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SICILY SITUATION REPORTS - INTERNAL PLANT

AUG. 1943 - DEC. 1944

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SUBJECT:- Italian Government Telegraph Circuits
SICILY - ITALY

FROM: - C.S.O., No.1 District.

X/1/4 (b)

TO :- Regional Commissioner, Region 1,
Allied Control Commission, C.M.F.

21 Mar 44

1. Reference conversation Dott. S.E. Fano Mario, Under-Secretary of State for Communications, Italian National Government, Lieut. Col. H.T.W. Millar, Allied Control Commission, and Major A.J.T. Beard, H.Q., No.1 District, District Signals, copy to you.
2. The repairs to the four conductors submarine telegraph cable between CITTA DELLA and TORRE CATONA have been completed and permission is given for this cable to be used for Governmental telegraph circuits between SICILY and ITALY, as required.
3. Will you please advise me when you can release the ~~Excerpts~~ authorized in my letter X/1/4 (a) of 15 Mar 44.

Colonel,
C.S.O., No.1 DISTRICT.

ATJB/JET

COPY TO:- Director, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission, Rear Hq. Allied Control Commission.
Chief, Telecommunications Section, Region 1, Allied Control Commission, C.M.F.
Director, C.C.T.F., MESSINA.
C.C., No.1. District Signals.
C.C., 40 Div Signals

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C O P Y
SUBJECT: - Italian National Government Telecommunications

FROM : - H.Q., No.1 District.

X/1/4.

TO : - Regional Commissioner, Region 1,
Allied Control Commission, C.M.F. (4)

21 Mar 44.

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2. Without prejudice to return to, or modification by, the Allied Military Forces if required, authority is given for the National Government to use:-

- (a) The two right end positions on the State switchboard at MES. INA, subject to male switchboard operators only, being employed at night.
- (b) The underground cable telegraph circuit allocated to the Circolo delle Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche di Messina between CATANIA and MESSINA, subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) The circuit is used for hand key morse only.
 - (ii) The maximum voltage used does not exceed ± 24 Volts.
- (c) A superposed hand key morse telegraph circuit on the National Government circuit provided on the military route CATANIA - SYRACUSA, subject to the maximum voltage used not to exceed ± 24 Volts.

In connection with restoration of the civil telegraph system and provision of Governmental telegraph circuits, your attention is directed to the fact that these circuits are permitted on the understanding that no interference electrical or mechanical is caused to military circuits.

Major General,
Commanding,
No.1. District.

AMB/JET.

COPY TO: - Dott. S.E. Pano Mario, Under-Secretary of State
for Communications, Italian National Govern-
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C.S.O., L. of C. Italy
Director, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Comm.
Rear Hq. Allied Control Commission.
Lieut. Col. S.T.W. Millar, Rear H.Q. Allied
Control Commission.
C.C. No.1. District Signals
Ing-Tagliavia, Director, S.E.T. CATANIA
Director, C.C.T.T., MESSINA

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SUBJECT: Italian National Government Telecommunications.

FROM: H.Q., No. 1 District.

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TO: Regional Commissioner, Region 1,
Allied Control Commission, O.M.V. (4).

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C.S.O., L. of C., ITALY
Director, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission,
Rome H.Q., Allied Control Commission.

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Major General,
for Commanding,
No. 1 District.

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Rear H.Q., Allied Control Commission.
Lieut-Col. H.P.W. Miller, Rear H.Q., Allied
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O.C., No. 1 District Signals.
Ing. Tagliavia, Director, S.E.T. CATANIA.
Director, C.O.T.T., MESSINA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 391
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 429061 Ext: 555

16th December, 1944

In reply
refer to: T.2.16.CS

Subject: Circolo, Sicily.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
Att: Capt. J.A. Bridgeman

Reference your CU-1326 of 13th October, 1944

To see copy of letter received from the Under-Secretary.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Copy of No. S/6.6/4471 of 13th December, 1944

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Att: Capt. J.A. Bridgeman

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Incl: Copy of No. S/6.6/4471 of 13th December, 1944

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TO: Allied Commission
Posta and Telecommunications Sub-Commission
AFO 394

Ref.: 9/66/4471

13th December, 1944

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We are grateful to you for the information you gave us. We communicate to you the above in order to explain the matter.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
for P.I.T.

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN.

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POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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Chief. Postal	
H. Q. Coms. O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SECRETARIA

Roma 13 dicembre 1944

Prot. N° 5/664471

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Risposta al foglio N.

ROMA

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Fondi del Circolo di Messina.

In esito alla lettera n°CS/4/2/13 in data 16 ottobre 1944, abbiamo a suo tempo inviato un Ispettore ministeriale in Sicilia per esperire la più severa inchiesta allo scopo di evitare il ripetersi degli inconvenienti con la stessa segnalateci.

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Grati delle comunicazioni fatteci, vi comuniciamo quanto sopra a definizione della pratica in oggetto.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Director	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Commodore	
Chief Clerk	

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Date 15 DIC. 1944

Translation by Rinaldo Petronani.

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Rome, 19th October 1944.

Prot. S/8.0/3169.

Subject: Funds of the Circolo

To : Allied Control Commission - Posts and Telecomms.
Sub-Commission. ROME.

Further to your CS/4/2/13 dated 16th October
deeming not exact and well founded the information we
gave you, we arranged to have a telegraph Inspector to
leave to day for Sicily for the purpose of regularizing
once and for all the activities of those Circoli of
Construction, which have not been found in a satisfactory
State.

Your information has been appreciated. You will
be informed of the result of the investigation.

The Under Secretary of State for
PP.TT.

From : Minister of Communications.
Piazza della Croce Rossa, 5
R o m e.

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Roma, 19 ottobre 1944 194

N° 5/8.0/3169

Risposta al N. _____

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Posts And Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

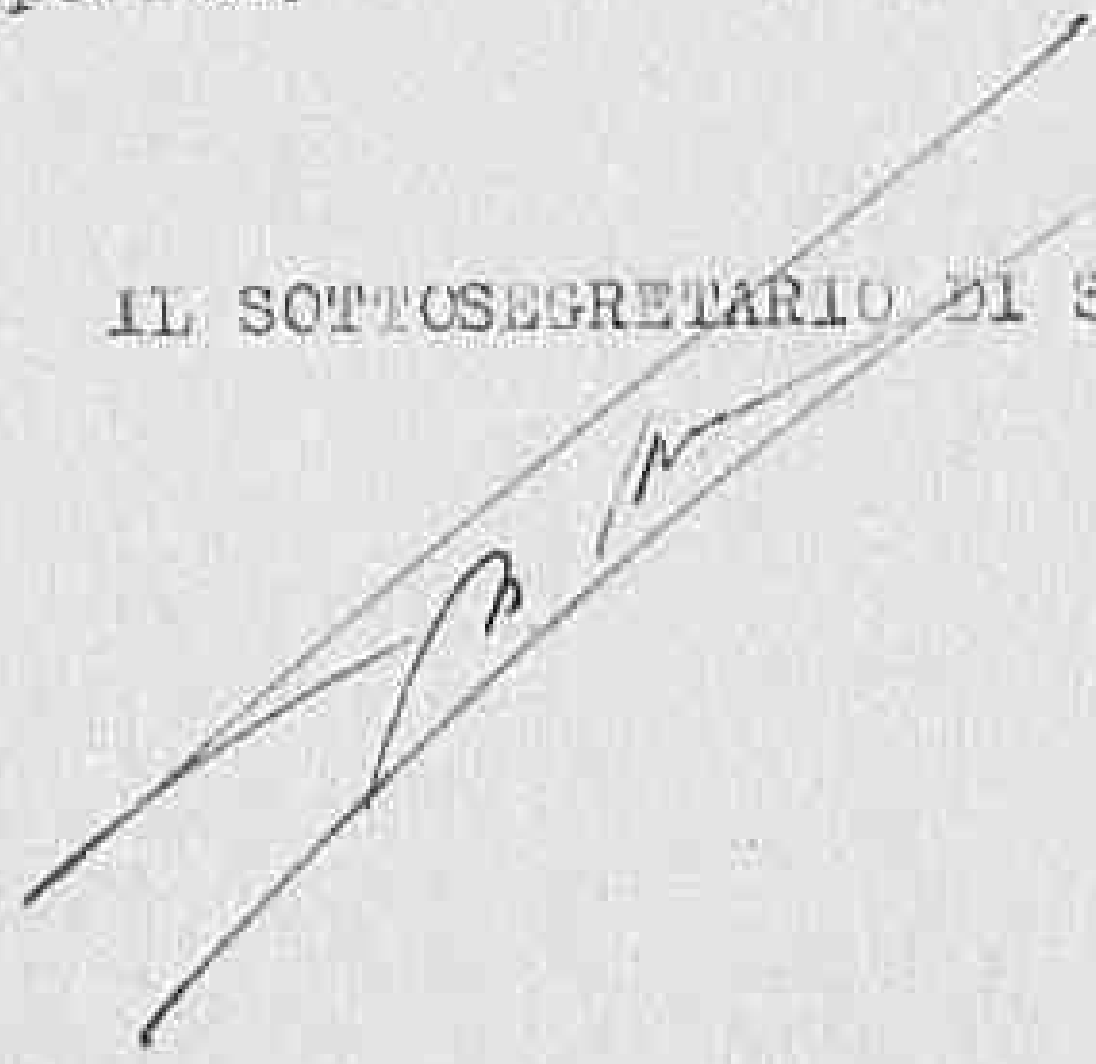
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OGGETTO: Fondi del Circolo.-

