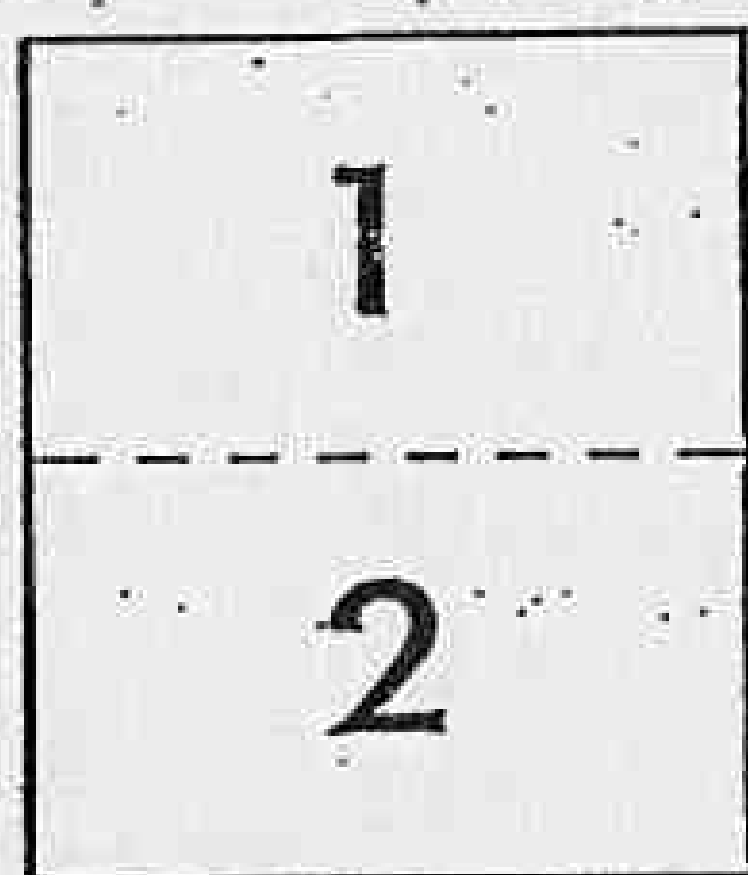
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Corrispondenza per prigionieri di guerra.

1. Corrispondenza dei gruppi VII e VIII -- Saranno formati

2. La corrispondenza :

a) Per prigionieri di guerra ⁱⁿ ~~nell'Africa Settentrionale~~ ^{NATOUSA, ORANO-ALGERIA}

b) Indirizzata al "Prisoners of War Information Bureau"

sarà preparata in distinti etichettati al "**POW Directory Service**"

Tutta la corrispondenza per civili e prigionieri

3. Distinti pacchi etichettati saranno formati per ogni paese

4. La corrispondenza per civili e per prigionieri di guerra

5. Il nome dell'ufficio mittente sarà in lettere minuscole

6. Le etichette dei sacchi, tanto interno che esterno, saranno

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b) Numero progressivo del dispaccio seguito dal numero

c) Lettera "F", sull'etichetta del sacco esterno con

d) Peso totale del dispaccio sull'etichette marcate " "

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GIUGNO 1944.

Saranno formati distinti pacchi etichettati per ogni campo. (ecc i numeri)

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erno etichettato " LONDON „ e consegnata al British APO.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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PS.16/15.144.

1 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mail despatches - Palermo.

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

1. With further reference to para. 1(c)(II) of this Headquarters letter PS.16/15.115. dated 9 Aug 44, and PS.16/.15.131 dated 16 Aug 44.
2. Since the cessation of Palermo as a Foreign Office of Exchange letters-bills for the Foreign Offices of Exchange are still being enclosed in the unsealed enclosure bags forwarded to Naples, and the weight of such despatches recorded and forwarded to Postal Officer Region I.
3. Neither of these arrangements are intended to continue. Palermo should include foreign correspondence in the Palermo - Naples despatch, with a letter-bill relative only to that despatch. That the quantity of correspondence should warrant labelled bundled or unsealed enclosure bags, is merely affording Naples assistance in re-sorting, and in no way constitutes a despatch to the Country of address. The records of weight only apply to the Naples Office which now despatches all Foreign Mails.
4. My suitable instructions be issued to Palermo on these matters to avoid
(b)
(a) duplication of records of weight, and the confusion which will be caused on receipt of mails abroad, containing bills from both Naples and Palermo.
5. The A.C.C. Postal Officer has now been withdrawn from Sicily.

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S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: - Postal Officer - Southern Region

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

26 August 1944.

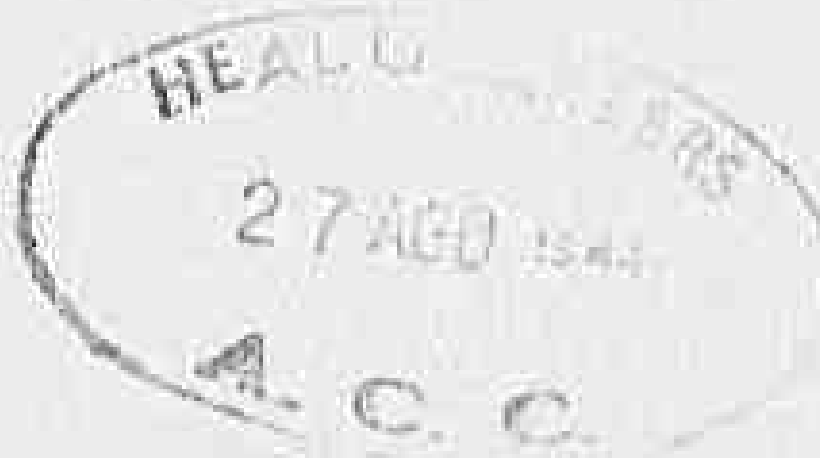
PS. 16.2.110
P. 152/6/4

SUBJECT : P.O.W. Camp n. 371.
MO : *→* Communications Sub-Commission ACC. *←*

1. To see the attached complaint and the action taken so far as this Region is concerned.

2. Mr. Mathieu tells me that the letters irregularly delivered to them are mostly posted in distant provinces, but as all POW correspondence is now due to circulate to Naples it is perhaps not worth while renewing the instructions given in your PS. 16.2.110 to the Undersecretary.

*agreed
hsl*



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

W.H.G./faf.

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- / Inc. 1- Letter from IRCC 24 August
- " 2- " to " 26 A
- " 3- " to OC 15 Base APO
- " 4- " to Provincial Director *PP. TT.*
Naples.

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Naples 24 August 44.

Comité International De
La Croix-Rouge - Geneve.
Delegation Naples.

A.M./

To: Major Green
Postal Officer
Region 3.

Subject : Postal Communications to and from
P.O.W. Camp 371 C.M.F.

- 1° We received to-day several letters from
Commandant 371 POW Camp 371 - C.M.F.-
which have been posted on August 8th !
We enclose one envelop for you as an
Argument.-
- Yes they do* 2° The Italian Post Offices do not know
where to direct mail addressed to POW
internees in Camp 371 POW - CMF- Italy
and therefore we receive those letters
from the Post Offices for forwarding.-
(We put "Padula" prov. Salerno on the
envelopes and post them again).
- 3° We will be very obliged if you could do
something in order to avoid this trouble.

A.M. MATHIEU

Enclosed: 1 envelope.-

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

26 August 1944.

P. 154/617

SUBJECT : Postal Communication to and from
P.O.W. Camp 371.
TO : M.A. Mathieu., International Red Cross
Delegation., Via Tasso 38., Naples.

1. With reference to your letter of the 24th August I am asking the Army Post Office to have enquiries made as to the reason for the delay to letters addressed to you from the Camp.

2. As regards letters addressed to the Camp (the proper address of which is "371 P.O.W. Camp Italy") the Italian Post Office has proper instructions concerning the disposal of these items and I have drawn attention to these.

3. I hope that the action taken will avoid further cause for complaint in this respect.

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

W.H.G./Edf.

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission H., ACC.
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

P. 152/616

26 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Delay to correspondence from Commandant
371 P.O.W. Camp to International Red Cross
Delegation., Naples.
TO : OC 15 Base APO.

1. The International Red Cross Delegation complains of delay to correspondence from the Commandant 371 POW Camp and encloses the attached envelope posted on 8th August as a specimen.

2. As there is no reason to suppose that the envelope reached the Civil Post Office earlier than the date shown on the back-stamp (24th August) perhaps you will wish to have enquiry made into the circulation arrangements.

W/H.O./idf.

1 Enc. - Specimen envelope.

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

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Sub-Comm.
Hq A.C.C.*

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

P. 152/613

26 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Postal Communications addressed to
POW Camp 371.
TO : Provincial Director P.D., Naples.

1. The International Red Cross Delegation
Naples complains that letters addressed to POW Camp
371 are being delivered to that Office.

2. Instructions were given in my letter
TP152/40 of 26th March 1944 that such correspondence
should be sent to Salerno. Please take the necessary
action to ensure that these instructions are complied
with.

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

W.H.G./idf.

Copies to : Ferrovia Office.
Arrivi e Distribuzione Office.
Communications Sub-Commission Hq., A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION.

ADMIRAL JAMES H. DUFFY, JR., USN

La Delegazione della Croce Rossa Internazionale di Napoli si lagna che le lettere indirizzate al Campo di Prigionieri di Guerra 371 si recapitano a loro stessi.

2. Diedi istruzioni nella mia lettera PT.152/40 del 26 Marzo 1944 che tale corrispondenza dovrà essere mandata a Salerno. Vi prego di prendere l'azione necessaria per assicurare che tali istruzioni sono performate.

The International Red Cross Delegation of Naples complains that letters addressed to PW Camp 371 are being delivered to their relatives.

Instructions were given in my letter PT.152/40 of March 26, 1944 that such correspondence should be sent to Salerno. Please take the necessary action to insure that these instructions are complied with.

W. H. Duffey, Jr.
ADMIRAL
USN

ADMIRAL JAMES H. DUFFY, JR., USN
Office of the Surgeon General
Department of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
NEW YORK.

August 11, 1944.
CONFIDENTIAL.
Postal Officer,
Headquarters,
Region 3, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394,
Care Postmaster, New York, New York.

My Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication (P.14/534 of J
July 31, 1944, please be informed that 21 bundles,
consisting of a total of 49 Italian mail sacks,
were turned over to the New York Embarkation Army
Post Office on August 9 for dispatch to Naples, Italy
by the first opportunity.
Any additional such sacks received here will be
returned to Italy in regular course.

Respectfully yours,

Albert Goldman
Postmaster.

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TRANSLATION.

Con riferimento alla sua P. 14/534 del 31 luglio
 u.s. mi è grato informarla che il giorno 9 agosto
 21 pacchi, per un totale di 429 sacchi postali
 italiani, sono stati restituiti al "New York
 Embarkation Army Post Office" per essere spediti
 a Napoli, con il primo mezzo a disposizione.

Altri sacchi che in seguito si riceveranno
 qui, saranno regolarmente rispediti in Italia.

P. 14/607-

25/8/44

1st Ind.

HQ, Region 3, Allied Control Commission., APO 394.,
 U.S. Army.

TO: Provincial Director P.T.T., Naples.

Per conoscenza.

W.H. Green
 W.H. GREEN

Major

Postal Officer.

W.H.G./idf.

