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POSTAL SERVICES, STAFF etc. IN: -

(TOSCANA) REGION VIII

JUNE 1944 - JAN. 1945

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(TOSCANA) REGION VIII (A)

JUNE 1944 - JAN. 1945

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. 87/1/27

17 January 1945

Subject: Inter Provincial Mail Services.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.

1. Ref. your P.16.273/CS a diagram of services in this Region is attached.

2. There is no restriction on the type of mail conveyed, i.e. all mail permitted is conveyed by these services.

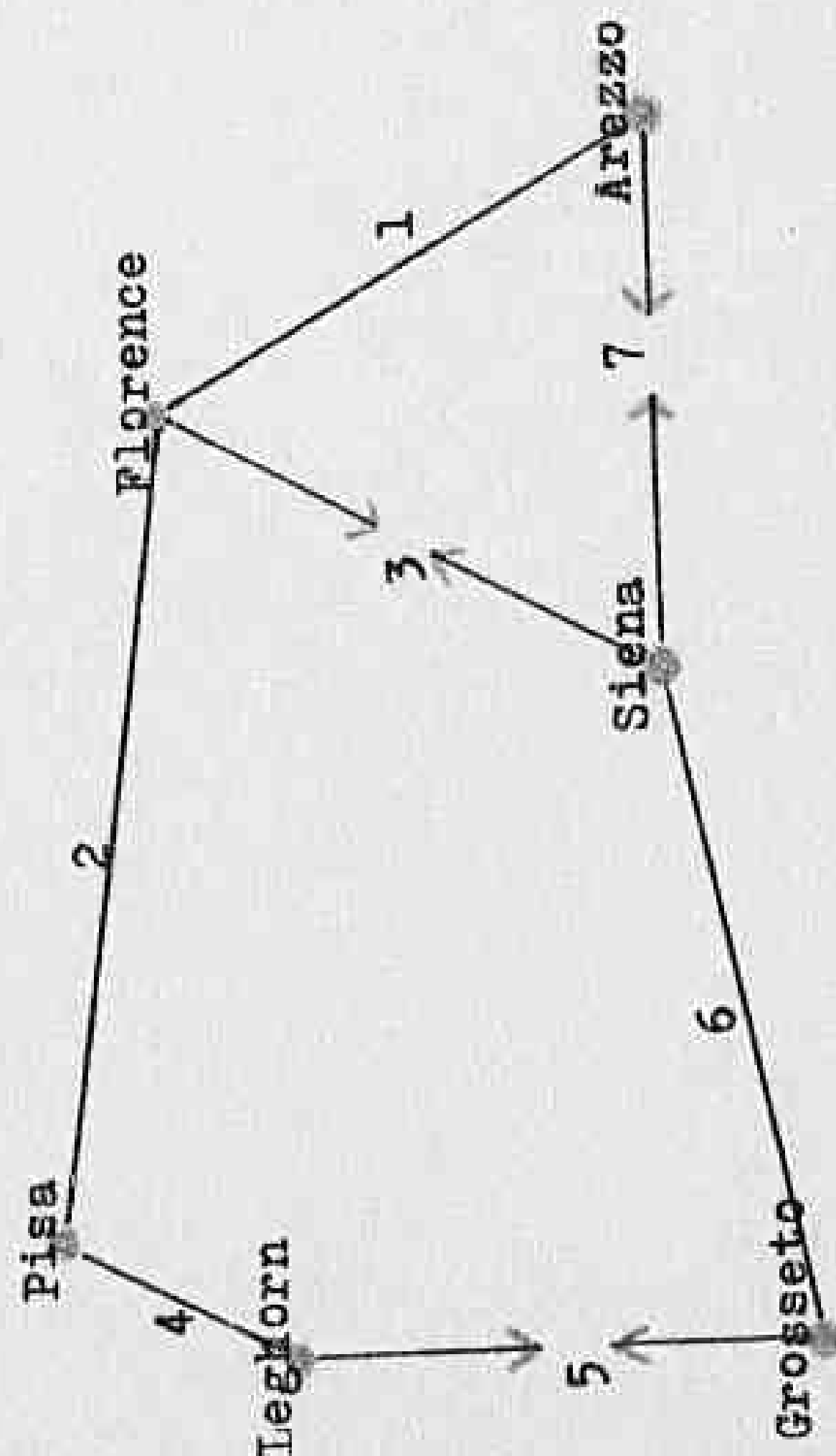
For the Regional Commissioner,

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
1/1 Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

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T U S C A N A R E G I O N

Inter-Provincial Postal Communications



D e t a i l s o f S e r v i c e s

1 = Florence - Arezzo	P.O. Contract Motor	Wednesday & Saturday
2 = Florence - Pisa (Connects with service 4 = Leghorn - Pisa)	P.O. Contract Motor	Tuesday & Friday
3 = Florence - Poggibonsi Siena - Poggibonsi (Mails exchanged at Poggibonsi)	P.O. Contract Motor	Monday & Thursday
4 = Leghorn - Pisa (Connects with service "2" at Pisa)	P.O. Contract Motor	Tuesday & Friday
5 = Leghorn - Venturina Grosseto - Venturina (Mails exchanged at Venturina)	P.O. Contract Motor	Monday & Thursday
6 = Grosseto - Siena	Public Bus service	Tues. Thurs. Sat.
7 = Arezzo - Monte S.Savino Siena - Monte S.Savino (Mail exchanged at Monte S.Savino)	P.O. Contract Motor	Tuesday & Friday

12 January 1945

Dear Col.

As requested, I am sending two notices - one in respect of Pisa and one in respect of Florence. All the notices were done at the same time; those in respect of Anagni, Livorno & Siena were the same as Pisa except for the name of the province and, in the case of Siena, the restriction to postcards was omitted. As Florence is not yet turned over to Regio, the heading & signature are different. The information regarding the registered service to Britain & the States was received after the type was set & the printing began. A separate instruction was sent out in regard to this service.

All the notices were in the hands of the provinces by the Dec. and appeared in the local press by the Dec. The same 14 Dec. commencement regarding Pisa is not therefore, understood. I was at Pisa on 22 Dec. & this service was O.K.

I am also sending a rough plan of

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with previous
of the road services in operation
for your information; each service
shown, whether direct or exchange,
operates twice a week.

Yours faithfully,
R. L. ...

INDIRIZZO

ALLEGATI N.

del

Risposta al N.

OGGETTO

N. di prot.

Amministrazione
delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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16 January 1945

Ref. 88/1/27.

Subject: Internal Mail Services.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. Your P.16.272/CS of 5 January arrived on the 15 January.

2. The necessary arrangements have been made for the restoration of the letter service. ^{Exhibit from} A copy of today's "Corriere del Mattino" is herewith together with a translation of the article re postal services. *The article suggests that only Castolini postals are permitted; the published notices however, clearly indicate postals or illustration postcards & the latter are in fact being taken in substantial numbers.*

For the Regional Commissioner,

R.S. Drummond
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Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

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Date _____ 7.27 ✓

received 21 Jan 1945

Ripristino del servizio di lettere private con l'Italia liberata

Viene abrogata la disposizione che limitava al solo cartoline l'invio dei messaggi privati nel territorio italiano con cui è stato ripristinato il servizio postale. A partire da oggi, possono essere impostate sia lettere che cartoline contenenti messaggi privati.

Con l'annuncio di oggi, che il servizio di lettere private è ristabilito tra Firenze e la zona postale autorizzata in Italia, viene ora ad essere ristabilita in pratica la normale estensione dei servizi postali dalla città di Firenze e dalla parte della Provincia di Firenze, che si trova a sud del fiume Arno, con quasi tutta l'Italia liberata.

Ecco, nei particolari, il funzionamento dei servizi:

Per il territorio italiano:

Cartoline postali; lettere fino a 210 gr.; corrispondenza raccomandata; corrispondenza espressa; corrispondenza assicurata, limitata alla corrispondenza ufficiale; avvisi di ricevimento; assegni; vaglia postali, conti correnti; buoni postali; Casse di Risparmio; riscossione di crediti.

Per l'Estero:

I seguenti servizi sono ristabiliti con tutte le Nazioni Alleate e neutrali non occupate dal nemico:

Cartoline postali — Lettere, fino a 40 grammi (nel caso di lettere di affari alla Gran Bretagna ed agli Stati Uniti d'America, è ammesso un limite di peso di 1 kg. ed è ammessa la raccomandazione).

Inoltre, possono essere impostate lettere e cartoline per i prigionieri di guerra italiani ovunque concentrati. E' stato anche istituito un servizio di messaggi della Croce Rossa Internazionale, che possono essere mandati a civili nei territori ancora occupati dal nemico; questo servizio può anche essere usato per mandare messaggi a personale militare italiano internato in Germania. I moduli dei messaggi sono in vendita agli Uffici Postali al prezzo di 15 lire.

Uno dei problemi essenziali per i servizi postali è quello dei trasporti, ed è particolarmente difficile risolverlo oggi. Ciò nonostante Firenze ha ora comunicazioni postali con Livorno, Pisa città e la metà meridionale della Provincia, Arezzo, Perugia, Ancona, tutto il territorio italiano al sud della Sicilia e la Sardegna.

Per l'estero. 16.1.45

501 Semestre L. 1301 Trimestre L. 70
ATE - PRIMO GRUPPO

QUOTID

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STATE - I TEDESCH
ME ORE DEI NAZI

corrispondenti di guerra sono unanimi nel dichiarare che l'offensiva sovietica non ha ancora spiegato tutte le sue possibilità, e che nuovi colpi sono imminenti. E' impressione generale che l'attacco russo nella Polonia meridionale costituisca, per ora, soltanto un episodio di quella che sarà prossimamente l'azione sovietica, quando anche in altri settori si passerà decisamente all'assalto delle forze tedesche. A Mosca non ci si nascondono le difficoltà che il prossimo sforzo costerà alla Russia.

In campo tedesco la situazione già critica, sta diventando disperata. Ci si trova ancora dinanzi all'assillante problema di conoscere se l'offensiva sia unica o se altre ne seguiranno o da quale lato.

Il fatto che l'attuale attacco sovietico in Polonia superi nei suoi favorevoli sviluppi, per i russi le più rosee previsioni, costituisce di per se solo un assillo per il nemico. I rinforzi inviati nel settore non sono valsi a fermare Koniev; come distogliere truppe da altri fronti se proprio anche su quelli può abbattersi l'esercito sovietico? Difficoltà di ogni genere si affacciano al comando tedesco e si rendono insolubili col progredire della guerra.

La battaglia di Budapest

Parallelamente all'azione di Koniev, il Maresciallo Malinovsky guida sempre più addentro nella Slovacchia le sue truppe. Esse, conquistato l'importante nodo ferroviario di Lencene, hanno avanzato anche oggi, liberando diverse località.

A Budapest la lotta volge alla fine. I combattimenti proseguono violentissimi. Oggi sor-

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The restriction which limited to postcards only private correspondence to Italian territory with which postal communications have been resumed, has now been cancelled. Commencing today, letters containing private messages, as well as postcards, may be posted.

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With today's announcement that the letter service, for private communications, is restored between Florence and the authorized postal area in Italy, practically the normal range of postal services is now available from Florence city and that part of the Province south of the river Arno. Details of the services are as follows:

W i t h t h e I t a l i a n T e r r i t o r y

Postcards

Letters - up to 210 grs in weight

Registered mail

Express mail

Insured mail - limited to official correspondence only.

Avvisi di ricevimento

Assegni

Postal Money Orders

Conti correnti

Postal Bonds

Saving banks

Riscossioni di crediti.

W i t h A b r o a d

The following services are available to all allied and neutral countries not occupied by the enemy:

Postcards

Letters - up to 40 grs in weight (in the case of business letters to Great Britain and the United States of America a weight limit of 1 kilogram is allowed and the registered mail is permitted).

In addition, letters and postcards for Italian prisoners of war in all countries may be posted. There is also an International Red Cross message service by which messages may be sent to civilians in territory still occupied by the enemy; this service may also be used for sending messages to Italian military personnel interned in Germany. The message-forms are on sale at Post Offices, price 15lir

One of the chief problems connected with postal services is transport and this is particularly so today. Nevertheless Florence now has postal communications with Livorno, Pisa City and Southern half of Pisa Province, Arezzo, ^{Parma} Ancona, all Italian territory to the south including Sicily and Sardinia and with abroad.

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In reply
refer to : P.27.78/03

20 January 1945

Subject : Provincial Directors Reports.

To : R.O., Toscana Region (for Postal Officer)

Ref. our PS.I6/22.65 of 25 Oct. 1944.

Will you please say what the position is regarding the
more forward Provinces in your Region. To date a report has
been received in respect of Livorno only.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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Date

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

18 January 1945

In reply
refer to : F.27.76/03.

Subject : Postal Transport in Livorno.
To : R.C. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).

I.

With reference to this morning's telephone conversation I enclose copies of correspondence from and to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs concerning the postal motor services in Leghorn Province.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

2 Inc.: Inc. 1 485240/AA of 15 Jan. from
Ministry and Translation.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
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18 January 1945

In reply
refer to : P.27.75/US.

Subject : Postal Transport at Livorno.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

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I. We note from your 485240/AA of 15 January 1945, that the Provincial Director has appealed to the Prefect and to the Regional Postal Officer concerning his transportation difficulties. This action is appropriate as the matter is one proper to be dealt with within the region concerned and in relation to the general transportation problems of that region.

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J.L. HENDERSON
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refer to : P.27.73/32.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
Ispett. Gen. le Mov. Postale

Divisione *Gen. II* *Sez. I*
Let. N. 485240/AA. Allegate

OGGETTO Trasporti Postali
a Livorno

Roma 15 GEN. 1941

Commissione Allente
Posts and Telecommunicat.
Sub Commission
ROMA

La Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Livorno riferisce di aver rivolto vive premure al Sig. Drummond, Captain Regional Postal Officer, ed a S.E. il Prefetto, riguardo le criticissime condizioni del servizio dei trasporti postali in quella Provincia dovute, principalmente, alle pessime condizioni in cui trovansi gli automezzi attualmente disponibili, ^{ed} delle difficoltà che si incontrano, pure facendo offerte vantaggiose, per ottenere, in loco, il noleggio dei mezzi di trasporto occorrenti.

Peraltro, pure riconoscendo che l'esito delle accennate premure ha conseguito qualche favorevole risultato, tuttavia la prefata Direzione significa che, ad assicurare il regolare svolgimento del servizio postale in Città ed in Provincia, occorrono urgentemente due camions in perfetta condizione di gomme e di motore, attrezzati e coperti.

In tal senso si rivolge viva preghiera a codesta On.le Commissione affinché voglia benignarsi di cortese interessamento al riguardo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

SEE 75.76

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Transportation.Subject: Postal Transport: Cairns Province - 74 B

The Prov. Direction PP. TT of Bephom notifies us to have pressed Capt Drummond, Rep. via P.O. Officer, as well as the Prefect, about the very ~~bad~~ ^{critical} conditions of postal transport services in that Province, due, mainly, to the bad conditions of the available vehicles, and to the difficulties which are met ^{there} to obtaining also ~~making~~ ^{making} favourable offers, the hiring of transportation means, also making favourable offers.

Recognising that, thanks to the interest taken by the above officer, some favourable result has been obtained, however the Direction says that, to ensure a regular operation of the postal ^{covered} service in the town & in the Province, two trucks in perfect conditions of tyres & engine.

We represent the above to your Commission
and perhaps you will be good enough
to take kind interest in ^{this} ~~our~~ matter.

The Lt. of. 1.

HEADQUARTERS,
TOSCANA REGION,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

Ref. 88/1/11

31 December, 1944.

Subject: Postal Officer's Monthly Report - December.
To : Communications sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. In accordance with instructions received, mail services with the authorised postal area in Italy and with abroad were resumed on the 18 December in the provinces of

SIENA

AREZZO

LIVORNO

PISA

FLORENCE

*Se since with other parts of Italy
restored to provide
arrangements and letters for business
communications.*

2.

Inter provincial road services have been arranged whereby each of the above provinces has communication with two other provinces. In the event of a breakdown of one outlet, all correspondence will be sent by the other.

3. Mail for Italian territory south of Tuscany and for abroad

is sent to Arezzo from Florence and Siena and to Livorno from Pisa

and is forwarded to Rome by train from Arezzo (twice weekly) and

Livorno (once weekly). It would be helpful if the use of the train

from Livorno twice weekly could be authorised.

