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= TUTTE DIRPOSTEL REGNO MENO TRIESTE GORIZIA POLA FIUME ZARA
MINISTERO AFRICA ITALIANA SERVIZI P E ROMA ALTO COMMISSARIATO
SICILIA PALERMO ALTO COMMISSARIATO SARDEGNA CAGLIARI STATO
MAGGIORE ESERCITO UFFICIO SERVIZI ROMA COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER A M G
VENEZIA GIULIA TRIESTE ==

= 4/1 PUNTO 683144 CRI PUNTO AWERTASI DIPENDENTI UFFICI CHE
CORRISPONDENZE PER MILITARI DEVONO PORTARE INDICAZIONE LOCALITA OVE
TROVANSI REPARTI CUI DESTINATARI APPARTENGONO ANZICHE QUELLA
UFFICI POSTA MILITARE ORMAI TUTTI SOPPRESSI PUNTO UFFICI NE
INFORMINO PUBBLICO MEDIANTE APPOSITO AWISO = P DRE GLE NOVI ==

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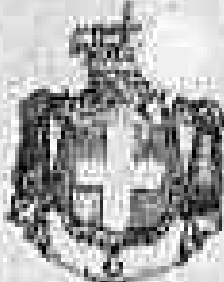
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Checked with Ministry
they are satisfied that this
telegram is considered
applicable to Italian Troops
only. 8-March-46

TR UNO ORE 852 7/3 MASIA == RCV OSD MARTINO=

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 Ministero delle Poste
 e delle Telecomunicazioni
 A.C. COMMUNICATIONS
 S. C.
 ROMA
 Bol. N. 901928 P.S. / 410475
 Allegato
 Oggetto: **CON FIRMA** *Reparto di* P. 18107/CS
 del 13/12
 Corrispondenze spedite da militari.

In relazione alla nota sopra distinta, si conferma che la circolare, una copia della quale è stata trasmessa a codesta On. Commissione con la lettera n. 829199.CRI/406354 in data 11 Dicem^{bre} corrente, e che è stata approvata dal Sig. Maggiore Green, sarà pubblicata in uno dei prossimi fascicoli del "Bollettino" di questo Ministero.=

Resta inteso che, dopo la soppressione degli Uffici della Posta Militare, nessuna lettera spedita da militari italiani potrà avere corso in esenzione di tassa.=

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE *[Signature]*
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.18.107/CS

13th December 1945

Subject: Postage Payable by Italian Troops.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 90192/PS and our P.18.104/CS dated 5th
December.

1. Land Forces Sub-Commission has stated that the privilege
of posting free correspondence at present enjoyed by certain Italian
troops will cease on 31st December 1945.

2. As from 1st January 1946 all correspondence by Italian troops
will be stamped in accordance with Civilian Postal Regulations and all
mail of the Italian Army forwarded through civilian postal channels.

3. Perhaps you will arrange to issue the necessary instructions.

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H.H. SCUDIER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Subject:- Italian Army Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q.241.

7 December 1945.

To: Communications Sub Commission A.C.

1. Reference your memo. P.18/104/CS of 5 Dec 45.
2. The privilege of posting free correspondence is now only enjoyed by the troops of the Italian Infantry Divisions. This concession will cease with effect from 31 Dec 45.
3. All correspondence by Italian troops is being stamped in accordance with Civilian Postal Regulations, (except as per paragraph 2 above) and all mail of the Italian Army is now forwarded through Civilian Postal Authorities.
4. It is suggested that the above arrangements, which already exist, be allowed to stand. Thus, on 1 Jan 46, all Italian troops will be employing the normal postal services without concessions.


Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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11 DICEMBRE 1945

Roma

*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

M. A.C.

Communications S.C.

ROMA

Servizio IV Dir. I Sez. I

Prot. N. 829199.C.R. I/406354

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Deposito al f. N. 1
CON FIRMA

OGGETTO **Corrispondenze spedite da Militari.**

In seguito ad accordi verbali con lo Stato Maggiore del R.Esercito (Ufficio Servizi), è stata predisposta da questo Ministero la circolare, di cui si unisce lo schema, e che dovrebbe essere pubblicata in un prossimo numero del Bollettino.