Copies: Communications Sub-Commission.
 Naples, Ferrovia.

P/CIV/159

MAT. H.W. BARNES.
Postal Directorate,
General Headquarters,
Middle East Forces.

Dear

Colonel Head

18 Aug 44. *138*

Col Pickering is away on official business and has handed me your D.O. letter P.S.16/15.104 of 21 July and has asked me to look into the question of the slinging charges which have been raised against your Administration.

2. The charges shown on the bill enclosed with your letter relate to a mail despatched from BARI to TRIPOLI TRIPOLITANIA. This mail, as is the case with other similar mails, was unloaded at Alexandria and transferred to another ship for onward conveyance to Tripoli.

3. You will see, therefore, that at no time was the mail handled by the Egyptian Postal Administration and that while your Administration is, therefore, not liable for the transit charges payable under the terms of the International Convention it is liable for the whole of the cost of conveyance from Italy to Tripoli. These costs include slinging and handling charges in the Egyptian port of trans-shipment.

4. Under peace-time conditions mails are usually shipped under contract and one payment presumably covers all the costs involved. The present circumstances are of course very difficult and it may well be that the W.D. will raise separate charges for conveyance and handling.

5. In all the circumstances I see no alternative but for your Administration to accept the liability in this and future cases.

6. At the same time MOV & TN of this GHQ have agreed orally that it would be a more satisfactory arrangement if such charges were to be raised through MOV & TN CME together with any freight charges due to be raised for the actual conveyance of the mails by sea from Egypt to Tripoli.

7. In the circumstances, I have returned to MOV & TN of this GHQ all the papers enclosed with your letter with a request that the charges be raised through MOV & TN CME and that all similar charges raised in the future be dealt with in the same way.

8. I should perhaps add that we are at present pursuing with MOV & TN the question of the charges to be raised for the sea conveyance of civil mails from Egypt to Italy, but so far no decision on the rates has been given.

Yours

Sincerely

H.W. Barnes

Lieut-Colonel S.H. HEAD,

HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 444

PS.16/15.137

24 August 1944

Subject: - Conveyance of foreign mails.

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

1. - (a) Submitted herewith are copies of semi-official correspondence with the Postal Directorate, G.H.Q., M.E.F., arising from the receipt at this H.Q. of a small account in respect of "slinging" Italy - Tripolitania mails at Alexandria.

(b) Such mails are handed over in Italy to the British Base Post Office (previously at Bari, until the B.P.O. there closed down: now at Naples) for sea despatch with Army mails as opportunity offers.

(c) It appears that in the particular case under notice, and any other similar ones, the Italian Postal Administration will eventually have to bear the cost of the charges raised.

2. - (a) There now arises however the larger issue of sea conveyance charges, directly referred to in para. 8 of the M.E.F. letter. So far as this HQ. is concerned, it cannot be traced that this aspect of the Italian civil foreign mail service generally has been the subject of a specific ruling.

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(ii) - Upon what basis the charges will be assessed.

(iii) - The form of accounting procedure likely to be followed.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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PS. 16/15.104

21 July, 1944

TO/ Lt.Col.H.F. PICKERING,
Postal Directorate, G.H.H. - M.E.F.

FROM: Lt.Col.S.H. HEAD,
Communication Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission HQ.
APO 394

Dear

We have just received the accompanying account in respect of Italian Civil mails unloaded at Alexandria, This is quite a new departure, and I think not the correct procedure. I have had a word with Scott here, who confirms that - so far as he is aware - these mails should be dealt with in common with your own.

As I cannot quote chapter and verse to M. & T., would you mind - if my view is right - having someone clear it up with them, or let me know alternatively.

Yours

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General Headquarters
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Yours

Lieut-Colonel S.H. HEAD,

SUMMARY OF DESPATCHES AND HANDING - OVEROFFICERSFROM PALERMO

<u>TO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MAIL TRANSFERRED TO</u>
New York Ottawa	Civil and P.O.W.	American B.P.O.
Tripoli Cairo Tunis	Civil and P.O.W.	British B.P.O. Catania
Algiers Liverpool	P.O.W.	
London	Civil	

FROM BARI

New York Ottawa Algiers	Civil and P.O.W. P.O.W.	American B.P.O. Bari
Tripoli Cairo Tunis	Civil and P.O.W.	British B.P.O. Bari
London	Civil	
Liverpool	P.O.W.	

FROM NAPLES

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Tripoli Cairo	Civil and P.O.W.	

Liverpool

London Civil

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London

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Liverpool

P.O.W.

NOTE: Civil and P.O.W. mails in separate despatches

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ROUTINE

COMM2. SUB-COMMISSION

ITALIAN AUTHORITIES REPRESENTING STRONGLY THAT NO RPT NO MAIL ARRIVING
 FROM POW IN RUSSIA PD PAREN TO BIDRABT FROM ACC HQ FROM REAR SIGNED
STONE PAREN ADVISE PAREN ONE PAREN IF DEFINITE OUTLET TO RUSSIA AVAILABLE
 FOR RELATIVES LETTERS BEARING GENERAL ADDRESS RUSSON WHICH BE DISPATCH
 TO CAIRO PAREN TWO PAREN ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO POW MAIL FROM
 RUSSIA FOR ITALY

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Col Howard

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

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PS.16/15.135.

19 August 1944

SUBJECT:-- Non receipt of mails.

TO: -- Bureau d'Echange Postes de Cairo Civile

Re:ce your Memo of 19 June 44.

The despatch under report has not been received at either of the three Offices of Exchange operating in Italy.

Will you please say if any later information can be given to assist in tracing.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394.

File: 311.1

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24 July 1944

Subject: Receipt of Mails.

To : Postal Officer Region IX

1. Reference your inquiry P/2 of 19 July 44 in regard to receipt of mails from Cairo, both Civilian and P.O.W.

2. Despatch No. 4, shipped from Cairo on 30 March 44 per S.S. Ocean Vulcan was not received by this office.

For the Regional Commissioner

A.E. KNULL
1st Lt. AGO
Regional Postal Officer

Copy to Communications Sub - Commission HQ. A.C.C.

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

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PS.16/15.134.

19 August 1944

SUBJECT: Numbering of mail despatches.

TO: - Prisoner of War Censor Station, Bombay, India.

1. Further to this Headquarters letter PS.16/15.34 of 30 May 1944 and your No; 2/19/146 P.O.W. dated 14 June 1944.

2. The schedules of serial numbers used to 9 June 44 have been checked at each of the three Offices of Exchange and the following mails cannot be accounted for.

Bari	Naples	Palermo
57	58	20
62	63	35
		56
		61

Will you please say if any additional information can be given in this connection.

3. The introduction and notification of the separate series for Air and Surface despatches for each Office of Exchange worked satisfactorily.

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

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

PS.16/15.133.

10 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign civil mails.

TO: - Regional Commissioner Region IV
(Attn. Capt. Alasia, Postal Officer)

1. In a recent notification sent to A.F.H.C., which was passed on to the C.C.S., it was mentioned that the developing civil mail delivery area will make it desirable for direct mail despatches to be made up from overseas Offices of Exchange to ROME. These mails to be disembarked at Naples and brought up by road (or in due course rail), and to contain correspondence for the Provinces of ROME, LITTORIA, PROSINONE, and all Provinces EAST and NORTH of ROME.

2. Advice has now been received that arrangements will be made accordingly. (The commencing date for each O/R are not known). Will you please verify that provision for receiving, handling, and recording these mails is made in due course by the Provincial Director.

3. Two points arise from this pending development:-
(a) Intercommunication between the East and West sides of Italy at the Rome - Naples level.

Until transportation facilities become more certain and settled it will not be possible to determine whether certain of the eastern provinces can best be served from Naples or Rome. If, in the light of developments, the arbitrary territorial division indicated above needs to be amended or more clearly defined, this can be done if information is furnished.

(b) Northern limit of Rome concentration area.
If military operations should result in the opening up of a northerly mail receiving point, an appropriate line of demarcation will in due course be worked out.

4. The Under Secretary of State for P. & T. has been asked to advise, in about a month's time, on the amount of outgoing foreign mail which comes in to Rome - in relation to any justification for instituting direct outward mails.

S. H. HEAD

Lt. Col.

Copies to:- Postal Officers, Regions III & V

Chief Postal Officer

(Through Regional Commissioners)

Major McKean, Chief Censorship Officer

Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

(Re. our PS.16/15.115. of 9 August)

TRADUZIONE

15/133

18 Agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Posta per l'Estero -

da: "A.C.C." Comunicazioni

a: Ufficiale Postale, Regione IV^

1. - In una recente comunicazione inviata al A.F.H.Q., trasmessa al CCS, si faceva presente che lo sviluppo delle zone aperte alla posta civile avrebbe reso desiderabile la formazione di dispacci diretti dagli Uffici di confine, oltremare per Roma. Dispacci da sbarcarsi a Napoli, contenenti la corrispondenza per ROMA = LITTORIA = FROSINONE e tutte le Province ad EST ed a NORD di Roma.

2. - Si è ora avuta comunicazione che verranno impartite disposizioni nel senso su esposto (non si conoscono le date di inizio per ogni Ufficio di Confine). Vi prego di verificare che vengano prese a tempo debito dal Direttore Provinciale le necessarie misure per il trattamento di questa corrispondenza. -

3. - Da questo nuovo sviluppo della situazione nascono due problemi,

a) - Comunicazioni fra i versanti orientale ed occidentale d'Italia nella fascia compresa fra Roma e Napoli -

Finchè i mezzi di trasporto non saranno più sicuri ed assestati, non sarà possibile determinare se alcune provincie orientali possono essere meglio servite da Napoli o da Roma. Se, alla prova pratica, l'arbitraria divisione territoriale sopra-indicata richiederà di essere modificata o più esattamente definita, ciò sarà fatto, se saranno fornite le relative informazioni.

b) - Limite Settentrionale della zona facente capo a Roma -

Se, come risultante delle operazioni militari verrà attivato un punto di arrivo della posta, più a Nord, una opportuna linea di demarcazione verrà a suo tempo tracciata.

4. - Il Sottosegretario di Stato per le PP.TT. è stato ⁶⁶²¹richiesto di informarci, entro circa un mese, del quantitativo di posta in partenza per l'estero, che affluisce a Roma - per vedere se tale quantitativo giustifica la formazione di dispacci diretti in partenza.

Lt.Col.HEAD

Copie a: - Ufficiali Postali, Regioni: III - V

Magg. McKean, Uff.della Censura

Sottosegretario di Stato per le PP.TT.

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 532

TBJ/mls

Communication

G-5: 091.6

14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO # 394.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of MAT 265 and of TAM 256.

2. The point raised in TAM 256 as to the Status of the Province of Foggia has already been covered in a supplementary cable to MAT 265, following a conversation Colonel Head - Major Jackman, in which CCS were told civil letter mail for Foggia can be accepted. *132B* 16 Aug.

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

T. B. Jackman
Major

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

PS. 16/15

Incl:
as above.

SECRET

*HEADQUARTERS
17 AUG 1944
A.C.C.*

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER

OUTGOING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION : AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

REPEATED : USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
SHAFF - MIDEAST

REF NO : FX 80267

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHGEG

This is MAT 265.

Look at MAT 234 which reported civil letter mail service could be accepted from foreign countries for delivery ROME City and VATICAN City.