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(via Montalto) mail service owing to transport failure. When Grosseto

was visited on 21/22 December, the service was again operating

satisfactorily. Instructions are still awaited regarding the use of

the train between Grosseto and Rome.

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distributed to the other provinces. The necessary accounting and

control was done in Florence and details have been forwarded to the

Ministry for information. The demand for the forms was heavy and all

were disposed of in a few days; further supplies have been asked for.

6. Civil Censorship stations have now been opened in Arezzo

and Pisa. There is thus a station in each province in which mail

services have been resumed.

7. In response to an application made some time ago, 296 pairs

of re-conditioned boots were received on 29 December from the Economic

and Supply sub Commission for sale to postmen and other outdoor grades

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For the Regional Commissioner,

A. Drummond R.S. DRUMMOND.

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For the Regional Commissioner,

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Captain.

Regional Postal Officer.

Copy to

Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.27.72/C3

18th December 1944

Subject: Civil mail of British Subjects.

To : Head of Chancery
British Embassy, Rome.

1. With reference to your memorandum I74/34/44 of 24 Nov. 1944 addressed to the P.M.C. Advanced A.F.H.C., I am glad to inform you that as from the 18th December, Italian Civil Postal services will be extended to operate as far north as the Provinces of Inconn, and Arezzo; in the cities of Florence and Pisa, and in those parts of Florence and Pisa Provinces which are north of the River Arno.
2. This extension of services will enable British subjects in the areas concerned to communicate with the U.K. through normal postal and censorship channels.
3. There are serious objections to exceptional arrangements being introduced to afford civilians of any nationality postal facilities in areas outside the limits approved from time to time for civil postal services.

For Chief Commissioner

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

Copy to Press officer, HQ Public Relations CMF
(ref 2/PRS/24 of 30 Nov 1944)

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SUBJECT:- Civil Mail of British Subjects

ADV HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT ADV 65

1401/12/GSI(b)

14 Dec 44

Communications Sub-Commission, ALCOM.
~~ALCOM~~

Reference P.15.302/CS of 11 December 44.

1. Herewith British Embassy, ROME letter 174/34/44 of 24.11.44 returned as requested.
2. The delay is regretted.

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George W. W. W.
Brigadier,
EGS(I).

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Date 17 DEC 1944

174/34/44

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Relations Officer,
Advanced Allied Force Headquarters,
ROME.

From: The British Embassy, ROME.

The Embassy understands that British subjects in areas near to the present front, including the town of Florence, are not yet able to write to the United Kingdom because of the lack of postal facilities.

2. In these circumstances the Embassy would be glad to learn whether some arrangement could be reached with the military authorities whereby the correspondence of the British subjects in the forward areas might be collected and despatched under the auspices of the military authorities to Rome for further delivery.

3. Major Marochetti of the British Red Cross, who is working on behalf of British subjects near the fighting line, would be prepared to examine any such correspondence in order to ensure that nothing objectionable to the military authorities would be contained therein. Such correspondence would of course be subject to further and regular censorship on leaving Italy through the normal postal channels in Rome.

24.11.44

Halpern
HEAD OF CHANCERY.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.320/CS.

11 December 1944

Subject : Civil Mail of British Subjects.

To : EGS (1) Adv. Hq. Allied Armies in Italy.

Reference your 1401/12/G31 (b) of 8 December 1944,
can the letter from the British Embassy enclosed with my
P.27.67/CS/of 2 December 1944 (or a copy) be returned
please?

WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT: Civil Mail of British Subjects

ADV HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Director

D Director

Chief, Telecoms

Chief, Postal

H. O. Coms. O.

Communications Sub-Commission, ALCOM.

Asst. Chief Postal

Cooperation ADAPS

Chief Clerk



Tel:- FILPOT ADV 79

1401/12/GSI(b)

8 Dec 44

Reference your P.2767.CS 2 Dec 44.

1. We are in full agreement with your comments on the British Embassy's proposals regarding the above subject.
2. We have consulted ADAPS at this HQ, and he is opposed to the use of APO facilities for British civilians living in ITALY.

W. J. Gibson. Lt-Col

f Brigadier
EGS(I)

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-GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO-

SERVIZIO POSTALE PER I CIVILI

Fino a che il normale servizio di corrispondenza ordinaria non sarà ripristinato, viene temporaneamente stabilito che CARTOLINE CON TESTO DI 25 PAROLE possono venire spedite dal Comune di Firenze per indirizzi in Sicilia e Sardegna e nelle seguenti altre Province d'Italia:

AQUILA	CAMPOBASSO	PROSINONE	PESCARA	SALERNO
AVELLINO	CATANZARO	LECCE	POTENZA	TARANTO
BARI	CHIETI	LITTORIA	REGGIO CAL.	TERAMO
BENEVENTO	COSENZA	MATERA	RIETI	
BRINDISI	FOGGIA	NAPOLI	ROMA	

Il servizio è regolato dalle seguenti norme:

- 1) Limitato alle sole cartoline.
- 2) Testo (escluso l'indirizzo), 25 parole.
- 3) Lingua da usare: Italiano o Inglese soltanto.
- 4) Argomenti ammessi: soltanto comunicazioni personali e private.
- 5) Tariffa: 30 cent.
- 6) Le cartoline dovranno recare il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente.
- 7) Tutte le cartoline sono soggette a censura.
- 8) Solo i normali francobolli Italiani possono essere usati. Potranno essere acquistati presso gli Uffici Postali del Comune. Le cartoline recanti francobolli repubblicani non saranno accettate.

Un analogo servizio viene istituito da tutto il territorio sopra indicato per il Comune di Firenze.

Thomas J. Michie, Ten. Col. A.C.
Ufficiale Superiore
del Governo Militare Alleato
per la Città di Firenze.

Firenze, 27 Settembre 1944.

per indirizzi in Sicilia e Sardegna e nelle seguenti altre Provincie d'Italia:

AQUILA	CAMPOBASSO	PROSINONE	PESCARA	SALERNO
AVELLINO	CATANZARO	LECCE	POTENZA	TARANTO
BARI	CHIETI	LITTORIA	REGGIO CAL.	TERAMO
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per la Città di Firenze.

Firenze, 27 Settembre 1944.

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Para 8:

Only normal Italian stamps may be used. They can be bought in the P. Office of the Commune. Postcards bearing stamps of the Republic shall not be accepted. The same service ^{is} ~~will be~~ instituted from territory above mentioned for Florence Commune.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.27.69/08

4 December 1944

Subject : Report from Leghorn.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Attached for your information is a copy of a report
from the Acting Provincial Director of Livorno. My
PS.16/22.66 of 25 Oct. 44 refers.

J.L.H.

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

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Date.....

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P. 27.68/CS.

20 January 1945

Subject : Mail Services - Islands.

To : R.C. Toscana Region (attn. Postal Officer).

A report is awaited in respect of our
P.27.68/CS of 3 December 1944.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Date.....

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.27.68/CS

3 December 1944

Subject : Mail Services - Islands.

To : R.C., Toscana Region (for Postal Officer)

1. Please take a suitable early opportunity to look into and report upon the question of mail services to the following Islands :-

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (i) Capraia and Gorgona | (Normally served from Leghorn) |
| (ii) Elba and Pianosa | (" " " Piombino (Leghorn)) |
| (iii) Giglio | (" " " Porto S. Stefano (Grosseto)) |

2. Elba was mentioned in the list of Provinces notified to you on November 29th as open for introduction of mail services. There is understood to be a periodical boat connection with the mainland. (You will already have had our PS.16/27.15 of 29 Aug. and PS.16/27.27 of 20 Sept. re. internal and P.O.W. mails)

3. Mail services with the other islands should be arranged if they can be reached.

By command of Commodore Stone

[Signature]

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489031 Ext: 400

2nd December, 1944

In reply
refer to: P.27.67.CS

Subject : Civil Mail of British Subjects.

To : Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy
Att: G.B.I.

1. The attached is forwarded for your consideration and decision.
2. The extension in the near future of the postal area to include Florence and Pisa and the area to the south of those cities would appear to meet this request sufficiently.
3. In any case as a matter of policy it is not recommended that any such special arrangements be authorised. Outgoing mail from areas not covered by civil postal services would have to be dealt with through the APO, and incoming mail would require to be delivered through military channels. It is not thought that this would be accepted to the APO's, and in fact it is understood that an earlier proposal of the same kind has been refused by them.
4. Corresponding arrangements would certainly be asked for American citizens, and probably for other Allied and neutral subjects.
5. The amateur censorship suggested is not recommended for acceptance.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Encl: Letter from British Embassy.

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H.Q. Public Relations
Central Mediterranean Force

30 November 1944

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Memorandum for :-

~~Mr~~ - Colonel Henderson
ALLIED COMMISSION

72c
The attached memo 174/34/44 dated 24 November 1944 from the
Head of Chancery, British Embassy, is passed to you for necessary
action.

For the DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:

J. P. Henderson

J. P. HENDERSON
Captain
Press Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. 88/4

30 Nov. 1944.

Subject: Livorno Report.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1) Two copies of a report from Livorno, together with one copy of the translation, are forwarded herewith.

2) The position in regard to transport within the Province and in regard to the offices on the islands has been taken up with the A.M.G. Officers concerned.

For the Regional Commissioner,

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

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

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Date 2 DEC 1944

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Subject: Posts and telegraph services in the City and Province of Livorno.

TO : Capt. Drummond, Regional Postal Officer - A.M.G. Florence.

(a) Posts and Telegraphs services which were carried on in the central building of via Cairoli (area now prohibited) are presently located part in villa Medina (Piazza della Vittoria) and part in the Istituto Salesiani (Viale Regina Elena).

(b) All departments are working more or less intensively except the Telegraph Office which develops, for the moment, only an Administrative activity.

(c) The receiving branch-offices, located in the various districts of the town, fulfill the authorized money services, almost all in temporary residences. Normal residences are in a closed area and have had serious damages and loss of postal and telegraphic material.

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4 (a) Only the following services are functioning by order of A.M.G. in the city of Livorno and in the receiving offices in the provincial mainland territory:

- a) Payment of pensions and military benefits.
- b) Issue and payment of service money orders and payment of ordinary money orders.

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- a) Payment of pensions and military benefits.
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- c) ~~Wd~~ Postal Conti Correnti service.
- d) Deposit and payment on postal savings books.
- e) Issue and payment of interest bearing bonds.
- f) Payment of interest-warrants of Public Debt.
- g) Collection of interests on registered certificates of the Public Debt.
- h) Mailing of prisoners of war correspondence.

5 (a) Activity of the Province offices requires vigilance and

control from the competent departments of this Direction. Periodic visits to the offices are necessary in order to supply them with money and to withdraw the cash accounts.

(b) This Direction has no means at its disposal because the vans used for postal transportations were destroyed by the air-rafts and damaged by the German.

(c) However we use the transport means kindly put at our disposal by Capt. Hebb of the Finance Office, A.M.G.

(d) Almost all personnel is actually present. A few employees are still missing because they live in the territory which has not yet been liberated.

(e) Even the Provincial Director, Dott. Salvatore Cappella, refugee in Massa Apuania, has not come back. The Regency of the Provincial Direction formerly given to the Railway Office Director, has been passed to the Vice - Provincial Director on the 9th of Oct.

(f) The personnel which is superfluous, as a consequence of the temporary suspension of Telegraphic and Correspondence services, has been temporarily assigned to efficient departments and specially to the second one (accounting office), where there is a great deal of work because it has been possible to collect the 5 months book-keeping of all the offices, and the offices can now send their book-keeping to the accounting offices.

(g) As regards the application of the defascistization rules of the State Administration (R. Dec. of Law 28/12/1943), this Administration in the impossibility of being in touch with the Superior Ministry, has notified to the R. Prefettura the names of those to be judged by the competent Commission because squadrista, march on Rome, gerarca, sciarpa littorio etc.

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(b) As regards the Post, the offices of correspondence, parcels, letters, railway office are ready to function if supplied with necessary means of transportation which would be of one van for the service of the town and outskirts, and two vans for the Province service.

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THE ACTING PROV. DIRECTOR
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Livorno, 15 Nov. 1944.

Seen by Lt. Miller

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H. Q. Coms. O.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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T.H.O./C
30 Nov. 1944.
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Ref. 801/1-2
Subject: Postal Officers' Monthly Report. November.
Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

Florence In agreement with 5 Army A.M.G. the following mail services have been commenced in Florence City:
(a) ordinary and registered letters containing official and commercial correspondence for addresses in the city;
(b) a letter service to enable Allied nationals residing in Florence to write abroad. Such letters are accepted only at the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Florence, are transferred to me and are sent forward to the Allied Censor Control Office, Rome.

There is nothing to report in respect of the other Provinces in this Region.

For the S.C.A.O.,

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region;
5 Army A.M.G.

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Item (b). Service is out of order.
Arranged with ~~him~~
Committee to stop item in Rome.
Await reply from AAA -

to 67. A

Regional Postal Director
Washington, D.C.

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Tucson
7 May 1964

HEADQUARTERS,
SCANA REGION,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

Ref. 88/6/1

24 November, 1944.

Subject: Extension of Mail Services.
To ; Communications sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. In view of the numerous applications received from the business community here for a letter service, 5 Army AMG was visited and the position discussed. A copy of the reply is attached for information.
2. A letter service, for ordinary and registered letters as being detailed in para. 3(a), is being introduced forthwith and instructions are awaited as regards the other services.
3. It would be undesirable to introduce a service in parts of the Florence and Pisa provinces without similar facilities being allowed in Arezzo, Siena and Livorno. These 3 provinces are under AMG control - hence they ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ 5 Army AMG letter - and perhaps the position in regard to them could be raised with A.A.I.
4. Although there are objections to restoring services in part of a province only, it is considered that, where that part of the province includes the capital town, it is preferable to proceed with the services rather than await authority for the whole province.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND, 1378
CAPTAIN.
Regional Postal Officer.

X Ref. - Since writing the foregoing, from PS 11/16.224/PS has been received in which you have already taken up the question with A.A.I. (P. 27)

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

22nd Nov. 1944.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Postal Officer, Florence City.

1) I have raised the question of extending Postal Services on the lines we discussed, with Major Blom of G-2 (CI) Fifth Army. He agreed to the starting of the services outlined below, but stated that he had discussed the matter with GSI(b) of A.A.I. who were very keen that they should issue the necessary orders. You are therefore not to start the services set out below until you receive instruction from your Sub-Commission who in turn will receive them from A.A.I.

2) On the other hand in order to get on with things in the meantime you should proceed forthwith with organising the physical apparatus necessary for working the services set out below, so that you can operate at once when the Sub-Commission issues its instructions.

3) The services referred to are as follows:

a. Public administration and commercial letters in the City of Florence - this can be started forthwith without waiting for orders from the Sub-Commission as outlined in paragraph 1.

b. private postcards and administration and commercial letters in Florence Province South of the Arno.

c. As for b. in Southern Pisa Province.

All the above are naturally liable to 100%

censorship.

4) The question of Siena Province was not discussed with Major Blom. This must therefore be taken up with GSI (b), A.A.I.

For the Commanding General:

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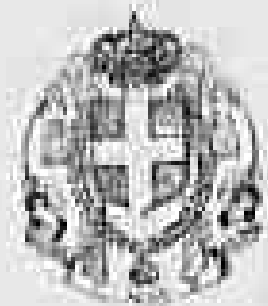
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Copy to:

P.C. Pisa.
P.C. Florence
SCAO Florence City.



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

Servizio Segreteria

Lettera N° 1376 IGM Allegati

OGGETTO Servizio speciale di cartoline
con Firenze. =

Comunicazioni *Mod. 107*
Roma 20/II.1944 *194 A*
63A
Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunica-
tion Roma

Registrazione N° PS/16/27.52
del 27.10.1944

L'Ufficio Censura ha fatto co-
noscere che dal 31 ottobre a tutto il 17 no-
vembre sono state spedite da Roma per Firenze
109 mila cartoline postali. =

L'ufficio stesso non ha rileva-
to le quantità in arrivo. =



IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(FANO)
1846

Transalation

The Censure Office has informed us that from the 31st October up to the 17th November 109 thousand post cards were sent from Rome to Florence.
The same office has not given any information as regard to those from Florence.