In esito alla lettera n. CS/4/2/13 in data 16 corr., ritenendo che le informazioni a voi fornite non siano completamente esatte e fondate abbiamo disposto che in data odierna un nostro ispettore telegrafico parta senz'altro per la Sicilia allo scopo di regolarizzare una volta e per sempre l'attività di quei due Circoli di Costruzione che tanto ha lasciato e lascia a desiderare.

Vi ringraziamo ad ogni buon conto di quanto comunicatoci e ci riserviamo di comunicarvi l'esito dell'inchiesta esperita.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

16th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: OS/4/2/13

Subject : Circolo Funds.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. Reports have been received from Sicily that Circolo funds there are too low, and that dissatisfaction has been caused amongst the employees by delays in the payment of wages.
2. A case is quoted by Capt. Bridgeman of payment being made to employees on 7th October of wages due on 16th September.
3. This matter does not directly concern A.C.C. but it is thought that you may wish to make some investigation to establish the facts of the matter, and to take any necessary action.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Capt. Capt. Bridgeman, Southern Region - (re your OS-1326 of 13th Oct)

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HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394 U.S. ARMY

CU - 1326

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Circolo Sicily.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
(attn.) Director, Communications Sub-Commission
ACC. APO 394.

1. It has come to the attention of this officer that on numerous occasions the Circolo in Sicily does not have sufficient funds to meet their pay roll.
2. The employees were paid on 7th. of October where as they should have been paid on 16th. of September. This caused much dissatisfaction and the loss of some time. It's hard enough to get the Circolo employees to work when they are receiving their pay when due.
3. As stated above this has occurred a number of times and this information is passed to your office for what ever action you deem necessary.

JAB/cd.

John A. Bridgeman
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Capt. AUS.
Regional Telecomm. Officer
Southern Region ACC.

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Capt. AUS.

Regional Telecomm. Officer
Southern Region AOC.

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Deputy	
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Base	
H. Q. Command	
Asst. Chief of Base	
Commodore	

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Date 16/10/44

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

CU - 1316

October 12th 1944

Subject: Sicily Region.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Director, Communications Sub-Commission
ACC. APO 394.

1. Arrived Palermo Saturday morning and spent Saturday and Sunday looking the situation over.

2. Monday morning Major Trevelyan and this officer met with Col. Jordon Executive Officer of the Region and outlined the new arrangements.

3. In brief, the Telecomm. office will continue to operate as in the past. An Italian office manager and a young lady typist and clerk will carry on the routine work. No authority has been delegated to the Italian. The office manager will contact this office by telephone when necessary. This Officer will make frequent trips to Sicily as the demand requires.

4. Col. Jordon, Executive Officer of the Region approves of this arrangements.

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Chief of Postal	
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Asst Chief of Post	
Commissary	
Chief Clerk	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394.

(10) RST/cp

20 July 1944.

Subject: Signal Diagram Region I

To : Communications Sub-Commission
(Through RC & MG Section).

1. Attached is the schematic diagram of civil telegraphs Sicily as at 30 June.
2. The telephone diagram shows no change for June.

For the Regional Commissioner:



R. S. Trevelyan
R. S. TREVELLYAN
Major, R. Signals
Regional Communications
Officer.

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Incl. 1 - Diagram.