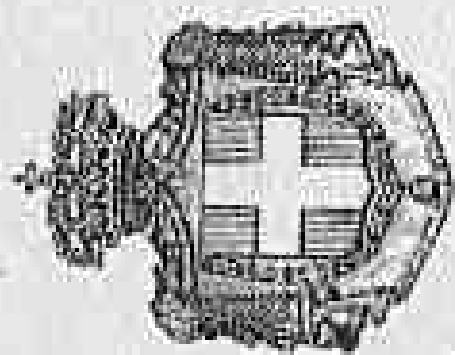
Si prega pertanto codesta On. Commissione di voler far conoscere se abbia nulla da eccepire al riguardo.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

*d'acordo
W. Stegeman*

[Signature]
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Date



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SERVIZIO IV DIV. I.

N. 829199/GR I/406354

Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni

CIRCOLARE DA PUBBLICARE NEL BOLLETTINO

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze non francate spedite da militari.--

Con riferimento al § 183 del Bollettino n. 9 p. II e 129 p. III del corrente anno, si avverte che la corrispondenze, spedite da militari, che recano il bollo quadro con dicitura "Esente da tassa", hanno titolo all'esenzione dalla franchigia soltanto nel caso che risultino impostate in un Ufficio di Posta Militare.--

Qualora pertanto sulle corrispondenze medesime ^{a data} il timbro della Posta Militare manchi, esse devono essere tassate come fossero spedite da privati.--

Roma, 11

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Note: confirmed by Comm Giulini that it is the intention to cease conversion on

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Roma, 11

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Note: Confirmed by Comm. Giuliani that it is the intention to ease concession on 31 Dec but above leaves the facility available if for some reason certain units have to discontinue of correspondence via PM after that date

M.E.H.C.

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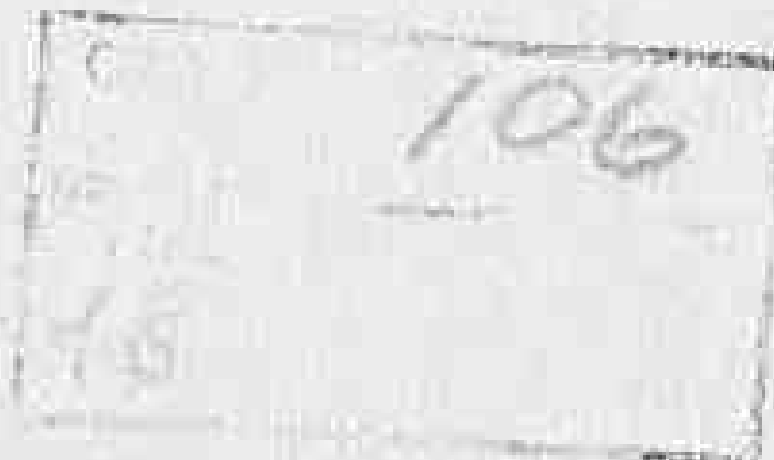
P.18.104/CS

Subject: Postage Payable by Italian Troops.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. To meet the exceptional circumstances of Italian troops serving in the "Zone of operations" a special arrangement was authorised in 1944 under which such troops were allowed free postage; the stamp of the Chief Base Censor being accepted by the Post Office as an indication that the sender was serving in an area in which he was entitled to enjoy this facility.

2. The Post Office has now raised the question whether such special facilities are still justified and to which areas they should apply. It is thought that in present circumstances no exceptional facilities are necessary as regards Italian troops serving in any particular locality but your observations are invited on this subject.



WHL 3186
H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

5th December 1945

Copy to:

Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.
(reference 90192/PS).

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn. 444.

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

Service IV
Post. N° 901938/PS
Allegato

A.C.
Communications S.C.
ROMA

Responsabile N°
del

OGGETTO: Zona di operazioni

§ 17
Con riferimento al Bollettino N.1 del
1944 e al § 183 del Bollettino 9 parte II del
1945, si prega la cortesia di cedere un. Col
missione di voler far conoscere se e quali
parti del territorio italiano abbiano ancora
la qualifica di "zona di operazioni" - e, in
caso negativo, con quale provvedimento della
qualifica sia stata revocata.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Telegramma Circolare.

Riferimento disposte paragrafo 17 Bollettino 1 parte II 1944 e 183 Bollettino 9 parte II 1945 pregasi rammentare dipendenti uffici che corrispondenze non francate comprese cartoline comunemente dette in franchigia spedite da militari prive timbre con dicitura "Chief Base Censor" devono essere tassate per doppia francatura dovuta anche se recano timbre rettangolare con dicitura "esente da tassa" aut altre timbre analoghe.