27.11.44

To: Capt. *[Signature]*
Regional Postal Officer

Secretary to
L. G. HAWKER
Maj. L. 1573
CC. Censor Officer **AMB**

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION VIII.

Ref. 88/1/12

1st November, 1944

Subject: Postal Officer's Monthly Report - October.
To : Communications sub Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. Grosseto Province. Civil mail services with southern Italy and with abroad were resumed on 16 October. Post Office financial services, (money order, savings bank, etc.,) were also extended to the area in Italy with which postal communication was resumed.
2. Siena Province. There is no change to report.
3. Arezzo Province. Financial services are operating. The central Post Office at Arezzo, repairs to which had been commenced, has been requisitioned for use as offices by an area command. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Post Office to continue to work in the temporary premises for a longer period than was anticipated. As a result of the screening of key officials; the Provincial Cashier, Signor RICCI and the Chief of the Letter Office, Signor MAGNANENSI, have been arrested.
4. Florence Province. The two way postcard service which commenced on 29 September has been satisfactory. The authority of 5 Army AMG has been obtained for a restricted mail service, confined to official correspondence, within the province of Florence. This service will be commenced in a few days.
5. Pistoia Province. Financial services are operating. The Pistoia postal administration is normally dependent on Florence and, in order to assist with reorganisation in Pistoia, an Inspector has been detached from Florence.
6. Pisa Province. Financial services are operating.
7. Livorno Province. Financial services are operating.
8. Lucca Province. Financial services have been commenced in the city and in part of the Province.
9. General. Several bags of Prisoner of War mail have been received and distributed. Posted prisoner of war mail has also been sent forward.

For the Regional Commissioner

R.S. DRUMMOND
Captain.

Regional Postal Officer.

Copy to

Regional Commissioner Toscana Region.
5 Army; A.M.G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

22 November 1944

In reply
refer to : 16/27.6I.PS.

Subject : Arezzo Province (organisation)
To : R.C. Toscana (attention Postal Officer)

1. Attached is a copy of ~~the~~ letter from the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms. with four enclosures (two addressed to Florence and two copies to Arezzo) requesting that certain steps be taken with regards to the control arrangements for Arezzo.- If you are in agreement with the proposed plan please have the enclosures delivered for attention.
By Command of Commodore Stone

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

Copy to : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.
(N° 276963/I.A.R. of 18 Nov.44 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

25 Oct. 1944.

Ref. 88/6/1.

Subject: Civil Mail Service.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C.C.

1) With reference to my report of 8 September under the above number, 3 more cases of unauthorised mail services from Florence to the South have come under notice and have been referred to F.S.S. In addition, it is understood that a number of civilians have been found to be carrying letters. Such instances are not confined to the Florence Province; they occur in most Provinces.

2) When a Province is liberated, there is a strong desire on the part of the business community and of civilians to communicate with other provinces already liberated; the fact that 20 and 30 lire per letter are being charged (and paid) for conveyance of letters, is an indication of the demand for the service.

3) At present, authorised mail services in a liberated province are not permitted until the Army Security line is clear of that province. This may be some considerable time after liberation and, during this time, the irregular traffic in letter carrying develops. The city of Siena, for example, was liberated on 3 July, but there are, as yet, no authorised means for civilians to communicate with each other or with their friends in Siena Province or in other Provinces, although the machinery for a postal service and the censorship of correspondence has existed for some time. It is without question that letters are being conveyed by civilians travelling to and from the Province of Siena, but no censorship is, of course, possible.

4) It is considered that the only way to stop - or at least to curtail considerably - these irregular mail services is the restoration, at an earlier date than at present, of an authorised mail service. In making this statement, the paramount needs of military security are not being overlooked; on the contrary, it is suggested that military security would be much better served by an authorised mail service which would provide for correspondence passing through allied censorship channels.

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For the Regional Commissioner,

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

*4. Recently
So successful
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South was
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was found
to be
carrying
200 letters.*

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1. Callers only at P.O.'s
2. Voucher Rdy to be given.
3. Business letters } in hand.
Private letters } in hand.
4. In P.O. only earlier.
5. Off. mail.

Pombino
20 bus mail - 16 Carlot

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : I6/27.59,PS

17 November 1944

Subject : Newspapers by Post.

To : R.G. Toscana Region (for Postal Officer)

1. It is noted from our "information" copy of AMG 5th Army's IO2/I of Nov. 11, that they do not object to the transmission of newspapers by post in Florence Commune.- The application from the publishers of the "Corriere del Mattino" received with your 88/I/24 of Nov. 8, is however being held here, as our PS.16/16.189 of Oct. 20th, which you quote, did not provide for the introduction of newspaper post prior to the general letter mail service being opened.

2. The provision of a postcard service between Florence and the South cannot be regarded as a precedent to justify special and exceptional newspaper post facilities in that City, in preference to others, and for an individual newspaper. It is felt in any case, that distribution within the Commune could be sufficiently provided for, in present circumstances, through newspaper vendors.- Furthermore it is undesirable that we should act exceptionally for publishers as a channel for transmitting letters of application to Rome, and it is probable that the Ministry concerned will want further particulars which they cannot obtain through channels available generally.

By Command of Commodore Stone

hxs
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Date 14 NOV 1944

HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5TH ARMY
A.P.O. 264 U.S. ARMY

Communications
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11th November 1944

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SUBJECT : Mailing of Newspapers.

TO : Postal Officer, AMG, Florence City.

Reference your BG/1/24 of 8 November 1944. the mailing of newspapers within the Commune of Florence is approved.

By Command of Brigadier General HURK:

Major, Scots Guards
D.R.B. MINORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
G-2 & 3,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

14 NOV 1944

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Copy to: Communications, Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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11 Nov 1944 A

Subject: Florence Postal Services.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

The attached newspaper article (and translation) are
submitted for information.

For the S.C.A.O.,

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

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Extract from Florence "Corriere del Mattino"
of 10 November.

The Gradual Restoration of the Postal Service.

The regular postal service was, as is known, curtailed during 1943 on account of the restrictions in train and bus services, and afterwards was completely stopped by bombings which cut the railways in several places. This very precarious situation was the beginning of the complete cessation of all postal activities in Florence itself. The complete cessation took place in the period preceeding the emergency when all the postal staff went away to escape the famous Nazi "round up". The Germans subsequently installed themselves in the Central Post Office and, before leaving the city, they mined it and damaged the telephone and telegraph equipment with iron bars.

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With regard to the telegraph service, for the time being it is not possible to resume operation because of the damage suffered by the equipment; however the staff is working for the complete re-establishment of the lines so that the citizens will be able to use the telegraph service as soon as the distance of the military front will allow it.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

GCLM/cc

13 November 1944

In reply
refer to : PS.16/27.56.

Subject : Resumption of postal services - Province of
Leghorn.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.
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1. Reference your letter S/55/559 of 7 Nov. 44.
2. Whilst the necessity for the earliest resumption of postal services in all liberated areas is fully recognised as extremely important, the conditions under which they are permitted are not within the direct control of this Commission.
3. As soon as the Army authorities move the boundaries northwards and the province of Leghorn comes within the area in which postal services can operate, the reintroduction of all such services will be attended to immediately.
4. It is pointed out that your correspondent has received incorrect information when quoting that postal services have recommenced in the Provinces of Siena, Perugia and Ancona.

Handwritten signature

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel 1707
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

55 A

Ref.88/1/24.

8 Nov.1944.

Subject: Newspapers.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1) A local newspaper "Corriere del Mattino" has made a request for authority to post copies of the newspaper to subscribers living in the commune of Florence i.e. the present postcard delivery area. The application is supported by the Press Officer, P.W.B., *Flommu*.

2) The newspaper is not yet on the approved list. An application for inclusion is attached hereto and can perhaps be delivered; and the necessary authority given for the service desired vide P.S. 16/16.189 of 20 October..

3) As only a postcard service is so far permitted in the Commune of Florence, the approval of 5 Army for the newspaper service has also been sought.

Director	
D. Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
Chief, O.	
Chief, Clerk	

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Postal Officer.

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Date 12/1/44

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

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B
8 Nov. 1944.

Ref. 88/1/24

Subject: Postal Service - Florence.
TO : S.C.A.O. 5 Army A.M.G.

1) At present a postcard service only is permitted within the commune of Florence.

2) An application has been received from a local newspaper "Corriere del Mattino" for permission to post copies of the newspaper to subscribers living in the commune of Florence i.e. in the area in which the postcard service operates. The application is supported by the Press Officer, P.W.B., Florence.

3) It is desired to know if there is any objection from the Army point of view to the application being allowed.

For the S.C.A.O.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Postal Officer.

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

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CORRIERE DEL MATTINO

Firenze, li 8 Novembre 1944
Via Ricasoli n. 8

L'AMMINISTRATORE

S/f.m.M

Sottosegretariato
per la Stampa e Informazioni
R O M A
Via Vittorio Veneto, 56

L'Amministrazione del "Corriere del Mattino"
quotidiano autorizzato dal Psychological Warfare
Branch (P.W.B.) chiede l'iscrizione del proprio
Giornale nella lista di quelli autorizzati alla
pubblicazione.

Domanda nel contempo la concessione all'inol-
tro del giornale ai propri abbonati a mezzo de-
gli Uffici Postali.

CORRIERE DEL MATTINO
L'Amministratore

1864

ENVA FLORENCE

PAESE DI FLORENZA
F. 1111. 11111111



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SECRETARIA

N° S/8.3/3596

Risposta al N. _____

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Roma 7 novembre 1944/94

Al T.C. S.H. H E A D
Commissione Alleata
Posts And Telecomms
Sub-Commission

R O M A

OGGETTO: Comunicazioni con la Capitale.

Riceviamo dalla Società del Larderello la lettera che uniamo in copia per quegli eventuali provvedimenti che codesta Commissione riterrà di prendere, per favorire, nei limiti del possibile, la zona a cui la lettera stessa si riferisce.

Cordiali saluti

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

All. 1.

[Signature]
SEE 56
1.03

C O P I A

Ecc/mo Sig. Direttore

La vittoriosa v' Armata Americana ha ormai raggiunto le vicinanze della Spezia, e sorpassato l'Arno di un centinaio di chilometri.

La Provincia di Livorno la quale, com'è adesso, a parte l'isola d'Elba, si estende soltanto sulla zona costiera a sud della città fino al golfo di Follonica, è rientrata nella vita normale, pur tuttavia la regione mineraria e metallurgica di Val di Cecina e di Piombino, sede di vitali interessi e fornita di mezzi potenti per la rinascita industriale, è ancora priva di comunicazioni con la Capitale. Per quale ragione a 150 Km. dal fronte attuale di guerra, non è possibile ancora spedire neppure una cartolina con sole 25 parole?

Le Province di Siena, di Perugia e di Ancona, sono state in questo assai più fortunate, e il servizio postale ha ripreso con assai maggiore sollecitudine dopo la liberazione. Quella di Livorno sembra invece dimenticata, sebbene vi siano anche là, moltissime persone ansiose della sorte dei propri congiunti, nonché affari commerciali importanti da trattare per corrispondenza.

Non potrebbe l'Amministrazione Postale farsi parte diligente e intercedere presso la competente Commissione Alleata per ottenere almeno lo scambio di semplici cartoline con 25 parole di scritto?

Si renderebbe benemerita della Civiltà, e interpreterebbe il pensiero e le vedute del Presidente Roosevelt.

F/to: Ing. Carlo Bini

S.A. Lurderello per lo sfruttamento delle forze endogene

1002

Subject: Communications with the
Capital :

We have received from the Societa del
Rarderele the letter of which we enclo-
se copy, for any proceedings that the
Commission will believe useful to carry
out, to favour, if possible, the area
which is referred to in the letter

The U/S. of State

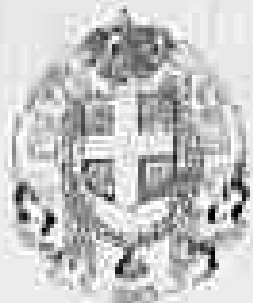
The victorious V ARMY has by now reached the
 surroundings of La Spezia, & has surpassed
 the River Arno for over 100 km.
 The Province of Leghore that extends itself
 apart from the Elbe Island, only to the
 coast south of the City up to the Gulf of
 Follonica, has now returned to normal
 life, although the mining & metallurgical
 region of Val di ~~Pesina~~ Cecina & Pisanino
 are still without any means of communi-
 cations with The Capital - This region
 is of vital interest & is supplied
 with potential means for the industrial
 revival. <sup>Why is it not possible yet to dispatch a postcard
 of only 25 words, now that the post line is 150 km away?</sup>
 The Provinces of Siena, Perugia, Arezzo, have
 been much more ^{quickly} fortunate, & the
 postal service has been resumed with
 after the liberation. Instead the Province of
 Leghore appears to have been forgotten,
 although also there, there are many people
 anxious to have news from their relatives,
^{important} & commercial business that has to be
 attended to by correspondence.
 Could not the Postal Admin. take an interest
 in the matter & intercede on our behalf
 by the Allied Commission to obtain at
 least an exchange of simple postcards

write 25 f words?

You would do a well deserving act
towards civilisation, & you would
interpret President's Roosevelt's thoughts
and views.

Mrs. Carlo Bini

S. A. Raderello -



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAMMI

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

Servizio Segreteria

Let. N. 1376 IGM Allegato

OGGETTO Servizio speciale di cartoline da e
per Firenze =

Roma
Rome 4/II/1944

Commissione Alleata
Post And Telecommunica-
tions Sub Commission
R o m a

Rapporto N. 1 PS/I6/27.52
del 27.10.1944

In data 9 settembre venne diramato
il Telegramma circolare di cui alla unita copia, in
seguito al quale il Gabinetto del Ministero delle
Comunicazioni provvide all'invio di apposito comuni-
cato alla stampa, che fu pubblicato nei quotidiani
della Capitale. =

Le Direzioni Provinciali furono in-
vitate ad avvertire il pubblico mediante avvisi da
esporre negli atrii degli uffici. =

Quanto ai dati statistici richiesti
con il foglio sopra indicato, si fa riserva di trasmet-
terli appena saranno comunicati dall'Ufficio Censura.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(FANO)

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- TELEGRAMMA CIRCOLARE NR 162180 DEL 9/9-41 -
GABINETTO S E IL MINISTRO COMUNICAZIONI ROMA -
A TUTTI I SERVIZI DELLA DIREZIONE GENERALE P T -
DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI P T SOTTO CONTROLLO GOVERNO ITALIANO -
CTA PC COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO POSTSAND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION ROMA

4/1 EFFETTO IMMEDIATO EST RIATTIVATO TRA TERRITORIO ITALIANO AMMESSO
SERVIZIO POSTALE ET CITTA DI FIRENZE VIRGOLA ESCLUSA PROVINCIA
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ESCLUSO INDIRIZZO RIGUARDANTI ESCLUSIVAMENTE COMUNICAZIONI DI
CARATTERE PERSONALE VIRGOLA FRANCAE CON AFFRANCATURA NORMALE ET
RECANTI NOME COGNOME ET INDIRIZZO MITTENTE PUNTO PREGASI AVVERTIRE
PUBBLICO CON APPOSITI AWISI ATRII UFFICI -

SOTTOSEG STATO FANO -

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ALLA DIV
DEL SERVIZIO IV

4-21-44

Translation

of 53

Subject: Special post-card service
from * To Maples Florence

On the 9th. of September a circular telegram was issued, as shown from enclosed copy, of which the Cabinet of the Ministry of Communications, sent ~~around~~ around notification to the Press, which appeared on the daily news-papers of the Capital.

The Provincial Directors were instructed to inform the public with notices to be shown in the entrance to the P. Office. As regards the statistic data requested with the above mentioned folio, it will be forwarded ¹³⁸ as soon as the data will be sent from the censorship office -

Circular Telegram to all
Provincial Directors and Italian Gov.
control.

9-9-43.

From forthwith the following service
is resumed between Italian Territory
already opened to Postal Services &
the City of Florence, Province not
included: -

Exchange of post-cards of 25 words -
address not included, regarding
exclusively personal communications
with normal rate of postage, and
bearing name, sur-name, & address
of the sender is reestablished.

Please inform public with notices
in the entrance to P. Office.

U.S. of State

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

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PS.16/27.52.

