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X 5000/1/1Communications. General. British

NOV. 1945. JAN. 1947

Subject : SDS Diagram~~RESTRICTED~~

CSO's BRANCH
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele : PADUA 22287

X 620/5

28 Jan 47

Director of Signals (War Office London)	(2)	Padua Signal Office
No 1 War Office Sig Regt	(2)	Trieste "
CSO MEIT	(2)	Udine "
CSO RAOR	(2)	Caserta "
CSO ETA	(2)	Riccione "
CARSO MEDMS	(2)	Rome "
CSO AFHQ (for attn Lt-Col Nicholson)	(6)	Foligno "
CC 13 Corps Sig Regt	(6)	Vicenza "
CR Sigs 1 (Br) Arm Div	(2)	Treviso "
Sig Offr 88 (US) Inf Div	(2)	Venice "
Sig Offr 125	(15)	Gorizia Message Centre
CC 8 AF Sig Regt	(2)	
CC 1 L of C Sig Regt	(2)	
CC AFHQ Sig Sen.		
CC 'E' Indep L of C Sig Sen		
CC Sigs 218 Sub area		
CC 3 AGRA (P8) Sig Sen		
CC 2 AGRA (en) Sig Tp		
CC 1 Air Sp Sig Tp		
AFHQ IIIG o/o HQ AC Rome		
Comms Sub Comm AC Rome		
RAAC (for Sig Offr)		
MAIA (for G II Sigs)		
MAI Varesina Giulia, Comms Offr		
CSO AFHQ Italy		
GHQ GCE		

1. Herewith copy/copies of CSO GHQ CMT SDS Diagram No.3, effective 19 Jan 47.

P. W. H. H. H.
Brigadier.
Chief Signal Officer.

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CSO HELF
CSO BAOR
CSO BFA
CAPSO MEDIC
CSO AFHQ (for attn Lt-Col Nicholson)
CC 13 Corps Sig Regt
CR Sigs 1 (Gr) Arm Div
Sig Offr 88 (US) Inf Div
Sig Offr PBS
CC 8 AF Sig Regt
CC 1 L of C Sig Regt
CC AFHQ Sig Sqn.
CC 13' Indep L of C Sig Sqn.
CC Sigs 216 Sub Area
CC 3 AGRA (Fd) Sig Sqn
CC 2 AGRA (am) Sig Tp
CC 1 Air Sq Sig Tp
AFHQ LILLO c/o HQ AC Rome
Comms Sub Comm AC Rome
RAC (for Sig Offr)
MIL (for G II Sigs)
AF, Venezia Giulia, Comms Offr
CSO AHQ Italy
GHQ CZE

Gorizia Message Centre

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R. W. L. L. L.

Brigadier.
Chief Signal Officer.

INTERNAL

ADC for COS
MA to COS
MS Branch
JAG
Brig IC Admin
A
Q
Q Mov

RECE
Survey Directorate
Transportation
Directorate
Postal Directorate (2)
Chaplains
S & T Directorate
Med Directorate
Ord Directorate
Pay
Provost
Labour
P & SS Directorate
HQ & Welfare Service
Financial Adviser
SND (2)

Subject: SDS

OC 13 Corps Sig Regt.
 CR Sigs 1 Armd Div.
 OC 8 Air Fmn Sig Regt.
 OC 1 L of C Sig Regt.
 OC AFHQ Sig Sqn.
 OC 'G' Indep L of C Sig Sqn.
 OC 3 ACRs (Pd) Sig Sqn.
 OC 2 ACRs (A) Sig TP.

Copy to: CSO AFHQ

CSO BTA

Director Comms Sub Comm AC

Sig O RMC

MMIA (for C2 Sigs)

Comms O AG Venezia Giulia.

SDSO GHQ CMF

CSO's BRANCH
 CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
 CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele: PADUA 22287

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8 Jan 47

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1. To facilitate handling during transit, bags containing SDS mail for UK will not exceed 40 lbs in weight. This will also apply in cases where several small bags are overbagged by despatching or intermediate offices.
2. Will you please ensure that the contents of this letter are brought to the notice of all SDC personnel concerned.

4/11/47
 Brigadier,
 Chief Signal Officer

CC 1 L of C Sig Regt.
 CC AFHQ Sig Sqn.
 CC 'E' Indep L of C Sig Sqn.
 CC 3 ACRA (Fd) Sig Sqn.
 CC 2 ACRA (un) Sig Tp.

Copy to: CSO AFHQ

CSO BTL

Director Comms Sub Comm AC

Sig O RAC

MMIA (for G2 Sigs)

Comms O AG Venezia Giulia.

SDSO GHQ CMF

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1. To facilitate handling during transit, bags containing SDS mail for UA will not exceed 40 lbs in weight. This will also apply in cases where several small bags are overbagged by despatching or intermediate offices.