DIRETTORE GENERALE.

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Proposed telegram not sent pending
clarification of position re
"zone of operations".

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99 } Italian civil to US troops
98 } transferred to
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 47-169.03

1st October 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Postal Service.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA)

Reference G/16 of 27 September 45 forwarding HQ letter
15424/306 of 13 September 45.

The case has been fully discussed with the Regional Postal
Officer Venezia Region and it has been confirmed that, at the time
of issuing the instruction that all Italian Military letters from O
Offices in the Veneto Province should be forwarded to Padova; this
was the most satisfactory arrangement and no delay resulted from this
scheme.

Present conditions following on improved rail services and
more frequent despatches from Offices in the Province of Veneto
permits however of such correspondence now being forwarded to Bologna
direct and instructions will be issued amending the circulation with
immediate effect.

Clyde Maddock
apt
H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to Regional Postal Officer Venezia Region
(ref your R XII/Com/311/18 of 22 Aug)

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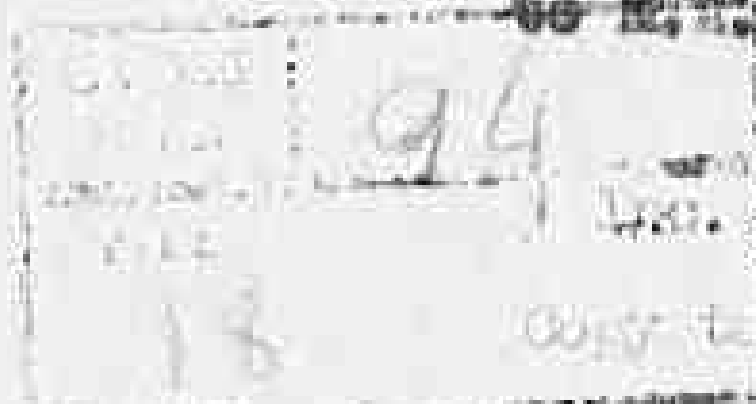
26th July 1945

Subject: Italian Military Postal Services.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

Reference the attached G-5 311.1 of 22nd July 1945.

1. No doubt you intend to report to A.F.H.Q. on this matter.
2. So far as civil postal communications from Rome northwards are concerned the present position is as follows: -
 - a) Service to Venetia, Emilia, Lombardia.
A postal van is attached to the Rome-Forli' military train on three days each week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays). The Alcom truck services onwards from railhead to Milan and Venice have not materialised and the services are being carried on with difficulty by unsatisfactory civil vehicles.
 - b) Service to Liguria and Piemonte.
By postal van on the thrice weekly (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) on the Rome-Leghorn-Florence civil passenger train. Service from Leghorn to Genoa is by means of an Alcom truck on alternate days.
3. Prospective Developments
 - a) There is reason to think that the military train Rome-Forli' will be extended to Bologna and that the postal van will be allowed to go through to Bologna.
 - b) The civil train Rome-Florence will be extended to Bologna next week.
 - c) Transportation Sub-Commission recently submitted to A.F.H.Q. proposals that civil mails should be permitted to be conveyed on the new military trains from the South to Milan but it is understood that this is not likely to be agreed to at present.
 - d) The question of increasing the capacity of the A.C. Air Courier services to Bologna, Treviso and Milan and Turin to enable a civil air mail service to be provided from Rome northwards has been raised with the Air Force Sub-Commission who have made favourable recommendations to A.F.H.Q.



Copy of G-5 311.1 of 22 July 1945

Copy to: G-5 : A.F.H.Q. (Ref. 311.1 of 22 July 1945)

WFL
H. H. SCHUBER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. O
Director.

Subject:- Italian Army Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

Q/16

24 July 1945.

D/Office

Chief Telecoms

Chief Postal

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Asst Chief Postal

Censorship

Chief Clerk

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. By now the road delivery service, inaugurated on the 15th July for the Italian Army Postal Services should be in full swing and a report is awaited as to whether this experiment has proved a success.

2. It is pointed out that the 15 lorries put at the disposal of this service have only been made available at the expense of the Special Tpt. Coy. on which heavy demands continue to be made. They will be withdrawn in the near future.