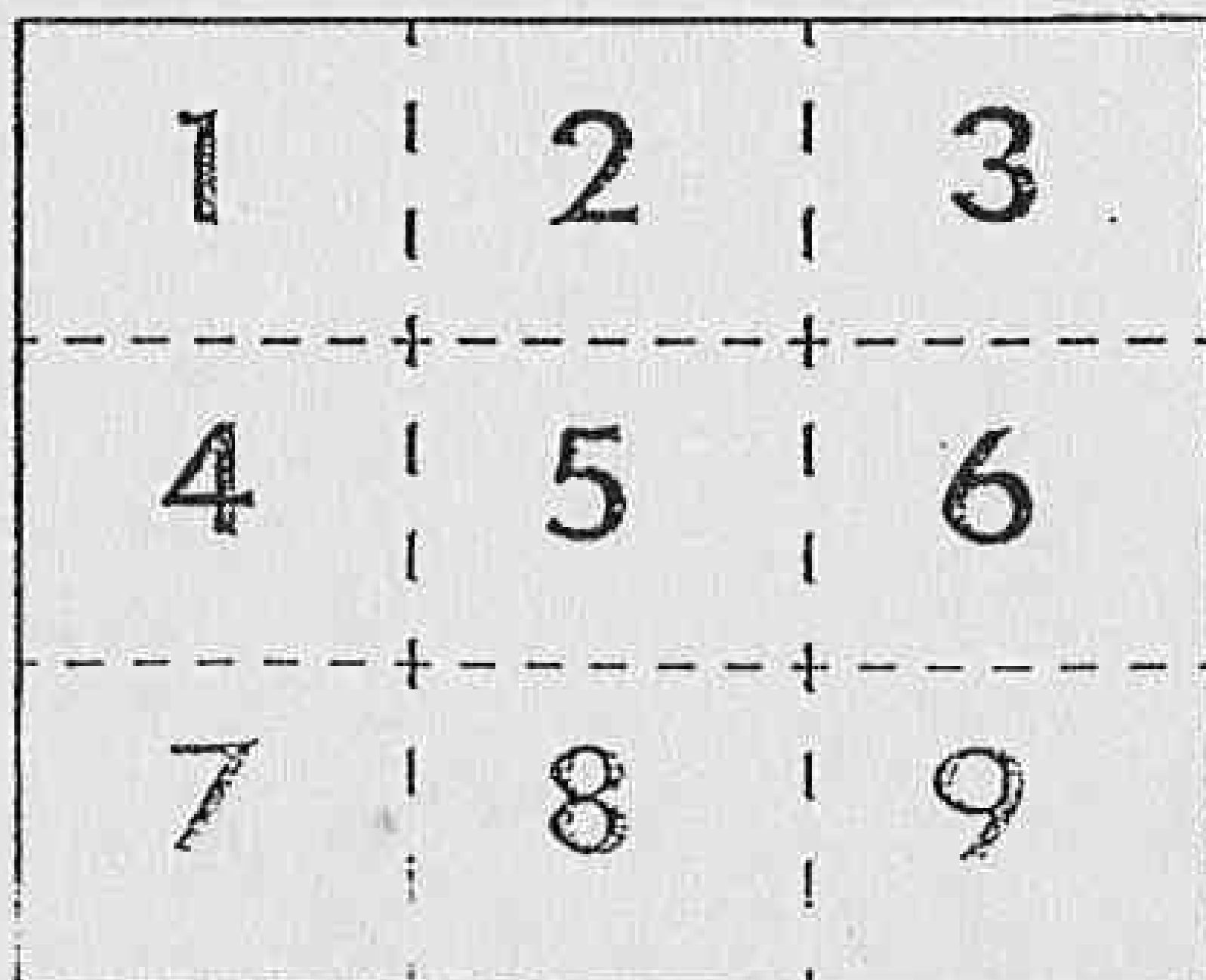
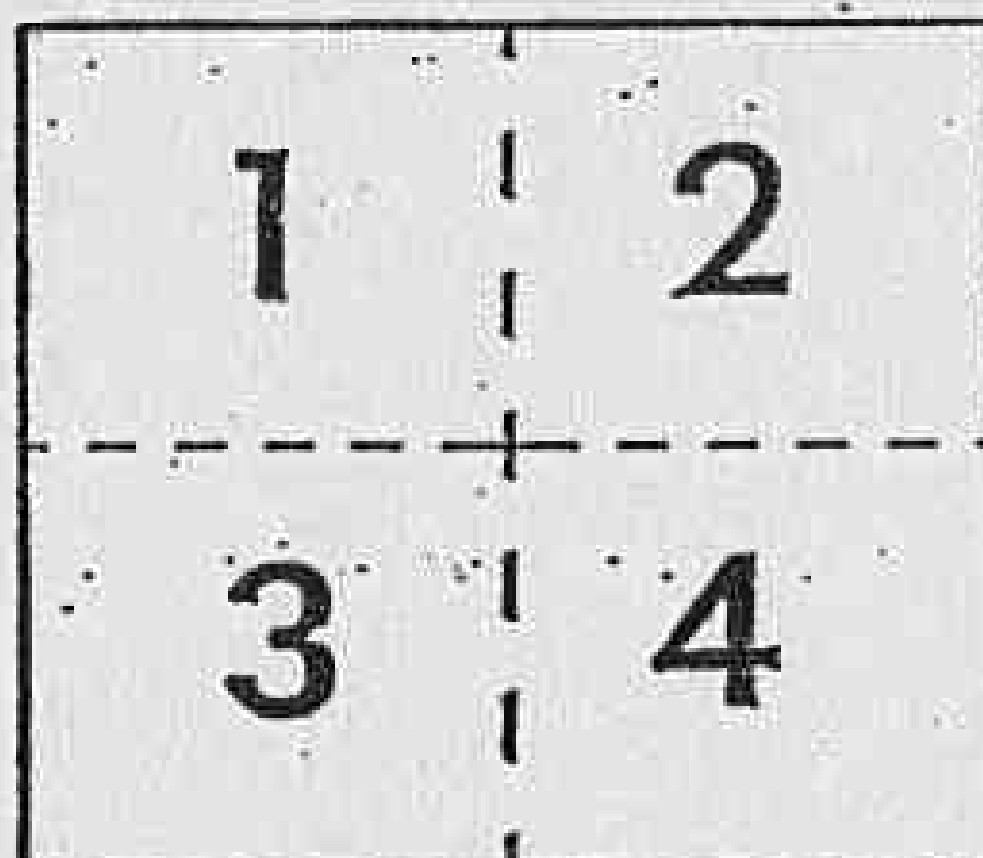
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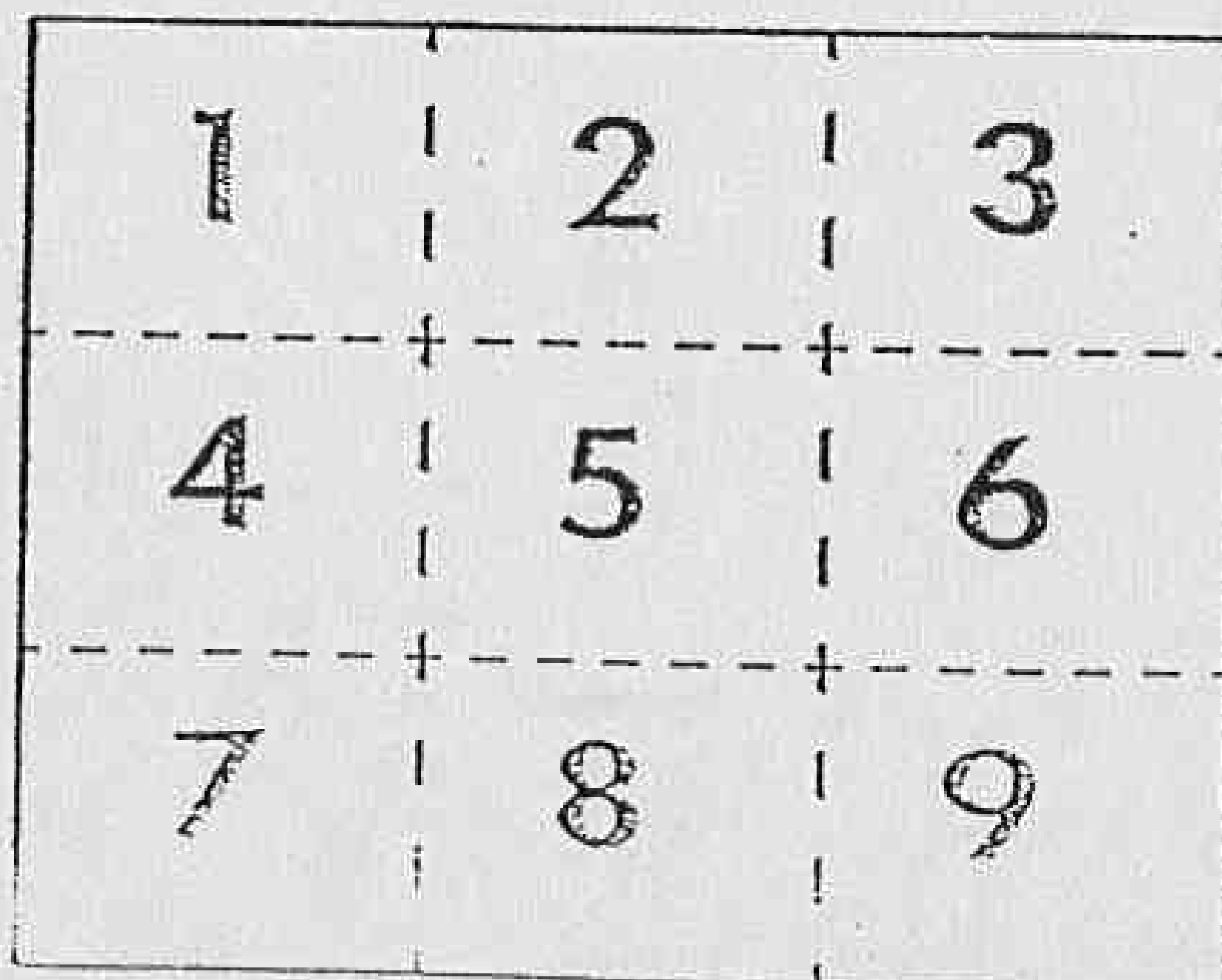
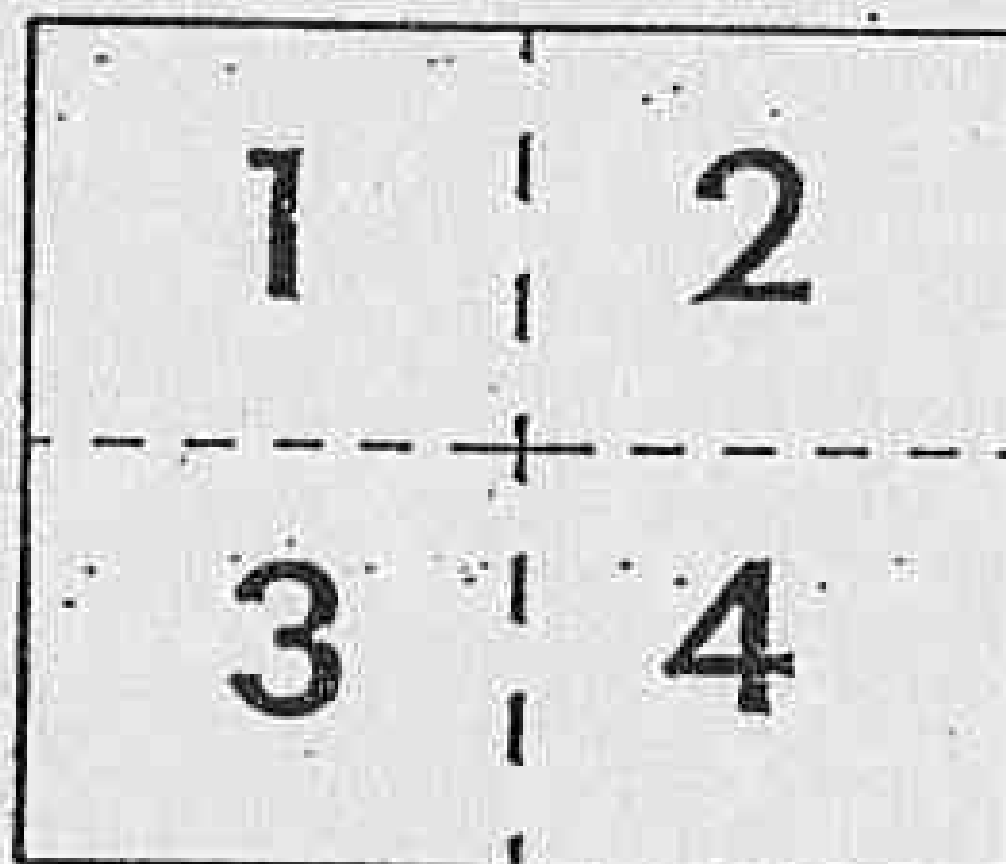
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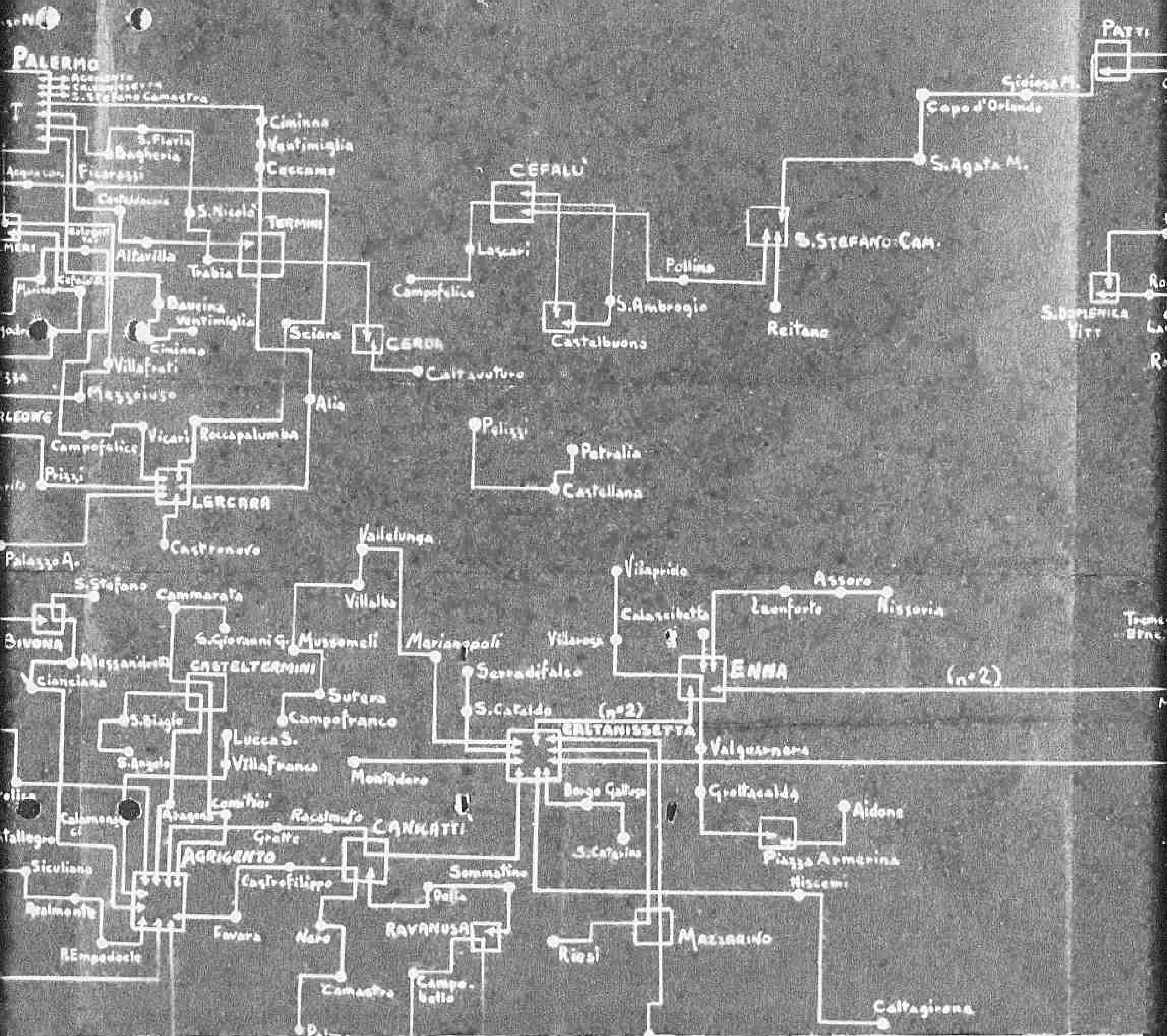
