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ITALIAN TROOPS CORRESPONDENCE

Col. H. McLean AGMR @ Mmet

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Subject: Italian Postal Service.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M. R. I. A.) ROME
2/16

26 May 1945

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To: Ministry of War.

Date

1. As a result of establishing a Censorship Unit in ROME confusion is being caused by the volume of mail now being cleared through FM 3800 (ROME).

This is entirely contrary to what was agreed with the Allied Postal Authorities and unless an immediate remedy is effected may result in the withdrawal of Postal facilities now offered by the Allied Authorities.

2. The original intention of opening a Censorship Unit in ROME, as requested by you, was to avoid the necessity for mail from the North being sent from ROME to NAPLES and back again before delivery in the North.

It is understood that FM 3400 (NAPLES) has ceased dispatching to PM's in the forward area wef 17 May and has notified 15 Base APO (NAPLES) that all the mails for such PM's will be dispatched in future by FM 3800 (ROME).

The Allied Post Offices in ROME are designed to serve only local needs and any large transfer of Italian Military mail for onward delivery must take place at the Base Post offices in NAPLES.

3. It is further reported that contrary to this HQ letter 2/16 of 8 May mail from FM 3800 is being handed in to FO 554 (Br) irrespective of the Allied Command under whom the PM concerned is operating.

4. You are required to take immediate action as under in order to remedy what threatens to be a serious dislocation to the Italian Military Postal Services.

(a) Instruct all concerned that FM 3400 will continue to operate as before and will be the main clearing centre at which Italian Military mail is to be transferred to Allied Post offices.

All bags to be clearly marked PM No. "Through U.S. Postal Services" or "Through BRITISH Postal Services".

(b) Instruct forward PM's to make up separate dispatches for

(i) Base Censor 9 (ROME) for delivery ROME and North
and (ii) Base Censor 7 (NAPLES) for delivery South of ROME.

Mail necessarily dealt with by FM 3800 will be accepted for delivery by the U.S. FO 790G or the Br FO No. 554 provided the bags are clearly marked as in 4 (a) above.

(c) Ensure that the correct location of all PM's and the correct designation of the Allied Command under whom serving is reported and communicated to all concerned.

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withdrawal of Postal facilities now offered by the Allied Authorities.

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- (c) Ensure that the correct location of all PM's and the correct designation of the Allied Command under whom serving is reported and communicated to all concerned.

- (d) Utilise the Italian Civil Postal service for collection and distribution to maximum extent.

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5. There is no objection to establishing a PM equivalent to PM 3400 in BOLOGNA but so long as Censorship Control continues it will be necessary for mail from districts North of River PO to be dealt with by Base Censor 9.

Furthermore should the assistance of Allied Postal Services be required in connection with the PM at BOLOGNA prior approval will have to be obtained and you are therefore requested to inform this HQ accordingly.

6. You are required to report not later than 4 June that the distribution of mail from PM 3800 (ROME) through Allied Postal Services has been reduced to the proportions authorised above.

RAC/1c

R. A. Curties

R. A. CURTIES, Lt Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for 3(Maint).
AFHQ for DELPS ref P/533 of 25 May 45.
P.O. 551 (Br) ROME for Attention Captain SMILEY.
Chief Base Censor C.M.F. ref CSC/32/2541 of 8 May 45.
9 Base Censor Group ROME for Attention Captain RICHARDS.
Rome Allied Area Command.
HQ A.C. for Communications Sub Commission.
All MAIL LO's.
MAIL "A".



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

Spazio *Quo* *I* *I*
Ind. V. 474085 PM/MD
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Roma 25 MAG 1945
C.A. Posts and
Telecommunications
Subcommission
via Veneto - Roma -
Supplemento N. P 18/46/CS
del 11/4/45

OGGETTO Corrispondenza indirizzata alle
truppe italiane.

In riferimento alla nota sopraindicata
si trasmette, in risposta ai quesiti con la
stessa posti, copia della lettera N° 915807.301
dell'8 corrente della Sezione Postale dell'Uf-
ficio Servizi dello Stato Maggiore.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Ref. P. 18.45/CS, in reply to your questions,
copy of letter No. 915807.301 of 8th Day, of the
Postal Section of the Ufficio Servizi of the
General Staff, is here transmitted.

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Date.....

S T A T O M A G G I O R E S E R V I Z I

UFFICIO SERVIZI
SEZIONE POSTALEN°9/5807-301 di prot./ Serv. P.M. 3800 li 8 maggio 1945
Risp. N° 474085/PM/MP del 25/4/45 allegati 1

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza per le truppe italiane.

AL MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
Ispettorato Generale Movimento
Divisione 1^ Sezione 1^

R O M A

1-2) - Dal 5 corrente la corrispondenza spedita da civili a militari, serviti da uffici di P.M. è concentrata esclusivamente alla P.M. 3800 (Roma).

3) - Formano dispacci diretti con la P.M. 3800 gli uffici postali dei capoluoghi di provincia elencati nell'unito foglio.

Invece la corrispondenza in mazzi etichettati, per i quali si fa tramite dell'Ufficio P.M. 75 (Cagliari), gli Uffici di Cagliari, Sassari e Nuoro.

4) - Gli uffici dei capoluoghi di provincia inoltrano la corrispondenza in miscellanea.

La separazione per numero di P.M. è eseguita dalla P.M. 3800.

5) - E' stato sottoposto alle Autorità Alleate il quesito se la corrispondenza che affluisce alla P.M. 3800, già censurata in partenza nelle provincie in cui la censura è stata soppressa, debba essere sottoposta ad ulteriore revisione presso l'U.M.C.G. di Roma e si è in attesa delle decisioni che saranno adottate dai componenti organi alleati.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

Giorgio Liuzzi
F.to Giorgio Liuzzi

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ALLEGATO AL FOGLIO N° 9/5807/301

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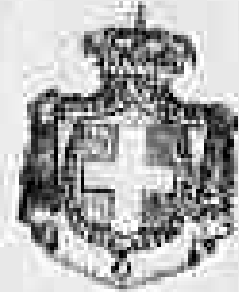
Elenco degli Uffici postali civili dei capoluoghi di provincia che formano dispacci diretti per il Concentramento P.M. 3800:

Palermo - Trapani - Agrigento - Caltanissetta -
Messina - Ragusa - Catania - Enna - Siracusa -
Reggio Calabria - Cosenza - Catanzaro - Matera -
Potenza - Bari - Brindisi - Taranto - Lecce -
Foggia - Salerno - Avellino - Benevento - Campobasso -
Napoli - Roma - Frosinone - Littoria -
Viterbo - Rieti - Terni - Teramo - L'Aquila -
Chieti - Pescara - Ascoli Piceno - Grosseto -
Perugia - Macerata - Ancona - Arezzo - Firenze -
Siena - Pisa - Lucca - Pistoia - Pesaro -.

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Translation

- 1.-2-. From May 5th, mails sent from civilians to militars at FM Offices are concentrated exclusively at FM 3800 (Rome).
3. The FOs of the capital towns, as shewn from attached list, form direct despatches to FM 3800. The Cagliari, Sassari, and Nuora Offices forward mails in labelled bundles through FM 75 (Cagliari).
4. The capital towns offices forward the mails miscellaneously.
The sorting following the FM numeration is done by FM 3800.
5. The question concerning correspondence incoming at FM 3800, already ~~XXXXXX~~ censored on departure in those provinces where censorship has been suppressed, must be submitted to further revision at the UMGC of Rome, has already been submitted to the Allied Authorities, and we are awaiting the decision that will be adopted by the Allied authorities.



*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

ISPETT. GEN. MOV. POSTALE

Servizio *Gr. I* *Tr. I*

Rel. N° 474464 I/2

Allegati

Roma 23 MAG 1945

C.A. Posts And Telecommuni-
cations Sub Commissio

Via *Veneto* ROMA

e per conoscenza

S.M. Regio Esercito

Servizi Postali P.M. 3800

Resposta al *N°* P 48.74/CS

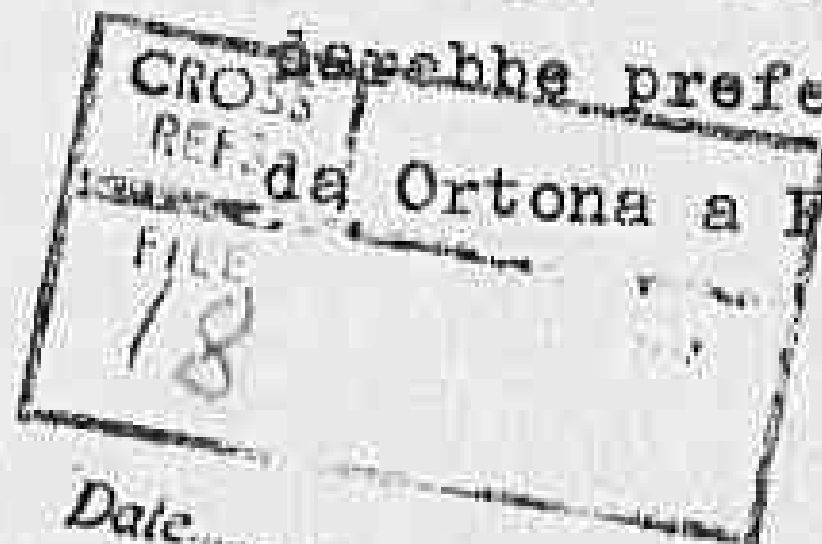
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OGGETTO Corrispondenze per le Forze Italiane =

Il treno viaggiatori sulla linea Foggia -
Benevento - Napoli (N°816) si effettua il m
mercoledì, il venerdì, e la domenica. =

Eppertanto, qualora la posta civile raccolta
ad Ortona e destinata alla P.M. 3800 dovesse
proseguire da Foggia a Napoli soltanto tre volte
la settimana, nei giorni anzidetti, non rechereb-
be alcun vantaggio l'utilizzazione degli itine-
rari normali civili da Ortona a Roma. =

Se invece ai dispacci per l'Ufficio P.M.
3800 possa darsi prosecuzione tutti i giorni
da Foggia a Napoli con i treni militari, allora
sarebbe preferibile l'itinerario, per strada,
da Ortona a Foggia e, per ferrovia, da Foggia a



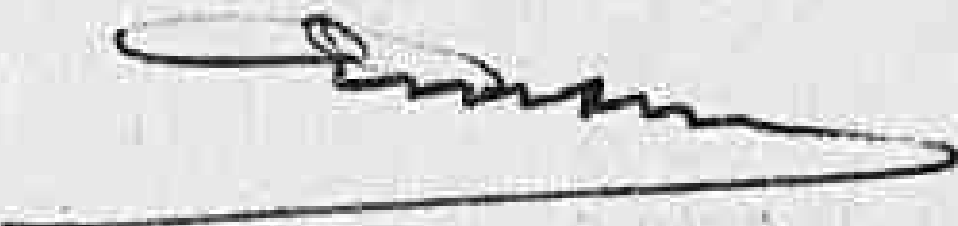
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a Napoli, con i mezzi della Posta Militare inglese.
Pregasi, pertanto, far conoscere se sia
possibile, nel tratto Foggia Napoli, avvalersi dei
treni militari giornalieri. =

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



Translation

23 May 1945

Subject: Italian Troops correspondence.

The passenger train Foggia-Benevento-Napoli (No. 316) runs on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Therefore, if the civil mail collected at Ortona and for FM 3800 should continue from Foggia to Naples only thrice weekly, as above, the use of the normal civil routes from Ortona to Rome are of no advantage.

If, instead the despatches for FM 3800 Office could be sent every day from Foggia to Naples on military trains, in such case the route, by road, from Ortona to Foggia, and by rail, from Foggia to Naples, by means of the British Army APO, would be preferable.

We beg you to let us know if it would be possible to make use of the daily military train from Foggia to Naples.

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M E M O

P.18.77.CS

SUBJECT: Italian Army Postal Services

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your Q/16 dated 18 May 1945.

It is agreed Bologna appears to be the most suitable location for the principal Military Post-Office in the north.

rh.
J.I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Communications S/C
Ext: 444

22th May 1945

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Date

Subject : Italian Army Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/16

18. May 45.

To : Allied Commission (for Communication Sub Commission).

1. The principal Military Post Offices at present in use by the Italian Army are P.M. 3400 at Naples and P.M. 3800 at Rome.
2. It is proposed by the War Ministry to establish a further main Post Office at Bologna. It, they say, is favourably situated for the handling of mail for Northern Italy.
3. Please state if you concur that Bologna is the most suitable location for the principal Post Office in the North.

R. A. C. M. I. A.

Lieut. Colonel,
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

/DGC

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Date 19/5/45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Italian Military Postal
Services.

AFHQ/2410/3 (Maint)

To: Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission (2)

AG Postal (2)
Postal (Br) (2)

11 May 45

Reference AFHQ/2410/3 (Maint) dated

29 Apr 45.

The following amendment will be made
to the Notes of Meeting:-

Para 2(a).

Delete all reference to AG Postal and
US Postal."

AG/V...

Robert L. ...
A. COLVILLE, Capt,
for Major General,
JCS-4(B).

Copy to:- G-1 (a)
G-1 (B)
G-2 (CC)
G-2 (CI)
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Director

Subject: Italian Military Postal
Services.

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Director	
D/Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
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Date: 10 May 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Services.

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Postal (Br)(2)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Italian Military Postal
Services.

AHC/2410/1(Maint)

To: Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission(2,

AG Postal (2)
Postal (Br)(2)

11 May 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 18.74/CS

11 May 1945

Subject: Correspondence for Italian Forces.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

With reference to my letter P.18.68/CS dated 2nd May, 1945.

1. I am informed that the British Army Post Office at Perugia has just been closed down.

2. The British Army Post Office at Ortona has no direct channel of communication with Rome. Army mails from Ortona to the British Base Army Post Office, Naples are conveyed by road to Foggia and thence by the daily passenger train. In the circumstances, it is unlikely that the circulation of civil mails from Ortona to P.M. 3800 via British Army Post Office services would be of any advantage compared with normal civil channels from Ortona to Rome.

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

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Date

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

4 May 45. 173

Subject :- Mails - Arrangements with Allied
Forces - Italian.

P/633

To :- A.C. (Communications Sub-Commission), CMF

Reference your P.18.68/CS dated 2 May 45.

1. The necessary instructions are being forwarded to the British APOs in all the places named in para 1, with the exception of Perugia and Ortona.
2. As regards Perugia, the British APO there has just been closed down.
3. In the case of Ortona, the British APO there has no direct channel of communication with Rome. Army mails from Ortona to British Base APO Naples are conveyed by road to Foggia and thence by the daily passenger train. In the circumstances, it is unlikely that the circulation of civil mails from Ortona to PM.3800 via British APO services would be of any advantage compared with normal civil channels from Ortona to Rome.

W.C. Harvey

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

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FILE	76
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Date 11 MAR 1945

Subject : Field Postcards.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

ROME.

2/16

5 May, 45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 9/5750/361/Serb 30 April.
2. The introduction of a Field Postcard is now approved. In view of the probability that civil postal services will be established at an early date it is suggested that the number of cards now printed shall be limited. To cover the interim period, however, it is desirable that an immediate issue be made. A specimen of the approved card which is to be printed on green cardboard is being sent to you separately.
3. You will ensure that the following arrangements are made to operate the scheme :
 - (a) A suitable sorting section will be established at P.M. 1800 which will identify the civilian address with the appropriate Forward P.M. No. Cards to be ~~passed~~ through the Censura Centrale Militare, Rome made up in batches according to the P.M. No.
 - (b) ~~Int. All.~~ P.M.'s. will be notified that the Field Postcard is being introduced and that they are responsible for arranging delivery as soon as possible and by any means possible to the civilian addressee.
4. You will report when the cards have been issued and on the progress of the scheme to this Headquarters.

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Date.....

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lieut. Colonel,
for Major General.

M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.

A.C. Communications Sub Comm. ✓

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

18.71.CC

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mail from Italian Civilians
to Italian troops.

TO : To Undersecretary of State for PP.TT.

1. It has been decided that mail from Italian civilians to Italian troops will no longer be subject to exceptional censorship examination.

2. Please advise the Posta Militare authorities of this decision in order that correspondence received at PM 3800 and 3400 in despatches from civil post offices may be treated in normal course and not subjected to any special diversion for censorship purposes.

WHL
JL. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Copy to:

M.M.I.A.

Civil Censorship Group (with copy of CCB/5110/7599)
Italian war office, Office of Military Censorship Group
(Lt. Col. P. Ducros)
G-2 AFHQ (ref. CCB/5110/759 of May 3)

Date.....

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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WHL

P.18.70/CS

3 May 1945

Subject: Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : British Army Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q.

Reference your P.533 of 10th April, 1945.

1. Instructions concerning the despatch of mails to PM 3800 and PM 3400 through British Army Postal channels have been sent to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs in our P.18.60/CS of 2 May 1945 (copy to you).

2. Information has not yet been received concerning American APO outlets.

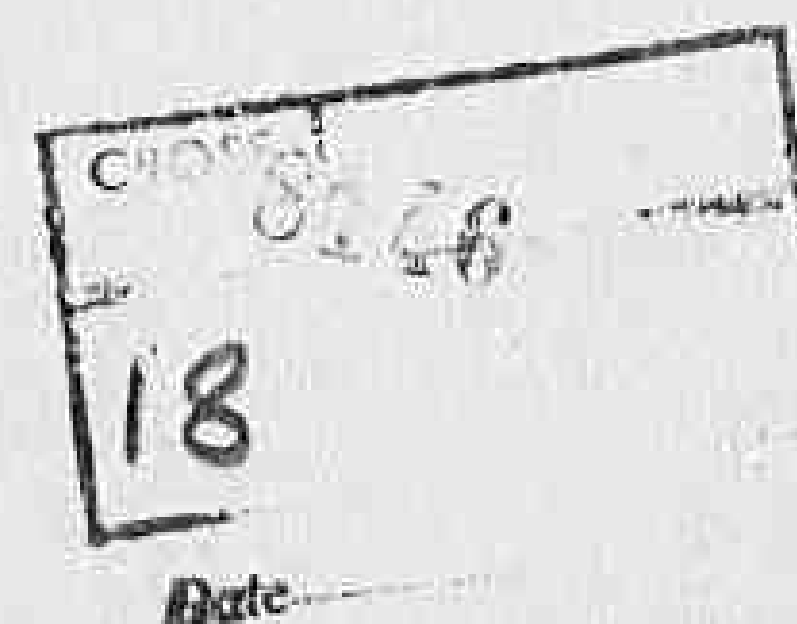
3. In view of the alteration in circumstances the question of the cancellation of the instruction requiring 100% censorship of correspondence from Italian civilians to troops in forward areas is being pursued.