3. For this reason, it is again stressed that the delivery of Italian Army Mail must increasingly devolve on to the Italian Civil Postal Services. It is realised that in some cases, this is not yet practicable and it is therefore required that you give this matter urgent consideration. You should recommend a progressive reduction in the number of army vehicles utilised and indicate the dates on which those released can be made available.

R. A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.

for Major General.

M. M. T. A.

Copy to:- A.C. for Comm. Sub Commission.

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RAC/Com

Subject:- Italian Military Postal Service.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q/16

27 September, 1945. -----

To:- HQ, Allied Commission,
for Communication Sub Commission.

Attached copy of War Ministry's letter as requested.

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

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Date..... 28 SET. 1945

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From :Ministry of War
To :MMIA

Ref: (/15424/306
Date 13 September 45

Subject:- Italian Military Postal Service.

When the Military Postal Concentration of Bologna was formed, this S.M, ordered that (similarly to what was already operating in South-Central Italy and the islands) correspondence from civilians to Italian military personnel, and despatched from the provinces of Northern Italy, should be sent to the concentration in direct packages made up by the civilian post offices of each chief provincial town of Emilia - Piedmont - Liguria - Lombardy and Veneto.

It now comes about that, through recent instructions of the AMG of the Venice area, all the correspondence addressed to Italian Military personnel, despatched from the provinces of ~~Veneto~~ Veneto, must be sent to Padua before being forwarded to Bologna.

Since such a measure causes a notable delay in the arrival of correspondence, we beg MMIA kindly to review the matter, and should there be no objections, to authorise that the correspondence addressed to Italian military personnel and originating from the chief towns of the provinces of Veneto, should continue to be sent directly to the concentration of Bologna.

Under-Chief of S.M.

Sgd. Ercole Ronco.

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AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI
Direzione Provinciale di Rovigo
Ufficio I° Reparto Postale

Prot. n. 18490/4

Rovigo, li 29 Agosto 1945

Allegati n.1

OGGETTO: corrispondenza diretta al personale militare.-

ALLA DIREZIONE DELLA POSTA MILITARE

R O M A

Per opportuna conoscenza si trasmette
copia del foglio n. RXII/Com/3II/I8 del 22 cor-
rente mese, del Governo Militare Alleato -
Regione Venezia, relativo alle norme per l'invio
della corrispondenza diretta al personale mili-
tare.

IL DIRETTORE PROVINCIALE
(Dr. S. Campagneri)

p. c. c.

AL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE a;p.s.
(Magg. C. G. Pettaschi)

Capt. M. M.

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avant report from Roma

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DISTINTA DEI DISPACCI

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L'INCARICATO DELLA SOCIETÀ

L'ADDETTO DELLA P. M.

Consegnati alla Società

Spedizione N. del

del

19 Anno

- Anna -

DESCRIZIONE DEI DISPACCI AEREI

L'INCARICATO DELLA SOCIETÀ

L'ADDETTO DELLA P. M.

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Abstract

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:
 Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 181750B

Message Centre No: E/5617
 Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 182100B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DRE CIE MUSUMECI
 TO : RISPOSTEL PROVINCE GIURISDIZIONE GOVERNO ITALIANO CTA PG POST AND
 TC SC ROMA

IN CLEAR

4/1 disponesi affetto immediato ripristino servizio raccomandato
 Priafe da et per tutti milit ari serviti da uffici posta militare.
 Se ne informino indipendenti uffici.

ACTION

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4/1 Immediate effect private registered service from and to
 to all troops serviced by P.M. is re-established.
 Inform dependant offices.

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Date



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Postal Services.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Attached is copy for your records, of facilities offered by British Postal Services for the conveyance of Italian military mail.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
Ltr Q(Maint) to LFSC, AC,
subj. above, dtd 24 June 45.

C. J. Macnamara
C. J. MACNAMARA,
Major, P. C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Italian Military
Postal Services.

AFHQ/2410/Q(Main).
14 Jun 45.

TO :- Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C. 1945
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Reference your Q16 dated 31 May 45.

The following arrangements can be made by British Postal Services.

