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EXTERNAL CIVIL MAIL LETTERS

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EXTERNAL CIVIL MAIL

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Roma 24 MAG. 1945

A. C. Communications
Subcommission
R O M A

Sevizio IV *Per* I *Per* II
Ind. 414878/IX *Allegato* vari

Registrazione V
del

OGGETTO
Spese per carico di corrispondenze ad Alessan-
dria d'Egitto.

Sono pervenuti a questo Ministero gli
uniti documenti, dall'esame dei quali ri-
sulta che il Comando della Base N°8 C.M.F.
ha addebitato all'Amministrazione postale
italiana le spese sostenute per il carico
delle corrispondenze su vari piroscafi
nel porto di Alessandria d'Egitto.

Poiché non risultano precedenti del gen-
re, né trattasi di spese di transito, si
prega di ^{valer} fornire chiarimenti in proposito.

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II DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Date 22 MAG 1945

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TRANSLATION

24th May 1945

SUBJECT : Expense for loading of correspondence at Alexandria (Egypt)

This Ministry has received the herewith enclosed payers, from which it results that the Command of the Base no. 8 C.M.F. has charged to the Italian Postal Administration the expenses for the loading of correspondence on various ships at Alexandria (Egypt).

Since there are no similar precedents, and the matter does not concern expenses of transit, we would like to have clarifications on the subject.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR 464

TRANSLATION

24th May 1945

SUBJECT. : Expense for loading of correspondence at Alexandria(Egypt)

This Ministry has received the herewith enclosed papers, from which it results that the Command of the Base no.3 CMF, has charged to the Italian Postal Administration the expenses for the loading of correspondence on various ships at Alexandria(Egypt).

Since there are no similar precedents, and the matter does not concern expenses of transit, we would like to have clarifications on the subject.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P. 47.157/CS

24 May, 1945

Subject: Foreign Despatches.

To : The Director-General, Ministry of Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your letter No. 473215 C/3 of 22nd May, 1945 concerning the continued receipt at Palermo of mails from Chiasso 2, Malta, Tunis and Rabat, you should ask the Postal Administrations concerned to discontinue the despatches to Palermo and to arrange for the mails to be sent to Naples Ferrovia direct.

HL
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Communications S/c
 Censorship Control H.Q.,
 17 Sharia Maspero,
 Cairo.

18th May, 1945. *966*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission.

Your instructions regarding the handling of foreign mails issued under your P.47.110/CS dated 30th ultimo, have been noted.

It would appear however that these instructions have been misunderstood by Naples since on the 16th inst., we received Despatch No.128 (four bags) containing post-cards and letters addressed to this Censorship, only a very small proportion is civil mail, the rest being P.O.W. addressees.

Might it be pointed out to Naples that P.O.W. mail should if possible be bagged and labelled separately to G.S.I.(12).



[Signature]
 DEPUTY CHIEF POSTAL CENSOR.

Copy to :-

Officer in Charge,
 Central Postal Censorship,
 C A I R O .- Your F.3/8 of 17th inst., refers.

EPWS/SV.

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*
ISPETT. GEN. MOV. POSTALE

Lettera , *Dir. I* *Ser. I*
Rel. 1° 473215 C/8
Allegato

Roma 22 MAG 1945 *194*

C.A. Posts And Telecommunica-
tions Sub Commission
Via Veneto

R O M A

Risposta al f. N° 192
del 21.4.45

OGGETTO: Dispacci esteri =

La Sezione Tecnica del Movimento Poste di Palermo informa che continuano ad arrivare a quell'Ufficio di Ferrovia(ove i rapporti con l'estero son cessati fin dal 1944 per disposizione della Commissione Alleata) dispacci da Chiasso 2, Malta, Tunisi e Rabat. =

Eppoi che detti dispacci sono inoltrati a Napoli Ferrovia che provvede, per la considerazione suaccennata, ad aprirli e a istradarne le corrispondenze contenutevi (verso rimessa all'Ufficio di Palermo Ferrovia dei relativi fogli di avviso) si riterrebbe opportuno che i nominati dispacci fossero soppressi per l'Ufficio di Palermo Ferrovia ed attuati per quel-

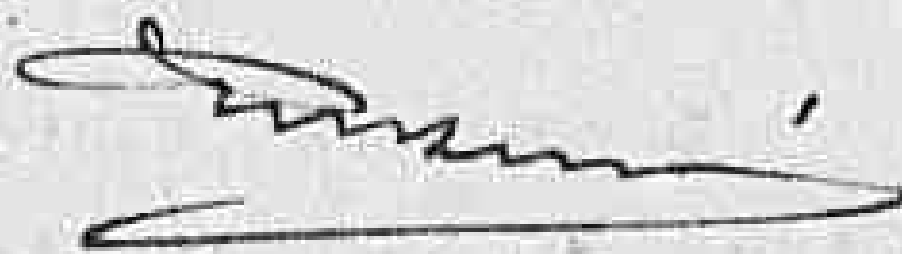
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lo di Napoli Ferrovia.=

Pregasi pertanto, ove nulla osti, di provvedere in tal senso, eliminando ai dispacci stessi una sosta dannosa a Palermo, e un trasferimento di documenti dall'uno all'altro Ufficio.=

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



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Translation

22 May 1945

Subject: Foreign Despatches.

The Technical Section of the Postal Movements at Palermo inform us that despatches from Chiasso 2, Malta, Tunis and Rabat, continue to arrive at that Ferrovia Office (where relations with foreign countries have ceased since 1944 following on orders of the Allied Commission,

As said despatches are forwarded to Naples Ferrovia which provides, for the above mentioned consideration, to open them and channel the correspondence they contain, (after delivery to Palermo Ferrovia Office of the relative ~~Rap~~ Feuille d'Avis) it is thought that ~~the~~ such despatches be suppressed for the Palermo Ferrovia Office and be actuated at Naples Ferrovia.

We therefore beg you, if you have no objection, to arrange, thus, eliminating for the same despatches a ~~harmful~~ harmful stop at Palermo, and a ~~transfer~~ transfer of documents from one office to another.

Director
 D/D. Actor
 Chief Telecoms
 Chief Postal
 H Q Coms C
 Asst Chief Postal
 Censorship

THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
DISTRICT POSTAL CENSOR
 NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

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May 9, 1945 ^{23 MAY 1945}
 P.47.89.CS

Subject: Italy External Mails; Labelling of Dispatches.

To: Col. J.L. Henderson, Director
 Headquarters Allied Commission
 Communications Sub-Commission
 APO 394, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Reference is made to your letter of April 14, 1945 and as requested we have discussed the matter of bagging of mails from Italy destined to the United States.

Please be advised that the Post Office has no objection to these mails being sent in single bags.

For the District Postal Censor:



Henry Otten
 Chief, Receiving & Classification Dept.

HO:RKM

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

Ispettorato Gen. Mov.

Lettera
Aut. N. 473524 C/2

Allegato 3

Roma 21 MAG 1945 194

G.A. Posts and
Telecommunications

Sub COMMISSION

VIA VENETO ROMA

Registrazione N. P. 47.40 C.S.
del 9-3-45

OGGETTO Posta dagli U.S.A.

In risposta al Foglio sopra
distinto, si trasmette copia della lettera
n° 2273/I del 21-4 dell'Ufficio di Napoli
Ferrovia, con le notizie chieste; allegata alla
copia suddetta è anche la distinta ricevuta dal
Capitano del piroscafo "Melville Jacoby".

Ref. P. 47-40/4 IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
copy is attached
of letter 2273/I
of 21 April from Naples
Ferrovia office containing
the information you
requested. Enclosed
is also the list received
from the Captain
of the ship "Melville Jacoby".

