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X-518/ Specialised Personnel

W/T Operators in Brit Service Units

Oct. 1944 - Apr. 1945

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO EERCITO
UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

N° 15913/Mob. di prot.

P.M.3800, 26 aprile 1945

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION = A.C.(MMIA)..R D M A
(risposta foglio X/518 del 22.3.1945)

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO 7 S E D E

OGGETTO: operatori radio (marconisti)

In esito al n. 2 del foglio a cui si risponde, si
comunica che dalla 513^a sezione guardiafilari sono stati
recuperati ed avviati, previa sostituzione, al Gruppo
di combattimento "MANTOVA" i 15 marconisti segnalati.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(G. Liuzzi)

Liuzzi

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Subject:- Signal Specialists.

Restricted.

Land Forces Sub Com.,
M.M.I.A.
Tele. 489081 Ext. 533.
A/HO/S.
13 April 45.

To:- Ministry of War.
Copy to:- MMIA LG Sardinia.

Ref MMIA SD14/2 of 10 Dec 44.

Please report what action has been taken on the letter
under reference, showing the location and employment of
the Radiomontatori in question.

W. H. H. H. H.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal.

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Subject : Signal Specialists.

RESTRICTED.

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.,
M. M. I. A.
Tele 439081 Ext 535.
A/210/5. 12 April 45.

To:- Ministry of War

Copy to:-

56 BLU.
"P" BLU.RTC-ICF.

1. Your request that the following Signal Specialists urgently required for the Combat Group, should be transferred from Territorial M.Q.8 Maple is approved.

Radiomontatori 2

Apparecchiatori telefonici 4

2. One of each category will be posted immediately to Mantova. The remainder will be sent to Cesane for posting to the other Groups.

3. These men will be replaced by 6 of the 35 surplus line-men now held by 107 Tele-Radio Company, Mantova Group. The remainder of the surplus will be posted to RTC-ICF.

J. Woods Maj.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

No 14574 Mob. di prot. P.M.3800, li 22 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: operatori radio.

Radio Operator

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Ufficio Coordinamento P.M.3800

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Risposta foglio X/518 del 22 marzo.

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- 1) - Sono state date disposizioni per il recupero del personale di cui all'elenco allegato al foglio cui si risponde, e per la sua assegnazione al Gruppo MANTOVA, previo accertamento della idoneità e previa sostituzione con altrettanti guardafili addestrati.
- 2) - Malgrado le molte difficoltà, dovute specialmente alla mancanza di mezzi di collegamento e di trasporto, è stato finora possibile recuperare, per quanto riguarda gli specializzati dei collegamenti, circa 250 tra radiotelegrafisti, telegrafisti, radiomontatori, ecc.. Sono già stati assegnati ai Gruppi di combattimento od immessi nel Centro di GESANO. Di altri 40 marconisti e telegrafisti è in corso

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- Nessun recupero è stato possibile attuare dai reparti US-ITI, come del resto è noto a codesta M.M.I.A..-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Giorgio Iuizzi)

*Ghiotti**Please translate**see item 10 below  
C. 3045.*

Subject:- Wireless Operators.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

X518

22 Mar 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. An officer of Mantova Group recently visited BARI and on his return stated that there were a number of fully trained Wireless Operators in 513 Italian Line Section. Enclosed herewith is a nominal roll of same.
2. Please investigate and if there men are in fact found to be Operators arrange their transfer to 107 Signal Coy, Mantova Group, replacing them by fully trained Linemen. *No removal will be made unless a trained replacement is found. Subject to them being suitable for Combat Groups*
3. Please say how the "combing out" of service units is progressing. If properly carried out instances such as this should immediately come to light. This HQ letter SD/2 of 25 Nov 44 refers.

*W. Calveley*  
W. CALVELEY, Major  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Personnel

56 BLU  
7 Sigs

SO. R. Sigs. MMIA  
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17 March 45  
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1. An Officer for 107 Tele-Radio Company recently visited BARI, and on his return stated that there are a number of Wireless Operators with 513 Section of 742 Signal Company.
2. A nominal roll of these men is attached.
3. In view of the difficulty of finding trained personnel for 107 Company it would be appreciated if investigations could be made into this matter.
4. If these men are in fact with 513 Section could authority please be given for them to be posted to this Combat Group to replace unsuitable operators.

