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POSTAL SECTION -

POSTAL, TELEGRAPH, + TELEPHONE RATES

Vol I.

IN NORTH ITALY

Apr. Aug. 1945

TRANSLATION BY SELAN

of an article of the *L'Espresso* (Italian morning newspaper) of Sunday the 12th August 45 on telephone rates.

BOYCOTT THE TELEPHONE!

We have been informed that, notwithstanding the general protests, the "Teti" Coy. has already initiated the distribution of the tri-monthly bills, which have been calculated on the basis of the so much discussed new rates.

In our article of 8th inst., we have pointed out ~~that~~ the irrationality of the said rates, especially owing to the enormous disproportion existing between the 2 Lire rate for each additional telephone call and the fixed tariff.

We have also observed that, as a consequence of such a disproportion, for a number even small of additional communications, the lower categories are going to be taxed more than the higher classes, that is what proves the absurdity of the new tariff.

We therefore ask that, as soon as possible, be made opportune modifications to those rates, and we repeat our recommendation to the subscribers, to abstain from carrying out additional conversations, aiming to a double scope: to reduce to the minimum their expenses, and to cause a sensible loss of money to the Company, because of the reduction of the additional communications. It is to be hoped that the Company be in that way forced to effect the requested modifications.

So far as the bills which are being distributed are concerned, the Azienda di Stato per i Servizi Telefonici, which has got, in accordance with law dispositions and with the various conventions stipulated with the Concessionary Companies, the right and the duty of defending the interests of the State and of the subscribers, should order the Teti:

a) to apply the tariff of the superior category, whenever it results to be more favourable to the subscriber;

b) not to allow that the total amount of money to be paid by the subscriber be more than the double of the fixed tariff, and therefore the amount of the new tariff in case of a forfeit taxation.

But have we really any hope in an efficacious action of the Azienda di Stato per i Servizi Telefonici, after having been asleep for 20 years?

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

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 Date/Time of Origin: JULY NPT

Message Centre No: E/7755
 Date Time Rec'd: JULY 021630B
 Precedence: ROUTINE **16**

FROM: DRE GLE MUSUMECI
 TO: EN 3 ROMA TM 2 PALER O E CAGLIARI DIRPOSTEL PROV AMMINISTRATE
 GOVERNO ITALIANO FIN DIRPOSTEL LUCCA APUA IN VORRE RAVENNA UTA
 PO AC COMMUNICATIONS SC ROMA ALTO COMMISSARIATO BASILICA PALERMO
 ALTO COMMISSARIATO SARDEGA CAGLIARI STABE MAGGIORE ESERCITO
 UFFICI SERVIZI ROMA

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4/1 da domani primo luglio tariffe postali vigenti ITALIA
 centrale et Meridionale saranno applicate per servizi consentiti
 anche tutte provincie settentrionali. Pregasi informare dipendenti
 uffici et vigilare per tassazione corrispondenze non ed insuffi-
 cientemente affrancate richiamasi speciale attenzione direttori
 provinciali.

DRE GLE MUSUMECI

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Translation by G. Gagliardi.

Ref. No. 407158/406329/CR.

25th June 1945.

Subject: Postal, telegraph and telephone rates.

We thank you for your P.222.60.03 of the 14th inst. the contents of which, as regards the enforcement of the new postal, telegraph and telephone rates in the Provinces of Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia (excluding Venezia Giulia), as from the 1st of July next, we have duly noted.

Il Direttore Generale.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APC 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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T.92.12.CS

25th June 1945

Subject: Venezia Giulia
 To : Legal Sub-Commission.

Reference your A.C/4189/1/L of 8th June 1945 and my T.92.6/CS of 10th June 1945.