2. Will you please ensure that the contents of this letter are brought to the notice of all SDC personnel concerned.

Y. L. K. prep.
 Brigadier,
 Chief Signal Officer.

DR to see

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Subject :- Signals Despatch Service

CSO's BRANCH
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele : PADUA 22287

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17 Dec 46

CC 13 Corps Sig Regt
CC 1 Sig 1 Armd Div
CC 3 Air Plan Sig Regt
CC 4 L of C Sig Regt
CC AFHQ Sig Sqn
CC 'E' Indep L of C Sig Sqn
CC 1 AGRA Sig Sqn
CC 2 AA Bde Sig Tp
CC 1 Air Sp Sig Tp

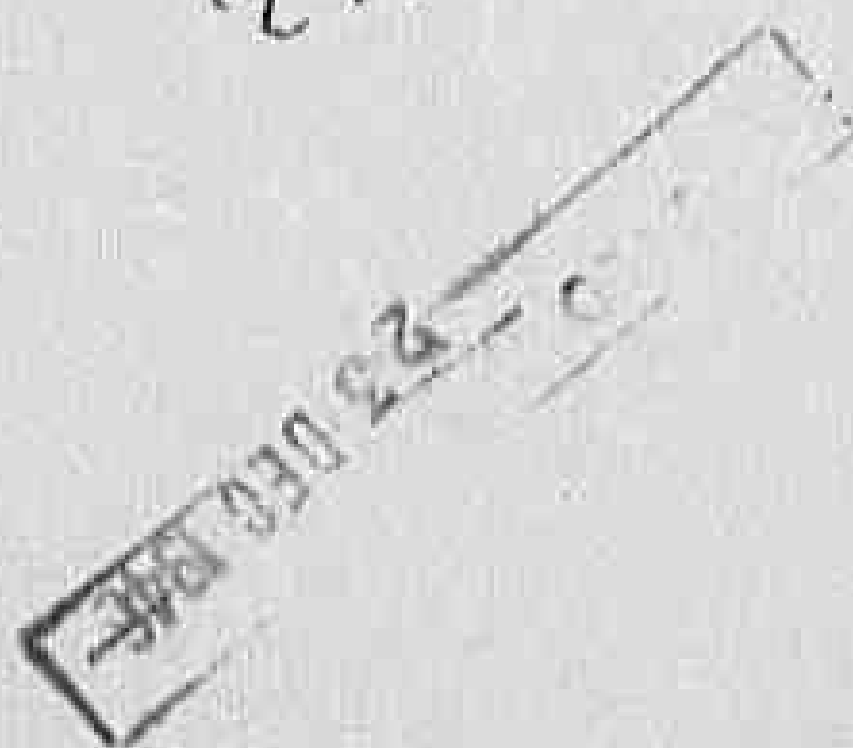
Copy to : CSO AFHQ (attn Lt-Col Nicholson)
CSO HQ
Sig O RASC
Comms O Lt Venezia Giulia
MIA (for CC Sigs)
X 620/1

1. The period for which SDS transit slips and associated registers are held in Signal Offices before being destroyed is not consistent throughout the theatre. This has resulted in a number of instances recently of difficulty being experienced in tracing lost or mislaid SDS bags.

2. To obviate this difficulty, with receipt of this letter, all SDS transit slips will be held for a period of three months before being destroyed..

3. Will you please ensure that the contents of this letter are brought to the notice of all SDO personnel.

Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.



Restricted

Appendix 'B' to CSO CHQ CMT
letter A 620/5 dated 1, Jan 47.

AIR SERVICES

1. The following Air Services originating EIA and CMT are available for the carriage of SDS traffic :-

A. Originating from Vienna

<u>Flight</u>	<u>Outward</u>		<u>Inward</u>	
BA 632 FRANKFURT UK	VIENNA FRANKFURT arr	1300 Wed & Sat 1500 1701 1911	NORTHOLT FRANKFURT arr	0756 Tue & Sat 1126 1220 1455
A 1 NAPLES	VIENNA UDINE arr dep TREVISO arr dep ROME arr dep ALESSANDRIA	0900 Mon & Tue 1050 1150 1230 1300 1500 0800 Tue & Fri 0915	MILANO ROME arr dep TREVISO arr dep UDINE arr dep VIENNA	0945 Tue & Fri 1100 1200 1400 1430 1510 1000 Wed & Sat 1150
AB SOFIA	VIENNA (BUCHAREST) SOFIA	0900 Mon	SOFIA (BUCHAREST) VIENNA	1000 Tue
AI BUDAPEST	VIENNA BUDAPEST	1100 Wed & Sat 1210	BUDAPEST VIENNA	1310 Wed & Sat 1420
AS BUCHAREST	VIENNA BUCHAREST	0900 Tue & Thu 1245	BUCHAREST VIENNA	0800 Wed & Sat 1245

B. Originating from Rome

<u>Flight</u>	<u>Outward</u>		<u>Inward</u>	
331 } 332 } CAIRO	ROME MILANO CAIRO	0550 Mon Thu 0600	CAIRO MILANO ROME	0300 Tue Fri - & Sat -
405 406 CAIRO	ROME ATHENS RHODES CAIRO	1000 Wed - - -	CAIRO RHODES ATHENS ROME	0400 Tue - - -
TIME	ROME	0710 Mon/Thu	TIME	0900 Sat/Sun

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	NORTHOLT	1911	VIENNA	1455
A 1 PARIS	VIENNA UDINE arr dep TREVISO arr dep ROME arr dep MARCIANESE	0900 Mon & Tue 1050 1150 1230 1300 1500 0800 Tue & Fri 0915	MARCIANESE ROME arr dep TREVISO arr dep UDINE arr dep VIENNA	0945 Tue & Fri 1100 1200 1400 1430 1510 1000 Wed & Sat 1150
AB SOFIA	VIENNA (BUCHAREST) SOFIA	0900 Mon	SOFIA (BUCHAREST) VIENNA	1000 Tue
AB BUDAPEST	VIENNA BUDAPEST	1100 Wed & Sat 1240	BUDAPEST VIENNA	1310 Wed & Sat 1420
AB BUCHAREST	VIENNA BUCHAREST	0900 Tue & Thu 1245	BUCHAREST VIENNA	0800 Wed & Sat 1245

