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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 5365/Ord/I
Date: 14/11/46

Subject: Formation of the Signal Corps. -

Reply to letter SD/8/2 dated 4/11/46. -

The legislative provisions required for the forming of the Signal Corps are still being studied and we hope to be able to reach a conclusion soon. -

As you know the matter is vastly complicated as it regards organisation problems and the position of personnel, etc. Therefore it is necessary, before issuing the legislative provisions, to realize both their near and far influences.

This S.M. will keep you informed of further developments on the matter. -

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4 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject:- Formation of a
Signal Corps

Ref this HQ SD/8/2 dated 24 Aug 46, paragraph 2.
A reply is requested at your earliest convenience.

T. J. Lawrence
for Major-General,
GOC, MIA.

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Appx 'A' to MMIA
Letter SD/8/2
Dated 24 Aug 46

FORMATION OF THE SIGNAL CORPS

FOREWORD

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Sapper Corps

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(a) Combining all existing Signal Units into one Branch without altering at present :-

- (i) the War Establishment and composition of Units,
- (ii) administrative Command of Departments.

(b) The establishing as a separate entity of the personnel of the Signal Corps and the formation of appropriate Central and Local Organisations.

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Signal Units and Formations will form the ENGINEER CORPS SIGNAL BRANCH. Instructions will be issued later concerning the putting into effect of Stage Two.

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- (c) Works Section.

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4. Engineer Headquarters Military Territorial Command

The Engineer Commander at Military Territorial HQ will continue to carry out all duties laid down in existing regulations in respect of Signal Units located in the area under his command.

With the personnel at present available at Engineer HQ three sections similar to those in paragraph 3 will be formed corresponding to the three sections at Engineer Inspectorate. The Sapper Section will also include Hirings & Claims.

5. Divisional Engineer HQ

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6. Troops

For the time being the following troops will be incorporated in the Signal Branch which will become the Signal Corps :-

- (a) Signal School
- (b) Ministry of War Special Signal Battalion
- (c) Signal Companies (subsequently signal battalions) of the five Infantry Divisions
- (d) Signal Platoons of the Security Brigades
- (e) HQ Companies of Military Territorial Command.

7. Stores Depots

The appropriate units in paragraph 6 will continue to control the existing depots.

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SIGNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR DUTIES

8. The existing Central and Local Departments of the Engineer Service will continue, for the time being, to carry out their tasks in respect of the Signal Branch in accordance with the duties and responsibilities laid down in current regulations, and without increasing the existing interim. Within these departments however, and without increasing the existing interim War Establishment separate Branches will be set up dealing respectively with matters concerning Sappers, Signal and Works Services.

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In particular, power is given to the Director General of Engineers subject to the above restrictions, to use his discretion in :-

- (a) Forming a Signal Section for the Work and Stores Division under his command.
- (b) Taking similar action concerning the Stores Office of the Works Directorate and the three Stores Depots at PIZZICHETTO, CARRUGO and FISCHERA.

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OTHER ASPECTS OF THE FORMATION OF SIGNAL CORPS9. Status

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10. Allocation of Personnel for the Signal Branch

During the First Stage the Directorates of Officer Personnel and NCOs and Men, in cooperation with the Engineer Inspectorate will pay particular attention to the posting of Officers and NCOs to Signal Units and formations and ensure that they are qualified in all respects for the Signal Corps. This is in order to minimise as far as possible the transfers when Stage Two is being put into effect.

11. Recruitment

Regular Officers :-

They will be posted to the Signal Branch when they leave the Academy in accordance with policy and procedure which will be communicated later.

Reserve Officers :-

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12. In this gradual formation of a Signal Corps it is to be appreciated that during the First Stage nuclei of future Signal Corps, Central and Local Units etc must be formed and they should acquire independence gradually in the Internal Administration of the Engineer Service Departments.

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SUBJECT: Formation of signal corps

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TO: REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

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Reference your letter 11/23/01/X dated 12 Aug 46.

1. Your instructions are noted.

2. It is requested that you will pursue the first phase with the utmost regard at all levels and will inform this HQ of the steps being taken to obtain the legislative and administrative action necessary to the completion of phase two.

M. W. H. 12/14/46

M. W. H.
A. G. S.

Major-General,
H. H. L. A.

