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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Signal Communications, SARDINIA.

TO : Commander, Allied Garrison, Sardinia.

This headquarters concurs in the recommendation made by the Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA) in SD/1/4 of 15 January 1945, and directs that no change be made in the present Italian Army communication network.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:



1 Incl
Ltr, Land Forces Sub Commission,
AC, (MIA), dtd 15 Jan 45 w/12 incls.

Copy to:
AC For: (MIA)

JACK CARTER,
Captain, ACD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Allied Commission, FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED GARRISON FOR
SARDEGNA

22nd January 1945

Reference : HQ/1004

Subject : Signal Communication - SARDEGNA

To : AFHQ

1. With reference to SD/1/4 of 15th January 1945 from Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MIA), I do not wish to press for the installation of the teleprinters asked for.

2. With reference to Para 2 (c) (1) of that letter it may perhaps be mentioned that "Allied Garrison" and Allied Commission Headquarters rely entirely on the civil telephone and telegraph circuits for all messages.

Further
They are also at the disposal of the Military as an alternative in case one of the teleprinters should break down.

J.A.C. Pennington

J.A.C. PENNINGTON,
Colonel.

Allied Garrison Commander.

JACP/sjs.

Copy to : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
MIA SARDEGNA.



*The matter is
Settled!*

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Subject: Signal Communications, Sardinia

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/1/4

15 January 1945

To : AFHQ

Copy to: Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia

1. Inviting attention to attached copies of correspondence between the Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, our LO in Sardinia, and Italian military authorities.

2. The facts are:

a. Four teleprinters, property of the Italian Army, are in use by the Italian Army in Sardinia on an established Italian Army circuit. This is an absolutely necessary and essential means of communication, both for MMIA and the Italian Army.

b. The Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia has directed that two of the teleprinters be turned over to him for establishing a circuit for his own use, between the Italian telegraph dispatch office and the office of the Allied Garrison Commander, a distance of not over two miles. The Allied Garrison Commander states, "non-installation of the teleprinters required has caused inconvenience but no great loss of efficiency", and that such messages can be carried by hand between his office and the Italian telegraph station.

c. If the demand of the Allied Garrison Commander is met by the Italian Army, (1) a complete signal system will be destroyed, (2) communications necessary for the use of the Italian Army and MMIA will have to be conducted by motor courier instead of electrical means, which certainly is the most economical from every standpoint, (3) essential movements of supplies and troops will be delayed, all for "convenience" which will not improve efficiency.

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3. Under AFHQ Circular 29, dated 9 December 1944, the Allied Garrison Commander can use Italian Army equipment "as may be necessary for operational reasons only". However, this demand is not considered operational inasmuch as the established Army circuit will transmit any messages desired by the Allied Garrison Commander. Therefore, unless instructions are issued by you for the release of the two teleprinters to the Allied Garrison Commander, and the closing down of the Italian Army circuit as a consequence, the teleprinters and the circuit will be maintained as at present and the Italian Army will be directed to transmit on the circuit such messages as are desired by the Allied Garrison Commander according to priorities established by him. We are strongly averse to any change in the existing situation.

CLAYTON P. KERN, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)

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12 Incls:

- Incl 1 -Ltr Hq AGC, Sardinia, 26 Oct 44.
- Incl 2 -Ltr LO MMIA, Sardinia, 29 Oct 44.
- Incl 3 -Ltr Hq AG, Sardinia, 31 Oct 44.
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- Incl 5 -Ltr Comando Militare, Sardinia, 26 Nov 44.
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- Incl 7 -Ltr Hq ALCOM, Sardinia, 4 Dec 44.
- Incl 8 -Ltr Military Hq, Sardinia, 13 Dec 44.
- Incl 9 -Ltr LO MMIA, Sardinia, 13 Dec 44.
- Incl 10 -Ltr Hq ALCOM, Sardinia, 5 Jan 45.
- Incl 11 -Ltr Military Hq, Sardinia, 6 Jan 45.
- Incl 12 -Ltr LO MMIA, Sardinia, 14 Jan 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

26 October 1944

To : Commander Military Italian Cagliari
Subject: Teleprinter
Reference: HQ/1004

Please supply a Teleprinter Circuit from A.C.C.
Cagliari, to Post and Telegraph building Cagliari. Also
supply two Olivetti Teleprinters complete.