In The Field,  
IDMP/cwf

*John J. Kelly*  
Lt Col.  
GS.  
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NOMINAL ROLL of reless Operators believed to b ith 513 Line Section

|            |             |           |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Serg Magg. | RUGGERI     | Giuseppe  |
| Sergente   | CARUSO      | Ignazio   |
| Cap Magg   | GALLIONE    | Carlo     |
| "          | FIUMARA     | Nazzareno |
| "          | MARINO      | Giulio    |
| "          | ZANCHIGIANI | Mario     |
| Caporale   | CRISTOFOLI  | Romeo     |
| "          | MOSCATO     | Mario     |
| "          | MENECHETTI  | Renato    |
| "          | SANTINI     | Sauro     |
| "          | VACCARI     | Gino      |
| Geniere    | PERNI       | Alberto   |
| "          | RUGHI       | Nazzareno |
| "          | SAJEVA      | Vittorio  |
| Caporale   | SABATINO    | Orlando   |

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Subject:- Manpower Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
X518

11 Dec 44

C.S.O.,  
3 District.

1. Further to telephone conversation (CROCKER - CALVELEY).  
Herewith a spare copy of letter written to Italian Ministry of War.

It is obvious that the screening is being badly done, with resultant decrease in efficiency.

2. Letter P.M.186 11 of 1 Dec, has now been received from Major FENOGLIO at Nocera giving a still further list of Operators within the Line Sections.

3. I will inform Ministry of War of this fact and in accordance with attached letter will get them to send an officer to investigate.

4. Any personnel taken from the Line Sections will, of course, be replaced prior to move.

*W. Calvey*  
W. CALVELEY, Major,  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Call-up

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.E.I.A.)  
File No. SD/14/2  
10 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. As is well known there is a serious shortage of redimontatori within the Gruppi di Combattimenti.
2. We are informed that twelve personnel of this trade as detailed at Appendix "A" are at present in SARDINIA, having been discharged from the Army but liable to recall.
3. Please arrange for these men to be called up and sent to the mainland for inclusion in the Gruppi. They should report to Rft Trg Dep ICF.
4. They may require a refresher course prior to joining the Gruppi, if so please inform this HQ, and arrangements will be made for same.

*John H. Meyer*  
for Major General  
M. E. I. A.

Copy to: A.C. SARDINIA for Col. SIMMONS

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171 COMANDO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTI  
171 HQ ITALIAN SIGNAL COY

P.M.186, 11 1° Dicembre 1944.

n.334 di prot.

AL S.C. E. SIGNALS  
HQ  
MATA  
CMF

e, per conoscenza:

AL C.S.O. 3° DISTRICT  
AL 173° COMANDO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTI = S E D E =  
ALLA SCUOLA ITALIANA COLLEGAMENTI = NOCEIA INFERIORE =

OGGETTO: Nominativi dei radiomontatori, capi marconisti e marconisti.-

(RICORDIA PER IL SIGNORE MAGGIORE W. GALVELEY)

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A seguito intesa verbale trasmesso in allegato elenco completo di tutti i militari radiomontatori, capi marconisti e marconisti presenti alle sezioni di linea 512, 513, 514, 515 in costituzione a Nocera Inferiore.

Ho preso contatto con il Ten.Col. DE MALINIS, comandante della locale Scuola Italiana Collegamenti allo scopo di ottenere che i militari di cui all'allegato possano frequentare un corso sul materiale radio inglese ed abbiamo convenuto sull'opportunità che i militari in argomento siano ammessi alla Scuola col prossimo corso di genieri, rimanendo però in forza alle Sezioni di Linea al

(PROMEMORIA PER IL SIGNORE MAGGIORE W. GALVELEY.)

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termine del crisi stesso.

12 COMPTON (Magd. P. 101)

translating

*Staph. aureus*

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

SD/2

25 Nov 44.

Subject: - Munition.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. As you are fully aware, there exists within the Gruppi a shortage of Operators, Radio and Line.

2. A recent tour of inspection carried out by the Signal Officer of this HQ has brought to light the fact that the screening of trades is not functioning effectively.