12/12/46

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Subject: Signal Trades.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.S.

(M.I. I.A.)

Ref: L89064 Xth 264 20/5/3

23 August 46.

To: Ministry of War (Direzione del Genio)

1. On reviewing the various signal trades for which recruits are being trained at the Scuola Colonnamenti, Cuneo, it has become apparent that some confusion still exists, at least regarding the nomenclature of signal personnel for the infantry and the artillery.
2. For the next series of courses the School has been instructed by the Ministry of War to train for the infantry:-
 - (1) 104 Centralinisti - telefonisti - telegrafisti.
 - (2) 494 Marconisti.
 and for the artillery:-
 - (1) 303 Specializzati per le trasmissioni.
 - (2) 143 Marconisti.
3. It has already been agreed that the trade of "marconisti" shall be confined to the new Italian Signal Corps and that the artillery shall have only "marconisti-conduttori (driver-operators)" and "specializzati per le trasmissioni" (Ministry of War letter 3925/Ord/4 dated 18 Aug 46 refers).
4. It is now recommended that the same conditions should apply to the infantry and that, to avoid confusion and to attain precision in nomenclature, the infantry signallers should be referred to as "Specializzati per le trasmissioni (Pianteria)" and the artillery signallers as "Specializzati per le trasmissioni (Artiglieria)". The training required by these two types of "specializzati" will, of course be similar in most, but not all, respects.
5. It has already been recommended that the trade of driver-operators be regarded as an All Arms trade, as in the British Army, and driver-operators for the Signal Corps, Artillery, and Reconnaissance Units be trained together.
6. It is also noted that "specializzati per le trasmissioni" for the artillery are referred to as line operators. This is not the case in the British Army, and it is recommended that British Army practice be closely followed regarding signal organization for both the Artillery and Infantry. The "specializzati" (Infantry and Artillery) which corresponds to the British Army "Signalers" (Infantry and Artillery) should receive general training in all signal duties connected with the infantry or artillery, as the case may be. The "marconisti-conduttori", as the name indicates, should receive training only in wireless operating and driving. In consequence, of course, although both receive training in Morse and in all types of wireless sets they are likely, in the event of a changeover to all types of wireless operating of the "marconisti-conduttori" should be higher as he will be able to devote more time to it than will the "specializzati". This is the required result because the more powerful sets carried in vehicles and working on circuits requiring a higher standard of

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 - (1) 1st Centralist - telefonisti - 1 telegrafista.
 - (2) 2nd Centralist.
- and for the artillery:-
 - (1) 3rd Specialist per le trasmissioni.
 - (2) 4th Specialist.
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INTERNAL :- S/GS.

Handwritten signature
 for Major General,
 G.S.
 W.I.A.

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 4123/Ord/I
Date: 12/8/46

Subject: Formation of "Signal Corp".

Reply to letter SD/8/2 dated 6th June 1946.

We forward, for information, letter 220100/II dated the 3rd inst. from the Ministry of War - Cabinet - in which instructions are given for the putting into effect of the first series of instructions for the purpose of splitting up the ~~Engineer~~ Engineer Corps into two Signals and Sappers Branches.

The splitting up into separate categories of Engineer personnel into Sappers and Signals and formation of an appropriate local and central organisation will take place during the second stage, since their putting into effect brings about problems of a legislative and state nature the importance of which cannot escape your MMIA.

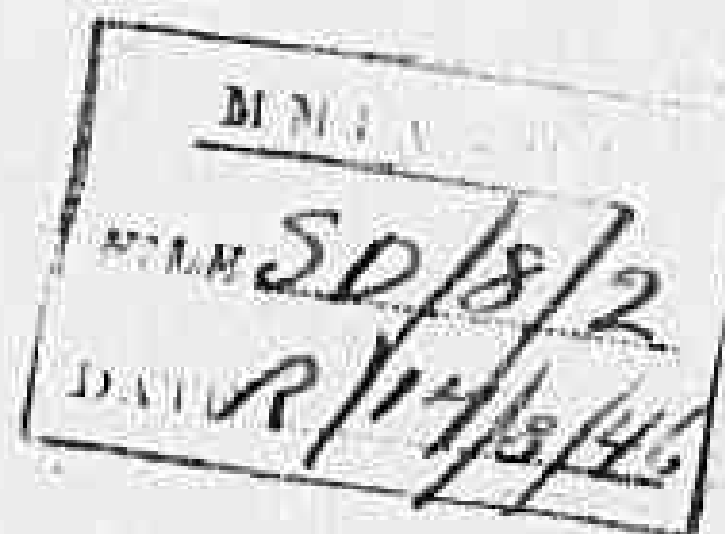
Anyway this S.M., realising the urgency of the matter, will do everything within its power in order to commence the putting into effect of the second stage, which is already being studied and drawn up, as soon as possible.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M. of W.
To : See addresses

