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Subject: - Loss of Code Sign Book.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X502/6

9 Jan 45

Chief Signal Officer,
A.P.H.Q.

Reference your X 400 of 19 Nov 44, and further
to this H.Q. letter of even reference dated 23 Nov 44, para 1.

Investigations have been made by the Carabinieri
in Florence to trace Sgt. BENCINI Roméo but without success.
Further investigations are, however, being made in the Florence area
and you will be kept informed of any further developments.

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W. CALVELIN, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Destruction Certificate.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H. M. L. A.)
1902/6

6 Dec 14.

G.S.O.,
1 District.

Copy to GSO Adv. A.L.

Reference your 1/2/14 of 13 Nov 14.

Destruction certificate for the following
charts were rendered to 2 Polish Corps by G.L.L.:-

Sequence Charts 2 June	Copies Nos. 11 to 13
Aug	Copy No. 9
Sep	Copies Nos. 11 to 14.

It is hereby certified that Sequence Charts
2, Oct 14, Copies Nos. 31 to 34 have been destroyed by fire.


W. CALVERLEY, Major,
For Major General,
H. M. L. A.

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SUBJECT: Security

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
I/103/2
27 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

1. A case has occurred of the loss of one copy of an Army CodeSignal Book (Book 4, Serial 7, Copy No. 7).
2. The loss occurred due to an N.C.O. of C.I.L. going on leave to FLORENCE area on 4th Aug with the book in his possession. The N.C.O. failed to return to his regiment and the book is therefore still missing.
3. The N.C.O. concerned is:

Sergente BERGINI Renzo di Angelico
4th BERSAGLIERI
Home address: GAMBASSI
Prov of FLORENCE
4. As the disappearance of one of these books is a most serious breach of security every effort please be made to find this N.C.O. and discover the whereabouts of the code signal book.

This should be returned to Signal Officer 52 HLU either through this office or else through any British Army H.Q. in the FLORENCE area.
5. May this matter please have immediate attention.

Copy to: Signal Branch

W. Selby
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT :- Security Documents

52 Brit Liaison Unit
CME.

BLUS/12

24 Nov 44

S.O. R.Sigs.
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (WIA)

1. Ref your S/X502/2 of 18 Nov 44, I certify that I have destroyed by fire this day :-

Sequence Charts Z Oct 44 Copy Nos 31 to 34

2. It is stated by officers who were with the CIL that destruction certificates were rendered to 2 POLISH CORPS for the following :-

Sequence Charts Z Jan 44 Copy Nos 11 to 13

"	"	" Aug "	"	"	9
"	"	" Sep "	"	"	11 to 14

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Captain
S.O. R.Sigs

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CONFIDENTIALSubject:- Codes.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X502/6

23 Nov 44

C.S.O., A.F.M.Q.

Copy to CSO 1 District
(your 1/2/4 of 15 Nov refers).

Reference your X 400 of 19 Nov 44.

1. The question of the loss of one copy of Code Sign Book 4 Serial 7, by C.I.L. is being investigated by 52 B.L.U., and the Carabinieri in Florence are being requested by this office to pursue investigations more rapidly.
2. A letter has been received from CSO 1 District requesting destruction certificates for 2 Sequence Charts for June, August, September and October 44 issued to C.I.L. 1 District state that the issue of October charts only was made by them, but that they have been requested by A.A.I. to assume responsibility for the whole. It is presumed that A.A.I. were responsible for the issue of the remaining charts.
3. It would appear from the above that the question of destruction certificates from C.I.L. for the Sequence charts in question was not pursued by the issuing authority.

52 B.L.U. have been requested to investigate the matter with a view to obtaining the necessary certificates.
4. It will be appreciated that since many personnel changes have occurred consequent upon the disbanding of C.I.L. and the formation of the Combat Groups, such investigations pursued at this date may prove lengthy and difficult.

As soon as further information is available it will be passed to you.
5. A 'G' letter is being sent out from this H.Q. impressing upon B.L.U's and Combat Groups the importance of safeguarding all code equipment.

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W. CALVERLEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Destruction Certificates.

Lend Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/X502/2
18 Nov 44

C.S.O.,
1 District.

Reference your X/2/1 of 13 Nov to MMIA LO,
copy of which he passed to this office.

Investigations will be made with a view to
tracing the documents concerned and obtaining destruction
certificates.

It is pointed out, however, that when the
Sequence charts were issued, C.I.L. were not under admin
control of this H.Q., and since many personnel changes
have occurred consequent upon the disbanding of C.I.L.,
it may prove well-nigh impossible to obtain the required
information.

[Signature]
Captain,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DBP/ro

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CONFIDENTIALSubject:- Security Documents.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

S/X502/2

18 Nov 44

S.O.JUL R.Signals,
52 B.L.U.

Information has been received from CSO 1 District that destruction certificates have not been received for certain Sequence charts which were issued to C.I.L.

The documents concerned are:-

Sequence Charts	June	Serial Nos.	11 - 13
	Aug.	" "	9
	Sep.	" "	11 - 14
	Oct.	" "	31 - 34

It is realised that as C.I.L. has now been disbanded it will be extremely difficult to obtain any information on this matter, but I would be pleased if you would investigate and forward any destruction certificates to this office.

John M. Kelly
Captain,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DEP/ro

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Subject: -Destruction Certificates.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C., (M.M.I.A.),
c/o HQ., I District.
LO/GI3.