4. Reports indicate that Perugia makes a daily despatch to PM 3800 and PM 185. Two three-day returns gave totals of 128 and 136 items for PM addresses posted at Citta' di Castello, and there is no apparent reason why such correspondence should not reach its destination.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WHL
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,

Copy to:
M.M.I.A. (ref AFHQ/2410/Q Maint of 29 April)



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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Postal
Services.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ATHQ/2410/Q(Maint).

29 Apr 45.

TO :- Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission (2) ✓
M.M.I.A. (2)
AG Postal (2)
Postal (Dr) (2)

Reference attached Notes of a Meeting held at A.F.H.Q. on 24 Apr 45 on the subject of Italian Military Postal Services.

1. The action to be taken on these Notes has been approved on an Allied basis at A.F.H.Q. and addressees will take prompt action on the points raised.
2. Difficulties which may arise in connection with the action indicated should be notified to Q(Maint), A.F. H.Q.

HMA/L/ECE.

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G-2(CI).
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G-4(A).
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H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
G-4 (B).

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TO :- Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission (2)
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 for Major-General,
 G-4 (B).

H.M.C./PCE.

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*Desmond Cobby to Col H
 Penning with C.C. of question of
 clearing arrangements to Italian troops*

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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD AT AFHQ
ON 24 APR 45

SUBJECT: - Italian Military Postal Services.

PRESENT

Lt.Col. H. McLEAN	Q(Main)
Lt.Col. W.N. COCKWELL	G-1(A)
Lt.Col. L.S. FOGARTY	AG (Postal)
Lt.Col. W.O. HARVEY	Postal (Br)
Major W.R. GREEN	AC Comms Sub-Commission
Major R.J. HILL	C-1(E)
Major L.B. GOODYER	G-2(CC)
Capt. F.J.A. OLSEN	MAIL
Capt. J.H. HARTWELL	G-2(OT)
Capt. J. GRAHAM	G-3(Org)
Capt. C.J. MACNAMARA	G-5

MAIL FROM CIVILIANS TO ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1. Present procedure is as follows. Mail is posted in civilian Post Offices. It is then concentrated in one or two large towns. There it is censored and goes through Italian civilian postal channels to Italian EH 3400 at NAPLES. There it is sorted and handed over to British and US Postal Services as relevant. It then goes through Allied channels to the forward Italian EHs to deliver to the Italian Units. As regards mail for Italian Units in S. ITALY, in some instances the mail may go through Italian civilian channels all the way.

The main causes of delay may be as follows :-

- (a) Difficulty in Italian transportation getting the mail to the large towns.
 - (b) Censorship delay at the large towns; in particular, a possible routine delay of ten days may be imposed on mail which does not carry the sender's name and address.
 - (c) Transportation problems of Italian civilian Post Office getting the mail to EH 3400 at NAPLES.
 - (d) The fact that mail posted, say, in FLORENCE for a soldier serving at, say, ANCONA has to come all the way to NAPLES and forward again.
 - (e) Mail which goes all the way through civilian channels to a unit which has moved might well be delayed considerably.
2. The following action will be taken to remove these delays :-
- (a) Postal (Br) and AC Postal will inform AC Communications Sub-Commission of these normal mail postal routes.

Lt.Col. H. McLEAN Q(Main) (t)
 Lt.Col. W.M. COGSWELL G-1(A)
 Lt.Col. L.S. FOGARTY AG (Postal)
 Lt.Col. W.C. HARVEY Postal (Br)
 Major W.H. GREEN AC Comms Sub-Commission
 Major R.J. HILL C-1(B)
 Major L.B. GOODYER G-2(CG)
 Capt. F.J.A. CLARK IMILA
 Capt. J.H. MAXWELL C-2(CI)
 Capt. J. GRAHAM G-3(ORG)
 Capt. C.J. MACMURRAY C-5

MAIL FROM CIVILIANS TO ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1. Present procedure is as follows. Mail is posted in civilian Post Offices. It is then concentrated in one or two large towns. There it is censored and goes through Italian civilian postal channels to Italian FM 3400 at NAPLES. There it is sorted and handed over to British and US Postal Services as relevant. It then goes through Allied channels to the forward Italian FMs to deliver to the Italian Units. As regards mail for Italian Units in S. ITALY, in some instances the mail may go through Italian civilian channels all the way.

The main causes of delay may be as follows :-

- (a) Difficulty in Italian transportation getting the mail to the large towns.
- (b) Censorship delay at the large towns; in particular, a possible routine delay of ten days may be imposed on mail which does not carry the sender's name and address.
- (c) Transportation problems of Italian civilian Post Office getting the mail to FM 3400 at NAPLES.
- (d) The fact that mail posted, say, in FLORENCE for a soldier serving at, say, ANCONA has to come all the way to NAPLES and forward again.
- (e) Mail which goes all the way through civilian channels to a unit which has moved might well be delayed considerably.

2. The following action will be taken to remove these delays :-

- (a) Postal (Br) and ~~AC-Postal~~ will inform AC Communications Sub-Commission of their normal mail postal routes. AC Communications Sub-Commission will arrange concentration of mail at suitable points on these routes. ~~US and British~~ Postal will arrange collection and delivery to the appropriate FM at NAPLES or RMGE for censorship.

ACTION Postal (Br)
 AG Postal
 AC Comms Sub-Commission.

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(b) AC will investigate possible censorship delays and will remove the routine delay imposed for lack of sender's name and address, if this is feasible.

ACTION AC Comms Sub-Commission.

(c) This will be cured by action under (a) above.

(d) Mail for troops in the forward area will, in future, be accepted at HM 3800 in Rome where it will be handed over to the Allied Post Office.

ACTION AC Comms Sub-Commission.

(e) MIA will ensure that it is brought to the notice of Italian troops serving in S. Italy that it is preferable for their relatives to address their letters to a HM Number rather than locations, so that mail will go through Military channels. MIA will arrange for the establishment of suitable Hqs in S. Italy.

ACTION MIA.

MAIL FROM THE SOLDIER TO THE CIVILIAN.

3. This follows the other mail in the reverse direction. It is handed over from Allied Military channels to Italian HM 3400 at Naples from whence it proceeds through Italian civilian Postal channels. There has been no evidence of delay in mails in this direction. The service will benefit by the opening of HM 3800 at Rome and by delivery at main towns on the Allied Military Postal routes.

FIELD POSTCARDS.

4. There is at present an area, generally close behind the operational area, where the Italian Civil Postal system does not work. This means that Italian civilians living in that area have no means of sending letters to, or receiving letters from, their relatives in the Italian Armed Forces. A Field Postcard is to be issued to Italian military personnel. This will go through the normal channels until it reaches HM 3800 Rome. HM 3800 will sort these cards into bundles for Italian Units nearest to the Italian civilian addressee. When this bundle of correspondence reaches the Italian Unit, that unit will be responsible for effecting delivery as soon as possible and by any means possible, to the civilian addressee. They will use, in the main, the Italian Carabinieri. It was realised this is a hit or miss method and that we shall be lucky if 50% of the cards do arrive. No better system can be devised in the circumstances and it was accepted as being preferable to the complete lack of facilities which exist at present. The card will be in two parts so that the civilian can tear off one half and return it to the soldier through the same channels as he receives it.

ACTION MIA
AC Comms Sub-Commission.

URGENT COMMUNICATIONS.

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ACTION MIA.

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ACTION MIA
AC Camps Sub-
Commission.

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6. MIA undertook to issue clear instructions to Italian troops on how they can best help the Postal Authorities and advise their relatives as to the best method of dealing with mail.

ACTION MIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 18.68/CS

2 May, 1945

Subject: Correspondence for Italian Forces.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. In order to eliminate some of the delay which occurs in the transmission of correspondence from civilians to Italian troops, the British Army Post Office has agreed that despatches addressed to P.M. 3800 may be handed to the British APO at the following places for conveyance with Army mails:-

Ancona
Arezzo
Florence
Foligno
Livorno
Perugia
Ortona
Siena

2. Please write directly to the Provincial Directorates concerned instructing them to approach the officers in charge of the British APO at these places to make the necessary arrangements as regards the handing-over of the despatches. It will be the responsibility of the civil post office to convey the mails to the APO.

3. Directorates mentioned below should also be instructed to adopt the following concentration arrangements for correspondence addressed to P.Ms.

Lucca and Pisa	to	Livorno
Pistoia	to	Florence
Pesaro	to	Ancona

4. The question whether there would be any advantage in concentrating P.M. correspondence from other Directorates in the area open for Postal services North and East of Rome on the centers mentioned in para 1 will need to be considered in the light of the frequency of the existing civil services. It seems doubtful however whether there is much advantage to be gained.

5. It would also be possible to agree to mails addressed to P.M. 3400 being handed to the British APO at the following places:

Bari
Brindisi
Foggia
Taranto
Termoli

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In the case of Bari and Foggia, however, there would be no advantage as the Army Post Office uses the same train service as is used for civil mails. You may also have an equally effective service from the other places to Naples.

WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:

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G-4 (B), A.F.H.Q. (ref A.F.H.Q. 2410/Q Maint of 29 April)
British Postal Directorate, A.F.H.Q. (ref P.6/633 of 1 May) *64*

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

Subject:- Italian Army Postal Services.

To:- A.C.
(Communications Sub Commission), CMF.

67 P/633.

1 May 45.

Reference my P/633 dated 14 and 17 Apr 45 (in reply to your P.18. 47/CS dated 11 Apr) and AFHQ/2410/Q(Maint) dated 29 Apr from G-4(B).

1. Would you please say how the matter now stands in regard to the proposed arrangement for conveyance by British APO road services of mails from Civil Post Offices to PMs 3400 (Naples) and 3800 (Rome). It is essential that we should have ample time in which to make the necessary arrangements with the British APOs concerned.

2. It will no doubt be borne in mind that, under such an arrangement, it will be incumbent upon Civil Post Offices to deliver the mails to the Br. APOs designated - there is no question of collecting from Civil Post Offices.

W.C. Harvey
(W.C. HARVEY)
Lt. Col., R.E.
for D.D.A.P.S.

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Date 2 MAR 1945

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

P/633.

29 Apr 45.

Subject:- Mails - Arrangements with Allied
Forces - Italian.

To:- A.C. (Communications Sub-Commission),
CMF.

Further to my D/O letter P/633 dated 25 Apr 45, to Major Green.

1. A snap check of a small proportion of the correspondence received at PM.3400 by air from PM.3800 on 25 Apr produced the posting dates shown in the attached statement.
2. I also attach a statement giving particulars of a representative analysis of traffic received at PM.79 during the period 14/20 April 1945. The figures shown are the earliest and latest datestamp impressions on correspondence examined. Correspondence is cleared daily from PM.3400 and there seems little doubt that the delays occur either in the Civil Post Office or in the Provincial Censorship Depts.

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

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Snap Check of correspondence received at PM.3400 by air
from PM.3800 on 25 April 45.

Postmark		Address	Postmark		Address
Place	Date		Place	Date	
Perugia	21 Apr	PM.155	Capena (Roma)	19 Apr	PM.79
Macerata	19 "		Siena	18 "	
Subbiaco (Roma)	17 "		Grottamare(Ascoli)	20 "	
Tivoli (Roma)	18 "		Roma Nomentana	19 "	
Collecorvino (Pescara)	24 "				
Albacina (Roma)	21 Apr	PM.64	Roma Ferovia	18 Apr	PM.104
Jesi (Ancona)	21 "		Tivoli (Roma)	19 "	
Casole Elsa (Siena)	17 "		Siena	14 "	
Questasa(Sieha)	18 "		S.Lorenzo Nuovo (Viterbo)	15 "	
Albagina(Ancona)	20 Apr	PM.16	Farsese (Viterbo)	19 Apr	PM.167
Jesi (Ancona)	20 "		Bracciano (Roma)	18 "	
Sezze (Littoria)	19 "		Pescara	18 "	
Gaeta (Littoria)	21 "		Gerzano (Roma)	19 "	
Vasto (Chieti)	16 Apr	PM.146	Torino di Sangro (Chieti)	17 Apr	PM.127
Tivoli (Roma)	18 "		Roma Ostiense	18 "	
Perugia	21 "		Gaeta (Littoria)	20 "	
Cisterna(Littoria)	19 "		Gavorrano (Grosseto)	14 "	
Altidone (Ascoli)	20 Apr	PM.179			
Moscupo (Pescara)	16 "				
Bagnoregio (Viterbo)	19 "				
Sartiano(Siena)	10 "				

ANALYSIS OF DATA OF POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDED IN DESPATCHES FROM
FM 3400 RECEIVED AT FM 79 DURING THE WEEK END 20 APR 45.

Province of Posting	Despatch received on :-						
	14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr
AVELLINO	6/4 - 11/4	7/4-13/4	9/4-13/4	10/4-12/4	10/4-10/4	13/4-16/4	13/4-17/4
BENEVENTO	9/4-10/4	9/4-10/4	13/4-13/4	-	-	10/4-16/4	7/4-14/4
NAPOLI	5/4 - 12/4	4/4-12/4	9/4-13/4	28/3-9/4- 16/4	12/4-15/4	9/4-13/4	10/4-17/4
SALERNO	9/4 - 10/4	-	10/4- 12/4	-	11/4-14/4	12/4-12/4	5/4-14/4
ROMA	5/4 - 11/4	2/4-11/4	-	31/3-9/4- 15/4	31/3-2/4- 14/4	14/4-11-31/3 } 2/4-16/4 } 17/4	31/3-16/4- 17/4
VITERBO	10/4 - 11/4	6/4-9/4	-	-	11/4-12/4	14/4-14/4	-
TERNI	5/4 - 9/4	6/4-9/4	-	-	13/4-13/4	12/4-12/4	6/4-16/4
BARI	4/4 - 11/4	-	11/4-12/4	12/4-13/4	8/4-8/4	11/4-16/4	-
BRINDISI	9/4 - 11/4	-	10/4-12/4	-	-	12/4-14/4	15/4-16/4
TARANTO	9/4 - 11/4	-	10/4-12/4	11/4-11/4	-	12/4-12/4	10/4-14/4
ANCONA	4/4 - 7/4	-	-	7/4-9/4	-	9/4-14/4	10/4-16/4
FIRENZE	2/12-9/3	3/4-5/4	-	15/3-15/3	-	7/2-12/3- 6/4-11/4	6/4-14/4
SIENA	3/4 - 6/4	-	-	31/3-2/4- 1/4	5/4-6/4	2/4-11/4	10/4-10/4
PISA	5/4 - 9/4	-	-	4/4-12/4	-	-	2/4-14/4
LIVORNO	5/4 - 7/4	-	3/4-5/4	7/4-11/4	3/4-13/4	-	12/4-16/4
GROSSETO	3/4 - 5/4	-	-	-	-	-	11/4-12/4
COSENZA	9/4 - 9/4	-	9/4-10/4	8/4-11/4	7/4-13/4	9/4-12/4	12/4-17/4
REGGIO CALABRIA	8/4 - 9/4	-	-	10/4-10/4	2/4-9/4	12/4-16/4	5/4-14/4
SICILIA	4/4 - 10/4	6/4 - 9/4	5/4-11/4	11/4-12/4	31/3-7/4- 11/4	14/4-12/4 } 11/4	5/4-17/4
SARDEGNA	4/4 - 9/4	6/4-11/4	-	-	3/4-8/4	-	10/4-16/4

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

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P/633.

25 Apr 45.

Subject:- Mails - Arrangements with Allied
Forces - Italian.

Dear Green,

Ref. our conversation at the Conference at AFHQ yesterday.

I enclose the relevant extract from the Memorandum I had
showing the posting dates of correspondence received at PM.3400
by air from PM.3800 on 21 Apr.

Yours *lves*

W. Green

Major W.H. Green,
HQ Allied Commission,
(Communications Sub-Commission),
C. M. F.

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Extract

- (11) There is heavy delay on letters posted in the North for Italian forward troops. Examination of bundles for forward P.Ms received at PM.3400 by air from PM.3800 on 21 Apr showed the following examples of dates of posting :-

<u>Place of Posting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
Rome City	14 - 16 Apr	PMs 16 and 79
Tivoli (Rome)	13 "	PM 127
Nocera (Umbria)	13 "	PM 64
Guidonia (Rome)	12 "	PM 104
Cagliari (Sardinia)	14 "	PM 167
Grosseto	11 "	PM 146
Cengoli (Maurata)	10 "	PM 219
Pianella (Pescara)	11 "	PM 104
Cetta S Angelo (Pescara)	15 "	PM 16

In the case of the correspondence for PM 146 posted at Grosseto on 11 Apr, assuming delivery by 23 Apr at the earliest the correspondence would have taken 12 days to travel to a formation located little more than 100 miles from the place of posting (PM.146 was then North of Florence).

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Mail -
Censorship.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
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29 April 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your 206980/11 ----- 23 Mar. 1945.
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This H.Q. has been informed that w.e.f. 7 May 1945, there will be established in Rome a censorship Unit to be known as "Censura Centrale Militare, Rome".