Ref: 220100/II
Date: 3/8/46

Subject: Formation of the "Signals Corp".

1. Foreword

The Engineer Corp will gradually be split up into two formations:

- Signals Corp
- Sappers Corp

the one completely independent of the other, each with its own personnel and organisation.

This circular deals with the formation of the Signals Corp. The ~~Sappers~~ Corp will be formed by the remaining personnel now serving with the Engineer Corp.

Formation of the "Signals Corp" will be put into effect in two stages:

- 1)- formation of all signal units into a single formation, leaving unchanged:
 - command of present technical administrative departments;
 - the W/E and composition of units;
- 2)- classification of signals corp personnel and formation of an appropriate local and central organisation.

The putting into effect of the first stage, for which the following instructions apply, will commence w.e.f. 1st of August. During this stage signal units and formations will form the "Engineer Corp Signal Branch".

Instructions will be given later concerning the putting into effect of the second stage.

2. HQ AND UNIT ADMINISTRATION.

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a)- Engineer Corp Inspectorate.

The Signals Branch will continue to be under the Engineer Corp Inspectorate same as the ~~Sappers~~ ^{Pioneers} ~~Sappers~~ ^{Signal Section} ~~Sappers~~ ^{Signal Section}.

The Inspectorate will form two units, ^{work sections} Signals unit and Pioneer Unit: the first two units will deal with all matters regarding respective branches (organisation, training, technical-administrative examination, adoption and supply of stores).

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b)- Mil. Terr. Command Engineer HQ.

The Commander of the Mil. Territorial Command Engineers will continue to carry out, concerning Signals Units formations located in the area under his command, all duties laid down in existing regulations.

Territorial Engineer HQ, with personnel at present on strength, will also form ~~Supplies~~ ^{Works} - Signals - Pioneers and hirings and claims sections, with duties similar to those of corresponding units of the Engineer Corp Inspectorate.

c)- Divisional Engineer HQ.

Remains unchanged, for the time being, regarding duties and working of Engineer HQs belonging to Infantry Divisions.

With the foreseen formation of Pioneer and Signal Bns in these Divisions, the two Battalion HQs will assume, automatically and temporarily, the functions of "Divisional Engineer HQ" and "Divisional Signals Office" under the direct control, disciplinary and employment, of the Divisional Commander. The Territorial Engineer Commander will exercise, by arrangement with divisional commander technical administrative matters laid down in existing regulations.

d)- Troops.

Form for the time being part of the Signal Branch:

- Signals School
- Ministry of War special Signal Battalion.
- ~~Inf.~~ Companies (following Signal Battalions) of the 5 Infantry Divs
- S.I. Divisions Signal Platoons;
- Military Territorial HQ Signal Companies.

e)- Depots.

The above named Units will continue to ~~come~~ ^{continue} under the present depots.

3. SIGNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR DUTIES.

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Existing central and local departments of the Engineer Service will continue, for the time being, to carry out their tasks also in respect of Signal branches, in accordance with responsibility and duties laid down by existing laws and regulations.

However these departments will effect, without making any increase to interim W/As laid down for each formation, an actual separation between the part which concerns the Signal, Pioneers and Work Service in particular power is given to the Engineer General Directorate, with restriction stated above and in accordance with the procedure which it thinks fit, to:

- form a Signal section for the work and material division under its command;
- take a similar action concerning the material office of the works Directorate and the three stores depots (Pizzighettone, Camnago,

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Peschiera).

21st Military Engineer establishment (21st type A Repair shop) remains executive organ of the Engineer Service for the Signal Branch, besides having for the time being the function of centre for the elaboration of Signal matters.