B Originating from ROME

Flight

Outward

Inward

331 332 CAIRO	ROME MILAN CAIRO	0550 Mon Thu - - -	CAIRO MILAN ROME	0300 Tue Fri - & Sat -
405 406 CAIRO	ROME ATHENS RHODES CAIRO	1000 Wed - - -	CAIRO RHODES ATHENS ROME	0400 Tue - - -
UNO UK	ROME MARSEILLES UK	0730 Mon Thu - -	UK MARSEILLES ROME	0800 Sun Wed - -
UNO (Freight) UK	ROME MARSEILLES UK	0815 Tue Fri & Sun	UK MARSEILLES ROME	1705 Mon Thu - & Sat -

2. All times are shown in PADUA local time.

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SDS DIAGRAM No. 2

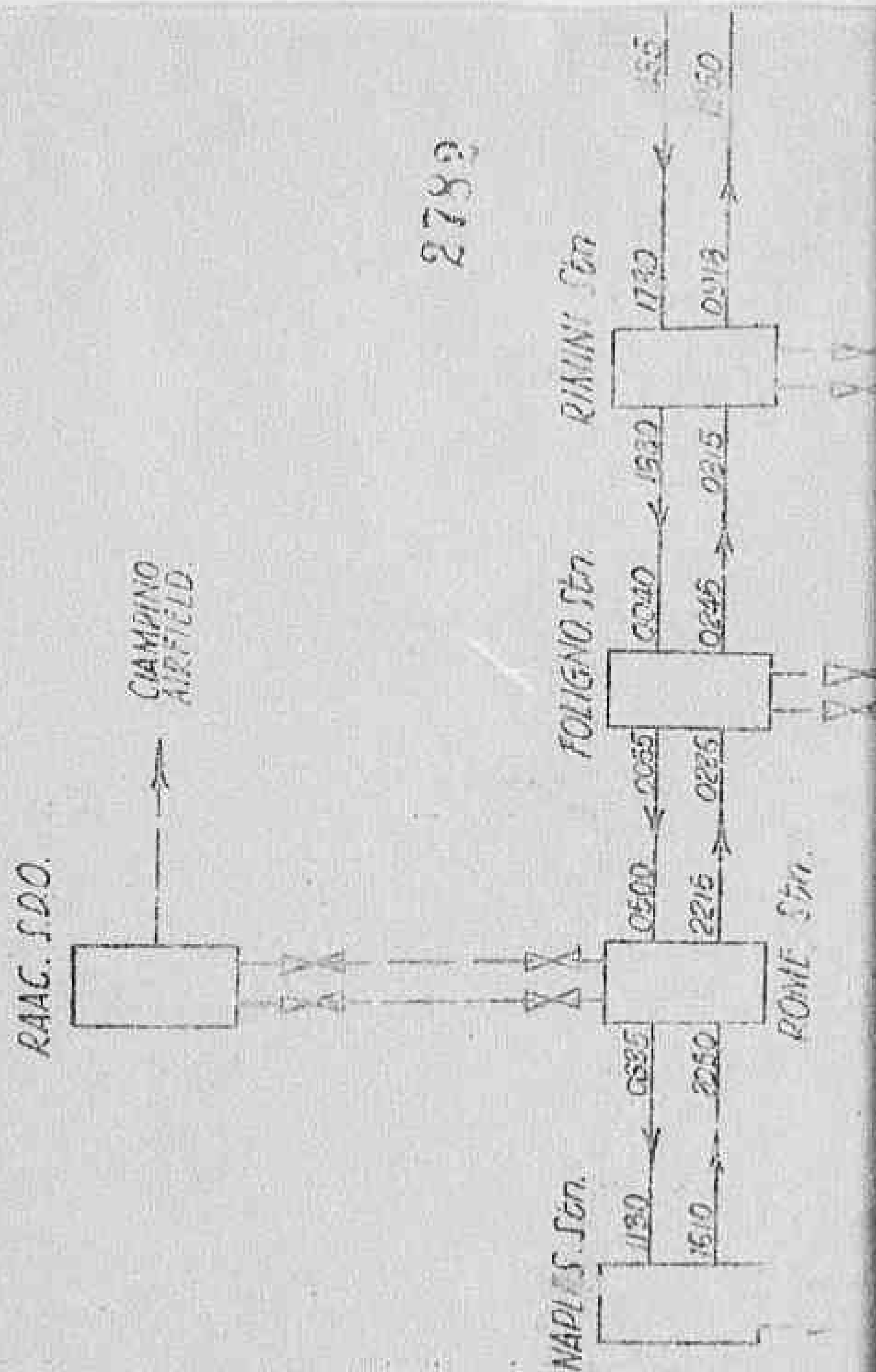
CSO's BRANCH

GHQ CMF.

Effective from 12th Jan. '47.

Appx 'A' to U.S. Branch letter

Ref V.605 dated 6th Jan. '47



Effective from 12 Jan 47.

Appx A to CUS Branch Letter

Ref. Requisition 50 Jan 47

RAAC SDO

CIAMPINO
AIRFIELD

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NAPLES STN.

0035
1130

0035
0500

FOLIGNO STN.

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RIMINI STN.

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ROME STN.