1. Further consideration of this matter suggests that it would be undesirable to attempt to reproduce the full text of the decrees governing postal, telegraph and telephone rates in the form of a Regional Order. The decrees themselves are very lengthy and cover all facilities provided by the Post Office in peace time, many of which are suspended in Italy at the present time.
2. From a telegram received from 8th Army it would appear that certain postal services have been allowed to continue in operation in Venezia Giulia, presumably at the existing rates which undoubtedly are lower than those established by the latest Italian decrees.
3. It would appear that sufficient legal backing for an increase in the rates could be afforded by a Regional Order to the effect that these rates shall be in accordance with bollettini to be published by the Post Office, Provincial Director of Trieste with the authority of A.M.G. The schedules could be printed in Trieste and contain only such extracts from the Italian decrees as may be applicable to services in operation.
4. It will not be possible to avoid indicating in the bollettini that the rates quoted apply not only within Venezia Giulia but also to Italy.
5. It is suggested that paragraph of the Draft directive should be amended as follows:-

"Communications"

The current Italian Postal and Telecommunications rates ⁶³³⁸ covered in the following decrees:-

Foreign Postal Rates	Ministerial Decree 31st March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May 1945
Internal Postal Rates	Decree L.T. No. 94 22nd March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
Internal Telegraph Rates	Decree L.T. No. 95 22nd March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
Telephone Rates (Urban)	Ministerial Decree 26th March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
Telephone Rates (Interurban)	Ministerial Decree No. 247 26th April 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May 1945

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It is desirable that the rates of services in operation or to be reintroduced in Venezia Giulia should be in conformity with the rest of Italy, but it would be difficult to reproduce these lengthy decrees in a Regional Order and in any case a number of the services mentioned therein are not likely to be introduced. A Regional Order should therefore be issued to the effect that Postal and Telecommunications rates, limitations, conditions and indemnities in Venezia Giulia will be in accordance with Bollettini to be issued by the Post Office Provincial Director for Trieste under the authority of AMG. These Bollettini can be printed locally and include relevant extracts from the decrees in respect of services which may from time to time be authorised".

6. The Internal Postal and Telegraph rates are covered in a Ministerial Bollettino supplement (copy attached) which could be amended as a draft for the relative Venezia Giulia Bollettino. In other cases the Gazzette Ufficiali would have to be used for the preparation of draft Bollettini.

H. H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Copy to:
Postal Officer Venezia Region.

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MEMO

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Subject: Stamp supplies for Venezia Giulia
To : Executive Commissioner.

1. In an earlier endorsement (of which a copy unfortunately has not been retained) the question of postage stamps for use in Venezia Giulia was discussed and the recommendation of this Sub-Commission was that ordinary Italian stamps should be used, although reference was made to the existence of stocks of "M.G. Italy" stamps in the hands of A.F.A. at Naples.
2. It is not known what stamps are actually in use in the region concerned but probably they are of Republican Fascist design. Strong exception was taken by C.I.M. in North Italy to the continued use of such stamps there and the very big task of printing and distributing Italian Government stamps for the North of Italy has had to be undertaken.
3. It is essential to know whether similar arrangements must be made for the portion of Venezia Giulia under our control, and also what stamps will be used in territory under Hungarian control, especially as mail services between the two areas are to be continued.
4. Because of the prospective closing of its Naples Offices A.F.A. is anxious to proceed with the destruction of the Military Government (Italy) stamps at Naples if it is certain that these will not be required.

R.E. SCHUBERT
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn 444

16th June 1945 6328

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Deputy Chief Legal Adviser
Finance Sub-Commission (A.F.A.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

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T 222.60.CS

14th June 1945

Subject: Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates.