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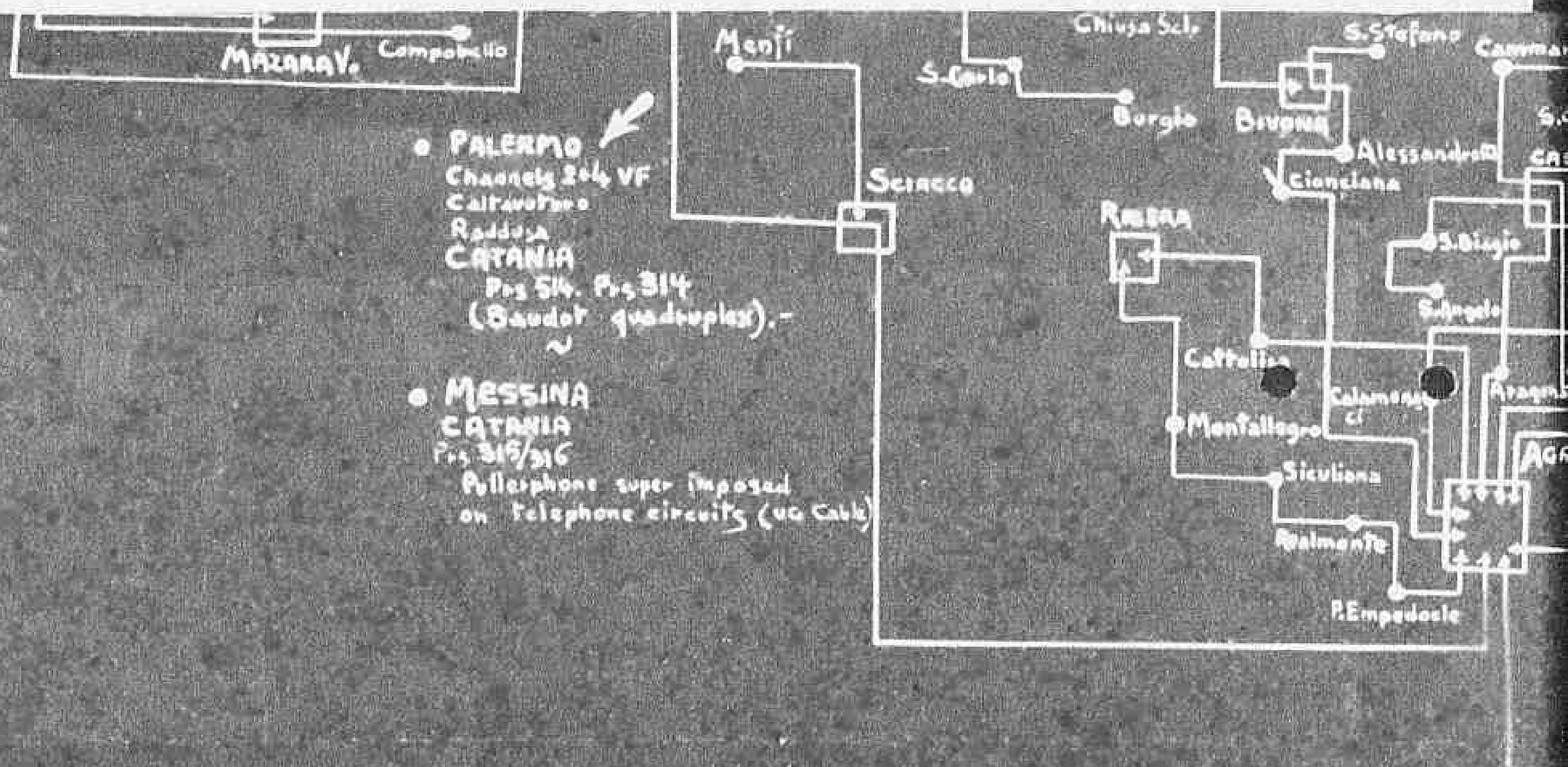
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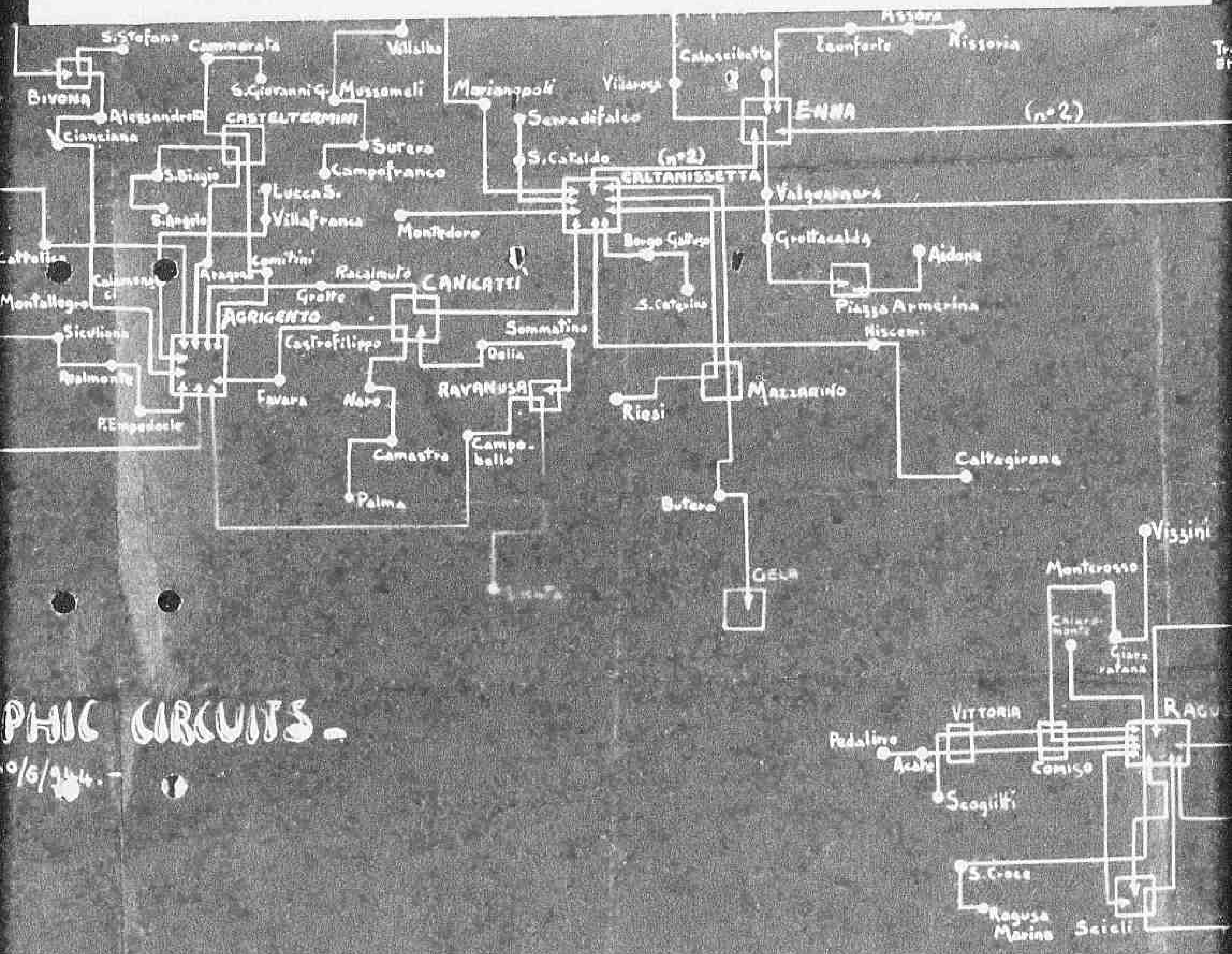
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Correct at 30/6/44.