CH. 25. R.F.S.	
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Date 22 MAG 1945

Napoli 21-4-45

AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E TELEGRAFI
Direzione Prov.le di Napoli
Ufficio Ferrovia Corr.

Prot.n. 2273/I
All.sette

All'Ispettorato Gen.le Mov.
Poste Div.I^a Sez.I^a

ROMA

Risposta al f.n. 473534/C/2
del 13-3-45

Oggetto : servizio estero.

ESPRESSO

In riferimento alla suindicata lettera, si trasmette una copia dell'elenco ricevuto dal Capitano del " Melville, Jacoby "

Per quanto riguarda il Nr.I della nota, evidentemente deve trattarsi della funzione che, esercita la 2^a base A.P.O. di Bagnoli, nel togliere il sacco esterno del dispaccio per inviare a questo Ufficio il sacco interno, chiuso con i suggelli di sicurezza.

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE

F.TO

Kamone

Ref above we transmit copy of the list received from the Capt. of Melville Jacoby as regards para 1. It is evident that it refers to the operation of the 2 Base APO of Bagnoli in the falling of the external bag of the despatch to send to this



Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

Roma, 197

Spett.le
Aut. N.
Allegati

Deposito al f. N.
del

OGGETTO

office the external bag
closed with safety
seals.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

RACR/rm

P.47.151.03

22nd May 1945.

SUBJECT: Postal Services with Luxembourg.

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

1. On 23th May 1945, postal services restricted to postcards and letters not exceeding 20 grammes in weight of a personal and family nature only, may be extended to Luxembourg.
2. Correspondence in labelled bundles, should be included in the existing mails to Marseilles.
3. Communications will be censored by the Civil Censorship Group, Italy.


J.L. HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Civil Censorship Group.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

RACN/rm

~~147~~ 150.08

22nd May 1945.

SUBJECT: Postal Services with Holland.

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

1. On 28th May 1945 postal services, restricted to non-illustrated postcards of a personal and family nature only, may be resumed with Holland.
2. Correspondence for Holland should be included in labelled bundles in the existing mails to London Foreign Section.
3. These postcards will be censored by Civil Censorship Group, Italy.

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

Copy to: Civil Censorship Group.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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P. 47.149/CS

22 May 1945

Subject: Resumption of Italian Postal Services.

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

Existing internal civilian mail services are being extended on 1 June 45 to cover the whole of the north of Italy except the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Udine, Gorizia, Trieste, Fiume and Pola.

It is proposed that existing external civilian mail services be extended to cover the territory mentioned above on 5 June 45.

As from 5 June 45, therefore, existing internal and external civilian mail services will cover the whole of Italy except the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Udine, Gorizia, Trieste, Fiume and Pola.

For the Chief Commissioner.

R.R.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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47.148.OS

SUBJECT: External Postal Services from North Italy.
TO : Civil Censorship Group.

It is proposed to extend the external postal services to include all the Provinces in north Italy at the earliest possible moment.

Correspondence will be sent to Rome for censorship until censorship is established in the north.

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

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Communications S/C.
Ext: 444

21th May 1945

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Telephone : HEADquarters 1234

Telegrams : Postgen, Cent, London

Your Reference P.47.89.CS.

P.O. Reference 21214/45
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POSTAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT,
GENERAL POST OFFICE,
LONDON, E.C.1.

17 May, 1945.

Sir,

Italy External Mails; Labelling of Despatches.

I am directed by the Postmaster General to refer to your memorandum of the 14th of April on this subject, of which a copy was sent to the O/C Censorship, Newsham Park, Liverpool, and subsequently transferred to this Department. No objection is seen to discontinuing the system of double-bagging prisoner of war mails from Italy to the United Kingdom, provided that the address labels of such mails are plainly marked "Prisoner of War Correspondence", and that the label of the bag containing the letter-bill is plainly marked "P" (in accordance with Art.160, § 5, of the Detailed Regulations of the Postal Union Convention of Buenos Aires).

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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

N. H. B. G. L.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 78769
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 201749

Message Centre No: E/1612
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 201945
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHCEG
 TO: ALCOM ~~INFO~~ *ROME FOR INFO*

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INFO - ACTION

approved by 178 (Tam 583)

CONFIDENTIAL.

(This is MAT 702)

Conveyance charges Italian civilian external mail subject.

While such mails leave ITALY under Army Post Office arrangements with increasing frequency bags are handled over a long route or App to Civil Administration for onward conveyance. Italian Government has no control over routes by which such mails are conveyed and your concurrence is desired to proposal that questions relating to handling or conveyance of such mails and relative costs after they have been handed over to a foreign Civil Postal Administration may be dealt with by Italian Government as they arise. For your information both US and British Army Postal services are maintaining records of Italian mails moved by them upon which Italian Government may be charged at appropriate time.

Director
Chief of Staff
Chief of Operations
Chief of Communications
Chief of Intelligence
Chief of Logistics
Chief of Finance
Chief of Personnel
Chief of Legal Affairs
Chief of Public Relations
Chief of Security
Chief of Training
Chief of Medical Services
Chief of Dental Services
Chief of Veterinary Services
Chief of Quartermaster Services
Chief of Transportation Services
Chief of Construction Services
Chief of Maintenance Services
Chief of Supply Services
Chief of Distribution Services
Chief of Reception Services
Chief of Discharge Services
Chief of Medical Services
Chief of Dental Services
Chief of Veterinary Services
Chief of Quartermaster Services
Chief of Transportation Services
Chief of Construction Services
Chief of Maintenance Services
Chief of Supply Services
Chief of Distribution Services
Chief of Reception Services
Chief of Discharge Services

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 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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*592 s/c*ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512*145* CJM/pc

18 May 1945

G-5 : 311.1

SUBJECT : Italian External Mails - Labelling of Despatches

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394

Reference is your P47.98/CS dated 18 April 45
and 44.38/CS 4 May 45.Your proposal to discontinue the double bagging
system of despatch as contained in these letters is
approved by this Headquarters.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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

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G-5: 311.1

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian External Postal Services.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

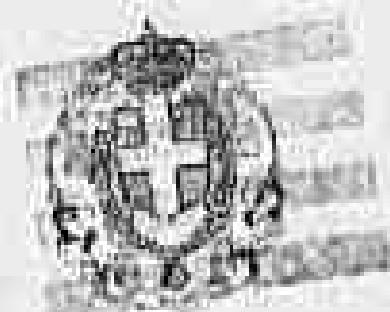
49.18 47.127
This Headquarters has received TAM 569 which
approves MAT 676 and MAT 678 while MAT 677 is approved 47.128
for non illustrated postcards only, as present Netherland
service is so restricted.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Sezione IV *Dir. 1* *Sez. 2*
Sub. 1 419272/835029/1PS

OGGETTO Servizio postale con l'estero.

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M.A.C.
Communications Subcommis-
sion ROMA

Espresso al P.47.119/CS
del 4.5.1945

In relazione alla nota sopra distinta si
conferma che dal 1° ottobre 1944 i francobolli
postali del Governo Militare Alleato (A.M.G.) che
erano stati dati in dotazione agli Uffici posta-
li della Sicilia, sono stati dichiarati fuori
corso (art. 48 Bollettino n. 3 Parte Seconda del
1° 9.1944).

