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Communications - Policy

Feb 1944 - Feb 1945

Subject:- Signal Services within Camps.

M. M. I. A.
X500

24 Feb 45

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1. The following is the method of demanding Signal services for Camps at

- (a) Orvieto
- (b) Terni
- (c) Afragola

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3. Radio. Contact should be made with the O.C. of the R.Signals unit serving the area in which the camp is located to ensure that official mail is collected and delivered.

4. Complaints or advice required should be referred to O.C. the R.Signals unit, who will advise on all communication matters.

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W. M. T. A.

W. CALVELEY, Major.

E. O. R. SIGS.

W. M. T. A.

Subject: Telephone Communications to
Italian Combat Groups.

SECRET

Land Forces Info Coordination S.G.
(U.S.I.A.)
1500/2

17 Feb 45

Signal Officer 40 ME

"	"	51	"
"	"	52	"
"	"	53	"
"	"	56	"

1. Further to this S.G. letter 1500/2 of 10 Feb.

Due to pressure of traffic on the Northbound telephone lines, HQ 15 Army Group have placed further restrictions upon the use of these lines by Italian Groups.

2. The following method and conditions will apply:-

(a) Calls will be set-up daily by the switchboard operator of the S.G. or formation commanding the Group, at the following times:-

1500Hrs	Group - Operations Office S.G.	0600 hrs	2000 hrs
1700Hrs	" " " " "	0815 "	2015 "

(b) Calls will be routed via HQ First NORTHERN Army and HQ 15 Army Group (Pilot), the latter switchboard being able to dial HQS auto direct.

(c) All calls will be limited to 15 minutes duration.

(d) Calls from HQS S.G. to the Groups are prohibited.

R. H. Lang
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For Major General,
U. S. I. A.

Internal
File One.

17 Feb 45

W. CALVELEY, Pilot,
for Major Campbell,
H. M. T. A.

Spec Sec.

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Use of Allied Telephone Network
by Italian Ministry.

Land Forces Sub-Com.A.C.
(L.M.I.A.)
X500/2

1 Feb 43

MINISTRY OF WAR.

50 B.L.U.

51 "

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53 "

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Copy to: CSO L of C ITALY (Main)

" 1 District

" 2 District

" 3 District

Signal Officer

Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Further to this H.Q. letter X500/2 of 30 Jan (not to all).
A.F.H.Q. has given authority for Allied telephone circuits to be used
between H.Q. of the Combat Groups and the following numbers at S.M.R.E.,
and vice versa:-

CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF		ROME	41571
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF	..	"	42794
OPERATIONS OFFICE		"	41396
SERVICES OFFICE		"	42485
ORGANISATION OFFICE		"	40893
PERSONNEL OFFICE		"	41965

2. Owing to the restricted line facilities available,
communication will be kept to a minimum. Calls will be restricted to
the following times daily:- 0800 - 0900 hrs; 1700 - 1800 hrs. Calls
will not be originated at other than these times unless the matter is
of vital operational urgency.

3. Calls originating from S.M.P.E. must be demanded in ENGLISH,
connection should be requested to the B.L.U. of the Group who will then
put the call through to the required branch. Calls from Groups to
S.M.R.E. should be demanded through the B.L.U.

W. Calverley
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W. M. I. A.
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W. CALVELLY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Internal.

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Spec Sec.

X500

Subject: Orders for Sardegna

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/14/2
16 November 1944

To : Minister for War

Reference: Our SD/14/2 of 8 November
Your 204516/CA Allegati 1 of 14 Nov.

1. The communication facilities of MMIA are available to you for any instructions you desire to send to your Commander in Sardegna.
2. Any messages you desire to transmit should be delivered to the Signal Officer, MMIA.
3. Likewise, Colonel Simmons will transmit any messages from your Commander in Sardegna to you.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

cc: Colonel Simmons
Signal Officer, MMIA ✓

*The only communication
method in command
place NOT yet
authorized by AFHQ*

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RESTRICTED

HQ AAI ADV

Tel No: ADV FILPOT 55

2791X11

SUBJECT : Communications for
Italian ArmyArmy Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACG, ROME

2 Sep 44

Ref your X 11 of 27 Aug.