27 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Special postcard service to and from Florence.

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

Will you be good enough to inform me what arrangements were made to publicise the above noted service in Rome, and what approximate total amount of correspondence has been forwarded to and received from Florence to date.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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PS.16/27.51.

25 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Provincial Directors reports.

TO: - R.C. , Toscana Region (for Postal Officer)

PS.16/22.65
The accompanying instruction has been issued following upon the preparation of a letter by the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms. to the Provincial Director Leghorn calling attention to the fact that no report had been received from him. Please see that a report regarding Leghorn is prepared as now provided for.

By command of Commodore Stone

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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PS.16/27.50.

24 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Hired transport for mails.

TO: - R. G., Tosama Region (for Postal Officer)

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Ref. your PS8/6/8 of Oct. 3rd.

I. Attached is a copy of a report setting out the arrangements now operating in Lazio-Umbria Region. Please examine these, in relation to the point which you have raised, as a preliminary to discussing the matter on my pending visit.

By command of Commodore Stone

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J.L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

P311.122

18th October 1944,

SUBJECT : Postal Transportation Rates.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission,
ACC HQ, APO 394.

1. In reply to your letter of 16th October, file
No. PS16/27.47, subject above the following requested in-
formation is submitted.

2. The postal transportation rates are classi-
fied into three categories:

- a) Intra-urban service
- b) Intra provincial service
- c) Interprovincial service.

3. The present intra-urban rates, which exist
only in the city of Rome, are those approved by the Mi-
nistry of Communications and are as follows:

- a) 800 Lire per day for each truck furnished,
not to exceed 50 Km and 8 hrs per day.
- b) 10 Lire for each Km exceeding the agreed
50 Km.
- c) 40 Lire for each Km exceeding the agreed
8 hours.

4. The intraprovincial rates now existing are
from 13 to 15 Lire per Km, which rates were approved by
the Transportation Officer of the old Region IV and which
are still being applied and extended to new/opened pro-
vinces.

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A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

5. The interprovincial rates now in application are those in conformity with the Ministerial Decree of May 31st, 1944 and approved by ACC.

6. It is well to note here that the tariff rates contained in the above mentioned decree apply only to long hauls from one or two points to another and, therefore cannot be applied to either intra-urban or inter-provincial services.

7. This office is not aware of any tariff rates for these two other services or of any preferential rate for the transport of mails. It is also to be noted that all transportation used in this Region for the transport of the mails is entirely belonging to private firms and not controlled by any "Ufficio Trasporto". Likewise they are used exclusively for the transport of mails.

8. Attached, per your request is the letter of the Postal Officer, Toscana Region, regarding subject above.

For the Regional Commissioner.

G. Alasia
G. ALASIA
CAPT. AGD
POSTAL OFFICER

Encl.

1 Letter of Postal Officer:

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

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Ref.88/3.

16, October, 1944.

Subject: Postal Services, Grosseto Province.
TO : Communication Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.O.C.

1) Postal Services have been resumed today between Grosseto Province and the authorised postal area in Italy.

2) The services resumed are as follows:

Internal

Postcards
Letters
Reg'd Letters
Express Letters
Advice of Receipt
Cheque (Assegno)

} up to 210 grs.

Summ. Bank
Postal Money Order
Postal Bonds
Conti Correnti.- The issue of cheques in the Province of Grosseto will not be resumed at this stage.

Foreign

Civil and Prisoner Of War mail in accordance with existing regulations.

Mail Despatches

Despatches will be made up twice weekly for Rome Ferrovia, Rome Città, Naples Ferrovia, Naples Città. In agreement with Capt. Alasia, mail to and from Grosseto will be exchanged at Montalto.

Copy to: Postal Officer Southern Region;
" " Lazio " ;
" " Umbria-Marche " .

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

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Date.....

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Tel. No. 489081 Ext. 1444

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PS.16/27.47.

16 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Mails - Road transportation rates.

TO: - R. C. , Lazio-Umbria Region (For Postal Officer)

I. In relation to the accompanying report (Ref. 88/6/8) - which please return - from Postal Officer, Toscana Region, will you please say:-

(a) On what basis the rates for hired mail transport in Lazio-Umbria Region have been fixed.

(b) Are they in accordance with the Ministerial Decree quoted.

(c) Is any preferential rate given for mails

(d) Are there differing rates for mails carried with and without other load.

By command of Commodore Stone

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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PS.I6/ 27.46.

7 October 1944

Memo:-

Restoration of services in GROSSETO

Provinces. See PS.I6/I6.I67.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION VIII (TUSCANY)
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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3 Oct 1944

Ref. 89/6/8

Subject: Civil Mail Transport.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.G. ✓

1) In normal times, Italian civil mail is carried by trains and passenger buses. Postal motor-vans, usually under contract with S.I.T.A., were used for local collections and deliveries.

2) Very few of the postal vans are available, and, as no train or bus services are operating, it is becoming increasingly necessary to obtain other civil motor transport not only for local services but also for intra-provincial and inter-Provincial services.

3) Under existing arrangements, all civil loads carrying vehicles in a Province are formed into a transport pool under the auspices of A.M.G. Details of the scheme in the Florence Province are shown in the attached copy of a circular.

4) So far, no difficulty has been experienced in obtaining vehicles necessary for Post Office needs but the cost, at motor freight haulage rates, is likely to prove extremely high when compared with the preferential rates usually applicable to mail carrying.

5) The matter is submitted as it may be thought desirable to consult the Transportation Sub-Commission with a view to separate contracts and rates being authorized for vehicles used on Post Office services, whether or not these vehicles were formerly postal vans.



For the Regional Commission

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Director	
D/Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H. Q. Coms.	
Chief of Post	
R. S. Drummond	
Chief Clerk	
Captain	
Regional Postal Officer	
Recd 10-7-44	

CIRCULAR LETTER
TO THE HEADS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS, A.M.G.
Province of Florence.

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Subject: CIVILIAN TRANSPORT.

Sirs,

- 1) To assist in satisfying the transport requirement of the Province of Florence, there has been organized with the approval of A.M.G., Florence, civilian transport monopoly for this Province called the Ufficio Autotrasporti di Firenze.
- 2) By authority of Provincial Order No 3 no load carrying vehicle can lawfully operate in the Province of Florence unless they come under control of the Ufficio Autotrasporti di Firenze and carry their official work-tickets.
- 3) As the primary object in setting up this organisation was and is to take care of the supply needs of the Province of Florence, the first claim on the use of this transport will be the movement of civilian supplies.
- 4) This is a civilian business approved by A.M.G. and operating on a scale of charges fixed by the Ministry of Communications, Ministerial Decree May 31st 1944; and all transport hired must be paid for accordingly.
- 5) As a competent business concern the Ufficio Autotrasporti di Firenze endeavours to have full employment for the vehicles at all time and to that end allots all work 24 hours in advance. It is therefore necessary that all bids for the use of this transport be in the hands of the allotting official 24 hours before the commencement of the work required.
- 6) As the Ufficio Autotrasporti di Firenze is a civilian business concern it is necessary that all transport payment be assured. Therefore no bids will be accepted without the following statement, "Payment for this work is guaranteed by the consignor" signed by the party accepting responsibility for payment.
- 7) The cooperation of the heads of all departments is solicited as follows:
 - a) All bids to be submitted 24 hours in advance.
 - b) The party paying for the work be clearly indicated.
 - c) First priority to supply needs be recognised.
 - d) Responsibility for payment is indicated on all work tickets.

G.L. MAC LACHLAN CAPT;
TRANSPORT OFFICER
Province of Florence.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION VIII (TUSCANY)
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Communication
2462
OCT 21 1944

Subject: Postal Officer's Monthly Report. September.
TO : Communication Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C. ✓ *Ad*

Since 4 September I have been stationed in Florence. Most of my time has been spent there, but visits have also been paid to Livorno, Pisa and Pistoia.

Florence. The Post Office buildings are only slightly damaged. A considerable amount of pre-occupation mail is on hand, including approximately 2500 parcels. The parcels posted locally have been returned to senders; authority has been given for the accumulation of newspapers to be treated as waste; the remainder of the mail has been held for forwarding when postal services are resumed.

On 8 September a notice was observed in the window of the Italian Touring Company intimating that letters for Rome and elsewhere would be accepted there. This unauthorized service was stopped, letters on hand were taken into my custody and passed to the Civil Censorship Section and the matter was reported to F/S/S/.

On 14 September a postcard service, confined to the City of Florence, was commenced. A two way postcard service between Florence and the present authorized postal area in South Italy, was put into operation on 28th September. The new postal rates are being applied from 1st October.

Essential financial services (military allowances, pensions etc.) have been resumed in the City and most of the Province. The Provincial Director (Doctor Francois) is in Office.

Livorno. The central Post Office, badly damaged and temporary premises in reasonably good conditions are now being used. The Provincial Director (Cupossela) is not available, he is stated to be in the Province of Apuania. The Inspector (Penco) is acting as Provincial Director. The essential financial services ³⁴⁸ are operating. There is very little mail on hand and this is being held until postal services are resumed.

Pisa. The central Post Office is very badly damaged and the temporary premises into which the Post Office had moved have also been damaged. In addition, these temporary premises had been occupied ✓ *28*

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by 100s - German, Italian and Allied - and were in a state of considerable confusion. The work of cleaning up and organising the various Department has been put in hand but a lot of work has yet to be done. The temporary Sorting Office premises are intact and the small amount of mail on hand is being held. Financial services in the City had not been resumed at the time of my visit, but the Financial Officer was already in touch with the Provincial Director with a view to their resumption.

The Provincial Director (Pietro Loy) is not available; it is stated that he was transferred to the Verona Ministry in December last; since then the Inspector (Roselli) has been in charge.

Pistoia. The central Post Office had been damaged and temporary premises, some 5 kms. away, were being used. The central Office is unable to do the damage to the public office, sorting office, telegraph office and administration offices is principally windows blown out - and arrangements were made to have the office transferred back and re-constituted in the main premises. No services are at present operating but the Finance Officer is restoring financial services in the near future. The Provincial Director (Franceschini) is available and was on hand.

General. The screening of the key officials in all the provinces visited is in hand. During the month, several bags of mail from Italian prisoners of war abroad were sent forward from Rome. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of this correspondence in accordance with standing instructions.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND,
Regional Captain-Officer.

Copy to 4/10/44
Regional Commissioner.
5 Army A.M.G.

Director	_____
Deputy Director	_____
Chief Telephonist	_____
C. of Post	_____
A. Cent. O.	_____
Chief Postal	_____



ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

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Ref. 88/6/1.

26 Sept. 1944.

Subject: Postcard Service to and from Florence.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1) Reference your P.S. 17/27.39 of 23 Sept. when your letter of 4 Sept. P.S. 16/27.17 was received, on 9 Sept. a notice for the public was prepared and taken to the S.C.A.C. Florence City A.M.G. for approval. The S.C.A.C. telephoned Fifth Army A.M.G. for confirmation and was informed that the proposed service should not commence.

2) On 15 Sept. I contacted 5 Army A.M.G. (G2&3 Office) and was given verbal confirmation of the veto. Written confirmation was asked for and obtained; a copy of the correspondence is attached. It seems quite clear from the reply dated 18 Sept. that 5 Army then objected on security grounds.

3) Following your telegram of 23 Sept. to A.M.G. Florence, authority has now been given to proceed with the arrangements. The service is being notified to the public tomorrow and will operate as from 28 Sept. The first despatch will be made up on the 29th Sept.; thereafter daily, except Sundays. *for R. S.C.A.C.*

*W. Hammond
Capt
Postal Officer.* 529

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

Ref. 88/6/1

16 Sept. 1944.

Subject: Mail Services. Florence City.
TO : 5th Army A.M.G.

1) With reference to yesterday's conversation, it is understood that the proposed two way postcard service between Florence city and the authorised postal area in South Italy cannot be allowed so long as Florence City is under Army control. Will you please confirm?

2) A local postcard service confined to the City of Florence was instituted on the 14 September.

For the S.C.A.O.

R.S. Drummond
Captain
Regional Postal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
A. M.G. FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

18 September 1944

102/I.

Subject: Civilian Mail Service.

To: Regional Postal Officer, AMG Florence.

1. Reference your 88/6/I dated 16 September 1944.
2. The postal post-cards service in Florence City will be extended in due course when Fifth Army no longer have any objection on security grounds.

For the Commanding General

W. Doherty
Lt. Colonel
Chief of Public Safety
AMG Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION VIII (TUSCANY)
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Communications
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21 Sept. 1944.

Ref. 88/1/22

Subject: Increased Postal Rates.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

✓ 1) Ref. your P.S. 16/16.128, presumably sufficient copies of the schedule for distribution to the ⁹Provincial Directions in this Region will be forwarded in due course.

For the Regional Commissioner

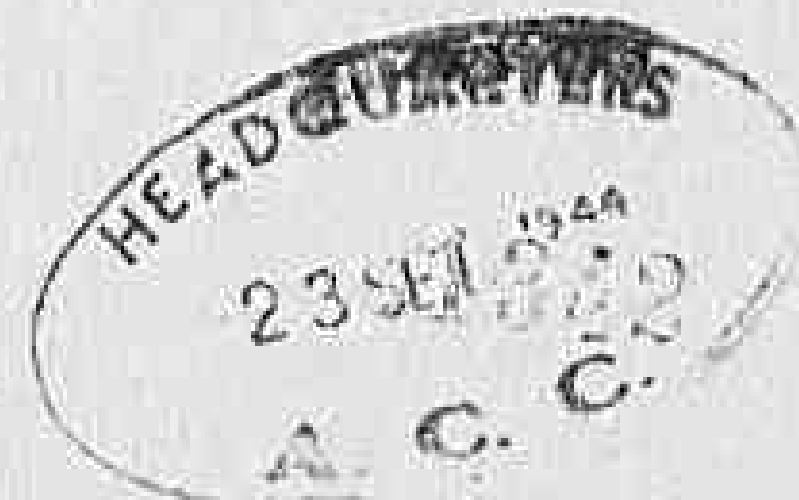
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Captain

Regional Postal Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

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18 Sept. 1944.

Ref. 88/671

Subject: Two way Postcard Service from Florence.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1) Reference my 88/6 of 9 September, as nothing further had transpired in regard to the proposed two-way postcard service, I contacted 5th Army A.M.G. on the 16th instant.

2) I was informed that the proposed service would not be allowed to operate so long as Florence City is under Army control.

For the S.C.A.O.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. Drummond
Captain
Postal Officer

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RESTRICTED WE ARE ADVISED BY HEADQUARTERS ABLE ABLE INK THAT FIFTH ARMY
SECURITY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO COMMENCEMENT CIVIL POSTCARD SERVICE TO AND
FROM ROME AND SOUTH PAREN TO AMG FLORENCE FROM ACC HQS FROM HEAD SIGNED
STONE PAREN IF YOU ALSO AGREE COMMENCEMENT PLEASE INSTRUCT CAPTAIN
DRUMMOND POSTAL OFFICER TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY

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

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23 September 1944

PG. 17/27.39.

SUBJECT:- Florence Postcard service.

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

1. In reply to our representations that Fifth Army had vetoed the commencement of the 25-word postcard service, A.A.I. have replied as follows:-

"1.- As far as we have been able to ascertain, it is AMG FLORENCE who has vetoed the commencement of the 25 word postcard service to and from FLORENCE, and it is believed that Brigadier LUSH, on his recent visit to that city, accepted the views of the local AMI authorities on this matter.

2.- The Fifth Army military security authorities are content to abide by the ruling given by this HQ that this special postcard service may be opened, subject to full censorship."

2. In accordance with the second sentence of this extract, AMI Florence were telegraphed today as follows:-

"We are advised by Headquarters AMI that Fifth Army security have no objection to commencement civil postcard service to and from Rome and South. If you also agree commencement please instruct Capt. Drummond Postal Officer to proceed with arrangements accordingly."

3. It is evident that there has been a misunderstanding somewhere, as the A.A.I. information is not in accordance with that furnished in your 85/6 of Sept. 9th. Will you please confirm and amplify the information given in para. 2 of that report; it is considered to ensure that there shall be a firm understanding all round for future cases.

✓ 13.9
S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

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

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PS.16/27.38.

22 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Censorship Group reports on Pisa and Lucca.