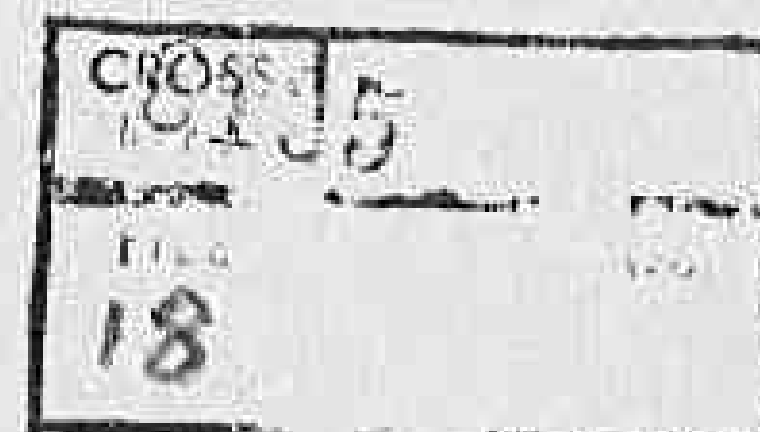
This will enable mail to be distributed direct by P.M. 3800 from Rome and should lead as stated in your above quoted letter to a speeding up of the Postal Services.

The question of opening a more advanced censorship unit to deal with the newly liberated areas in the North will be taken up by M.M.I.A. with A.F.H.Q. You are requested to forward your recommendations as to the most suitable locality having in mind the future organization of the Italian Army Postal Services in the North.

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Communications
Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. "A"

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Para 1 is a very garbled version of what was actually said at the meeting and is quite inaccurate in its description of how correspondence from the north reaches P.M. 3400. The circulation on P.M. 3800 and the ^{Italian} military air despatch thence to Naples was discussed in detail

Para 2(b) The chairmans instruction was to G2(CC) to look into the question of eliminating the intentional 15 days delay

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

JLH/rm

P.18.62.CS

1st May 1945.

SUBJECT: Correspondence from and to areas under control of AMG.
TO : Italian War Office, Office of Military Censorship.
(attn: Lt. Colonel P. DUCROS).

Reference your 116184/4 dated 27th April 1945.

1. This Sub-Commission is not in favour of the opening of private postal service for communications to civilians by any organization.
2. The public service of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs exists for such service.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
Ufficio Informazioni
Ispettorato Censura Militare

Nr. 116146/4[^] Cans. di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 27 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: corrispondenza da e per zone sotto A.M.G. =

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste -

A M A N O

(per il Sig.Col. J.L. HENDERSON)

SEGRETO

Riferimento Vostra lettera P.18.51 C.S. del 12 aprile 1945.

- 1)- Lo S.M.R. Marina Italiana, aveva riconosciuto che le recenti disposizioni, circa l'inoltro della corrispondenza nella maggior parte del territorio sotto A.M.G., eliminavano l'inconveniente segnalato dall'U.M.C.G. di Roma con il foglio n.765 in data 21-2, per conoscenza, all'Ufficio Alleato.
- 2)- Peraltro, lo S.M.R. Marina Italiana in previsione della prossima liberazione dell'Italia Settentrionale, ha contemporaneamente trasmesso alcune proposte ritenendo che in tale circostanza si ripresenterà il problema del collegamento postale, da e per zone sotto A.M.G.
A questo proposito lo S.M.R. Marina Italiana tiene presente il personale in generale ed in modo particolare quello imbarcato sulle RR.Navi, che, a tutti gli effetti, viene considerato come personale operante e dislocato nella fascia di operazioni.

- 3)- In considerazione della nuova situazione creata dagli attuali eventi bellici sul fronte italiano, riteniamo opportuno sottoporre al Vostro esame le proposte avanzate dallo S.M.R. Marina Italiana, in vista della benefica influenza che eserciterebbe sul morale dei militari aventi le famiglie nelle zone di recente o prossima liberazione, un regolare e sollecito scambio di notizie dirette, interrotte sin dall'8 settembre 1943.

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- I- a) dal personale imbarcato sulle RR.Navi: dopo la censura totale a bordo, la corrispondenza, diretta alle famiglie in zone sotto A.M.G. e nelle quali non è consentito il funzionamento del servizio postale, verrà accentrata a Napoli per la revisione da parte del Naval Censorship e quindi inviata con mezzi navali ai centri R. Marina avanzati che ne cureranno la consegna alle famiglie.
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ITALIAN ARMY MAIN H.Q.

I.A.I. 4th Section

Inspectorate Military Censorship

Nr. II6I84/4 Cens.di prot.

P.M.3800, 27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence from and to areas under control of the A.M.G.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

att: Colonel J.L. HENDERSON

Reference your letter P.I8.5I C.S. of 12 April 1945.-

1)- The Italian R.Navy Main Staff, had recognized that the recent measures regarding the forwarding of correspondence in the major part of the Italian Territory under control of the A.M.G. remove the inconvenient notified by the U M C G of Rome with letter 765 of 21 February 1945, sent also to the Allied Office for intelligence.

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3)- Considering the new situation deriving from the present war events in the Italian Theater we think it opportune to submit to your attention the proposals made by the R.Navy Main Staff in view to the beneficial influence that a regular, rapid and direct exchange of news, interrupted since 8 September 1943, would have on the moral of all military personnel who have their families in the areas recently liberated or about to be liberated.

The following are the proposals regarding the procedure for the forwarding of correspondence from and to areas under control of the A.M.G.

I- a)-Correspondence from Military personnel on board Italian R.Navy ships:

After total or percentage censorship effectuated on board the ships the correspondence addressed to families dwelling in areas under control of the A.M.G. and in which is not yet authorized Postal Service, will be sent to Naples to be controlled by the Naval Censorship and thence sent by sea to the advanced naval centers which will provide for delivery to the addressee.

In case naval means are not available the above referred correspondence will be sent to Marina Post Roma for further forwarding by land

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I- a)-Correspondence from Military personnel on board Italian R.Navy ships:

After total or percentage censorship effectuated on board the ships the correspondence addressed to families dwelling in areas under control of the A.M.G. and in which is not yet authorized Postal Service, will be sent to Naples to be controlled by the Naval Censorship and thence sent by sea to the advanced naval centers which will provide for delivery to the addressee.

In case naval means are not available the above referred correspondence will be sent to Marina Post Roma for further forwarding by land to the above mentioned advanced Naval centers (which will be established in all areas of essential Naval Military interest).

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b) dal personale comunque destinato: dopo la censura totale presso gli U.M.C.G. la corrispondenza, diretta alle famiglie come al precedente comma a), verrà accentrata a Roma per una eventuale revisione da parte del Controllo Alleato sulla censura e successivamente inviata a cura di Marinapost Roma ai Centri R. Marina avanzati che ne cureranno la consegna alle famiglie.

II- Dalle famiglie al personale imbarcato o comunque destinato: questa corrispondenza verrà consegnata dalle famiglie ai Centri R. Marina avanzati che ne cureranno l'invio in plico chiuso e sigillato all'U.M.C.G. di Roma sotto controllo Alleato. Dopo la censura totale, l'U.M.C.G. di Roma consegnerà detta corrispondenza a Marinapost Roma per il successivo inoltro secondo le disposizioni vigenti.

Restiamo in attesa di una Vostra cortese risposta in merito a quanto abbiamo più sopra esposto, per poterne riferire allo S.M.R. Marina Italiana.

IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Ten. Col. Paolo Duoros)



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b) - Correspondence from Military personnel anywhere posted:

After total censorship at the U M C G , the correspondence addressed to the families as stated in paragraph a) will be sent to Rome for eventual Allied Control of Censorship and afterwards sent by Marina Post Rome to the advanced Navy Centers which will provide for delivery to the addressee .

II - Correspondence from the families to the Military personnel embarked or otherwise posted :

This correspondence will be handed over by the families to the advanced Naval Centers which will provide to send all this correspondence in sealed parcels to the U M C G of Rome under Allied Control. After total censorship the U M C G of Rome will send the above mentioned correspondence to Marina Post Rome which will provide to forward it according to present regulations.

We shall appreciate a reply on the above referred subject so as to give an answer to the R. Italian Navy Main Staff.

PAOLO DUCROS Lt.Col.
Commanding Officer
4th Section

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MEMO Meeting held at AFHQ 24 April 1945

Service to hand from areas open for Postal Services

The chairman directed G-2 to look into the question of the elimination of censorship delays and especially the 15 days intentional delay due to omission of sender's name and address.

British and American Postal were asked to furnish communications Sub-Commission with a list of places where mails to FM 3400 and 3800 could be handed over by civil to military for conveyance. Communications SC were asked to look into possibility of using such outlets.

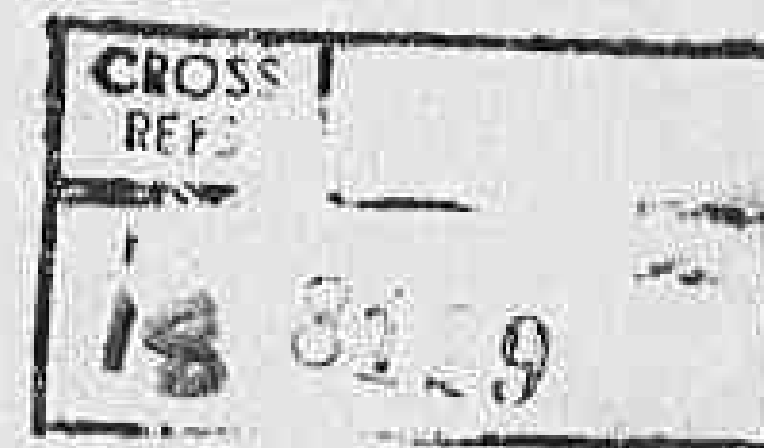
MMIA to pursue question of direct mails from F M 3800 to forward FMS.

Postcard Service to and from areas closed for civil Postal service.

New card to be designed based on British Field Postcard.

Chairman wished scheme to be given a trial. He did not consider that civil postcard service met the case while it was restricted to big cities.

There was no objection to scheme applying to Air Force and Navy FM 3400 and 3800 should do the work of addressing to forward FMG.



Date _____

AGENDA.

1. Field Post Card Service for Italian Army.

(a) To consider the introduction of a Field Post Card Service for Italian Army to operate in areas where the Civil Postal Service is not operating.

(b) Briefly, the proposed scheme is :-

(i) Cards to be delivered at EM.3400 (NAPIES) or EM.3800 (ROME) where address of nearest Italian Unit will be added.

(ii) Cards to be forwarded to this Italian Unit either direct or through nearest Allied unit collecting mail.

(iii) Delivery to individuals and collection of replies by arrangements with Town Majors or CC .RR (local Gendarmerie).

(iv) Reply to be handed to nearest Allied Military Post Office for transmission to EM.3400 or EM.3800.

(v) To delineate area in which the service will operate.

(d) To agree the wording of the post card.

(e) To define limits of Allied responsibility for this scheme.

(f) To define to ^{when} ~~where~~ the scheme applies.

(g) Discuss any other points arising out of the proposal.

2. Complaints.

(a) Discuss complaints forwarded in letter CR/4027/G1(B) of 16 Apr 45.

3. General.

Discuss any other business regarding Mail for Italian Army.

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COPY/SUBJECT:- Postal Service - Italian Troops.CONFIDENTIALCR/4027/G1(B).MEMO TO: Q(MAINT).

1. The attached extract from a Censorship Report is forwarded.
2. Will you please say what steps can be taken to improve the mail service.

16 Apr 45.

(Sgd.) J.L.C. NAPIER,
Brigadier,
ADAG(P) G-1 (B).

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HEADQUARTERS

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UMBRIA-MARCHE REGION

C.M.F.

TO : HQ/AC Communication Sub-Commission
 FROM: AMG Umbria Marche Region
 SUBJECT: Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops
 Ref : 517/6
 DATE : 20 April 1945

Reference your letter n. P. 18.49/CS of 11 April 1945.

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For the Regional Commissioner

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

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 23 APR 1945
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Let mail due P. 18.49/CS

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin:

Message Centre No: D/8715

Date Time Rec'd: Apr 26

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DRE GLE MUSUMECI
 TO: SOLO PER VOI DIEPOSTEL PROVINCE SOTTO GIURISDIZIONE GOVERNO ITALIANO CTA P C POSTO AND T C SUBCOMMISSION ROMA

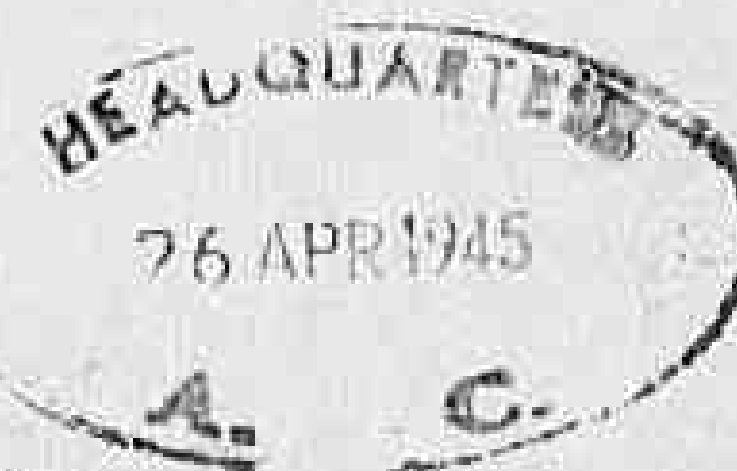
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 LOCATI ZONA OPERAZIONI RECHERANNO IMPRESSO LATO SUPERIORE
 DESTRO SPECIALE BOLLO QUADRO GOMMA CON DICITURA ESENTE DA TASSA
 PUNTO PROVVEDIMENTI PUNITIVI DOVRANNO PRENDERSI CARICO UFFICI
 CHE CONTINUASSEN TASSARE;;; DRE GLE MUSUMECI

4/1 On the purpose of avoiding ~~many~~ undue
 taxing we advise depending offices that correspondence
 forwarded by military dislocated operational zone
 will bear stamped on the right top side special
 square rubber stamp worded free of charge.
 Punishing action must be made against all
 offices that should continue to charge
 for same.

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Date 26 APR 1945

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Subject:- WELFARE - ITALIAN ARMY
INAUGURATION OF FIELD POSTCARD SERVICE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/6431/G-1(BR).

19 Apr 45.Distribution below.

1. It is proposed to hold a conference in the G1(B) conference room (Archway B - 3rd Floor) CASERTA at 1415 hrs on Tuesday, 24 Apr 45.
2. The subject to be discussed is the projected inauguration of a Field Post Card Service for the ITALIAN Army. Will addressees please advise this Branch if they do not desire to be represented.

To: HQ AC Sub Commission. (Communications) ✓

HQ MMIA.
 G-1(A).
 AG Postal
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 G-5.
 Postal Directorate (Br).



R. J. Hui
 Major General,
 G-1(B).

For information

Lt Heydon G-1(B).

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Date 21 APR 1945

To: Navy Sub-Commission

Reference your verbal enquiry on postal arrangements for Italian Naval personnel:

1. No special arrangements are considered necessary at the present time, as the civil postal line (northern boundaries of PESARO and AREZZO provinces, thence including towns of FIRENZE, PRATO, PISTOIA, PESCIA, LUCCA, thence northern boundary of FISA province) is so close to the front that only a narrow strip of forward operational zone is excluded from services, where no form of postal delivery is considered practicable.
2. As regards the situation on liberation of the North of Italy, your proposal is to have special postcards for conveyance by Allied Commission courier service to Regional HQrs. and then require those offices to arrange a "delivery to caller" system. The following comments are made:
 - a. Civil postcard service will be arranged as soon as allowed by military security, and as soon as distribution services are working, to the cities of BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VERONA, and VENICE. The plan is for this mail to be conveyed by Allied Commission couriers to civil post offices for delivery. Agreement in principle has been given by the military authorities, and it is expected the services will start as soon as any sort of service could be arranged. This arrangement was followed for ROME and FLORENCE after their liberation.
 - b. Full civil mail services will be opened as soon as the civil transportation situation permits.
 - c. It is doubtful if Regional Commissioner will be prepared to take on this work. If any news is spread that mail is awaiting collection at their offices, the bulk of the local population will descend on them.
 - d. While sympathetic to the request it is doubtful if special arrangements are desirable for one service rather than any other or than for the ordinary civilian. There would of course be no objection to distribution of a suitable card among Naval personnel for use in the service in a above. It is the interest of this Sub-Commission to restore services as soon as possible.
3. It is therefore suggested that the Ministry of Marine should arrange to distribute cards for posting as soon as service is notified, limiting them to addresses in the cities named. Other forms of correspondence, and correspondence to other areas should await restoration of civil services.

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4. Your proposed card is returned. The size and general characteristics of such a card should be agreed with the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, and should be similar to the normal single or reply paid 'Cartolina di Stato'. The specimen submitted is unsuitable for postal handling.

Tel: 489021
Ext: 400

20th April, 1945

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,
Communications S/C.

Incl: One specimen card.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394MSC/2210
21 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Postal Communications.

1. The Ministry of Marine verbally requested information whether it is feasible to make special arrangements whereby Italian Navy personnel may communicate with persons north of the Rear Army Line. The Ministry was previously informed that the civil postal line, (northern boundaries of PESSICO and AREZZO Provinces, thence including towns of FIRENZE, PRATO, PISTOIA, PESCIA, LUCCA, thence northern boundary of PISA Province), is so close to the front-line that only a narrow strip of forward operational zone is excluded from services, where no form of postal delivery is practicable.