1. GSI(b) at this HQ state there is no security objection to the continuation of the current practice whereby only messages of SECRET classification are translated into English before delivery to the cipher office.
2. There is likewise no signal objection to the transmission of messages in Italian, so the previous ruling stands.
3. If the Liaison Officer 2 District is unwilling to cancel his letter of 17 Aug it is requested that you report who has ordered this change of procedure.

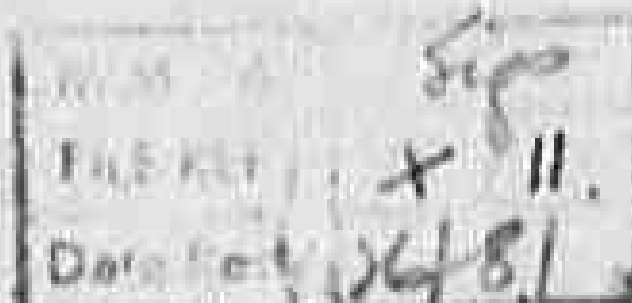
GCS/GMA

J. Schindler
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

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26 ago. '44
R/O-1/2632

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO MMIA
HQ A.C.C.

R O M A

Oggetto : comunicazioni telegrafiche tramite circuiti Alleati.-
All.: 1

L'Ufficio Italiano di Collegamento con il 2° District ha informato con l'allegata comunicazione che tutti i messaggi telegrafici destinati ad Enti e Comandi Militari Italiani, dislocati in località per le quali è necessario il transito su circuiti Alleati, dovrebbero, in base a recenti disposizioni, essere tradotti in lingua Inglese.-

Poichè quanto sopra è in contrasto con le norme già da tempo stabilite da codesta Sottocommissione in proposito, pregasi compiacersi informare se risponde a verità quanto comunicato dal predetto Ufficio di Collegamento affinché questo S.M. possa impartire tempestivamente le necessarie istruzioni agli Enti e Comandi dipendenti.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



1755

UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO
HQ N°2 DISTRICT C M F

N.3785 di prot.

Bari 17 agosto 1944.

oggetto : comunicazioni telegrafiche tramite Alleati.-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

- Segreteria -

P.M. 1 5 1

In base a recenti disposizioni, tutti i messaggi telegrafici destinati ad enti e comandi militari italiani dislocati in località per le quali è necessario far capo unicamente agli organi di trasmissione alleati, debbono venir tradotti in inglese.-

Questo ufficio provvede alla traduzione dei telegrammi che pervengono tramite il Comando Militare Puglia e Lucania.-

Al fine di facilitare il servizio e per eliminare o ridurre gli inconvenienti che possono derivare dalla duplice traduzione, pregasi invitare tutti i comandi interessati a compilare i messaggi in oggetto in forma chiara, evitando per quanto possibile termini tecnici e formule convenzionali che non trovano corrispondente esatta espressione in inglese e che devono venir tradotte con giri di parole od approssimazioni.-

Si gradirebbe che la presente comunicazione venga estesa anche alla R.Marina.-

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Riccardo Vallone)



1754

Subject:- SMRE Communications to C.I.L.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (SMIA)
LISJULIE (LISJULIE)
X 11
7 June 44

SMRE

I am directed to inform you that it has not been found practicable to provide you with your own telegraph and telephone communications to the C.I.L. In view of this it has been decided:-

a) that all telegraphic communications to the C.I.L. will be passed through this Headquarters for onward transmission (Attached at Appendix 'A' are notes on Signal Procedure for your guidance).

b) telephone calls for the C.I.L. will be made through the SMIA Exchange. In the event of the SMIA line to BARI being out urgent calls from SMRE may be routed through the Italian Military Exchange at BARI where an interpreter will be on duty.

c) Official mail for the C.I.L. will be forwarded through this Headquarters.

d) Communications of all types must be kept at an essential minimum.

CSH

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

Copy to - CSO 2 Dist
SMIA LO 5 Corps

CSO 5 Corps (2 copies)
War Diary (2 copies)

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From **S M R E** : DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN : **07 1930**

(FOR ACTION)

To **C I L** (FOR INFORMATION)

M H I A

Originator's Number

Serv/1531 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Reference your CIL/1783 of 4 June (.)
Reinforcements ready at 9 Regt Genio TRANI Arrange collection

As written except : In cipher if liable :
by wireless : to interception : Originator's Instructions
signed : signed A.G. Fleming Maj : Degree of Priority
: : : **IMPORTANT**

NOTE Date-Time of Origin. The first two figures represent the date of the month and the last four the time at which the message was signed.