Acc - R. T. Trevelyan Major R. Signals

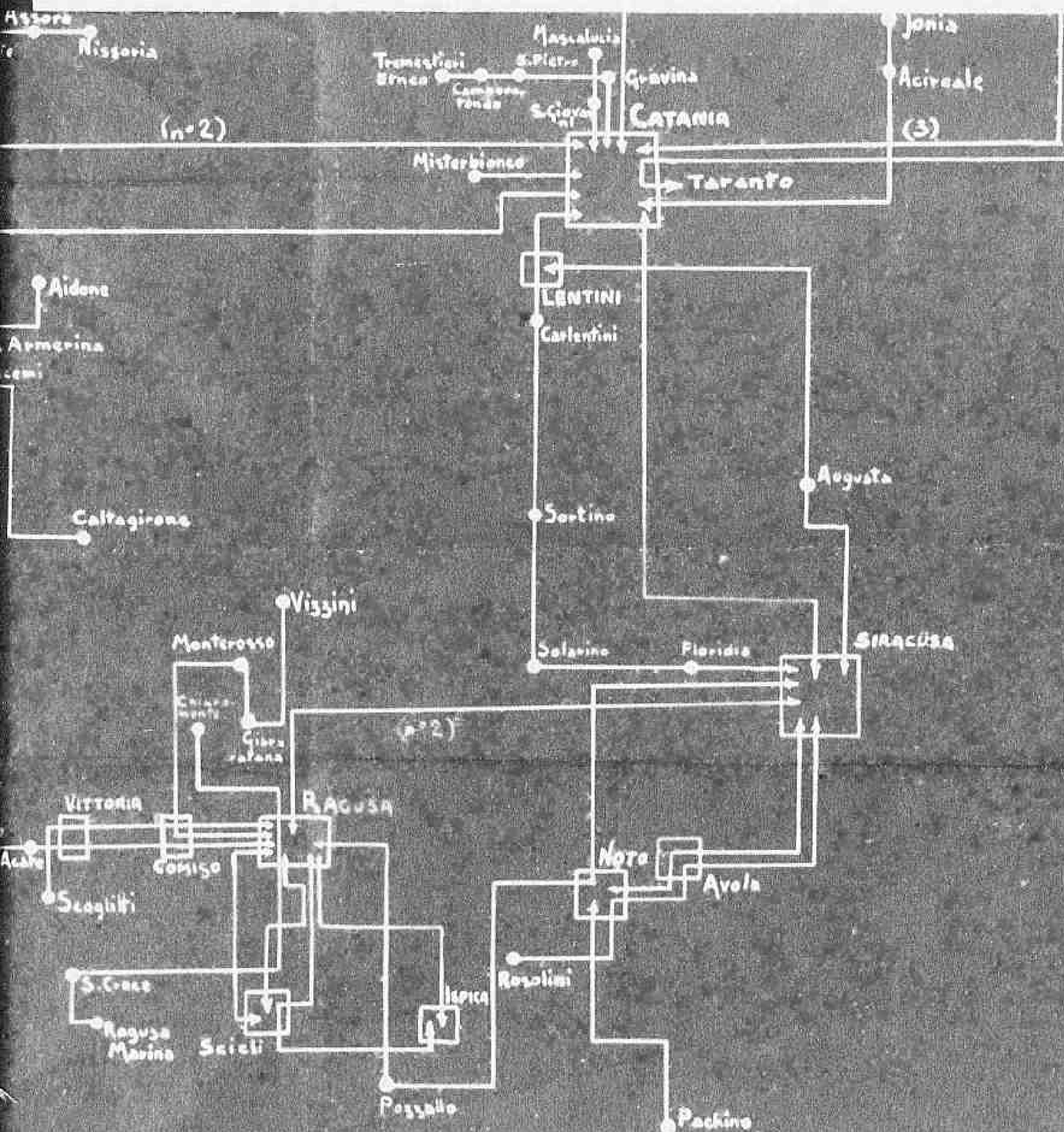
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REPORT OF TOUR OF TOWN IN CALABRIA AND SICILY RE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

1. General. The tour lasted from 9th to 24th March. The movements are shown in Appendix I. The object was the extension of civilian telegraph and telephone services in S. Italy and Sicily.