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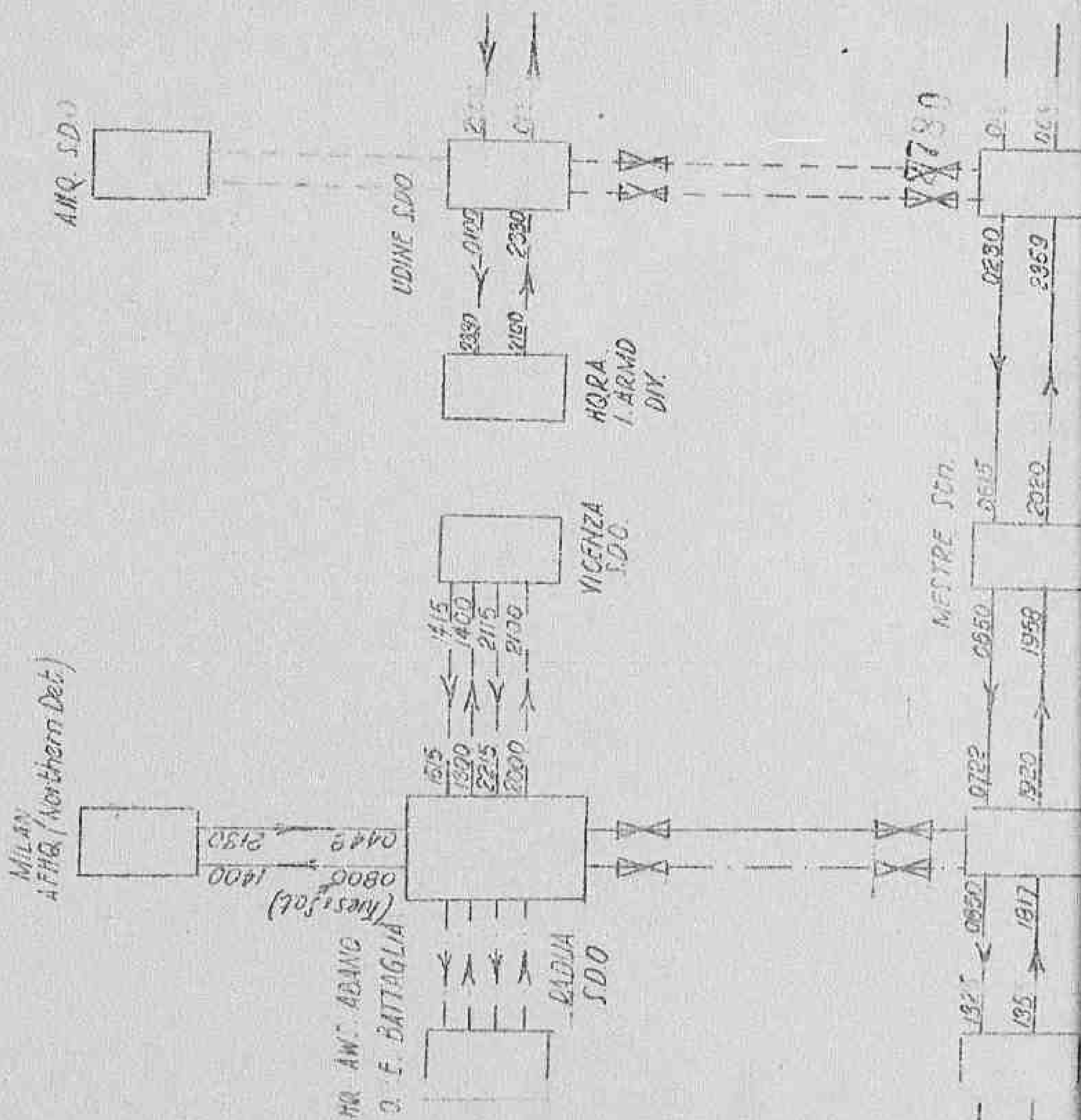
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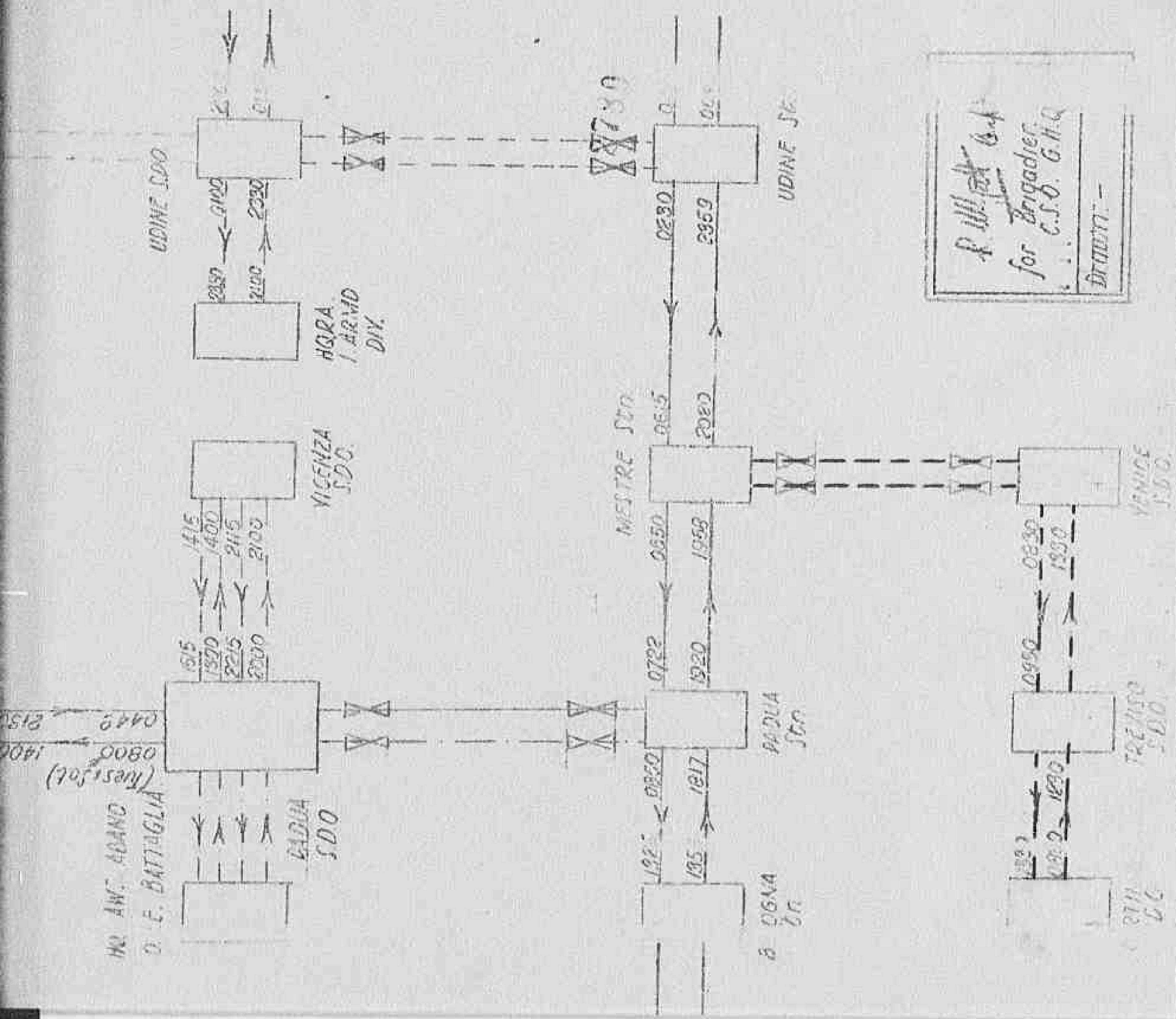
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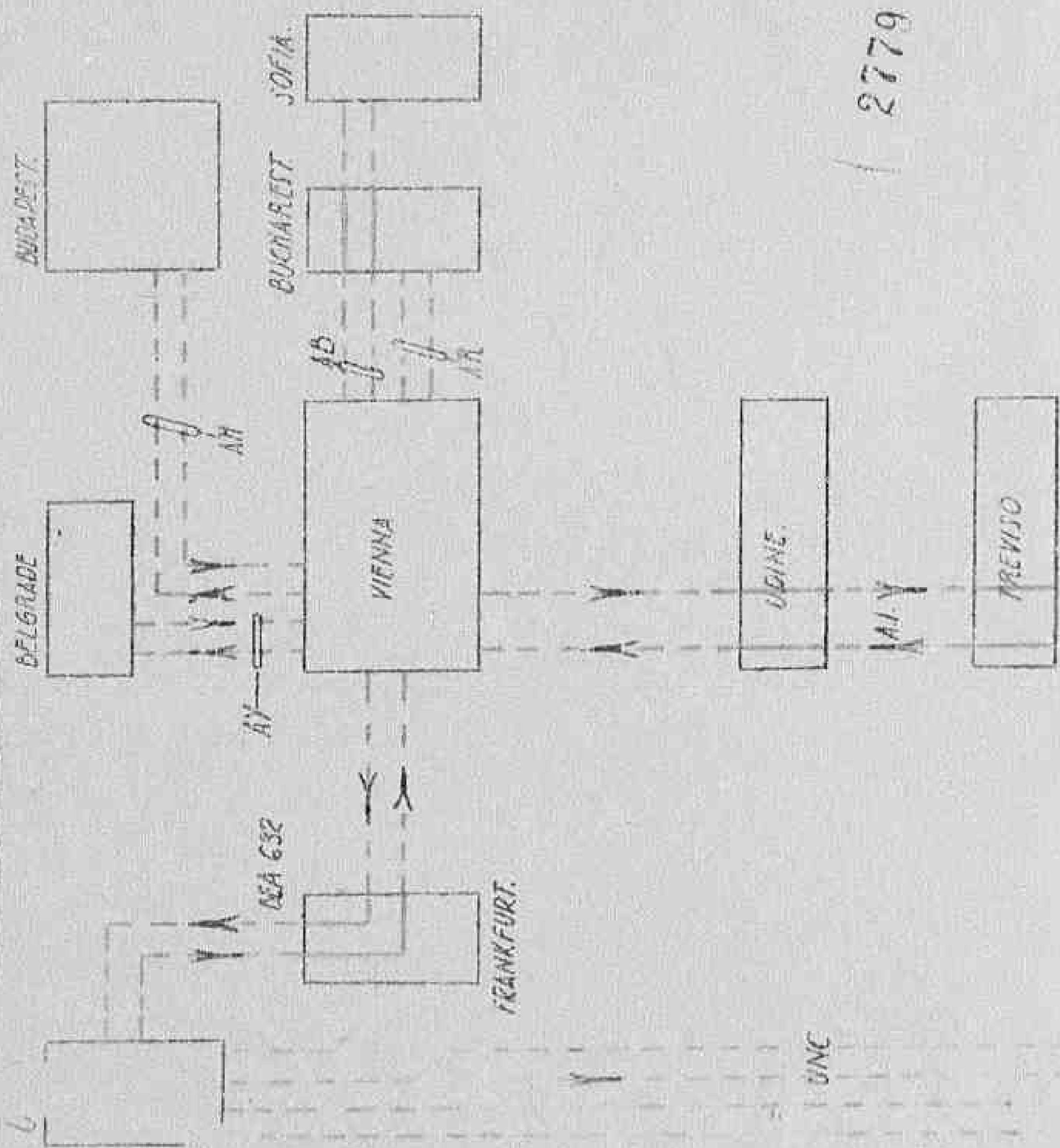