TO: - Capt. Drummond, Regional Postal Officer,
Civil Post Office, Florence.

The attached extract from Civil Censorship Group reports
are forwarded for your information.

C. L. Maddock
capt
for S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer

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Civil Censorship Group Report on activities in Pisa

10 September 1944

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3. On September 3, T/5 Rafti and myself returned to Pisa and entered the main Post Office in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. This building had been hard hit by both artillery and bombs and had not been used for several months prior to our occupation of the city. The offices of the provincial officials (postal and telegraph) as well as the rooms for handling the city mail were located in Piazza dei Cavalieri. This building was found to have been looted by both Germans and Italians; the safe had been blown open and all the contents removed, except for a few sheets of stamps which have been sent to Civil Censorship Group for return to the Postal Section of the Allied Control Commission.

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4. Sept. 4. Now that some civilians had returned to the city we were able to locate the Provincial Postal Director, Armando Rosselli. Through him, the building where the sorting and despatch of mail (other than Pisa city mail) were carried on was located. It was outside the city walls and contained about 20 sacks of mail scattered throughout the building.

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6. State of communications in Pisa (preliminary survey).

a) Postal

Main Post Office unfit for use.

Provincial offices occupied by U.S. garrison troops

Mail could be handled in present temporary sorting office.

Majority of employees within call, although living outside the city proper.

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b) The southern half of Pisa is unfit to live in; it had been very heavily bombed and shelled, and hardly a house has been left undamaged. The part of Pisa north of the Arno river has not been badly hit, and there are about 10,000 people in the city. Many more are waiting to enter the city as soon as they are allowed to do so.

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Copy sent to P.O.

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EXTRACTCivil Censorship Group Report on activities in Lucca.

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a) The city had been only slightly damaged, and there were over 40,000 civilians still in the city proper, with many more outside the city walls. Life was going on more or less normally, and most of the city administrative offices had not ceased to function. However, the postal service had ceased to operate about the middle of August because of the lack of transportation.

2. All the functions of the post office were carried on in the main post office, and the censorship station was also located in the building.

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7. Present state of communications in Lucca:

a) Postal
Main Post Office slightly damaged by three shells.
Provincial Director and employees on hand.

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Copy sent to P.D.

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20 September 1944

TO: - Postal Officer, Regina 27

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

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AAI HQ FOR GSI(b)

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ROUTINE

COMNS SUB.COMM

UNDERSTAND FIFTH ARMY STILL VETO FLORENCE POSTCARD SERVICE CMA
PAREN TO HQ AAI FOR GSI PAREN B PAREN FROM ACC FROM HEAD SIGNED
STONE PAREN WHICH WAS NOTIFIED TO PUBLIC AS AVAILABLE PD CAN
YOU ADVISE AS TO PROSPECTS OF STARTING QUERY

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

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RS.16/27.34.

19 September 1944

SUBJECT:-- Siena Post Office.

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

1. Ref. your S/3.0/2604 of Sept. 14th, 1944.

2. Inspector Borgognoni Mario has been provided with a pass to enable him to visit Siena as you request. In view of the uncertain personnel position there (as already discussed with you) it is desired that Sign. Borgognoni should report to the A.M.G. Provincial Commissioner's Office, with the accompanying letter, before he makes any contact with the Provincial Director's Office. Will you please instruct him accordingly.

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

TRADUZIONE --

1. Con riferimento va/ foglio No S/3.0/2604 del 14 corr.
2. L'ispettore Borgiotti e' stato fornito di un pass che lo autorizza a recarsi a Siena, come voi avevate richiesto. In vista della incerta posizione del personale in tale Direzione (che gia' ebbi occasione di discutere con voi) si ritiene opportuno che il Sign. Borgognoni si presenti al Commissario Provinciale del A.M.G. con la lettera allegata, prima di prendere alcun contatto con ~~la~~ la Direzione Provinciale. Vi prego pertanto di dargli istruzioni in tal senso.

See RS. 16/27.34 107

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 409081 Ex. 4/4

19 September 1944.

RS. 15/27.33.

SUBJECT: - Siena Post Office.

TO: - The Provincial Commissioner, Siena

1. The bearer of this letter, Inspector Bergiotti Mario, is an Inspector of the Italian Post Office Central Administration. He is visiting Siena, following upon representations made to this Sub-Commission by the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms., to the effect that numerous Post Office matters at Siena require examination.

2. The Region VIII Postal Officer, Capt. Drummond, reported some month or so ago, that the reliability of the Provincial Director at Siena, and of a number of his Section Heads, was open to strong doubt, and that a check was being made on their history. It is not known whether this situation has yet been cleared up one way or the other, but in view of the existence of it, it is thought well that Sign Bergiotti should report to you first - which he has been instructed to do - before making any contact with the local Post Office Officials. Authority for his visit was given by your office by telephone today.

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

Copy to: - Postal Officer, Region VIII

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION VIII.

20 August, 1944.

Col Head.

I have received from Ayre the inventory which I asked him to have prepared by Florence Post Office.

The position, in regard to stamps required to start a service, is as follows;

<u>Postage Stamps.</u>		<u>No. on hand exc. Republican.</u>	<u>Director's Estimate for 3 Months.</u>	<u>Suggested initial supplies.</u>
<u>Value.</u>				
68,000	15 cent.	68,000	1,500,000	500,000
380,000	25 "	380,000	3,000,000	500,000
490,000	30 "	490,000	3,000,000	500,000
289,000	50 "	289,000	5,000,000	1,000,000
69,000	1 Lira	69,000	5,000,000	500,000
<u>Postcards.</u>				
15 cent.		Nil	700,000	200,000
30 "		Nil	1,000,000	500,000

The other stamps which are in short supply are not essential at the outset. If the postage rates are changed before we start the letter service, the minimum postage for a letter will be, presumably, 1 Lira; in that event it would be as well to double the initial supply of 1 lira and halve the supply of 50 cent. *Supplies*

Yours;

A. J. Hammond

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ELENCO DELLE CARTE VARI GIACENTI NELLA CASSA DEPOSITO DELLE POSTE DI
FIRENZE A TUTTO IL 15 AGOSTO 1944 -

Francobolli per corrispondenza

	<u>Ordinari</u>	<u>Repubblicani</u>
Da 0.05	-	-
" 0.10	-	-
" 0.10 R.A.	3000	-
" 0.15	68000	-
" 0.20	-	-
" 0.25	380000	40.000
" 0.30	490000	400.000
" 0.35	-	-
" 0.50	289000	28.000
" 0.75	80000	-
" 1	69000	-
" 1.25	50000	-
" 1.75	-	-
" 2	290000	-
" 2.55	-	-
" 3.70	56000	-
" 5	-	-
" 10	-	-
" 20	-	-
" 25	-	-
" 50	-	-
" 1.25 Espresso	25000	-
" 2.50	600	-
" 0.25 Posta aerea	-	-
" 0.50	-	-
" 0.75	197000	-
" 0.80	-	-
" 1	365000	-
" 2	-	-
" 2	-	-
" 5	-	-
" 10	-	-
		1800

FRANCOBOLLI REPUBBLICANI (Basiliche):

Da 0.20	N. 105.000
" 0/25	" 190.000
" 0.30	" 26.000
" 0.75	" -

FRANCOBOLLI G.N.R.:

Da 0.30	N. 30.000
" 1 posta aerea	" 4.000
CARTONCINI MACCHINE AFFRANCATRICI N.º	400
BUONI RISPOSTA:	N.º +
Biglietti da 0.25	" -
" 0.50	" -

"	0.25	490000	-	400.000
"	0.30	-	-	-
"	0.35	-	-	-
"	0.50	289000	-	28.000
"	0.75	80000	-	-
"	1	69000	-	-
"	1.25	50000	-	-
"	1.75	-	-	-
"	2	290000	-	-
"	2.55	-	-	-
"	3.70	56000	-	-
"	5	-	-	-
"	10	-	-	-
"	20	-	-	-
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"	50	-	-	-
"	1.25 Espresso	25000	-	-
"	2.50 "	600	-	-
"	0.25 Posta aerea	-	-	-
"	"	-	-	-
"	0.50 "	-	-	-
"	0.75 "	197000	-	-
"	0.80 "	-	-	-
"	1 "	365000	-	-
"	2 "	-	-	-
"	2 " Espresso	-	-	-
"	5 "	-	-	-
"	10 "	-	-	-

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FRANCOBOLLI REPUBBLICANI (Basiliche):

Da	0.20	N.	105.000
"	0/25	"	190.000
"	0.30	"	26.000
"	0.75	"	-

FRANCOBOLLI G.N.R.:

Da	0.30	N.	30.000
"	1 posta aerea	"	4.000
CARTONCINI MACCHINE AFFRANCATRICI N°		N°	400
BUONI RIPOSTA:		N°	-
Biglietti da 0.25		"	-
" " 0.50		"	-

CARTOLINE:

Da	0.15	N°	-
da	0.30	"	-
"	0.50	"	3.086

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Segue Cartoline:

Da 0.75	N.	5.475
" 1.50 R.P.	"	3.143
" 0.60 P.A.	"	28.855
" 0.70 P.A.	"	34.920

Bollettini Pacchi Ordinari:

Da 0.40	N.	9.600
" 2.50	"	72.800
" 5	"	32.000
" 7.50	"	16.500
" 12.50	"	20.700
" 16	"	2.700
" 18	"	2.000

Francobolli Pacchi Ordinari:

Da 0.05	N.	-
" 0.10	"	12.600
" 0.25	"	12.700
" 0.30	"	3.300
" 0.50	"	27.000
" 0.60	"	-
" 1	"	16.800
" 2	"	16.900
" 3	"	27.000
" 4	"	11.000
" 10	"	6.000
" 20	"	900

Segna tasse ordinari:

Da 0.05	N.	-
" 0.10	"	-
" 0.20	"	7.000
" 0/25	"	72.000
" 0.30	"	8.000
" 0.40	"	27.000
" 0.50	"	88.000
" 0.60	"	-
" 1	"	72.000
" 2	"	-
" 5	"	-
" 10	"	-
" 20	"	-

Moduli vaglia (I)

N. 17.000 (Coll'effige del Re Annullata)

DEPOSITO CARTE VALORI
Il Direttore
(Fº: illeggibile)

FRANCOBOLLI ORDINALI (PRESUNTO FABBISOGNO TRI ESTRALE)

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" 0.15
" 0.20
" 0.25
" 0.30
" 0.35
" 0.50
" 0.75
" 1
" 1.25
" 1.75
" 2
" 2.55
" 3.70
" 5
" 10
" 20
" 25
" 50
" 1.25 E
" 2.50 E

POSTA AEREA da 0.25
" 0.50
" 0.75
" 0.80
" 1
" 2
" 2 E
" 5
" 10

CARTONCINI MACCHINE AFFRANCATRICI N° 300
BUONI RISPOSTA " 300
BIGLIETTI DA 0.25 " 150.000
" 0.50 " 80.000
" 0.15 " 700.000
" 0.30 " 1000.000
" 0.50 " 1.000
" 0.75 " 2.000
" 1.50 -
FRANCOBOLLI PACCHI Da 0.05
" 0.10 " 4.000
" 0.25 " 10.000
" 0.30 " 20.000
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" 0.60 " 60.000
" 1 " 5.000
" 2 " 50.000
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" 0.30	" 10.000		
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" 0.75	" 5.000.000		
" 1	" 300.000		
" 1.25	" 300.000		
" 1.75	" 100.000		
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" 2.55	" 5.000		
" 3.70	" 10.000		
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" 10	" 2.000		
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" 2.50 E	" 1.000		
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" "	" 10.000		
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" "	" 3.000		
" "	" 2.000		
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" BUONI RIPOSTA	" 300		
" BIGLIETTI DA 0.25	" 150.000		
" " 0.50	" 80.000		
" CARTOLINE DA 0.15	" 700.000		
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" " 0.60	" 5.000		
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Segue Francobolli Pacchi:
da 3 N. 30.000
" 4 " 10.000
" 10 " 1.000
" 20 " 500

SEGNATASSE:
da 0.05 N. 15.000
" 0.10 " 30.000
" 0.20 " 15.000
" 0.25 " 60.000
" 0.30 " 15.000
" 0.40 " 8.000
" 0/50 " 100.000
" 0/60 " 6.000
" 1 " 50.000
" 2 " 1.000
" 5 " 1.000
" 10 " 1.000
" 20 " 1.000

MOD. I (Vaglia) N.100.000
(Per i bollettini Pacchi il quantitativo giacente è sufficiente per il fabbisogno di 3 mesi)

DEPOSITO CARTE VALORI
(Il Direttore)
Fº : illeggibile

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAMMI = DIREZIONE DI FIRENZE =

Rimaneza moduli per il servizio dei vaglia, dei risparmi, dei conti correnti, dei buoni postali fruttiferi, per servizi diversi e delle tessere di riconoscimento al
15 AGOSTO 1944

=Moduli per vaglia:

	Nº	
Vaglia Ordinari	17.000	
Fascicoli rimborso vaglia servizio	15	
Registri di accettazione di vaglia ordinari interni a tassa	2.376	
Vaglia di servizio	633	
Telegrammi vaglia per l'interno	148	
Vaglia internazionali	53	
Vaglia telegrafici internazionali in partenza	14	
Vaglia telegrafici in arrivo	271	
Ricevute per vaglia presentati per il pagamento con distinta	15	

=Tessere di riconoscimento:

Quantità	100	
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=Moduli per servizio dei risparmi:

Giudiziari	47	
Beneficenza	120	
Su conti propri	89	
Su conti propri al portatore	41	
Su conti di altri uffici	151	
Su conti di altri uffici (al portatore)	86	
Partecipazioni di operazioni dislocate	23	
Rimborsi senza libretto	17	
Ricevute (libretti nominativi)	29	
Ricevute (libretti al portatore)	20	
Conferme di credito (libretti nominativi)	8	
Conferme di credito (libretti al portatore)	14	

=Buoni postali fruttiferi:

Libretti nominativi	21.700	
Libretti al portatore	1.300	
Libretti giudiziari Firenze	3.240	
Libretti giudiziari Pistoia	1.110	

=Conti Correnti:

Bollette	1.560	
Moduli per servizi diversi	104	
Modelli 267	30	
" 99		
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DEPOSITO CARTE VALORI
Il Direttore
(Fº illeggibile)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
CITY OF FLORENCE.

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Ref 88/6

8 September, 1944.

Subject: Irregular Mail Service.
To: F.S.S. FLORENCE.

1. Confirming today's telephone message, in the window of the Compagnia Italiana Turismo, via Cerretani, 59, a notice was observed which stated that letters would be accepted there for Rome and elsewhere.

2. On enquiring as to the authority for the arrangement and how the mail was being disposed of, it was ascertained that no authority existed and that the correspondence was being conveyed by Italian military transport to the company's main office in Rome for transfer to the Italian Post Office there. The employee spoken to and who supplied this information is named Victor GUIDI.

3. Instructions were issued that the arrangement must cease forthwith and letters which were on hand, 4 in number, were taken into my custody. These have been passed to the Civil Censorship Officer for examination and retention until authorised mail services are resumed.

For the S.C.A.O.

R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain.
Postal Officer.

Copy to

S.C.A.O. Florence City A.M.G.
Civil Censorship Officer (with 4 letters).
→ Communications sub Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

SEE 28.16/16.132

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Communication

Provincial Directors of Posts Aquila, Chieti, Pescara,

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Teramo.

A.M.G. Region V

Opening of mail service to Florence city

517/6

11 Sept. 1944

To:

From:

Subject:

Ref:

Date:

1) You will advise the civil population in your Province office
give immediately mail service to the city of Florence only in
regions within the following limits.

- (a) restricted only.
- (b) Text(exclusive of addresses) twenty five words only.
- (c) Language Italian or English only.
- (d) Subject personal or private communications only.
- e) All mail for Florence will be routed via Rome.

Copy to Communications Dept. Florence

FOR THE DIRECTOR, REGION V
[Signature]
and as. Gov.
Postal Office

THA 111101

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2) Avvisare la popolazione civ. la della vostra Provincia
che il servizio postale immediatamente effettivo per la città
di Firenze soltanto è ristretto nei seguenti limiti:

- (a) Circolari politiche
- (b) Telex(escluso l'indirizzo) e i pareri politici
- (c) Emissioni l'uso della posta aerea in Italia o inglese.