2. Arrangements in towns visited. Some of the details are given in Appendix II to make the general arrangements shown below clearer.

(a) Lecoregno : Telephones : The exchange is not in operation and no junctions exist. Count Pellegrini was present and will look into this. The exchange is not very important.

Telegraphs : One line to Castrovillari is working. The Director of Telegraphs stated that most of the traffic was confined for Potenza and a direct line would be very helpful. Lecoregno used to have one line to Potenza and one to Castrovillari. (See below)

(b) Cosenza : Telephones : The line to Castrovillari and Catanzaro can will have a cable line to Reggio shortly. The switchboard is functioning fully.

There is a considerable amount of damage to underground and aerial cables in the town. About 265 subscribers out of 300 have been reconnected. Large sizes of aerial cable of the order of 100 pairs are involved in the damage.

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The Italian Army has two circuits between Catanzaro and Crotone, one physical and one carrier.

A fair amount of aerial cable damage exists in the town, but 540 out of 700 subscribers have been connected.

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(d) Reggio Calabria: Telephones: A few hundred subscribers are connected out of about 1200, aerial construction having been extensively damaged. Reggio has a line to the Italian Army switchboard at Catanzaro as explained above.

Telegraphs: All the province is connected by telegraph. Reggio is also connected by one line to Catanzaro and Bari, working 2-motor Baudot. Plenty of Hughes, Baudot and Morse equipment exists in good condition, also one phonophone set used previously for R.F.M. No service across the Straits of Messina was in operation at the time of the visit, all of the telegraph cables having been disconnected. One 4-core cable has been restored and is in use.

(e) Catania: Telephones: The 12-position inter-urban switchboard and the 2-position S.F.T. board are in use by signals staff for military purposes only. The C.I.C. No. 1 District agreed that 2 of the former and 1 of

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the latter could be used for and operated by civilians. Functions to Messina, Palermo, Siracusa and Caltanissetta are connected to an AOC switchboard. They will now be connected to the Inter-urban board. About 3000 civilian and 400 military lines are connected to the automatic plant, and are working.

There is no local telephone service in the province due to damage to junction routes.

Telegraphs. There are many wires and about 2 thousand instruments in good order. No provincial telegraph circuits are working on account of damage to routes. Arrangements have been made with the CSO for a full-telephone circuit to Messina on one of the telephone lines. The full-telephone wire collected and sent to Catania and Messina. When the cable has been repaired, a Harmanian circuit will be in operation. A VHF channel to Palermo exists. (See for details of the system)

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Siracusa: Telephones. On the automatic system, 230 out of 865 subscribers have been reconnected. The manual board, under a combined subscriber's multiple and inter-urban board, is not in use. The junctions - one Ragusa, one Catania were connected to a very small PX at AOC HQ. The S.E.T. board will be brought into use as agreed with the CSO, and the junctions transferred.

At present however all of the level 9 and level 0 relay sets are in use by the military, so that new circuits will be required. The matter has been referred to Lt. Giglio. The circuit is simple and the S.E.T. should be able to make up the equipment.

A PX will be installed for AOC. This has been left to Captain Trevelyan.

Telegraphs. A telegraph service is not in force but telegrams can be sent via telephone. A telegraph wire has been arranged as in Catania.

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Caltanissetta: Telephones. The exchange is working with one line to each of Agrigento, Palermo, Catania and Trapani, but none of the provincial lines is connected as damage to overhead lines was extensive.

400 out of 600 subscribers are connected.

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It has been suggested to him that it might be preferable to

The junctions - one Ragusa, one Catania were connected to a very small PAX at AGC HQ. The S.E.T. board will be brought into use as agreed with the CCO, and the junctions transferred.

At present however all of the level 9 and level 0 relay sets are in use by the military, so that new circuits will be required. The matter has been referred to Lt. Clegg. The circuit is simple and the S.E.T. should be able to make up the equipment.

A PAX will be installed for AGC. This has been left to Captain Trevolyn.

Telegraphs. A telegraph service is not in force but telegrams can be sent via telephone. A telegram can be sent via telephone.

Catania: The exchange is working with one line to each of Agrigento, Palermo, Catania and Lima, but none of the provincial lines is connected as damage to overhead lines was extensive.

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No provincial telephone lines are working on account of damage to the routes.

Telegraphs: Most of the equipment has been destroyed. A telegraph circuit exists to Catania and a few telegraph circuits are in use in the province.

Massina: Telephones: Three switchboards exist as follows:-

- (1) Inter-urban: In use by military only. CCO has agreed to allocate 2-position for civilian use.
- (2) S.E.T. Board: In use by civilians.
- (3) Intermediate S.E.T. Board (for provincial lines) - not in

3. Interviews

(a) Interview with Major Board of 1000 No. 1. Details: The following matters were discussed.

- (1) Evolution of control of cypher routes. Memo of 14 April issued.
- (2) Authority requested to use positions at switchboards as mentioned above. Authority given. Sub. - 1000 No. 1.
- (3) *Sub. - 1000 No. 1*
discussed as to routes on which 1000 No. 1 would be employed first. Decision - Catania Palermo first. The route Catania - Caltanissetta - Palermo is in good condition and does not require very much work on it.
- (4) Submarine Cable - Major Board will supply full details for information of 1000. *Re. 1000 No. 1*

(b) Interview with S.E. 1. B.E.

- (1) The 1000 agreed that as 1000 has very few circuits, the routes could be handed over to Italian maintenance. Construction work could be done on any route provided there was no interference with the routing of 1000 circuits. Capt. Prevally will obtain details of the circuits and the circuits of the American 1000 No. 1 do not come under 1000 control.
- (2) 1000 has no objection to 1000 civil switchboards in the area being operated by the 1000 No. 1.
- (3) The delay in the transmission of messages between the 1000 and 1000 No. 1 is chiefly due to the delay in routing messages to the messages outgoing from 1000. The routing was as follows:

1000 - 1000 No. 1 - Capt. Prevally for circuit of messages
outgoing after translation - 1000 No. 1 - 1000
Signal Centre.

See routing

1000 - 1000 No. 1 - 1000 No. 1 - 1000 Signal Centre.

(2) University of Maryland, 3000

With reference to the subject of Federal Post Office to civilian are, Col. Smith talks. That he has very recently written to Col. C. G. Fox, Army about the matter. If the latter is not agree to the return of the P.O. he will send to the C.G. Fox. If the latter does not consent to the P.O. in Col. Smith's hands to get in any one from General MacArthur. He thought it better that at the moment I have no idea of the P.O. Army Chief.

(4) Interview with Col. Stephen H. Arnold, Col. (Ret.) USA.

(12) 58-25
601. With cable, that it was sent before the main cable was laid. The cable should be sent for the collection of the cable and for the collection of the cable in the station in the line up of circular, etc. in there was no other means of present. A collection was to be made later on his arrival.

(2) USA. Deputies also visit the main road, various route was in poor condition except for a few weeks, and that the director of the Ministry of Agriculture should have some more work in the route.

I checked this at my office. At the moment
the teacher was a foreigner who also had
learned the Latin word for "to go".

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linemen to cutting, regulation of wires etc. He was also asked to put in a more efficient. It was found that he had never received the 30 cent. Van from the 2nd div. as it was in his wallet. The matter was raised by telephone with Col. Buchanan.

(3) Col. Buchanan agreed that the cable was broken over. All of the circuits to be similar to the Govt. would have been lined up. The cable would be maintained by staff of the Italian probably at least at Naples and Genoa. Col. Keith would be in view his office as such as possible to clear various cable matters.

(P) Interview with Major Buchanan

(P) Interview from the 30 of 1944
The interview was done
by Major in (Col. Keith)

At my request, Col. Buchanan went with me to Major Keith's office. He found where he had it and possible to buy telephone poles from civilians in lots of several thousand at about 8/- per pole. This was explained later to Mr. Buchanan who arranged for negotiation to be sent to him by cable firm. Col. Buchanan also made a note of this.

Capt. Mattini of the Italian Army was found to be very well aware of the change to Army and civil routes and had required early in the day at Major Keith's request. He had also organized a very useful plan of those in Calabria and a copy was obtained for Mr. Reno.

14. Vigile was left with the Capt. to discuss future programmes for the regulation of routes, in which the Italian Army will give some assist. and the transport will be.