For reference Capt Ermanne Caddeo.

S. A. HILLS /t/
Major
Royal Signals, A.C.C.
S. A. HILLS Major /s/

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Army Equipment
TO : Allied Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region

1. The inclosed letter has been referred to me by Comando Militare della Sardegna with request for instructions and is in turn referred to you for information as to whether the request for equipment has your approval and, perhaps, some details as to its contemplated use.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

31st October 1944.

To : Military Mission to Italian Army (Sardinia)

Subject: Italian Army Equipment.

Reference: HQ/1004.

1. Reference your letter of 29th October 1944 enclosing a letter from Major Hills, this Officer was attached to these Headquarters from Allied Commission Headquarters for the purpose of negotiating the hand over of all telegraphic and telephone communications to the Italians. He was not aware of the correct procedure in communicating with the Italian Military Authorities and unfortunately did not refer his letter to me or my staff before sending it off. Had he done so it would, of course, have been corrected and sent to you for your consideration.

2. As regards the requirements of the Teleprinter, under our present system we send messages by hand to the Italian Telegraph despatch office some distance away near the Railway Station. If, therefore, a Teleprinter can be set up here and at the Telegraph Office there will be a great saving in the work of despatching telegrams. A still better arrangement would be to have had Teleprinters at this office and the S. GAVINO telegraph Centre but I understand there is insufficient wire for this.

3. Captain Oaddeo, Signals Liaison Officer with Allied Garrison Sardinia, has discussed the matter at this Headquarters and he states that Major Hills also asked for Italian Military Personnel to lay the line from this Headquarters to the Post Office. Could this also please be authorised?

GFTW/aje.

/s/ J.A.C. Pennycuik
J.A.C. PENNYCUICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Inclosed Letter.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. The inclosed letter from the Regional Commissioner will explain the request received by you direct from Major Hills in his letter of 26 October 1944.

2. The circuit and equipment requested are essential to the organization of communications and I should be glad if you would meet the request at once.

3. Please advise me also as to the possibility of supplying the personnel to lay the line, as mentioned by the Regional Commissioner.

A. M. NEWTON, Capt
for F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Incl:
1 - Letter No. HQ/1004

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Chief of Staff Operations Office

No. 13818/1-50P

APC 50, 26 November 1944

SUBJECT: Material Royal Army.

TO : Allied Commission - Colonel Simmons' Office. Cagliari.

Reference letter dated 4 November 1944 concerning the request for signal equipment forwarded directly to Major Hills.

1. This Hq can make available a circuit for teletype, but cannot issue any Olivetti teletype machines since all those which are efficient existing on the island (4) are employed for the operation of the Cagliari-Sassari circuit.

2. We are awaiting instructions concerning the issuing of the aforesaid circuit.

THE COLONEL, CHIEF OF STAFF
L. Castellani
/s/ L. Castellani

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

30 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Equipment.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Allied Commission, Cagliari.

Reference your H.Q./1004 of 31 October 1944.

1. I am informed by Comando Militare della Sardegna that they are able to make available a teleprinter circuit as requested by you.

2. They are unable to hand over any teletype machines because the only efficient ones which they have are in use on the Cagliari-Sassari circuit.

3. Comando Militare awaits instructions concerning the laying of the circuit.

A. M. NEWTON, Capt
for P. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

4th December 1944.

Ref. HQ/1004.

Subject: Teleprinter Circuit/Teletype Machines.

To : M.M.I.A. SARDINIA.

With reference to your letter of 30th November 1944.

I consider it necessary that this Headquarters should have a Teleprinter Circuit.

In the circumstances will you please arrange for the Comando Militare to lay the circuit between this Headquarters and the civilian Post Office CAOLIARI and to supply the two teletype machines required.

JACP/cjm

/s/ J. A. C. Pennyquick
J. A. C. PENNYQUICK,
Colonel,
Allied Garrison Commander.

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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA
Chief of Staff Operations Office

File No. 14219/1-5/op

A.P.O. 75/A, 13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Teletype Machines

TO : MMIA, Colonel Simmon's Office

Reference today's conversation with Captain Di Stefano of your Commission and letter 13818/1-5/op dated 26 November 1944, it is confirmed that there exist in Sardinia only four (4) "Olivetti" teletype machines used for the operation of the Cagliari-Macomer-Sassari circuit.