1) You will advise the civil population in your Province office
five immediately mail service to the city of Florence only in
response within the following limits.

- (a) Response only.
- (b) Text (exclusive of address) twenty five words only.
- (c) Language Italian or English only.
- (d) Subject personnel or private communications only.

2) All mail for Florence will be routed via Rome.

FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

[Signature]
A. J. M. M.

and Lt. Col.

Postal Officer

ITALY

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- Avvisare la popolazione civ. le della vostra Provincia
che il servizio postale immediatamente effettivo per la città
di Firenze solo è riservato nel seguente limiti:
- (a) Destinatari soltanto
 - (b) Testo (esclusa l'indirizzo): a) parola soltanto
 - (c) E compreso l'uso della sola lingua italiana o inglese.
 - (d) Il personale militare solo esclusi i militari e privati.
- 2) Tutto lo posto per Firenze sarà inoltrato via Roma.

PER IL SERVIZIO POSTALE

A. J. M. M.

and Lt. Col.

Ufficio Postale

HEADQUARTERS

12-21-54

A. C. C.

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PS/16/27.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
City of Florence.

Ref. 88/6.

9 September, 1944.

Subject: Civil Postcard Service to and from Florence City.
To: Communications sub Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. Your ref. PSL6/27.17 of 4 September, containing HQ A.A.I. agreement for a two way postcard for civilians between Florence City and the present authorised postal area in Italy was received today.

2. Telephonic instructions have been received from 5 Army through the S.C.A.O. Florence City A.M.G., that the proposed service cannot be allowed to operate for the time being and that only a local service (confined to the City of Florence) should be instituted. This local service will be instituted in the course of a few days .

For the S.C.A.O.

R.S. Drummond
R.S.DRUMMOND,
Captain.
Postal Officer.

Copy to
S.C.A.O. Florence City
5 Army.

See 39.

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See PSL 16/16.132

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TELEGRAMMA

N. 34 di recapito - Rimesso al fattorino alle ore
Nullo e 19 al fattorino per recapito. Il latore rimette una
ricevuta data quando è incaricato di una ricezione.

Commissione alleata post and
telecommunications subcommission

Via Veneto

Roma

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TV/2 per Bari Napoli Palermo Cagliari .==+

Ota Dirpostel controllate governo italiano per norma postmov Roma Bari
Napoli Palermo Cagliari - poste ferrovia Roma - commissione alleata post
and telecommunications subcommission Roma =====
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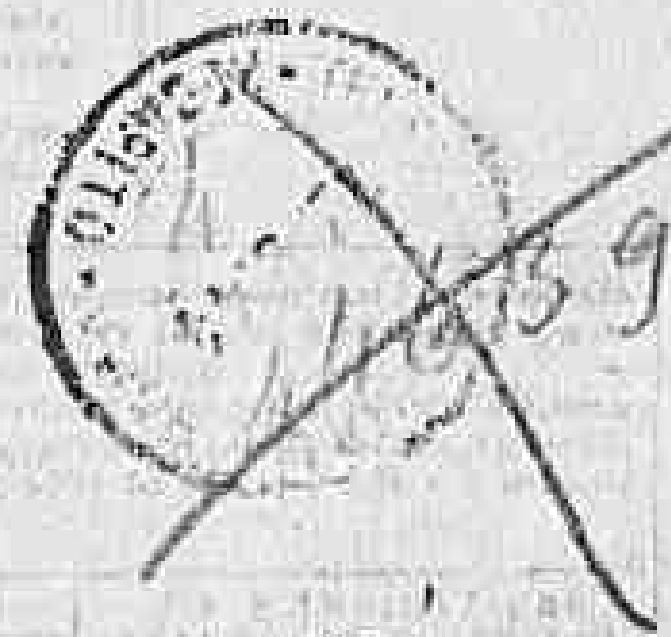
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel.No. 489081 Ex.444

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PS.16/27.27.

20 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Postal services, ELBA.

TO: - Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

1. Further to our letter PS.16.27.15. of Aug. 29th and your reply No R VIII/88/11/ of September 1st.

2. The S.C.A.O. Elba was informed as necessary on Sept. 6th (PS.16/27.21)

3. A further relative letter, of which a copy is attached, was received from the S.C.A.O. on Sept. 10th. A reply to this has been withheld - after consultation with the P.C. & M.G. Section - until now, in view of the administrative changes on the island which were then pending. The French apparently wished to deal with the P.O.W. correspondence concerned.

4. There is now no objection to the exchange of P.O.W. correspondence - not civil - in accordance with the under quoted extract from the Guide to Post Office services, issued to Regional Commissioners with P.C. & M.G. Section letter No 127/146/CA of June 21st 1944.

S. H. HEAD
Lt.Col.

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

EXTRACT -

Section 9 Para. IV

P.O.W. mails

(a) Incoming Letters.

After being released by Allied Censorship Control

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Officers at Naples and Bari, letter to be forwarded thence by the Italian Post Offices in bags addressed to the Provincial Commissioner at the Headquarters of the Province of destination. From there after sub-division by the local Italian Post Office, the correspondence to be forwarded to the subordinate post offices for delivery to callers. Conveyance from Naples and Bari to be made by normal mail services transportation as far forward as possible, thence by courier or other such official means as may be available.

(b) Outgoing letters.

POW letters posted at each Post Office to be made up into packages addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at the Provincial capital for onward conveyance to Naples or Bari. The conveyance of these packages also to be made by such civil or official transportation as is available from time to time;

Arrangements should accordingly be made to deal with POW correspondence on the lines indicated, until normal mail services become available.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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PA.16/27.26.

12 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Postage stamp supplies.

TO: - Postal Officer, Region VIII

1. Attached for your information and attention is a copy of a communication sent to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.. Please ensure that the necessary provision is made for the eventual distribution of stamps to Provinces requiring them. The concentration office should take the stocks on its own charge at the outset, and claim a credit when stocks are sent to other provinces.

SEE 7.109

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

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Tele phone - 8.8.44

To: All Prov. Directories under P. G. control

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A postcard 25-words service is forth-with established between the City of Florence, excluding the province; postcards with 25 words only, excluding the address; personal messages only; Postage rate: normal; bearing name and address of the sender - Please notify the public by suitable notices

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The Under Secretary
of Posts

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Fatevi correntisti postali.

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

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TO: Tele-Communications and Posts Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Postal arrangements in Elba.

DATE: 4th September 1944.

1. Copies are enclosed of letters received from Colonel Boullier, Deputy Military Governor of Elba. The interchange of letters from P.O.W. has not been allowed but permission is now formally sought; as provided for in Executive Memorandum No 35 (para 7) dated March 1st 1944.

2. Permission is also formally requested for the reopening of inter-provincial Postal facilities between Elba and Italian Provinces on the mainland.

3. Advice is also required as to the method to be followed with regard to censorship.

Cum gratia
C.P. MURCHES,
Major,
S.C.A.O. Elba.

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Notes:
Ex. Memo. 78: Elba becomes Region VIII on 20.9.44.
of 11.9.44.

Port for Elba? Piombino (Leghorn Prov) 1316

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COPY.

GOVERNEMENT MILITAIRE DE
L'ILE D'ELBE

No 156

Le 17 Aout 1944

Le Lieutenant-Colonel BOULLIER
Gouverneur Militaire par Intérim
de l'Ile d'Elbe.

à

Monsieur le Major MURCHIE
Chef du Détachement de l'A.E.G.
RIO - MARINA

OBJET :

Correspondance avec
les Prisonniers de
guerre.

A la suite de la visite du Colonel ROCHE, Chef
D'Etat-Major du Général Gouverneur Militaire de la CORSE,
il a été décidé que nous nous chargerions de la transmis-
sion des correspondances familiales des prisonniers de
Guerre ou détenus italiens actuellement stationnés en Corse
ou en Afrique du Nord, dont les familles se trouvent dans
l'Ile d'ELBE.

En raison des difficultés de communication, nous
sommes obligés de limiter ces correspondances à une lettre
de deux pages par quinzaine, étant bien entendu que ces
lettres ne devront contenir que des nouvelles d'ordre
strictement familial.

Je vous demande donc de vouloir bien diffuser
cette information dans la population civile. Les lettres
devront être remises à l'autorité militaire la plus proche
de la résidence des correspondants, qui les fera parvenir
à mes bureaux pour vérification et acheminement.

COPIE : à

-Service des P.G.
en Corse.

(Signed) Lieut. Colonel BOULLIER.

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GOUVERNEMENT MILITAIRE DE
L'ILE D'ELBE

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No 155.

NOTE DE SERVICE :

O B J E T :

Correspondance
des P.G.

En raison des difficultés de communication, les
correspondances des prisonniers de guerre allemands de
l'île limitées à une lettre par quinzaine.

Les lettres seront remises le samedi au chef du
camp de prisonniers, et adressées au Q.G. du Gouverneur
Militaire, qui se chargera de les acheminer.

Le 17 Aout 1944
Le Lieutenant-Colonel BOULLIER, Gouverneur
Militaire par interim de l'île
d'ELBE.

DESTINATAIRES :

- 14^e Cie s/c Base 190
- A.M.G. - POUR INFORMATION -
- ARCHIVES :

(Signed) Lieut. Colonel BOULLIER.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No: 439081 Ex. 144

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9 September 1944

PS.16/27.23.

SUBJECT:- Special Postcard Service with Florence.

TO: - Major McKean, Chief Censorship Officer

1. Further to today's phone conversation, attached is a copy of the notification sent to Dr. Fano re. the commencement of the new service. It will be seen that it mentions the despatching and receipt of the mail at both ends by censorship staff, as agreed.

2. You will no doubt be good enough to have
(a) the bags addressed to the A.C.C.O.s at Rome and Florence respectively.
(b) serial numbers used and checked as indicated.

Head.

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

Copies to:-

Postal Officers, Regions IV , VIII

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMM. COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 889081 Ex. 444

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PA. 16/27.22.

9 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Special mail service to City of Florence.

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

1. Commencing forthwith, a two-way service for 25-word postcards may be set up between the present internal postal delivery area in Allied and Italian Government territory, and the City of Florence.
2. The following conditions will apply:-
 - a. Postcards only.
 - b. Text: maximum 25 words excluding address.
 - c. Language: English or Italian.
 - d. Subject: Personal messages only.
 - e. Postage: 30 cent.
 - f. Postcards must bear sender's name and address.
3. A 100% Censorship will be applied. All postcards for Florence should be concentrated on HQACR, and handed over there to the Civil Censorship Office. That Office will make up the mail daily and convey it direct to this Hqs. for onward despatch by A.C.C. courier, or other means. It is being arranged that, in both directions, each bag despatched will be consecutively numbered, in order that a check may be kept on its receipt.
4. Bags arriving from Florence will arrive at this Hqs. for collection by the A.C.C.O., who will have them handed over to your staff after scrutiny. (Arrangements to provide for this handing over should be made direct with the Censorship Office).
5. Please notify and instruct all concerned as necessary, including Public and Press notifications. It is hoped that you will find it practicable to arrange that the first mail is available for despatch to Florence by the courier leaving here at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Sept. 12th.

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.

Chief Postal Officer
Communications Sub-Commission

Copies to:-
Adjutant, A.C.C. Hqs.
Despatch Officer, A.C.C. Hqs.
P.R.O.
Postal Officers, Regions IV, V, VIII.

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

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PS. 16/27.21

6 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Civil Mail Service, ELBA

TO: - S.C.A.O., Elba

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1. The information furnished in your letters PO/1 and PO/2 of 7th Aug. has been noted, and the accounting forms transferred to the Italian Post Office Hqs.
2. With regard to the restoration of the postal services, A.A.L. Hqs. have so far only authorized such services to operate as far North as the Rome Province boundary line. By virtue of Elba being separated from the mainland however, they have agreed to the maintenance of the service, subject to there being, for the present, no transmission of correspondence between Elba and the mainland in either direction. It will no doubt be ensured that this restriction is maintained until the position changes.

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S. H. HERAD
Lt. Col.
for Director
Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

1 Sep 44

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SUBJECT : Postal Services, ELBA

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, HQ, AOC ✓

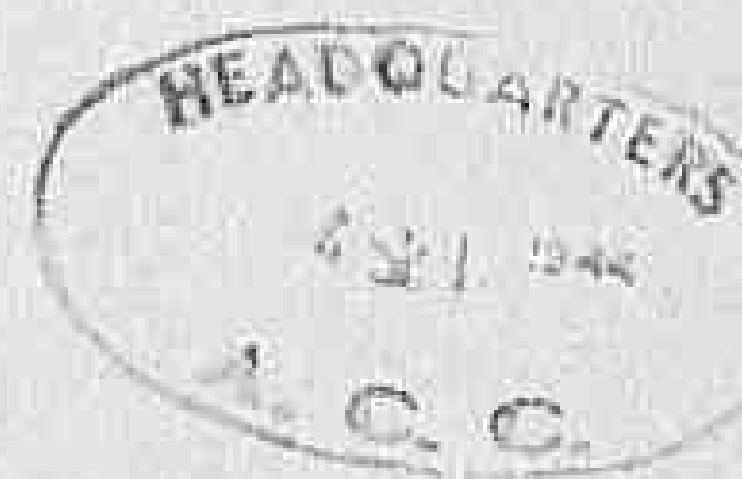
1. Reference your PS.16/27.15 dated 29 Aug 44.
2. ELBA is not yet under Regional Control, and until such time as it is handed over, it is understood that control is exercised direct by HQ, AOC.
3. It is assumed therefore that you will approach the SCAO direct.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. Howard Salter
J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

Copy to:-

~~Postal Officer~~



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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION VIII.

Communication
S. 19
3 September, 1944.

Ref. 88/1

Subject: Postal Officer's Monthly Report - August.
To: Communications sub Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. GROSSETO. Mail services can now be ~~received~~ ^{resumed} as soon as the necessary authority is received.

2. SIENA.

(a) Practically the whole of the Post Office above the ground floor has been taken over by A.A.I. As the public office and sorting office are on the ground floor, this will not affect public services and it will be possible to commence mail services when authority is received. The Provincial Director's office and administrative sections have been moved to via di Citta 6, with the exception of the Cashier's branch which is being housed in a local bank (Monte dei Paschi di Siena).

(b) During the month sixteen (16) bags of postage stamps, etc., were received from Rome and have been handed over to the Post Office.

(c) Correspondence from Italian prisoners of war in Allied hands was received from Rome and has been delivered in accordance with standing instructions.

(d) Pre-occupation parcels on hand included a number posted locally and addressed to Italian prisoners of war. As many contained foodstuffs, arrangements were made for the parcels to be returned to senders. The ordinary parcels on hand are being held for inspection by the Censorship officer.

3. AREZZO.

(a) The permission of 8 Army for Regional officers to visit or communicate with Arezzo was received on 23 August and two visits have been made. On the first occasion the Post Office was found to be closed and no one was in attendance. The Cashier, who was located at his home, was the only senior available. He was asked to contact the other senior officials, who were stated to be living outside the town, to meet later. On the occasion of the second visit, most of them were seen and a survey was made.

(b) The central Post Office has been very badly damaged and the Ferrovia sorting office is completely destroyed. This damage was sustained in November, 1943, and the offices were then re-constituted in temporary premises at Convento San Domenico, 7. Although these premises are by no means ideal they will serve, and as sorting fittings etc., are already installed there will be no serious difficulty in resuming postal services when authority is received.

(c) The Provincial Director, Signor TUSSI is not available.

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It is stated that he left Arezzo towards the end of last year and is living in occupied territory. Since his departure, the Inspector, Signor GORI has been acting Provincial Director; he strikes me as being a capable man. Including Signor GORI, all the heads of departments are available except the Dirretore, Ragioneria and the Dirretore Ufficio Ferrovie. The screening of the officials available has been put in hand by the Public Safety officer.

(d) Following the return of these senior officials, arrangements were made by the Provincial Finance Officer for the Post Office to be re-opened for payment of Sussidi Militare, etc.

(e) An inventory of stock is being prepared and other preparatory work has been resumed. Details of stamps, etc., requirements will be furnished as soon as the inventory is received.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. Drummond

R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain.

REGIONAL POSTAL OFFICER.

Copy to

Regional Commissioner

8 Army A.M.C. (in respect of Arezzo).

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SECRET

Subject: Postcard Service for FLORENCE.

Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ A.S.C. APO 394.

AAI/1146/1/G/I(c)

Ref this HQ letter of even number dated 24 Aug 44.

1. Permission is now granted for the establishment of a postcard service to and from FLORENCE with such parts of ITALY as have postal facilities.
2. The scheme will be on same basis as that applied to ROME after its capture, - i.e. 25 word messages only (excluding address), and 100% censorship will be applied to all such correspondence.
3. The above to take effect from 5 Sep 44.

C.M.F.
2 Sep 44.

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Copy to: G.S.I.(b), Adv HQ AAI.
Maj G.W. McKean, HQ APO.

B. Molton
1:01
Brigadier,
G.S.I.(I),
A.S.C.
27/11

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SECRET 156

Subject: Censorship.

Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Hq. A.S.C. APO 394.

Comms 7378
AAI/1146/1/G/I(c) 18
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1. Reference telephone conversation of 22 Aug 44 (Colonel Henderson - Major Dickson), concerning a special post-card service for FLORENCE.
2. In view of the fact that FLORENCE is not yet cleared of the enemy, and in view of other military security considerations, it is not considered desirable to open any civil mail services for the present.
3. It is anticipated that the objection may be withdrawn after a conference on 30 Aug 44, and that the proposed post card service could therefore start on 1 Sep 44.

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G.M.F.
24 Aug 44.

W.H. Dickson
Major G.S.
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I),
A.A.I.

DIRECTOR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
CHIEF OF STAFF
CHIEF OF BRANCH
CHIEF OF SECTION
CHIEF OF SUBSECTION

Recd. 26.8.44.

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HEADQUARTERS
26 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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14 September 1961

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1. By agreement with HQ. A.A.I., a special two-way postcard service for civilians may be opened between Florence (city area only) and the present authorised postal area in South Italy, as soon after September 5th as practicable.

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A 100% censorship will be applied, (i) at Florence for

3. A 100% censorship will be applied to (i) at Rome for uncensored correspondence posted there, and (ii) at Rome for uncensored correspondence from the existing postal delivery area addressed to Florence. In the event of the Censorship Section at Florence not being sufficiently well established to deal with (i) at the outset, the postcards should be forwarded to Rome (where they will be censored) in an unsealed enclosure bag labelled "NOT Censored".

4. The A.C.C. Courier will carry the mail to and from Rome, with a guaranteed minimum of 200 Kgs. available on each run.

5. Bags should be made up and addressed:
Allied Civil Censor Control Officer Rome,
c/o A.C.C. HQ.

66. A specimen Notice is attached for publication in FLORENCE, and in local papers if possible.

7. This service will be maintained until circumstances permit of a regular civil mail being introduced.

8. In order that this service may be put into operation as soon as conditions are appropriate, it is desirable that your Postal Department should be enabled to proceed to Florence as soon as possible. The Postal Department will be required to provide the necessary facilities.

FS.16/27.17.

4 September 1944

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT:- Civil postcard services to and from Florence.

TO: - Regional Commissioner, Region VIII

1. By agreement with HQ. A.A.I., a special two-way postcard service for civilians may be opened between Florence (city area only) and the present authorised postal area in South Italy, as soon after September 5th as practicable.
2. The service will be provided under the following regulations:-
 - a. Postcards only.
 - b. Text (exclusive of address): twenty five words only.
 - c. Languages: Italian or English only.
 - d. Subject: personal and private communications only.
 - e. For delivery in internal area only. (see notice)
 - f. Postage: 30 cent. (see note 1).
 - g. Postcards must bear senders name and address.
3. A 100 % censorship will be applied, (i) at Florence for correspondence posted there, and (ii) at Rome for uncensored correspondence from the existing postal delivery area addressed to Florence. In the event of the Censorship Section at Florence not being sufficiently well established to deal with (i) at the outset, the postcards should be forwarded to Rome (where they will be censored) in an unsealed enclosure bag labelled "NOT Censored".
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7. This service will be maintained until circumstances permit of a regular civil mail being introduced.
8. In order that this service may be put into operation as soon as conditions are appropriate, it is desirable that your Postal Officer, Capt. Drummond, should be enabled to proceed to Florence at the first opportunity. Three days advance notice will be required

here of the date when deliveries in, and despatches from, Florence, will be ready to commence.

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J. L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:-

R.C. and M.G. Section
Adjutant, A.C.C. HQ.

Civil Censorship

HQ. A.A.I.

Postal Officer, Region VIII

Postal Officer, Region V

Note 1. - Only normal Italian stamps, or postcards bearing such embossed stamps, will be permitted. Republican stamps (now issue or overprinted) may not be used. Arrangements are being made to send to Florence supplies of appropriate stamps and postcards. If supplies should fail temporarily, unstamped cards will be admissible during such period.

Specimen

NOTICE

Mail service for Civilians

1. As a temporary arrangement until normal letter services can be restored, 25 - words POSTCARDS may now be posted at for addresses in SICILY, SARDINIA and the following provinces in ITALY:-
ROME, AQUILA, TERAMO, CHIETI, RIETI, PESCARA, LITTORIA, FROSINONE, CAMPOBASSO, FOGGIA, NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, SALERNO, POTENZA, MATERA, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, LECCE, COSENZA, CATANZARO, REGGIO CAL.
2. The service will be subject to the following regulations:-
- a. Postcards only.
 - b. Text (exclusive of address): twenty five words only.
 - c. Languages: Italian and English only.
 - d. Subject: personal and private communications only.
 - e. Postage: 30 cent.
 - f. Postcards must bear senders name and address.
 - g. All postcards will be subject to censorship.
 - h. Only normal Italian Postage stamps may be used. These may be purchased at Postcards bearing Republican stamps will not be accepted.
3. A similar service to Florence is being provided from the territories shewn in para. 1.
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A V V I S O

Servizio postale per i civili.

1- Fino a che il normale servizio di corrispondenza ordinaria non sarà ripristinato, viene temporaneamente stabilito che cartoline con testo di 25 parole possono venire spedite da:
PER indirizzi in Sicilia Sardegna e nelle seguenti provincie del Continente Italiano:

ROMA, AQUILA, TERAMO, CHIETI, RIETI, PESCARA, LITTORIA, FROSINONE, CAMPO-
BASSO, FOGGIA, NAPOLI, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, SALERNO, POTENZA, MATERA,
BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, LECCO, COSENZA, CATANZARO, REGGIO CALABRIA .

2- Il servizio è regolato dalle seguenti norme:

- a) Limitato alle sole cartoline.
- b) Testo (escluso l'indirizzo): 25 parole.
- c) Lingua da usare: Italiano ed Inglese soltanto.
- d) Argomenti ammessi: soltanto comunicazioni personali e private.
- e) Tariffa: 30 cent.
- f) Le cartoline dovranno recare il nome e l'indirizzo del mittente.
- g) Tutte le cartoline saranno soggette a censura.
- h) Solo i normali francobolli italiani possono essere usati.
Potranno essere acquistati.....
Le cartoline recanti francobolli repubblicani non saranno accettate.

3- Un analogo servizio viene istituito da tutto il territorio di cui al paragrafo 1- per Firenze.

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Portage stamps to Jena ¹⁶
on 21st & 23rd of August.

to 0.05 - - - - - H° 250.000

to 0.10 - - - - - H° 250.000

to 0.15 - - - - - H° 200.000

to 0.25 - P.M. - - - - - H° 250.000

to 0.50 P.M. - - - - - H° 300.000

to 1.25 - - - - - H° 250.000

Cartoline da to 0.30 - - - - - H° ¹⁸⁰⁰ 46.000

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

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18.16/27.15

29 August 1964

SUBJECT: Elba - Postal Services.

TO: - Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

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1. This Sub-Commission has received from the S.C.A.S. Elba (with various Post Office accounting forms) information to the effect that the civil mail services on Elba are operating as normally, strictly speaking the restoration of these services is somewhat premature, as Security Control does not at present permit of all services operating North of the Rome Province boundary. By virtue of Elba being separated from the mainland however, S.C.A.S. Elba have agreed to the maintenance of the service, subject to there being, for the present, no transmission of correspondence between Elba and the mainland in either direction.

2. It is desirable that this restriction be strictly applied, and perhaps you will notify the S.C.A.S. accordingly.

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S.M. REAS
Lt. Col.
for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copies to: Postal Officer, Region VIII
Major Holton, Chief Constabulary Officer

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* Lt. Col. Holton - by phone.
S.M. REAS

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

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ES.16/27.11.

29 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Elba - Postal Services.

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

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1. Transmitted herewith for your custody are statements of accounts for June from fourteen Post Offices on Elba.
 2. As an exceptional measure letter delivery services on the island are being allowed to operate; but there is no civil mail intercommunication with the mainland.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref: PO/1.

ELBA, 7th August 1944.

Subject: Post Office Accounts. ELBA.

To : P.O.Admin. A.G.C.

1. Immediately after the invasion of the island, all Post Offices were closed and protected or funds were collected for safe custody. All accounts were blocked and instructions were issued to prepare a complete statement of accounts for each branch office on the island.

2. Herewith statement of account and balance sheet for June period for every Post Office of the island with the exception of POMONTE, a small hamlet of about 100 inhabitants which is almost inaccessible except from the sea.

1. Portoferraio.
2. Marciana Marina.
3. Marciana.
4. Procchio.
5. Poggio.
6. Marina di Campo.
7. S. Piero in Campo.
8. S. Ilario in Campo.
9. Capoliveri.
10. Porto Longone.
11. Rio Marina.
12. Rio Elba.
13. Cavo.
14. Pianosa.

3. Monies belonging to Fascist organisations are blocked. Details will be supplied later.

See 14 and 15

Chunich
Major.

Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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Finance Sub-Commission
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

ELBA, 7th August 1944.

Ref: PO/2.

Subject: Re-opening Post Offices.

To : P.O.Admin. A.C.C.

1. In order to release Public monies belonging to Communes, to relieve distress amongst poor people who had small deposits in Post Office Saving's Banks, to facilitate the payment of taxes, and restore inter-communication on the island, Post Offices were allowed to re-open subject to the following limitations.
2. Emission of Money Orders between the villages on the island. (for trade reasons)
3. Deposits on Savings books, nominative and to bearer.
4. Emission of interest on Post Office Bonds.
5. Payment of Money Orders issued from Elba Post Offices from the date of August 1st.
6. Refund on Savings Books limited to 300 liras.
7. Payment of interest on Post Office Bonds up to a maximum of 500 liras a month.

Since the re-opening of the Post Offices, there has been no rush on deposits and the position is gradually returning to normal. Total refunds in a fortnight have amounted to about 4.000 liras.

As Post Offices have no stamps, the system in vogue before the invasion - whereby the addressee pays postage - is being continued. Mails are being carried between villages, the same as formerly, by the local bus service.

Chunichil
Major.

Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION VIII.

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Ref. 88/14.

Subject: Supplies of Postage Stamps, etc.

To: Chief Postal Officer, Communications sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. Sixteen bags of postal stocks have so far been received and it has been found possible to store these in the Siena Post Office.

2. The necessary receipt forms, duly completed, are herewith, for transmission to the appropriate branch of the Italian Ministry. Form no. "36bis" is in respect of the first six bags; the remaining forms were received in the second consignment of ten bags.

Send
to P.O.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S. Drummond

R.S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

~~PS 147~~ ~~his supplies of postage stamps~~
~~To W/S (Reparto -)~~ ~~1298~~
~~Drummond has receipts for the sixteen bags~~
~~of postage stamps etc. supplies sent~~
~~to hereina.~~
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGI^{ON} VIII.

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10 August, 1944. 9663
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Ref. 88/7

Subject: Siena Postal Survey.
To/ Communications sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. The Siena Post Office has been visited and discussions have taken place with the Provincial Director, Posts and Telegraphs.

2. Accommodation. Only slight damage has been done to the postal accommodation; this will not create serious working difficulties.

3. Transport. Three postal vans, in reasonably good running condition, are available. There is one other postal van without tyres.

4. Postage Stamps. Substantial supplies of the Republican "overprint" stamps and of the new Republican stamps are on hand. Instructions have been issued for these to be withdrawn and held pending further orders as to disposal. The ordinary postage stamps of the denominations which will be required when the resumption of mail services is authorised and postcards are in short supply; the position is as follows;

Postage Stamps.		Estimated Initial Requirements.
Value	No. on Hand.	
15 cent.	13,000	200,000
25 "	NIL	400,000
30 "	NIL	300,000
50 "	NIL	500,000
1 Lira	43,230	200,000

Postcards.		
15 Cent.	2000	50,000
30 "	NIL	150,000

5. Perhaps the preparation of these supplies can be put in hand in Rome so that they will be available when authority to resume the mail services is received. A small quantity of string, wax and paper, say 10 kgs. of each, will also be required. There are few mail bags on hand but a small stock of other bags has been discovered and these will be used.

6. Correspondence. It is stated by the Provincial Director that a considerable quantity of mail was taken by the French military authorities, none of which was returned. Three bags of mail were also disposed of by an officer of the Civil Censorship Section. Consequently there is very little on hand; this is being held for censorship.

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Regional Postal Officer.

Copy to 8th Army A.M.G.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHECK NO.
10/1/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	100
10/2/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	101
10/3/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	102
10/4/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	103
10/5/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	104
10/6/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	105
10/7/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	106
10/8/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	107
10/9/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	108
10/10/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	109
10/11/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	110
10/12/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	111
10/13/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	112
10/14/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	113
10/15/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	114
10/16/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	115
10/17/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	116
10/18/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	117
10/19/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	118
10/20/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	119
10/21/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	120
10/22/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	121
10/23/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	122
10/24/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	123
10/25/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	124
10/26/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	125
10/27/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	126
10/28/50	PAID TO ORDER	75.00	127
10/29/50	PAID TO ORDER	100.00	128
10/30/50	PAID TO ORDER	50.00	129
10/31/50	PAID TO ORDER	25.00	130

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Communication

Subject :- Mail Facilities - FLORENCE.

H.Q.
A.C.C.

Reference telephone conversation of 9 Aug 44 (Col. Henderson) Lt. Col Holton).

1. The question of granting security permission for the opening of a mail service to and from FLORENCE, limited to a postcard service similar to that which operated in ROME, will have favourable consideration as soon as possible after the fall of FLORENCE.
2. It is considered that the fall of FLORENCE may perhaps not be followed by an immediate and considerable advance, as was the case after the fall of ROME.
3. It is understood that A.C.C. are most anxious to offer the above mentioned service at the earliest moment.

CMF.
11 Aug 44.

HEADQUARTERS
12 AUG 1944
A.C.C.

A.H. Dickson
Major G.S.
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I),
A.A.I.

DIRECTOR.	<i>[Signature]</i>
D. DIRECTOR.	
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S. C. P.	
C. E. I.	
C. I.	
<i>Recd. 12.8.44.</i>	

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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PS.16/27.9.

12 August 1944

SUBJECT:- Special mail facilities - Florence.

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

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1. Attached for your information is a copy of an A.A.I. communication relative to the above subject.
 2. The question of preparing advance supplies of stamps and postcards will be held in abeyance pending receipt here of the information which you are getting re. the stock position at Florence.

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

Note -

Capt; Drummond advised by phone this morning that Florence was normally a centre for supplying neighbouring Provinces, and there may therefore still be large stocks on hand there.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION VIII.

Ref. 38/1

5 August, 1944.

To: Communications Sub Commission, Headquarters, A.C.C.

Subject: Postal Arrangements, Region VIII.

1. Referring to your PS/16/4/35, the proposed censorship arrangements have been noted and consideration has been given to the question of inter-provincial links when the postal services are restored.

2. So far as this Region is concerned, a plan has been prepared of road services for linking the provinces in the Region. The plan is of course tentative and will be modified as necessary in the light of conditions found in each province.

3. As regards correspondence outside the Region, it is proposed that, at the outset, this should be concentrated on

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Siena from Grosseto and Arezzo,

and that Florence and Siena should make up despatches as follows;

Containing Correspondence For

To

Naples City

Naples Ferrovia

Naples City

Lucania, Puglia, Campania, Calabria, Sicily,
Sardinia, provinces of Foggia and Campobasso,
all foreign correspondence.