Now possible handle similar mail for rest of ROME province and provinces of CAMPOBASSO, LITTORIA, FROSINONE, AQUILA, CHIETI, PESCARA, TERAMO. Request publicity be given by Postmasters General LONDON and WASHINGTON. Hoped accept similar mail for provinces ASCOLI RIETI and VITERBO by end August.

Request following information also be given necessary circulation

(A) Due to closing US Base APO PALERMO no further dispatches should be made to PALERMO and all mail should be routed to NAPLES or ROME see (C) below.

(B) Due to closing of British BARI Base Post Office BARI ceased to function as Office of Exchange for civil and POW mail.

(C) In view development Civil Mail Service Zone desirable offices making direct dispatches to ITALY should make up separate civil and POW mails for NAPLES and ROME latter to include mail for ROME, province of ROME less City itself, LITTORIA and FROSINONE and all provinces east and north of ROME, separate province labelled bundles where possible. ROME mail should be addressed Allied Censorship Control Officer

MC OUT 1520

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SECRET

COPY No. 2

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

ROME for disembarkation NAPLES and for forwarding by civil mail channels.

(D) Proposed shortly that ROME also will make up direct despatches similar to NAPLES.

ORIGINATOR : G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION:

CAO
G-2
Q(MAINT)
AG POSTAL
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
INC
POSTAL(B)
C/S NATO
AG RECORDS

COORD WITH: POSTAL (B)
Q(MAINT)
AG POSTAL
G-2 (CI)
G-2 (CC)

*See 86
+ 106*

Note This is based on ours of 12 July
to G-5 (868) and discussions with Major
Jackman at AFHQ on Aug. 5th.

Well

MC OUT 1520 7 Aug 44 1835B REF NO: FX 80267 W/F/H

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AFHQ
MESSAGE CENTER

AFSC N 69/13
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Filed 12/3/58

INCOMING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO WILSON INFORMATION CG ISTOUSA FOR INFORMATION
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REFERENCE NUMBER THIS MESSAGE: WK 79761, 12 August 1944

For PROEG.

CITE CCAC.

TAM 256.

Refer MAT 265.

Extension of external mail service, ITALY.

Proposed extension of external personal mail service for ROME Province and Provinces of CAMPOBASSO, LITTORIA, FROSINONE, AQUILA, CHIETI, PESCARA and TERAMO is agreeable.

Postmasters General in LONDON and WASHINGTON will issue statements publicizing this extension on 15 August 1944. Procedure followed will be the same as for previous notices of resumption.

Information on the status of the Province of FOGGIA in this connection will be appreciated.

Dispatches will be made in accordance with requests made by you.

MC IN 7764

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SECRET

COPY No.

NAT 265 REF FX 80267 MC OUT 1520 7/8/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: CAO
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Q(MAINT)
AG
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
INC
POSTAL(B)
C/S NATO
G-4(B)

MC IN 7764 13 Aug 44 0612B Ref No: WX 79761 js/L/GB

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

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PS.16/15.131.

16 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mails.

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

Further to my PS.16/15.115. of August 9th relating to development at Palermo.

Our Postal Officer at Palermo has advised that the first consignment of foreign mails normally shipped from Palermo will be circulated to Naples on Saturday, August 19th.

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

Copy to:- Postal Officer, Naples

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 439081 Ex. 444

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PS.16/15.130.

16 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mails.

TO: - Postal Officer, Region III

Further to my PS.16/15.III. of August 9th relating
to developments at Palermo. 128

The Postal Officer, Region I has advised that the
first consignment of foreign mails normally shipped
from Palermo will be circulated to Naples on Saturday
August 19th.

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

Copy to:- The Under Secretary of State for Posts and
Telecommunications;

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MILITARY

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16 AUG 44

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RESTRICTED

ROUTINE

COMES SUB-COMMISSION

WITH EXCEPTION VATICAN CITY AND FOREIGN POSTAGE RATES FROM ITALY TO ALL
 NEW ALL ALLIED OCCUPIED AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS PD PAREN TO
MILITARY FROM AGC HQ FIRST HEAD SIGNED STONE PAREN POSTCARDS ONE AND HALF
 LINE GRA LETTERS TWO AND HALF LINE FOR TWENTY GRASS GRA FOUR LINE FOR
 FORTY GRASS PAREN MAXIMUM WEIGHT PAREN PD THIS INCLUDES THE THREE
 TERRITORIES NAMED IN YOUR EIGHT FOUR OBLIQUE PETER FOUR THREE SIX WHICH
 REFERS TO ONE ALLIED MILITARY LIRA EQUALS EIGHTY DECIMAL SIX PENCE PD
 WILL POST INFORMATION RE BASIS ON WHICH THESE RATES FIXED IF REQUIRED

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F. 15

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ACC HQ FOR HENDERSON FOR HEAD

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ACC REGION 1 (KRULL)

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NONE

CITE RAG-128

AUG 151525B

COMMENCING SATURDAY AUGUST 19-1944 FIRST DESPATCH OF FOREIGN
CIVILIAN AND PRISONER OF WAR MAIL LEAVING PALERMO FOR NAPLES VIA
ITALIAN TRANSPORTATION. DESPATCHES PREPARED AS INSTRUCTIONS.

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FILE (M)

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AUG 152025B

CONFIDENTIAL
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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A

TO: . COMMUNICATION SUBCOMM ACC
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N57/15
FROM: MIDEAST CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
REFERENCE No: PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN AUG131926C OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOR HEAD SIGNAL URGENTLY POSTAGE RATES IN LOCAL CURENCY AND
STERLING EQUIVALENT FOR LETTERS AND POSTCARDS FROM ITALY ADDRESSED
ERITREA CYRENAICA TRIPOLITANIA STATE WHETHER THESE RATES SAME AS
RATES FOR OTHER FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT AUG151518B

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Communications
Comm. Sub. Bureau
Hq. 4. CC.
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HEADQUARTERS
 REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394, U.S. Army.

12 August 1944.

P.15/584

SUBJECT : Foreign Postal Regulations.
 TO : Cav. Rag. Mario Romano.
 Ciffoni Valle Piana 4.
 Salerno.

1. With reference to your letter of the 4th August I have to inform you that quite apart from the censorship aspect the question there are at present serious difficulties in the way of extending the civilian postal service between Italy and countries abroad to include items other than ordinary correspondence.
2. The service with its necessary restrictions on weight etc. was commenced to enable the Italian public to correspond with friends and relatives overseas.
3. There are many other interests which could legitimately claim to be of equal or more importance than international philately and I fear that you will have to wait until the circumstances are such as to admit the inclusion of business correspondence and printed papers in mails despatched from this country.

W.E.G./idf.

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission., HQ, AGS. *W.E.G.*
 Provincial Director Salerno.

W.E.G.
 W.E. GREEN
 Major
 Postal Officer.

TRANSLATION.

Con riferimento alla ~~lettera~~ ^{nota} del 4 Agosto, debbo informarla che oltre l'aspetto della Censura in materia, vi sono per il ~~servizio~~ ^{servizio} di ~~notte~~ ^{notte} di ~~contadina~~ ^{contadina} il servizio

1. With reference to your letter of the 14th August I have to inform you that quite apart from the censorship aspect of the question there are at present serious difficulties in the way of extending the civilian postal service between Italy and countries abroad to include items other than ordinary correspondence.

2. The service with its necessary restrictions on weight etc. was commenced to enable the Italian public to correspond with friends and relatives overseas.

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W. H. Green

W. H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

W.H.G./fdi.

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission, HQ, AGO. L. —
Provincial Director Salerno.

TRANSLATION.

Con riferimento alla ~~testa~~^{nota} del 4 Agosto, debbo informarla che oltre l'aspetto della Censura in materia, vi sono per il momento serie difficoltà nel modo di estendere il servizio postale civile fra l'Italia e i paesi oltremare che non ~~permettono~~ includere altri oggetti che non siano corrispondenza ordinaria.

2. Il servizio, con le sue necessarie restrizioni sul peso etc, fu iniziato per dare la possibilità di corrispondere con amici e parenti all'estero.

3. Vi sono molti altri interessi che potrebbero legittimamente reclamare di essere di una eguale o maggiore importanza del filatelia internazionale e temo che lei dovrà aspettare fino a quando le circostanze non saranno da permettere l'includere corrispondenza di carattere commerciale e stampe nei ~~dispan~~ spediti da questo paese.

TRANSLATION.

Giffoni Valle Piana.,

4 August 1944.

TO : Hon. Allied Control Commission., Naples.

In the interest of numerous Italian philatelists and also of those belonging to the Allied Armies, I permit myself to expose you as follows:-

It is forbidden to include stamps for collection in letters, and also to send newspapers or reviews to foreign countries.

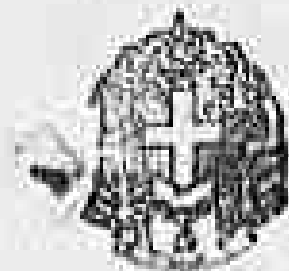
Considering that the Philately has a vast field of activities of international character, the interest of the censorship may be tempered with those of collectionists and editors of reviews, for example:

authorizing determined firms or collectionists to send stamps (after previous enquiries, if they are trustworthy);

authorize the forwarding of philatelic reviews, on condition that there are not political and military news, only if sent by editors.

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THE DIRECTOR.
M. Romano.



AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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Ufficio Telegrafico di _____

TELEGRAMMA CIRCOLARE

2330 GRC/I

SZ10 CCC ROMA 184180 114 TF 12 1545 SOLO PER.....

ISPETTORE GLE MINISTERIALE P T PALERMO + POSTMOV PALERMO ET P N POSTMOV BARI
NAPOLI AT TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROV P T ITALIA CONTROLLATA GOVERNO ITALIANO
POST AND TELECOMUNICAZIONS SUBCOMMISSION ROMA +

NR 899304 C/1 ISPOSTMOV 1/1 PUNTO EFFETTO IMMEDIATO EST SOPPRESSO IL ~~XXXX~~
VIRGOLETTE BASE POST OFFICE VIRGOLETTE AMERICANO A PALERMO PUNTO CORRISPONDENZA
PROVENIENTI ESTERO DIRETTE SICILIA SARANNO CONVOGLIATE NAPOLI FERROVIA PUNTO A M
PALERMO SI CINTINUERA SMISTARE CORRISPONDENZE RACCOLTE ISOLA PER ESTERO ET
RELATIVI DISPACCI SARANNO PROVVISORIAMENTE COLA IMBARCATI PUNTO SUCCESSIVAMENTE
ET APPENA POSSIBILE UFFICIO PALERMO FERROVIA FORMERA PER CIASCUNO UFFICIO
ESTERO DESTINATARIO PER CONTO UFFICIO NAPOLI DUE SACCHI DISTINTI CHIUSI ET NON
SUGGELLATI UNO CON CORRISPONDENZE PER CIVILI L'ALTRO PER P O W DA COMPRENDERSI
IN SACCO COLLETTORE CON ETICHETTA NAPOLI FERROVIA ESTERO DA PROSEGUIRSI SU NAPO
MEZZI NORMALI PUNTO DISPACCI DA CONSEGNARSI CATANIA CONTINUERANNO ESSERE COLA
AVVIATI PER SUCCESSIVO INOLTRO = SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO +

TELEGRAMMA
278 MINISTERO CORPORAZIONI
ricevuta a stampa quando è incaricato di una ricezione.