4. MATTERS RELATIVE TO FORMATION
Classifications. *Role*

Signal Branches Officers and NCOs will continue to serve in the present classifications of the Engineer Corp.

The formation of separate classifications (Pioneer Corp and Signal Corp) will take place in the second stage; the allocation of personnel for the two classifications will be effected in accordance with past records and certificates held and, governed by A/E requirements, bearing in mind the choice of the men concerned.

Allocation of personnel for the Signal Branch.

During the first stage the Officer personnel General Directorate and NCO and men's General Directorate, by arrangement with the Engineer Corp Inspectorate, will pay particular attention to the posting of Officers and NCOs to Signal Units and formations, to allocate them men who due to certificates, aptitude and past record, are actually suitable: this mainly in order to avoid as far as possible transfers at the time of putting into effect the second stage.

Recruitment

Regular Officers: they will be posted to the Signal Branch when they leave the Academy, in accordance with the procedures and policy which will be communicated later;
reserve Officers and NCOs: through appropriate courses, in accordance with procedures being drawn at present.

Finally, during the first stage cadres which will later become Signal Corp central and local organism will be formed; said cadres will acquire independence gradually in the internal administration of the Engineer Service departments, until they are considered as only being helped by them.

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SUBJECT: Retention of Cipher Service in ITALIAN Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218)

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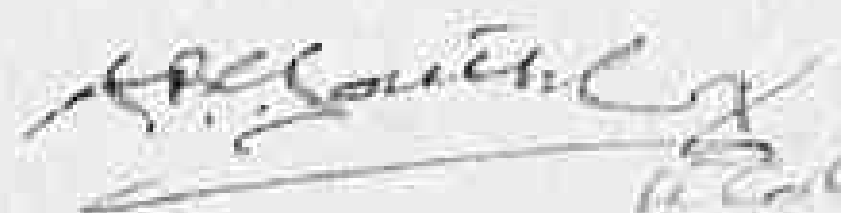
22 Jul 46TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 3045/Ord/1 dated 5 July.

Your proposal to retain the Cipher Service in the ITALIAN Army as a Staff matter, as opposed to a responsibility of Signal Branch, is agreed by this HQ.

It is considered, however, that when your new Signal Corps has found its feet, it may be advisable to reconsider the matter in conjunction with MMIA.



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

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SUBJECT: Re-Organisation of Engineer and Signals.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

(489081 Ext. 213)

ED/8/2

6 Jun 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

See file 9A for copy

Ref your 2724/Ord/I dated 3 June 46.

1. I note with concern that you consider it impossible to name a date on which the separation of Signals and Engineers should become effective within the War Ministry and SERS.

2. It is my opinion that retention within the War Ministry of the present unsatisfactory combined control will not permit of efficient re-organisation or functioning of the Signals and Engineer Services at the Territorial Region level, although we are in agreement that separation at that level is essential and shall begin at once.

The separation of Signals and Engineers is necessary in the light of experience and in the interests of efficiency, and it is in no way dependent upon either the size or the shape of the Army, as this may be defined in the Peace Treaty.

3. It has always been the aim of my HQ to advise only such reorganisations as can be applied with equal advantage both to the Interim and the Post Treaty Army.

I shall be grateful therefore, if you will reconsider this question and inform me of your views.

Level 213, 1

D. Browning 2968

Major General,
H. M. I. A.

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INTERNAL: "A"
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Major General,
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TRANSLATIONFROM : M. of W.
TO : M.M.I.A.REF : 2724/Ord/1
DATE : 3/8/46SUBJECT: Signal Corps Organisation.*Action taken
Dec 28/50/8/2
of 6 June*

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*Dec 28**Dec 28*

Reference your letter SD/8/2 dated 13/5/46.
The first stage of organising a separate
signals corps distinct from the Eng. Corp. will
commence as soon as possible.

It is not, moreover, possible to estimate at
this moment how long it will take to settle the
second stage, since for its putting into effect it
will be advisable to await the settling of the
Peace treaty which may alter the entire organising
of the Italian Army.