To	: R.C. Emilia Region	(attn Postal Officer)
	R.C. Emilia "	" Telecomms Officer)
	R.C. Liguria "	" Postal Officer)
	R.C. Piemonte "	" Telecomms Officer)
	R.C. Lombardia "	" Postal Officer)
	R.C. Lombardia "	" Telecomms Officer)
	R.C. Venezia "	" Postal Officer)
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1. The Decrees governing Postal and Telecommunication Rates in Italy were not amongst those listed in AC/4010/9/L "Economic Decrees" of 30 April 1945 and the relative Special Order published in the supplement to the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 51 of 28th April 1945. They would, therefore, normally be due for application in Military Government territory, except Venezia Giulia, on the dates on which the Gazzette Ufficiali including the relative implementation orders reached the Prefects of each Province concerned. As the services concerned are interprovincial it would, however, be impracticable to implement the Decrees on different dates and the 1st July 1945 will, therefore, be the date on which the rates laid down in the Decrees become effective, with the exception of the Decree covering Foreign Postage which is already being applied.

2. The Decrees are as follows:-

Subject:	
(a)	Internal Postage Rates
(b)	Internal Telegraph Rates
(c)	Telephone Rates (Urban)
(d)	Telephone Rates (Inter-Urban)
(e)	Foreign Postage Rates

Decree LT No. 94	22 March 1945
Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
Decree LT No. 95	22 March 1945
Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
Ministerial Decree	26 March 1945
Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
Ministerial Decree No. 247,	5 April 1945
Gazzetta Ufficiale	30 May 1945
Ministerial Decree	31 March 1945
Gazzetta Ufficiale	9 May 1945

3. The Post Office publications in which the above Decrees are detailed are

as follows:-

(a), (b) and (c)	In Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 of 1945, a supply of which has already been sent to you for distribution to all Post Offices.
(d)	Not yet published in a Bollettino.
(e)	In Bollettino No. 11 of 1945, copies of which have already been sent to you.

4. It is important for full publicity to be given to the increases of Postal rates both in the newspapers and on the radio. Publicity should of course be given to increases in Telegraph and Telephone Rates, but need is not so great as for

1. The Decrees governing Postal and Telecommunication Rates in Italy were not amongst those listed in AC/4010/9/L "Economic Decrees" of 30 April 1945 and the relative Special Order published in the supplement to the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 5 of 28th April 1945. They would, therefore, normally be due for application in Military Government territory, except Venezia Giulia, on the dates on which the Gazzette Ufficiali including the relative implementation orders reached the Prefects of each Province concerned. As the services concerned are interprovincial it would, however, be impracticable to implement the Decrees on different dates and the 1st July 1945 will, therefore, be the date on which the rates laid down in the Decrees become effective, with the exception of the Decree covering Foreign Postage which is already being applied.

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	(a)		Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
(b)	Internal Telegraph Rates		Decree IT No. 95	22 March 1945
			Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
(c)	Telephone Rates (Urban)		Ministerial Decree	26 March 1945
			Gazzetta Ufficiale	31 March 1945
(d)	Telephone Rates (Inter-Urban)		Ministerial Decree No. 247,	5 April 1945
			Gazzetta Ufficiale	30 May 1945
(e)	Foreign Postage Rates		Ministerial Decree	31 March 1945
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4. It is important for full publicity to be given to the increases of Postal rates both in the newspapers and on the radio. Publicity should of course be given to increases in Telegraph and Telephone Rates, but need is not so great as for Postal Rates. Care will no doubt be taken to ensure that any notices prepared for exhibition to the public concerning the new rates do not contain references to any services which are suspended. The attention of the Post Office staff should be drawn to the fact that the Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 shows the authorised rates for all the normal services, but that this does not imply the resumption of any services not specifically authorised.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

Copies to:

- Chief Commissioner
- CA Section (2)
- Economic Section (3)
- Executive Commissioner
- Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

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H. H. SCUDLER
Lt. Colonel, S.I.C.
Director.

Date

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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 T.AT. CS

29th May 1945.