POST AND TELECOMUNICAZIONI SUB
COMMISSION ROMA + V. V. V.

ed. cl. no. 60.000.000.000

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: MINISTERO CORPORAZIONE
 SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:
 FROM: CLASSIFICATION:
 REFERENCE No: PRECEDENCE:
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

MINISTERIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL PT PALERMO POSTMOV PALERMO ET P N POSTMOV BARI NAPLES TO
 ALL THE DIRECTIONS PROV P T ITALY CONTROLLED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POST AND TELECOMMUNI-
 CATIONS SUBCOMMISSION ROME

NR 877304 C/1 ISPOSTOV 1/1 PERIOD IMMEDIATE EFFECT IS SUPPRESSED THE QUOTATION MARKS BASE
 POST OFFICE QUOTATION MARKS AMERICAN AT PALERMO PERIOD CORRESPONDENCE ORIGINATING ABROAD
 DIRECTED SICILY WILL BE CONVOYED NAPLES RAILROAD PERIOD AT PALERMO IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO
 HANDLE CORRESPONDENCE ACCUMULATED ISLAND FOR ABROAD AND RELATIVE DESPATCHES WILL BE TEMP-
 ORARILY THERE EMBARKED PERIOD SUBSEQUENTLY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PALERMO RAILROAD OFFICE
 WILL FORM FOR EACH OFFICE ABROAD DESTINATARY FOR ACCOUNT NAPLES OFFICE TWO SEPARATE CLOSED
 BAGS AND NOT SEALED ONE WITH CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIVILIANS THE OTHER FOR P O W TO BE
 UNDERSTOOD IN COLLECTOR BAG WITH LABEL NAPLES RAILROAD ABROAD TO BE DIRECTED ON NAPLES
 NORMAL FACILITIES PERIOD DESPATCHES TO BE CONSIGNED CATANIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE THERE
 PUT UNDER WAY FOR SUBSEQUENT DESPATCH - UNDERSECRETARY STATE FANO

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT AUGUST 15/0900

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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PS.16/15.124.

14 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mail services.

TO: - A.F.H.Q. (C - 2, C.C. Branch)
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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Ref. your letter COM/10510 of August 10th.

Further copies of the translated notifications asked for by B.C.C.L.C. are attached. (Previous copies were furnished to C.C.B. with one quoted letter PS.16/15.71 of 22 June - as indicated in para 2 of that letter.)

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Incls.: 3

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

Copy to:- The British Censorship Liaison Officer, Algiers.
(Re; BCCL/55/1 of 31.7.44)

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Communications S.C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army

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CCB/10510

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Opening of External Italian Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
ATT: Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

1. With reference to your letter FS/16.15.71 of 22nd June.
2. Copies of the correspondence were sent to London but they do not appear to be satisfied as we have received a memo from the British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, a copy of which is attached.
3. Would you be so kind as to give us the information necessary to reply to this memo.

Donald D. Hoover

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

See 124

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COPY

BCCL/55/1

31 July 44

Your Ref: CCB/10510/45

To : Communications Censorship Branch.

From: The British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, Algiers.

NEUTRAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH ALLIED OCCUPIED ITALY.

1. I refer to your memo of June 27, 1944, to which was attached a copy of a letter dated June 22, 1944, ref. no. PS/16.15.71 signed by Lt. Colonel S.H. Head, and attention is drawn to para. 2.

2. It appears to Imperial Censorship, London, that the correspondence is somewhat inconclusive, particularly as translation of the fresh notification to Berne by the Italian Authorities mentioned in PS/16.15.71 has not been included.

3. I shall be glad if you can secure a copy of the notification referred to by Lt. Col. Head, for London's information.

(Signed) W.G. THOMAS.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region 1 Headquarters
APO 397

File 311. 1

3 August 1944

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Subject: Mails from India

To : Lt. Col. S.H. Head Chief Postal Officer
A.C.C. APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Reference to your P.S. I6/15. 74 of July 4 -44.
2. The following numbered dispatches destined for Palermo have not been received,

Dispatch No 20	-	Air,	of March	22, 44
" " 35	-	" ,	of "	29, 44
" " 56	-	Surface	of April	10, 44
" " 61	-	"	of "	12, 44

For the Regional Commissioner,

A. E. Krull

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

File 311.040

8 August 1944

Subject: International Mail. (*Madrid*)

To : Lt. Col. S.H. Head, Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.C. APO 394 U.S. Army

- 1.. In reference to your inquiry P.S. 16/12.17 of 3 August 1944.
2. No information is available in reference to your questions in paragraph 3 (a), (b), and (c).
3. Mail was received, checked for prior censorship, and released to the post office for separation and dispatch.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. E. Krull

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

*Not understood why not -
but check has been afforded
in similar Bari case*

full CCJ4

*File in 15
+ X ref 12.*

SECRET *Comms*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TDJ/seb

8 August 1944

G-5: 091.6

SUBJECT: Mail - to POW in England

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to conversation 5 August, Lt. Col. Head - Major Jackson, during which Colonel Head was given a copy of Troopers cable 64630 CA14 of 1 August, (MO IN 911) 2 August.

2. In accordance with arrangements made with Colonel Head a reply has been sent to Troopers (copy attached).

Done.
See
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3. Will you please take action on the last paragraph of the cable referred to in 1 above.

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

T. B. Jackson

T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Incl: as above

Copy to:
Postal Directorate (Br).

HEADQUARTERS
9 AUG 1944 (603)
A. C. C.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER

OUTGOING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION : TROOPERS

REPEATED : AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
FOR CCAC

REF NO : FX 80266

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHCEG

This is MEG 195.

Reference GEN 215.

In newly liberated territory there is inevitable lag between evacuation by Germans and release of correspondence but PW mail is collected and despatched soonest possible without waiting restoration ordinary civil mail.

On assumption you are satisfied port to port surface transportation time not responsible, request following specimen information.

(A) Places in which items concerned originally posted with dates.

(B) Date arrival UK and particulars relative APO despatch.

Advice of despatch already furnished by airmail to Director Army Postal Services TROOPERS by Postal AFHQ. Will make arrangements as in your last sentence.

ORIGINATOR : G-5 AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR 602

INFORMATION: C/S NATO COORD WITH: G-4 (M & TN)
G-4 POSTAL DIRECTORATE(D)
INC
G-1
M & TN
G-2
POSTAL (D)
AG RECORDS

SECRET

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B383.6
Adm 091.6091.6
383.6 ✓

SEE 117 & 118

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SECRET
AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

JAJA

FILED: 011430

ASFC W94/02
020126B
ogr

PRIORITY

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: AFHQ INFO WASHINGTON

REF NO THIS MESSAGE 64630 CAL4 1 August 1944

GEN 215.

Criticism here of delay PW mail from Allied occupied ITALY. Some more than 2 months old on arrival this country. PW mail from German occupied ITALY generally getting through quicker.

- (A) Can you do anything to improve service?
(B) Is there anything we can do to help from this end?

Until conditions improve, please advise air mail date and ship all despatches PW mail to UK.

Arrange future despatches PW mail in bags addressed Post Office LIVERPOOL with enclosure bag to O/C Censorship NEWBHAM PARK LIVERPOOL.

ACTION: G 5

INFORMATION:

AG

C/S NABO

G-4

INFO

M & TN

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MO IN 941

2 Aug 1944 1330B

Ref. No. 64630 CAL4 R/G/GB

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

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PS. 16/15.117.

9 August 1944

SUBJECT: - P.O.V. mail to U.K.

TO: - Postal Officer, Region III

1. It has been notified that the enclosure bag containing P.O.V. mail sent to Liverpool should be addressed:-

c/o Censorship
NEWBANK PARK
LIVERPOOL.

Please arrange accordingly, and have copies of the Foreign Mail Circulation Chart amended to conform.

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

Copy to:-
Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.
Postal Officer, Region V

6599

SEE 118-119

7.12.15

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

ACC MAIN

AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED

NONE

DIRECTOR

D.DIRECTOR

S.O. (T)

S.C. (P)

CENSORSHIP

CH. CLERK

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NONE

PRIORITY

SITE : PRCEG

JULY 27/1930

Recd 29.7.46

attached
REF YOUR 786 OF 21 JULY. NOT POSSIBLE TO REPLY YET. ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS
BEING RETRAFFED IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND OSSERVATION RECEIVED. WILL COMMUNICATE
FURTHER SOONEST POSSIBLE.

*SEE 86**Let in Head - Postal Section*

- CC00*
- 1 Copy to your information
 1. Mr. CACCIA (Pol Sect) Saw But. Man to
Vatican yesterday & told him to
wait. He is asking F.O. re diplomatic
bags etc. Very nice & happy to wait

JULY 28/ 0700

except Ray McKean
Note. Advised at AFHQ 6/8 that fresh
regulns. coming in few days. Covering
letter will define "Vaticanite" & cover
mails to many countries. *W.L.*

*By Mr. McKean**29/7**F.15*

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AFHQ ADVANCE

ACC HQ

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PRIORITY

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

21 July 1944

AG 3 1 1 CCB
AAI HAVE INSTRUCTED US TO IMPLEMENT DETAILS OF AFHQ LETTER AG THREE ONE ONE CCB DASH
OF TWELVE JULY PD PAREN TO AFHQ ADVANCE FOR GEORGE FIVE RPTD AAI FOR MOLTON FROM ACC
HQ PAREN PD ACTION BEING DEFERRED PENDING RECEIPT OF REPLY TO OUR PS ONE SIX OBLIQUE
ONE FIVE POINT EIGHT SIX OF TWELVE JULY TO YOU PD PRIORITY SIGNAL REPLY REQUESTED

SEE 86

(Sent by ca. Branch)

6598

Lt. MONTANT.
1st. Lt. AGD
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMM. COM. MISSION
APO 324
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 444

GH/CC

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FB. 16/15.115.

9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Foreign mails.

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

1. (a) The United States Army Base Post Office at Palermo has now ceased to operate, and new arrangements therefore require to be made for foreign mails.

(b) It has been arranged that no further direct mails will be sent from abroad to Palermo, but that correspondence for Sicily will be sent to Naples for onward transmission.

(c) As a temporary expedient, mails for abroad from Sicily are still being made up at Palermo and embarked on naval vessels. The Postal Officer at Palermo has however been advised (i) to arrange that, as from an early date, all foreign civil and P.O.W. correspondence, except that which is due to circulate to Catania, should be forwarded to Naples for onward transmission, and (ii) that the existing sorting of correspondence at Palermo should be maintained, an unscaled enclosure bag (civil and P.O.W.) being made up for each relative Office of Exchange. These enclosure bags to be forwarded to Naples in outer bags bearing the indication "Entero" on the label.

(d) You will no doubt wish to send confirmation of these arrangements to the Director for Sicily.

2. (a) In connection with the notification of the foreign postal administrations concerned, it has also been intimated that, with the opening up of further territory for mail services, it is desirable that direct mails should be made up for Rome, so contain correspondence for Lazio, and Provinces East and North thereof. Further notifications regarding this will be sent to you in due course.

(b) Similarly, it will no doubt, in a short time, be found that the amount of outgoing foreign correspondence reaching Rome will be sufficient to justify direct mails. Perhaps you will be good enough to advise me of the position in this connection in about a month's time.