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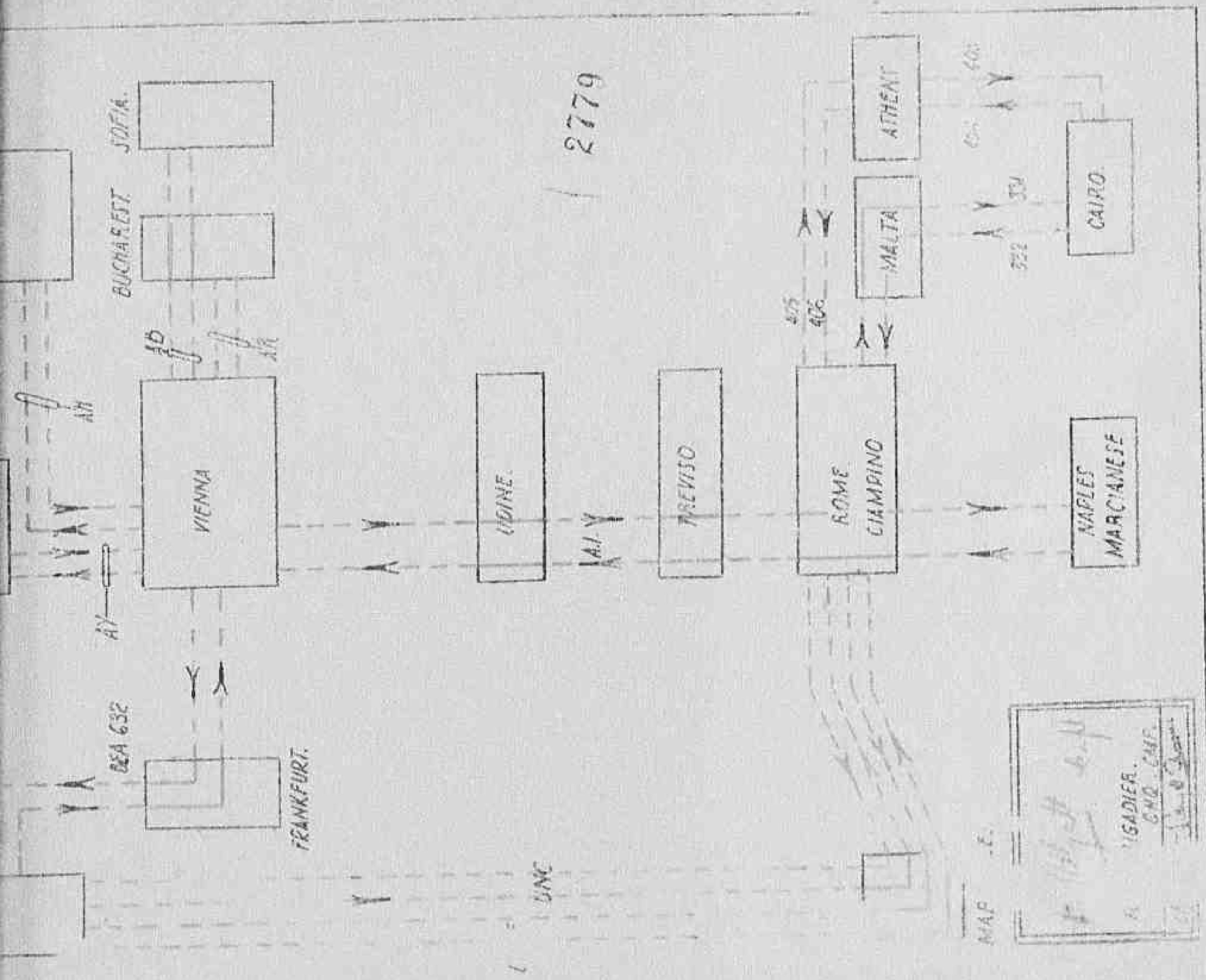
RESERVICES
SO. GHQ. CMF