The same information has been passed on to Allied Garrison Sardinia by Captain Cuddeo.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Colonel Luigi Castellani /t/
L. Castellani /s/

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (MMIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Italian Military Equipment

TO : Allied Regional Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Cagliari

1. In view of letter, this office, subject as above, dated 30 November 1944, letter Headquarters Allied Commission Sardinia Region (HQ/1004) dated 4 December 1944, is not understood.

2. It is repeated that there is no Italian Military "Teletype Machine" available for use contemplated in your letter. The line connecting Sassari, Macomer, and Cagliari cannot be interrupted at this time without serious consequences to the assembling and shipment of military stores and the accompanying closing of depots and store houses.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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HQ, M.M.I.A.
C.M.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

Cagliari, 5 January 1945

REFERENCE: HQ/1004

SUBJECT: Teleprinter

TO: M.M.I.A., SARDINIA (Att. Colonel SIMMONS)

1. Your letter, unnumbered, dated 13th of December 1944 and addressed to the "Allied Regional Commissioner....", in reply to my order as Allied Garrison Commander, HQ/1004 of 4th December 1944, has only just been brought to my attention, through an oversight.
2. I feel bound to point out that the form of the reply has been unexpected; the order was not issued until after an Officer from your office (in your absence out of SARDINIA) had come over to see me on the question.
3. The non-installation of the teleprinters required has caused inconvenience but no great loss of efficiency and, if you consider that it is of greater importance for the Italian Army than for the Allied Garrison Commander's office to have this service, I am perfectly prepared to give your views every consideration and to submit the case, if considered necessary, to higher authority for decision.
4. Will you please, however, assist by letting me have fuller details of the number of essential messages now handled by this particular link and what alternative signal routes may be available for such few units of the Italian Army that still remain in SARDINIA.
5. You will appreciate that the responsibility for failure to take action to organize Allied communications efficiently, in case of emergency, is placed on me as Allied Garrison Commander and I expect to get all assistance that may be possible from formations that may be located in the island.

JACP/gch

/s/ J.A.C. Pennyquick
J.A.C. PENNYQUICK,
Colonel,
Allied Garrison Commander.

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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA

File No. 85/1/5 d1 prot

APC 75 n, 6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Teletype Machines

TO : Colonel F. L. SIMMONS,
MMIA Liaison Officer for Sardinia

With reference to verbal request by Colonel Simmons yesterday you are informed:

- The teletype traffic has been and is hindered due to the technical defects of the telephone lines upon which it is carried; it should be perfectly isolated to permit transmission. In the present winter season, especially on rainy and windy days, this is ever so difficult if not impossible. In addition said traffic is also reduced because it is limited to brief periods of time in which the above-mentioned lines are free from normal communications.

- With this in mind, on the average, the teletype traffic amounts to sixteen (16) despatches a day in favorable seasonal periods.

- However, it is impossible to stabilize the exact statistics of such period since the radio units (69th and 99th Telegrafisti Companies) which first used the system took the station records with them upon departing for the mainland.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Col. Luigi Castellani (t)
L. Castellani (s)

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (MMIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Teleprinters Requested by A.G.S.

TO : The Commanding General,
Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

1. The inclosed correspondence deals with the order of a Major Hills, ACC, dated 26 October 1944 and addressed to "Commander Military Italian Cagliari", to deliver two Olivetti Teleprinters complete. Subsequent correspondence with Colonel J. A. C. Pennycuik, first as Allied Regional Commissioner, AC, And later as Allied Garrison Commander, brings the situation up to 5 January 1945.

2. Information requested in paragraph 4, letter of 5 January 1945, is being accumulated for study.

3. However, in view of the need by MMIA for the teleprinter circuit connecting Sassari, Macomer, and Cagliari, as explained in our letter of 13 December 1944 to Allied Regional Commissioner, and in view of the suggestion of paragraph 3, letter of 5 January to refer the matter to "higher authority for decision", a ruling is requested which will permit the final settlement of the question and serve as a guide for this office in the case of any future demands of a similar nature.

/s/ F. L. Simmons
F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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