*
Vie Naples

SEE 11/16

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489001 Ex. 4/4

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PS. 16/15.114.

9 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mails.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region I

1. Ref. your letters 311.11 of July 26th and 29th regarding the closing of the U.S. Base A.P.O. at Palermo, and my signal No. 1263 of August 2nd. No previous information regarding this development had been received at this Headquarters.
2. Steps have been taken to advise overseas postal administrations concerned to discontinue despatches to Palermo, and to forward Sicily correspondence to Naples. Such as may be on the way will doubtless be diverted to Naples, where they will be opened in normal course.
3. (a) With regard to outward mails, it is assumed that the improvised arrangement for conveyance by naval vessels cannot be based on a regular schedule, and that it only, in any event, secures the shipment to a North African port. It is agreed that all foreign civil and P.O.W. mail except that which is proper to go via Catania, should now circulate via Naples. Arrangements may be made accordingly with effect from a date which it is left to you to determine, but which should be notified to this office by signal. The Letter Bill of each last despatch should be so marked.
(b) The existing sorting of correspondence at Palermo should be maintained, an unsealed enclosure bag (civil and P.O.W.) being made up for each relative Office of Exchange. These enclosure bags should be forwarded to Naples in outer bags bearing the indication "Estero" on the label.
4. The censorship examination of "S.P.S." correspondence is being centralized at Rome, and such correspondence should be labelled and circulated accordingly forthwith.
5. Attached is a copy of a relative notification sent to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

S. H. HED
Lt. Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:-
Postal Officer, Region III

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

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3 August 1944.

PS. 16/17.101. *see PS 16/15-74*
P. 152/555

see 134

SUBJECT : Mails from India.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission., ACC.

1. I have had the list checked at Naples with the result shown on the attached statement.
2. Bulletins have been issued in respect of the missing mails.
- (3) I have not ^{yet} written to Bombay as the reports you receive from other Regions may explain the discrepancies

W.H.G./idf.

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

DIRECTOR.
D. DIRECTOR.
S. S. D.
S. C. P.
C. E. S. S. D.
C. E. S. S. D.

Recd. 4.8.44

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see 105 for Paris details.

✓ Arrived arrival Palermo
7/8/44
JSm

FR 15

not received but mentioned

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B.

Dispacci non ricevuti che sono segnalati nella statistica
alligata alla lettera dell'H.A.C.C. con data 22 luglio 1944.

MEZZO	DATA	N. del DISPACCIO
Surface	10/4/1944	58
"	12/4/1944	63
"	7/6/1944	167 ✓ <i>Hardly due yet</i>
"	9/6/1944	175 ✓

(101A)

received not mentioned

Dispacci ricevuti che non sono segnalati nella statistica
alligata alla lettera dell'H.A.C.C. con data 22 luglio 1944.

MEZZO	DATA	N. Del DISPACCIO
Surface	28/3/1944.	1
"	10/5/1944	4
Air	14/6/1944	1 <i>new series</i>
"	15/6/1944	2 —
"	19/6/1944	3 —
"	11/7/1944	9 —
"	13/7/1944	10 —

Naples Ferrovia.
31/7/1944.

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REGION ONE

A C C HQ

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2 AUGUST 44

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ROUTINE

COMM SUB-COMMISSION

DISCUSSING FOREIGN MAIL POSITION AFHQ AND WILL ADVISE YOU SOONEST PD
PAREN TO REGION ONE FOR KRULL PCSTAL FROM ACC HQ FROM HEAD SIGNED
STONE PAREN MEANTIME CONTINUE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT PD NO CHANGE
LIKELY CATANIA JUST YET

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

26 July 1944.

P.2/

P.152/ 512

SUBJECT : Despatches from Bombay
TO : Postal Officer Region II.

Ref. your P.2 dated 17 July 1944, the despatches:
N° 57 of 10 April 1944 and N° 62 of 12 April 1944 have not been
received at Naples.

W.H.G./fat.

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

Copy to : → Communications Sub-Commission., HQ., A.E.C. ←

DIRECTOR.	
DIRECTOR.	
S.O. (1).	
S.O. P.	✓
CENSORSHIP.	
CHIEF CLERK.	
Recd. 28.7.44	

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

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P.2.
P.152/513

26 July 1944.

SUBJECT : Despatches from Cairo.
TO : Postal Officer Region II.

SEE Region II file P2

+ P16/15-135 for reply

Ref. your P.2 dated 19 July 1944 the despatch N.4 on 30 Mar. 1944, to Bari, has not been received at Naples.

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

W.H. GR/Edf.

Copy to → Communications Sub-Commission HQ. A.C.C. ←

DIRECTOR.
DIRECTOR.
S O (D)
S O (P)
CENS
CHIEF CLERK.
Recd - 28.7.44

W.H. Green 6591

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*Lt. Col. S.H. Head**109*

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

File: 311.11

26 July 1944

Subject: Mail Service

To : Lt. Col. S.H. Head, Chief Postal Officer, Communications Sub-Commission
APO 394 U.S. Army

1. The army base post office has left the island and at present it is somewhat inconvenient to dispatch Civilian and P.O.W. mail according to schedule.
2. Arrangement has been made with the Navy to ship the above mentioned mail once each week.
3. Practically no ships arrive and leave the island at the present time but dispatches will be made as regularly as possible and by the best method we can.
4. The majority of incoming mail shipments are now passing Palermo and enter Naples, and mail for Sicily will be returned Via railroad after being opened and resealed.
5. Hereafter all bulk mail arriving in Palermo will be checked for prior censorship but no record will be kept nor report made.

For the Regional Commissioner

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

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DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
S. O. (1)	
S. O. P.	
CHIEF CLERK	
CHIEF CLERK	
Received 30/7/44	

See 114 and 115

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

File: 311.11

29 July 1944

Subject: Dispatches

To : Col. S.H. HEAD, Chief Postal Officer, Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. A considerable problem has arisen at Palermo since the American APO s have moved.
2. The navy at present has consented to handle our dispatches but this service will probably be for only a short time.
3. I would like to recommend that all mail, both Civilian and P.O.W. mail formerly sent to Palermo in accordance with the dispatch schedule, for onward dispatch through American APO, be now sent to Naples for onward dispatch. As long as the British APO is located at Catania, all dispatches shown for them will be sent regularly.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. E. Kwill
A. E. KWILL
1st Lt. ACD
Regional Postal Officer

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See log & HH-115

9 AUG. 1944

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

7 July 1944.

P. 182/413

SUBJECT : Prisoner of War Mails for Northern Provinces.
TO : Postal Officer Rome Region.

1. A list is attached showing the Prisoner of War Mails on hand at Naples of Northern Provinces.
2. If you have satisfactory storage accommodation at Rome it might be advantageous to move some of this correspondence forward before the normal load of the Rome-Naples-Rome motor increases.
3. If you agree will you please return the list marked to show which bags you can take and also indicate how the bags should be labelled.
4. There is also a good deal of old civil correspondence for Northern and central Italy on hand at Naples.
This is being prepared into Provinces bags at present.

A.R.O./181.

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V.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission. ✓
Rear Headquarters A.C.C., Salerno.

note Items for Regions IV & VIII to be sent to Rome & for V as arranged with Allen. Hold others pending discussion with Censorship Branch at Naples or Rome.

P R I G I O N I E R I
Elenco dei sacchi giacenti a Napoli.

	Ord.	Kg.		Ord.	Kg.
Verona	1	30	Bergamo	1	20
- Firenze	3	55	Ravenna	1.	20
- Arezzo	1	20	Pola	1	20
Milano	4	115	Savona	1	10
Udine	1	20	Fiume	1	10
Parma	1	20	Como	1	5
Venesia	1	20	Aosta	1	10
Pesaro	1	25	Treviso	1	20
Bologna	2	45	Gorizia	1	15
Pisa	1	20	Siena	1	15
Lucca	1	20	Imperia	1	5
Brescia	2	45	Ferrara	1	15
Ancona	2	70	Novara	1	20
Padova	1	35	Varese	1	20
Vicenza	1	20	Tramste	1	10
Macerata	3	85	Bergamo	1	20
Pavia	1	25	Forli	1	15
Livorno	1	15	Cremona	1	5
Bolzano	1	5	Pistoia	1	15
Belluno	1	10	Asti	1	5
Reggio Emilia	1	20	Trento	1	20
Genova	1	25	La Spezia	1	5
Sondrio	1	10			
Cuneo	1	20			
Ascoli Piceno	2	65			
Piacenza	1	20			
Vercelli	1	20			
Apuania	1	15			
Rovigo	1	20			
Torino	2	30			
Modena	1	40			
Alessandria	1	25			
Mantova	1	40			
Ferrara	1	15			

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

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PS.16/15.107.

27 July 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign mail Records.

TO:- Postal Officer, Region III

With further reference to my PS.16/15.29 of 22 May and
PS.16/15.63. of 15 June 1944.

Your reply of 6 July 1944 (Ref. T152/411) forwards returns
for week ending 3rd June 1944 onwards.

The figures for week ending 27 May 1944 have however not
yet been received.

The final details submitted from the A.C.C.O. are :-

- (a) Civilian mail despatches of 16 May 1944
- (b) P.O.S. mail despatches of 17 May 1944

Will you please obtain and forward particulars for week
ending 27 May 1944.

C.G.L. Maddock.

C.G.L. MADDOCK
Capt.
Postal Officer

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AFHQ ADVANCE

RESTRICTED

ACC HQ

PRIORITY

21 July 44

Civil Affairs Branch

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AAE HAVE INSTRUCTED US TO IMPLEMENT DETAILS OF AFHQ LETTER AG THREE ONE ONE OCS
DASH O OF TWELVE JULY TO PAREN TO AFHQ ADVANCE FOR GEORGE FIVE REFD AAI BOLTON
FROM ACCEP FAKEN ED ACTION BEING ~~DEFERRED~~ PENDING RECEIPT OF REPLY TO OURS PS
ONE SIX OBLIQUE ONE FIVE POINT EIGHT SIX OF TWELVE JULY TO YOU ED PRIORITY
SIGNAL REPLY REQUEST

See 86

* CA Branch dealing.

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L. T. MONTAGUE, JR
1st Lt. AGC
Adjutant

Headquarters Region 2.
All India Control Commission.

17 July 1944.

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P/2.

Subject. Mails from India.

To: Communications Sub Commission.
(for Lt. Col. Head, Chief Postal Officer)
From: Postal Officer Region 2.

1. Reference your PS16/15.74 of 4 July 1944. The copy of the letter referred to has now been received from the Director of Movements Bari Ferrovia Post Office.

2. The result of the check shows that the two undersentenced surface mail despatches are outstanding:
No. 57 of 10 April 1944 and No. 62 of 12 April 1944.

3. Will the Postal Officers of Regions 1 and 3 have these despatch serials checked please to ensure that the mails have not been received and dealt with at their respective offices.

Copy to: Postal Officer Region 1;
Postal Officer Region 3;

SEE III
C. G. L. Stoddard
Regional Postal Officer

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PS 16/15

P. 15

15.104
PS.16/5.65.

104
21 July 1944

TO :- Lt.Col. H.F. Pickering,
Postal Directorate, G.H.H. / M.E.F.