correct as of 6 Jan 87

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Telephone:
Room 439081 Ext 203

LAND FORCE'S SUB COM. NO. (MILIA)GIF

~~3-500/4~~ X 300/4

2 Nov 46

4 British Liaison Unit.

Subject: Signal Communications

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Reference your C 10-17 dated 3 Nov 46.

1. The two signals referred to in your above quoted letter were treated as letters owing to an error on the part of the despatch clerk at this HQ.
2. Action has been taken to avoid a recurrence.

W.H.M.

W.H.M./dah

S.O.P. (Major)
W. M. I. A.

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W.H.M. 20/11.
Subject: Signal Communications.

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Headquarters
4 B.L.U
BOLLANO/CMF
Ref: G19-17

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (MMIA) (for X Branch)

5 November 46

- 1.- Below are quoted the file numbers and dates of two signals to this unit from MMIA. Both these signals were received by this unit in envelopes and the signals themselves bore the originators signature.
- 2.- It is therefore obvious that these signals have been treated as letters and have not been sent by wire. There is, therefore, no saving in time in the transmission of the subject-matter.
- 3.- Could enquiries please be made as to why this has been done. If an urgent signal requiring a quick answer is treated as these two signals have been it is obvious that great delay will occur.
- 4.- These are not the only two signals which have been received in this manner but, these two are produced just as test cases for enquiry.
- 5.- The signals referred to are :
MMIA Q1080 of 25 Oct
MMIA A44 of 31 Oct

Lt. Col. GS
Lt. Col. GS

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M.H.I.A.
11/08

08 1600 A

M.H.I.A.