(4) Massachusetts Station

(4) Massachusetts Service, Sicily

The owner of the newspaper "Corriere di Sicilia", Catania asked permission to interchange news with the "Sicilia Libera" of Palermo by telephone. (Reno)

(5) Massachusetts Station, Sicily

It was found that a bus existed in all calls at Siracusa. Apparently this had been considered

Waggoner in (Gallia)

in lots of several thousand at about 8¢ per lb. This was explained later to be due to the fact that the arrangements for transportation to be sent to him by cable were made. Col. Buchanan also made a note of this.

Capt. Anderson, of the Italian Army, was found to be very well aware of the damage to Italy and civil routes and had suggested many of the things that Major Waggoner had suggested. He had also proposed a very useful plan of those in Calabria and a copy was obtained for Mr. Waggoner.

At this time left with the Capt. to discuss future progress for the rebuilding of routes, in which the Italian Army will give some assistance and the transport with them.

(4) Calabria Battery

(a) Waggoner Service Signal

The owner of the newspaper, Giuseppe di Stalla, Catania, asked permission to interview Waggoner with the "Dinamic Literaria" of Palermo and telephone. (Ch. Waggoner)

(b) Waggoner Information, Catania

It was found that a line existed on all calls at Catania, apparently this had been interrupted for 15 years. It was found to be due to the fact that the original fault had not been repaired and the wire from the ring or 5824 was not to try a connector and check.

(c) Calabria Battery

The lamps were operated from the battery as main lamps were said to be available. (150 volts) (checked with Lt. Stalla)

The 15-12 cells operating the town alarm require electrolyte which is not available. (checked with Lt. Stalla)

There are only 3 - level 0 and 3 - level 9 relay sets available. (see page 2 of 20 vol. 1) It presents a serious problem to the town alarm and those of the West of the island i.e. Catania has ceased to have them.

Calabria also so far the best of the island.

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(c) Call to Major General, Civil Government Section.

A call was made to Major General from Reggio in both
 Baron regarding authority to open a full civilian tele-
 graph service in Sicily and on the mainland. He stated
 that permission had not been given by ARHC and it could
 be stated, accordingly the director of telegraphs
 would ask to start the telegraph service. He
 gave a note stating that the chief censor had no objection.

W. H. H. H.
 Lt. Col.

2 April 1944

APPENDIX IDiary of Alberto G. G. G.

- 7th March - Left St. Louis via train to Leguano. Pulled out Falleria's car out of town for 7 miles to Leguano. Result had to stay night there in private house.
- 8th March - Left St. Louis on Castroville road. Impossible to get through in train of cars to St. Louis and thence to Falleria. Stays night at a large house.
- 9th March - Arrived Gualand and stayed at Albergo Lescaple.
- 10th March - Arrived Gualand 1.15 and stayed 3 nights at Albergo Lescaple.
- 11th March - Arrives Leguano late stayed 2 nights at town before called met Mr. Falleria.
- 12th March - Crossed ferry and arrived Gualand with Mr. Falleria. Stayed night at Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 13th March - Stayed night Albergo S. Giorgio. Mr. Falleria did not go to Leguano but went from Gualand to Gualand to see Falleria.
- 14th March - Stayed night Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 15th March - Arrived late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Villa met Mr. Falleria.
- 16th March - Arrives late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 17th March - Arrives late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 18th March - Arrives late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 19th March - Arrives late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 20th March - Arrives late Albergo and stayed 2 nights at Albergo S. Giorgio. Albergo S. Giorgio.
- 21st March - Stayed night Albergo to return telegraph service morning.
- 22nd March - Stayed night at Gualand. Falleria evening.
- 23rd March - Stayed night Castroville at Albergo Lescaple as expected previously on account of snow. Falleria evening.
- 24th March - Heavy snow north and west of Castroville. Left via La Sola, Gualand, Leguano, Falleria, S. Giorgio, Albergo, and Pri to Gualand. This road through mountains is very rough. It is relatively free from snow. The road is not difficult.

What is the purpose of the investigation?

(17) Atena - Pan 3 - 2 wire repeaters; 63 - 1 wire repeaters.
16 of latter are spare

(18) Basamento - visited but had not time to take details.

(19) Coblenza - 3 - 2 wire repeaters; 13 - 1 wire repeaters.

(20) Viridiana - 5 - 2 wire repeaters; 12 - 1 wire repeaters.

(21) San Juan - 3 - emergency 2 wire repeaters, large stock of amp.

(22) Vito Valentin - 3 - 1 wire repeaters; 10 - 1 wire repeaters.

(23) Emergency 2 wire repeaters.

(24) Elmá - 6 - 2 wire repeaters. There is only one working circuit. This station is practically useless.

(25) Los Rios - considerable amount of equipment is in stock. Equipment taken. Equipment consisted cable in stock.

(26) Resaca - equipment for emergency ^{probably} use is damaged but a few channels could be repaired.

(27) San Juan - details of cost of the remainder stations in slightly have not been taken as much of the equipment will be shifted by Col. Smith.

(28) Guantanamo - destroyed but following equipment recovered:
23 - 4 wire repeaters, 15 - 2 wire repeaters, 10 - 1 wire repeaters.

(b) Spokane-Triumphum Capitulum capitulum of capitulum

- (1)) name - North Atlantic
(2)) name - Atlantic sea - Centre cable No.1.
(3)) name - Centre cable No.2.
(4)) name - North Atlantic.
(5)) name - Atlantic - South Atlantic.

APPENDIX IIIItalian Staff Organization in Sicily

- (1) Sect. There is an Inspector General of Telephone for Sicily namely, P. Cugani. The officer in charge of telephone for Sicily is Inspector Bardi.
- (2) Dir. Ing. Tagliavia is Director for 1st Sicily (at Catania) and Gen. Guzzini takes the west side.
- (3) Other officials of these organization noted are:
- Mr. Alf. Catania - Sig. Napoleoni
 - Mr. Telegrafo Catania - Sig. Sacco
 - Mr. State Telephone Messina - Sig. Pietro Santucia.
 - Mr. Alf. Messina - Sig. Sanguarri
 - Mr. Telegraph Messina - Sig. Pietro Franchese
 - Mr. Ciprolo - Messina - Sig. Bianchi - This official is very efficient.
 - Mr. Ciprolo - Castrovillari - Sig. Innocenti.
 - Mr. State Telephone - Sig. Stasi Lombardi.

Other officials have been mentioned in previous reports.

Notes: The Director of the Messia Ciprolo does not seem to be efficient or energetic. The Director of the Ciprolo at Castrovillari has carried out work at considerable intervals, using men with bicycles, but the Director at Messina had done nothing. Almost all the files of the former had been received.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: - Provision of Communications for Italian National Government Messina - Reggio.

FROM : - C.S.O., No.1.District.

X//1/4 (a)

15 March 44

TO: : - O.C., No.1 District Signals (2).
O.C., 40 Div. Signals

1. Two telephone circuits have been authorised between Messina and Reggio for the National Government, and main cable pairs are allotted as under: -

MESSINA - MILLI MARINA	...	...	FRS. 33 & 34
MILLI MARINA - REGGIO	sub Cable No.3	...	FRS. 5 & 6.

The telephone circuits will be terminated in the N.G.C. Exchanges at MESSINA and REGGIO respectively.

2. Pending completion of the repairs to the submarine cables, the National Government have been authorised to provide two Fullerphone circuits superposed on the telephone pairs.

3. Release Note No. 127 is attached (40 Div Signals only) for four Fullerphones to be issued on loan to the National Government. These will be collected from the Signal Officer, 40 Div. by the Circolo Costruzione Telefoniche e Telegrafiche di Messina for installation at the respective terminals.

4. Will you please make the necessary arrangement for the provision of the circuits so far as you are concerned, and give such advice, at MESSINA and REGGIO respectively, as is necessary in the adjusting and use of the Fullerphones.

Colonel,
C.S.O., No.1 District.

ATJB/JET

Copy to:- Director, Telecommunications & Posts
Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
Regional Commissioner, Region 1. ACC., C.M.F.
Chief, Telecommunications Sections, Region 1,
ACC., C.M.F.
Director, C.C.T.T., MESSINA

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: - National Government Telephone Exchanges
at MESSINA, CATANIA and SYRACUSA

FROM: - C.S.O., No.1 District.

X/1/4 (b)

TO : - Regional Commissioner, Region 1,
Allied Control Commission, C.M.F.