Rome City

Rome Ferrovia

Perugia

Macerata

Rome City

Provinces of Rome, Littoria, Frosinone, Rieti
Provinces of Perugia, Terni, Viterbo.

Region V provinces other than Foggia and
Campobasso. (It is not known if Macerata is a
suitable concentration office; perhaps Region
V will say).

4. It is suggested that in the reverse direction, correspondence for Region VIII territory should also be concentrated on these offices and that Rome, Naples, Perugia and Macerata make despatches for Florence and Siena containing correspondence as indicated in the first part of para. 3. In the light of actual experience and as soon as train services are available for postal services, the range of despatches would be modified and extended.

5. The conveyance of mails from Florence and Siena would no doubt have to be by road at the outset and, assuming a suitable A.M.G. courier service is not available, I have in mind to arrange if possible, a road service Florence-Siena-Perugia, making Perugia the transfer point for all mails to and from Region VIII territory until such time as train services can be used. The route Florence-Arezzo-Perugia would be more direct but as censorship of Arezzo correspondence is to be centred on Siena, the latter has been selected as a concentration office. Incidentally, it is

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6. These arrangements would be introduced when Florence and Siena are freed for postal services; until then, temporary arrangements would be made.

7. Supplies of essential postage stamps and postcards will probably be necessary for each province. The position at Grosseto is as follows;

Postage Stamps.

Value. No. or

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Postage Stamps.

Value	No. on hand excluding Republican.	Director's estimate for 2 months.	Suggested no. of stamps supplied initially.
15 cent.	33,100	150,000	50,000
25 "	201,020	600,000	50,000
30 "	73	300,000	100,000
50 "	54	1,000,000	500,000
1-Lira	23,550	-	-

Postcards.

15 cent.	242	100,000	50,000
30 "	370	200,000	50,000

2. There is also a shortage of string, wax, paper and mail bags and it is desirable that small supplies of these items, none of which can be purchased locally, should be sent, say,

10 Kgms. string
10 Kgms. wax
20 " wrapping paper
200 " Mail bags.

9. Perhaps arrangements could be made for these requirements to be supplied from Rome and for and advice to be sent to me when ready for despatch.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R.S.D. DRENNEN
R.S.D. DRENNEN
Captain
Regional Postal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII.

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5 August, 1944.

Ref. *88/3*

To: Regional Postal Officer, Region IV, A. C. C.
Subject: Postal Arrangements, Grosseto Province.

1. It was expected that Grosseto will be the first province in this Region to be freed for postal services.
2. It is proposed, at the outset, to send all Grosseto correspondence for territory outside this Region in a despatch to Rome Ferrovia and if possible to utilise the Region VIII courier which at present runs Siena-Grosseto-Rome and Rome-Grosseto-Siena on alternate days.
3. The despatch would be labelled "Civil Mail Grosseto to Rome Ferrovia" and would be left at the A.C.C. Headquarters Message Centre. In the reverse direction, the despatch from Rome would be picked up by the courier at the Message Centre.
4. The present route of the courier service is a temporary one. When it ceases to run via Grosseto, it will be necessary to make other arrangements, and it is proposed that the Grosseto mails should then be conveyed to Pitigliano (near our regional boundaries) for transfer there to a Region IV vehicle.
5. Will you please say if these proposals are agreed to?

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

Copy to Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, ACC

*Discussed with
Capt. Lana early
yesterday.*

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REGION VIII,

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4 Aug 44.

SUBJECT : Postal Services Monthly Report - July.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.C.C.

1. During the month, visits were made to GROSSETO and SIENA and informal discussions took place with the Provincial Directors, Posts and Telegraphs.
2. As these territories are still under Army Control, No action was taken towards the restoration of postal services.
3. In accordance with the wishes of the Sub-Commission a visit was also paid to 8th Army AMP to discuss the question of early entry into Florence for the purpose of a postal survey. The view was taken, however, that this was not essential and ~~provision~~ for entry into FLORENCE in advance of the Regional Headquarters staff could not be given.

*Being taken
up separately.*

For the Regional Commissioner.

R. S. Drummond
R. S. DRUMMOND,
Captain,
Regional Postal Officer.

PS. 16/44

Copy to: Regional Commissioner.

DIRECTOR	
DIRECTOR	
S. C. I.	
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July 20, 1944

Civil Censorship Section
No. 1 Intelligence Collection Unit

SUBJECT: Report on Activities for Period 9-20 July 1944.
TO : Commanding Officer, Civil Censorship Group, Italy.

1. The period 9-15 July was spent in Grosseto. During this period constant liaison was maintained with Major Blom, Counter Intelligence Section, Hq. 5 Army who is in charge of the Livorno part of I.C.U. (Intelligence Collecting Unit). We were on a 24 hour alert throughout this period. All that could be done in Grosseto towards reconstituting civil censorship was to ask the Prefect to prepare a list of suitable censorship personnel and to instruct the postal director to keep the offices formerly occupied by the censors unoccupied. Since the population of Grosseto had not yet returned to the city, the Prefect is still in the process of preparing the required list.

2. On the morning of July 15 we were alerted and required to move to Rosignano Solvay that same day.

3. At 0500 hours of July 19 the I.C.U. party moved out of Rosignano Solvay. Livorno was reached at 0800 hours of this day.

4. The following is the situation in Livorno from the point of view of civil censorship:

a) Postal:

1) Location of Post Office. The Central Post Office and the Railway Post Office were both so badly bombed as to be unfit for use. The present Post Office consists of 2 (two) buildings at:

2 Via della Beneficenza, and Piazza Magenta (Villa - Medina).

2) Postal Director; Cav. Mario Pini, Via della Crocetta Montenero. Cap Ufficio is Sig Cristiani, Via del Conforto 4.

3) Mail on hand. There were less than 1000 letters on hand at the post office; this was due to the fact that the last mail to reach Livorno by train came on June 3; since then the only mail to reach the city was what was brought by bicycle. This mail was of no interest both because of the nature and date.

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b) Telegraph. The telegraph office was located in the Central post office and is unfit for use. Much of the equipment has been moved out of the building, thus saving it for future use. One branch office (with only 1 Morse instrument and line to Pisa) is undamaged.

c) Telephone. The telephone building housing the automatic system is located in Via Cairoli and has been badly bombed. The equipment is still in the building, however.

d) Cable. As far as we have been able to discover there was no cable outlet in Livorno. Cables were sent out through Nodica and Gorgona, Prov. of Pisa.

e) Censorship Station. The former censorship station is located in Via Bonamici. The Censorship organization was disbanded June 17, and so far we have been unable to locate any former Censorship employees. All the records of the office were either carried away or destroyed by persons unknown, because there was not a scrap of paper left of the former censorship files.

f) General. Because of the fact that Livorno has been practically isolated in the matter of rail communications for the past month no mail has come through from northern Italy. This in turn caused the closing of the censorship station. As the result sufficient time was given for the removal of any useful papers from this office. The postal director here states that there is a lot of mail from northern Italy for Livorno being held at Pisa. This would seem to indicate that mail has continued to reach Pisa from northern Italy, thus keeping alive the censorship station there. It is my belief that personnel from Civil Censorship Group should follow up this lead.

/s/ Umberto P. Motroni

/t/ Umberto P. Motroni
1st Lt. F.A.
O/C

Extract sent
to Capt. Drummond 74
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP, ITALY
 "S" FORCE DETACHMENT
 CITY OF AREZZO

16 July 1944

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES IN AREZZO

TO : Major Gordon McKean
 Censorship Officer
 Civil Censorship Group, Italy
 Adv. Hq. ACC
 Rome

1. The City of Arezzo fell to the 8th Army at about 0800 hours this date. We entered the city at about 1100 hours and witnessed sporadic fighting and very heavy artillery barrages.

2. POST OFFICE: The central office is an imposing building in Via Guido Monaco. It was bombed by the Allies on 2 December 1943. The damage was severe. The following day, 3 December 1943, the postal system was transferred to a small building in a church. The present address is No. 7 Convento San Domenico, a 3 story simple building. The Provincial Postal Director is a Signor TUSSI who left Arezzo and his post in November 1943. The continual bombings and other questionable characteristics compelled him to leave. His employees state he is "tainted" with Fascism. Capo D'Ufficio is MAGNANENSI, ANTONIO. The Ispettore is GORI, ALDO.

The temporary building is entirely unsuited for postal service, but the city is so hard hit it would be difficult to secure another place.

FERROVIA MAIL: The railroad station was horribly hit by bombing and is no longer in existence. Hence, it was moved to the same building at No. 7 Convento San Domenico. All it amounts to is another room in the first floor. The director of the Ferrovia Post is VICO, MINOTTI. He left Arezzo in May 1944. His character is also a very questionable one.

3. Telephone: The telephone building, like all others in the city, was bombed. Hence, the Fascists moved the service to a private dwelling just outside the wall of the city. It is located at No. 1a Via Pietramala, a 2 story building. The Germans used the system almost in entirety. A 30 plug switchboard is intact in the place. The repeater station is directly across from this building. We were on hand only a few hours after the Germans had left the building. Some of the Partis notified us that there was a possibility of mines in the structure. We found none.

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4. Telegraph: The telegraph office was originally located in the post office building at Via Guido Monaco. It too was transferred to a private house close to the telephone building. We scoured the place and removed everything of interest. We have sacked all the material and it is on its way to headquarters. The address of the temporary building is No. 10 Via Guido Tarlati. Seventeen of the keys are in fair shape. The Germans had to leave in such a hurry that not too much damage was done to said keys. However, to endeavor to use this system for public service is impossible. The Fascists and Germans only permitted a limited public service as they could not handle the load. It is to be remembered that the service is housed in a simple 2 story private house. The air corps also hit this building. The Director is DI ANTONIIS, GINO. The building was bombed on 10 June.

5. Censorship: After the main post office building was bombed on 2 December 1943 the censorship office was moved to the same temporary building now housing the post office. It is located on the second floor of that building. After a thorough search of the place we were able to find some papers that may prove of interest to headquarters. The head of censorship was a Col. Lo Faso.

6. Pertinent Facts:

- a. As per usual the Germans took their FELDPST along with them.
- b. Railroad station is a total loss, 100% destroyed.
- c. City of Arezzo, in normal times, has a population of about 32,000; there are about 31,000 in the communes.
- d. A rough estimate of destruction to the city is 70%. Pretty bad.
- e. Number of people in the city at the present time.... none.

7. Material Sent To Headquarters: We are dispatching our enlisted men to Rome early in the morning, 17 July 1944, with the following material.

- a. To Major McKean: Censorship of Arezzo reports.
The Watch List used by the Germans
Seized telegrams
Reports seized in the telegraph office.
- b. To Rome Censorship Office (Lt. Lazzarini & Lt. Ursino)
Mail from northern Italy
Mail bound for France, Germany, Spain, Austria
Italian Fascist Organization mail
Italian Republican Fascist Troop and Command mail
Mail written by troops with the Germans (Italians)

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Mail addressed to FELDPOST
Mail bound for northern Italy
Italian prisoner of war mail
Some Fascist newspapers

8. In the post office will be left about twenty sacks of mail which we are unable to dispatch. We have endeavored to make as perfect a sample as is possible under the circumstances. That which we have left behind is not of vital importance at the present time.

9. We have contacted the "spearhead" AMG officer again, Major Mucklow. A short report of our activities was rendered him.

MIGUEL J. MONTESINOS
CAPT. INF.

*Note
Extract of Postal
items sent to
Capt. Drummond.
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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

SHH/eo

16 July 1944

PS.16/27.3.

SUBJECT:- Postal services Region VIII

TO:- Postal Officer, Region VIII

Dear

I thank you for your preliminary report of the 12th. Conditions so far might well apparently have been much worse.

It seems as if it may be a little while yet before any part of your Region is clear for mail services, but you will no doubt be making such advance plans as you can, particularly on transportation. On this point I would like you to slip in here for a day or two and, with Turner, have a talk with the transportation people. I have already had a talk with Col. Vining who is very anxious to help, and who is of the opinion that quite a deal might be arranged for carrying some mails by the food etc. transport, which they control. I am afraid that connections from Region IV and VIII on the West to V on the East are likely to be particularly troublesome.

I want to be able to have a postcard service from Florence, on the same lines as Rome, as soon as possible after you get there. Have you been able to arrange that you go in with, or soon after, "S" force?

P.O.S. and Red Cross form services are two matters which require some discussion now. The I.R.C. people have been in to see me.

I shall be keeping you all advised of new Provinces starting up. The present position is that Rome and Campobasso Provinces start tomorrow; Littoria and Frosinone on or about July 24th. A clearance for Foggia is expected very shortly now.

Let me know in advance, if you can, when you are coming in.

Yours

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Headquarters
Allied Military Government
Region VIII

Dear Colonel Head

We are still located at Orvieto but I have managed a three day visit to Grosseto and a one day trip to Siena.

Grosseto Accommodation. The P.O. premises in this town are practically undamaged. But the whole of the Sorting Office and some of the upstairs rooms had been taken over by an American APO Unit. This unit was moving out in a few days, however, and arrangements were made to prevent further requisitioning.

In December last, the whole of the Provincial Directors' office, including accounting and main stocks, and also all outward sorting work, were transferred, as a precautionary measure against damage, to a village - Montorsaio - 20 Kms. away. It so happened that these temporary premises were badly damaged and, although the main stock was intact, records and fittings had suffered. Arrangements were made for the reconstitution of the complete office in Grosseto as quickly as possible. *This will not take very long.*

Postage Stamps and Value Forms. Whilst there are a number of republican "overprints" on hand, there is also a fair stock of pre-republican stamps. The Provincial Director is preparing an inventory of his complete stock of stamps and forms; I shall let you have a copy as soon as I receive it. An unknown officer had requisitioned republican overprint stamps to a value of 120 lire against a receipt signed "Captain George Smith". The Provincial ~~Director~~ was given written authority to refuse all similar requests and he was instructed to withdraw and hold, pending further instructions, all the overprint stamps.

Mail. The bulk of the mail on hand at the time of our occupation had already been sent to ACCO Rome on the instruction of a Censorship Officer. Arrangements were made for the remainder to be bagged off and held pending the arrival of a Censorship Unit.

Present Services. The initial finance services only were operating; sussidi militari, pensions, SB deposits. The Provincial Finance Officer was visiting the Provincial Offices and a number of these had been opened for similar services.

Grosseto itself had suffered some damage but civilians were coming back when I was there and a few weeks will make a big difference. A number of the P.O. staff had left the town but the Provincial Director anticipated no difficulty in getting them back.

Siena. At the time of my visit, (one week after occupation) the Post Office was closed and no services were operating. Payment of sussidi militari was, however, to be resumed as soon as the necessary lists were prepared by the Municipio.

The Post Office was undamaged structurally but internal damage, mainly to telegraph equipment, had been caused by Germans prior to retiring. The Prov. Director is preparing inventory of postage stamps and forms on hand. I intend to visit Siena again in the course of a few days when conditions will be more settled.

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When you send me the necessary authority to resume postal services in any of our provinces would you please indicate all the provinces south of us which are open. I am uncertain of the position in Region V.

R.S. Drummond
R.S. DRUMMOND
Captain

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*Main Head's file
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394

10th June, 1944.

~~In reply to~~
~~refer to: PS/16.32.14~~

Subject : Specialist Divisions Procedure.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

The following information is given in reply to your Circular letter RS/15/9 of June 8th, 1944.

POSTAL SERVICES

(a) The basis upon which Postal Services are to be restored is indicated in the Executive Memoranda Nos. 35 and 36 (The latter has been entirely re-modelled and is understood to be in course of re-issue. The present position can be ascertained from Major Osman, Finance Sub-Commission, who has a copy of the draft).

(b) Notes relating to the operating basis upon which certain of the Post Office Financial Services require to be restored are in course of preparation, and will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

(c) It is hoped to be able to provide an experienced Postal Officer for duty in Region VIII, and perhaps you will advise me, as far in advance as possible, when you would like him to report.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

1. General.

Executive memo No. 29, which forms part of the "Instructions for the Guidance of Officers of the Commission" issued on 1st March, 1944, explains the general principles to be followed by officers concerned with Telecommunications work. An effort is being made to obtain a specialized officer for your Region.

Some amplification of the Memo. is given below. The headings of the following paragraphs correspond to the headings of paragraphs in the Memo., except that several new paragraphs have been added.

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