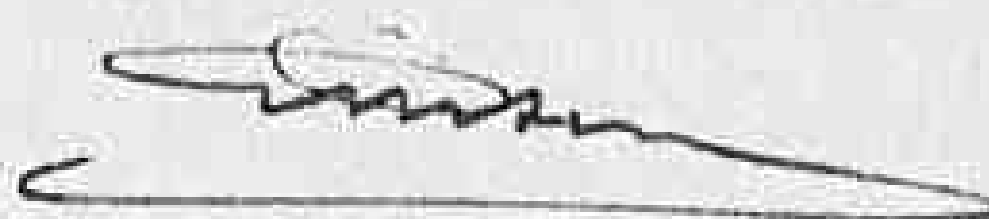
È per tale motivo che le corrispondenze, sia
dirette all'estero che nell'interno del Regno,
recanti i francobolli della specie sono munite
dagli Uffici di accettazione del bollo "T" ai
sensi dell'art. 145 del Regolamento d'esecuzione
della Convenzione Postale Universale di Buenos
Aires (23.5.1939).

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Di quanto precede non è stata data partecipa-
zione all'Ufficio Internazionale di Berna del-
l'Unione Postale Universale perché la Convenzio-
ne non lo prescrive.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



TRANSLATION BY SELAN.

TO:
ALLIED COMMISSION
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB/COMM
APO 394

REF. : 419372/835029/LPS

SUBJECT : Postal Service to abroad.

Re; the aforementioned letter, we confirm that effective from 1st October 1944 the Post stamps of the Allied Military Government, which had been distributed to the Sicily Post Offices, have ceased to be in force. (art. 48 Bulletin no. 3 2nd Part of 1/9/44)

It is for that reason that the correspondence, or addressed to abroad, or to the internal part of the Kingdom, bringing similar stamps, are marked by the acceptance Offices with the stamp "T" according to para 145 of the Regolamento d'Esecuzione of the Universal Postal Convention of Buenos Aires. (23.5.1939)

As regards to the above, no communication has been forwarded to the Berna International Office of the Universal Postal Union, because it is not prescribed by such regulations.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
MUSUMECI.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Postal Services Luxembourg

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. A signal from Troopers GEM 271 has been received laying down postal services between Luxembourg and all non enemy countries. With reference to TAM 314 the following conditions will prevail.

- a. All Luxembourg
- b. All non enemy countries
- d. Post cards and letters. No registration insurance or express.
- e. Restricted to personal correspondence and to business communications limited to ascertaining facts and exchanging information.
- f. 20 grams
- g. None
- h. and i. Not clear. If closed mails warranted, suggest make up for Luxembourg Ville and route Ostend Brussels. Otherwise a decouvert UK.
- k. Postcards 1 franc, letters 1.75 francs.
- l. 21 April.

2. In GEM 575 Troopers adds that the weight limit will be raised to 2 kg., registration express permitted from the 15 May.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. MacNamara
C. J. MACNAMARA
Major, P.C.

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A.F.H.Q.

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ROUTINE

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TAM THREE ONE FOUR PAREN NOW APPLICABLE ALSO TO TELEGRAPH
COMMUNICATIONS PAREN CONSIDERED UNDULY RESTRICTIVE IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES PD APPLICATION IS MADE FOR GENERAL PERMISSION
TO RESUME CIVIL POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS CMA
RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE MATTERS EXCEPT WHERE COMMERCIAL CORRESPON-
DENCE IS AUTHORISED CMA BETWEEN ITALY AND ALL ALLIED AND NEUTRAL
COUNTRIES AS AND WHEN PRACTICABLE PD NOTIFICATIONS TO BE
EFFECTED THROUGH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS PD
PAREN AFHQ FOR FHGEG FROM HQRS ALCOM CITE ACCMN PAREN
ALTERNATIVE IS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICALLY EVERY
COUNTRY IN WORLD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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47.138.CS

18th May 1945

Subject: Mails to Switzerland.

To : The Director-General, Ministry of
Posts and Telecommunications.

The mail from Rome to Bureau de Poste Genève, may now
be routed via Marseilles instead of via London. It should be forwarded
with the mail for Marseilles via the American and British Army
Post Offices.

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

Copy to: G-2 AFHQ
AG. Postal, AFHQ
British Army Postal Directorate AFHQ.
Civil Censorship Group.

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SUB-COMMISSION, AC ✓

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FILE : G-5/383.8

SUBJECT: Quasi Charges for Handling Civil Mails at Alexandria.

TO : DFIC, AFIC.

1. Reference our IRS G-5/383.8 of 5 April 1945 on above subject to you, there is attached hereto copy of a further letter from Communications Sub-Commission, AC, dated 8 May 1945 enclosing note from 8 CPO and attached debit vouchers (4) raised in the Middle East against Italian Postal Authorities.

2. The debit vouchers are forwarded herewith for return to GHQ, MEF via No. 8 CPO. It would be appreciated if you would inform 8 CPO that this Headquarters is not authorized to seek current settlement from the Italian Government on such charges, and that it is our understanding that the GHQ MEF charges should be reported to and accumulated on the books of the appropriate U.K. authority for presentation at ultimate settlement. War Office memorandum BM 474(F.5) dated 15 December 1944 (copy forwarded to you under cover of IRS of 15 April) refers to similar matter.

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

262 4443
FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.R.,
Financial Advisor.

Encls. - as above.

cc Communications Sub-Commission, AC (your P.47.124/GS of 8 May 1945 refers).

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14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian External Mails - Despatch to Switzerland

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference is P.47.120 C/S 4 May 1945.

1. This Headquarters has no objection to the routing of these mails via Marseilles instead of via London.

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



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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.47.135/CS

17th May 45

SUBJECT: Mails from Palestine.

TO : The Director-General, Ministry of
Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your letter N°474099 C/2, of May 16th 1945,
with which you enclosed a letter from the Postmaster-General of
Palestine, dated 21th March 1945, returned herewith.

There is no objection to Palestine making up direct
mails for Italy, and the Postmaster-General, Jerusalem, may be
informed accordingly.

A copy of your reply should be sent to the Sub-Commission.

R.H.
J. I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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e delle Telecomunicazioni
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U. C.A. Posts And
Telecommunications
Subcommission Via
Veneto Roma
Risposta al f. N.
del

OGGETTO Corrispondenza dalla Palestina
per l'Italia

Si trasmette, per cognizione ed
esame, l'acclusa lettera del 21 marzo u.s.
del Direttore delle Poste della Palestina,
con la quale si propone l'attuazione di
un dispaccio da Gerusalemme per l'Italia.

Pregasi significare se nulla osta,
con particolare riguardo alla censura, al-
l'accoglimento della richiesta.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

[Signature]
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission RACR/ec

P.47.133.CS

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Routing of Mails. Italy-Switzerland.

TO : The Director-General, Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications.

With reference to your letter N°474283/474282
of 12th May, 1945.

In reply to their telegraphic enquiry, XAF038
of April 30th, the Berne Post Office should be informed
that north Italy is still under the jurisdiction of this
Allied Commission, and postal communications between north
and South Italy have not yet been restored. The routing
of mails exchanged between Switzerland and Italy cannot
therefore be changed at present.

It is noted the 20 bags of prisoners of war correspon-
dence, and 4 bags of Red Cross messages, have been conveyed
from Chiasso to Milan Ferrovie by Red Cross courier.

Two of the three telegrams, enclosed with your letter
of May 12th, appear to have been received in your office
on May 3rd, the third on May 7th.

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The three telegrams are returned herewith.

Rh.
J. I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl:
Three telegrams.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 4/1
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 12 1900B

Message Centre No: E/571
 Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 13 1300B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DRE CIE MUSUMECI
 TO: TA 3 ROMA TA 2 PALERMO CAGLIARI DIRPOSTEL PROVINCE AMINISTRATE
GOVERNO ITALIANO DIRPOSTEL ANCONA ASCOLI PICENO AREZZO FIRENZE
GROSSETO MACERATA PERUJA PESARO SIENA TERNI ET PC HQ ALCONA PCETS &
TELECOMS AITO COMMISSARIATO SICILIA PALERMO AITO COMMISSARIATO
SARDEGNA CAGLIARI STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO UFFICI SERVIZI ROMA

IN CLEAR

Effetto immediato scambio corrispondenze ordinarie et raccomandate fino peso grammi mille anche aventi carattere finanziario et commerciale con note limitazioni est esteso rapporti con domini colonie et possedimenti INGHILTERRA et STATI UNITI AMERICA. Resta inteso che in dette corrispondenze est vietata inclusione generi alimentari indumenti et merci varie. Dirpostel ne informino pubblicc mediante comunicato stampa locale et interessino dipendenti uffici esporre atrio apposito avviso aggiornando manifesto et prospetto servizi ammessi.