2. As regards the situation on the liberation of Northern Italy, the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, has been informed that the following postal services will be inaugurated:

- (a) Civil postcard service will be arranged as soon as allowed by military security, and as soon as distribution services are working, to the cities of BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VERONA and VENICE. The plan is for this mail to be conveyed by Allied Commission couriers to civil post offices for delivery. Agreement in principle has been given by the military authorities, and it is expected the services will start as soon as any sort of service could be arranged. This arrangement was followed for ROME and FLORENCE after their liberation.
- (b) Full civil mail services will be opened as soon as the civil transportation situation permits.
- (c) There is no objection to the distribution of a suitable card among Naval personnel for use in the service outlined in paragraph 2 (a). It is suggested that the Ministry of Marine should arrange to distribute cards for posting as soon as the service is notified, limiting them to addresses in the cities named. Other forms of correspondence, and correspondence to other areas, must await restoration of civil postal services.
- (d) The size and general characteristics of the postcard to be used, should be agreed with the Ministry of Post and Telegraphs and should be similar to the normal single or reply paid 'Cartolina di Stato'.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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21 April 1945.

Subject: Postal Communications.

3. To implement the proposals outlined above, it is suggested that the Ministry of Marine have suitable postcards printed as described in paragraph 2 (d) and distributed among Italian Navy personnel with appropriate instructions for preparation and return to the Ministry of Marine. The card should indicate that replies are to be addressed; Care of "MARINAPOST - NAPLES". The postcards would then be held by the Ministry for delivery under the service outlined in paragraph 2(a), as soon as civil postcard service is inaugurated.

4. The Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, is cognizant of the desire of the Ministry of Marine to facilitate communications between Italian Navy personnel and persons in Northern Italy upon liberation. Further conferences may be arranged to discuss the matter if desired.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS

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Message Centre No: D/8179
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 20 1515B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQAB
 TO: HQ MIA - HQ AC COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSION

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Conference on Italian field postcard service being held G1 B conference room
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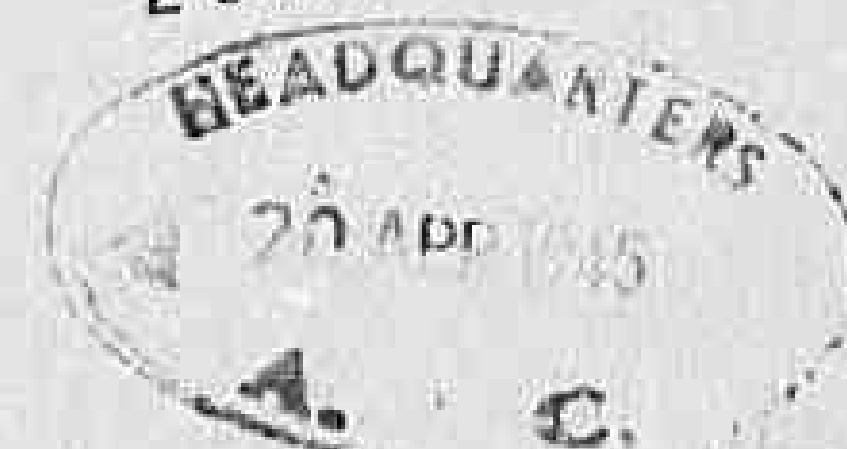
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Date 20 APR 1945

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

Subject:- Internal Arrangements with Italian Forces. P/633.
To:- A.C. (Comm. Sub Commission), 17 Apr 45.
C.M.F. 54

Reference my P/633 dated 14 Apr 45 in reply to your P.18.47/
05 dated 11 Apr.

Please delete PESARO from the list of towns under para. 1 -
the British A.P.O. in that town has now been closed.

W.C. Harvey

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

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Date 17 APR 1945

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

(53) P/633.

14 Apr 45.

Subject:- Internal Arrangements with Italian Forces.

To:- A.C. (Communications Sub Commission).

Ref. your P.18.47/CS dated 11 Apr 45.

1. It is recommended that mails from Civil Post Offices to PM. 3400 (or PM.3800) be handed over to the British APO in the following towns :-

ANCONA ✓	✓ FOGGIA	PESARO
AREZZO ✓	FOLIGNO ✓	ROME
✓ BARI	LEGHORN ✓	SIENA ✓
BRINDISI	PERUGIA ✓	TARANTO
FLORENCE ✓	ORTONA ✓	TERMOLI

2. In the case of the places marked ✓, transfer to the British APO would perhaps be superfluous as British mails from those places are forwarded by the Bari - Naples passenger train which no doubt is also the means of conveyance of civil mails from those places to Naples.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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P.18.52/CS

14 April 1945

Dear Harvey,
Correspondence for Italian Troops.

I have not yet received the information from the Ministry and Postal Officers in AMG territory to enable me to give formal reply to your P.633 of 10th April, but yesterday I called in at Rome Ferrovia Office to see for myself what is actually happening there.

My inspection did not reveal any exceptional delay. The correspondence for troops passes to Allied Censor Control with the rest of the Rome Province postings and is not held there more than 24 hours except where comment sheets are necessary or in those areas where sender's name and address do not appear (when an intentional delay of about 15 days is imposed). On return from the Censor, P.M. correspondence is selected at the "Primary" and collected by P.M. 3300 three times a day. Direct despatches from other Provincial Capitals such as Florence, Siena etc., go direct to P.M. 3300.

I went along to P.M. 3300 and saw what they were doing. This office is one small room and they have only one box fitting for the correspondence from civilians, on which they sort for the various P.M.s and make only three despatches - one to a P.M. in Sicily; one to Sardinia; and all the rest to P.M. 3400 -. They were practically clear when I arrived and were bagging-off - indeed they have not space enough to permit them to get behind with the work -. There were about 6 full bags of labelled bundles for P.M. 3400 and they tell me that everything for that office is cleared daily by an air despatch to Naples.

In these circumstances you may think it worth while to make some enquiries as to what actually happens when the correspondence reaches P.M. 3400.

Yours sincerely

W.H.G.
W.H. GREEN
Major.

Lt.Col. W.C. Harvey.
British Postal Directorate.
C/o No. 15 Base APO
C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.18.51.CS

12th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service for Italian Military Personnel

TO: The Italian Ministry of War,
Military Censorship Inspectorate,
Att: Lt.Col. P.DUCROS

Reference your letter No.115500 dated 9th April.

1. The statement in para. 1 a is quite incorrect. Postal services exist up to the northern boundaries of PESARO and AREZZO provinces, thence along the line of the River ARNO to FIRENZE, thence including the towns of PRATO, PISTOIA and LUCCA, thence along the northern boundary of PISA province. The total liberated area in which civil postal services do not exist is therefore a narrow strip in the forward zone of operations, rather wider on the east than the west.
2. It is not proposed to take any special steps to commence privileged communications to families living in the small area concerned. The question of opening normal civil postal services further forward is continuously under review and services are opened as soon as military security permission can be obtained.
3. The slowness of the services is of course a different matter. The Italian military mail suffers particularly from the military requirements of concealed locations and of rigid censorship regulations, but these cannot be changed by this Sub-Commission. You may be assured however that delays are reduced to a minimum as far as arrangements permit.

WHL
J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Raccomandata

STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
 -- Ufficio "I" --
 ISPETTORATO CENSURA MILITARE

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Nr. 115500 /4^Cens. di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 9 Aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Corrispondenze da e per zone sotto A.M.G..

A.C. - Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste

Per il Colonnello J.L. HENDERSON :

SEGRETO

1°) L'U.M.C.G. di Roma, con f.n. 765 del 21/2, per conoscenza, "all'Uffi-
 cio Alleato" ha segnalato che :

- a) - la corrispondenza dei militari delle FF.AA. Italiane, da e per le zone sottoposte al controllo alleato (A.M.G.), previo esame degli organi di censura, viene trattenuta (analogamente a quanto praticato per la corrispondenza da e per i civili) in attesa della riapertura del traffico postale ordinario con le zone sud dette;
- b) - dal provvedimento di cui sopra è esclusa soltanto la corrispondenza dei militari del R.Esercito e della R.Aeronautica appartenenti a reparti residenti in zone A.M.G., i quali possono inviare e ricevere le corrispondenze per mezzo degli uffici di P.M.;
- c) - nessun militare della R.Marina si trova nelle condizioni di poter beneficiare di tale eccezione.

2°) Nel segnalare alla Vostra attenzione il lamentato inconveniente, che influisce sfavorevolmente sul morale dei militari e rispettive famiglie - come risulta da varie segnalazioni - Vi rappresentiamo la necessità di un provvedimento che permetta alle famiglie dei militari residenti in zone A.M.G. di poter corrispondere con i loro congiunti.--

IL CAPO SEZIONE

Ten.Col. Paolo Ducros) 6



Director	
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Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date 11 APR 1945

ITALIAN ARMY MAIN.H.Q.
I.A.I. - 4th Section
Inspectorate Military Censorship

NR.115550/4^ Cens.prot.

F.M.3800,11 9/4/1945

SUBJECT : Correspondence to and from areas under A.M.G. control

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB -COMMISSION

Att: Col. J.L. Henderson

- 1)-The U.M.C.G. of Rome with letter N° 765 of 21 February 1945, sent for intelligence to Allied Office, has notified that:
- a)-Correspondence of members of Italian Military Forces sent from and to areas under allied control (A M G), previous censorship, is retained (as practiced for the correspondence addressed to and from civilians) awaiting reopening of normal postal Traffic in the areas concerned.
 - b)-From the above restrictions is exempted only the correspondence belonging to members of Italian Army and Air Force Units in areas under Allied Control, who can receive and send correspondence by means of Military Postal Service.
 - c)-No military member of the Italian Navy is in the above referred case so as to take advantage from the exemption
- 2)-Bringing to your attention this inconvenient which acts unfavorably on the moral of the soldiers and their families, as it results from various notifications, we submit to your attention the necessity of measures so as to permit correspondence between soldiers and their families residing in areas under allied control.

Paolo Ducros Lt.Col.
Commanding Officer
4th Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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URGENT

In reply
refer to: P.18.49/CS

11 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : R.C. Toscana Region (attn Postal Officer)
" Umbria-Marche " " " " "

1. Please report how correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops (PM addressees) is being disposed of from each AMG Province open for postal services in your Region.

2. It is desired to know the circulation; whether a labelled bundle is made up; how the relative mail is addressed and how frequently the despatch is made up.

3. The information should be furnished as available without waiting for the reports from all Provinces concerned.

4. It is also desired to have a three days' return of correspondence for Italian troops posted at Citta' di Castello (Perugia Province).

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone

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

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

10 Apr 45.

Subject :- Internal Arrangements with Italian Forces.

P/633

To :- A.C. (Communications Sub Commission).

Reference conversation (Major Green - Lt-Col Harvey).

1. We have recently received complaints regarding the transit time of mail from civilians in Italy to Italian soldiers serving with Italian formations in the forward areas. From such enquiries as we have been able to make it is clear that the transit times from posting to arrival in Naples is in many cases, considerable: much of the delay no doubt is due to transport difficulties of the Civil Post Office. To effect an improvement the British Army Postal Service is prepared to convey on our military road services mails made up by Italian Civil Offices for PM.3400. Such mails would have to be concentrated at the larger towns e.g. Florence, Ancona, Perugia, Rome, Bari and Taranto, which are focal points of our trunk road services. Would you let me have your views on this proposal, please.

2. It is reported that mails from Florence and the provinces of Perugia, Tuscany and Umbria take an inordinately long time to reach PM.3400. Many cases are reported of items being several weeks in transit. It has been noted that items posted in Florence in December last have only recently come to hand. Could enquiry be made with a view to accelerating the service from these districts, please.

3. It is reported that very little mail is received from Citta di Castello (prov of Perugia) although a large number of infantrymen come from that district. Perhaps early enquiry could be made to ascertain whether correspondence posted in that area and addressed to PMs is receiving correct treatment.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.18.47/CS

11 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : British Army Postal Directorate
C/o No. 15 Base Army P.O., C.M.F.

Reference telephone conversation Major Harvey-Major Green.

1. It is found that there are several points which need clarification before a definite opinion can be expressed on your suggestion that mails made up by the civil post office for P.M. 3400 should be handed to a local British A.P.O. in order to obtain advantage of the more frequent and rapid Army services to Naples.

2. A copy of the relative enquiry to the Italian Postal Administration is connected.

3. In the meantime would you please furnish a list of the towns where such hand-over from the civil Post Office to the British A.P.O. is recommended.

For the Chief Commissioner

WHL
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

1 Enc: Copy of P.18.46/CS

Copies to:
Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)
Civil Censorship Group.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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URGENT

In reply
refer to: P.18.46/OS

11 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence addressed to Italian Troops.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. It is understood that your current circulation instructions provide for correspondence addressed to Italian Troops to be forwarded to FM 3400 Naples in the case of Provinces in the South and to FM 3800 Rome from other Provinces.

2. Will you please confirm this and say where the line of demarcation between the two areas is drawn.

3. It is also desired to know which Provincial Capitals and Ambulanti dispose of the correspondence by means of "closed" despatches to the FM mentioned and which merely make up labelled bundles for forwarding through another office.

4. Presumably there is no separation by the civil Post Office of correspondence addressed to P.M. number but all correspondence addressed to P.M. is included in the same bundle.

5. Are closed despatches and labelled bundles addressed to P.M. 3400 and P.M. 3800 and now received in transit at Naples and Rome being handed directly to the Military Post Offices at those places without passing through the Allied Censor Station please?

WTH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Subject: Italian Military Postal Service,

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(L.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Q/16

2nd April 45

A.F.H.Q. (for G1(A), G1(B), G2, G4(A), G4(B))

1. There is much room for improvement in the Italian Army Postal Services. In order to allay family anxiety and thus raise morale and curtail desertion and absence without leave it is urgently necessary to remedy the existing state of affairs. The War Ministry are alive to this and are doing their best. They require the following assistance.

- (a) Improved transportation facilities.
- (b) Authority to distribute mail from ROME as well as NAPLES.
- (c) Permission to introduce a Field Post Card to serve the operational zone where Civil Postal Services are not yet functioning.

2. As regards 1(a) the Italian Army Mail is carried by Allied Postal Services and/or by the Italian Civil Posts. The basis of the present arrangements as regards Allied assistance is a memorandum drawn up at A.A.I. in March 1944 and it is requested that both British and American Postal Directorates be required to remind all concerned that Italian Field Post Offices should be given the necessary facilities for the handling of Italian Army Mail.

As regards the Civil Posts the need for improved transportation facilities has been represented by the Communications Sub-Commission to your H.Q. Any assistance they can be given will directly improve the delivery of Italian Army Mail.

3. Censorship control is at present exercised at NAPLES by 7 Base Censor Group (British). As a result mail from and to the North has to be conveyed from ROME to NAPLES and back before delivery.

There is at ROME an Italian Military Post Office No.3800 with an Italian Censorship Section attached. If arrangements could be made to transfer a detachment from 7 Base Censor Group to ROME or alternatively arrange for the Civil Censorship Group to exercise the necessary supervision over Italian Military Mail, an immediate speeding up of the postal service would result. Distribution could then be effected by P.M.3800 at ROME in the same manner as at present by P.M.3400 at NAPLES.

4. The introduction of a Field Post Card has already been the subject of correspondence terminating in your CR/6430/G-1Br of 20 Mar 45. The scheme has been revised and a specimen of the proposed card is attached.

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The cards will, it is proposed, be collected at PM 3400 NAPLES or PM 3800 ROME where the Italian Military Censor will add to the civilian address the nearest Field Post Office i.e. P.M.No. _____.

The Cards will then be forwarded to the P.M. concerned in the normal way. In the majority of cases the addressee will be living in a town or village occupied by Italian or Allied Troops. The P.M. will through its daily contact with an Allied Post Office be able to deliver the cards either direct to an Italian Unit or indirectly to an Allied Unit when such a unit collects its own mail. Delivery to the individual will be made by and with the cooperation of the unit concerned either direct or through the agency of a Town Major or the CC.RR. Whoever delivers the card will be able to collect the reply which if handed in to any military post office can follow the usual channels to P.M.3400, pass the censor and be delivered to the originator.

5. I recommend that -

- (a) the necessary censorship control be established at ROME to enable distribution of Italian Military Mail to be effected from P.M. 3800.
- (b) approval be given for the introduction of a Field Postcard as described in para 4 above.

I wish to request that the matter may be regarded as one of urgency and that if approved the above proposals be implemented with the minimum of delay.

RAC/hh

Browning

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 15 Army Gp (ref 3074/9/A(O) of 21 Feb 45.)

Ministry of War (ref 206980/11 of 23 Mar 45.)
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Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.

MEMO - "A"

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REGIO ESERCITO ITALIANO

Cartolina postale in franchigia

Grado
Cognome
Nome
Reparto : :
Indirizzo
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Da completarsi dallo scrivente prima
dell'invio.

REGIO ESERCITO ITALIANO
Cartolina postale in franchigia

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a cura

C.C.N.

7 Base Censor Group
NAPLES.

+ Scrivere l'indirizzo
civile completo.

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Cancellare le frasi che non servono. La cartolina non sarà accettata qualora siano aggiunte parole o frasi.

Mi 194...
Ho ricevuto la vostra
in data

Sto (bene
(ammalato
(in convalescenza

Datemi notizie con la
presente.

Abbracci

Firma

Per la risposta usare la
parte destra della
cartolina.

Strappare seguendo questa linea

Cancellare le frasi che non servono. La cartolina non sarà accettata qualora siano aggiunte parole o frasi.

Indirizzo

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Mi 194...

Sto		bene/ammalato
Padre	sta	" "
Madre	"	" "
Fratello	"	" "
Sorella	"	" "
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Abbracci

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: P.18.44/CS

2 April 1945

Subject : Correspondence in Operational Zone.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference to 830015/405115/GHI of 31 March 1945.