1. The British APS can accept priority (i.e. letter) mails at ROME or BOLOGNA for conveyance by road to forward PMs operating under British command or to PMs under independent command which can collect mails from a British A.P.O. Priority mails can also be accepted for conveyance in the reverse direction.
2. The quantity of mail carried will be governed by the transport available. This is limited and can be best determined by direct liaison between British and Italian APOs at ROME and BOLOGNA.
3. British Army Post Offices are at present located at ROME, AREZZO, FLORENCE, LEGHORN, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, PLACENZA, VERONA, BOLOGNA, FORLI, FERRARA, RIMINI, ANCONA, NESTRE and UDINE. All these places are connected by road services with ROME and BOLOGNA.
4. The British Army Postal Service can only accept bulk surface mails for conveyance to the North at NAPLES where they would be included in rail wagons consigned to appropriate District and Army railheads. The following alternatives are open to the Italian APS for disposal of bulk mails from ROME to the North :
 - (a) Back load to NAPLES under their own arrangements for transfer to British APS (this is the present practice)
 - (b) Direct 'bid' by MMIA for rail tonnage from ROME to appropriate railheads in North.
5. The U.S. Army Postal Service has already agreed to acceptance of closed mails from FM 3400 (NAPLES) and FM 3800 (ROME) for delivery through U.S. Army Postal channels to Hqs 127 and 179 in Army Area and FM 3400 and FM 3800.
6. The U.S. Army has no installation at BOLOGNA. There is no objection to the establishment of a centre at BOLOGNA but mails there will be accepted only by British APS.

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7. There are no objections to the proposal that Italian Army operate the mail delivery services given in para. 2 of your letter.

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U/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
H Q. Comm O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
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Chief Clerk	

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8. It is emphasised at this juncture that both British and U.S.A. Army Postal Services are liable to considerable reorganisation or curtailment at short notice. It is in the interests of the Italian Army Postal Services therefore that every effort is made by them to become independent or to work in conjunction with Italian Civil Postal Services at the earliest possible moment.

TPW/FCE.

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AG Postal.

Postal (Br).

T.P. Whitaker

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

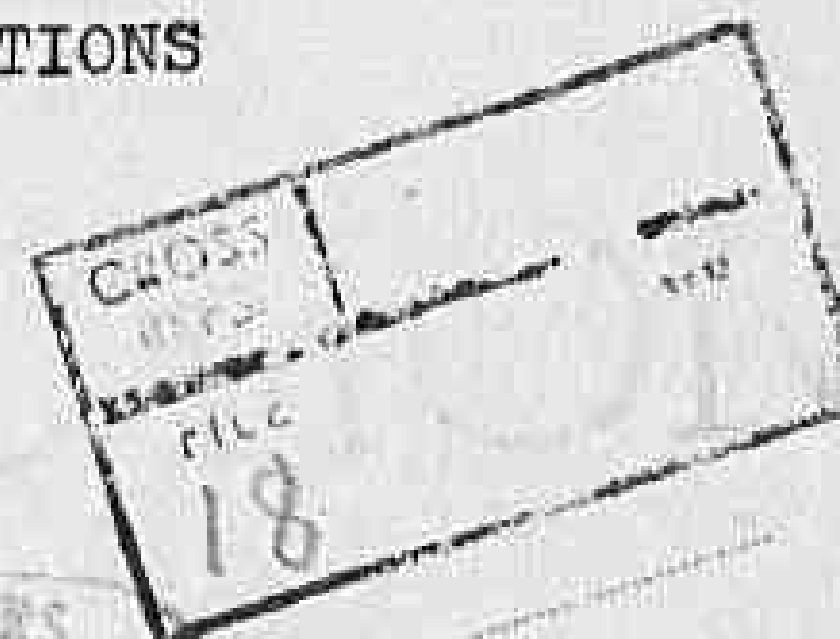
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 20 1935
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: MESSINATO : D VS ACC DA ROMA

IN CLEAR.

608 P 47 TE PREC ASSTUTTI UFF POSTALI A FIRMA DIRETTORE
PRVLE CANDELI PRECISATE SE DIRETTO PM 36 MESSINA NELL INTESA CKE
POSTAMILITARE MESSINA EST NRO 30 ET NON 36 RITENIAMO PM 36 SIA DIRETTO
ALTROVE DAL 035 20 5 14 45==

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

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Roma

*Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunications
Subcommission*

Via Veneto *ROMA*

Risposta di *A.P. 13.68/CS*

del 2/5/45

Oggetto: *avviamento dispacci P.M.*

L'Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Postale - dello Stato Maggiore del Regio Esercito, al quale fu data notizia di quanto forma oggetto della nota a cui si risponde, informa che procurerà gradualmente, mano a mano che si intensifichino le comunicazioni postali ferroviarie civili, di provvedere con detti mezzi all'incoltro dei dispacci contenenti corrispondenza di civili per truppe italiane, esonerando, in conseguenza, l'A.P.O. inglese dalla cortese prestazione.