4 B.L.U. BOLZANO

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FOR BUNT FROM CITIES STOP REQUEST YOU BRING BACK FULL DETAILS

ADLER CAR AT PRESENT WITH 4 MU STOP WILL OBTAIN CHQ AUTHORITY

FOR RELEASE MIA IF RECOMMENDED

Received 16 Nov. 46

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FOR BUUNT FROM CURTES STOP REQUEST YOU BRING BACK FULL DETAILS

ADLER CAR AT PRESENT WITH 4. HUI STOP WILL OBTAIN CHQ AUTHORITY

FOR RELEASE MIA IF RECOMMENDED

Received 16 Nov. 46

Recd.
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Re

Q. 204

ROUTINE

Major E. F. BYATT.

E. F. Byatt

dup
61
7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/74

24 Oct. 1946

Subject : Communications

To : Hq. META

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Ref. your x500/1/1 dated 4. Sept 1946 addressed to GSO. GHQ. CMB.

Will you please state if any reply has as yet been received from GHQ?

D.S.L. GREGSON

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DMA & QMG

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RECEIVED 30 OCT 1946

CSO 3 District
 OC 13 Corps Signal Regiment
 CR Signals 1 Arm'd Div
 Sig O 86 (US) Div
 OC 8 Air Formation Signal Regiment
 OC 1 L of C Signal Regiment
 OC 1 AGRH Signal Squadron
 OC 2 L. Ede Signal Troop
 OC 1 Air Support Signal Troop

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 RECEIVED
 21 OCT 1944

Copy to: CSO AFHQ (for Lt. Col. Nicholson)
 AFHQ ILLD c/o HQ AC ROME
 Communications Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME
 RAAC (for Sig O)
 26 BV (for G. II Sigs)
 MMIA (for G. II Sigs)
 OC 11 L of C Signal Regiment
 OC 1D' Indop L of C Signal Squadron
 OC AFHQ Signal Squadron

1. Last year, a certain amount of dislocation of communications caused, when rationing of electricity commenced and the Power Stations closed down for certain periods of the day. It is probable that this rationing may commence again shortly in ITALY and all precautions must be taken to prevent interruption of the military communications.
2. Local Signal Officers must contact the local Power Authorities or Engineers to gain prior information.
3. All standby generators must be in perfect condition and sufficient spares and fuel held.
4. Signal Officers must ensure that civil also have taken the necessary precautions, where these affect the Military communications.

/RB

(Signature)
 Brigadier,
 Chief Signal Officer.

SUBJECT:- Letter Communications.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)
X 500/1/1.
9 September 46.

To: 1. B.L.U.

1. Enclosed are the three test letters despatched by you to me with the time and date of arrival duly inserted.
2. With regard to the action being taken by this H.Q. in connection with the improvement of communications with H.L.D's you are referred to my X 500/1/1 dated 4 September 46.

W.A.M.

W.A.F. MORTIMER, Major,
S.O.P. Signals,
H.M.I.A.

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Subject: Communications.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
x 500/1/1.
4 September 45.

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To: C.S.O., C.R.O., C.M.P.

1. There is ever-increasing difficulty regarding communications between M.M.I.A., M.M.I.A. and its British Liaison Units.
2. Already M.M.I.A. is entirely dependent upon the Italian Ministry of War for all communications with 14 B.I.U. in Sicily and there are many other B.I.U.'s with which the Italians are now able to provide communications decidedly more satisfactory than the available British channels e.g. 2 B.I.U. at Genoa, 4 B.I.U. at Palermo, 7 B.I.U. at Florence, 9 B.I.U. at Bari.
3. The Ministry of War have expressed themselves willing to place all their communication facilities at our disposal i.e. their teleprinter and wireless circuits to their Territorial Commands each of which has one of our B.I.U.'s adjacent to it, and their letter-sorting office which directs official mail to the civil post, which has now become quite efficient and is in most cases speedier than the British B.D.P.
4. With the present absence of British cipher facilities it will not, of course, be possible to make use of the Italian wireless circuits or to dispose of any Top Secret matter through Italian channels. The teleprinter circuits are very reliable, however, and the inability to use wireless circuits will seldom cause delay.
5. In view of the above, this H.Q. wishes to dispose of all traffic (less Top Secret) for its B.I.U.'s through Italian channels, but before commencing to do so it is considered desirable to arrange for a responsible British M.C.O. to be at the Ministry of War Signal Office from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily. This M.C.O. could maintain a separate Signal Register for M.M.I.A. traffic and watch our interests generally.
6. This H.Q. has four cipher operators on its establishment but at present none are held, and it is thought that the two P. Signals M.C.O.'s required to carry out the duties detailed in Para 5 above could, perhaps be held in lieu of two cipher operators.
7. Authority is therefore requested for the following:-
 - (1) The usage of the Italian channels of communications to our B.I.U.'s as proposed above. In this connection it would be very helpful if authority could also be granted for the transmission of "Secret" messages, over Italian cipher circuits and the forwarding of "Secret" letters through

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WAm. 20/8.

SIGS.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref. No : X 24/1.

10 August 1946.

Subject : Signal Traffic Rome - Bolzano.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MILIA) (attention-SOR.Signals)

Reference your letter X 500/1/1 dated 31 July 1946. / 52

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herewith.

Attached letter received from CSO 3 District is forwarded

RECEIVED 13 AUG 1946
1248 (DATE)

J.R. L.

Deputy Signal Officer, RAAC

PKP/jhm.

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Subject:- Sig. Traffic Rome-Bolzano.