1. The weight limit of 90 grammes was fixed by Allied Armies in Italy circular 2020/3/Q 2 of 2 April, a copy of which was sent to Supreme Command and was re-issued in Italian as Appendix "A" to the circular of 18th April 1944 signed by Capitano Luigi Grandini.

2. This weight limit corresponded with that in operation in the civil postal service in liberated Italy at that time.

4. Para. 4 of my P.18.39/CS of 23 March refers.

with

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

See PS 16/3 -

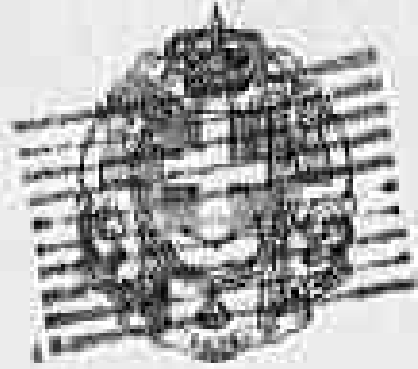
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Roma, 31 MAR 1945 *Anno**Ministero delle Comunicazioni*DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFIAl On. Commissione Alleata
Post. And T.C. Subcommission
R O M AServizio IV° Dir I^ Sez. I^
Prot. N. 830015/405115 *Allegato I.*

CON FIRMA

Risposta al f. N. P. 18-21 C.S. del 10/1/45

OGGETTO Corrispondenza con le Forze Armate Italiane
nelle Zone Avanzate

Correspondence with the Italian Forces in operation zone.

A scioglimento della riserva contenuta nella precedente comunicazione di eguale numero della presente del 18 gennaio u.s., si trascrive quanto ha testè partecipato, ad analoga richiesta, lo Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito-Ufficio Servizi:

"Il limite di peso di gr.90 riguarda soltanto le corrispondenze in partenza da Uffici di Posta Militare.

"Il predetto limite è stato fissato dalla Sottocommissione Alleata per le Poste e Telecomunicazioni con promemoria del 21 aprile 1944."

Solving the reserve made in our previous communication, file IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO as above, of 18 Jan., we (M. Fano) we refer you what has now been notified by the Service Office of the S.M.R.E.

"The weight limit of 90 gms concerns only the correspondence posted at the Military Post Offices. Such limit has been fixed by the Allied Communications Sub-Comm. with memorandum of 21 April 44.

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Date 31 MAR 1945

Si prega di indicare per ogni lettera un solo argomento e indicare nella risposta
 al N. di protocollo la Divisione a cui si risponde

Subject:- Postal Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/16

WAR MINISTRY.

30 March 45.

1. The subject of registered correspondence being handled by P.M.s in the forward Area, has been raised by Communications Sub Commission with Under Secretary for Posts and Telecomms. It is considered that provided the conditions laid down by the British and U.S. Army Postal Services are complied with, it is desirable that the proposed arrangements be put into force.

2. You are requested to communicate with the Communications Sub Commission A.C. through the Under Secretary for Posts and Telecomms regarding the scheme which should be put into effect without delay.

R.T.M. Warren
R.T.M. WARREN, Major
For Major General, M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Communications Sub Commission, A.C.,
ref: letter R° P.18.39.6 C. of 23rd of March,
addressed to the Under Secretary of State for
Posts and Telecomms.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
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Navy Sub-Commission

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24 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, Allied Commission.
To : Communication Sub-Commission, Hq, A.G. ✓
Subject: Mail from Italian Naval Personnel to Civilians.

1. The information contained in your memorandum PL8. 37/GS
dated 19th March 1945 has been most helpful and much appreciated.

F. St. J. Butler
F. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for DEAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, AG.

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Date 26 MAR 1945



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

Divisione *Dir. I* *Dir. I*
Red. N. 473576 C/Allegato

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Commissione Alleata
Posts And Telecommunica-
tions Subcommittee

R O M A

Rapporto al *N. P. 1836/CS*
del *14/3/45*

OGGETTO Comunicazioni postali con la
Divisione Garibaldi in Jugoslavia =

Si è preso atto di quanto comunicato
con la nota a riferimento e si ringrazia
delle informazioni date circa la possibili-
tà di inoltrare di corrispondenze indicate in
oggetto. =

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(FANO)

We have noted what is notified in your above mentioned
letter and we thank you for the informations given
concerning the possibility of forwarding correspondence
to the Garibaldi Div. in Yugo Slavia.

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Date 23 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.13.39/CS

25 March 1945

Subject : Postal Service from Italian Civilians to Italian Troops.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

Reference your 405629/3 30015 of 24 February and my P. 13.30/CS of 23rd February 1945 to A.F.H.Q. (copy to you).

1. I enclose three copies of an extract from a letter received giving details of the conditions under which the American and British Army Post Offices are willing to undertake the conveyance of registered correspondence addressed to Italian Troops in the zone of operations.
2. Will you please pass this information to the Italian Army Post Office authorities in order that they may draw up the proposals. The Civil Post Office arrangements are presumably not affected as you would merely deal with these registered letters in the same way as those addressed to HM & outside the operational zone. No doubt, however, you will collaborate with the Italian Army Post Office in this matter and give any advice and assistance required.
3. The proposals when agreed should be submitted to this Sub-Commission and (on the Army side) to the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
4. If the Army wished to raise the question of the extension to P.M. addresses of any other facilities available to civilians (e.g. higher weight limit, newspapers in abeyance) it would be advisable to deal with such proposals at the same time.

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

1 Inc.:
Extracts from G-5, 311.1 of 17 March 44

Copies to:
G-5, A.F.H.Q. (ref 311.1 of 17 March)
M.M.I.A. (with copy of G-5 311.1 of 17 March.

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICES
RE. PROPOSALS FOR REGISTERED LETTER SERVICE TO ITALIAN TROOPS IN
FORWARD AREAS

American Army Post Office States.

"1. AG Postal (U.S.) has no objection to the extension of registered mail service from Italian civilians to Italian Units or Italian Military personnel serving in U.S. Army or Corps areas providing that such registered mails are made up separately from unregistered mails in sealed bags addressed to the proper Italian Field Post Office. The bags should have an assigned number on the label or tag and will be receipted for by the U.S. Base APO at Naples and forwarded to the U.S. APO nearest the Italian Field Post Office of address.

a. Registered from Italian civilians to Italian Military personnel attached to U.S. Headquarters or units who use the "PM" number only in the address will be accepted from Censura Centrale Militare as individual pieces at the U.S. Base Post Office at Naples and will be forwarded to the U.S. Headquarters or unit to which the article is readdressed by the Base Censor No. 7.

b. It should be pointed out and clearly understood by all concerned that the U.S. Army Postal Service will not accept any financial responsibility for the Italian registered mail handled but will give such mail the same handling and protection afforded U.S. Army registered mail.

2. There is no objection by AG Postal to permitting Italian troops inside the zone of operations to have registered mail facilities under the conditions outlined in the foregoing. Italian personnel would necessarily be required to deposit their mail for registration in an Italian Field APO. Italian personnel attached to U.S. Headquarters of Corps using a "PM" number only as a mail address will not be permitted to register mail at U.S. APO's.

3. Request that AG Postal be advised as to the action that will be taken to permit necessary instructions to be issued to U.S. APO's prior to the effective date of the change, if any is made".

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British Army Post Office states:

1. The British APO has no objection to the introduction of a registered service as proposed. Despatches for P.M.s containing registered correspondence conveyed through British A.P.O. channels would be afforded the same safe custody as British mails, but no special receipt would be given for bags containing registered mails nor would compensation be payable in respect of any loss or damage occurring in the British service.
2. It is presumed that the service will be available to personnel attached to Br. H.Q.s and who use the "PM 900" address.
3. There is at present no registered service from Italian troops in forward areas. If such a service were introduced, the mail would have to be posted at P.M.s. If sealed despatches containing registered items were then transferred to the British APO for conveyance, the mails would be carried on the conditions laid down in para 1 above. Italian personnel would not be allowed to register correspondence at British A.P.O.s.
4. It is presumed that before any registration service is introduced, the comments of MMIA will be invited as regards the working of the service within the Italian Army.
5. This Directorate will no doubt be informed of developments in the matter."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/sob

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G-5: 311.1

17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service from Italian Civilians
to Italian Troops.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference your P.18.30/CS of 28 February.
2. G-2 state there is no security or censorship objection.
3. AG (Postal) state:

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(Note: There is no para. 2)
3. Relative paragraph 4 of the basic letter, there is no objection by AG Postal to permitting Italian troops inside the zone of operations to have registered mail facilities under the conditions outlined in the foregoing. Italian personnel would necessarily be required to deposit their mail for registration in an

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5. Please advise with MMIA and Italian Postal authorities and submit plan of action to this section for approval by AG (Postal) and DDAPS.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Copy to:
AG (Postal)
DDAPS.

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, FA
8100

Col. G. G. G.
10-7-50

MEMO

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In reply
refer to: P.18 .37/CS

19 March 1945

Subject: Mail from Italian Naval Personnel to Civilians.

To : Navy Sub-Commission.

Reference your verbal enquiry.

1. Correspondence from Italian warships and shore establishments is routed through the Allied Censorship Control Station Naples before passing to the civil post office for delivery. The only return address permitted for men on Italian warships is

_____ (Name of Ship)

Marinapost
Napoli.

2. The Italian territory to which correspondence can now be posted for ordinary delivery is Sardinia, Sicily, and the mainland as far north as Pesaro, Arezzo and Leghorn Provinces; Florence and Pisa Cities and the parts of Florence and Pisa which lie South of the Arno.

3. The attached copy of a recent public notice gives the conditions.

4. As regards communications with liberated Provinces north of the postal delivery boundary, I doubt whether 15 Army Group Security would at the present time agree to any scheme under which Naval personnel were permitted to wander about in "forward" areas acting as postmen.

5. Land Forces Sub-Commission have the same problem affecting soldiers with relatives in Army areas and in November last submitted to AAI a scheme for special postcards to be delivered by Military personnel and Carabinieri, but I have not heard the result.

For Director Communications Sub-Commission

I Inc.
Copy of Public Notice.

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HEADQUARTERS ITALIAN COMMISSION
APO 194
Communications Sub-Commission

WIG/DS

In reply
refer to: P.18.36/03

14 March 1945

Subject : Postal Communications with Garibaldi Division
in Yugo Slavia.
Representations by Comitato Toscano di Liberazione
Nazionale.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

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Reference your 473576 D/2 of 6th March.

1. As you are no doubt aware correspondence to and from the members of the Garibaldi Division is already being dealt with by your Bari Ferrovia Office and the Transadriatic Mail Section. The present monthly volume of traffic is about 3000 items in the inward and 2000 items in the outward direction.
2. Both PM 95 and PM 151 B are now being used as return addresses by members of the Garibaldi Division.
3. The times of transmission of this correspondence depends on factors with which the Ministero della Guerra (to which a copy of the Committee's letter was also sent) is no doubt conversant and they are, of course, outside the control of your Administration.

W. J. Green
major
for J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Copies to:
Civil Censorship.

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

(with translations of course)

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CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Communications for Garibaldi Division.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. As requested in your letter of 7 March 1945, file no. P.18.32/CS, the following information regarding postal communications between the Garibaldi Division in Yugoslavia and relatives in Italy is herewith forwarded to you.

2. Incoming from the Garibaldi Division:

a). This mail reaches Bari through various irregular channels: masters of Yugoslav ships returning from the Dalmatian coast, numerous small vessels coming, from Yugoslav-partisan islands, and carried to Italy by Partisans.

b). The mail is turned over to the Transadriatic Mail Section by the Port Security Officer and by the Yugoslav Partisan headquarters in Bari.

c). After censorship, the mail for Italy is released by the Transadriatic Mail Section to the Italian post office in Bari.

d). Return address: both FM 99 and FM 151 B are now being used as return addresses by members of the Garibaldi division.

e). Volume of mail: approximately 2500-3500 letters per month.

f). Transit time: It is difficult to give any accurate figure, the mail may be delivered to TMS, Bari, once a month, or with 2 or 3 weeks between deliveries. The service is extremely irregular, and 3-4 weeks transit time is not unusual.

3. Outgoing from Italy:

a). The mail to the Garibaldi Division is ³handed to the Transadriatic Mail Section by the Italian post office and by Partisan headquarters.

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b). After censorship, the mail is sacked and labelled: "To Garibaldi Division PM 99", and placed on the Allied military courier (plane) to Belgrade.

c). Volume: 1500 to 2000 pieces per month.

Gordon W. McKean

GORDON W. MCKEAN
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

Copy to file CCG/1022.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/bs

In reply
refer to: P.18.34/33.

8 March 1945

Subject : Correspondence for Italian Troops mis-sent to U.K.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. The enclosed batch of letters written by Italian civilians to Italian troops have been returned from England, having apparently been mis-sent with correspondence for Italian Prisoners of War in the United Kingdom.
2. It is observed that the great majority of the items are from Cosenza Province which suggests that the trouble is due to an incorrectly labelled bundle rather than to mis-sorting at Naples Ferrovia where the Prisoner of War correspondence is dealt with in a different part of the office from the troops correspondence.
3. The correspondence is passed to you for disposal.

W.H. Green
major
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Inc.:
1 packet of 67 letters.

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

CCB/1054/ 560

2 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Italian civilian mail - mis-sorts.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Att: Director Communications Sub-Commission
APO 394, US Army

1. Herewith a batch of letters written by Italians to Italian troops. These have just been received from War Office, London, having been apparently mis-sorted and bagged with mail to Italian Ps/W in U.K. It will be noted that the letters in question were written in Nov. and Dec. 44.

2. Passed to you for disposal, please.

LBG/mn

B. Goodall
major
E.P. LOVEGROVE,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Communications Censorship.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ba

In reply
refer to: P.18.32/CS

7 March 1945

Subject : Postal Communications between Garibaldi Division
in Yugo Slavia and relatives in Italy.

To : Civil Censorship.

In connection with the enclosed representations
it would be helpful to have your observation on the existing
service together with some details of the approximate volume
of this traffic in each direction and transit times of the
incoming letters being dealt with at the Trans-Adriatic
Mail Section.

W.H. Green
major
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
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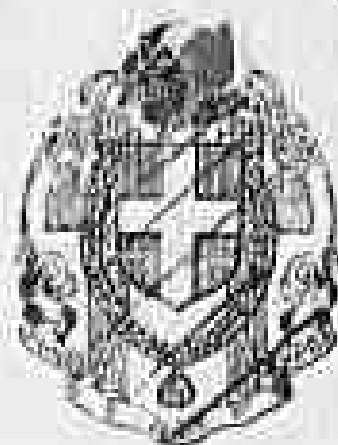
3 Incs:

- 1 Order of the Day by Comitato for the Garibaldi Division.
- 2 Letter of 26 January, Florence C.T.L.N.
- 3 Letter 473576 O/2 of 6 March from Ministry PP.TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI A

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Ispett. Gen. Mov. postale
Servizio *Div. I*
Prot. N° 473576 C/Allegati *I*
Risposta al f. N°
del

Roma, -6 MAR 1945

Commissione Alleata
Posts And Telecommunications

OGGETTO. Scambio corrispondenza da e per i militari della Divisione "Garibaldi". = Sub commission = Via Veneto =
Roma

Si trasmettono, per cognizione, copia di un ordine del giorno e della lettera n°4039 del 26 gennaio u.s. del Comitato Toscano di Liberazione Nazionale, indirizzata ai Ministeri della Guerra e delle Comunicazioni, intesi ad attuare lo scambio delle corrispondenze da e per i militari superstiti della Divisione "Garibaldi", ed i loro congiunti. =

Pregasi esaminare la questione e la possibilità di attuare il provvedimento invocato. =

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(FANO)

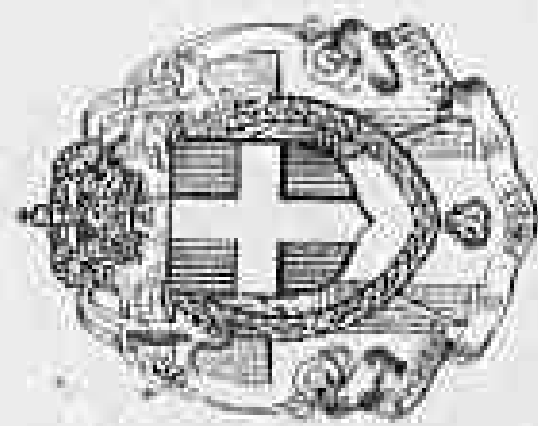
*Subject: - exchange of corresp.
to & from military personnel
of the "Garibaldi" Division -*

*Included for information, or
copies of an "ordine del giorno"
letter n° 4039 of 26.1 by the
Committee of Liberation of Tuscany, addressed to the Ministry of War
& Communications, intended to establish
the exchange of correspondence & between the
military personnel of the "Garibaldi" Division
and their relatives.*

*We beg you to examine the question and the
possibility of taking the requested action - Mr. Sec. -*

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

COMITATO TOSCANO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

PRESIDENZA

Firenze 26 gennaio 1945

Prot. N° 4039/A

OGGETTO: Ordine del giorno del
Comitato per la Divisione "Garibaldi"

A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA
A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
R O M A

Il C.T.L.N. si onora trasmettere all'E.V. l'allegato Ordine del Giorno del Comitato per la Divisione Partigiana Italiana "Garibaldi" operante in Jugoslavia, pregando l'E.V. di voler prendere in considerazione le giuste richieste del Comitato stesso, allo scopo di assicurare da parte del Governo Italiano almeno un appoggio morale ai gloriosi partigiani della Divisione Garibaldi.

IL PRESIDENTE DEL C.T.L.N.
(Dr. Carlo L. Ragnianti)

Ragnianti
F.to.....

