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Formation of New Units

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TRANSITION

Ministry of War

S.M.M.M.

Organisation and Mobilisation Office

Rome, April 1946

SUBJECT: Signals Organisation.

MEMORANDUM

The complete detachment of the signals organisation from the Engineer branch may be achieved in two successive phases:

- a first phase, in which we would achieve a complete distinction, within the Engineer Corps, of the two branches: artisan and signals;
- a second phase, of true and proper breaking away.

1) - Organisation of the 1st phase.

- a) - The Signals branch would be formed by all existing units or units shortly to be formed, enjoying signals equipment.

These are as follows:

- 5 Infantry Divisional Signals Bns;
- 3 Internal Security Division Signals Coys (at present included in the fixed Engineer Bns of the said Divs);
- 10 Military Territorial Command Signals Coys;
- 1 Ministry of War Signals Bn;
- 1 Signals School;
- 1 repair workshops (22nd).

- b) - The Engineer central departments (Engineer Directorate-General and Engineer Inspectorate) would not suffer any transformation nor have any alteration in war establishment as a result of the distinction of the two branches.

They, on the other hand, would appoint their own personnel charged with concerning themselves exclusively with matters relating to the Signals branch, in the sphere of their own duties.

2) - Organisation of the 2nd phase.

The only initial distinction, automatically becoming more marked with the passage of time, would lead to a natural cleavage, the characteristics of which cannot be foreseen at the moment since it would take advantage of the practical experience of the 1st phase.

The complete detachment of the signals organisation from the Engineer branch would have to be accompanied with the formation of appropriate command and inspectorate central and provincial departments in addition to eventual alterations to units' war establishments.

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7th BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/64

Florence 24 Jan 46

SUBJECT: Formation of New Unit

TO : O.2.E

W.B. CM/1112/2 refers.

M.M.I.A. have advised direct application to O.2.E for the following reinforcements.

1. A B.O.W.O.: Urgently required to deal with the various problems with which this Unit must deal.
2. R.A.O.C. L/Cpl. Clerk.
3. Sergeant (Admin & General Duties)
4. R.A.S.C. L/Cpl. Clerk.

Absence of the a/mentioned personnel whose duties are particular to themselves adds increasing difficulties. Any assistance will be appreciated.

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