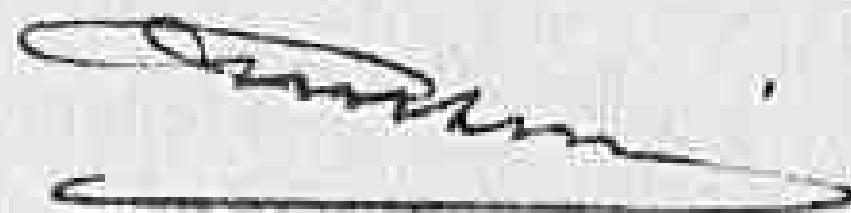
« tale uopo è già stato disposto che la corrispondenza diretta a militari, spedita dalle località delle provincie della Toscana e della Marche affluisca alla P.M. 3600; come pure alle

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stesso ufficio P.M.3300 viene data in transito la
corrispondenza proveniente dalle provincie di
Bari, Brindisi, Foggia e Taranto.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



CHIEF	
RECEIVED	
FILE	D. I. W. G.

Date _____

TRANSLATION

22th June 1945

Subject: Forwarding of P.M. despatches.

The Service Office, Postal Section, of the Army Hqs whom we notified concerning the subject of your P.18.68/CS, to which we are now answering, informs us that as soon as civil postal and railway communications will be intensified they will gradually provide with such means to forward the despatches containing correspondence from civilians to Italian Troops, exonerating consequently the British A.P.O. of their kind help.

On the purpose, it has already been arranged that Mails addressed to Troops, despatched from localities in Toscana and Marche be channelled to P.M. 3800; and to the same Office mails in arrival from Bari, Brindisi, Foggia and Taranto Provinces be handed over in transit.

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.18.37

7 June 1945

Subject: Postal facilities for Italian Troops

To : G 5 AFHQ

Reference your 311,1 of 4th June.

1. The information given does not represent the actual position which, so far as postal communications are concerned, is broadly as follows: -

2. In Liguria, Piedmonte and Lombardia a number of rail services are in operation and these, supplemented by short-distances road services, can be regarded as giving a reasonable service within this area.

3. In Venetia and Emilia Region, however, the position is very different and here there are practically no rail services while the utmost difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the motor transport necessary to provide even a skeleton service.

4. The main difficulty, however, lies in the provision of adequate links between North and South. From Rome northwards the service to railheads is by a postal van three times a week on the Rome-Leghorn train, while on the other side we have so far only been able to obtain a postal van once a week on the Rome-Ferli military train and an appeal to Transportation Sub-Commission to increase this frequency to at least three times a week has been taken up with AMV. Foreseeing the difficulty in providing "trunk" services from railhead onwards this sub-commission applied to 15 Army Group on 30th May for trucks to operate such main services Leghorn-Genova; Ferli-Venice; and Ferli-Milan calling at provincial capitals en route. This application was refused but 15 Army Group is agreeable to the services being operated if Alcon can provide the trucks. The Transportation Sub-Commission has agreed to do this on a very limited basis, i.e. one truck on each of the Leghorn-Genova and Ferli-Venice services and two trucks on the Ferli-Milan service. Actually, however, it has been possible to commence only the Leghorn-Genova service because the Alcon truck organisations on the other side are still under Army control. Temporary and unsatisfactory expedients are being adopted for the disposal of the mail from Ferli.

5. It will be seen from the foregoing that it will need a good deal more than a "slight reorganisation" to provide a reasonable service for civil mails. It should be borne in mind that in addition to the transportation of the increasing volume of civil mail between North and South there is also the problem of supplying Post Offices in the North with great quantities of postage stamps and other Carte Valori of non-Republican Fascist design.

6. In these circumstances it is considered that the special measure taken to afford Italian troops a better service than can be given through ordinary civil postal channels by conveying PM mails through military channels should be continued for the present. The other scheme to deliver field postcards from Italian troops to civilians through the Carabinieri etc. was intended to operate only in cases where the restoration of Italian civil postal had not been authorized. It therefore, automatically becomes inapplicable as regards correspondence addressed to all Italy except the provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Udine, Gorizia, Trieste, Fiume and Pola. The decision given in OPR 5410/17 of 30 May to the effect that the mail of Italian troops located south of the ^{line} VFO need not be censored if properly implemented by the Italian Army Post Office should prevent some of the delay to correspondence for civil addresses in the North and reduce the volume of mail in army channels.

7. Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMA) which concurs in the foregoing, submitted under No. 3/45 with May to (Asint) (6) proposals for improving the Italian Army Postal service by the establishment of a new concentration office at Bologna and of Italian Army Postal road services to serve the in Northern Provinces. If this is approved as a ^{primary} measure it will gain time for the civil postal service to develop and be in a position to absorb the army mail.

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H.H. SCHUBERT
Colonel, Ag. C.
Director.

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to communications sub-commission
ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Italian military
 Postal services

FILE No. P 18-86/CS

TO : Land Forces SC
 M M S A (Q)

6 - June 1945

(1) Please say whether you concur in
 or wish to amend attached draft reply
 to GS-311.1 of 4 June

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W. H. Green
 Major 8168

Suggested Amendments
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4 June 1945

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Italian Military Services

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. This Headquarters G-4(B) states that they understand the Civil Postal Services in the North require only slight re-organization to become practically normal. It is therefore suggested that if this be so the Civil Administration take over the handling of Italian military mail.

2. May we have your comments.

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

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[Signature]
C. J. MACNAMARA
Major, P.C.

*draft reply submitted
E M S A 6/6/44*

Date 6/6/45

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Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army.

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OCB/5110/137.

30 May 45.

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LEG/mm.

E.P. LOVEGROVE
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Communications Censorship.

Copy to:- Chief Base Censor, No.1 Base Censor Unit, CMF.

MEMO
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2 June 1945

From: Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
To : Civil Censorship Group
Land Forces Sub-Commission, M.M.I.A. (Q)
Postal Officers, Emilia, Liguria, Lombardia, Toscana & Venezia Regions.

For information.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

W. H. Scudder
major
for H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C
Deputy Director.

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Subject: - Italian Military Postal Services.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/16

31 May 45.

To: -

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(b) The present distribution of P.Ms. is as shown at Appendix 'A'.

(c) It is most desirable that in addition to Naples and Rome, a third distributing centre should be established at Bologna. Censorship difficulties no longer restrict development on these lines, but it is necessary to obtain Allied assistance in conveying mail to and from the distributing centres until such time as the proposal at 2(a) above can be put into effect.

3. May this H.Q. be informed:-

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(b) If there is any objection to the Italian Army operating the mail delivery service proposed at 2(c) above, when sufficient Italian transport can be made available.

P. J. Noakes
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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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AFHQ (for CI(Br) ref 4336/A4 25 May 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Correspondence addressed to
Italian troops.

TO :- Under Secretary of State for P.T.

25th inst. Reference your 474085 PM/MD of the

1. It is not understood why the Stato Maggiore has instructed you to concentrate all correspondence for Italian troops on P.M. 3800.

2. So long as the British and American Base Post Offices are at Naples, there seems to be every advantage on dealing with P.M. correspondence from the South at P.M. 3400.

3. Perhaps you will query the instructions contained in No.9/5807-301.

WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (Q),
British Army Postal Directorate - A.F.H.Q.

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Appendix 'A'

<u>P.M. No.</u>	<u>Present Location.</u>	<u>Unit Served.</u>
3400	Naples	205 Adm. Div. Base Post Office
3800	Rome	Base Post Office
16	Padova	228 Adm. Div.
30	Messina	SABAUDA Div.
64	Adria (Ferrara Chioggia)	CREMONA Gruppo
72	Palermo	AOSTA Div.
75	Cagliari	CALABRIA Div.
79	S. Giovanni Lupatolo (Bologna)	FRIULI Gruppo.
92	Cesano	RTD ICF
104	Rimini	MANTOVA Gruppo
112	Florence	230 Adm. Div.
114	Bolzano	Territorial HQ
126	Salerno	227 Adm. Div.
127	Leghorn	212 Adm. Div.
146	Villafranca di Verona	FOLGORE Gruppo
155	Milan	LEGNANO Gruppo
167	Lonato (Brescia)	231 Adm. Div.
179	Peschiera (Verona)	210 344 Div.
181	Naples	212 Adm. Div.
185	Cesena	209 Adm. Div.
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217	Udine	"
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