*The Toscana Committee of liberation has the honor
to send you, enclosed herewith an "Ordine del Giorno",
of the Committee for the Italian Partisan Division "Garibaldi",
operating in Tuscany, begging you to take into
consideration the just requests of the Committee in order to*

PRESIDENZA

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL C.T.L.N.
(Dr. Carlo L. Ragghianti)

F.to...
Ragghianti

The Torona Committee of Italian Partisans has the honor
to send you, enclosed herewith an "Order of the Day" of the Committee for the Italian Partisan Division "Garibaldi" operating in Tito's Zone, begging your E. to take into consideration the ^{most} requests of the Committee in order to secure at least ~~the~~ a moral support by the Italian Government to the glorious partisans of the Garibaldi Division.



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3 Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

COMITATO PER LA DIVISIONE ITALIANA
PARTIGIANA "GARIBALDI" IN JUGOSLAVIA

Firenze, Via Venezia 5

A S.E. IL PREFETTO DELLA PROVINCIA DI FIRENZE =
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e p.n.

A S.E. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE LA DELEGAZIONE "T"
dello Stato Maggiore R.E?

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AL COMITATO TOSCANO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE
SEDE

Il Comitato di Assistenza per i militari appartenenti
alla DIVISIONE "GARIBALDI", riunitosi in data odierna, udita la re-
lazione del Presidente, ha approvato il seguente:

ORDINE DEL GIORNO

Constatato con dolore come le Autorità competenti non abbiano an-
cora risolto il problema di un servizio, che possa consentire un
sollecito scambio di notizie fra i congiunti ed i loro cari lontani,
che l'8 settembre 1943 spontaneamente si schierarono contro l'e-
sercito tedesco, consapevoli dei durissimi sacrifici che avrebbe-
ro dovuto affrontare, pronti a dare le loro giovani esistenze per
affermare il SACRO DIRITTO DELLA LORO PATRIA a partecipare del
Consorzio delle Nazioni civili e democratiche, iniziatori, così,
del secondo RISORGIMENTO DELLA PATRIA NOSTRA;
considerato che le competenti autorità Militari e Civili non pos-
sono ignorare le GLORIOSE GESTA DELLA DIVISIONE ITALIANA "GARI-
BALDI", che nel Balcani ha tenuto alto il valore militare e mora-
le dell'ITALIA;

il Comitato unanime richiede

che le autorità provvedano d'urgenza ad assicurare un sollecito
scambio della corrispondenza, affinché agli EROICI SUPERSTITI sia

dato il conforto delle notizie delle case lontane, ai congiunti, la gioia di leggere i loro cari, che da anni sono sul CAMPO DELL'ONORE a difendere il VESSILLO DELLA PATRIA.

f° I Membri del Comitato

Firenze, 22 Gennaio 1945

TRANSLATION

31 D.

The committee for Assistance to military personnel of the "Divisione Garibaldi", in today's meeting, after listening the President's report, approved the following:

"ORDINE DEL GLOBO"

It is noted with sadness that the authorities concerned have not yet solved the problem of a service, which would allow a speedy exchange of news between the Italian public and their relatives who, on 8th Sept. 43 spontaneously went against the German Army, aware of the heavy sacrifices they would have to bear ready to give their young lives to affirm the sacred right of their Country to be a member of the FAMILY OF CIVIL AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONS, initiating thus, of the second RISORGIMENTO of our country.

Considering that the civil and Military authorities concerned cannot ignore the GLORIOUS actions of the "GARIBOLDI" Italian division, which kept high in the Balcons the military and moral honour of Italy.

THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ASKS:

that the authorities arrange urgently to ensure a speedy exchange of correspondence, in order that the heroic surviving soldiers be given the comfort of the news from their homes, and to the relatives to read the news of their people, that for several years have been on the field of honour defending the flag of Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ba

In reply
refer to: P.18.30/03

28 February 1945

Subject : Postal Services from Italian Civilians to
Italian Troops.

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

1. Under the regulations laid down in Hqs, AAI, (Adm. Echelon) circular 2020/3/42 of 2nd April, and repeated in instructions issued by the Italian military authorities, correspondence from Italian civilians to Italian Units or personnel serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps Areas is confined to letters and postcards not exceeding 90 grammes in weight. It is not specifically stated that the registration of such letters and postcards is not permitted, but as registration is not allowed in the outgoing service from Italian Troops in forward areas to Italian civilians, the Posta Militare and Italian Civil Post Office have assumed that this restriction applies in both directions.

2. Registration is permitted in the postal service to and from Italian Troops outside the zone of operations.

3. As a consequence, in relation to the withdrawal of registration facilities, it is necessary for all Post Offices to be advised when a particular P.M. moves into the forward area. This, it may be considered, is undesirable from the standpoint of security.

4. So far as the Italian Civil Post Office is concerned there would be no objection ~~for~~ the Italian Troops inside as well as outside the zone of operations being allowed registered letter facilities, or even (although the point does not arise directly in this case) all the other postal services available to civilians. The question of whether or what limitation of facilities is necessary in the case of Italian Troops' mail depends solely on the military side of the service.

For the Chief/Commissioner.

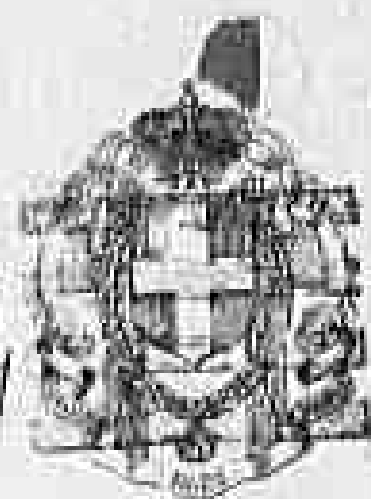
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:
Under Secretary of State
for Posts and Telecomms. (ref. 405629/830015 of 28 Feb).

Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I
 Prot. N° 405629/830015 C.R.I. All.2 Roma.
 Risposta al f. N° P.18.26/C S
 del 2.2.1945

24 FEB. 1945

ALL. 2
 ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION
 R O M A

OGGETTO: Servizio Posta Militare Italiana.

A seguito della nota N.830015/405115.C R I in data 18 gennaio u.s. qui unita si trasmette in copia la risposta testè pervenuta a questo Ministero dall'Ufficio Servizi dello Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito.

Del primo paragrafo di tale risposta risulta (diversamente da quanto era stato qui comunicato in precedenza per telefono) che il limite massimo di peso per le lettere è fissato in grammi 90.

Dal paragrafo secondo, risulta che gli uffici di P.M. in zone di operazioni sono attualmente soltanto sei.

Col paragrafo terzo si conferma che l'unica differenza nel servizio di P.M. tra gli uffici dislocati in zone di operazioni e quelli dislocati fuori di tale zona è costituita dal servizio delle raccomandate.

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Per eliminare tale differenza, e le conseguenti partecipazioni nel caso che uffici di P.M. nelle retrovie passino in z. o., lo Stato Maggiore propone di estendere il servizio delle raccomandate anche agli uffici in z.o.

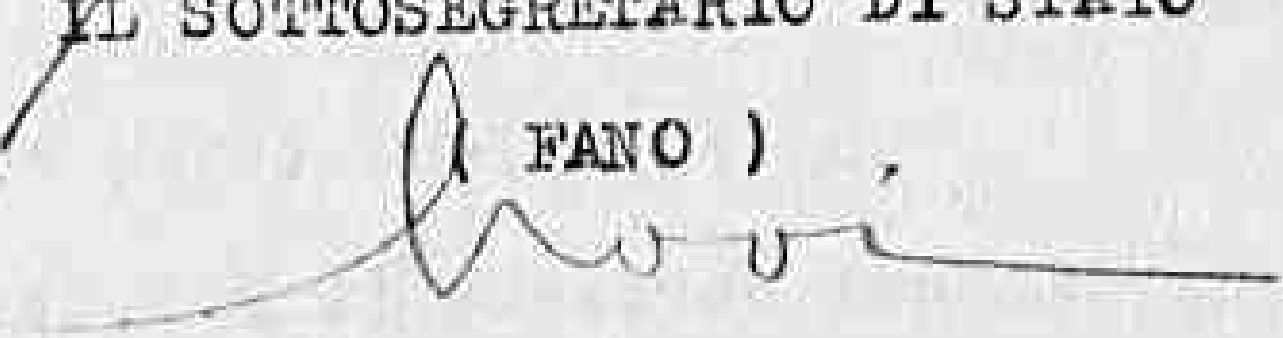
Si prege pertanto codesta On. Commissione di voler esaminare e far conoscere se tale proposta possa essere approvata.

Frattempo, in relazione all'ultimo comma della lettera P.18.26/ C S in data 2 corrente, si partecipa che le raccomandate per militari appartenenti a reparti serviti da uffici di P.M. in z.o., erroneamente accettate, devono essere rinviate all'origine per la restituzione ai rispettivi mittenti.

Circa il peso delle lettere, si è replicato allo Stato Maggiore con la lettera di cui si unisce pure copia, e non appena possibile si darà notizia della risposta che perverrà al riguardo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(FANO)



C O P I A

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Postale

N.9/2559=301 di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 20 Febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: servizio della Posta Militare.

AL MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I
(rif.f.n.830015/405115 C.R.I.)
Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I 18.1.45)
(rif.f.n.830015/403298 C.R.I.)
Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I 13.2.45)

R O M A1) Limite di peso delle lettere

Nel servizio della posta militare il limite massimo di peso delle lettere è tuttora fissato in gr.90, sia per gli uffici di P.M. dislocati in z.o. che per quelli fuori z.o.
Nessuna modifica è stata apportata da questo S.M. al suddetto limite che è sempre in vigore.

2) Uffici di Posta Militare dislocati in z.o.

Attualmente sono dislocati in z.o. i seguenti uffici di Posta Militare: 16-64-79-127-167-179.

3) Differenze esistenti nel servizio di posta militare fra gli uffici P.M. in z.o. e quelli dislocati fuori della z.o.

L'unica differenza è costituita dal servizio delle raccomandate private che non è ammesso per gli uffici di P.M. dislocati in z.o. =

Per quanto riguarda la questione di cui al numero 3 questo S.M. concorda col punto di vista espresso dalla Autorità Alleata di eliminare tale differenza, estendendo il servizio delle raccomandate private anche agli uffici di P.M. dislocati in z.o., in modo da evitare la necessità di notificare agli uffici postali civili ed al pubblico il movimento degli uffici di Posta Militare.

P.M. 3800, li 20 Febbreio 1945

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AL MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

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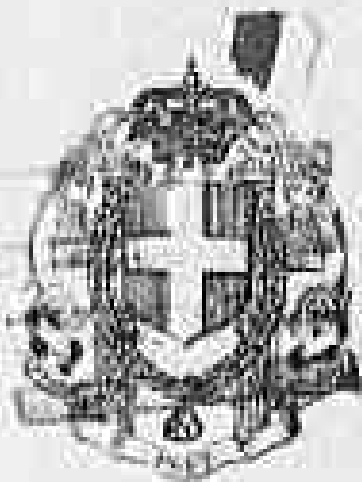
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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

F.to: A. SANTI



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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I
 Ord. N° 405629/830077 G.R.I.
 Risposta al f. N° 9/2559/301
 del 20.2.45

Roma, 24 FEB. 1945

Allo STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
 UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZ. POSTALE
 P.M. 3800

OGGETTO: Servizio della Posta
 Militare.

In relazione al primo paragrafo del foglio
 sopra distinto, si prega di precisare se, come si ritie-
 ne, il limite di peso di grammi 90 concerne soltanto le
 lettere in partenza da uffici di Posta Militare, e se
 e quando tale limite sia stato concordato da codesto
 Stato Maggiore col competente Comando Militare Alleato.

Torrerà gradite una risposta cortesemente
 sollecite, dovendosi riferire al riguardo alla Commis-
 sione Alleata.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

(FANO)

Dr. Guzzalano



IL CAPO DIVISIONE Regg.

Regg.

TRANSLATION29 D.
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SUBJECT: P.M. Italian Service.

Ref. your P.18.26/CS of 22.45 and further to our 830015/405115 C.R.I. of 18 Jan. 45 included herewith is copy of a reply now received at this Ministry from the Service Section of the "Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito".

From the first para. of this reply it appears (contrarily to what had been previously notified by telephone) that the maximum weight limit for letters is fixed in 90 gms.

Para 2 shows that the P.M. offices in operation zone are at present only six.

In para 3 it is confirmed that the only difference in the P.M. service between the offices within the operation zone and those without such zone is represented by registered letters.

To eliminate such difference, and consequent notifications in case that and P.M. Office goes from the Rear Zone into the operation zone, the Stato Maggiore suggests to extend the registered letter service also to the offices in Operation Zone.

We beg therefore your Commission to examine the matter and let us know if the proposal may be approved.

Ref. the last para of your P.18.26/CS of 2 Feb., we inform you that the registered letter addressed to military personnel belonging to units served by P.M. offices in operation zone accepted by mistake, must be returned to the origin to be handed back to the senders - as regards the weight of letters, we have replied to the Stato Maggiore with the included letter, and as soon as possible, we will inform you of the reply we will receive.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR PP.IT.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: The Stato Maggiore R.E.

TO : The Ministry of P.P.TT.

9/2559.301

20 February 1945

1. Weight limit for letters.

In the P.M. service the maximum weight limit for letters is still now fixed at 90 gms., for P.M. Offices both within the operation zone and without such zone. No alteration has been made by this HQrs to such limit, which still applies.

2. P.M. Offices in operation zone.

At present the following P.M. Offices are in operation zone: 16 - 64 - 79 - 127 - 167 - 179 -

3. Differences in the P.M. service between the P.M. Offices within the operation zone and those without such zone:

The only difference is represented by the private registered letter service, which is not admitted for the P.M. Offices in operation zone.

As regards the question mentioned in para 3, this HQrs agrees with the views expressed by the Allied HQrs, to eliminate the difference, by extending the private registered letter service also to the P.M. Offices in operation zone, in order to avoid the necessity of notifying all civil post offices and the public of the movements of P.M. offices.

THE GENERAL ADVICETRANSLATION

From: Under Secretary for P.P.TT.

To : Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito.

SUBJECT: P.M. Service

Ref. the first para. of your 9/2559/301, please inform if, as it is gathered, the maximum weight limited of 90 gms. concerns only the letters outgoing from P.M. Offices, and if and when such limit has been agreed upon by the Stato Maggiore with the Allied HQrs.

A kindly urgent reply will be very appreciated in consideration that we must refer on the matter to the Allied Commission.

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THE GENERAL ALPHABET

TRANSLATION

From: Under Secretary for P.M.

To : Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito.

SUBJECT: P.M. Service

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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
FOR P.M.

ITALIAN ARMY MAIN H.Qs.
I.A.I. and S.P.
Inspectorate of Military Censorship

nr. 112877/4 Cens. prot.

February 22. 1945

SUBJECT: Censorship of correspondence addressed to members of Italian Forces in operation zone. =

To : A.C. Communications Sub-Commission
(att. Colonel J.L. HENDERSON)

-15 Army Group H.Qs. have requested, through the Italian Military Liaison Mission, that censorship of correspondence addressed to members of Italian Forces in operation zone must be effectuated on all the mails instead of selective percentage as effectuated at presente, which has resulted not appropriate to the present war necessities.

-It has been ascertained that letters are addressed to military members of Italian Forces by individuals that are not conscious of the present necessity of this country, letters that exercise negative influence on their moral, containing often incitement to illegal absences, desertation, ecc.

-Accepting the proposal, the I.A.M. H.Qs. -Inspectorate Military Censorship- has sent orders to appropriate Italian H.Qs. so that U.M.C.G. depending from Italian Military Authorities, effectuate immediately from now on total censorship on all correspondence addressed to military members of Italian Units in operation zone.

-We inform you of the above in case you should want to extend the same restrictions to the U.M.C.G. under allied control. Allied H.Qs. at Caserta have been interested on the matter by command of 15 Army Group.

COMMANDING OFFICER 4th SECTION
(Lt.Col. P. Ducros)

Directo
Dy Director
Chief
Chief
H.Q. Comm
Asst. Chief
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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SUBJECT: Censorship of correspondence addressed to
Forces in operation zone.-

To : A.C. Communications Sub-Commission
(att. Colonel J.L.HENDERSON)

-15 Army Group H.Qs. have requested, through the Italian Military Liaison Mission, that censorship of correspondence addressed to members of Italian Forces in operation zone must be effectuated on all the mails instead of selective percentage as effectuated at present, which has resulted not appropriate to the present war necessities.

-It has been ascertained that letters are addressed to military members of Italian Forces by individuals that are not conscious of the present necessity of this country, letters that exercise negative influence on their moral, containing often incitement to illegal absences, desertation, ecc.

-Accepting the proposal, the I.A.M. H.Qs. -Inspectorate Military Censorship- has sent orders to appropriate Italian H.Qs. so that U.M.C.G. depending from Italian Military Authorities, effectuate immediately from now on total censorship on all correspondence addressed to military members of Italian Units in operation zone.

-We inform you of the above in case you should want to extend the same restrictions to the U.M.C.G. under allied control. Allied H.Qs. at Caserta have been interested on the matter by command of I5 Army Group.

COMMANDING OFFICER 4th SECTION
(Lt.Col. P. Ducros)

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
Ufficio Informazioni
Ispettorato Censura Militare

n° 112877/4^a Cens. di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 22 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Censura della corrispondenza proveniente dal Paese e diretta a militari in zona di operazioni.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste-

(per il Col. J.L. HENDERSON)

A M A N O

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- Il Comando del XV Gruppo Armate Anglo-Americane ha richiesto -tramite la Missione Militare Italiana di Collegamento- che la censura diretta dal Paese alle truppe in zona di operazioni sia eseguita su tutta la corrispondenza anziché in aliquota percentuale, come attualmente, essendosi quest'ultima dimostrata non rispondente alle esigenze belliche del momento.