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia.
 TO : Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

1. Reference is made to Memo. of May 25th, 1945
 AG/4188/1/L.

2. Regional Orders should be issued as redrafts
 of Italian decrees covering the following:

<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Italian Decree.</u>
Foreign Postage Rates	Ministerial Decree 31st March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May, 1945
Internal Postal Rates	Decree L.T. no. 94, 22nd March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945
Internal Telegraph Rates	Decree L.T. no. 95, 22nd March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945
Telephone Rates (Urban)	Ministerial Decree 26th March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945

3. There is a decree in course of preparation
 covering increase in Telephone Rates (inter-urban) which
 should be covered by Regional Order. 63.6

4. The question of what postage stamps are to
 be used in Venezia Giulia is also still undecided. It is the
 recommendation of this Sub-Commission that current Italian
 stamps be used.

5. In order that uniformity with other parts of
 Italy may be observed it is suggested that effective date for
 above decrees in Venezia Giulia be July 1st, 1945.

H. H. SCUDDER
 Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.,
 Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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F.222. CS.

29th May 1945.

SUBJECT: Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates.
TO : Economic Section.

1. The present rates for above services are all covered by Decrees which become operative in each Province of A.M.G. territory when Gazette containing such decrees is delivered by A.M.G. to the Prefect.

2. As services are inter provincial it is obviously impractical that decrees become operative at different dates and it is therefore proposed that application date for all decrees in question shall be July 1st, 1945, with the exception of Decree covering Foreign Postage which is already being applied.

3. The decrees are as follows:

<u>Subject.</u>	
Foreign Postage Rates	Ministerial Decree 31st March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May, 1945.
Internal Postal Rates	Decree L.T. No.94, 22nd March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945.
Internal Telegraph Rates	Decree L.T. No.95, 22nd March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945.
Telephone Rates(Urban)	Ministerial Decree 20th March, 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March, 1945.

4. In addition there is a decree now in course of preparation covering inter-urban telephone rates which will also be implemented as of July 1st, 1945.

5. For Venezia Giulia effective date will be governed by regional order.

Saw Cinto on 14/6/45

H.H. SCUDDER no objection
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Deputy Director.

Phone Rates
to the extent of the decree, 497.
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How given letter to Prefect & will receive with further information etc.
See also letter about a decree 15 June.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Tel: 503

Economic Section

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Ref: ES/18.06

28 MAY, 1945

SUBJECT: Rates of Postage

TO: Communications Sub-Commission
Attention: J. I. Henderson,
Colonel,
Director.

1. Reference to letter of 21 May 1945.
2. It appears that the considerations pointed out in your letter far out-weigh any internal economic consideration involved in the proposed postage rate increases. This Section therefore raises no objections to the proposals.


A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Price Control Branch

24 May, 1945

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Translation.Provincial Direction of Posts and Telegraphs - Genoa.Internal Postal rates in force from the 1st October 1944.

Letters and letter-cards up to 20 grammes Lire 1; over 20 and up to 250 g. Lire 2; over 250 and up to 500 grammes Lire 3.35; over 500 and up to 1000 grammes Lire 5. State and private industrial post-cards, ordinary cent.50; reply paid Lire 1. Manuscript papers up to 250 grammes Lire 1.20, every 50 grammes extra cents 25. Commercial invoices up to 20 grammes cent.50, over 20 grammes, same rates as for manuscript papers. Daily newspapers sent on postal subscription rates, 1 cent. for every paper up to 50 grammes and for every 50 grammes extra.

Fortnightly, monthly and half yearly publications, for every publication not exceeding 50 grammes and for every 50 grammes extra, cents.2, 3 and 10 each respectively. Publicity periodical publications, catalogues, bulletins, commercial lists at least six monthly periods, equal to half yearly publicity periodical publications rate. Publicity pages for every 50 grammes and for each copy cents 10. Extracts for newspapers, cents 10. Packets of books sent by publishers, every 50 grammes 10 cents. Declarations of despatch of packets of books in the ordinary way, 20 cents for every packet. Orders for books coupons, cents 10. Braille papers for blind people, every 500 grammes cents 5. Postal packets for the first Lire 1.25, for every 50 grammes extra cents 25. Samples, for the first 100 grammes, cents 50, for every 50 grammes extra, cents 25. Medicine samples, for the first 100 grammes, cents 40, for every 50 grammes extra, cents 20. Envelopes containing correspondence, machine stamped, cents 40. Express letters Lire 2.50, Parcels Lire 4. Registration, open ~~for~~ closed envelopes, Lire 1.50.