3. Men are despatched by you at the rate of 120 per month to the Line Training School at FRANCAVILLA. After one month's training they are despatched to NOCERA to be formed into Line Sections. These men should be screened by you prior to despatch to FRANCAVILLA, they should be men suitable for training as Linemen, and therefore should contain HQ such trades as Operators.

4. As a result of the visit mentioned above, 22 Operators and 4 Radiomontatori were found at the 173 Italian Coy HQ at NOCERA. These men had passed through the Line School at FRANCAVILLA. As you will appreciate this is a complete waste of one month's training and a loss to the Gruppi of these tradesmen.

5. Details of these men are as at the appendix to this letter. Please arrange an immediate cross posting of these men with ~~view~~ of equal rank from 69 Teleggrafisti now at RENEVENTO. The tradesmen thus freed will be used to fill deficiencies in the first four Gruppi.

6. It is to prevent a repetition of this wastage of skilled trades, will you please arrange for a suitable officer to visit the various units, RLI-III and RLI-III, in order that tradesmen who are not being employed in their trade may be found, and arrangements made for their cross posting. This HQ will be informed of details of all such men found in RLI-III units prior to their transfer

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4. As a result of the visit mentioned above, 22 Operators and 1. Reclamontatori were found at the 175 Italian Coy HQ at NOCERA. These men had passed through the Line School at FRANCAVILLA. As you will appreciate this is a complete waste of one month's training and a loss to the Gruppi of these tradesmen.
5. Details of these men are on at the appendix to this letter. Please arrange an immediate cross posting of these men with <sup>line</sup> ~~line~~ of equal rank from 69 Teleggrafisti now at BENVENUTO. The tradesmen thus freed will be used to fill deficiencies in the first four Gruppi.
6. In order to prevent a repetition of this wastage of skilled trades, will you please arrange for a suitable officer to visit the various units, IRI-III and IRI-IV, in order that such tradesmen who are not being employed in their trade may be found, and arrangements made for their cross posting. When HQ will be informed of details of all such men found in IRI-III units prior to 15 January being made, in order that clothing adjustments may be made.
7. Please treat this matter as urgent and keep this HQ informed as to progress.

*L. H. G. Gledhill*

For Major General:  
M. H. I. A.

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Appendix to SD/2 of 25 Nov 44.Radiomontatori.

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|------------|-----------|
| Cap. Magg. | Amatori - |
| " "        | Calo      |
| Cap.       | Rossini   |
| Geniere.   | Pos       |

Cifri radiotelegrafisti.

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Cap.        | Bracci -      |
| "           | Petruglia -   |
| "           | Santoniello - |
| Serg. Magg. | Ruggieri -    |
| Serg.       | Caruso -      |
| Cap. Magg.  | Gallione -    |
| " "         | Plumari -     |
| " "         | Merino -      |
| Cap.        | Meneghetti -  |

Radiotelegrafisti

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| Geniere. | Rotella -    |
| "        | Polizola -   |
| "        | Provenzano - |
| Cap.     | Vaccari -    |
| "        | Santini -    |
| "        | Marcato -    |
| Gen.     | Ghini        |
| "        | Tusi         |
| "        | Rughi -      |
| Cap.     | Granillo -   |
| "        | Sabbatini -  |
| "        | Nicoli -     |
| "        | Ventrella    |

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REST ICTEL  
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SUBJECT:- Specialised personnel in BRIT Service Units

Military Mission Italian Army

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19 Oct 44  
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War Ministry  
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1. It is requested that you arrange to replace with non-specialists, on a one for one basis, all W/T operators (MARCONISTI) in BRIT Service Units which at present are not employed,

either (a) as W/T operators  
or (b) on tasks befitting their specialist qualifications.

2. Non-specialists will report to the units concerned before the replacement takes place.

3. In the case of large quantities of personnel where

- (a) the efficiency of a unit would be noticeably impaired or
- (b) Allied transportation, (veh or train)

would be necessary, you are required to notify this HQ in advance so that

- (a) authy may be obtained on operational grounds, and
- (b) the necessary transportation assistance may be arranged.

4. Will you please submit a monthly report showing transfers effected.

*[Signature]*  
Major General  
M M I A

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