- E' stato infatti accertato che ai detti militari pervengono, da parte di taluni elementi non compresi delle presenti necessità del Paese, lettere che incidono negativamente sul morale contenendo, spesso, incitamenti ad assenze arbitrarie, diserzioni, ecc.-

- Aderendo a tale proposta lo Stato Maggiore Generale -Ispettorato Censura Militare- ha già impartito ai Comandi competenti le opportune disposizioni affinché gli U.M.C.G., alle dirette dipendenze delle Autorità Militari Italiane, esercitino, con immediata attuazione, la censura totalitaria sulla corrispondenza diretta dal Paese ai militari dislocati in zona di operazioni.

- Vi Comuniciamo quanto sopra nel caso vogliate disporre analogamente per quanto riguarda gli U.M.C.G. sotto controllo Alleato tenendo presente che il Comando in Capo Alleato di Caserta è già stato interessato dal Comando 15° Gruppo Armate Anglo-Americane per l'applicazione di analogo criterio.=

IL CAPO SEZIONE  
(Ten.Col. Paolo Ducros)



-Traslation in other side-

OGGETTO: Censura della corrispondenza  
militari in zona di operazioni.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste-

A M A N O

(per il Col. J.L. HENDERSON)

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IL CAPO SEZIONE  
(Ten.Col. Paolo Ducros)



-Traslation in other side-

Tel. Ext. 412

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394  
G-1 (B)

REFERENCE : G-1B/617/I

SUBJECT : Postal Arrangements - Italian  
Military Personnel.  
TO : Distribution Below.

15 February 1945

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| Director         |  |
| D/Director       |  |
| Chief Telecoms   |  |
| Chief Post       |  |
| H Q Comd O       |  |
| Asst Chief Posta |  |
| Chief Clerk      |  |

1. Individual members of the Italian Forces serving with this Formation will use the following postal address:-

Rank, Full Name,  
Italian P.M. 906,  
NAPLES, ITALY

This address will be written at the head of each letter and also on the back of the envelope.

2. Personnel using the P.M. 900 address must notify the

Censura Militare.  
7 Base Censor Group,  
C.M.F.

of their full name, rank and name of the unit with which they are serving. The Censura Militare will keep a record of these personnel and redirect any mail to the unit with which the man is serving.

3. Units with which Italian personnel are serving will arrange for letters written by them to be enclosed in bags or sealed packages addressed to Censura Militare, 7 Base Censor Group, C.M.F., and handed to the Army Post Office by which they are served.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

/s/

Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.  
Lt. Colonel,  
G-1 (B)

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| Regional Commissioner, | Sicilia Region,     | Reg. Comm. | Lombardia Region        |
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| "                      | Abruzzi-Marche Reg. | "          | Transportation S/C      |
| "                      | Sardegna Region     | "          | Communications S/C      |
| "                      | Toscana Region      | C.S.O.     | Chief of Staff Office   |
| "                      | Emilia Region       | C.S.O.     | Civil Affairs Section   |

Rank, Full Name,  
Italian P.M. 908,  
NAPLES, ITALY

This address will be written at the head of each letter and also on the back of the envelope.

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Censura Militare.  
7 Base Censor Group,  
C.M.F.

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

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*C. J. T. Ritchie*  
Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.  
Lt. Colonel,  
G-1 (R)

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| "                      | Toscana Region      | C.S.O. Chief of Staff Office      |
| "                      | Emilia Region       | C.S.O. Civil Affairs Section      |
| "                      | Liguria Region      | H.Q. Commandant                   |
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

2 February 1945

In reply  
refer to : P.18.26/CS.

Subject : Correspondence with Italian Forces  
in operational zone.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 830015/405298-C.R.I. of 1st  
February 1945.

1. We have no objection to the issue of the notification which you mention, but it is considered preferable that a reference to the unit having moved to the operational zone should be omitted from the relative telegram.

2. Presumably you have as yet had no reply to the enquiry mentioned in your 830015/505 - C.R.I. of 18 January 1945. Apart from the main general question involved, the position is that whereas three Poste Militaire numbers will have been notified to Post Offices as outside the registered letter service, at least twelve are actually involved, according to our information. When writing us further perhaps you will say what procedure is followed in respect of any registered letter which may have been accepted at a Post Office addressed to a P.M. in the operational zone.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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## MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Off. 167

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I  
 Prot. N° 830015/405 *Allegato* R.I.  
 Risposta al f. N°  
 del

Roma, - 1 FEB 1945

ALL. LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
 POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
 Via Veneto R O M A

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza con  
 le Forze Armate italiane in  
 zone di operazioni.

Lo Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito - Ufficio Servizi, con lettera del 25 volgente interessa questo ministero di portare a conoscenza di tutti gli uffici postali civili che con effetto immediato è sospeso il servizio di accettazione delle raccomandate private dirette ai militari serviti dall'Ufficio di Posta Militare N. 155, perché in zone di operazioni.

Con riferimento alla nota di codesta On.le Commissione N. P. 18.21. CS. del 10 volgente, si prega di far conoscere se nulla osti perché sia dato corso alla richiesta suindicata.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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T R A N S L A T I O N

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Italian Military personnel in operations zone.

The Main Italian Army HQrs. (S.M.R.E.) with their letter of 25 Jan. have asked this Ministry to notify civil P. Os that with immediate effect the registered letter service is suspended for correspondence addressed to the P.M. Office N° 155, transferred in the operations zone.

Ref. your letter N° P.18.21/CS of 10th Jan. 45 please let us know if you have any objection to the above request be satisfied.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

FOR PP.TT.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply  
refer to : P.18.24/CB.

30 January 1945

Subject : Italian Forces Correspondence.

To : A.F.H.Q. G-2 (CC) Section.

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The matter referred to in your COB/511001/ of 26 January 1945 appears to be one for your British Postal Directorate, as one concerning the transmission of a bag addressed to an Italian Military P.M..

Such a mail would not be conveyed by the civil post.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

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

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CGB/511001/

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Postal service Delays.

: Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
Att: Director, Communications Sub-Commission,  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Attached copy of correspondence received from I. M. M. through Headquarters 15 Army group (BS) concerns postal delays occurring between Naples and Florence and is referred to you for necessary action.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

THOMAS H. FINN  
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,  
G-2 (CC) Section.

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SUBJECT :- Postal Service Delays.

HEADQUARTERS,  
15 ARMY GROUP (BG).

Tel : FILIPOT 114.

11/5/45-2. (1c).

18 Jan 45.

G-2. C.S.  
A.P.H.Q.  
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Attached is copy of correspondence received from  
I.M.M. to this H.Q. You will no doubt wish to take up this  
matter with "Postal".

It would be appreciated if any information or  
explanation obtained concerning the delays complained of  
could be passed to this H.Q.

*Molton*  
Lt Col,  
G-2 (1c),  
for BRIGADIER G.S.  
A.C. of S. G-2.

Copy to :- Colonel Neirani,  
I.M.M. H.Q.  
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Communications Censorship Branch  
A.P.H.Q. APO 512

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STATO MAGGIORE REINO ESECITO  
Missione di collegamento con il comando  
15 Gruppo Armate Anglo-Americano  
(HQ-15 Army Group, CEF.)

n. 550/D4b a 4 prot.  
SUBJECT : Postal Service Delays.

To : G.S.I.(c) HQ 15 Army Group.  
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Further to our letter 5408/D4b of 8 Jan 45.

Enclosed please find a translation of the letter 9/365-906/Serv of 15 Jan 45 from SMIA dealing with mail conveyance to P.M. 179 and following the letter 9/4219 of 30 Dec 44, on same subject we have already sent you.

We are again drawing your kind attention to the inconveniences pointed out by SMIA and any action aiming at eliminating them, will be highly appreciated.

IL COLONNELLO CARO MISSIONE  
- Giorgio Negroni-

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DIREZIONE UFFICIO CONCENTRAMENTO P.M. 3400.

n. 14 di prot.

2 January 45.

SUBJECT :- Mail conveyed to P.M. 179.

TO : STAFFO MAGGIORE R. ESECUITO - uff-Servizi-Sec. Postale-

P.M. 3400  
P.M. 179.

INFO : UFFICIO POSTA MILITARE

We are informing you that on 31 Dec 44 the British B.R.O. No. 15 sent back to this office some miscellaneous private mail labelled "Italian Army" and addressed to military personnel under units served by P.M. 179.

This mail, sealed in an Allied bag, came from Southern Italy and was dated September, October and November 1944.

A.C.M. stamp of the American censorship was stamped on the items, said items, weighing about 8 kg, were damaged.

Informations on the matter were requested at once from the British Base. Unfortunately, as usual - we were not able to get sufficient information to explain how the inconvenience happened.

The said mail has been conveyed to Military Post Office 179 on 31 Dec 44 and on 1 Jan 45.

Considering the serious delays and the dem. conditions of the said mail, it is presumed that part of it which is still missing, might have been conveyed, by mistake, to England or U.S.

IL DIRETTORE DEL CONCENTRAMENTO DI P.M.

sgd. Giulio Nasso

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESECUITO

Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale

14 January 45

n. 9/365-306/Serv. di prot.

TO : Italian Military Mission, HQ 15 Army Group.

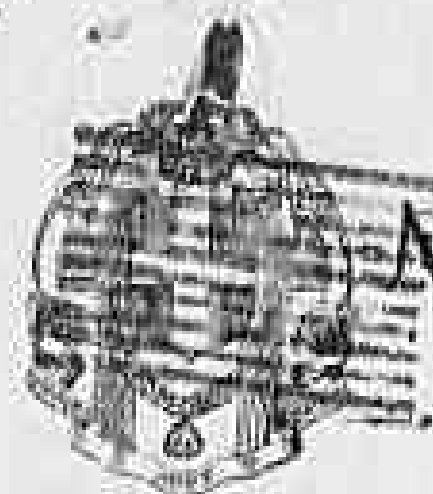
What is pointed out by the Director of Concentramento Postale 3400 with the a/m letter, leads us to think that postal delays occurring between Naples and Florence, are to be imputed only to B.R.O. No. 15 of Naples.

Therefore we are asking you to contact once more the proper Allied Authorities in order that the serious delays occurring to the mail conveyed to P.M. 179 be possibly ceased.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

sgd A. SANTI.

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

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Servizio IV Div I Sez I  
 Prot. N° 830015/405115-6 R.I.  
 Risposta al f. N° P.18-21-C.S.  
 del 10.1.45

Roma, 10 GEN. 1945

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ALL'ON.LE COMMISSIONE ARMATA  
 POSTE AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
 Via Veneto R O M A

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza con  
 le Forze Armate ita-  
 liane nelle zone a-  
 vanzate.

Con riferimento alla lettera sopra di-  
 stinta, si partecipa che le osservazioni fatte da co-  
 detta On.le Commissione sono state notificate allo  
 Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito - Ufficio Servizi -  
 Sezione Postale, con richiesta di informazioni al ri-  
 guardo.

Si fa quindi riserva di ulteriori comu-  
 nicazioni in proposito.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

(FARO)

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Sec 16-29

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Rung, Lwd 31 Jan

18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence with the Italian Forces in  
operational zone.

Ref. Your P.18.21/CS of 10 January, we inform you  
that the observations made by your Sub-Commission have been  
notified to the Army Head Quarters - Ufficio Servizi, Postal  
Section, and we have asked for informations concerning  
the matters.

We will send you further informations.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
PO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ec

In reply  
refer to : P.18.21/CS

10 January 1945

Subject : Correspondence with Italian Forces in advanced  
Zones.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. With reference to your 830015-830204 ORI of 8 Jan. the restrictions on the correspondence allowed to Italian troops in the advanced zones were laid down by Allied Army Headquarters and communicated to this Sub-Commission. We have received no notification of any agreed modification, and it is, therefore, desirable, before Post Offices are notified of any alteration in the weight limits, to verify that the Italian Army authorities concerned have obtained the necessary agreement of the Allied authorities to the proposed increase.

2. The object of the enquiries in the letters P.18.16 of 10 Dec. and P.18.19/CS was to ascertain every point of difference between the service to P.M.A. inside and outside the zone of operations. It was the intention to raise with Army Headquarters the question of the possibility of eliminating all such differences so as to avoid the necessity for notifying Post Offices and the public of the movements of Poste Militari as in your telegram of the 14th December.

3. According to information furnished by Censorship there are ten Poste Militari in the zone of operations in addition to the two mentioned in your telegram.

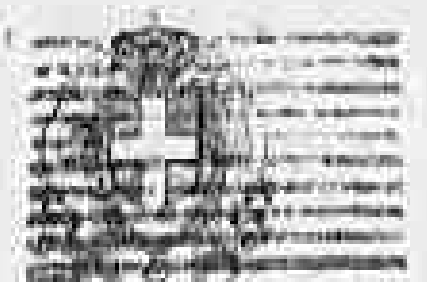
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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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

*Divisione* IV *Sez.* I *Sub.* I  
*Rel. N.* 830015-830016 *Reg. R.I.*

OGGETTO

Corrispondenza da e per le  
Forze Armate Italiane.

8 GEN 1945

ON.LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -  
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION  
Via Veneto ROMA

e p.c.  
STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZ. POSTALE  
P.M. 3800

UFFICIO SERVIZIO POSTA MILITARE  
RE S E D E  
ISPettorato GEN.LE MOV. POSTALE  
S E D E

Risp. al N.P.18.19-C.S.  
del 26.12.44

In riscontro alla nota sopra indi-  
cata si partecipa che, d'intesa con lo Stato Mag-  
giore del R. Esercito Italiano, è stato fissato  
in un chilogrammo il limite massimo di peso del-  
le lettere spedite o dirette a militari italiani  
presso uffici di Poste Militare, sia nella zona  
di operazioni che fuori.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT: Correspondence to and from Italian  
Military Personnel

Ref. your P.18.19/CS of 26 Dec 44

It is notified that, in agreement with the Stato  
Maggiore of the Italian Army, the maximum weight limit  
for letter posted by or addressed to Italian Military  
personnel with a P.I. address has been fixed at 1 kg.  
both within and without the operation area.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR P.F.TT.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply  
refer to : P.18.19/CS

26 December 1944

Subject : Italian Forces Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for State and Telecomms.

With reference to my P.18.16/CS and your 830 115 CRI  
of 23 December, will you please say what weight limits are now  
being observed for the letter post to P.M. within and without  
the zone of operations.

WJG

for L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Postal Arrangements -  
Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. I.C.  
 (M.I.I.)  
 F.C.E.  
 10/16

22 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your <sup>304945</sup> of 23 Nov/44  
 312-IV-1

1. The Communications Sub Comm. I.C., has informed this H.Q. that with effect from 18 Dec/44 the civilian postal services are to be extended to include the provinces of AREZZO, PISTOIA, AREZZO, SIENA and LIVORNO. The Southern parts of PISA-FLORENCE Provinces, which lie to the South of the river Arno and inclusive of the towns PISA and FLORENCE, will also be included in the new area where civilian postal services will operate.
2. Furthermore it is understood that as the Armies move Northward the civilian postal services will be extended to cover newly liberated areas as soon as possible, subject to the limitations of Security policy.
3. It is considered that these new arrangements cover the proposals made in your above quoted letter and that it is not necessary to put these proposals in to effect.
4. Will you please advise this H.Q. of your views in this matter.

Copy to:- H.Q. 15 Army Group.  
 M.I. (Main) Signal 2967 of  
 9 Dec refers.

Communications S/C - HQ-AG. Ref. 241  
 ltr 1437/12/G-51(D) of  
 23 Nov/44.  
 SPA/ab

F.J. Noval  
 F.J. Noval, Col,  
 for Major General;  
 M.I.I.

Italian Army  
file 4.18



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

Roma 23 DIC. 1944

On. Commissione Alleata  
Posts and T.C. Subcommis-  
sion

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Prov. 1830115.C.R. *Regio*

ROMA  
P.18.16/CS  
del 18/12

OGGETTO:  
Servizio Posta Militare italiana.

In relazione alla richiesta formula-  
ta col foglio sopra distinto, si parteci-  
pa a codesta On. Commissione che, in con-  
fronto con gli Uffici di Posta Militare  
dislocati in zona di operazioni, gli Of-  
fici analoghi che funzionano nel territo-  
rio del Regno, fuori di detta zona, ese-  
guono in più soltanto il servizio delle  
raccomandate.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO  
( Fano )

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T R A N S L A T I O N

SUBJECT: Italian Military Postal Service.

Ref. your P.15.16/CS of 18 dec. 1944, it is notified that the only service allowed with Military P.C.S. in the country outside the operation zone and not with the Military P.C.S. in operation zone, is the registration of correspondence.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR PP.IT.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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16A

In reply  
refer to : P.18.16/GS

18th December 1944

Subject: Italian Forces Mail

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

16B

I. With reference to your telegram 4/I of 14th December concerning the suspension of registered post for certain Poste Militari, will you please say whether any other postal facilities or privileges vary according to whether a P.M. is inside or outside the zone of operations.

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J.L. HENDERSON  
Colonel  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

## COMMUNICATIONS

Precedence: ..... ROUTINE

TO : ALPER MP AC POSTE AND TC SUBCOMMISSION ROMA

# ACTION

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Your AQ/16 of 29 November subject postal arrangements. Confirm you still wish your proposals considered in view of relaxation of restrictions granted in our 1401/12/GSI(B) of 23 ~~Nov~~ addressed Communications SC.

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**SUBJECT: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army**  
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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
AQ/16  
29 Nov 44  
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TO : A.A.I.  
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Copy to: Communications Sub Commission A.C.  
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1. Attached is a translation of a letter from the Ministry of War setting out certain proposals for establishing Postal facilities for Italian Army personnel in order that troops may correspond with their relatives in recently liberated territory.
2. For this purpose a special card would be used (specimen attached) and distribution, delivery and despatch would be carried out through Italian Army channels. Italian Army H.Q.'s in forward areas, working in conjunction with C.C. R.R. stations would be responsible for the delivery, collection and transmission of these cards. Transport facilities would be provided by the Italian Army.
3. It is requested that this H.Q. be informed of any security or other objections to the above proposals as it is considered that the use of these cards would raise the morale of troops whose families cannot at present communicate with them and might put a stop to the illicit forwarding of civilian mail through Army channels.