15 Mar 44

1. Reference conversation Dott. S.E. Fano Mario, Under-Secretary of State for Communications, Italian National Government, Lt. Col. H.T.W. Millar, Allied Control Commission; Ing. Tagliavia, Director S.E.F., CATANIA and Major A.T.J. Beard H.Q. No.1 District.

2. Without prejudice to return to the Allied Military Forces if required, authority is given for National Government Telephone Exchange to be set up using switchboards as under:-

MESSINA : S.E.F. and Intermediate Switchboards with free common use of the Automatic Exchange facilities.

CATANIA : The two left and positions on the State Switchboard and the second position on the Intermediate Switchboard with a free common use of the Automatic Exchanges facilities.

SYRACUSA : All civil switchboards with free common use of the Automatic Exchange facilities.

3. The "O" level at each Automatic Telephone Exchange will be reserved for Allied Military subscribers to obtain trunk connections and the S.E.F. is required to ensure that this facility is barred to all other subscribers unless authorised by me.

4. At CATANIA, the S.E.F. is required to ensure that male switchboard operators only are employed at night.

Colonel
C.S.O., No. 1. District.

ARJB/JET

COPY TO:- Dott. S.E. Fano Mario, Under-Secretary of
State for Communications, Italian National
Government.

C.S.O., L. of C. Italy.
Director, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-
Commission.
Lieut. Col. H.T.W. Millar, Rear H.Q. Allied
Control Commission
C.C. No.1. District Signals.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 512
Telecommunications Sub-Commission

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Discussion with Signore Cuscina,
Manager Societa Eserzia Telefoni, Palermo Sicily.

1. On 15 Nov. 43 Maj. Knauer, Capt. Pascal and Capt. Ayre visited the S.E.T. telephone exchange. The terminal room, battery room, dial switching rooms were visited and inspected during a tour of the building. Items of particular interest as developed are discussed in the following paragraphs.

2. Before the city fell the telephone building housed the local dial switching equipment and a switchboard jointly operated by S.E.T. and the State, and used for handling interurban and long distance calls. The section of the building in which were located the switchboard and the Managers office was totally destroyed; the balance of the building received damage, a relatively minor nature. Severe damage was suffered by the outside cable plant.

3. The dial equipment is of 10,000 line capacity and before the bombardment served approximately 9600 customers. The switchboard was comprised of 12 positions, of which 11 were occupied during the busy hour, and handled about 1000 interurban and long distance calls per day.

4. In order that interurban and long distance service might be reestablished two switchboards were installed in the main Post Office building on Via Roma, one for interurban and the other for long distance. ~~Trunks to both have been installed from the dial machine. These switchboards are handled by the Army. These switchboards were never put into service.~~

5. By the end of October 1943 service had been restored for 743 civil customers. On Nov. 43 the number of customers having service had increased to 1243. ^{such}

6. The badly damaged underground cable appears to present the greatest problem to restoral efforts. There is not enough good cable on hand to effect repairs and a study is underway to determine the amount of new cable needed. In this connection it was developed that all cable for S.E.T. came from Naples. It is manufactured by two plants located on the mainland; one specializing in small size cables the other in large.

7. Manager Cuscina is utilizing the following organization in his restoration work:

- (a) Maintenance and Installation
Civil
4 crews

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- (b) Repair (American)
4 Crews
- (c) Installation (American)
2 Crews
- (d) Installation and Removals (Civil)
2 Crews
- (e) Disconnections
3 Crews
- (f) Linemen-Repairs
3 Men
- (g) Telephone Installation
3 Men
- (h) Laborers
7 Men
- (i) Cable Splicing
8 Crews

The installation, repair and maintenance work is directed by Ing. Caponetti who in turn has two engineers reporting to him in charge of repair and maintenance work respectively.

8. According to Manager Cuscina all wages and salaries have been paid to date. Eight hours comprise the basic workday for six days per week. Hours worked in excess of eight on week days are compensated for at an increase of 20% above the basic. The differential on Sundays and Holidays for all hours worked is 25% of the basic.

9. It was noted that the highest hourly rate paid was 5.39 lira. this ranged down to 1.59 for laborers. Operators receive 3.72 and cable splicers helpers 1.69. Again, according to Manager Cuscina, the wage rates had never been modified since their initial establishment.

10. Customers have been quite patient as regards reestablishment of service. Most of them are paying their bills promptly. In those instances where line tests indicated that the facilities are functioning even though there is no response to the ringing signal billing is continued. Such cases are probably made up of customers who fled during the fighting and have not yet returned.

11. Complete records are being maintained in connection with collections, salary and wagepayments, sundry disbursements, etc. While other reports as to the status of restoration are made regularly to Hq. Region I, the reports on financial matters are being held awaiting further instruction.

12. Manager Cuscina estimates that if he had available the necessary equipment and supplies it would take him four months, with his present organization to bring about complete restoral of service.

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13. The dial equipment is a rotary type manufactured by Errickson, Sweden. The last addition was made in 1941. However, development in this city with a population of 400,000 was exceedingly poor. Demands for service had increased in recent years and 900 new applications for service are being held. Most of the equipment for a 4000 line extension to the dial machine had been delivered and is now stored in the building.

14. The rotary switches are cleaned normally twice a year. Present dust conditions have stepped this up to bi-monthly. Girls who formerly worked as operators are being used for this increased routine maintenance work.

15. Fortunately, space has been made available in the same building and the manager is occupying adequate quarters. In addition, arrangements are being made to install a switchboard in another room for handling of interurban traffic. The Army will continue to handle long distance service.

16. The Battery room had been newly installed in Feb. 1942 the cells are charged on the overcharging plan and new plates are required about every ten years.

17. Manager Cuscina appeared to be well informed and willing to cooperate in every way. The wire chief accompanied him during the tour of the building.

15 Nov. 1943.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
APO 512

HQ. AMG/CS/50

22 November, 1943

SUBJECT : Status Communications, Region I.

TO : Capt. E.V. STONE, USN-Allied Military Mission.

1. The Acting Chief of Staff has suggested that information be made available to you with respect to communication facilities and services in Region I, which can be made available for use by the Italian governmental jurisdiction.

2. At present, all civil long distance telephone and telegraph service is still suspended for military security reasons. Contact with I.M.G. indicates that restrictions can be lifted at least for Italian official traffic.

3. Steps have been, and are being, taken to obtain a release of civilian facilities now under military control or use for the establishment of, (initially) inter-provincial service, (later) intra-provincial telephone and telegraph service. Partial coverage of the region as to inter-provincial service will be available within two weeks; complete coverage within a month or six weeks.

4. As to emergency measures, limited telephone service on a very restricted basis can be made available over military circuits.

5. Restricted telegraph service is available to island of Sardinia.

6. Postal service to all provincial capitals and large communes is now available. In some areas, daily out of Palermo, in others, two and three times each week.

7. Limited rail transport available : Catania to Palermo; Palermo to Trapani; Caltanissetta to Licata; also Catania to Siracusa to Ragusa.

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8. Region wide bus service (official) reaching all provincial capitals available twice each week.

9. No air service has been arranged for, as it is thought that perhaps arrangements for use of Italian air service can more properly be handled at your headquarters.

10. Doubtless Lt. Col. Bentley has been able to give you information which may be helpful in planning the communications set-up in conjunction with Region II.

11. The Communications section, Region I, is making every effort to clarify the situation in that Region and to make facilities and services available at an early date.

12. At present, no civil or Italian governmental radio service is available in Region I by means of civil or Italian facilities. Time on the Palermo broadcasting station will be available for Italian governmental use.

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt Col, SC Acting
Chief of Communications
Section

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2 Aug. 45

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 15POLICY - RESTORATION OF CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN SICILY

1. The rapid occupation of the greater part of SICILY and the co-operative attitude of the civil administration and population make it necessary to review the present policy regarding the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services. At present all such services are suspended.

It is essential to make the maximum use of the services, not only for the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for further operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view (SS(1) and G2 at army headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

(In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AMGOT.)

4. All local, intra-urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AMGOT. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

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9. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within the policy of retention of military control civil operators and labour, skilled and unskilled, should be employed as far as possible.

10. It is necessary that the policy set out in this letter should be put into effect with all speed in order to secure the early release from static employment of military signal resources.

(Sgd)

Major General
C. G. S.

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