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*See 1107 letter
on 11/10/46
28*Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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See 7017

SUBJECT: Cipher Personnel in Italian Army

LARGE PUNCHES SUB COM, A.O. (MIA)

AD/19/2

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TO : CHIEF OF WAR

The proposed War Mobilization for an Italian Infantry Divisional Signal Battalion, as recommended by this HQ, and forwarded to you under this HQ 30/39/2 dated 16 Apr 46, was provided for the following cipher personnel (Warrent Officer, 5 Bets, 4 Cols).

1. The 35 of the Signal Battalion was discussed in detail at a conference held at this HQ 30. 34 May 46. The under mentioned officers were present:

Brig. MOFF, B.C.O. M.M.I.A.
Major BINGHAM, M.II (AD) M.M.I.A.
Major BINGHAM, B.C. II R Digs M.M.I.A.
Colonello GAZZINI, Ingottatore del Genio
Maggiore DI LUNA, Ufficio Organamento e Mobilitazione.

3. It transpired at this conference that no cipher personnel had been included in your counter-proposition, and that in the Italian Army such personnel had in the past always formed part of the Intelligence staff of Div HQ. Major BINGHAM then pointed out the desirability of such personnel being signal personnel. Col. GAZZINI agreed, but stated that such a change would be a decision only for M.M.I.A. Maggiore DI LUNA said that, if such a change were made, there would be a danger of a loss of cipher security.

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4. In 1942 all cipher personnel in the British Army were compulsorily transferred to the Royal Corps of Signals. All Chief Signal officers were given a staff officer's signal (Cipher) on their staffs, and Div Signals Battalions a cipher officer.

5. The disciplinary and administrative control of cipher

Thus the closest liaison between signals and ciphers became established with no loss of cipher security. Signal Masters (i.e. Officers in charge of signal offices) were able to exercise satisfactory control over their associated cipher offices although they had no right to enter the cipher office unless all secret documented had been concealed. This scheme worked extremely well. It is emphasized again, however, that not even a Chief Signal Officer or Officer commanding Div Sig Bn in the British Army has any right to see secret cipher documents or to interfere in cipher technicalities. Any interference that may be necessary is done by the Staff Officer Signal (Cipher) or Cipher Officer concerned. If, on the other hand Divisional Cipher Officer, for example, or any of his personnel, require disciplinary or administrative correction, this is the responsibility of the Officer commanding Div Sig Bn. The Divisional Cipher Officer is a fully fledged member of the Div Sig Bn.

6. This HQ strongly recommends the initiation of a similar organization in the ITALIAN Army.

WAT/rr

Major General

Major General,
M. K. I. A.

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SO II A. Sig
— SO/5/2 —

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SUBJECT: Proposed WE for an Italian Signal Security Section

LAND FORCES STAFF COM, A.C. (MIA)

SD/39/2

21 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this HQ letter SD/39/2 dated 16 Apr 46.

1. Herewith:-

- (a) Proposed War Establishment for a Signal Security Section.
- (b) Diagram showing proposed Wireless Layout for an Infantry Divisional Signals Battalion, which has been based on the War Establishment as forwarded under the above mentioned letter.

It is proposed that the War Establishment for the Signal Security Section should only be implemented in time of War, in the same manner as the War Establishment for a Field Security Section.

This letter is brought by hand of Major H.A.T. MONROE, Staff Officer R. Signals of this HQ who will explain:-

- (a) The function of a Signal Security Section,
- (b) The Wireless organisation of a Infantry Divisional Signals Battalion,
- (c) Any technical matters concerning the proposed War Establishment for a Divisional Signals Battalion such as the abbreviations which it was necessary for this HQ to use in writing the proposed establishment.

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Admiral
Major-General,

Further to this HQ letter SD/32/2 dated 16 Apr 45.

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Herewith:-

- (a) Proposed War Establishment for a Signal Security Section.
- (b) Diagram showing proposed Wireless Layout for an Infantry Divisional Signals Battalion, which has been based on the War Establishment as forwarded under the above mentioned letter.

2. It is proposed that the War Establishment for the Signal Security Section should only be implemented in time of War, in the same manner as the War Establishment for a Field Security Section.

3. This letter is brought by hand of Major W.A.M. NORMAN, Staff Officer R. Signals of this HQ who will explain:-

- (a) The function of a Signal Security Section,
- (b) The Wireless organization of an Infantry Divisional Signals Battalion,
- (c) Any technical matters concerning the proposed War Establishment for a Divisional Signals Battalion such as the abbreviations which it was necessary for this HQ to use in writing the proposed establishment.