Copy to: I/113

for *F.V. Noan*  
Major General  
M.M.I.A.  
*CS*

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T R A N S L A T I O N

From Ministry of War

Ref 304945/2/CA  
312 - IV - 1

To MMIA

Date 23 Nov 1944

Subject: Correspondence for Military

As was already mentioned in a memo to Maj BAUMANN, the SMRE believes it advisable to organize a special postal service for Italian Military who have families in recently liberated areas, and in those areas which will be gradually liberated.

The high morale value of this service is evident; it would give the Italian Military a chance to correspond with their relatives, after long months of forced separation.

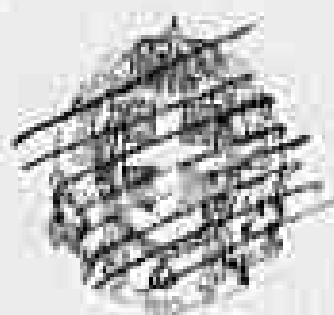
This service would be carried out through specialized detachments with the Italian divisions nearest the front-line (209, 210, 228 and 231 Divs) and with the C.C. R.R. Stations.

The correspondence, carried on through special post-cards with established text (encl. 1), would be forwarded (from the Divisional detachments to SMRE and vice versa) with transport furnished once in a while by SMRE or by the above Divisions.

I would appreciate it if MMIA would enable this form of welfare to be authorized, as it would certainly help to decrease AWOL cases and the arrival of unauthorized military in the zone of operations.

/s/G.OXILIA, General

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Roma, 28 NOV 1944 *Mod. 107*  
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*Ministero delle Comunicazioni*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Allied Commission  
Posts and Telecommuni-  
cations sub Commission  
ROMA

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

*Sezione Segreteria*  
*Let. N. 1451 IGM Allegati*

*Rispostato* N. 16/18.12.P.S.  
del 21 corrente

Oggetto Posta per le Forze Armate Italiane =

Si assicura di avere rinnovato le disposizioni già diramate il 5 ottobre rela-  
tivamente alle corrispondenze indirizzate  
P.M.900, senza indicazione del reparto milita-  
re, che debbono essere inoltrate agli uffici  
di concentramento della P.M. =

Per le modalità relative alla spedi-  
zione della corrispondenza del Fronte per il  
Paese, la Sezione Postale dello Stato Maggiore  
dell'Esercito Italiano ha dichiarato di es-  
sere già a conoscenza. =

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

*[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: MAIL FOR ITALIAN TROOPS

Nov. 28 1944

We assure you that we have reviewed the instructions already issued on Oct. 5 relative <sup>by</sup> to correspondence addressed to P.M. 900, without indication of the military unit, that must be forwarded to the concentration office of the Military Post.

For the regulations relative to the despatch of the correspondence from the front line to the Country, the Postal section of Main H.Q. of the Italian Army has notified that they have already been informed.

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
PO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply  
refer to : 16/18.12.P3.

21 November 1944

Subject : Italian Forces Mail.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. We are advised that Italian Officers and Soldiers with units of the 8th Army are not receiving their correspondence, and that this is apparently due to some misunderstanding or uncertainty regarding the correct procedure to be followed as between the Italian Civil and Military postal authorities.

2. It is stated that the present arrangements should be as follows:-

a. The Italian Officer or Soldier places his correspondence in one envelope with his return address shown only as PM 900. He then places this in another envelope with a slip showing the military address of the British formation or Unit in which he is serving and addresses the second envelope to the Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 C.M.F. The Censura Centrale Militare files this slip showing the Military address, and forwards the letters through Italian civil or military postal channels to its destination.

b. When a reply is sent, the only address that is shown when posted is the name of the person for whom intended, and PM 900.

c. When a letter is received by civil or military postal authorities addressed as above it should be forwarded to the Ufficio Concentramento (Italian Base P.O.) and by the Ufficio Concentramento to the Censura Centrale Militare who will place the correct military address on it and forward to the individual ~~party~~ concerned.

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21 Nov. Continued

3. Will you please arrange for the issue of such further instructions as may be necessary, and verify that provision is adequately made for the transfer of correspondence between the civil and military mail sections. We should be glad to have confirmation of this in due course.

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

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G-5 Section  
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G-5: 311.1

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Non-receipt of Personal Mail by Italians on  
duty with 8th Army Formations.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Information has reached this Section to the effect that Italian Officers and Soldiers on duty with 8th Army formations are not receiving their mail.

2. The fault has been traced to the fact that the Italian Military and Civil Postal authorities are either not complying with, or, are not familiar with the present instructions and procedure for handling such mail.

3. The following instructions are quoted for ready reference:

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HEADQUARTERS  
18 NOV 1944  
A. C.

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4. It is requested that necessary action be taken by you to insure that the Italian civil and military authorities are familiar with the above procedure and that it is complied with.

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

*T. B. Jackman*  
LT. COL.  
T. B. JACKMAN  
Lt. Colonel.

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TO: COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO CAPOLINEA MOVIMENTO POSTA FERROVIA CAGLIARI REGGIO  
 CALABRIA ET P C COMMISSIONE ALLEATA ROMA SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: .83/9  
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 REFERENCE No: \_\_\_\_\_ PRECEDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ISPOSTMCV 1/1 NR 900126 PUNTO EFFETTO SEDICI CORRENTE PROVVEDASI ATTUARE  
 DISPACCI DA CAPOLUOGHI DI PROVINCIA DELLA PUGLIA LUCANIA ET SICILIA PR CONCENTRAMENTO  
 POSTA MILITARE NAJOLI PUNTO CAPOLUOGHI DI PROVINCIA DEL LAZIO SARDEGNA UMBRIA  
 ABRUZZI VINGOLA DA MACERATA ET CROSSETO PER CONCENTRAMENTO P MILITARE ROMA PUNTO  
 DISPACCI STESSI DOVRANNO CONTENERE SOLTANTO CORRESPONDENZE DI POSTA MILITARE  
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10 November 1944

FROM : U.S. of State  
TO : Technical Section for Movements of  
Capitani - Reggio Calabria

Effective 16 Nov. Mails will be vouched from Provincial Capitals Puglia, Lucania and Sicily to P.M. concentration point at Naples, from Prov. Capitals of Lazio, Sardegna, Umbria, Abruzzi, from Macerata and Grosseto to P.M. concentration point to Rome. The despatches will include only P.M. correspondence, as was previously operated in connection to other P.M. offices, now closed down.

Please confirm.

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 391  
Tel. No. 489061 Ex. 444

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PS.16/18.10.

15 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Correspondence posted by Italian Troops in British and U.S. Army and Corps Areas.

TO: - Director Public Safety Sub-Commission  
(for attention Lt.Col. Wilcox)

Referring to your personal enquiry of today's date.

The following extract from HQ. A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon) C.M.F. letter 2020/3/22 of 3 April 44 clearly covers the conditions referred to. The six letters received from you have been forwarded to the Military Censor.

"1. (a) All private mail from Italian Officers and other ranks (including Carabinieri Reali) serving in British or U.S. Army or Corps areas, will be Unit censored in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command, and whenever possible, will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices operating in that area.

(b) When it is not possible to post private mail as specified in sub-para (a) above, it will be placed in a mail bag or sealed envelope addressed to "Censura Centrale Militare, Base Censor 7 C.M.F." and handed in to the nearest British or U.S. Army Post Office. Army Post Offices will not accept individual letters addressed to Italian civil or military addresses."

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

\* This letter is addressed to :- Fifth Army - Fifth Army (Br.Increment) - Rear Fifth Army - Main Fifth Army - 5 Corps - and is covered by "Regulations relating to Military Censorship of private correspondence of Italian military personnel allocated in operations area" issued by the Italian Supreme Command.

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TO :- Chief of Public Safety,  
~~A. M. G.~~  
Fifth Army.

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Carabinieri Mail for favour of delivery to relatives  
through Carabinieri channels.

AMG.  
II Corps.

P. Safety

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~~Communication~~  
~~Sub~~

~~Civil Censorship Group~~

These letters are from CARR  
Serving with Fifth Army II Corps.

If they wish to write to their families  
what ought to be the correct procedure,  
please

R. Wilcox Lt. Col  
Public Safety S/Comm

14th Sept 1944

**SECRET**Subject :- Postal Services - Italian Forward Troops.Communication  
AAI/1145/1/6/1(a). SCH.M.I.A. (Your Ac/16 of 12 Aug refers).  
Hq. A.A.I.Chief Base Censor. (For 7 Base Censor Group).  
C.M.F.

1. Restrictions imposed by this Hq on 11 June by signal No. 2,670 limiting correspondence from Italian troops in forward areas to friends and relatives in City of Rome to 1 card of 25 words per week are now withdrawn.

2. Normal correspondence, letters and cards, is now authorized and may be permitted between Italian forward troops and all areas where postal facilities are at present available, including Rome City and Province.

G.M.F.  
29 Aug 44.

*Molton*  
1st Colonel,  
C.S.I.(C),  
A.A.I.

Copy to :- A.C.S.  
" " :- "A" Branch (Your 9074/CA(o) of 27 Aug refers).

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

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PS. 16/18.3.

1 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Italian Merchant Navy mail.

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

1. On and from September 15th Italian Merchant Navy mail will be censored at NAPLES instead of Taranto. Will you please issue necessary instructions accordingly.

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

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Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission  
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP  
APO 394, U. S. Army

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31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Merchant Navy Mail.

TO : Lt. Col. S. H. Head, Chief Postal Officer,  
Allied Control Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference is made to your query in communication PS.16/18.7, dated 29 August 1944, and Lt. Col. Jackman's communication G-5 311.7-6, dated 27 August 1944, on letter subject.

2. Our Allied Censor Control Officer at Taranto will be notified that Italian Merchant Navy Mail will be censored at Naples on or about 15 September 1944.

3. The Allied Censor Control Officer in Naples will be prepared to censor such mail on the chosen date.

4. It is requested that the Chief Postal Officer notify the postal directors concerned so that Naples will be the focal point on or about 15 September 1944.

*Gordon W. McKean*  
GORDON W. McKEAN,  
Major, Cavalry,  
Civil Censorship Officer.

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29 August 1944

Major McKean -

This seems to be yours. Please let me know of any respect  
in which the Postal arrangements will be affected.  
I have kept 1 copy of the letter.

S. H. HEAD  
Lt. Col.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

TBJ/jjr

G-5: 311.7-6

27 August 1944

SUBJECT: Mail - Italian Merchant Navy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission  
APO 394

1. It has been requested by the Naval authorities that the censorship of Italian merchant naval mail should be transferred from Taranto to Naples. The reasons given are that the majority of Italian merchant craft either berth normally at Naples or the control of their sailing is handled from there.

2. It is understood that Civil Censorship Group of your Communication Sub-Commission are prepared to arrange for the necessary work to be carried out in Naples.

3. It is requested that you arrange for appropriate instructions to be issued by the Italian Merchant Navy and the Italian Postal authorities to bring about the above. Please ensure that translation of the appropriate instructions are sent here for information and give the date when the change over is to become effective.

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

  
T. B. JACKMAN  
Lt. Colonel

2 copies to:-

G-2(CC) (your CCB/1053 of 25 August refers.)



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## MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV - Div. I - Sez. I

Prot. N. 828657/CRI - Alleg.

Risposta al N. PS/16.18.4 del 9/8

Roma, li

23 AGO 1944

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze per Posta Militare Italiana.

URGENTE

Con la lettera sopra distinta codesta Sotto-Commissione chiede il parere di questa Direzione Generale in merito al trattamento da usare a circa 30.000 chilogrammi di corrispondenze dirette a P.M. e, ora, giacenti presso gli Uffici postali di Roma.

Come di accordo, nelle conversazioni intercorse, tali corrispondenze debbono essere restituite, quando è possibile, ai mittenti, dopo l'applicazione del bollo con la leggenda seguente: "AL MITTENTE, PERCHÉ IRRECAPITABILE PER EVENTI BELLICI" - bollo che sarà fornito a richiesta, dall'Ufficio Stralcio della Posta Militare.

Ove non fosse possibile la restituzione ai mittenti, le corrispondenze medesime saranno passate ai rifiuti.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

A.C.C.-Post and Telecomm. Sub-Commission  
ROMA

e per notizia  
Alla Direzione Prov. P.T. - ROMA  
All'Ufficio Postale di ROMA FERROVIA  
All'Ufficio Stralcio Posta Militare  
Via Vercelli 9 - ROMA

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ROMA

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All'Ufficio Stralcio Posta Militare  
Via Vercelli 9 - ROMA

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23.8.44

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From. Dr. FANO

To/ AGC. Communications and for information

To: ROME RLY SIN OFFICE

P.M. OFFICE

Ref. your letter PS. 16/18.4 dated 9.8.44. you asked for the opinion of this general direction in dealing with 30,000 kilos of correspondence addressed to P.M., actually on hand in Rome Post Office.

Accordingly to our conversation on the matter, the above correspondence must be sent back, every when possible to the sender, marked with the following sentence:

"TO THE SENDER - UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE OF WAR EVENTS" -

THE Stamp will be furnished, on request, by the P.M. Office.

When restitution to the senders is not possible, the mails will be destroyed.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR P.M.

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Do you know anything of the question which is stated to have been taken up with "H.Q. A.C.C."? Nothing received here.

Hothead.  
— Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS

17 AUG 1944

A. C. C.

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ROUTINE

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CITE PHGCT

REFERENCE LETTER G/406 OF 1 AUGUST FROM HQ SOM TO AAI COPY TO YOU.

AAI HAVE INFORMED THIS HQ THAT THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF A  
SIMPLE LETTER CARD TO ENABLE ITALIAN TROOPS OF THE GARIBOLDI DIVISION  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN ITALY HAS BEEN TAKEN UP WITH HQ  
ACC. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER BE REPRESENTED TO MARSHAL TITO  
FOR HIS AGREEMENT.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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PS.16/16.4.

9 August 1944

SUBJECT:- "P.M." mail-1.

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

1. I am advised that there is on hand in Rome approximately 30,000 kilos of "P.M." mail, which was posted a year or more ago and which has been allowed to accumulate. The "P.M." authorities have indicated that they are not in a position to re-direct and dispose of it.

2. At the moment, surplus postal personnel are engaged in sorting out the letters for the purpose of returning them to the senders sooner or later, but having regard to the amount of mail involved and the time which has elapsed since posting, I am somewhat doubtful of the expediency of such a course, and I should appreciate your views.

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

Copy to:- Postal Officer, Region IV

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General Staff of the R. Army

Offices of the Services - Postal Section

File No. 9/ -301

28th June, 1944

Subject: Soldiers' Mail to Foreign Countries.

..... Addresses omitted....

In order that the APO number on mail addressed to foreign countries may not serve to enable the enemy to reconstruct the order of battle of large units, the following provisions will have immediate effect:

- It is forbidden for those who send out mail to write their APO number.
- Instead, all mail indiscriminately will have P.M. 3400 on the envelope, besides the exact indication of the Command or Unit of the sender.
- The base office P.M. 3400 will forward to the parties concerned by means of the list of their locations, the mail coming from abroad, changing the APO P.M. 3400 to the actual APO number of the Command or Unit to which the addressee is attached.

The Postal Section of this General Staff has already informed all the Army Post Offices of the procedure by which mail is to be forwarded.

Will you kindly inform the Commands concerned of the above for its further communication down to Company Headquarters.

The Deputy Chief of Staff,

/s/ G.B. Oxillid 8

Col Head

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GENERAL STAFF OF R. ARMY  
OFFICE OF SERVICES - POSTAL SECTION

28th June, 1944

File No. 9/4348-502/Serv.

Subject : Postal Franchise.

... addresses omitted.....

Following the agreements reached between the Command of the Allied Armies, the Italian General Staff and the Ministry of Communications, we have sent out instructions that beginning on the 1st of July, 1944 the postal franchise granted to soldiers in the zone of operations for letters and post-cards is extended also to all ordinary correspondences.

Said correspondences must carry the seal of the Chief Base Censor so as to certify its origin.

Deputy Chief of Staff

/s/ G.B. Oxillia

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Subject:- Postal Services

Comms Sg. (Rear HQ)  
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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ. (MMIA)  
LEQUIL. (LECCE)  
AQ/16  
2 June 44

F.O.T.A.L.I.  
Area Combined Headquarters  
TARANTO.

Ref your T.A. 1142 dated 15 June 44.

1. A scheme for soldiers in forward areas to correspond with their families in ROME is already in operation. Plans are being formulated by HQ ACC to extend this to personnel in rear of the Army boundaries, but it has not yet become effective.
2. When this scheme comes into operation, it will presumably include Naval personnel in rear of the Army boundaries.

Jrp/JB

F.J. Noam  
for Major General  
Army Sub Com. A.C.C.

Copy to:- HQ ACC (ref para 2. Please inform FOTALI direct).

Discussed with Col. Hoakes.  
As Rome radio open to  
services, enclosures.

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For G S I. For reason of moral of Italian Army who have families in Rome and who are most anxious to hear from them, Italian General Staff requests that arrangements be made for letters from families addressed to Italian soldiers to be collected in Rome and forwarded to Allies for censorship and despatch by Italian Army Postal Service. Italian Army prepared to furnish personnel for collection of mail in Rome under Allied control and courier service to Allied censors. 1 way service only. Would also help to relieve Allies of burden of enquiries. Recommend approval.

DISTRIBUTION:

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 1 - Civil Cens "  
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