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Action - Communications SC
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Immediate effect exchange of correspondence both ordinary and registered up to 1000 gms weight also being of financial ~~character~~ and commercial character with known restrictions is extended with dominions colonies and possessions U.K. and U.S. It is agreed that said correspondence ~~is~~ prohibited inclusion of food stuffs, clothing and other goods. Postal Direct. will inform public by means of a ~~press~~ **ACTION** communique by the local press and will interest depending offices to exhibit ~~opposite~~ **ACTION** Notice and Prospetto Servizi ammessi.

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

ISPETT. GEN. MOV. POSTALE

Sezione I Per. I

Aut. N° 474283/474282

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U. C.A. Posts And
Telecommunications Sub.
Via Veneto Roma

Representative N°

OGGETTO: Corrispondenze dall'Estero per
l'Italia =

URGENTE
Accludonsi tre telegrammi n° XAF 075, 064 e
XAF 038 originari da Berna, con preghiera di
esame di far conoscere se nulla osti, da
parte di codesta C.A., all'accoglienza delle
proposte in essi contenute. =

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

[Signature]

2 copies of each
of the three telegrams
before they are returned

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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47.130.08

12 May 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service to Yugo-Slavia

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. With reference to the attached correspondence can information be given as to the type of postal service being resumed in Yugo-Slavia and possibly Albania.

2. Proposals for a resumption of civil postal services from Italy to these countries can then be put forward in the standard form.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.H.C.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

1. Encl.

Copies of 2 telegrams and letter P.649

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Copies to:

Civil Censorship Group.
British Army Postal Directorate A.V.H.C.
(ref. P.649 of 10 May 1945)

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

P/649.

10 May 45.

Subject:- Postal Service - U.K. to Yugoslavia.

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

Reference telephone conversation Lt. Col. Harvey/ Major
Green on 8 May 45.

Copies are attached of the signal received from Troopers and
the reply sent in connexion with the resumption of the postal
service from U.K. to Yugoslavia and the proposal to route mails
from U.K. to Yugoslavia via Italy.

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

Copy to:- P/641
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CKC

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COPY

FROM: TROOPERS FROM DAPS

TO : FREEDOM FOR DDAPS

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 90872 (DAPS) 031810

Following telegram sent to Post Gen SALERNO by GPO.

" Postal Service UK to YUGOSLAVIA will be resumed
11th May.

Propose to send correspondence a decouvert in mails for
NAPLES.

Please telegraph your concurrence and indicate route for
onward transmission.

Military authorities in ITALY being asked to assist in
onward conveyance if necessary. "

Request you assist with onward conveyance if necessary.

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COPY

TO: TROOPERS LONDON FOR DAPS

FROM: FREEDOM FROM DDAPS

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: F. 72771, 081645B

Your 90872.

Understood from A.C. Communications Sub Commission that there is no civil postal service from Italy to Yugoslavia and Italian Civil Post Office will not be able to accept correspondence a decouvert for Yugoslavia. Suggest closed mails be made up and we will forward to Belgrade.

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11 MAR 1945

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

COMMUNICATORS

Originator's Reference: EX 73301
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 10 18 45Z

Message Centre No: E/277
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 11 08 30Z
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ATHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER WHITE PHOEG
 TO: HQ ALCOM

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ACTION

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This is MAT 677 also to ALCOM ROME.

Resumption postal services ITALY - HOLLAND.

Information asked for para 2 TAB 314 follows.

(A) All liberated Italian provinces open for postal services.

(B) HOLLAND towns and areas indicated by SHAFT as open for external mail services.

(C) Labelled bundle in existing mail NAPLES to LONDON Foreign Section.

(D) Personal postcards and letters up to 20 grammes. *approved for non-illustrated pos only, as per usual*

(E) As (D) above. *Netherlands service is restricted see P. 47.44*

(F) To be increased to 40 grammes when SHAFT raises limit.

(G) Communications will be censored by Civil Censorship Group, ITALY. *4A-2*

(H) In NAPLES to LONDON Foreign Section mail via British APO channels.

(I) NAPLES and LONDON.

(J) Normal Italian.

(K) Italian external.

(L) 22 May.

(M) Separate arrangements

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

Originator's Reference: FX 73302
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 101846B

Message Centre No: E/281
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 110830B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGB
 TO: ALCOM ROME

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CONFIDENTIAL

ACTION

This is MAT 678.

Resumption postal services ITALY - LUXEMBOURG.

Information asked for para 2 TAM 314 follows.

- a. All liberated Italian provinces open for postal services.
- b. LUXEMBOURG.
- c. Labelled bundle in ROME to MARSEILLES mail.
- d. Personal postcards and letters up to 20 grammes.
- e. As d above.
- f. To be increased to 40 grammes when SHAEF raises limit.
- g. Communications will be censored by Civil Censorship Group, ITALY.
- h. In ROME to MARSEILLES mail conveyed from NAPLES through American APO channels.
- i. ROME and MARSEILLES.
- j. Normal Italian.
- k. Italian external rates.
- l. 22 May.
- m. Separate arrangements.

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ACTION: Communications S/C
 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
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			Via e indicazione eventuale ufficio		

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via veneto roma

ispn / 1/1 nr 474287 C 2 accerti et telegrafi quali dispacci
esteri giungano tuttora eventualmente sistematicamente
dipendente ufficio ferrovia virgola quali mezzi et quali organi
forze alleate ne eseguono consegna

Dre generale musumeci

Ascertain and inform by telegraph which foreign
despatches ~~are~~ still arrive time by time, or
periodically to the depending Ferrovia office
by which means and through which Allied organs.

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8 MAR 1945

JH.

Tele: e: HEADquarters 1234
 Telegrams: Postgen, Cent, London

Your Reference P.47.76/CS.
 P.O. Reference 18757/45.



POSTAL SERVICES
 DEPARTMENT.
 GENERAL POST OFFICE.
 LONDON, E.C.1.

27 April, 1945.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd of April, concerning the circulation of correspondence from Italy for Finland, and in reply, to confirm that such correspondence could appropriately be forwarded in the mails for London Foreign Section, if the amount is not sufficient to justify closed mails for Finland. It would be advisable, for the Italian Post Office to seek the agreement of the Finnish Post Office to the establishment of the service.

It is the case that postal communication between the United Kingdom and Finland is at present restricted to the air mail service; and air conveyance charges payable in respect of closed mails forwarded by this route are as follows:- United Kingdom - Stockholm 14.58 gold francs per kilogramme (payable to the United Kingdom Post Office); Stockholm - Helsinki 2.72 gold francs per kilogramme (payable to the Swedish Post Office). The air service between Stockholm and Helsinki is at present suspended. Correspondence forwarded in the mails for London for onward air transmission should be accompanied by form AV2, advising the weight of the correspondence, and will be subject to charges as indicated above with the usual 10% additional charge for a *découvert* correspondence.

The Director,
 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION,
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

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The limit of weight for air mail letters for Finland posted in the United Kingdom is at present restricted to 2 oz. (40 grammes). Postal communication between the United Kingdom and Sweden is also at present restricted to the air mail service. referred to above and correspondence for Sweden forwarded via the United Kingdom should also be accompanied by form AV2.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J.B. Gates.