FROM:- Lt.Col. S.H. Head,
Communication Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission HQ.
APC 394

Dear

We have just received the accompanying account in respect of Italian Civil mails unloaded at Alexandria. This is quite a new departure, and I think not the correct procedure. I have had a word with Scott here, who confirms that - so far as he is aware - these mails should be dealt with in common with your own.

As I cannot quote chapter and verse to M. & "... would you mind - if my view is right - having someone clear it up with them, or let me know alternatively. I hope all goes well with you all over there.

Yours

W.

See 213.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

REO 311.1

27 June 1944

Subject: Dispatch of Prisoner of War mail

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

Attention, Colonel HEAD.

1. Information is requested as to the proper dispatch destination of prisoner of war camps 600 to 699 inclusive.
2. The prisoner of war dispatch schedule received, does not show the proper destination of the above mentioned camps.
3. In addition to the camp numbers shown on correspondence, these letters are also addressed to Algiers, which indicates these camps are in North Africa.

For the Regional Commissioner

DIRECTOR.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.
SEC. 1.
SEC. 2.
SEC. 3.
SEC. 4.
SEC. 5.
SEC. 6.
SEC. 7.
SEC. 8.
SEC. 9.
SEC. 10.

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

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PS, 16/15

Write to Green $\frac{26}{7}$



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

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PS.16/15.101.

22 July 1944

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SUBJECT:- Mails from India.

TO:- Postal Officers as below

1. It appears that in no case has the list of mail despatches from India (to which my PS.16/15.74. of July 4th refers) been received by the Postal Officers concerned. A copy is accordingly sent herewith.

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

Copy to:- Postal Officer, Region I (re. 311/1 of 13 July 1944)
Postal Officer, Region II (re. P/2 of 14 July 1944)
Postal Officer, Region III (re P.152/46 of 19 July 1944)

See 105

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Headquarters Region 2. *Comms S. C. 3013*
Allied Control Commission. *U - 5729*

14 July 1944.

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To: Communications Sub Commission.

(For Lt. Col. S.H. Head Chief Postal Officer.) *101 B* ←

From: Postal Officer Region 2.

Subject: Mails from India.

Ref. your PS16/ 15. 74 of 4 July 1944.

NO copy of the letter referred to in para 1 of your letter has been received at this office. May a copy be provided please to enable the necessary check to be made.



C. G. L. Maddock capt

C. G. L. Maddock, Capt.

Somerset L. 16580

Regional Postal Officer.

File: 311.1

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

13, June 1944

Subject: Mails from India

To : Lt. Col. S.H. HEAD, Chief Postal Officer, Communications Sub-Commission
A.C.C. APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. In reference to your letter ES. 16/15.74 of July 4, 1944.
2. I am unable to find the letter, and inclosure~~y~~, dated 14 June from P.O.W. Censor Station Bombay, which you stated I received a copy direct.
3. For this reason I am unable to give you the data you request.
4. Please give me specific information on the data you desire and a report will be made immediately.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. E. Krull

A.E. KRULL

1st Lt. AGD

Regional Postal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 23, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army.

Communications 101

PS 16/15/74
P. 152/463

19 July 1944.

SUBJECT : Mail from India.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission HQ ACC.

I have not yet received a copy of the Bombay letter of
14th June.

W.H.G./161.

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

DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR
S.O. (T)
S.O. (P)
CENSORSHIP
CHIEF CLERK
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Recd. 21 July 1944
PS 16/15

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489331 Etc. 144

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PA.16/15.100

21 July 1944

SUBJECT:- Postal service for P.C.S.

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

1. Attached, in relation to your 480/1/3/68 of 18th July, are the following :-

(a) Copy of letter No PA.16/15.75 of July 4th to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

(b) Extract from the minutes of a meeting held in Naples on May 29th.

2. These, together, set out the known position to date, and on present information there is little that could usefully be added. If examples of alleged abnormal transmission time can be quoted, (giving the Italian Province concerned and the country of origin or destination) we can pursue further, if the case appears so to warrant.

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

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My ref. LAF/9

30 June, 1944. 99
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To Lt.-Col. S.H. Head, Chief Postal Officer, Communications
Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

From the British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, C.C.G. Italy.

Italian Mails for Malta and Gibraltar.

1. As the matter is still outstanding, though now, as far as I am concerned, considerably modified by our conversation of this morning, I revert to your enquiry, made to me verbally on June 1, on the above subject.
2. As I understood it, you enquired whether Italian civil and P/W mails for Malta and Gibraltar might be sent for censorship to those two places respectively, instead of being sent to London for U.K. censorship. I answered at the time that the points of censorship of Italian external mail had been laid down by agreement between AFHQ and the various Allied Censorship authorities, and that therefore any modification could be made only at that level.
3. I was not aware at that time that such a modification, in respect of civil mails only, had already been agreed upon. After some trouble and delay, I have succeeded in unearthing the facts regarding this modification. At the beginning of March, the British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer at AFHQ was asked verbally by Communications Censorship Branch, AFHQ, to find out where civil mails between Italy, on the one hand, and Malta and Gibraltar, on the other hand, should be censored. A cable was sent to Postal and Telegraph Censorship, London, and on March 10 the reply was received by cable that the mails in question should be censored at Malta and Gibraltar respectively. This reply was transmitted to Communications Censorship Branch verbally.
4. From our conversation of this morning, however, I gather that, after all, the mails in question cannot be sent to Malta and Gibraltar for censorship, as this would not fit in with the regular shipping routes. You will therefore presumably continue to send them to Cairo and London respectively.
5. I may mention that it has accidentally come to my notice, from Censorship sources, that, at least as late as April 16, letters from Italy to Malta were undergoing censorship in the U.K. For example, a letter from Siracusa to Malta, dated 16.4.44, was examined at Liverpool (the U.K. point of censorship for Italian external mail) on 27.5.44.
6. Although Postal and Telegraph Censorship, London, has no objection to Italian civil mails for Malta and Gibraltar being censored at those two places respectively, and indeed prefers that they should be censored there, no modification of the original agreement can be contemplated in the case of mails from Italy to Spain, Portugal, Spanish Morocco, Tangier, Switzerland and Sweden. Although a percentage of these mails is examined by the S.P.S. Units at Palermo and Naples, it is most essential that the whole of this mail, whether

already censored by S.P.S. or not, should be forwarded to London Foreign Section for censorship in the U.K.

7. The foregoing paragraphs apply only to civil mail, not to P/W mail.

LA Fletcher

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Tel. No. 513. A

SUBJECT: Postal Service for PW.

ASC/1/3/68

TO : Telecommunications.

18 July, 1944

1. Forwarded herewith is translation of High Commissioner for Prisoners of War letter 1295/Ass/A.2. of 17 July 1944.
2. Please let me have your remarks on this subject so that I am in a position to forward a reply to the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

J. A. Campbell

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

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TRANSLATION.

High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Rome, 17 July, 1944. 98
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No. 1295/Ass/A.2.

Subject: Postal Service for POW.

TO: AGC, ROME.

1. The A.C.C. is asked to have the courtesy to accelerate the Postal Service from and to the P.O.W., step by step as new Regions of Italy are being liberated.
2. The complaints of the POW continue to be numerous, also by those repatriated just lately, the most considerable complaints are about the Postal Service from America and North Africa.

The High Commissioner
(Generale Pietro Gassera)

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DIRECTOR
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 S. O. (1)
 S. O. (2)
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 G-5 Section
 CENSORSHIP
 APO 512
 CHIEF CLERK
 G-5 : 3111
 SUBJECT: Mail - Missions.

TBJ/seb

1 July 1944

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Attached is a copy of CCB/10510-47 of 30 June with a copy of the memo therein referred to.

2. Would you please bring the matter to the notice of the Italian Postal authorities.

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

Incl:
as above.

T.B. JACKMAN
 Major.

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

OCB/10510-47

30 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian External Mail.

TO : A.C. of S., G-5, AFHQ,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Attached is a copy of a memo received from the British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer.
2. Would you please bring the complaint to the notice of the Italian Postal authorities.
3. In replying to the British Censorship Liaison Officer, it has been pointed out that:
 - a. The type of Italians used as sorters in the post office are not highly educated.
 - b. That it is impossible, owing to shortage of Allied staff, to supervise to any great degree the work of the Italians.
 - c. It is not known to what extent mis-sorting is taking place, but though it is a mistake, London has only to make a transfer of the mis-sorted bundles.

DONALD D. HOOVER, 6572
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Communications Censorship.

Incl: 1
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BCCL/61.

29 June 1944.

To: Communications Censorship Branch, AFHQ.

From: The British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, Algiers.

ITALIAN EXTERNAL MAILS.

I have received from Imperial Censorship, London, the following notification:

"We would refer you to our minute of the 18th April in which detailed particulars were given of the arrangements made for examination in this country of mail between Allied occupied Italy and Spain, Portugal and Switzerland together with Spanish Morocco, Tangier and Sweden if that of the latter countries could be included for such treatment.

The Controller, P.C.B. London has advised C.P.C. quite recently that he is continuing to receive correspondence from Italy to the above countries in bundles labelled 'Transit Mail' mixed with the Terminal Mails due to be handled in London.

May we therefore ask that you would be so good as to enquire from CCB, A.F.H.Q. whether they could possibly adhere to the procedure put forward, their particular attention being drawn to our letter of May 1, 1944, BCCL/61 which was transmitted through yourself."

Please let me have your views.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 7 394, U.S. Army .

16 July 1944

P. 152/ 446

SUBJECT : Foreign Mails Circulation .
TO : Provincial Directors PP.TT. Naples, Benevento, Avellino .

(1) As from 20th July Bari will cease to function as an Office of Exchange for POW and Foreign Civil Mails .

(2) All such correspondence will be circulated to Naples .

(3) All references to Bari should be deleted from Column 2 of the "Foreign Mail Circulation Chart" and " Naples " should be inserted in Column 2 in respect of the civil and P.O.W. despatches to Cairo and Tripoli .

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W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer .

WHG/po.

Copies to : Stazione Ferrovia , Naples .
X Communications Sub-Commission HQ.A.O.C.. X

TRADUZIONE .-

(1) Dal 20 Luglio p.v. l'Ufficio di Bari cesserà di essere un Ufficio di Scambio per la Corrispondenza dei Prigionieri di Guerra e per l'Estero .

(2) Tutta tale corrispondenza sarà avviata a Napoli .

(3) Tutti i riferimenti a Bari saranno cancellati dalla colonna 2 dell'avviso " CORRISPONDENZA PER L'ESTERO - AVVIAMENTO E FORMAZIONE DISPACCI " - e " Napoli " sarà inserito nella colonna 2 in rispetto ai dispacci civili e Prigionieri di Guerra per Cairo e Tripoli .

W.H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer .

WHG/po.

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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Transferred to PS: 16/15
RS. 16/16.71.

13 July 1944

SUBJECT: Foreign Mails

TO: Postal Officers, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, Rome.

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1. Attached for information and attention as necessary is a copy of a notification sent to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Transferred to PS. 16/15
PS. 16/15.70.

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13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Foreign Mails

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

1. On July 20th the Army Base Post Office at Bari will be closing down, and Bari will accordingly automatically cease to function as an office of exchange for P.O.S. and foreign mail. All such correspondence from mainland provinces which are at present operating will therefore require to be circulated on Naples. (The question of Rome making up direct foreign mails for postings in early opening provinces is under consideration). Will you please issue instructions in your territory accordingly, and include a reference to the necessary modification to both Cols. 2 of the Foreign Mail Circulation chart.