Signature Space Messages classified **RESTRICTED** are signed in the left hand space and those classified **CONFIDENTIAL** or higher in the right hand space.

3. Despatch Rider Letter Service (**DELS**)
The procedure for the handling of **DELS** packages is as given in my Signal Instruction No 1 sent to you under cover of my I 11 of 29 NW last.

Appendix 'A' to MIA letter
X 11 of 7 June 44

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ITALIAN SIGNAL INTERSECTION NO. 2

1. Priorities for use with messages

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| Most Immediate | To be used only on occasions of vital urgency and is reserved for Army Commanders and above. |
| Emergency Operations | To be used only on messages of the utmost importance which have a direct bearing on operations. May be used by Brigade Commanders and above. |
| Immediate | To be used on messages of special importance. May be used by Lt Colonels and above. |
| Important | To be used only on messages which require priority above the ordinary. May be used by all officers holding Staff Appointments and all unit commanders. |
- The priority of a message must always be based on the speed with which it must be transmitted to its destination and not on the importance of the text.

2. Security Classification of Messages

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|--------------|--|
| Top Secret | Used only for messages, the security aspect of which is paramount and whose unauthorized disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to the nation. |
| Secret | Used for messages whose unauthorized disclosure would endanger the national security, cause serious injury to the interests or prestige of the nation or any governmental activity thereof or would be of great advantage to a foreign nation. |
| Confidential | Used for messages whose unauthorized disclosure, while not endangering the national security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the nation, any governmental activity, an individual, or would cause administrative embarrassment or difficulty or be of advantage to a foreign nation. |
| Restricted | Used for messages which should not be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes. |

Important

May be used by Lt. Col. and above.

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Restricted

Used for messages which should not be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes.

All messages will bear, as the first word of the text the Security Classification of the message. Messages which are either **TOP SECRET** (Signal abbreviation **TOPSEC**) or **SECRET** are sent in cipher by all means of transmission except when sent by Dispatch Rider. Messages bearing this classification will therefore be sent in English, in clear, in a sealed envelope addressed to Cipher Office MILA marked **TOPSEC** or **SECRET** where they will be enciphered before onward transmission.

Messages which are marked **CONFIDENTIAL** or **RESTRICTED** may be sent in clear over secure circuits and may therefore be handed in to this office in Italian.

Two copies of all messages are required.

Messages will be sent out as shown in the following example:-

sheet 2

SECRETHeadquarters,
ACMP

2720/X

14 Mar 44

Allied Control Commission

Subject: Policy Governing the Control of Communications

1. In accordance with the policy laid down in Appendix 'A' para 4b to the second meeting of the Communications Board (Italy) the Civil Zone will now be described as under.

"All area of ITALY South of a line from AEROPOLI - ARZEA - BRUNDA - ANCI - TRIVIGNO all exclusive thence inclusive along the railway line TRIVIGNO - NOTAPRATA"

2. In the above area. The Under Secretary of State Italian Ministry of Communications will control all construction and provision for fixed Signal Services subject to the following reservations:-

(a) The Main State Underground Cable, sections of which may, however, be handed over progressively at a later date after repairs have been completed.

(b) Three circuits NAPLES - REGGIO in the Main State Cable and such other Allied circuits as are at present working in the area. Detailed lists of these circuits will be forwarded as soon as possible.

3. This Headquarters reserves the right at any time to regain control of the whole or any part of any installation or circuit on demand according to operational necessity.

4. Demands for circuits provision within the above described area will be made to The Under Secretary of State Italian Ministry of Communications through the Signal Officer, Allied Control Commission.

5. The question of the release of line stores now held in this area will be the subject of a separate letter.

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RHC
Brigade

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SPHM/1000

Orig to: CSD L of C Italy
 CAPSO MAP
 CSD No 2 District
 CSD No 3 District
 Signal Officer, NCIA
 Flag Officer, TARANTO
 AMC IN AGAF
 CSD AFHQ

Dr. M. Pao, c/o Allied Control Commission

For Signature
 Chief Signal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Rear Echelon)

In reply refer
to: TS/A/12/25

19th February, 1944

Subject: Italian Army, Navy, Air Force and Civil Communications.