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Date 8 May 1945

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In reply
refer to : P.47.124/CS

8 May 1945

Subject : Conveyance of Foreign Mails.

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

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Debit vouchers raised in the Middle East against the Italian Postal authorities, in respect of charges for quay handling of Italian mails at Alexandria are enclosed with reference to your unnumbered letter of 5th October, 1944.

This Sub-Commission letter P.47 80/CS of 4 April 1945 also refers.

For the Chief Commissioner


J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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P.47-121/CS

7th May 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service Italy-Corsica

TO : Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Reference your 473298 3/2 of 22 March.

1. It has been confirmed that neither the British nor the American APO's have at present a surface service to Corsica by which a direct civil mail from Italy could be conveyed.

2. It is suggested that you might communicate with the French Administration asking for details of the transit time of correspondence at present circulated via Tunis and whether a circulation in the new mails to Marseilles would be more expeditious. No alteration in the foreign circulation should however, be made without approval of this Office.

WJH

J. I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Original in
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4 May 1945

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Subject: Italy External Mails-Labeling of Despatches.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 3 May 45.

1. The introduction of external mail censorship in Italy enables the civil despatches to be made in single bags addressed direct to overseas Post Office of Exchange as indicated in the lists furnished with P.47.96/CS of 13 April.

2. The point raised in P.47.90/CS of 14 April still applies as regards Prisoner of War despatches from Italy which continue to be censored overseas. Censorship Cairo, has replied to P.47.89/CS of 14 April stating that the double-bagging system is unnecessary for Egypt, and G 31 (12) C MEF has indicated that the proposals in P.47.89/CS are acceptable.

3. The Prisoner of War despatches from Italy are as follows:-

Naples	to	Cairo
		Tripoli
		Liverpool
		New York
		Ottawa
		Tunis

If no objection is seen, it is proposed to discontinue the double-bagging system and address these mails directly to the P.W. Censors concerned as proposed in P.47.89/CS.

For the Chief Commissioner.

h.h.
J.L. HENDERS 14 6
Colonel, 4 6
Director.

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WIR/CS

P.47.120/CS

4 May 1945

Subject: Italian External Mails - Despatch to Switzerland.

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

Reference 3.11.1 of 14 September 1944

1. May the mail from Rome to Bureau de Post Geneva now be routed via Marseilles instead of via London?
2. The despatch is at present made up in Rome and handed to the British APO at Rome.
3. There are now mails from Italy to Marseilles via American APO channels.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WIR/CS
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:
Civil Censorship Group.

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P.47.119/CS

4 May 1945

Subject: Italian External Postal Service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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1. The United States Postal authorities have raised the question of inconsistencies in the marking of insufficiently prepaid Italian correspondence for tax purposes (use of "T" - tassa da pagare).
2. In particular it is stated that the treatment of items bearing Military Government stamps previously on sale in Sicily is not uniform.
3. As regards rates of postage the U.S. authorities are being supplied with a copy of your telegram of the 26th March to the U.P.U.
4. Your instruction to Provincial Directorates regarding the discontinuance of the use of Military Government postage stamps (art. 48 Bollettino No 3 of 1944) indicates that it was the intention that such stamps should not be valid after 1st October. It is not clear, however, whether notification to this effect was sent to other Postal Administrations through the U.P.U.. Will you please verify this and also issue any necessary instructions to your Offices of Exchange.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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In reply
refer to : P.47.117/08

5th May 1945

Subject : Italian External Postal Service Postage Rates.

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

Ref. your 311.1 of 2nd May.

1. The rates of postage for the Italian external postal service were fixed as follows when the service was re-established in February 1944:-

Postcards	Lire 1.50
Letters	" 2.50 first 20 gms.
	" 4.00 up to 40 gms.

MAE 141 and TAM Airgram 25 of 7 November refer.
The Universal Postal Union was notified accordingly.

2. As from 1st April 1945 the Italian Government introduced a Decree increasing the internal rates of postage by 100 % and at the same time the external rates of postage were correspondingly increased and now stand at :

Single postcards	Lire 3.00
Letters	" 5.00 first 20 gms.
	" 3.00 each additional 20 gms.
Registration fee	" 10.00

A copy of the relative telegram sent to the Universal Postal Union is connected.

3. Military Government stamps were sold only in Sicily. They were withdrawn from sale in September 1944. The Italian public were given due warning of the cessation of validity and as will be seen from the enclosed copy of the relative telegram, exchange for current Italian stamps was permitted up to 31 October 1944. It is not clear at present whether the U.P.U. was advised of the fact that these stamps were being placed "out of course". The point and also the charges of inconsistency in surcharging are being referred to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

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P.47.117/CS of 5th May 1945
Continued -

4. In view of the fact that notifications sent through Berna may now take a considerable time to reach all Administrations, perhaps a copy of this letter should be sent to the British Post Office and to the U.S. Postal authorities.

For the Chief Commissioner

h.h.
J.I. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

2 Ino.

- (1) Copy of telegram of 26 March 1945 to U.P.U.
- (2) Copy and translation telegram of 8 Aug. 1944 to Italian Post Offices.

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CESSAZIONE VALIDITA' IN SICILIA DEI FRANCOBOLLI A.M.G. -

Dal 1 Ottobre prossimo cessano di validita' in Sicilia i francobolli A.M.G.. Durante il mese di settembre, essi potranno essere usati promiscuamente con francobolli normali e con quelli sovrastampati con la sigla P.M. dei quali e' stata disposta una prima fornitura. Eventuali rimanenze potranno essere cambiate al pubblico e ai rivenditori secondari, con francobolli del Regno, fino al 31 ottobre. Di quanto sopra le Direzioni devono avvertire il pubblico mediante comunicato alla stampa locale e gli uffici esporre avviso nell'atrio dell'ufficio postale.

Gli uffici postali entro il 5 novembre invieranno per il cambio alla Cassa provinciale le proprie rimanenze ed i francobolli cambiati. Seguiranno disposizioni circa l'esito di tali francobolli da parte della Cassa provinciale.

TRANSLATION

WITHDRAWAL FROM SICILY OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT STAMPS.

From 1st October 1944 the Military Government stamps will no longer be valid in Sicily. During the month of September they may be used at the same time as the normal stamps and the stamps overprinted P.M., of which a first supply has been arranged. Any of the stamps remaining in the hands of the public and secondary sellers may be exchanged for ordinary Italian stamps, up to the 31st of October. The provincial Directorates will inform the public of the above through the local press, and a notice will be exhibited at Post Offices.

The Post Offices will forward to the "Cassa Provinciale" not later than November 5th, the stamps remaining on hand. Further instructions will be given to the "Cassa Provinciali" as to the treatment of such stamps.

COPY OF THE TELEGRAM No 646180 ADDRESSED ON 26th MARCH 1945 TO
THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION AT BERN.

Prière informer Administrations qu'à partir premier avril
prochain correspondances expédiées d'Italie devront être
affranchies selon nouvelles taxes suivantes: lettres premier
échelon de vingt grammes cinq lire, par échelon supplémentaire
de vingt grammes trois lire; cartes postales simples trois lire;
droit fixe recommandation dix lire. Restent en vigueur limitations
dont lettre 854994/837892/1 UPU vingt décembre.

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Communications

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS JB/seb
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

116 9202

G-5: 311.1

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italy External Mails - Labelling of
 Dispatches.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
 APO 394.

1. Reference your P.47.90/CS of 14 April.

2. In view of the fact that this Theatre
 assumed complete responsibility for censorship of
 external communications effective 1 May, it is
 assumed that dispatches from Italy are now labelled
 direct to civil post offices rather than to Censor
 Station at destination.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



Julius Byles
 JULIUS BYLES
 Major, F. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Mails (overseas)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Enclosed is correspondence with regard to the varying postage rates obtaining in the Italian Post Office with regard to franking of mail overseas.