S. H. HEND
M. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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SECRET

BCCL/55/1

12 July 1944

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TO:- The British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, Italy
From:- The British Civil Censorship Liaison Officer, Algiers

ITALIAN MAILS FOR SPAIN

Further to your letter of June 2, 1944, to which we replied on June 9, BCCL/51/1, the following is a copy of London's reply:-

65 " In reply to your minute of the 9th June, BCCL.55/1, we are entirely in agreement with the views expressed in your minute of June 9th to B.C.C.L.O. in Italy.

Unless and until Censorship in Italy is fully equipped to handle external mail to our complete satisfaction, we cannot contemplate any alteration in the present arrangements.

The quantity of mail for the Iberian Peninsula received from Italy is so small that the delay due to examination in this country can be regarded as negligible. With the present arrangements for the transmission of mails to Lisbon and beyond several weeks may elapse between the despatch of the correspondence from this country and the time of its delivery ~~in~~ in Spain and Portugal. When the present restrictions are removed, however, the time taken to reach Lisbon will be considerably reduced."

Signed W. O. Thomas

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(Received by hand from Mr. Fletcher)

F. H.

Comm's J.C. (Rear HQ)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mail

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. The British Postal Directorate AMHQ have advised this
Section as follows:-

1. The British Base Army Post Office will cease to function at BARI after 20 July 1944. The only British Army Post Office of exchange in Italy will thereafter be the British Base Army Post Office at Naples.
2. The Civil administration will of course be responsible for the internal conveyance of mails to Naples.
2. Will you please cause the appropriate instructions to be issued to the Italian Civil Postal authorities.

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

T.B. Jackman
Major

T.B. JACKMAN
Major.

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Copy to:

British Postal Directorate
reference P/641 of 20 June.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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17 JULY 1944

PS.16/5.91.

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. correspondence

TO:- Postal Officer, Region IV

1. Regarding the two communications attached. I have asked Dr. Luvini to see you again, to make definite arrangements with the Provincial Director Rome. Such help as Dr. Luvini can give will not, of course relieve us of getting correspondence backward and forward to Provinces by Courier.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMBAT COMMISSION
APO 394

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17 JULY 1944

PS. 16/15.90.

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. correspondence

TO:- The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs
Postal Officer, Region III

It is notified that in connection with para. 4, Section 9, of the Guide to Post Office services, all P.O.W. correspondence received at an Office of Exchange for LAZIO, UMBRIA, and TOSCANA should be forwarded, in labelled bundles for each PROVINCE, to Rome.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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17 JULY 1944

To whom it may concern

The bearer, Dr. Arnaldo Luvini, is the Deputy Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

It is requested that such assistance as is possible may be given him in connection with his duties regarding the International Red Cross message form service. In connection with such duties, Dr. Luvini expects to be able to assist in the conveyance of Prisoner of War letters between provinces, (under the general system set out in the minutes of a meeting held on May 29th, of which copies were sent to all Regional Commissioners). It is desired that full advantage be taken of Dr. Luvini's assistance in getting such letters out from, and in to, Rome, until such time as the normal postal services can be restored.

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

TRADUZIONE

Il latore, Dott. Arnaldo Luvini, è il Vice Delegato del Comitato della Croce Rossa Internazionale.

Si prega di volergli dare tutta la possibile assistenza nel suo lavoro, che riguarda il servizio messaggi della Croce Rossa Internazionale. In relazione con questo suo lavoro il Dott. Luvini ritiene di poter anche assistere il trasporto delle lettere dei prigionieri di guerra tra le provincie (secondo il sistema generale tracciato nella relazione di una conferenza tenutasi il 29 Maggio, della quale copie furono mandate a tutti i Commissari Regionali). Si desidera utilizzare in pieno la collaborazione del Dott. Luvini nel trasporto di queste lettere da, e per Roma, fino a che i normali servizi postali non saranno ripristinati.

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Postal Directorate,
H.Q., A.A.F., C.I.F.

Subject:- Mails -Enemy
POW in Allied
Hands.

P/660/5 8 July, 1944.

H.Q. A.C.C.
(Postal & Telegrams.)

verbal.

1. Reference your enquiry regarding the make up of mails for P.W. in NORTH AFRICA, I have had the following reply from AFHQ :

"2. At the request of Communications Censorship Branch AFHQ, W.G.S. instructed A.C.C. on 19 June 44 to arrange for Italian civil Post Offices to make up all correspondence addressed to P.W. in NORTH AFRICA in bags addressed P.W.C.D., U.S. APO 698. This has been done to relieve the Censors in ITALY.

3. When the Italian Civil Post Office receive the revised instructions from A.C.C., there should be no further difficulty in the disposal of correspondence addressed to P.W. in NORTH AFRICA".

2. It would appear, therefore, continuation of despatches to one destination is desired.

3. No mention is made of the alleged delay having been investigated.

W. Scott
(W. SCOTT)
Lt-Col. R.E.
A.D.A.P. 6562

Copy to:- File

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*Censorship S.I. No. 13 of 14 July refers.
Discussed with Mexican.
No action, in view of pending despatches.
Effecting location of PWCD.*

W. 7/15/44 (P.R.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch

APO 512.

CCB/152

29 June 1944.

Subject : Vatican City Communications.

To : C.S.I.(c), HQ, A.A.I.

1. Attached is a draft of the proposed plan for the handling of communications to and from the Vatican City.

2. It is proposed to put these into operation subject to any addition or alteration which you may think necessary.

3. It would be appreciated if such amendments could be forwarded to this branch as soon as possible.

Incl: 1.

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

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Subject: Public Safety Communications

Communication Consulting Bureau,
200 Madison, A.V. 10.

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Reference: 000/452 dated 29 Jan 66.

1. The points covered in the draft of the proposed plan of handling all communications to and from the VATICAN City has been considered by A.S.L., and the following comments are made.
2. Paras 1 and 2; It is suggested that the British and U.S. Government representatives to the VATICAN should try to ensure that the Papal seals are held by approved officials only.
3. Para 3; It is requested that you intend "all mail" to include that of His Holiness the Pope and the Cardinal Secretary of State.
4. Para 4; is agreed. Does this mean merely that they will not be allowed to have their own diplomatic bag, or in addition that they may not use the Papal bag. It is pointed out that the proposed regulation affects messenger treatment compared to that formerly received by British and U.S. diplomats at the VATICAN who were permitted to send messengers (except) to BRUSSELS.
5. Para 5; It is suggested that the bags will be sent to A.S.L.C. for forwarding to U.K. or U.S.A.
6. Para 7; It is pointed that codes will not be permitted except those bearing the official seal of His Holiness the Pope, or of the Cardinal Secretary of State. Is in accordance with (a) and (b) of paras 1 and 2.
7. Paras 1, 2 and 7; It is suggested that the Cardinal Secretary of State be reported by British or U.S. Government representatives to the VATICAN not to pass any messenger other than his own personal or official Vatican, and not those for other nations.
8. Para 9(b); Does this mean that A.S.L.C. personally personnel will not open mail addressed to His Holiness the Pope, or to the Cardinal Secretary of State from his Bishops? Such courtesy exception would be agreed to by this Headquarters.

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2. Para 4 and 2: It is suggested that the British and U.S. Government representatives to the VATICAN should try to ensure that the Royal seals are held by approved officials only.
3. Para 3: It is presumed that you intend "all mail" to include that of His Holiness the Pope and the Cardinal Secretary of State.
4. Para 4: is agreed. Does this mean merely that they will not be allowed to have their own diplomatic bag, or in addition that they may not use the Royal bag. It is pointed out that the proposed regulation affects heavier treatment compared to that formerly accorded by British and U.S. Ambassadors at the VATICAN who were permitted to send messages (coded) to Rome.
5. Para 5: It is presumed that the bags will be sent to A.S.S.S. for forwarding to U.K. or U.S.A.
6. Para 7: It is presumed that codes will not be permitted except those bearing the official seal of His Holiness the Pope, or of the Cardinal Secretary of State, if in accordance with (a) and (b) of para 4 and 2.
7. Para 4, 2 and 7: It is suggested that the Cardinal Secretary of State be requested by British or U.S. Government representatives to the VATICAN not to pass any messages other than his own personal or official Vatican, and not those for other parties.
8. Para 9(b): Does this mean that A.S.S.S. Censorship personnel will not open mail addressed to His Holiness the Pope, or to the Cardinal Secretary of State from his Ministers? Such censorship exception could be agreed to by this Headquarters.
9. Para 8 is agreed, except that it is considered the word "censorship" may be amended to read "monitoring services".
10. Para 9(b): It is presumed that if civil censorship is not operating in any province, this mail is liable to censorship by A.S.S.S. who could effect the necessary routing.

Copy to: G.S.I.(b) Hq A.A.I. - 1.
CG A.S.S.S. - 2.
AC of 3 (G-2) AFHQ. - 1.

Relinquished:
A.S.S.S.(b).

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VATICAN CITY COMMUNICATIONS.

The following is the plan proposed for the handling of communications to and from the inhabitants of the Vatican City, both for Italy and countries outside Italy.

1. All mail from the Vatican City to the Italian mainland or Italian Islands will be subject to censorship with the following exceptions:
 - a. Personal mail of His Holiness the Pope.
 - b. Official mail from the Cardinal Secretary of State to the Bishops in that part of Italy under the control of Military Government Section or Allied Control Commission on ecclesiastical business.
2. All mail from the Vatican City to countries outside the confines of the Italian mainland or Italian Islands will be subject to Allied censorship in accordance with the arrangements now in force for external mail from Italy and the Italian Islands. The following exceptions to the above are made:
 - a. Personal mail of His Holiness the Pope.
 - b. Official mail from the Cardinal Secretary of State to Papal Munici, Archbishops or Bishops living in countries outside the Italian mainland and the Italian Islands.
3. All mail addressed to enemy or enemy occupied countries will be subject to 100% censorship and will be dealt with under arrangements which exist for external mail from Italy.
4. No diplomatic bag privilege will be granted to enemy or enemy satellite representatives.
5. Neutral and Allied representatives will be given diplomatic bag privileges (as there will be no possibility of couriers travelling such bags will be sent by post and will be forwarded either to Great Britain or United States before delivery).
6. The official correspondence of representatives of the United States and Great Britain or British Dominions will not be subject to censorship.
7. Telegrams from the Vatican City passing through the Rome telegraph office will be subject to censorship in the same manner as is laid down for postal correspondence in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this memorandum.
8. Telephone monitoring on as comprehensive a scale as is practicable will be instituted in Rome to handle traffic from the Vatican City to the Italian mainland or Italian Islands or vice versa. When external traffic by telephone is permitted a full censorship will be imposed.
9. All mail to the Vatican City will be subject to censorship.

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9. All mail to the Vatican City will be subject to censorship:-
- a. Coming from countries outside Italian mainland or Italian Islands by the United Nations censorship network.
 - b. From the mainland of Italy or Italian Islands in the province of origin provided a civil censorship is operating in the province.

Not at present possible

MEMORANDUM: ENEMY AND NEUTRAL MISSIONS IN ROME.