Registration of periodical printed matter, packets of books sent by publishers, samples of medicines, cents 75. Registration of Braille papers for blind people, cents 25. Identity registration rate Lire 1.50, Lire 25, at Lire 0.75 rate, Lire 15, for Braille papers, Lire 10. Insurance also conventional correspondence and parcels, for the first Lire 200, Lire 1.50, for every Lire 100 extra, cents 75. Force majeure insurance for correspondence and parcels, ~~never~~ and above the above insurance rates, for the first Lire 200, Lire 1, for every Lire 100 extra, cents 50. Payment on delivery, correspondence and parcels, Lire 1. Advices of receipt, Lire 1. Poste restante to be paid by sender, Lire 0.30, to be paid by addressee Lire 0.50. Post boxes, open Lire 10, closed small, Lire 15, medium, Lire 20, large Lire 25. Guarantee for closed boxes, Lire 100. Withdrawal of correspondence by means of cases, bags, by the interested parties, Lire 15 monthly, by the Administration, Lire 50. Delivery to domicile of printed matter, manuscript papers over 500 grammes up to 1000 grammes, Lire 0.80, over 1000 up to 2000 grammes, Lire 1.50. Legalization of acts, Lire 2. Corresponding amount due to concessionaries for delivery of expresses and local correspondence, cents 20. Claims, Lire 0.50. Written requests, Lire 1. Letters and post-cards addressed within the area of the postal Municipality, half rates.

As the suspension of the reduced rates for illustrated post-cards, visiting cards and participations is still in force, these articles must be stamped as cards or letters. The acceptance of non periodical printed matter and second hand printed matter is still suspended.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

Originator's Reference: 1286
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 16/NFT

Message Centre No: E/1697
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 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LIGURIA REGION POSTAL OFFICER
 TO: ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ROME ACC/M

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1. GREEN and TENCE inspectors arrived MILAN.
2. Postage rates here 50 0 postcards 1 lire lightweight letters. SCUDDER clearing with FIFTH ARMY. Favorable except for few frontier provinces. EIGHTH ARMY not yet approached from here. Has any reply been received from 15 ARMY GROUP reservice between north and south and provinces to be excluded. Ministry here appears to have been very skeleton affair. Accounting and other details desecialised on provinces. Probably not worth reviving. Will report after further enquires. Suggest you phone SIERCHER VICKSBURG 115 re position in EMILIA

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MEMO

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Subject: Rates of Postage.

To : Economic Section.

1. Reference Discussion (Mr. K.E. Stauffen- Lt. Col. Routh) of 19 May 45, when it was recognized that the price control regulations do not cover postage rates.

2. As agreed, therefore, the postage rates in the North are being increased to conform with those charged in the South.

3. The external rates of postage in the South of Italy have been fixed at:-

Letters, 20 grammes	5 lires
Each additional 20 grammes	3 "
Postcards	3 "
Registration fee	10 "

under Article 34 of the Universal Postal Convention, which prescribes that the prepaid rate of postage for the conveyance of correspondence throughout the entire extent of the Union shall be:-

Letters, 20 grammes	20 centimes gold
Each additional 20 grammes	12 " "
Postcards	12 " "

Under II of the Final Protocol of the Convention, each country has the right to increase up to 40% or to reduce by as much as 20% the postage rates prescribed by Article 34, and is empowered to round up or down its rates to suit its currency.

4. The value of the franc gold, in lires, has been taken as 33 lires.

5. It will be observed, that the external rates of postage in the South of Italy are the minimum allowed under Article 34 of the Universal Postal Convention, and that the Italian Postal Administration has taken full advantage of its right, under II of the Final Protocol of the Convention, to reduce by 20% the postage rates prescribed by Article 34, and to round down its rates to suit its currency.