2. May we have your comments.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. Macnamara
C. J. MACNAMARA
Captain, P.C.

Enclosures.

1 ltr. 23 Mar 45.
2 copies 12 Mar. 45.



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Division of
War Services

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF POST OFFICE INSPECTOR
WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.

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In reply refer to:

WS-M&C-10

March 28, 1945.

The Director,
Army Postal Service,
The Pentagon,
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of April 6, 1944, in which I quoted a letter received from the Second Assistant Postmaster General concerning articles received from Italy that were "q" stamped, denoting deficiency of postage. You replied to that letter on April 10, 1944, AGAO-P 311.1 (6 April 44).

There is attached further correspondence from the Second Assistant. Will you please advise, giving the information requested by him.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ???????????

Chief Inspector.

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IGH-st
No. 146/73 1150

C O P Y

Division of
International Postal Service

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.

In replying, mention number,
initials, and date

March 23, 1945.

Chief Inspector,

Referring to your reply (WS-H&C-10) dated April 14, 1944,
to letter from this Office of March 28, 1944 concerning letters
received in the United States from Italy bearing "T" stamp, there
is enclosed copy of a further letter from the postmaster at New
York dated March 12, 1945 on the same subject.

In order that appropriate reply may be made to the New York
Office, it is suggested that the War Department be asked to furnish
further information respecting the matter. In the event that Depart-
ment prefers that this Office communicate directly with the Italian
postal authorities, we shall be glad to do so upon receipt of ad-
vice to that effect.

/s/ ???????????

Second Assistant

Enclosure

Incl #1

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AGAO-P 311.1 (28 Mar 45)

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WD,AGO, Washington 25, D.C., 6 April 1945

TO: Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, APO 512, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Request information desired in inclosed letters.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

R. T. Rock
Adjutant General.

2 Incls

1. Ltr dtd 23 Mar 45.
2. Cy ltr dtd 12 Mar 45.

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AGAO-P 311.1 (28 Mar 45)

1st Ind

RF-chg-4A478

WD, AGO, Washington 25, D.C., 6 April 1945

TO: Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, APO 512, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Request information desired in inclosed letters.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

R. T. Rock
Adjutant General.

2 Incls

1. Ltr dtd 23 Mar 45.
2. Cy ltr dtd 12 Mar 45.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
New York 1, N.Y.

FOR 114-D 6

March 12, 1945

Second Assistant Postmaster General,
Division of International Postal Service,
Washington 25,
District of Columbia.

My dear Sir:

Reference is had to your reply (No. 146/73 IGH-3) of May 9, 1944, to our letter of March 27, concerning articles received from Italy that are "T" stamped by the foreign exchange office to denote deficiency in postage. A uniform practice is not followed in that country in dealing with the question of the collection of postage on articles and charges applied to articles considered insufficiently prepaid, consequently there exists here uncertainty as to the proper procedure to follow.

In conjunction with Italian postage stamps employed, Allied Military postage is used to some extent, as previously mentioned, and at times is recognized as valid by the Italian exchange office, but not on other occasions, according to our observations on the marks, etc., on the relative articles.

Some articles prepaid, wholly or in part by means of Allied Military postage are at times forwarded to this office as fully prepaid matter, while on other occasions that postage obviously is not considered valid, as the Italian exchange office "T" stamps the relative articles and places a circle (in pencil or pen) around that postage, an indication (as provided for under Postal Union regulations) the postage is not regarded acceptable for prepayment.

There also is some doubt about the present rate of postage. Prior to the war the postage on letters from Italy was 1.75 lire for the first weight unit and 75 centesimi for each additional weight unit, as indicated on page 40, Part II, of the United States Postal Guide, but from recent observations the present rate of postage is 2.50 lire for a single rate letter weighing up to 20 grams.

Perhaps your Office will kindly ascertain and advise this office regarding the rates of postage applicable to articles mailed in Italy. However, until advised to the contrary, this office will continue to regard as valid, the Allied Military Postage affixed to articles even though it is not recognized as valid for postage by the Italian exchange office.

Respectfully yours,

Albert Goldman
Postmaster.

(COPY)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

RACE/bs

P.47.114/CS

3 May 1945

Subject: Conveyance of Italian Surface Mails for Tripolitania.

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

Reference your P/T/153 of 31 March and 26 April 1945, and in continuation of my P.47/79/CS of 4 April 1945.

1. The points raised in your letter of 31 March were duly referred to A.F.H.Q., but as a general ruling was sought, some time may elapse before a decision is given.

2. In the meantime, as it is contrary to Article 103 of the Universal Postal Convention to forward the mails in question by the very slow and infrequent sea route, while all other mails are being forwarded by road and by rail (the most rapid route), it would be appreciated if you would transfer Italian mails for Tripolitania to the Egyptian Post-Office for onward transmission in accordance with the provisions of the article quoted above.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

Copy to:

G-5, A.F.H.Q. (with copy of P/T/153 of 26 April & ref. P.47.80/CS of 4 April, regarding Italian External Mail Services-Conveyance charges.)

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SUBJECT:- Conveyance of surface mails for
Tripolitania.

GHQ MEF
P/T/158

26 Apr 45.

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

Ref your letter P47.79/CS of
4 Apr 45, we should be interested to know
whether any decision concerning the con-
veyance of the above mentioned mails has
yet been reached.

[Signature]
Major RE
(H. W. Barnes)
for DDAPS

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHL/bs

P.47.112/CS

1 May 1945

Subject : Despatch from London Foreign Section.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

The attached Bulletin de Verification may be dealt with direct.

WHL
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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 Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
 refer to: P.47.111/CS

30 April 1945

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Subject : Italy-Extension of Mail Services.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 23 April 1945.

1. The position as regards vouching from Italy has been further modified by the decision to commence censorship in this country and extend the vouching as indicated in P.47.98/CS of 18th April (copies to all concerned.)

2. Under the new proposals there will be direct mails to Marseilles from both Rome and Naples.

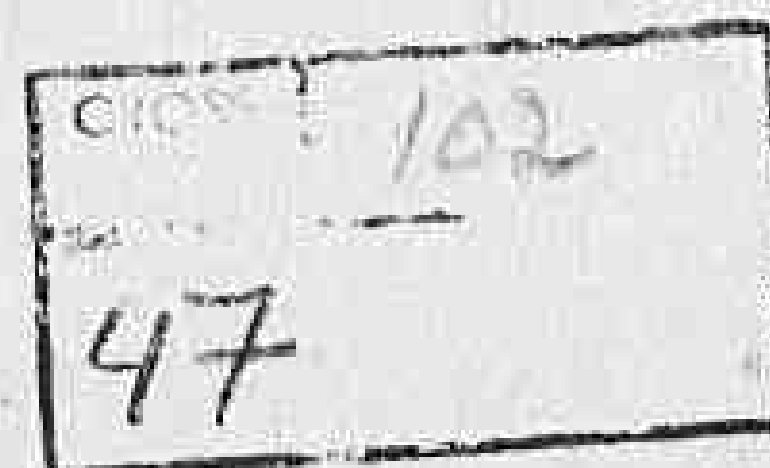
3. The Italian Post Office is sending the usual notifications to all postal administrations concerned. Overseas Censorship Stations to which foreign civil mails from this country were previously addressed have been notified by this office of the cessation of such despatches.

4. If it is necessary to notify the formation controlling the Army Postal Service at Marseilles that civil despatches from Naples and Rome to Marseilles will be received via U.S. APO channels for transfer to the French civil P.O., perhaps this could be done from A.F.H.Q.