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SD/3/2

Admiral
Major-General,
W. A. I. A.

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR AN
ITALIAN SIGNAL SECURITY SECTION.

(1) PERSONNEL

<u>Officers</u>	
Subalterns	1
<u>Total (Officers)</u>	1
<u>W.Os and Spts.</u>	
Sergeants	1
<u>Total (W.Os and Spts)</u>	1

Rank and File.

Cpls.	2
Sigms.	13
Drivers	3
<u>Total (Rank and File)</u>	18
<u>Total (Other Ranks)</u>	19
<u>Total (All Ranks)</u>	20

(11) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES.

Tradesmen.

Clerks (Corporal)	1
Operators (incl 1 Cpl)	13
Driver-medics	1
<u>Total Tradesmen</u>	15

Non-Tradesmen

Drivers	2
Battman	1
<u>Total, Non-Tradesmen</u>	3

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W.Os and Sats.

Sergeants	1
<u>Total (W.Os and Sats)</u>	1

Rank and File.

Cpls.	2
Sigms.	13
Drivers	3
<u>Total (Rank and File)</u>	18
<u>Total (Other Ranks)</u>	19
<u>Total (All Ranks)</u>	20

(11) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES.

Tradesmen.

Clerks (Corporal)	1
Operators (incl 1 Cpl)	13
Driver-mechs	1
<u>Total Tradesmen</u>	15

Non-Tradesmen

Drivers	2
Battmen	1
<u>Total, Non-Tradesmen</u>	3
<u>Total, Rank and File</u>	18

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PROPOSED WAR INSTALLMENT FOR AN
ITALIAN SIGNAL SECURITY SECTION

(iii) TRANSPORT

M/Cs	1
Truck, 15 cwt., office	1
L.C.V's (L.F.), less No. 19 sets	2

(iv) PERSONNEL LOADING TABLE

Truck, 15 cwt., 4 x 4, office	Subaltern Cpl. Clerk Ratman Driver.
L.C.V. (L.F.) (1)	6 Operators Driver/Mechanic
L.C.V. (L.F.) (2)	Cpl. Operator 6 Operators Driver
M/C.	Sgt.

Signal Controlled Stores.

Wireless Receivers R107, complete with accumulators	6
Charging Sets, 1260 watt	1

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NOTES.

- (1) When mobilisation of the Army is ordered, one of these Signal Security Sections will be allotted to Ministry of War, each HQ Territorial Command and each Divisional Signal Battalion.
- (2) At the Ministry of War and HQ Territorial Command the Section will work under the orders of the S.C. Signals (Signal Security).
- (3) The Section allotted to a Div Signal Bn will be responsible to the S.C. Div. Sigs for codes and code-signs within the Division as well as for Signal Security.

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SUBJECT: Organisation

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

— SD/8/2 —

13 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

2 See Fol 6

Ref your MEMORANDUM of April undated.

1. Your proposals are agreed both as to the first and second phases of the reorganisation.
2. It is considered by this Hq that the first phase should start forthwith.
3. It is also considered that it would be advisable to set a target date by which the second phase should be complete. In the opinion of MIA it should be possible to complete the second phase by about 1 Sep 46.

ARCS/rr

M. W. Hope.

Brigadier G.S.

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

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INFM : GOC
 Dep Comd
 BGS *Wm. 14/5*
 Col A/Q *W*
 A
 Sigs *Wm. 14/5*
 RE *Wm. 14/5*

this appears to mean -

(A) First Phase.

- (i) Separation of signals and Engineers and cessation of cross posting of officers at all levels below incl Territorial Region H.Q.
- (ii) It would NOT incl separation in the War Ministry although this was promised last Nov.
- (iii) According to GSO II (L) the reason for not carrying out reorganization in the War Ministry NOW is that the officers there cannot be trusted impartially to supervise separation at the lower levels if they think their own future or comfort is in any way jeopardised.....

BGS	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
GSO I (SD)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
Dep G II	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
GSO II (SD)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
GSO II (L)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
GSO III (SD)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
GSO I (PRG)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>
G II (L)	<i>Wm. 14/5</i>

(B) Second Phase

An avoidance of any real decision on when or how the separation WILL take place within the War Ministry itself.