15 November 44.

To: -Land Forces Sub Comm., AC (MMIA),
R O M E.

Attached copy of letter X/2/I of 13 Nov 44
forwarded to me by C.S.O., I District.

2. As C.I.L. is no longer here, would you
please forward this enquiry for the appropriate
action.

J.A. Brown
Capt.,
MMIA. LO., I District.

Copy to: -C.S.O.,
No. I District.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:-Destruction Certificates.

X/2/1

13 NOV 44.

MMIA LO I District.

COPY TO:-OSO AAI ADV.

1. Certain security documents have been issued at monthly intervals to C.I.I.
2. These documents should be destroyed when obsolete, and a destruction certificate rendered to the issuing HQ.
3. To date, 4 sets of Army Code Sign Sequence Charts (for June, August, Sept. and October) have not been certified destroyed, and although this HQ was responsible for the issue of these charts, it has been requested that we should

June. Serials Z 11-13
August. " Z 9
Sept. " Z 11-14
Oct. " Z 31-34

5. The October charts were forwarded to OC Signals CIL on 20 Sep 44 and were acknowledged as received on 23 Sep 44.
6. In my X/2/1 of 21 Sep 44 to Signal Officer CIL I pointed out the necessity for careful recording and destruction of such material and asked for a return of everything of that nature. No reply has yet been received.
7. CIL has now been disbanded and difficulty in tracing the documents is inevitable, but the loss of the charts concerned may have very serious consequences, and every effort is required to recover or destroy them.
8. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could assist in the matter.

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Sept.	"	Z II-14
Oct.	"	Z 3I-34

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(sgd)???Capt for Colonel,
C.S.O. No.1 District.

CONFIDENTIALALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal OfficerSIS/EN/ANC
APO 512, U. S. Army
19 November 1944

X 400

SUBJECT: Loss of Code Sign Book.

TO : M.M.I.A. (Attn Signal Officer) 62

Ref 52 BLU letter BLUS/2 dated 8 Nov 44.

1. a. It appears from the report made by the Signal Officer 52 BLU that the handling of secret documents was extremely lax in the LEGNANO GRUPPO, at that time part of the C.I.L.

b. The fact that a Sergeant was allowed to take a book away with him on 4 Aug 44, and the loss was not apparent, or at least was not officially reported, until 4 Nov 44 shows a complete lack of understanding of elementary security precautions.

2. It is requested that an official investigation be made into the circumstances relating to the loss of this book, and that necessary disciplinary action be taken to act as a deterrent in future.

3. It is noted that action has been initiated by 52 BLU to obtain the missing book, and it is requested that HQ MMIA follow up the original letter written by the LEGNANO GRUPPO with a request to the CARABINIERI in FLORENCE to intensify their efforts in obtaining the book. The return of this book is important since there is reason to believe that the enemy has never obtained a copy of our code sign books intact.

4. In view of the serious damage which can be caused to signal security by the compromise of a code sign book, it is requested that the physical handling and security of code sign documents be checked immediately throughout all Italian Gruppi. Physical security must be tightened up where necessary and must be enforced at all times.

5. Please inform this headquarters of action taken.

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For the Chief Signal Officer:

E. S. Cole
E. S. COLE,
Colonel,
Executive Officer (Br).

Copy to: CSO, AAI (Adv HQ)

CONFIDENTIAL

COPY.Subject:- Signal Security.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CISF
8 Nov 44

BLUS/2

S.O.R.Sigs Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MFA).
C.M.F.

Loss of Army Code Sign Book 4, Serial 7, Copy No.7.

1. Further to my letter BLUS/9 of 21 Oct to CSO 3 District copy to CSO AFHQ reporting the fact that of four copies (Nos.6-7-8-9) of the above issued to the Italian Corps when it was under command 8 Army, one copy (No.7) had not been traced, the following is the position in respect of it.
2. Copy No.7 was in the possession of a Serjeant BERGINI of the Bersaglieri when he went on leave on 4 Aug 44. He did not return from leave and it is presumed that:-

- (i) he is still at his home in FLORENCE
- (ii) he has, or had, the codesign book with him

On 4 Nov 44 the above facts came to light after research here, and a letter has been written by the LEGHNO to the Carabinieri in FLORENCE requesting them to find this sergeant immediately and return the codesign book forthwith under official cover to this HQ.

3. The result of the above will be communicated to you as soon as known.

4. (i) Ref your S/X502/2 of 3 Nov 44, para 5, it is confirmed that this unit holds the following:-

<u>Title</u>	<u>By whom issued</u>
Army Code Signs, Book 4 Serial 7, Copies No 8-9	Obtained from CIL to whom issued when under AdL 37
Sequence Chart Z for Nov 44.	1 copy from 3 District 1 copy from 51 TAC

- (ii) As already notified to you on 3 Nov, it is confirmed that Army Code Sign Book 4 Serial 7, Copy No.6 which was also issued to CIL, has now been passed from this unit to 53 BLU.

(Sgd) R. GOULD-ADAMS.
Captain,
SORSigs.

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Serial 7, Copies No 8-9	issued when under ADV 54
Sequence Chart Z for	1 copy from 3 District
Nov 44.	1 copy from 54 BLU

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Copy to:- CSO AFHQ
CSO AAI
CSO 3 District

(Sgd) P. GOULD-ADAMS.
Captain,
SORSigs.

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