5. Postal (B) has replied to P.47.94/CS direct, indicating that the arrangements are satisfactory.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WHL
 J.L. HENDERSON
 Colonel,
 Director.



Date

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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30 April 1945

P.47.110/CS

Subject : Italy: Foreign Mails.

To : see Distribution. (overleaf)

1. As from 1st May the censorship of Italian external correspondence will be the responsibility of Civil Censorship Group Italy.

2. In consequence despatches to overseas censorship stations will ~~cease~~ and will be replaced by normal despatches to Offices of Exchange as indicated below.

3. All the mails will be despatched from Italy through British or American Army Post Office channels.

4. Alterations in Despatches as from 1st May 1945.

To cease	To commence
(1) Naples to Civil Postal Censor Cairo	Naples to Cairo Rome to Cairo
(2) Naples to Civil Postal Censor Tripoli	Naples to Tripoli via Egypt Rome to Tripoli via Egypt
(3) —	Rome to London Foreign Section (existing mail Naples to London Foreign Section will continue to be made up)
(4) Naples to Controles Techniques Tunis	Naples to Tunis Rome to Tunis
(5) Naples to District Postal Censor New York	Naples to New York Rome to New York
(6) Naples to Director of Postal Censorship Ottawa	Naples to Ottawa Rome to Ottawa
(7) —	Naples to Marseilles Rome to Marseilles
(8) —	Bari to Athens

For the Chief Commissioner

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

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Postmaster, New York
Ministere des Postes, Ottawa
Directorate, Posts and Telegraphs, Tunis
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Postal Services Dept (O M B), Headquarters G.P.O.
London, EC 1
Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms,
Rome.

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In reply
refer to: P.47.109/03

26 April 1945

Subject : Routing of Civil Mails between U.S.A. and Greece.

To : G-5, A.P.H.Q. 107

Reference 311.1 of 26 April 1945.

1. It would appear that in routing its mails via Cairo and in raising the question of routing via Italy, the U.S. Postal Administration is not aware of the arrangements made in AG 311.1 P D of 14th December for the treatment of the mails throughout in both directions through Army Postal channels via Italy.

2. If the arrangements in AG 3.11.1 P D still hold good, there does not seem any point in bringing the Italian Post Office into the picture so far as transit mails from U.S. to Greece are concerned and it seems much more simple to leave the disposal of the mails from 15 Base APO onwards in the hands of the British Army Post Office.

3. The Italian Civil Post Office hands its own despatches for Greece to the British Army Post Office for disposal.

For the Chief Commissioner.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

4 Inc.:

1. orig. Letter AGAT-M 311.1 of 11 April to CG, MFOUSA.
2. " " WS-MAC-10 of 9 April, Chief P.O. Inspector, to Director Army Postal Service.
3. " " IIM-ph 140/4 of 6 April, Second Asst. IM General to Chief Inspector.
4. Copy of Letter AG 311.1 PD of 14 December 44, HQ MFOUSA to CG, 2nd Base P.O., APO 790.

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28 April 1945.

P.47.108/CS

SUBJECT: Foreign Mails.

TO : Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. It was observed that in the latest batch of your correspondence to Foreign Postal Administrations were included letters to Madrid, Tunis Malta and Rabat containing Bulletins de Verification prepared by your Palermo Office from October last onwards.

2. No doubt you have made enquiries into the cause of the delay in disposing of these forms.

3. Is it the case please that mails from overseas are still being received at Palermo? If so, enquiry is necessary as to how these mails arrive in Italy; the place at which they are handed over to the civil post office; and what is the subsequent treatment of these despatches.

rh.
J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director. 4005

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COMMUNICATIONS
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G-5 Section
APO 512JB/jjr
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G-5: 311.1

26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Routing of International Mails.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Inclosed is correspondence upon which this Section would appreciate comment upon which to base a reply to the Adjutant General, War Department.

2. G-2 state they have no objection.

3. Please return all correspondence.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

4 Incls:

HEADQUARTERS
27 APR 1945
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Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, F.A.

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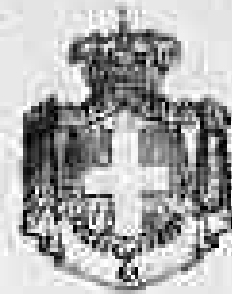
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Asst. Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
Chief Coms O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

ISPETT. GEN. MOV. POSTALE

Ufficio I. I. I.

Reg. N. 474002 C/I

Alligato 8

Roma 27 APR 1945 194

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts And Telecommunica-
tions Sub Commission

R O M A

Rapporto N. P.4778 C/S
del 4/4/45

OGGETTO: Posta Estera =

Si ha il pregio di trasmettere otto
prospetti della quantità delle corrisponden-
ze civili dirette all'estero, messe in parten-
za dall'Ufficio di Napoli Ferrovia dal 7 al
13 del corrente mese, in evasione della ri-
chiesta contenuta nella lettera n° P.47.54
C S del 15 Marzo u.s. =

Translation -

Included are 8 lists
showing the quantity of
civil correspondence
addressed abroad, dispatched
by the Naples Ferrovia P.O. during
the period 7-13 April, with
reference to the request contained
in your letter P. 47.54 of
March 15th

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

CNC. S. RETS.	
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UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE DI NAPOLI FERROVIA

Corrispondenze incluse nel periodo dal 7 al 13 Aprile
nel dispaccio per il

C A I R O

Africa Orientale	Kg. 5.070
Australia	13.290
Ceylon	0.160
Cirenaica	4.740
Kenia	1.600
Egitto	16.700
Etiopia	1.270
Eritrea	8.270 ✓
Nuova Zelanda	0.075
Palestina	0.320
Rodesia	0.070
Russia	0.650
Siria	0.205
Somalia	1.740
Sud Africa	2.530
Turchia	6.590
Tanganica	2.050

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE



UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE DI NAPOLI FERROVIA

Corrispondenze incluse, nel periodo dal 7 al 13
Aprile, nel dispaccio per

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Belgio	Kg. 0.350
Inghilterra	19.550
Svezia	4.040

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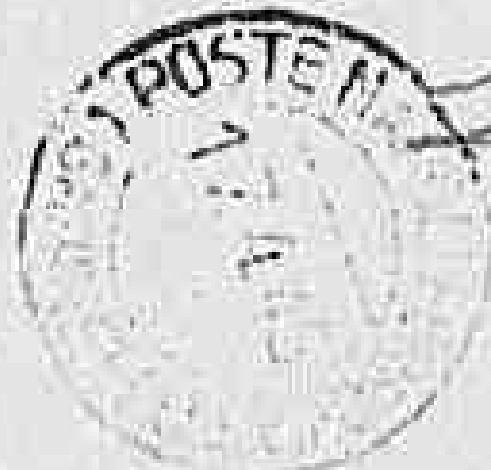
UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE DI NAPOLI FERROVIA

Corrispondenze incluse, nel periodo dal 7 al 13
aprile, nel dispaccio per

NEW - YORK

Brasile	Kg. 142.100
Messico	0.130
Nord America	753.200
Panama	0.070
Argentina	141.000
Uruguay	0.160
Venezuela	0.960

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE



4.00

UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE NAPOLI
FERROVIA CORRISPONDENZE

CORRISPONDENZE INCLUSE, NEL PERIODO DAL 7 AL 13 APRILE,
NEL DISPACCIO PER:

O T T A W A

CANADA

Kg. 8.610

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE



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UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE NAPOLI
FERROVIA CORRISPONDENZE

CORRISPONDENZE INCLUSE, NEL PERIODO DAL 7 AL 13 APRILE,
NEL DISPACCIO PER:

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Kg. 16.850



DIRETTORE REGGENTE

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UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE NAPOLI FERROVIA CORRISPONDENZE

CORRISPONDENZE INCLUSE, NEL PERIODO DAL 7 AL 13 APRILE,
NEL DISPACCIO PER:

T U N I S I

ALGERIA	Kg. 10.450
CORSICA	" 2.210
MAROCCO	" 0.410
TUNISIA	" 18.700



IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE

3997

UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE NAFOLI FERROVIA CORRISPONDENZE

CORRISPONDENZE INCLUSE, NEL PERIODO DAL 7 AL 13 APRILE,
NEL DISPACCIO PER:

R O M A S. P. B.