To: British Military Mission to Italian Army, Lecce.
(For signals staff officer)

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the "Policy Governing the Control of Communications", as revised at the Fourth Meeting of the Telecommunications Board (Italy), and in reference also to No. 110 of the minutes of the Fourth Meeting, a schedule of circuit requirements for Southern Italy has been prepared by the Telecommunications Board of the Comando Supremo. This list includes the requirements of the Italian Army, Navy, Air Force and Civilian Services, excluding those portions under direct Allied operational command.

2. It has been sent to CSO, I of C, and also, in the form of a plan, to CSO, HQ, ACF. Two copies of the list are enclosed for information.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 25 Feb 44

to
ITALIAN ARMY,

H. J. L. Henderson
H. J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

17:9

C I R C U I T I

	Governo	Regia Aeronau- tica	Regio Sacroito	Regia Marina
	T.O. T.F.	T.O. T.F.	T.O. T.F.	T.O. T.F.
Reggio C. - Napoli	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Villa S. Giovanni	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Villa - Bagnara	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Palmi - Vibo - Paola	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Paola	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Catanzaro - Crotone	1	1	1	1
Vibo - Catanzaro - Tiriole - Cosenza	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Bari	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Napoli	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Tiriole	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Cosenza	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Castrovillari	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Vibo	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Reggio C.	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Catanzaro Marina	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Nicastro	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Crotone	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Taurianova	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Giela Tauro	1	1	1	1
Taurianova - Siderno	1	1	1	1
Catanzaro - Patella - Melicastro	1	1	1	1
Reggio C. - Crotone - Taranto	1	1	1	1
Messina - Capo S. S. S. S. S.	1	1	1	1
Messina - Capo Vaticano	1	1	1	1
Paola - Sapri	1	1	1	1
Paola - Cosenza	1	1	1	1
Cosenza - Castrovillari	1	1	1	1
Cosenza - Sibari - Scanzano	1	1	1	1
Castrovillari - Caristi - Crotone	1	1	1	1
Castrovillari - Lagonegro - Sapri	1	1	1	1
Cosenza - Spezzano Albanese	1	1	1	1
Sapri - Capo Vaticano	1	1	1	1
Sapri - Napoli	1	1	1	1
Sapri - Salerno	1	1	1	1
Sapri - Vallo - Salerno	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Amalfi - Positano	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Torre	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Avellino	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Taranto	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Napoli	1	1	1	1
Salerno - Roma - Avellino	1	1	1	1

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Catanzaro - Piriole
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 Catanzaro - Castrovillari
 Catanzaro - Vibo
 Catanzaro - Reggio C.
 Catanzaro - Catanzaro Marina
 Catanzaro - Minestre
 Catanzaro - Crutone
 Reggio C. Taurianova
 Reggio C. Gioia Tauro
 Taurianova - Siderno
 Catro - Pettilis - Policastro
 Reggio C. - Crotone - Taranto
 Messina - Capo Spartivento
 Messina - Capo Vaticano
 Paola - Sapri
 Paola - Cosenza
 Cosenza - Castrovillari
 Cosenza - Sibari - Scanzano
 Castrovillari - Corigli - Crotone
 Castrovillari - Ligonero - Sapri
 Cosenza - Spezzano Albanese
 Sapri - Capo Vaticano
 Sapri - Napoli
 Sapri - Salerno
 Sapri - Vallo - Salerno
 Salerno - Amalfi - Positano
 Salerno - Torre
 Salerno - Avellino
 Salerno - Taranto
 Salerno - Napoli
 Salerno - Nola - Avellino
 Salerno - Ariano Irpino
 Ligonero - Battipaglia - Salerno
 Salerno - Vietri - Potenza
 Salerno - Benevento
 Napoli - Campobasso
 Napoli - Castellammare
 Napoli - Capo Miseno
 Napoli - Iscchia
 Napoli - Bari
 Napoli - Taranto
 Napoli - Capri
 Napoli - Monte Vico
 Bari - Foggia

Bari - Salerno
 Bari - Crotone
 Bari - Matera
 Bari - Giovinazzo
 Bari - Trani
 Bari - Altamura
 Bari - Potenza
 Taranto - Potenza
 Bari - Viesti
 Bari - Barletta
 Viesti - Capotiale
 Capotiale - Lagosta
 Capotiale - Punta Penna
 Brindisi - Capotiale
 Taranto - Amendolara
 Amendolara - Crotone
 Crotone - Capo Spartivento
 Borgo Piave - Taranto - Crotone

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