1. Enemy Missions to Holy See.

The only enemy missions requiring to remain permanently in Rome are those accredited to the Holy See. These are the German, Finn, Japanese, Rumanian, Slovakian and Hungarian Missions. With the exception of the Hungarian Minister, who has repudiated his Government, all are to be housed in the Vatican City. The Vatican have said that they will only except the Head of the Mission plus one or two diplomatic secretaries with secretarial staff. This has raised the question of the repatriation of the surplus personnel. The actual diplomats involved will probably be one or two Germans and possibly a number of Rumanians; but there may in addition be a certain amount of clerical staff, both of these and other Missions.

The transfer of these enemy missions within the Vatican must be completed by July 10, noon. When established in the Vatican, it must be presumed that these enemy missions will be given the same facilities to communicate with their Governments as the Vatican gave to the British and American representatives. These included right to send written despatches and cipher telegrams through the Vatican pouch, and in case of the British Minister, the possibility of sending cipher telegrams by the Vatican radio. The only undertaking which the Vatican required was that the British and American Missions would merely report upon their official work as representatives to the Holy See and would not report on matters of political or military interest in Italy.

2. Neutral Missions to the Holy See.

It should be presumed that the Vatican will, if necessary, give these Missions at least the same facilities as given to enemy Missions.

3. Enemy Missions to the Quirinal (Italian Government).

So far as is known, there are no diplomats of enemy Missions still in Rome. A certain number of secretarial personnel at least in the Rumanian and Hungarian Missions seem to have been left.

4. Neutral Missions to the Quirinal (Italian Government).

Those at present consist of the Argentine and Spanish Embassies, and the Afghan, Danish, Irish, Portuguese, Swedish and Swiss Legations. So far the only facilities for communication open to these Missions has been sending plain language telegrams through the Allied Control Commission. Up to date this facility has only been used by the Afghan, Danish, Swedish and Swiss Legation. As an exception, we have forwarded also some despatches from the Swiss Legation to the Swiss Government; these were presented in open envelopes.

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The Swiss Legation states that under the German occupation of Rome, neutral Missions had full right to send official pouches by official couriers and to send cipher telegrams up to the time of the Anzio landing. After that, the right to send pouches by courier remained, but the Swiss were not allowed to send any cipher telegrams. All telegrams had to be in plain language and during the last month or two of German occupation, such telegrams had to receive an official stamp from an officer of the German Embassy before they were despatched.

*Presumptive by Acc (Political Sec)
R.G.S.I. 16.Q. 5 July 44.*

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394

12th July, 1944

In reply
refer to: PS.16/15.86

Subject : Extension of Civil Mail Services.

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

1. (a) The draft Censorship regulations to which your signal FX 67439 of July 2nd refers have now been seen (copy from B.G.B.(I)). In their relation to the internal and foreign services which were started in Rome City and the Vatican City on July 3rd, there seems to be only the point dealt with in para 3 which raises any major issue. That paragraph provides for the transmission of "all mail" between the "Vatican City" and "enemy and enemy occupied countries" under "existing external mail arrangements". There are however no existing provisions for either accepting or despatching civil mail - as distinct from Red Cross and Vatican message forms - to enemy countries through civil mail channels.

(b) Is it the case therefore that the reference should have been to such I.R.C. or Vatican forms, or is it intended to extend exceptionally to (i) the Vatican City residents and/or (ii) the Vatican authorities, facilities for letter communications to enemy countries, and through A.C.C. Courier service Channels?

(c) If transmission of letters is to be permitted, particulars will be required as to addressing and routing the mail.

(d) If which seems doubtful, it is intended that citizens may participate, the point arises that numerous people working in Vatican City live in Rome, and vice versa, and restriction of posting facilities to "neutrals" would it is considered be impracticable.

(e) On a secondary point, there are references, in the Draft Regulations mentioned, to the sending abroad of Vatican Personal and Official mail (Para. 2), Official correspondence of U.S. and U.K. representatives (para. 6), and Neutral

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and Allied diplomatic bags - by post (para.5). It will perhaps be indicated whether it is the intention that all such categories of communications should be forwarded by civil post channels, or whether official courier services should be used for some of them.

2. Internal and external civil mail facilities are about to be introduced in the Provinces of Rome and Campobasso, Littoria and Frosinone will follow a little later. Perhaps all Overseas Postal Administrations concerned can be informed that mails may be despatched for these four additional Provinces forthwith. Berne will be informed by the Italian authorities. It is assumed that notifications have already been sent regarding Rome City and Vatican.

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3. Following upon the closing of the Bari Base Post Office on July 26th (your letter G-5: ~~211.1~~ of 21st June) refers), Bari will automatically cease to function as an office of Exchange for Civil and P.O.W. mails. All concerned will require to be advised accordingly.

4. With the developing extension of the mail service zone it is now desirable that, if practicable, offices making direct despatches to Italy should make separate mails for Naples and Rome, the latter to include correspondence (in separate labelled bundles where possible) for Rome, and the Provinces of Rome, Littoria and Frosinone; and in due course later for other Provinces East and North of Rome, as they are opened up. The bags should be addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at Rome, for disembarkation at Naples, and forwarding by civil mail channels. The northern cut-off line for the area to be served from Rome will be dependent mainly upon the eventual establishment of other Base A.C.O.'s at ports which can be used as offices of Exchange for civil mails.

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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REAR HQS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission

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8 July 1944

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SUBJECT:- Italian Civil Mails - British Base P.O. transfers.

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

SEE 85B

1. It is reported that outgoing foreign mail bags handed over to the British APO authorities are not in some cases being labelled in accordance with existing instructions. Such addresses (on outer bags) as "Canada General" and "George Brown" have been quoted. Apparently also despatch serial numbers, and the indication "APO" (where appropriate) are not regularly being shown on the outer bag labels.

2. You will no doubt be good enough to have special attention called to the need for strict adherence to the proper despatching methods.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

Copies to:- Postal Officer, Region I - Information
Postal Officer, Region II - Information
Postal Officer, Region III - Action
A.D.A.P.S. Postal Directorate, H. Q., A.A.I., C.R.F.
(Re. P/841/2 of 22.6.44 - Could we have particulars of the office concerned in any future cases).

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Postal Directorate,
H.Q., A.A.I.,
C.M.F.

P/641/2

23 Jun 44.

Subject: - Italian Civil Mails -
Transfers to Br. Base APO's.

HQ. ACC.
(Postal & Telecoms. Sub Comm.)

1. In order that satisfactory records can be maintained of Foreign mails transferred from the Italian Civil Postal Administration to the British Army Post Office it would be appreciated if the serial numbers of all despatches could be indicated on the bag labels.

2. It is also reported that bags come to hand labelled "Canada Censor" and "Croce Rossa" presumably intended for P/W in Canada and Algiers respectively. I should be glad if the bags could be labelled correctly in accordance with the destinations already agreed and also that the indication "P/W" be clearly shown on the labels of all bags containing mail for Prisoners of War. Unless this indication appears the Civil Administration is liable to be charged for conveyance.

W.A.
(W. SCOTT)
Lt-Col. R.E.
A.D.A.P.S.

Copies to: - DDAPS, AMHQ, DMHQ.
CC Base APO 6.
CC Base APO 15.
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.
DIREZIONE GENERALE POSTE TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV

N.405555

Risposta al N.

Salerno, 1° Luglio 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione alle PP. TT.SALERNOOGGETTO: Posta da civili a prigionieri di guerra.
Mail from civilians to P.O.W.

In esito vostro foglio PS/16.15/83 del
29 Giugno u.s. si comunica che, per errore del com-
pilatore della circolare 405390, è stato omissso il
completamento dell'ultima frase. Essa doveva infatti
essere così trascritta:

" Si ritiene che per detta corrispondenza non sarà "
" più a lungo richiesto il passaggio attraverso gli "
" uffici di censura in Italia ".

Si è provveduto a chiarire la cosa anche
presso le Direzioni delle Poste interessate e pres-
so l'Alto Commissario per i Prigionieri di Guerra.-

IL MINISTRO

Cerullo

With reference to your PS/16.15.70, dated 29 June, it is
notified that, by an error of the compiler, in Circular 405390
the end of the last sentence has been omitted: the right version
was:- "It is believed that it will no more be necessary that
much correspondence pass through Censorship Offices in
Italy." - The matter has been cleared with all Provincial
Directors concerned and with the High Commissioner for P.O.W.
The Minister

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394

29th June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16.15 ~~70~~ 83

Subject : Mail from Civilians to P.O.W.

To : Under-Secretary of State for P.F.T. 84

1. The copy of your circular letter No. 405390 has been received.
2. It is not understood why the phrase " Per detta corrispondenza si ritiene che fra non molto la censura sara' abolita." was included.
3. No such intention was meant to be conveyed in my letter, nor is it in fact the case.
4. The only change is that censorship will in future be done by the "Prisoner of War Censorship detachment, AFC. 696 and not in Italy by the Civil Censorship Branch of A.C.C.

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

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Trans. 858 Lieut. Gerardo

Ministry of Communications
Post and Telegraph Department

Salerno, 24 June 1944

TO A.C.C.
Post and Telegraph Subcommission

Subject: Mail sent by civilians to P.O.W. in North Africa

Reference your letter file PS/16/15 dated 23

June, we send you a copy of a letter sent to the offices concerned.

The Undersecretary of State
M. Fano

Enclosure

Ministry of Communications
Post and Telegraph Department

Salerno, 24 June 1944

Provincial Direction for Post
BARI * NAPOLI * PALERMO

Subject: Mail sent by civilians to P.O.W.

We order that from now on all mail sent by civilians in liberated Italy to P.O.W. and workers Companies in North Africa be addressed in the following way:

"Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment

APO 698 U.S. ARMY "

We think that very soon censorship will be abolished for this mail.

We beg ~~xxxxx~~ you to inform the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ offices concerned of what above mentioned.

DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR.

B. O. (T).

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CENSORSHIP.

CHIEF CLERK.

Received 28/6/44

The Undersecretary of State
(M. Fano)

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

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Salerno

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Trant 858
Room 127
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Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione per le Poste e Telegrafi

N. 405390

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Risposta al N.

Allegati E.I

OGGETTO: Posta dei civili per prigionieri di guerra italiani nel Nord
Africa

In riscontro alla nota PS/16/2 del 23
corrente si trasmette copia della comunicazione fat-
ta agli uffici interessati.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

(M. Pano)


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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Salerno 24 GIU. 1944

Direzione Provinciale Poste

N. 405390

Risposta al N.

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NAPOLI

PALERMO

OGGETTO: Posta dei civili per i prigionieri di guerra.

Con effetto immediato si dispone che tutta la posta dei civili nell'Italia liberata diretta ai Prigionieri di guerra e compagnie di lavoratori italiani nel Nord Africa sia inviata e indirizzata:

" Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment

APO 6987 U.S. ARMY ".

Per detta corrispondenza si ritiene che fra non molto la censura sarà abolita.

Si prega di partecipare quanto sopra agli uffici interessati.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STAMPATO
(M. Fano)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

23rd June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: PS/16/15/ 81

Subject : Civil Mail for Italian P.O.W. in North Africa.

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

1. Please arrange for all mail from civilians in liberated Italy to Italian prisoners of war and Italian work companies in North Africa to be bagged and addressed:

" Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment
APO 698, U.S. Army".

2. It will no longer be required for this mail to be routed through censorship offices in Italy (including Sicily and Sardinia).

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

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Copy to: Civil Censorship, A.C.C.

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