COPY.

5 District
Tel ext 38
1406 X 123
8 August 46.

SO, HQ RAAC.

Ref your X 2441 dated 2 August 46.

1. On 26 May 1946 arrangements were made for AC LO Bolzano to collect MMIA traffic each Monday and Thursday from 86 Area.
2. The clearance of SDS to Bolzano is controlled by 13 Corps. At the discretion of DSO 86 Area any traffic may be sent as phonograms if the security classification is restricted or unclassified, but it is pointed out that this may cause congestion of circuits unacceptable to the DSO.
3. Civil telegraph circuits exist and AC should be encouraged to make full use of these.

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Colonel
Chief Signal Officer.

CRU/GDW

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Am 9/8.

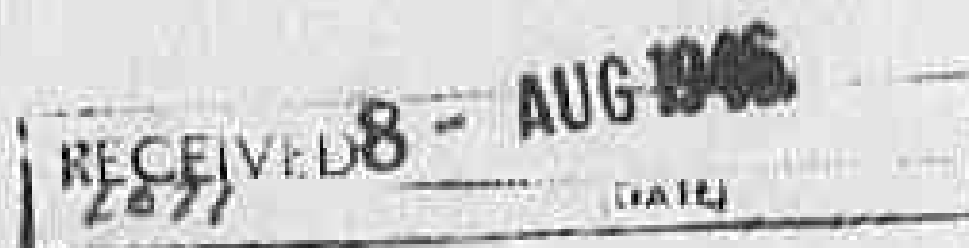
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Subject: - Signal Traffic ROME-BOLZANO

4 Coy 61/

4 AUG 46

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SOR Signals,
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MRIA),
ROME.Copy: - Signal Officer,
RAAC,
ROME.

Your X 500/1/1 of 31 Jul 46. 52.

1. There is no air courier service from Treviso to Bolzano.
2. Mail for 4 BLU Bolzano which is received by 86 Area Sigs is handed to AC Liaison Officer Venice for delivery. He hands the mail to an ALCOM courier who comes from Bolzano to Venice three times weekly, leaving Bolzano Sun, Tue, Thur, and Venice Mon, Wed, Fri.
3. Traffic which is classified up to RESTRICTED with a priority above IMPORTANT is attempted to be telephoned through, but this is seldom successful. The originating station is always informed and instructed that delay will occur in delivery.
4. To vary the existing procedure you must get CSO AFHQ authority.

CMF.
TB/SB.Major R Signals.
Comd 4 Coy, 1 L of C Signals.

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SUBJECT: Signal Traffic Rome-Bolzano

Mr. To Major
M. M. I. A.
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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X 500/4/4
31 July 46.

To: Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.
C.O. Signals, 86 Area.

4 B.L.U. (Periodical Report No. 12 dated 6 July 46 refers)

1. The clearance of signal traffic from H.Q., M.M.I.A. MHS to 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO has recently been very unsatisfactory.
2. Message Centre, R.A.A.C., state that the only routing available now is as follows:
 - (a) All priorities - Teletype to VENICE.
 - (b) IMPORTANT and below - road courier VENICE - TREVISO and air courier TREVISO - BOLZANO.

Road courier VENICE - TREVISO 1200 hrs and 1500 hrs daily.
Air courier TREVISO - BOLZANO, BOLZANO to TREVISO every Tuesday and Friday.
TREVISO to BOLZANO every Wednesday and Saturday
 - (c) UNCLASSIFIED and above - UNCLASSIFIED and RESTRICTED (and therefore in plain language) telephone VENICE - BOLZANO.

CONFIDENTIAL. SECRET and TOP SECRET as in (b) above. None of these categories can be passed by telephone in plain language and the fact that SECRET and TOP SECRET messages will be in cipher and that CONFIDENTIAL messages could be enciphered is of no assistance, because, there being no Message Centre at BOLZANO, all deciphering must be done at VENICE.

3. It is evident from Para 2 that

1. A message of priority IMPORTANT or below which arrived at TREVISO on a Saturday just too late for the air courier on that day would not reach BOLZANO until some time on the following Wednesday.

2. As priorities DEPENDANT or above are nowadays ^{possible} only in exceptional circumstances a great increase in efficiency would be obtained by extending Para 2 (c) to IMPORTANT and above.
This would give the following situation

All DEPENDANT and ABOVE-Teletype and road and air courier.

SUBJECT: Official Mail - Test Message.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
X 500/1/1.
12 July 46.

To: 2 M.H.I.A.

1. Ref your A 7 dated 10 July 46.
2. The above-quoted letter arrived at this H.Q. at 1230 hrs 11 July.

W.A.T.
W.A.T. MORPHEUS, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.H.I.A.

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M.M.I.A.

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MAJ RP CHRISTIE HQ M.M.I.A. MAJ F HAMILTON 1 B.L.U. MAJ H WYTER 6 B.L.U.
NOMINATED FOR INTERVIEW BEFORE NO 4 RCM ON COURSE 12 DETAILS CANDIDATES
TO REPORT TO 198 TRANSIT CAMP USING BY 1900 HRS 09 JUNE (.)
COURSE COMMENCES 10 JUNE DEPARTS 13 JUNE (.) CANDIDATES WILL TAKE BEDDING
AND MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF OVERALLS AND PT KIT FOR OUT DOOR TEST (.)
ACCOMMODATION FOR VEHICLES AND DRIVERS ALSO AVAILABLE AT 198 TRANSIT CAMP
IF REQUIRED (.)
ACK

IMPORTANT

SIGNED J.H. NOTT

MAJ

DAAG

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