M A L T A

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S V I Z Z E R A

Kg. 0.375

" 0.110

" 11.000

IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE



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UFFICIO PRINCIPALE POSTE NAPOLI FERROVIA CORRISPONDENZE

CORRISPONDENZE INViate, NEL PERIODO DAL 7 AL 13 APRILE, PER
L'UFFICIO CENSURA PER GLI STATI BALCANICI.

ALBANIA	Kg. 4.150
BULGHERIA	" 0.370
CROAZIA	" 1.440
DALMAZIA	" 2.750
JUGOSLAVIA	" 4.450
EGEO (Isole)	" 4.020
MONTENEGRO	" 3.100
POLONIA	" 0.055
RUMENIA	" 0.515
SERBIA	" 2.140
UNGHERIA	" 1.520



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IL DIRETTORE REGGENTE



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI

Roma 26 APR 1945

All'On. Commissione Alleanza - Poste and T.C. Sub-commission
ROMA

Tramite IV Per 1 Per 2
Post. N. 834994/41926/4 UPU

Registrazione N. 1.47.97/CS
del 17.4.1945

Oggetto: Tasse per la posta estera.

In risposta alla nota sopra distinta si ha il pregio d'informare che il decreto con il quale sono state approvate le nuove tariffe postali fra l'Italia liberata ed i Paesi esteri in vigore dal 1° corr. è tuttora in corso di perfezionamento.

Si fa riserva, pertanto, d'inviarne copia non appena possibile.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Translation

26 April 1945

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Subject: Foreign Mail - Charges.

In reply to your P.47.97/GS we inform you that the Decree with which the new postal charges between liberated Italy and foreign countries has been approved, is still being perfected.

A copy will be sent to you as soon as possible.

The General Director.

*Now issued as Ministerial Decree
Gazette Official 56*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: D/8696

Date/Time of Origin: APR 250900Z

Date Time Rec'd: APR 251700Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ROMA

TO : DIRPOSTEL PROVINCE ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNO ITALIANO (E PER CONOSC) DIRPOSTEL
 ANCONA AREZZO ASCOLI PICENO FIRENZE GROSSETO MACERATA PERUGIA PESARI STENA
 TERNI MC POSTA EMI MC SUBCOMMISSION ROMA ALTO COMMISSARIATO SICILIA PALERMO
 ALTO COMMISSARIATO SARDEGNA CAGLIARI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE UFFICIO
 SERVIZI ROMA

IN CLEAR.

4/1 EFFETTO VENTINOVE APRILE CORRENTE EST CONSENTITA SPEDIZIONE CORRESPONDENZE
 ORDINARIE ESCLUSE QUELLE AVENTI CARATTERE COMMERCIALE LIMITATAMENTE LETTERE FINO
 QUARANTA GRAMMI ET CARTOLINE PER BELGIO VIRGOLA FRANCIA VIRGOLA GRECIA COMPRESA
 CRETA VIRGOLA BULGARIA ET ROMANIA STOP DIRPOSTEL INTERESSINO DIPENDENTI UFFICI
 INFORMAZIONE PUBBLICO MEDIANTE APPOSITO AVVISO DA ESPORSI ATRIC VIRGOLA RAMMENTANDO
 CHE TARIFFA PER ESTERO EST LIRE CINQUE PER LETTERE UN PORTO VIRGOLA LIRE OTTO PER
 LETTERE DUE PORTI ET LIRE TRE PER CARTOLINE

DIRE GLE MUSEUMCI

ACTION

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4/1 Effective 29 April despatch ordinary
 correspondence is allowed not including those of
 commercial character restricted to letters up to 40 gms weight and postcards for
 Belgium, France, Greece included Crete, Bulgaria, Roumania, . Postal Directorates
 shall interest depending offices so to inform the public by means of an apposit
 Notice to be shewn in P.O.s., reminding that the foreign rates is of 5 Lira for
 weighingx letters weighing 20 grms, 8 Lira for letters up to 40 grms, and 3 Lira
 for postcards.

ACTION: Communications S/C

INFO: File



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Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to: P.47.103/CS

26 April 1945

Subject : Missing Mails - Rome to Lisbon.

To : O.C. British Army Post Office, Rome. 101

In a verification note, No. 45/3, dated 15 January 1945, and received by the Rome Post Office on 6th April 1945, the Lisbon Post Office reports that the fifteen mails described in the attached list have not yet reached Lisbon.

The mails in question are stated to have been duly handed over to the Army Post Office for onward transmission.

Have you any record of these mails? If so, will you please say how they were disposed of?

Rh.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

1 Inc.:
List of missing mails.

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List of missing mails stated to have been forwarded through British Army
Post Office channels

Office of Despatch	Office of Destination	No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Weight of mail (grams)
Rome Ferrovia	Lisbon	1	22 Sep 44	2000
"	"	2	29 " "	1700
"	"	3	6 Oct "	3000
"	"	4	13 " "	1500
22	"	5	20 " "	2000
"	"	6	27 " "	2000
"	"	7	3 Nov "	1500
"	"	8	10 " "	800
"	"	9	17 " "	500
"	"	10	24 " "	1000
"	"	11	1 Dec "	1000
"	"	12	8 " "	500
"	"	13	15 " "	3000
"	"	14	22 " "	1000
"	"	15	29 " "	1000
"	"			

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/JJJr

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G-5 311.1

23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italy - Extension of Mail Services.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your P.47.94/CS of 16 April to AG (Postal) and Postal(B).

2. AG (Postal) comments as follows:

"The arrangements set out in paragraph 2 (a) are satisfactory with this Section. It is assumed that necessary arrangements for acceptance of the mails by the civil post office at Marseilles have been made. The Army Postal Service at Marseilles is not under the control of this theater."

3. It is thought that Postal (B) may already have replied to you direct.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, F.A.

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

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Roma

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

*Commissione Alleata
Sotto-Commissione per le
Ispett.Gen.Movimento Postale Poste e le Telecomunicazioni*

Sez. II-Sez. 2
Via Veneto - Roma

Bot. N. 495153/P.A.

Allegato 2

Risposta al f. N. 1

del

OGGETTO: Dispacci aerei da Roma per Lisbona.

Si rimette l'unito bollettino di verifica-
cazione emesso il 15 Gennaio u.s. dall'Ufficio
Postale di Lisbona per verbalizzare la mancanza
di alcuni dispacci originari dall'Ufficio di Roma
Ferrovie, che li aveva a suo tempo consegnati alla
Posta Militare del Comando Alleato.

Si prega di esaminare la pratica e quin-
di restituirla con un cenno di riferimento che
valga a metter lo scrivente in grado di rispon-
dere esaurientemente, all'Ufficio verbalizzante.

Il Direttore Generale

[Signature] 3588

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TRANSLATION

495153/P.A.

24 April 1945

Subject : Air despatches Rome to Lisbon.

We are sending you the included Bulletin de verification issued on Jan. 15th 1945 by the Lisbon Post Office to report the outstanding of some despatches made up by Rome Ferrovia P.O., which had, in due course, handed them over to the A.P.O..

We beg you to examine the relative papers and then let us have them ~~msg~~ back with an indorsement such as to put us in a position to reply satisfactorily to the Lisbon P.O.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

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