6. The rates of postage in the North of Italy are:-

Letters, 20 grammes	1.25 lires
Each additional 20 grammes	75 "
Registration fee	1.50 "

These rates are only one quarter of the minimum rates prescribed by the International regulations, and external postal services from the North cannot, therefore, be started until they are raised to the level of those in the South.

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn. 444

21 May, 1945

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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8th May 1945

SUBJECT: Postage rates and Postal Carte Valori in North of Italy.
TO : Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. A General Order is to be issued to the effect that any postal services allowed to continue or re-established in the territory north of the northern boundaries of the Provinces of Ravenna, Florence, Fisticia, Lucca and Apuania shall for the present operate at the postage rates in force immediately prior to liberation.
2. Republican Fascist Postage stamps and carte valori will be valid until proper arrangements can be made for normal supplies of Italian Government stamps.
3. The rate of postage and the kind of stamps used in Bologna for postcards posted in that city for the new service will be affected by this decision.
4. Please advise all Directorates in Provinces open for postal services that any postal items which may be received from Provinces in the North bearing Fascist Republican stamps or prepaid at rates lower than those which apply in the south should not be taxed on that account.
5. Further information on the rates and services in the north and on the progress of proposals for communications between the two areas will be sent to you when available.

W.H.G.

Copy to: R.C. Emilia Region
" " Lombardia " } information
" " Liguria " } postal
" " Venezia " } officer
" " Piemonte "

J.I. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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D R A F T

Subject : Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Rates.

To : Regional Commissioners, Umbria-Marche, Toscana, Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia Regions
(for distribution see page 2)
S.C.A.O. 5th and 8th Armies, IV Corps.

1. This Directive modifies Executive Memorandum No 35.

2. In view of the rapid advance in the north it will no doubt be found desirable in agreement with the Security authorities to leave in operation certain civil postal and telecommunications services which may be functioning in the liberated territory.

3. In accordance with the policy detailed in AC/4010/9/L of 30th April 1945 "Economic Decrees" any such service in territory north of the provinces of Ravenna, Florence, Pistoia, Lucca and Apuania should operate for the present at the rates and charges in force prior to liberation.

4. A Special Order has, therefore, been issued to exclude from implementation in the north the decrees affecting postal and telecommunications rates and charges in the south.

5. Postage stamps and other Postal Carte Valori issued by the Republican Fascist Government will continue to be used until such time as a proper distribution of Italian Government stamps and forms can be arranged. Local overprinting of stamps will be forbidden.

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6. Postal services between the areas north and south of the economic line will be arranged as soon as the Security authorities agree and the necessary transport can be arranged. In the first instance such services will be limited to unregistered postcards and letters up to 40 grammes.

7. No foreign mails services will be allowed to operate from the north

certain civil postal and telecommunications functioning in the liberated territory.

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6. Postal services between the areas north and south of the economic line will be arranged as soon as the Security authorities agree and the necessary transport can be arranged. In the first instance such services will be limited to unregistered postcards and letters up to 40 grammes.

7. No foreign mails services will be allowed to operate from the north without prior authority from Communications Sub-Commission. Such services involve special consideration as regards postage stamps, postage

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rates, censorship etc.

1 Inc. Translation of Special Order.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies to : Chief Commissioner

C.A. Section

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D R A F TORDER No

I Gerald R. Upjohn, Brigadier, Vice President (Civil Affairs Section), Allied Commission, hereby make the following order in respect of the territory hereinafter mentioned which is or may hereafter become subject to Allied Military Government.

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2. Any civil postal and telecommunications services which are permitted by Allied Military Government to continue to operate or to be re-established in the territory north of the said line shall until a further order be issued, do so at the rates and charges in force immediately prior to the liberation of the territory concerned.
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Commission.

Dated April 1945

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