(GSO II (L) says that there is an intention to form separate corps of Sigs and Corps of Engrs).

CONCLUSION - I feel that 1st phase should proceed at once, and that we should insist on detail of the second phase, plus a time limit, say complete by 1 Aug.

AAE - GSO.

This seems O.K. 1st phase is really the G.S. (operational) one. 2nd phase is much more. A must take a long time 1st Aug. is too soon I would imagine no time limit yet

*Wm. 14/5
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 7 May*

May 1946

MMIA - 'G'

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Lt. Col.
 GS.

TRANSLATION

Ministry of War

S.M.R.E.

Organisation and Mobilisation Office

Rome, 8 April 1946

SUBJECT:- Signals Organisation.PROMEMORIA*This was
verbally
requested.**S.O. Dist
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SO/S/4*

- 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, employing signals equipment.

These are as follows:

- 5 Infantry Divisional Signals Bns;
- 3 Internal Security Division Signals Coys (at present included in the mixed 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 their 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

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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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SUBJECT: War Establishments - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X517/1.
10 May 46.

TO: 'G'(SD), M.M.I.A.

Herewith two copies of the proposed War Establishment for
an Italian Signal Security Section.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major,
W.A.T. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

BQS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G 11	
GSO 11 (SD)	
GSO 11 ()	
GSO 11 (SD)	
GSO 1 (TRG)	
G 11 (1)	

MMIA - 'G'	
FILE	SD/8/2
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PROPOSED

WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR AN ITALIAN SIGNAL SECURITY SECTION.

(i) Personnel

Officers	
Subalterns	1.
Total (Officers)	1.
W.Os and Sgts.	
Sergeants	1.
Total (W.Os and Sgts)	1.
Total (offrs., W.Os, Sgts)	2.

Rank and File.	
Cpls.	2
Sigun.	13
Drivers	3
Total (Rank and File)	18
Total (Other Ranks)	19
Total (All Ranks)	20

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES.

Tradesmen.	
Clerks (Captured).	1
Operators (and Captured)	13
Driver-mechs	1
Total Tradesmen	15
Non-Tradesmen	
Drivers	2
Baman	3
Total, Non-Tradesmen	5

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<u>Total (W.O.s, W.O.s, Sgts) 2.</u>	
<u>Rank and File.</u>	
Cpls.	2
Sgts.	13
Drivers	3
<u>Total (Rank and File)</u>	18
<u>Total (Other Ranks)</u>	19
<u>Total (All Ranks)</u>	20

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES.

<u>Tradesmen.</u>	
Clerks (copied)	1
Operators (and 1 copier)	13
Driver-mechs	1
<u>Total Tradesmen</u>	15
<u>Non-Tradesmen</u>	
Drivers	2
Baman	3
<u>Total, Non-Tradesmen</u>	5
<u>Total, Rank and File</u>	18

(iii) Transport

- W/Cs
Truck, 15 cwt., ~~1~~, office
L.C.V's (L.P.), less No. 19 sets

(iv) PERSONNEL LOADING TABLE

Truck, 15 cwt., 4x4, office

Subaltern
- Cpl. Clerk
- Batman
- Driver.

L.C.V. (L.P.) (1)

- 6 Operators.
- Driver/Mechanic

L.C.V. (L.P.) (2)

- Cpl. Operator.
- 6 Operators
- Driver

W/C.

Sgt.

Signal Controlled Stores.

Wireless Receivers R407, complete with accumulators
Charging Sets, 1260 watt

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Notes.

- (1) When mobilisation of the Army is ordered, one of these Signal Security Sections will be allotted to each Army, ~~General~~ ^{and Div Sigs.}
- (2) ~~The Ministry of War and Home Affairs~~ ^{The Ministry of War, each 148. Territorial Command} ~~at the Ministry of War~~ ^{at the Ministry of War} will work under the orders of the ~~and each~~ ^{Divisional Signal} ~~Divisional Signal~~ ^{Retalia.}
- (3) The Section allotted to a Div Sigs. will be responsible to the C.O. Div. Sigs for codes and code-signs within the Division as well as for Signal Security.

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